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First Edition
Island Beacon
Amherst Island, Ontario

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First Edition of the revived Island Beacon
Friday, December 1, 1978

An Open Letter To Glen Sheil
Glen:

Here's the first issue of the revived Island Beacon. For the past six or so years many of us have deeply regretted that this community let the Beacon perish. I've often said that it could be started again.... someday. Well today is someday.

Thank you for the idea of the Island Beacon.

Ian Murray

Beacon Lives Again

Ian Murray

Over the past month or so a committee has formed for the purpose of bringing the Island Beacon back into existence. The committee met on Nov. 20th for the first time and very quickly decided to have the first issue available no later than the first day of December, with a second issue to follow two weeks later. The proximity of Christmas when many people write to friends and relatives was the main factor in this decision.

The paper will follow the general style of the earlier Beacon with two significant exceptions. Firstly, the printing will be done on a hand cranked Gestetner duplicating machine, rather than having it printed professionally in Kingston or Napanee. The reasons for this are (a) it's cheaper, a professional job would require either a high cost per issue (30 to 50¢) or advertising revenue; (b) we can do the printing ourselves

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Coming Events

Genevieve Fleming and Dale Filson

Christmas festivities are coming up and the senior citizens of the Island are looking forward to Friday December 1st when the Amherst Island Women's Institute will entertain them at a dinner and Christmas

party.

Annual meetings have been held for the A.C.W. and P.C.W. President of the A.C.W. for 1979 is Mrs. Stratton Reid, secretary is Mrs. Eldon Willard. The P.C.W. president is Mrs. Norman Allison, and secretary is Mrs. Louise Seamen. Both organizations will be holding their annual Loyal Friend parties on Dec. 6th and Dec. 11th respectively.

The school concert will be held on Dec. 12th, and the community Sunday School concert on Dec. 15th. This is a happy time for children and parents and we hope for a good attendance at both presentations.

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{Beacon Lives Again continued from Page 1} on the Island; and (c) greater flexibility, as the number of pages can vary readily from issue to issue.

Secondly, in order to insure that the continued existence of the paper does not become dependent on one or two or two "key" people, the responsibilities for the paper will be spread out as much as possible. Elimination of the position of editor will mean that those involved with the production of each issue will have to be aware themselves of what is needed as there will be nobody overseeing them. (If this does not work very well, perhaps a rotating editorship could be tried.)

Crucial to the success of the Island Beacon are regular contributors who send in written articles without being prodded. The committee feels quite strongly that if there are only two pages of material available at printing time, then only two pages will be printed.

The Island Beacon will be printed every two weeks. The day of the week on which it will be published and the last day for article submission have yet to be decided.

How much will the Beacon cost? The first issue will be free as both the paper and the printing have been donated. This first issue will help give us an idea of what the costs per issue will be. Costs will include paper, printing (ink, repairs, capital costs, typing ribbons, etc.) and miscellaneous office expenses. Labour is voluntary. It is the committee's intention that the charge for a copy will approximately equal the costs involved in producing that copy. Lulu Strain has agreed to keep the financial records. A financial report will be

included in The Beacon every 3 months.

How will the Beacon be distributed? A copy of the first edition is being mailed to each household on the Island. Additional copies may be obtained from Glenn's store. If you have friends or relatives who might be interested in receiving a copy it is up to you to send them copies. The question of subscriptions (including mailed subscriptions) is still very much a question - reader response would be appreciated by the committee.

Committee members are Helen Caughey, Allen Glenn, Jack Kerr, Shirley Miller and Ian Murray. We hope you like the first issue.

Amherst Islander
Chris Willard

Recently, Islanders welcomed back the Amherst Islander which had undergone repairs for a period of almost six weeks. During this time Islanders received the services of the Wolfe Islander. Heavy traffic

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kept it off schedule much of the time. Most obvious repair made was replacement of the deck. It was sand-blasted and covered with metal primer. The new surface is asphalt interwoven with wire mesh, with a coat of stone-chip overall. Engine repairs consisted of removing the old transmission and installing a new one.

The ferry was returned to the Island and resumed service for one afternoon. The thrust bearing broke and the ferry had to return to Kingston for repairs. Chief engineer Howard Welbanks reports, "It wasn't lined up right so the thrust bearing broke." Upon returning the thrust bearing was repaired. While at the Canadian Dredge and Dock some painting was done by crew members.

Next year the ferry will have its four-year inspection. Because of repairs to be made at that time, the chief engineer says, "This will put us right back where we started from." and lining up procedures will have to be repeated.

Next Issue

The next issue of the Beacon is scheduled to be printed Dec. 15th. All articles, letters, or whatever should be in Jack Kerr's hands no later than Dec. 12th. Any For Sale, Wanted, Lost, Found, etc. Ads will be printed free of charge.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Beacon, please call Ian Murray 389-3444 or Jack Kerr 389-0386.

Amherst Island Public School

Following is a poem written by Jeff Pearce - grade seven:

Why I Wear A Poppy

Why I wear a poppy
It's quite a sad story to tell,
The soldiers that went to battle
I wear a poppy for those who fell.

Those brave, courageous fighters,
Who fought in the great World War
Who fought to make our country free
Those people I'm wearing it for.

Why I wear a poppy
In fifteen words or less
I wear it for the soldiers
The soldiers that now rest.

Why I wear a poppy
I have already told,
I think you should wear one
If you are young or old.

The poppies are made by people
That were injured in the war,
They saw their comrades fall and die
That's who they make them for.

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance
Its colour certainly stands out.
You really ought to buy one,
People and war, is what it's about.

Why did the war have to start?
Why couldn't we all live free?
I wish the whole country could have peace,
And all the countries would agree.

That's why I wear a poppy
Beneath the rising sun,
I wear it for the soldiers,
May God bless everyone.

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Spotlight On Bread

Phyllis Strain and Marj. Aitken led a 2-day "blitz" on bread-making, on Nov. 21 and 22nd, in the Amherst Island School. The new kitchen and lunch room provided an excellent setting for this affair, and the

cooking facilities are very adequate.

Phyllis handled the teaching of the book material very capably and Marj. did the baking demonstrations.

The course was very well attended on both days and, for a change, the weather was conducive to good attendance - compared to last January's attempt to offer a "dairy products" cooking school - amidst violent snow storms and prohibitive travel conditions.

The primary class children were invited in at a certain stage to watch a batch of bread being kneaded and also to sample a completed loaf.

The following women attended: Lulu Strain, Rita Miller, Hazel deHaan, Barbara Filson, Irene Glenn, Marjory Tooke, Wilda Willard, Thelma Howard, Anna Hitchins, Gene McDonald, Mary Robinson, Genevieve Fleming, Marion Glenn.

A variety of breads were tried: basic white bread and a variation of this loaf - cracked wheat. Then there was a batter bread - Maple Baba. English muffins proved to be a favourite with the group - as was a special onion braid and French stick.

It is to be hoped that this type of community learning will become popular. The county Department of Agriculture is making these courses available and it behooves us, as an island people, to take advantage of every one offered.

Marj. Aitken

I.S.L.E

Randi Murray

Island School Liaison Enthusiasts (I.S.L.E.) is a 10 person group put together for the purpose of furthering communication and interaction between the public school and the surrounding community. Our first large project, the creative playground, is nearly completed and a great success. We are indebted to a very large number of people for their contributions of funds, time, facilities, and "good junk" (for the garage sale that provided the basis of our funds).

The present I.S.L.E. committee is composed of Bob Horth, Cathy Glenn (Treas.), Clarence Kennedy (Staff), Jack Kerr, Jack McCormick, Judy Miller, Yvonne Mondoux (Staff), Randi Murray (Sec'y), Diane Pearce and Phyllis Strain. We need your ideas to function effectively. Please contact any I.S.L.E. member to have an item placed on the next agenda.

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More Coming Events

Choir practice for the annual community carol service will be held in St. Paul's church every Monday

evening at 7:30. If you enjoy singing, come along and join the choir. The carol service will be on Sunday evening, December 17th at 8:00 in St. Paul's Church.

St. Alban's Church, Stella, is participating in a Diocesan-wide 24 hour prayer vigil beginning Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m. and continuing until the beginning of the morning prayer service at 11:00 a.m. December 3rd. Co-ordinator for the prayer vigil is Noreen Welbanks.

It is possible that in the near future, boys 5 to 7 years of age may be able to join the "Beavers" a division of the Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Bill Hedges. Bill's phone number is 389-4786.

In 1979 Mary McCollum, now associated with Wilton Pottery will be opening her own ceramic shop on the Island.

Out Our Way

Genevieve Fleming

Horace and May Press, Waterloo, spent a weekend recently with Rita Miller.

Rod and Rhoda Barr, St. Catharines, spent last weekend here with their relatives.

The Faraday family, Toronto, spent the weekend at their summer home on the second concession.

Bruce and Madeline Robinson have sold their home at Long Point and are residing in Kingston.

New Council

Ian Murray

On Nov. 13, the 1979/80 council was elected. The four successful candidates are John Hall, Jack Kerr, Jean Tugwell and David Vrooman. Reeve James Neilson was returned by acclamation. The turnout of resident voters was approximately 73%. In the absence of a meet-the-candidates night, that's not too bad a turnout, is it?

Urban Transit Test Center Millhaven

I. Murray

I have worked on the construction of the test centre for a year now, and I guess few people have been more skeptical of the project than myself. The newspaper articles that I have seen have been quite critical, ("Davis Blunders" "Tories Back Another Loser"). Over

the past month or so, however, I have begun to doubt my doubts. Today, Nov. 30 the test vehicle went around the whole track successfully. Perhaps Davis isn't so dumb after all.

Can You Type?

Volunteer offers to type Gestetner stencils for the Beacon will be most welcome.

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Island Beacon

Amherst Island, Ontario

With Best Wishes And Heartiest Greetings For
Christmas And The Coming Year

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Beacon Welcomed

Dec. 8, 1978

To the Island Beacon Committee,
c/o Mr. Ian Murray, Stella, Ontario.

Dear Ian,

Congratulations on the first issue of the revived
Island Beacon and especially to the committee who
initiated its re-establishment. The existence of an Island
newspaper should prove to be a real asset to the
community.

The Amherst Island Council sincerely extends its
best wishes for success in your endeavour.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer

Reeve States Position

James Neilson, Reeve

When asked to write something to be published in
our local paper, great words of wisdom failed me. I
would like to amble somewhat, however, as to how I see
my responsibilities and duties to you the public.

I feel that I am a public servant, entrusted by you,
the public to help administer the affairs of the township.
When I use the word servant, I mean that I am at your
service, be it "Brick-bat or bouquet", to assist with
problems dealing with township business.

However remember that when money is to be spent,
it is as much your money as mine, and even though the
dollars don't come directly from one's pocket, the end
result is right where it hurts, "in the pocketbook."
Dollars spent needlessly annoy me, a few careless
people litter our dump (costing extra money) as does
vandalism of our public property. Just remember,
people, the dollar you save may be your own.

For Sale:

Barnboard boxes lined with red cedar or pine. Makes a
unique Christmas gift. Call 389-3801

Beacon News - Ian Murray

For the first issue 200 copies were printed, and as of
noon Dec. 11, only six were left at Glenn's store. It
looks as if 200 is a good number to print for issue No.
2.

An initial price of 15¢ per copy has been decided
upon. This should cover the cost of printing and other
expenses. Glenn's store has agreed to provide space for
the Beacon. In order to save bother, a money can will be
placed beside the papers where readers can deposit their
money.

The Beacon will publish council minutes as received
from Diane Pearce, the township clerk. Is anyone
interested in providing additional coverage of council
meetings?

Attention Parents Of Boys 5, 6, & 7

At 8:00 p.m. on the night of Jan. 9, a public meeting
will be held at the Amherst Island community centre, to
discuss the formation of a Scouts Canada Beaver
Program here for boys aged 5, 6, and 7. Attending the
meeting will be Don Swain and Bruce Kirby of the
Kingston District scouts Council to answer questions
about Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers. We would
particularly encourage parents of boys of the Beaver
age to attend, and anyone else who would like to help
out with a Scouting program here on the island.

- Bill Hedges

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Island Loses Residents

A. Bruce Caughey

With the recent sale of their property on "Long
Point" to James Herrington, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce S.
Robinson have severed a long family connection with
Amherst Island. Bruce's mother who resides in
Providence Manor, Kingston was a native of Amherst
Island, Sarah J. Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas Smith and Bruce Smith Robinson who
was born in his grandparents' residence in Stella in
November, 1908, son of Allan and Sade, (as she was

well known locally) of Kingston, where the remaining four members of their family were born.

Allan Robinson was an employee of The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, in its' earlier days and before it became "Bell Canada." He was "wire chief" in their Kingston Plant, located on Clarence St., Kingston where the switching equipment, operating staff, maintenance staff and office staff were all accommodate before construction of the present "Bell Building" at 449 Princess St.

The Robinson family resided on King St., in the area, presently the site of the Ronald Burr Cancer Clinic of Kingston General Hospital and it was there that tragedy struck twice for this young family. In 1916, when Bruce was 8 years old, during the evening meal, a dog fight erupted in the street near their home. Allan Robinson rushed out to separate the dogs and unfortunately was bitten - - blood poison developed, medical science was not possessed of the "wonder drugs," so well known today and the young husband succumbed as a result. The following year tragedy struck again, when the second eldest son, Allan, was drowned while fishing from a dock where the Queens' heating plant now stands. Mrs. Robinson was now left with a very young family and certainly there was not the provision of Government assistance that flows so freely today, but there was certainly a deep devotion among families who willingly accepted responsibility for their own members' misfortunes and such was the case with the Robinson family. The Smith grandparents moved the family to Amherst Island in 1918, where, with the meager insurance money left from the death of her husband, Mrs. Robinson purchased her parents' home in Stella Village, the Smith family having purchased and moved to Mrs. Smiths' parents home, the Luzzcan Beaubien farm at "Long Point".

In the family home in Stella the young family grew and developed in happy surroundings, under the sympathetic and understanding influence of Mrs. Robinsons' family and with the ever helping hand of Allan Robinsons' brother, Capt. Robt. J. Robinson, then Chief of Police in the City of Kingston.

As the time of Allan Robinson's untimely death, executives of The Bell Telephone Co. promised his family that as soon as the oldest boy, Bruce, was ready for employment there would be a job for him with the Company - - their promise was kept and as soon as Bruce had completed his "Lower School" (now Grade 10),

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at the age of 17, in 1925 he started with the Company in

their Clarence St. Office in Kingston, working in the stock room.

There was to follow 43 years of employment with the Bell organization, during which time Bruce occupied many positions of responsibility and carried out these responsibilities with the greatest of diligence, integrity and dedication. Two years of experience in the stock room was followed by assignment as an "installer", then as a "cable splicer", he then became what was then known as a "combination man" and had responsibility for the Napanee and Gananoque areas. This was followed by assignment to responsibility for the Wolfe Island, Harrowsmith and Sydenham areas and in 1940 he was transferred to the Town of Trenton, where he was in the position of "wire chief." Our country was at war and there was tremendous activity in the Trenton Area - if there was ever a time that Bruce was ready to "pack it in", it was in this period, activity in construction was at its' peak, carelessness in the course of this construction, broke cable, interrupted telephone service, so vital to the country's war effort and in general created bedlam - - Bruce carried on in spite of countless problems and displayed qualities of leadership and competence through a difficult period. Following the close of the war, in 1945, he was transferred to a similar position in Belleville, where he spent four years, followed by five years in Smiths Falls before being assigned to head office in Montreal and work in the Province of Quebec. In 1956, Bruce was transferred to the City of Brockville where he lived and served the Bell system until his retirement in 1966.

Through this long period, Bruce maintained connections with Amherst Island. Invariably his vacations were spent here at his maternal grandparents home on Long Point and upon the passing of members of this family, he purchased the Long Point property which had been his great-grandfathers' farm. In 1956, in preparation for his eventual retirement here, he commenced the building of a new home and upon completion of this fine home, his great-grandparents' home was torn down. In 1936 Bruce married Madeline (Madge) Bajus of Kingston who had been an employee of the Gredues Millinery Firm for many years and with his chosen partner they carried out practically all of the construction of their home together.

Following his retirement, he and his wife travelled extensively on the North American continent and spent many winters in Florida, California, Texas and the Canadian West Coast - - his splendid collection of pictures and slides, records these trips in a very memorable way.

At the time that building restrictions and a zoning by-law was introduced to Amherst Island, Bruce served in the capacity of building inspector and also worked

closely with the County appointed health inspectors, who supervised installations of septic systems on Amherst Island.

Bruce and Madge have taken up

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residence in a Kingston apartment and promise that their summers will still hold frequent visits to the Island that they both loved so well.

Municipal Drain

Keith Miller

Profitable returns from farmlands depend first of all on effective drainage. Although a farmer may be convinced of his need for improved drainage, the complications that may arise when he considers undertaking such work often delays action. To meet the problems of obtaining a legal outlet, engineering and financing, the provincial government has from time to time enacted laws to provide much needed assistance.

The Drainage Act 1975 provides a procedure for construction, improvement and maintenance of a "Petition Drain" in a most democratic way.

I am pleased to say that the first "Municipal Drain" in the history of Amherst Island has been petitioned and approved by Council. Council has hired or appointed an Engineer who has been instructed to prepare a preliminary report.

Technical difficulties make map making difficult so I will briefly describe the geographic location of this drain. This "Petition Drain" is a main drain only. Smaller ditches and tributaries must be added as the work commences.

The main drain here starts on the Westerly lot line of lot 54 currently owned by A.R.D.A. It proceeds in an Easterly direction across the land owned by Mr. Faraday, hence Easterly across lot 53 into lot 52, hence Southerly for a short distance turning abruptly and heading in a direct South-westerly route across lot 53 into lot 77, then 76, then 75 outletting into the "Big Marsh" at the bridge on the third concession road.

I hope the preceding paragraphs have described up to date what is happening with this project and I also hope that work on this undertaking will be done in 1979. We will try to keep the readers posted as this project unravels.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

- Howard Pearce

Most readers of this article are aware that the major accomplishment of this committee to date has been the

construction of our new community hall attached to the public school. Since the hall was completed just over a year ago, it has hosted many programs and events providing island residents with recreational and social programs. Night school classes, men's basketball, ladies's physical fitness, community dances, concerts and church suppers have all been held, verifying that the design of the hall lends itself to practically any community event.

The financing of our hall was a truly remarkable feat for a community the size of Amherst Island. Grants from the provincial government of \$135,000. through Wintario and the Community Centres Act, a grant from the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education of \$22,500. and a very successful fund-raising campaign by the island that brought in another \$22,500. provided the \$180,000. required to build the hall.

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However, the committee's work has continued beyond the hall project. Although it has not been actively engaged in organizing programs lately, it has applied for additional grants for floodlighting the ball diamond and recently the committee made a \$300.00 donation to the I.S.L.E. Committee's creative playground project.

Our new Council is requesting that all members of the recreation committee serve for another term and we look forward to a productive year. Any new programs or projects will be reported in the Beacon. Also, the members of the committee would appreciate any suggestions for programs from the readers of the Beacon.

Council Achievements

-W. Bruce Caughey

The past four years on council have proven to be a constant battle against inflation. This inflationary trend is evident in the increases in salaries of the ferry crew, of some 50% including reduction of working hours from 44 hrs./week to 35 hrs./week. Also, the salary of the clerk-treasurer has increased approximately 200% in the same time span.

The road committee which I have sat on for all of my four years on council, including two years as chairman, certainly has been no exception to the trend. Heavy snowfall the past two winters has resulted in large expenditures for snow removal. Therefore leaving little money with which to construct and upgrade our township road system. The cost of pavement which we only enjoy 1.7 miles of, has risen by 55% and the temporary tar and chip surface treatment has also

doubled in price.

Feeling the need for improved roads, council petitioned the Ontario government for a section of Provincial highway and this councillor met with the Deputy Minister of Transportation & Communications and his executive secretary in Toronto. After referring the request to the local district office for their recommendations, council were informed that due to maintenance costs of putting a crew of men on the island, the cost would be prohibitive. It was also pointed out, that by policy, to have a provincial highway joining a provincial highway by our ferry crossing, would put our ferry under the direct control of the Province as it is at Wolfe Island. The Minister did however encourage council to apply for a development highway. Development highway is a construction project subsidized 80% by the Provincial government.

During this past summer council past a bylaw to apply to the Province for a development road at 100% subsidization. Recognition of this application has been received and it is hoped a favorable decision will soon be in the hands of the incoming council. If considered over bridges so much in need of replacement would qualify under the development road grant on the proposed route.

The 1975-76 council term saw many ferry improvements for the commuting worker. The pass system, the additional crew and promise for updating the bubble system are a few. The school-community hall project became a walloping success due to the generosity of those who gave of their money and their time. A new snow plow-dump truck was purchased by means of a supplementary grant from M.T.O.

During the 1977-78 council term equipment for the fire department including a replacement auxiliary vehicle were purchased. Improvements to the line-up problem at Millhaven were also initiated.

This has been an interesting, challenging, and often exasperating experience for me living part of your Township council. I thank you for your support.

Our thanks to Marie Ward and Penny McCormick for helping with the typing. - Staff

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Quinte Community Pasture
- Fred Neilson

In the spring of 1977 the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, ARDA Branch, purchased a parcel of land on Amherst Island (approximately 2200 acres) from a company known as "Nilomos Ltd." At the

time the property was purchased the Government wasn't sure what they would be doing with it, but later that year decided to develop a community pasture which would be used by the counties of Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward, and Hastings. In the summer of 1977 three local men were hired to start a clean-up project on the property.

In 1978 ARDA officials interviewed people for the position of pasture manager. As a result, Fred Neilson of the island, a recent graduate of Kempsville College of Agricultural Technology was hired. During the year of 1978 fencing has been completed on a parcel of land approximately 500 acres in size on lots 57, 58 & 59 Concession 2. Part of this fencing was done by a company from Enterprise, Ont. with the remainder being done by Keith and Don Miller. A water pressure system has been installed in the office on lot 57, and from there approximately 2200 feet of water line has been laid to a 1000 gallon cement trough which is to be used to water the cattle on pasture. A corral has been constructed near the office building and the corral consists of ten 14' x 16' pens with 2 large holding pens approximately 20' x 40' in size.

In the early fall of 1978 old fence rows were removed with a bulldozer and the debris drawn away with two dump trucks. The bulldozer was also used to clean up old foundations, basements, etc. which were left after the buildings had been torn down.

The completed amount of land will be ready in the spring of 1979 to accommodate approximately 350 cattle which will be pastured from May until October. We hope that this will be a very successful venture and will be a great help to many farmers.

The Sky In Late December
- Alan Kidd

Mercury was directly between the earth and the sun on Dec 5th, but the planet makes an unusually quick appearance into the morning sky and on Dec. 13th will rise 1.3 hours ahead of the sun. Mercury rises earlier and brightens each morning and on the 24th will reach its greatest apparent distance from the sun. It will remain visible in the morning sky and until mid-January as it slowly moves behind the sun. Most people have never seen Mercury, since it never moves far from the sun. If you are up early on a clear morning, look on a line between Venus and the place on the horizon where the sun rises. You should be able to see Mercury without too much trouble.

Venus can be seen without any trouble at all. It is a spectacular sight in the morning sky. It attains its greatest possible brilliance on the 14th. Nine days later Venus will be 32 degrees above the south-southeastern

horizon at sunup, which will be as high in the sky as it gets this year. Venus at this time is the third brightest natural object in the sky, except for the occasional comet or meteor.

Mars is the only naked eye planet that can't be seen this month.. It is behind the sun.

Jupiter rises in the east-northeast about 3 hours after sunset at midmonth and only 2 hours after sundown on the 31st. Appearing as a yellow-brown star, it is the brightest object in the evening sky after the moon.

Saturn rises about 3 hours after Jupiter, and though it is not as bright as Jupiter, it will be much brighter than the stars around it. Saturn will be close to the moon on the 22nd, when the moon is at 3rd quarter.

The Moon will pass close to Jupiter on Dec. 18th and on Dec.26 will pass in front of, or occult, Venus. This occultation will take place 6:15 and 7:35, these being the times of Venus's disappearance and reappearance, respectively.

In summary, during the next few

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weeks, the early morning riser will be able to see four of the five planets it is possible to see with the unaided eye. These planets will lie roughly along the zodiac, which is the imaginary line the sun traces as it moves across the sky. Looking up from the south-eastern horizon, the observer will see first Mercury, then Venus, followed by Saturn and finally by Jupiter, which will be low in the south-west.

Public School
Joys of Christmas
- Norma Collins - Grade Eight

Christmas comes but once a year
And when it comes, everyone's full of cheer.

Christmas is a beautiful time
Listen to the church bells as they chime.

When Christmas time comes along
People are ready to go ding dong.

When you get your tree all steady
You then can go to it and get it ready.

When Christmas Eve comes
You then can go to bed and dream of sugar plums.

When jolly old St. Nick comes to your house
Everything is quiet, so you can hear a mouse.

When you awake from your bed in your house
You see so many presents- maybe one for a mouse.

Love is a treasure, Love is a joy,
Love came to Earth in the form of a Boy.

The True Meaning of Christmas
-Kelly McGinn - Grade Seven

The true meaning of Christmas is remembering the night that Joseph led a donkey with Mary on its back into the little town of Bethlehem where they tried to get a room. The innkeeper could not let them in because the inn was filled up for the night. But they found a stable out back of the inn where they stayed. Mary had her Baby that night. Shepherds followed the star to the stable. The wise men came with gifts for the new King. They watched over the manger along with the angel, the donkey, cows and sheep.

Every year on December 25th, remember that it is Christ's birthday and remember that He was born for us and to help us get along in life. This is the true meaning of Christmas

I.S.L.E.
- Randi Murray

At the December meeting chaired by Jack McCormick, it was decided to pass around the Beacon "press cap" (to give us all an equal opportunity to bite our fingernails as the deadline for articles approached.)

I.S.L.E. wishes to thank Bob Horth and Jack Kerr for the stage curtains they made ready for the Sunday School concert.

A craft course will be held beginning in February and running for 10 weeks, only if sufficient interest is shown. Please give your name to Lois Henderson if you are interested in this or other courses.

The following is an excerpt from the structure of I.S.L.E. (revised Dec. 1978) explaining far better than I can the objectives of the group.

(a) to inform the community of community-school related activities and objectives.

(b) to provide the school with information input from the community.

(c) to develop a commonality of purpose, effort and achievement in such things as use of facilities, and development of new facilities for the school and community, such as a creative play area.

(d) to develop an atmosphere of cooperation between the school, parents and social institutions of the community.

(e) to communicate to the staff an unofficial but frank opinion of the school as the community sees it. It should be emphasized here that the role of this group is not to be involved th professional decisions or the discussion of individual teachers, pupils, methodology or curriculum.

Further to (c) above, please note that the first step in gaining access to any school facility (i.e. gym) is through the school's principal, Clarence Kennedy.

Three cheers to the staff and students of the public school This year, rather than exchanging gifts, the school will share the Christmas spirit by sitting down to Christmas dinner together. Sounds like a lovely way to celebrate.

Seniors Honoured

- Elsie Densem

On Friday Dec. 1st, the Island Branch of the Women's Institute gave a dinner for the island's Senior Citizens. The place was the gymnasium of the school. It was most attractive with Christmas decorations. Tables were placed in a hollow square, covered with white clothes, candles, and beautiful jellies of every colour. Christmas swags adorned the inner side of the square.

Mrs. Lulu Strain and Mrs. Reta Miller greeted the guests at the door and gave to each woman a couple of roses, and to each man a mysterious green box. The food was superb! Never have I tasted a better meal; well cooked and nicely served. We all gorged ourselves and still there was more food offered. When we were finally finished the men opened their little green boxes and offered their partners an after dinner mint.

Then the women played for us. They have a band the like of which I have never seen before. Over the foundation of the piano, played by Louise Seamen, and the drum, beaten by Ena Baker, there soared the strains of 'Jingle Bells' played on kazoos, castinettes, tambourines, washboard, xylophone, and a really weird invention played by Anna Hitchins. It was about ten feet of red rubber hose, coiled round and round like a French horn, with a tin whistle at the business end and a watering can nozzle at the other. The women had a marvelous sense of rhythm and played with gusto, a very jolly performance.

We then had a showing of slides by Bruce Robinson of his and Madeline's frequent trips around the continent.

The local branch of the Legion donated some of the money for the cost of the dinner. It was such a nice, kind, thoughtful gesture on the part of these two groups

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who showed slides of several vacation spots he has visited. For an added attraction, the Women's Institute "rhythm band" played several tunes. Hopefully this dinner will become a yearly tradition.

Congratulations to Randi Murray and Chris Kennedy on their recent wedding. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Norman Allison at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Densem.

Mrs. Coulson sponsored a small euchre party recently at her home for the benefit of the Amherst Island Women's Institute. More euchres may be forthcoming later this winter at other member's homes.

Lyn and Larry Fleming and their son Jason will be flying to Orlando Florida on Dec. 19 to spend the holidays with Lyn's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neilson left last week to visit their daughter Mary in Toronto and are now in Bloomfield, Michigan with their daughter Kaye and her family for Christmas.

Lets not forget about the community Carol Service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church this Sunday Dec. 17th at 8:00 p.m.

Bruce and Helen Caughey were guests at the Formosa Mutual Fire Insurance Christmas party which was held last week in Walkerton. The previous weekend they visited with Miss Mary Bass and her sister Mrs. Wilfred Jarvis at Smith's Falls.

Nessie Drumgoole has been moved from St. Mary's-On-The-Lake hospital to the Switzer nursing home at R.R. 2, Odessa.

Jack Forester received word Sunday of the passing of his grandmother, Mrs. Pinkney. Death was due to a stroke.

Dr. David Allison is holidaying with his parents Rev. and Mrs. Norman Allison. David has been with the Flying Doctors Service at Katherin, Northern Australia. Prior to leaving Australia he was doing some sky-diving, a hobby he enjoys, at Brisbane and also in San Francisco while enroute to the island. Following the Christmas vacation, he will continue with his medical career.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Ernest and Genevieve Fleming will be "At Home" to their relatives, friends and neighbours on Tuesday, December 26th on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00.

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And All Good Wishes For The New Year From The
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Council

The 1978/79 council held its inaugural meeting on
December 5/78. Minutes from the previous meeting
were approved and payment of out- standing bills were
approved. The following standing committees were
approved:

Ferry - James Neilson

Roads - Jack Kerr & John Hall

Fire - Dave Vrooman & Jack Kerr

Sanitation, Parks & Property - John Hall & Jack Kerr

Finance - Jean Tugwell & John Hall

Cemetery - Jack Kerr

Recreation - Dave Vrooman & Jean Tugwell

Here And There

by Ian Murray

For over a year now I have been exposed to the
metric system on a construction site. There has been
considerable confusion, most of it, I think, caused by
using measuring tapes calibrated in both English and
metric systems. We were using only linear
measurements and if we'd had to use volumetric as well
it would have been very confusing.

I still recall a brief chat, with a very large, very
rough labourer, who, leaning on his jackhammer, slowly
said: "I don't think I'll ever understand these
centigreeeters." A lot of people probably feel the
same way.

Why doesn't the Hulk buy his shirts at the same
place he gets his pants?

In my search for Christmas presents that both Leah
(going on 7) and the rest of us (various mental ages)
could enjoy together, I met considerable frustration.
New crokinole boards are not only flimsy, they have
silly plastic rings. New pick-up-sticks are plastic and
don't feel right at all. There was lots of TV advertised
garbage - King Kong meets Battleship Galactica;

Superman dolls; Fonz, this and that.

I finally discovered a small meccano set that
everyone seems to like.

Does anyone have a good quality crokinole board
(with wooden men) or a set of wooden pick-up-sticks
that they'll sell me?

Beacon News

About 150 copies of the 2nd issue have been picked
up from Glenn's Store.

There have been several requests about mailed
subscriptions. When enough people express an interest
and somebody volunteers to look after the mailing,
arrangements will probably be made.

Penny McCormick & Janet Miller did the typing for
this issue.

Spelling courtesy of Ian Murray.

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From Hawkeye (Amherst Island Public School
Newsletter)

During his recent visit to the school, Constable
Russell presented certificates to four bus patrollers:
Kevin Kilpatrick, Anne Willard, Paul Claus and Sylvia
Baker. These students also received certificates in first
aid which they earned at a Bus Patrollers Clinic held at
N.D.S.S. earlier this fall.

The Christmas Dinner for students, staff and guests
was quite successful. Beth Forester & Lulu Strain
prepared the turkeys, and Carmelle Horth provided a
beautifully decorated cake. Other mothers donated
casseroles, salads, jellos, dinner rolls and milk. Guests
were Shirley Miller, Barbara Reid, Bruce & Helen
Caughey, Bev Hallman and Constable Russell.

Once again the Amherst Island Branch of the Royal
Canadian Legion sponsored a poem & essay
competition.

Winners were:

Intermediate Poetry:

Jeff Pearce 1st

Shelley Glenn 2nd

Intermediate Essay:

Reta Brown 1st

Sylvia Baker 2nd

Junior Poetry:

Mark Wemp 1st

Jennifer Pearce 2nd

Junior Essay:

Marlene Eves 1st

Tracey Filson 2nd

200% Salary Increase
by Allan Glenn

The producers of the Beacon have been asked to include the following in this issue.

This information is supplemental and in response to the article in the last issue of the Beacon written by W. Bruce Caughey, regarding the salary of the Township Clerk-Treasurer.

Salary in 1974 -

\$2,400.00 for a 12 hour week - \$3.34 per hour

Salary in 1978 -

\$6,890.00 for a 28 hour week and meetings - \$4.56 per hour

Increase in hourly rate since 1974 - 16%. Average annual increase 4%.

Of the total salary 73% or \$5,064. is paid entirely by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications with the balance of \$1,826, being paid from the general levy.

Since 1976, all township salaries have required the approval of the Federal Anti-Inflation Board. Anyone who has paid even scant attention to this agency would be aware that a salary increase amounting to a 200% increase in four years would not receive approval.

This is the season for family and friends and many Islanders either travelled over the holiday or entertained visitors at their homes . Of course, the list could go on and on, but a few names mentioned to me are as follows:

Bill and Kip Hedges spent the Christmas holiday in Montreal with Kip's parents.

Charles and Elsie Densem went to Toronto to be with their family.

Alan Kidd is visiting his mother in Kentucky and friends in Florida.

Don Tubb is spending the holiday with his parents in Oakville.

Louise, Lorna and Debbie have moved into Kingston for the winter. Lorna will still be our Avon Rep. and her phone number remains the same.

We hope to see Barbara Filson out and about before long after her recent surgery at K.G.H.

Bob and Emily Tugwell were in their new home in time for Christmas.

Would anyone who would like to provide a good home for a lovely marmalade coloured house cat Please call 389-6553?

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Montgomery Ancestry

A. Bruce Caughey

During recent months, I have received two letters from Robert L. Montgomery of Hawaii and last evening received a phone call from Mr. Montgomery - during our conversation we had perfect transmission and one could hardly believe that so many miles separated us!

Mr. Montgomery is attempting to trace his ancestry and I would like very much to assist him. If any of our readers, both Island and others know of the existence of sources of information, I would appreciate hearing from them, so that I might research some and forward information to the man.

Possible sources of information may include "Family Bibles", old correspondence, census lists, titles of property, Baptismal records, marriage records - these suggested items turn up in the most unusual places, and are frequently in the possession of persons who have no idea of the value or interest.

I realize that there are many present residents of Amherst Island, completely unaware of the

"Montgomery" name in the area. (Case) Tj13.9200 000 TD(me in I Ha) Tjn.84.00

Islanders are very guilty of buying foreign made goods from large discount houses. We shop across the bay rather than patronize our local merchants. When we do buy at home we buy on credit and without fear of powerful collection agencies hanging over us we are painfully slow and frequently renege on paying our bills.

Grant you the small producers make good cheese but let us not forget if it were not for Kraft buying the substandard failures from these small producers and processing them for sale I bet many more would have fallen by the way. I have never had a piece of Cracker Barrel mould clear through in a week yet I have seen Island cheese burned in the dump because it was unfit even to process.

With respect to Quebec, when will English speaking Canadians realize that french is a language -not a gross personality flaw. Ontario needs no retaliation for a quota of Ontario workers in Quebec. I believe this merely stabilizes a condition that has existed on the other direction for years.

I remember a few years back dairy farmers in Quebec, fools paying ridiculous prices for quotas; think back throttled Ontario.

George Gavlas

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Not Sorry To See It Go.

Betty Wemp

Most farmers have their own way to keep their farm records. I understand there are many different ways to farm book keeping.

One way that I have tried for the past three years, is the government way, or better known as Can Farm,

This system is supposed to give you an idea of what your farm is doing from a month to month basis. Well! this is fine when it does just that. But, sometimes it has a way of getting bungled up. It is all computerized, and somehow it comes back with things that were not recorded.

Everything you record in your record book has a different code number. While your doing your months records, you can search and search on the code number card for the exact right number that should go with a certain item. If you happen to associate the wrong code number with an item, then the computer will not accept it and it will come back wrong. Now it's time to do it all over again.

Although some of the mistakes that come back can't be explained, some of them can be blamed on me. For instance; the time that the computer unfortunately would not accept something I recorded for February 29.

Farm Business Consultants do our Tax returns every

year. This Can Farm system is supposed to help them at year end with all information that is needed. By the time they finish rooting through computed print out after another, they often say they would rather just go through an account book with all expenses and income in different columns. There has never been a year yet that everything balanced out exactly, and after paying a fee of \$30.00, I think it should.

After working with Can Farm for a few years, I found myself remembering a lot of the code numbers and the different columns they go in.

Then in the beginning of 1978 the government decided to change the whole system. Big expense or not.

This change meant all new code numbers and different books. It also meant instead of having one record book, there were three.

After all this expense for the change over, its going to fall through at the end of this year. Such an expense for only one year.

I've only got one thing to reply to this. I shall shed no tears.

Christmas Trees Wanted

Used Christmas trees are wanted for the construction of the bush road this year. Anyone who is finished with their Christmas trees are asked to leave them down in the Park beside the Township Building. Instead of throwing them away use them for a good purpose. Using the used trees with substitutes for the tress that will have to be cut down. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You.

Ernestown Minor Hockey

Some of the boys from the Island are playing in the Ernestown Township Hockey Program at Henderson Arena in Amherstview. The boys playing are Neil deHaan, Billy Bustard and Steven Wemp in the Pee Wee Division. Noel McCormick also played in Pee Wee until he was hurt. Mark Wemp and Jeff Pearce play in the Atom Division and Doug Willard plays in the Midget Division. This is Neil and Doug's first year playing in the Program. All the boys enjoy playing and are doing great!

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Snow Control

- Keith Miller

Proper positioning of trees or conventional snow fences can provide effective snow control for Ontario rural residents says F. H. Theakston, School of Engineering, University of Guelph.

Install three rows of snow fence on the laneway's windward side for best results. Place the first fence 18 metres from the lane, and the others the same distance apart. As a long term solution consider planting a permanent windbreak and snow fence. Plant closely two rows of coniferous trees on your laneway's windward side. Plant the first row 18 metres from the lane, the second row 1.5 metres farther back. Deciduous trees are ineffective because lose their foliage in the fall.

When the trees have grown to a height of three metres they will stop most of the wind and snow. Where possible position fences or trees to block north-westerly winds. Farmers may obtain snow control information free by writing to Prof. Theakston. Send him a sketch of your place and describe your snow problems. The Professor has a device in his lab that simulates snow and wind stores. He will build a model of your farm layout, identify your problems and offer solutions.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank friends, neighbours, relatives and family for flowers, gifts, and many acts of kindness.
Barbara Filson

Help Wanted

The Township Of Amherst Island is taking applications for the position of Clerical Assistant. One day per week. Starting wage \$3.85 per hour. Typing experience required. Please apply in writing to the clerk by January 15, 1978, stating qualifications and experience.

Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank all the folks who dropped in to help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Also those who remembered us with cards, gifts, greetings and phone calls. There is nothing better than friends, neighbours and family.

Ernest and Genevieve Fleming

Out Our Way

- Lyn Fleming & Dale Filson

Due to the stormy weather on Tuesday, January 9, the "Beaver" meeting was postponed. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday evening January 16th at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Neilson will be spending the winter months in Kingston.

Mrs. Evelyn Coulson is staying with her cousin in Toronto for the winter.

Susan and Bruce Caughey left Tuesday to attend a Milk Marketing Board meeting in Toronto.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fleming on the arrival of their first great-granddaughter, on December 23, 1978. The baby's parents are Tim and Kathy Jamieson of Saskatoon, Sask.

Found

Green wool gloves- patterned with blue and purple.

Lapel pin - gold bow, 2 bells - red and blue safety fastener.

White nylon hair brush.

Phone 389-4017

For Sale

A cabinet model radio and record player, in good working condition.

Apply - Marion Glenn Ph. 389-5769

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Township Of Amherst Island

Stella, Ontario.

Office of the Clerk-treasurer

January 12, 1979

Prepaid Taxes - 1979

The Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island is offering its taxpayers the opportunity of prepaying taxes.

Your prepaid taxes assist the municipality in obtaining funds to meet expenses until the 1979 taxes and government subsidies start coming in by mid-year, and, at the same time, allow the taxpayer 8% per annum interest on the money advanced toward tax payment.

You may prepay taxes in multiples of \$25.00 up to the amount of your 1978 taxes to the nearest \$25.00.

The following schedule shows the amount to be paid per \$25.00, per \$50.00 and per \$100.00 using an interest rate of 8% per annum until mid-year.

If Prepaid During The Period Of	Cost For Tax Credit Of:		
	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
January 1 - 15	24.08	48.15	96.30
16 - 31	24.17	48.32	96.65
February 1 - 15	24.24	48.48	96.95
16 - 28	24.32	48.63	97.25
March 1 - 15	24.40	48.80	97.60
16 - 31	24.50	49.00	98.00
April 1 - 15	24.58	49.15	98.30
16 - 30	24.65	49.30	98.60
May 1 - 15	24.74	49.48	98.95
16 - 31	24.82	49.63	99.25

You may prepay taxes at the Municipal Office, Stella, or you may mail your cheque payable to the Township of Amherst Island, Stella, Ontario, K0H 2S0. To avoid disappointment, please allow one week for off island mail service in calculating your cheque as discount will apply as shown for the period during which your cheque is received.

You will receive an original and one copy of a receipt showing two figures:

- (1) your payment amount
- (2) the resulting tax credit.

When you receive your interim tax bill later on, please present the original receipt, along with any balance by cheque or cash, for crediting to your tax account. In the event of a tax receipt credit greater than your interim bill, the excess will be deducted on the final billing and the net amount then due will be shown.

If you require additional information, please telephone 389-3393.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Diane Pearce,
Clerk-treasurer.

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“Beacon News”

by Ian Murray

A staff decision has been made that a closure on further comments relating to an issue will be made if it is felt that personalities rather than facts are becoming involved. The parties concerned in any such decision will be informed of the decision privately.

The Beacon will not publish unsigned articles or letters.

Here And There

The following is in reply to George Gavlas’ open letter in Issue No. 3.

George, when you mentioned keeping up the “business end” of a business I expect that you are referring to the bookkeeping that every business should do to learn if it is obtaining a fair return for the capital and labour invested. I agree that those businesses who cannot or will not do this bookkeeping are very likely to find themselves in serious financial trouble. Now, the “business end” that I am thinking of, involves what I consider to be nonproductive overhead: time and money that must be spent to meet ever increasing government demands. There are deductions and contributions relating to the employment of labour: Income Tax, Canada Pension, Unemployment Insurance, Vacation Pay, Workmans Compensation, Severance Slips and so on. Also, involvement in employment means a multitude of regulations pertaining to the safety and well-being of your workers. Then something is sold there are sales taxes involved - - perhaps even the mystical world of the excise tax. One must be aware of subsidies, tax credits, rebates, penalties. There is a steady increase in consumer oriented legislation that will very likely eventually affect all service-oriented businesses.

All of the foregoing necessitates considerable paperwork: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually. That’s a lot of bookwork when everything is going smoothly. When something out of the ordinary occurs or the wrong blank is filled in, then it may take hours of frustrating effort to satisfy some faceless bureaucrat that all is well again.

A large business can afford to hire people who can handle all this bookwork. People who have the time and skill to keep up with ever changing and constantly increasing government regulations. However, many businesses are too small to afford to hire a skilled bookkeeper. If the owner(s) lack the education, patience, time or whatever to cope with such “non-

productive" overhead then they must go out of business. Yes, it is survival of the fittest - - often the fittest to fill in forms, not necessarily the fittest to create a worthwhile product or to provide a valuable service.

I don't feel guilty about buying foreign made goods. Those foreigners bought our wheat, our iron, and our paper. If we sell to them then we must buy from them. Trade can't be a one way street. As to why we export so much raw material rather than manufacture it ourselves, I don't know.

If you are saying that credit is too easy to obtain, I agree with you, However, I do not agree that most people pay their bills regularly only because of the fear of powerful collection agencies.

In your third paragraph, do you mean to say that Kraft buys substandard products in order to prevent small cheese factories from "falling by the ways"? Are you saying that Kraft then takes this substandard product, processes

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it and then sells it. If so, am I supposed to feel gratitude for this act of charity. My guess is that you are unlikely to see or hear of Kraft burning cheese that is unfit for human consumption. I suspect that Kraft is more likely to chemically treat the cheese and sell it - - guaranteed not to mould.

Perhaps you are correct that the quota imposed on Ontario workers has a stabilizing effect. My observations were based on newspaper and radio reports that, during the summer of 1978, there were 10 Quebec workers in Ontario for every Ontario worker in Quebec. Maybe the reports were untrue, and maybe the ratio was the other way in the past. I don't know. In any case, my major obligation is the setting up of a "border" where there had not previously been one.

I don't understand the milk quota situation, perhaps someone who does will write in. My understanding, based only on Ontario based publications, is that Quebec has been getting an unfair share of the dairy market.

I must reply to the article in the last issue of the Island Beacon, entitled 200% Salary Increase by Allan Glenn.

After reading this article, I telephoned Allan to ask for the source of his material. He was quick to point out that he was given this information by the Clerk-treasurer, Mrs. Dianne Pearce, who asked to have it included in the Beacon.

In the spring of 1974, Mrs. Pearce was chosen to the part time job of Clerk-treasurer to replace Clerk Francis

Welbanks and Treasurer Mrs. Jean Tugwell. A very complete job description was presented at that time and Mrs. Pearce was hired at a salary of \$2,200./yr. to do the job. This salary was to increase \$200 after a 6 month probationary period and subsequent increases to \$2,300 over 18 months.

The office was to be open to the taxpaying public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. three days per week.

As of Dec. 1, 1973 Mrs. Pearce is receiving \$6,890 plus 4% vacation pay. Therefore;

$$\$2,400 + 200\% = \$7,200$$

$$\$6,390 + 4\% (\$275.60) = \$7,165.60$$

The clerk-treasurer has received a salary increase of approximately 200% over the past four years. I stand by this statement.

Currently the Clerk-treasurer enjoys three weeks holidays and has all statutory holidays (10). The office is open from 9 - 12 and from 1-4 (Mon. - Tues. - Wed. - Fri.) or 24 hrs/wk. She attends all regular or special meetings of council from 8-11 in the evening. In 1978 there were 12 regular meetings and 5 special meetings in the evening.

The actual hourly rate would therefore be; \$6.17 per hr. of attendance @ work plus 4% vacation pay. This rate could vary slightly from year to year depending upon the number of meeting and statutory holidays taken (Nov.11 being #11).

The rate of 4.56 per hour, as Mrs. Pearce reports her salary, is obtained by dividing 52 (wk/yr) X 28 (hrs/wk??) + total meeting hours this past year into \$6890 current salary.

This is not yet a clear picture of the increase cost over the past four years to the taxpayer for clerical work in this township. To determine this we

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must consider the cost of maintaining an office- heat, light, and telephone (currently \$40 - \$50 per month), office equipment and maintenance, mileage costs, tuition fees for courses and for the past two summers even part time clerical help.

Perhaps the reader should be the judge as to whether it is too much or too little.

Since 1976 all salaries have required the approval of the Federal Anti-Inflation Board. Manipulation of figures such as the case in question is the way this board's effectiveness has been lost and inflation is continuing.

W. Bruce Caughey

I would like to apologize to all concerned, about a misunderstanding concerning the authorship of the

200% Salary Increase article in Issue No. 3. Allan Glenn wrote the 1st 2 paragraphs and I mistakenly assumed that he wrote the whole article.

It seems to me that this salary question is a matter of whether the emphasis is placed on hourly rate or annual rate. I don't really think that the question is so much a manipulation of figures as changes in terms of reference (that is, the increase in the hours of work). The cost of clerical work appears, I believe, relatively high because this is such a small township in terms of population and tax revenue. If, for example, our population was to double it is unlikely that the clerical work would double as well. Also, from personal references, I know that the clerk is often called upon to answer queries pertaining to township business outside of office hours so I am sure that the job actually involves more than the stated number of hours per week.

Ian Murray

Board Of Education Pays Tribute To Retiring Members - Genevieve Fleming

Following the inaugural meeting of the Lennox and Addington Board of Education held on Tuesday eve. Dec. 12th, at which time inaugural addresses were delivered by the newly elected chairman, Roy McDanold and vice-chairman, re-elected for 1979, James McCutcheon, the Board members and their wives retired, at adjournment, to the Campbell House, Napanee, where a very enjoyable evening had been arranged. This being the tenth anniversary of the inception of County Boards, all previous members of the Board consisting of 38 members, who had held office since January 1969 were invited along with their spouses, to join in this evening of recognition. Unfortunately all were not able to be present, but the following attended: John Munroe, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bennest, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Howse, Mr. & Mrs. A Bruce

occasion of the celebration of your forty-five years of dedicated service in the field of Education. Your contribution has been significant, and it is fitting that you should be honoured for it. It is our hope that you will enjoy many more years of good health and much happiness.

Bette Stephenson Minister of Education

Replying to this presentation, Bruce spoke of the many experiences that had been his in the past forty-five years, of the many friendships that had developed, of the unique experience which had been his of serving education under a large number of ministers, and most recently, under the County Boards, named Hon. Wm. Davis, Hon. Thomas Wells, and now Hon. Bette Stephenson. He expressed the opinion that education is in much better shape than is sometimes expressed by the press and he had great pride in having been a part of the development of so many diversified programs in this community and of the provision of such excellent school facilities as are now provided, along with competent, conscientious and co-operative staffs. Following this, presentations were made on behalf of several teachers' organizations and the administrative staff expressing their appreciation to the four long-term charter members.

Coming Up - School Winter Carnival February 7th
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Glenn Sheil Remembers
28 River Rd. N., Frankford, Ont.,
Jan. 8, 1979.
Dear Ian,

Your endeavours to once again publish the Island Beacon are to be commended. As I well know, each edition demands much time and effort by several volunteers or enlistees, and you all should be justly proud of your accomplishments.

When I received my copy of the Beacon, Shirley and I were greatly surprised and pleased, and read it with much reminiscence of those hectic Wednesday evenings when we gathered at our home on the Island. Recollection of the previewing of Shirley Miller's cartoons, Billy Coulson's anecdotes, the last minute "news flash", the clatter of the typewriter, and my sage editorial succumbing to the snip of the scissors, bring back warm memories. Recall how the lads on the boat invaded your Volkswagon circulation department - remember the ladies who spent so many hours mailing, writing, helping; Tina, Lulu, Genevieve, Marj, Randi, Nellie. Bruce was a reliable contributor.

So Ian, let your Beacon shine, and thanks for remembering me.

Sincerely, Glenn

More Than You Ever Wanted To Know About Voles
-Marnie Matthews Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Commonly referred to as moles or mice, the hungry little devils that live in the hayfields and pastures are actually meadow voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*). They are more closely to mice and rats than moles. These wide ranging grassland rodents inhabit all of North America from the Southern Central States north to the Arctic Ocean and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. So you see we are not the only ones to face their ravages.

Their appetites are prodigious. Devouring grasses and sedges, voles eat over half their weight daily. This is matched by their incredible ability to reproduce. The female vole gives birth to one to nine naked, blind, little voles after a gestation period of 21 days. A mere two

weeks later the young are weaned and on their own. By 25 days the young females are ready to breed. The old lady, meanwhile, is cranking out another batch, up to 17 litters a year under ideal conditions.

Luckily the average life span is less than one year. The population is prone to violent fluctuations, peaking about every four years. During high population years they go around digging runways, procreating madly, eating themselves out of house and home, girdling any tree they can get their teeth on, and dying off in enormous numbers. From a high of over 150 per acre, the population crashes to a low of 2 or 3 per acre, and we cease to notice them. Then with a surplus of food and suitable habitat they procreate madly, digging runways, stuffing themselves, building up numbers until they run out of room, become a plague, and crash again.

Why are Amherst Island's peek numbers worse than those on the mainland? Here the vole population is an explosion contained. On the mainland the peak populations spread out to surrounding areas of low population and seldom reach the same numbers per acre. This has had quite an effect on the Island. People often wonder why the abandoned farms have not gone back to trees as quickly as those across the bay. The answer lies in the fact that every 3 or 4 years young trees get their bark chewed off, killing most of them. This combined with the heavy sod that prevents tree seedlings from growing means that only a few young seedlings make it through 2 or 3 peak populations of voles to get to the sapling stage. Only a few species of trees have managed to succeed. The red ash overcomes the obstacles by blitzing the area with hundreds of seedlings on the chance that some may survive, and by the ability to grow in wet areas where the grass sod is weaker. Red cedar manages to beat the vole by tasting foul. The little rodents also play havoc with the hay fields as the farmer knows. The other notable

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effect of the high population of voles is the large number of hawks and owls attracted here to dine on them. Voles provide more food for all manner of predators, like hawks, owls, snakes, foxes, coyotes and weasels, than any other rodent. As some one said, "The whole island is laid out like a buffet." These predators cannot control the prolific little beasts though, only changing the habitat can. Disturbing the sod, either temporarily by plowing and spraying like a cornfield, or permanently by planting trees, can control the rodent populations. Cutting or grazing grasslands to prevent thatch buildup will also discourage the vole, but as long

as there is grass, there will be voles.

Young trees can be protected individually by wrapping the trunks with spiral plastic protectors or hardware cloth cylinders. To be effective in high population years the protectors should be buried 3 or 4 inches below the soil to prevent damage from burrowing voles. Some success can also be had by stomping the snow around the trunks of the trees after each snowfall, discouraging the rodents from digging by a layer of hard packed snow. Larger numbers of trees can best be protected by eliminating the grass (through cultivation or spray) from a sizable area around the trees. This will be necessary until the bark is thick enough to protect the young saplings.

A Great Gray Owl On Amherst Island
- Betty Hughes January 20, 1979
Kingston Field Naturalists

Nessie Welbanks found a Great Gray Owl near her house on Jan. 20th. Other observers from Kingston were able to see it and identify it on Jan 23rd. This is the biggest owl we have in Canada, its length being 25 to 33 in. It has rather small golden eyes and no ear-tufts and a very long tail, 12 inches. They nest in evergreen forests to the north in abandoned hawks' nests.

They very seldom come south except when their food is scarce in their breeding range. This year there is a great number of small rodents in the fields on Amherst Island (Meadow Voles). Many Snowy Owls and Rough-Legged Hawks and Red-Tailed Hawks are feeding here too this winter.

These large birds will not attack domestic animals such as dogs or cats. The Meadow Voles feed on the roots and shoots of the wild weeds under the snow cover. Their cycle is of 3 to 4 years. Some years their population will peak on Wolfe Island and the Hawks and Owls will be found there. This year it is Amherst Island.

We bird watchers are very fond of Amherst Island, not only for the birding there, but for its many other attractions, to say nothing of the hospitable and kindly people and the expanses of water seen from its shores.

Only one Great Gray Owl in any given year has been seen in our area up until now, the last one being five years ago. This year so far has brought four into our area. We may see more! "Good Birding"

Island Beacon Subscriptions
- Randi Murray

Hate writing letters but want to keep in touch? Need an original birthday gift? It is now possible to have each issue of the Beacon mailed out. To establish an amount

for this I have used the "newsstand" cost of the Beacon plus the postage rate effective April 1979 on third class printed paper. I know that there will be at least four issues mailed at the old postage rate but combining two price calculations was too complicated. I am figuring that there will be 24 issues yearly with consistent publishing dates of the 1st and 15th of each month. This then is the cost breakdown:

24 Issues at 15¢ \$3.60
3rd class to Can. & U.S. @ 15¢ 3.60
A one year subscription \$7.20

When you wish to have a subscription mailed to someone, please indicate the name and address clearly and send to me, along with a cheque or money order for \$7.20 made payable to the Island Beacon.

As you know, the Beacon exists solely by volunteer help. A permanent subscription person is needed. Contact Jack Kerr or Allen Glenn.

Subscriptions ordered so far:

- 1) Mr. & Mrs. Glen Sheil
- 2) Mr. & Mrs. A. Denys Cadman

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They Say...

- A. Denys Cadman

They say... whoever "they" is.... that ants will not cross a line drawn with chalk This information may not be of much use to you unless you picnic on the sidewalk. But if you see any ants around you might try it and let me know. Hope it works better than the one about "a snake that won't crawl over a hemp rope".

They say there is a unique way to rid your garden of snails and slugs. Put out a pan of beer! Really. Set out a shallow pan or saucer of beer in your garden near the slug damage, with the rim flush with the soil. Snails will be attracted... drink it 'til they're either dead drunk or drown. They say it works. Throw away the dead ones and repeat the process each night.... with fresh beer.

Wanna extend the life of your new floor mop? Got a few minutes? Tie a knot in the end of each string. They say it will not only last longer, but will give it a firmer stand. No... not dust mops... wet mops.

They say stale bread can be frozen then thawed unwrapped, and it will return to its freshness.(But eat it fast before it turns hard.)

When watering your hanging baskets they say you will make less mess.... conserve water and save yourself some time if you'll first hang the basket over a floor plant to catch the overflow. I tried that. It works.... except some of the water ran down into my socks.

A lady in Texas tried everything she could think of to keep racoons out of her garden. Just before she

conceded that they were smarter than she was, she hit upon an idea. Wrapping a transistor radio in a plastic bag to protect it from rain and dew, she placed it in her vegetable garden with the volume low enough not to disturb the neighbours but loud enough for the 'coons to hear, and left it on all night. Never was bothered with the critters again. Wonder if it would work with island rabbits? They say it might.

They say a three-legged dog recently arrived in town with a six-shooter strapped to his stump. The Canadian Mountie, suspecting that he was about to disturb the peace, inquired as to the purpose of his visit. The dog replied that he was looking for the man who'd shot his paw!

They say that most of you won't read this. Some people say the craziest things.

Council News

- Ian Murray

Appointments for 1979:

Fence viewers: Roger Holden, Marshall Glenn and Billy Bulch

Pound keepers: Topsy Farms and Holbeth Farms

Sheep evaluators: Ralph Wemp and Chris Kennedy

Cemetery Committee: Henry Hitchins, Bruce Caughey, Bert Glenn, & Earl Tugwell, Brian Ward and Rev.

Norman Allison.

Recreation Committee: Les Glenn, Heather Welbanks, Allan Glenn, Barbara Reid, Howard Pearce, and Jack Forester.

A letter of congratulation has been sent by council to Doug Shurtliffe who has received his mate's papers.

What A Teacher Needs

- Lulu Strain

The education of a college president.

The executive ability of a financier.

The humility of a deacon.

The adaptability of a Chameleon.

The hope of an optimist.

The courage of a hero.

The wisdom of a serpent.

The gentleness of a dove.

The patience of Job.

The grace of God, and

The persistence of the Devil.

Out Our Way

-Dale Filson

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's annual congregational meeting was held Sat. eve. Jan. 20 at the

home of Chris and Bert Glenn.

Kenneth Miller is in Hotel Dieu Hospital undergoing tests.

High school students are relieved to see the end of their exams. They now have a few days before beginning their next semester, January 30th.

Mr. & Mrs. Clare Maude are holidaying somewhere in the U.S.A.

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Amherst Island Public School News

- Beth Forester

The Junior and Senior classes met together at eleven o'clock Monday morning to watch the Inauguration of Canada's twenty-second Governor-General, Edward Richard Schreyer.

Although some students find it difficult to understand the significance of such an event, and refer to it as a lot of "political mumble jumble", others found it interesting and informative. Some impressions of the Junior students were:

John Welbanks - "Really good. Farley Mowat and his wife were guests, also the Prime Minister and many other V.I.P.s. He was officially sworn in at 11:25 a.m." Nancy Vrooman- "I guess kids should listen to it, but it's awful hard to understand sometimes."

David Brown- "I thought the cannon was the best part. It was used to give the new Governor-General a 21-gun salute."

Kim deHaan- "The part I liked best was when he took his oath on the old family Bible."

Michael Collins- "I noticed that he could speak many languages."

Mark Wemp- "Interesting. I didn't know he was the Premier of Manitoba. I noticed that the 22nd Governor-General was inaugurated on the 22nd of January."

Cinquain Poetry

These are poems containing five lines telling about one idea, small detail or experience.

Line 1- states topic (one word)

Line 2- describes topic (two words)

Line 3- expresses action (three words)

Line 4- shows feeling (four words)

Line 5- another word for topic(1 word)

Skiing

Gliding, sliding

Down hill racing

It's fun to do

Skiing

-Tracey Filson

Snow

Snow, packy

Fun in snow

Makes me feel happy

White.

-Paula Collins

Toboggans

Curved, narrow

Going down fast

Falling off very suddenly

Sled.

-Julie Forester

Sleds

Red, rectangle

Exciting, slippery, fast

Gliding through the air

Fun.

-Jennifer Pearce

Skidoo

Loud machine

Go really fast

It is really fascinating

Transportation.

-Marlene Eves

Skiing

Winter sport

Snow going by

Wind in your face

Glide.

-Steven Willard

Skiing

Great fun

Push, pull, fall

It is good exercise

Sliding.

-Mark Kilpatrick

Snowballs

Round, white

Throw big bombs

Let's be the winners

White.

-Robbie Galbraith

Skating

Cold water

Skate on ice

Skating on good ice

Ice.

-Charlene Willard

Church Notice

Services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church have been suspended until further notice.

Birth Notices

Congratulations to Bill and Kip Hedges on the birth of their son, Daniel Harold, on January 23rd.

Bill and Kip wish to thank the ferry crew who responded to an emergency trip in the wee hours of the morning.

Also congratulations to Jimmy and Marjorie Baker on the birth of their daughter, Kelly Marie, 9 lb. 7 oz., on January 27th, 1979.

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Organizations And Clubs On Amherst Island

- Randi Murray

"Getting involved" is quite often a matter of knowing what is available and finding the time to do it. The following is a partial list of clubs / organizations available and who to contact if you are interested in being involved.

Women's Institute (Contact the President: Phyllis Strain)

The motto of the organization is "For Home and Country" and its purpose is to acquaint women, particularly in rural areas, with different aspects of homemaking, safety, health, education. It is non-denominational. The Institute is part of the world-wide Associated Country Women of the World and works closely with the Home Economics branch of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Institute sponsors public speaking contests, 4-H, senior citizens dinners as well as many homemaking courses. New members are very welcome.

Presbyterian Church Women (Contact the President Georgie Allison or Louise Seaman or Marion Glenn)

The P.C.W., while church-oriented, is open to all women and is a combination of the Ladies Aid and Womens Missionary Society. It is a people-oriented group who are concerned with fellowship, fund-raising to support the church and its Missions, and helping out anywhere in the community where there is need or interest. The annual Garden Party is the main fund-

raising effort of the P.C.W. and is supported by many people of all ages. There are many other activities available, such as a visiting programme, workshops, catering, etc. The P.C.W. would like new members and one need not be a member of the Presbyterian Church to join. They meet once a month in members' homes.

Anglican Church Women (Contact the President: Barb Reid)

This organization would mainly appeal to women of the Anglican church but is open to all women. Fund-raising to support the Church, its Missions and Sunday School is one objective. This is accomplished through such activities as bake sales and turkey suppers. The A.C.W. is interested in members.

Beavers (Contact Bill Hedges)

This fledgling group is part of the Boy Scout Programme and is open to boys 5, 6, 7 (although this is somewhat flexible). A Group Committee is being set up composed of parent volunteers for administration. There is need of another leader as well. The Beavers stress the sharing, fun aspect of outings, crafts, sing-songs and learning skills. They are non-competitive and non-denominational. I believe all potential members have been notified and will be informed of meetings, etc.

Island School Liaison Enthusiasts
(Contact Clarence Kennedy or Randi Murray, Secretary)

I.S.L.E. was formed in 1978 by Clarence Kennedy, Principal of Amherst Island Public School to further communication between the school and the surrounding community. I.S.L.E. does not concern itself with the actual workings of the school (ie. curriculum) but is responsible for the Creative Play area in the school yard. There are 10 members, 4 of which will volunteer to be replaced each June.

Information on 4-H, Conservation Club, Recreation Club, Legion and any I've missed will be given elsewhere in this edition or soon. I wish to stress that all groups I contacted expressed a desire for new members. Please don't wait to be invited to join. Phone any of the people mentioned if you are interested.

Announcement - Cathy Glenn

A co-ed sports night will be held every Monday night at the school from 8 to 10 p.m. Everyone from 14 years old and up is welcome. Depending on how many turn out the games may be volleyball, basketball, badminton or floor hockey.

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February's Partial Solar Eclipse

-Alan Kidd

On Monday, February 26 a partial solar eclipse will be visible across most of North America. On Amherst Island the moon will start to pass in front of the Sun about 11 :00 EST and three quarters of the Sun will be covered around 2:15. The eclipse will end about 3:30, so the entire event will occur when the sun is high in the sky.

For safety, one should never look directly at the partially eclipsed sun with the unprotected eye. One safe way of looking at the sun is to look through a shade No. 14 arc-welder's glass, if one is available. Sunglasses or smoked glass are not safe for direct viewing of the eclipse.

Another safe way to view the partial eclipse is pinhole projection. In a darkened room a small hole in a window shade will cast an image of the solar crescent on the floor or the opposite wall. The diameter of this image is one percent of its distance from the pinhole, so a distance of nine feet is needed to obtain a one-inch image.

The eclipse is total along a line running from the Oregon coast through Manitoba and on to Hudson's Bay and Greenland. Although the eclipse is only partial here, it should be an interesting and enjoyable event, if the weather permits.

Announcement:

-Cathy Glenn

Have you heard about the Amherst Island 4-H homemaking club? It's a great club and offers many opportunities to learn new cooking skills and recipes, sewing skills, needlepoint, outdoor living and many other skills that you can use in everyday living.

The club for this winter is called "Accessories - - The Final Touch." You will learn what colours you look good in, styles of clothing, jewelry, purses best suit your size, tying different knots in your scarves, the making of a bias scarf and the making of different hat styles - - jeans cap, brimmer, rain hat.

The clubs last for about 8-10 weeks and involves anyone between the ages of 12-26 years.

The club sounds like a lot of fun and we hope that many of you will want to join.

Here is when: Wednesday, February 7, 1979

where: Amherst Island Public School

time: 3:30 - 5:30

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Mrs. Cathy Glenn - 389-0212 or Mrs. Randi Murray - 389-3444

Announcement

-Cathy Glenn

The Amherst I.S.L.E. meeting will be held February 1, at the Amherst Island Public School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Building Permits Issued

- Ian Murray

This information supplied by Bill Sipple, Township Building Inspector. There were also several ponds built. Those of us travelling regularly on the ferry last summer were continuously surprised by the amount of construction material & equipment going to the Island.

	1978	1977	1976
Storage Shed	3	0	0
Sun Room	1	0	0
Machine Shed	2	0	0
Additions	3	8	3
Garage	4	3	5
New Dwelling House	4	4	1
Sun Deck (Porch)	1	0	3
Boat Shed	1	0	0
Barns	0	2	3
Silos	0	2	1
Plumbing	3	5	2
General Repairs	3	1	4
Demolition	5	0	0
Trailer	5	4	4
TOTAL	35	29	26

Last Minute Announcements

Short last minute announcements or news flashes that don't involve too much typing can be accepted up to two days before publication. Send or phone them in to me. - Jack Kerr

Continuous Corn

-Keith Miller

In the past ten years I have been a director in our local Soil and Crop Improvement Association. It has been a great benefit to me to attend and support this organization because a lot can be learned from the very informative meetings and field tours. I wish to encourage any farmers who read the Beacon to join the Soil and Crop Improvement Association each year. For two dollars a great deal can be learned about recent soil data. Just to follow this line of thought I am going to, in my own words, outline just one topic for this past year, Continuous Corn. It has been decided with an emphatic "no" that Ontario farmers cannot and should not grow corn on the same land year after year. Corn has been grown in the United States continuously for many years but two major factors have been overlooked. The American midwest's soil is high in organic content and suffers little or no freezing. Ontario's soil on the other hand is low in organic content and suffers severe winter freezing.

Corn is very hard on soil. Although it is a grass crop it does not build soil structure. Good soil structure is as important to crop production as is fertilizer and rain. When corn is grown on the same land for more than two years, earth granule size decreases the amount of air in the soil is reduced, fertilizer efficiency is lowered, and drainage is seriously retarded. This in turn leads to increased run-off, less water storage, erosion and loss of organic matter and nutrients. In addition the soil becomes much more susceptible to compaction during tillage.

Data collected from all over the world shows corn yields to be higher when the crop is part of a rotation program. Without soil-improving legume crops, land suffers increasing deterioration after two years. In summary, continuous row crops are creating a soil structure problem that will in the coming years be very difficult and extensive to correct.

P.S. Membership cards for Soil and Crop are available at the Agricultural office or from myself.

The Amherst Island Conservation Association

-Brian Ward - President

The Amherst Island Conservation Association is an island club which has been active on the Island for many years but was most active in the years 1972 to 1977. Our objectives are part of our constitution which was drawn up in 1973.

i) to preserve wild life while also enjoying the benefits of an association for hunting.

2) to strive to increase the wild life population of the Island.

Our current executive are:

President- Brian Ward

Vice-Pres.- Keith Miller

Secretary- Brian Ward

Treasurer- Donald Miller

Directors

Dan Claus

Lance Eves

Dave Wemp

Jerry Wensing

Matt Herrington

Ed Potter

This executive has been in office since the 1977 elections because at our meeting in 1978 to elect new officers we only had a few members show up and the majority of those were executive.

Our club membership is open to all island residents or land owners and to previous members of the club for only the yearly membership fee of \$10.00. For non-islanders to join they must be sponsored by two current members of our club and it only costs \$10.00 as well.

For hunters we try to release quality pheasants every year but are finding it hard due to lack of membership funds. Last year our birds were not very good because we tried to buy too many.

For the conservation minded we have been involved in various projects in recent years along with Geoff Matthews. Some of them were Wood Duck nest boxes, Geese stocking and Duck stocking in areas where they would be protected.

Anyone interested in joining can obtain their memberships for 1979 from Les Glenn at the store or from our Treasurer Donald Miller. For us to have an active club we must have more active members.

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Liberty Highway - Now Open Thanks To - Cold
Weather and Amherst Island Road Crew However Use
At Own Risk - With Caution!

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THE AMHERST I.S.L.E. REPORT

- Cathy Glenn

The monthly meeting of I.S.L.E. was held Feb. 1, at Amherst Island School.

A thank you from Amherst Island Community Sunday School was extended to Jack Kerr and Bob Horth for their provision of curtains and frame.

The recreation committee gave I.S.L.E. a sum of \$300.00 to be used for a community project or further additions to the playground. A committee has been formed to pursue this project. If the public has any preference as to what you would like to see on the playground, you can make your suggestions to any of the I.S.L.E. members or to Mr. Kennedy.

A date for "Community Night" has been set, April 26. Keep your ears open for further details and keep the date open for an interesting evening.

The school winter carnival will be held Feb. 7 & 8 under the direction of Mrs. Yvonne Mondeux. We hope that, everyone finds this event a lot of fun, creating a closer bond between students and teachers, students and students, school and community.

We discussed what courses might be held at the school this term. This is becoming a serious situation because if we don't take advantage of courses offered the opportunity will pass us by. The choice is ours!! Would there be enough people interested in a Gardening course - - a course covering a variety of gardening areas involving a different topic each week? Come on everyone - - let your wishes be known. Contact any member of I.S.L.E. and we will be glad to help.

For the next meeting we are asked to think about ideas for raising funds for future projects; also to have ideas on the construction of a portable stage.

The I.S.L.E. - - Island School Liaison Enthusiasts is a group organized to create better communications between the community and the school. Any of the members can be approached and will be willing to talk to you about school - community related events.

I.S.L.E. members are
Mr. Kennedy
Mrs. Yvonne Mondeux
Mr. Jack Kerr
Mrs. Judy Miller
Mrs. Diane Pearce
Mr. Jack McCormick
Mr. Bob Horth
Mrs. Phyllis Strain
Mrs. Randi Murray
Mrs. Cathy Glenn

Here And There

- Ian Murray

For the past few weeks some people have been crossing the channel on snowmobiles. Many people have also begun driving the ice in cars and trucks. A "road" has been marked out by Christmas Tree sized evergreens.

The ferry has been running regularly and has been able to maintain service pretty close to schedule. The bubble system according to Capt. Eldon Willard is running as well as it ever has and it has really helped to keep the ferry running.

So far the winter weather has not been very harsh. The road crew has been able to keep the roads open except during the worst of storms.

I attended the first day of the Canada Farm Show in Toronto. It always amazes me that within a 3 hour period I can drive from snow covered roads on this little island to the highly congested Don Valley Parkway in Toronto. The show was mind-boggling, some of the new farm equipment appears as big (and as expensive) as the ferry. There were so many exhibits that it would take several days to really see them. The exhibitors were all friendly and quite willing to answer questions about their products with a minimum of salesmanship. Quite an experience.

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Sometimes when I look across the channel at night and see the brilliantly lit up Lennox Generating Station it brings to mind that nice little jingle - "turn off a light bulb, don't turn off a friend." Are all those lights necessary?

Ian Murray

Beavers Have Started
-Bill Hedges

Amherst Island has a new colony of Beaver Scouts! As of now the colony consists of eight eager beavers including Jeff deHaan, Reginald Hitchins, Hugh Filson, Peter Horth, Adam Miller, Donny Miller, and Stephen Ward. The 3 Beaver leaders are Bill Hedges, Warren Kilpatrick, and Kevin Kilpatrick.

Recreation Committee of Council has agreed to be our sponsors. The group committee, which helps out with administrative and support services has been formed and held its first meeting. Officers include Keith Miller, chairperson, Dorothy Kilpatrick, secretary, Kip Hedges, treasurer. Also on the committee is Bob Horth and Bill Hedges.

Our first meeting coincided with registration night and was held last Monday night, Jan.5. Aside from getting our Beavers officially signed up, we played many games, sang songs, and practiced our opening and closing ceremonies. Helping us out was Brenda Sheriff ("Rainbow") from the Beaver Service Team.

Some of our upcoming activities include the construction of our colony's beaver mascot and a dog-sled demonstration by Geoff Mathews. Our regular meeting's are from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Monday afternoons at the Amherst Island Public School.

We definitely have room for more Beavers in our colony and we are accepting boys who are 8 years old. To help out on the financial end of things (for supplies and leader uniforms), the Group Committee is accepting donations from individuals and other service groups.

Our thanks are extended to all of those who have helped out in getting our Beaver Colony going. For more news on our Beaver activities, keep reading the Beacon.

"Out Our Way"

- Lyn Fleming

The sunny south seems to be a popular spot for Islanders this time of the year.

Peter & Suzanne Wemp left for Florida with Suzanne's parents, Jack & Madlyn Kerr, for 2 weeks.

Bruce & Helen Caughey and Harold & Nellie Marshall are also enjoying a warmer climate during their vacation in Florida.

Mike McCormick & friends recently returned from a holiday in Florida.

Jimmy and Mary Nielson will soon be leaving for their vacation in Florida.

During the Amherst Island Public School's Winter Carnival the Women's Institute served lunch to the school children in recognition of the International Year of the Child.

The PCW will meet this month at Chris Glenn's on Feb. 13.

The Women's Institute will meet at Beatrice Wemp's on the 21st of February.

Jerry and Patsy deHaan would like to announce the arrival of their first child, Nicholas Hans Robert, weighing 4 lbs 8 oz. On February 9.

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Winter Carnival - A.I.P.S. 1979

- Yvonne Mondoux

Study of the Caribou - Close Up information taken from Owl, The Canadian Magazine for Children, December '78.

Head Gear

Every year both male and female caribou grow a set of antlers, and every year they lose them.

Adam Miller

Nose Muffs

Because the caribou relies on its nose to smell out lichens under the snow, its muzzle has a fur covering to prevent frostbite.

John Eves

Ready, Set, Go!

When you're too big to hide and not very agile in face-to-face combat with a wolf, what do you do? You run fast!

Trudy Strain

The Calf

When he is born, the calf weighs 6 kilograms. The next day he walks and can even run a short way. If he had to, he could outrun a wolf.

Cheryl Reil

Cousin Rudolph

Caribou live in Canada. Reindeer live in Europe and Asia. Both belong to the deer family.

Vickie Reil

The Wolf

The only caribou that can be caught by a wolf is the weak or sickly. By preying only on these slow, weak animals, the wolf is helping the caribou stay strong and healthy.

Leah Murray

Flip A Quarter...

What do you see? A bull caribou you can tell by the size of his antlers.

Ricky Welbanks

Pests

Summertime can be full of misery for caribou because mosquitoes love to bite them, taking as much as a cupful of blood from a single animal in one day.

Donnie Miller

Are Caribou In Trouble?

Yes. In 1955 the Kaminuriak herd of the central Arctic was 149,000 strong; today it numbers only 44,000.

Kirk Collins

Care

Care must be taken not to hunt too many of them and to interfere as little as possible with their life cycle.

Steven Ward

Programme

An introduction to the Carnival Activities was presented in the gym Wednesday morning February 7.

The following were informative and entertaining,

1. Songs by the Primary Class:

- a) I Just Love the Winter
- b) Once a Jolly Snowman
- c) C-C-C-C-Cold
- d) If Snowflakes Fell In Flavours

2. Poems by Kindergarten and Grade One Pupils:

- a) Snow Fall
- b) The Mitten Poem

3. The Caribou by Grade Two pupils (see enclosed write-up)

4. Songs by the Junior Class:

- a) Winter Morning
- b) It's So Nice On The Ice
- c) Ice Skating

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5. NVA Poems by the Junior Class:

The first word is a noun; the second is a verb and the third word is an adverb written downwards using capital letters. The verb and adverb should start with the same letter which is called alliteration.

6. Discussion about Air Temperature in Metric by Steven Wemp and David Horth.

7. Science Experiment with Observations at Different Stations by Norman Collins and Reta Brown.

8. February Air Temperature Graph taken at north side of the school at 0940 hours by Mr. Kennedy and Neil deHaan.

9. Great Grey Owl by Billy Bustard. Note the various kinds seen on the island - snowy owls, hawk owls, short-eared owl, rough-legged hawks, red-tailed hawks,

march hawks and the sparrow hawks.

10. Winter Games '79 description.

Carnival Dinner

The Women's Institute provided the pupil's and staff with a most nutritious meal, including cookies and milk. The napkin motto was Only Love Beats Milk and the colourful place mats had a Milk Maze and three milk shake recipes including apricot frosty, honey graham, and peaches'n'cream shakes to try at home.

Thank you very much - Ladies.

Winter Games 79

In the afternoon of the 8th the events for the Winter Carnival Games were tobogganing, the three-legged race, the snow snake (Old Indian Game), the obstacle race, the sack race, the broom-ball-box race, the shovel race and tug-o-war.

Great school spirit was shown by all the pupils as they helped and cheered each other. Six team captains choose team members from the intermediate, junior and primary class so that each team had pupils from the various grade levels from intermediate to kindergarten.

Hurrah for the Ladies who came to cheer: Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. H. deHaan, Mrs. M. Eves, Mrs. D. Filson, Mrs. A. M. Hitchins, Mrs. C. Horth, Mrs. M. Ward, Mrs. B. Wemp, and Mrs. D. Willard. A special thanks to Mrs. Hitchins and Mrs. Ward for making the hot chocolate.

For helping in the planning and making the events a success, I thank Mrs. Forester and Mr. Kennedy.

Notice:

Chainsaws sharpened. Call- 389-2588. \$5.00 each.

Keith Miller

Tile Drainage

- Keith Miller

Just as a follow up of a previous article I put in the "Beacon" concerning the "Municipal Drain". I would like to add the following information. The open drainage works when it is completed will only be half the job done. It will serve as an outlet for the tile drainage which has our intent from the beginning. There are three million hectares of improved farmland in Eastern Ontario and Quebec that could benefit from tile drainage. About 50% of this land still requiring drainage is in Ontario. At the rate it is presently being done it will take another 40 years to complete. The benefits are potentially greater. Farmers can get better plant growth resulting in higher yields and a lower year to year variability. Yield increases can also occur

because good drainage permits earlier seeding and more timely harvest. It can also allow a farmer to grow a wider range of crops. In Ontario this could mean land formerly only used for

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forage could be growing small grains, soybeans or perhaps grain corn. Experiments done in Ontario show tile drainage can be expected to increase crop yields of hay by 25%, small grains by 40% to 50%, and corn and soybeans by about 30%. Such yield increases could provide farmers with investment returns of 15% for corn, 17% for soybeans, 11% for oats & barley and 8% for hay. This means that even at commercial lending rates it could be possible to benefit from tile. Improved drainage does not guarantee increased crop yields. With good management and production practices such as using superior plant varieties, following recommended seed and fertilizer rates, soil testing, etc. This along with early planting and timely soil conditioning provide a potential for much higher yields.

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More Than You Ever Wanted To Know About Where The Ducks Go

Marnie Matthews Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Most Islanders have probably heard the odd rumor about the duck banding that goes on down here in the summer. In the three years since we began, a total of 3562 ducks have been lured into traps, banded and released.

This may seem like a lot of birds but its only a very small fraction of the waterfowl that find this island an attractive place. Why is banding important? It is the best way to get information on migration routes, survival rates, harvest patterns, behavior, and other aspects important to the study and management of bird populations.

More Mallards have been trapped than any other species. A total of 1417 have been banded of this hardy adaptable duck.

Because it is "the game duck" of North America, close attention is paid to the information gained by banding. We must make sure the population stays in good shape to allow plenty of breeders to return from the wintering grounds to replenish their numbers in the breeding marshes.

Banding is also important for Mallard's close relative, the Black Duck. The older duck hunters can remember the day when this was most common duck in this area. Some of them have told me they can

remember the first Mallard they ever saw.

Now all that has changed. The more adaptable farm country Mallard has moved in and the woodland Black Duck moved out. This area of Ontario is where the most dramatic drop in Black Duck numbers has taken place. Banding allows us to keep of this change and to find where these birds winter to help figure out why it might be happening. We banded 346 Black Ducks in the last three years.

The other thing that this sampling tells us is the ratio of Black Duck X Mallard hybrids that are in the population. Biologists expect there to be more hybrids in the Black and Mallard population around here because this is where the change is taking place. Where there is a lot of interaction and perhaps competition between the species, one would expect more hybrids. This has not been proved by the banding to date because only nine obvious Black X Mallards have been trapped. Out of 1417 Mallards and 346 Blacks, nine hybrids is a very low number.

The next most numerous duck banded has been banded in the last three years. More would have been trapped if most of the population had not decided to breed elsewhere in 1978. It happened all over Ontario and no one knows why or where they went. In 1976, 456 were trapped. In 1978, the number dropped to 38.

Green Winged Teal were the next most common, 403 banded in three years. This is followed by Wood Ducks with 138 trapped in the same time period. Many of the Woodies banded were adult drakes. It has been learned that many of the males from New York State move north to our marshes joining drakes from more northern areas of Ontario moving south to this area. These birds are particularly attracted to the lakeshore

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Ontario marshes to molt before starting their migration.

A total of 102 Pintail were banded. We see quite a few of these ducks in the spring and some nest on Amherst.

A few of the new arrivals in this area have been banded. Shovelers are a western prairie duck that has slowly been extending its breeding range into this area.

Keith an Shirley Miller found a baby shoveler along the shore in 1976 which they brought to us to raise. This was the first proof that the shoveler nested on Amherst. Then in 1976 we found a nest with 11 eggs on this property.

The "Gray Ducks" have become common in this area. The Gadwall nests here and the Wigeon is now a common migrant in the spring and fall. Only a couple of these species have been banded though because these ducks are not attracted to the trap locations.

Now, where do the ducks go? Most of the Mallards, Blacks, Green Winged Teal, Pintails and Wood Ducks banded here seem to head generally southeast across the Finger Lakes Region of New York State, over the Appalachian mountains to wintering areas on the Atlantic coast. Blacks stay the furthest north along the New Jersey coast and around Long Island.

Some of these move south to join most of the ducks from this area on the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays. A portion of the Mallards go further south along with the Pintails and Green Wings to Painlico Sound on the coast of North Carolina. Some Pintails and Wood Ducks, still finding it too cold, migrate on down the coast to wintering areas in Georgia and Florida.

Not all of these different ducks decide to take the southeast route. We seem to be on a kind of divide and some of these waterfowl go southwest down the shore of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie to the Mississippi and Ohio River Basin.

They travel to the west of the Appalachian Mountains to winter in northern Mississippi and Alabama. Some continue south to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Its not known why these ducks split up to go to different wintering areas nor can we tell what an individual duck is going to do. Band returns though clearly show this is happening in all our banded species.

The real oddity is the Bluewinged Teal. Not content to follow the crowd, they seem to migrate northeast up the St. Lawrence River until they get to Quebec City then overland east to the Atlantic coast. These small ducks, unlike their larger cousins, really move when they decide to go.

They typically fly long distances without stopping and cross vast stretches of open ocean to reach their wintering grounds. We have very few returns from the south and those are from the deep south. One return we have received hints at where those ducks go.

A male banded here August of 1976 was shot a year later in August near Mana, French Guiana on the north coast of South America. This Bluewing, sensing the coming of winter, left very early to arrive 3100 miles southeast on the coast of South America in August.

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These early migrants don't wait for the frost but leave as early as July and the last are gone from here by the first week in October. It is thought that they leave the New England states and fly over the ocean in one long flight to Bermuda and South America.

This is why the Bluewings shot here in early fall are so fat. These remarkable birds must lay up plenty of fuel for the long migration.

As you can see there is much that can be learned

from banding. This is only possible through to co-operation of conservationists like yourselves.

Reporting the number from bands you may get, along with the date and general location of recovery, this information can be sent to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland, 20811, U.S.A. On the band is written "Write (in French, Advise) Bird Banding, Washington, DC. U.S.A." This will get it there also.

The information goes into a huge computer where all the banding data from North and South America is filed. You will get a certificate of appreciation for your effort with the information concerning where, when and by whom your bird was banded..

Announcement

World Day of Prayer - March 2, 1979

This year, the World Day of Prayer will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the above date at the home of Mrs. Beth Forester.

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Beacon News
Ian Murray

Here's how the Beacon is produced. Written Material is deposited in the Beacon envelope in Glenn's store. From here it is either sent to me or I pick it up. After reading the articles, letters or whatever, I pass them on to Jack Kerr. Jack then distributes the material for typing on Gestetner stencils. Penny McCormick, Janet Miller, Marie Ward, Jack and Madlyn Kerr have done the typing so far. After typing, the stencils are "run off" on a Gestetner reproducing machine by either Jack Kerr or Allen Glenn. The individual pages are then collated and stapled to form individual copies. This operation has been performed by several people; Jack and Madlyn Kerr, Allen Glenn and family, some senior students at the school and Headlands Community. Approximately 150 papers are printed. A few are mailed to subscribers by Randi Murray and the rest are sold at Glenn's store. Lulu Strain looks after picking up the money, paying the bills, banking the proceeds, and recording various transactions.

Contributors to the Beacon are pretty much self motivated. I have occasionally solicited articles on subjects that I am interested in myself. Fifty-three individuals have written material for the first six issues of the Beacon. The humorous cartoons on the front page are contributed by Shirley Miller. Together with those who have helped with production, a good proportion of the community has been involved in the paper.

Subscriptions

Lyn Fleming has volunteered to take over the handling of subscriptions. Please direct any inquiries and orders to Lyn in future.

Beacon Financial Statement As Of Feb. 23, 1979

- Lulu Strain

Receipts

Sales of Beacon	\$101.88
Subscriptions	<u>29.40</u>
Total	131.28

Expenses-

Supplies	<u>54.50</u>
Cash on hand/bank	76.78

Council News

- Ian Murray

The Beacon needs a reporter to attend Council meetings and write about the proceedings. Council has decided not to release its minutes to the Beacon, but according to the Township Clerk, Diane Pearce council would welcome a Beacon reporter at its meetings. If anyone (perhaps several people could share the job) is interested, please contact me at 389-3444 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Out Our Way

- Dale Filson

A speedy recovery is wished Barbara Filson, who is a patient in the Kingston General Hospital, and also Ann-Marie Hitchins, who is in the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

The Amherst Island Public School students visited the Daniel Fowler exhibition at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre on Feb. 14 and 16th.

March 1st and 2nd will be P.D. days for the public school teachers of Lennox County.

Dog sled rides were enjoyed by our local Beaver Pack at last Monday's meeting through the kindness of Geoff Matthews.

Summary Day for the Bread Course that was sponsored by the Women's Institute is to be held in Grace United Church, Napanee, on March 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Institute Family Night will be held at the home of Mrs. Lulu Strain March 3 1st at 6:00 p.m.

The next P.C.W. meeting will, be held March 13th at the home of Shirley Miller. Dr. David Allison will be there to show slides of Australia.

Winston and Carol Morris and sons Timmy and Steven from Toronto spent last weekend with Rick and Debbie Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welton spent the weekend in Belleville, where their granddaughter Phyllis Muirhead from Orangeville, was playing hockey.

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Did You Visit The Daniel Fowler Exhibition?

- Shirley Miller

I hope so! After four visits and reading his

autobiography, he has become so real to me I almost feel I knew him. The autobiography is part of a book compiled by Frances K. Smith of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre. It also contains a catalogue of the pictures on display.

Only about ninety of the eight hundred or so pieces he is credited with were shown along with several works by his teacher J.D. Harding and other water colour artists of that time. It would be impossible to really see it all in one visit and each time I went something new appeared to me.

On my first trip I bought the book I mentioned and then looked at the pictures to see how he did this or that and failed to notice the great span of time and, location his work covered. I attended a lecture at the Art Centre on my second visit, called "The development of Watercolour Technique in England". The speaker showed slides and talked about what had been happening in watercolours up to the time of Daniel Fowler. He also made me realize that not all of the pictures on display had been intended as finished pieces. Some are coloured sketches made by the artist to be used as reference later for paintings. Sometimes it was a good many years between sketch and picture.

The third visit was with the primary room and by this time I had read most of the book. Mrs. Mondoux had done a lot of ground work, and the pupils really seemed to enjoy their tour of the gallery and Mr. Fowler's paintings. The pictures he painted with watercolours are beautiful to say the least but when you combine them with his pictures painted with words you are given a truly vivid and priceless look at the Island and the lives the people led here during his time. I enjoyed the manner of speaking and the everyday events which were so different from the present.

My last visit with a friend was just as enjoyable as the others. Hopefully the opportunity will arise to see these and more of Daniel Fowler's works because they really are something special.

Great Gray Owls Again!

- Betty Hughes, Kingston Field Naturalists,
P.O. Box 423, Kingston K7L 4W2
Feb. 22nd.

Since January 20th many more Great Gray Owls have been seen and watched on Amherst Island. Parties of Birders have come to see them from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Buffalo N.Y., and to-day a party is driving all the way from Kentucky. All of these visitors have been most enthusiastic about Amherst Island and the birds they have seen there. On Feb. 19th the party from Buffalo found six species of owls on the Island. Another species was seen on the next day, a total of seven, quite

a record in the Bird World.

The Meadow Vole population is peaking. They can be seen everywhere underfoot on the snow. Many are dead.

In one large tree alone there were 5 Great Gray Owls! Dr. Fred Cooke of the Biology Department at Queen's University has tried to band them but so far has met with failure. The Owls are too well fed to come to the bait - - a Meadow Vole. They just sit in the trees overhead and watch. If the vole population crashes we fear for the owls as they might perish with hunger before being able to return to their breeding grounds in the Northern forests.

These birds do not sit out in the open fields as do the Snowy Owls, and therefore are more difficult to find and count. The Snowy is used to the open tundra where it nests during the summer months.

I received my issue 6 of the Beacon today and have enjoyed its contents very much. Keep it coming!

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Island Profiles

- a thumbnail sketch by Randi Murray

It was not by accident that Charles and Elsie Densem came to settle at the western-most end of the north shore road. They had spent holidays and weekends for a number of previous years looking for "an old stone house in the country with a door in the middle, a window on either side and a chimney at each end." One summer, while in Kingston area for a musical seminar, they were directed to such a house on Amherst Island, and the search was over. There were a few moments of trepidation about islands and also about the two hundred acres that came with the house. ("Have you farmed?" "No, have you?") but they have never regretted their decision, and soon afterwards took up residence.

Charles Densem worked for the City of Toronto for 40 years, but feels the musical aspect of his life gave him the greater satisfaction. He studied at the Toronto Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto, and was organist and choir master of several churches in Toronto, and of St. Margaret's in Kingston for a total of 50 years, retiring in 1972. Since first coming to the Island, he has played in the churches here and trained choirs as often as possible. These wintry days he is often found at his piano or listening to a record from his collection (from Bach to Bob Dylan).

Elsie has been an outstanding professional dressmaker all her life, in fact one of her customers says she followed her to the Island so as not to lose her. It was while visiting this particular lady in New York,

(Mrs. Cary Cadman) that Elsie was introduced to a Texas friend who shared her interest in sheep. When asked how many sheep she had, Elsie replied enthusiastically "six."

"Oh, you must have quite a spread," drawled the Texan, "We only have two thousand."

Elsie has an eye for the unique and unusual and a love of things "hand done". She is skilled at many handicrafts. The Island dump holds a special attraction for her, and she was once approached by a stranger who introduced himself (as Steve Miller) after declaring, "You MUST be Mrs. Densem!"

The Densems have restored and renovated the inside of their home adding antiques, books, paintings and "things" collected over the years, to make this one of the liveliest homes on the Island. Their daughter, Joan, her husband Peter, and three grandchildren, as well as many, many friends visit as often as possible.

In recent years, Denny has been a Council member, a librarian, a gardener, a philatelist (stamp collector), a deltiologist (post card collector) and an exceptionally charming gentleman.

A visit with the Densems is a treat.

WANTED: More material for the Beacon! Let's exercise our literary talent! We need more news, humour, articles, anything of interest to our readers.

To fill up some space, I have taken the liberty of borrowing some jokes about kids from Bill Coulson's column In the "Old Beacon". -J. Kerr

The class had been instructed to write an essay on winter. One child's attempt read as follows "In winter it is very cold. Many people who are very old die in winter, and many birds also go to a warmer climate."

Pupil: Do you think its right to punish folks for things they haven't done?

Teacher: Why of course not, Willie.

Pupil: Well, I didn't do my homework

"Are your mother and father in?" asked a caller of the small boy who answered the door.

"They was in," said the child, "but they is out now."

"They was in! They is out! Where's your grammar?"

"She went upstairs to lay down." replied the boy.

Teacher: Spell, straight.

Pupil: S_T_R_A_I_G_H_T

Teacher: Correct. What does it mean?

Pupil: Without ginger ale.

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Council Events
- by Allan Glenn

On behalf of the Beacon, I attended the March 6 meeting of Council. It was reassuring to see our municipal affairs so capably controlled by Reeve Jim Neilson, councillors Jean Tugwell, Jack Kerr, John Hall and Dave Vrooman. Clerk-treasurer Diane Pearce and assistant Marjorie Took assured a business-like meeting as well as limited the male story-telling to an acceptable level!

Highlights

1. Jeff {Geoff} Mathews sought clarification of possible Township ownership of the marsh area of lot 82. The township map clearly showed no such ownership.

Jeff's second presentation sought permission to increase the water level slightly, in the marsh owned by the Nut Island Shooting Club. Approval was given by Council, on the agreement that if there should be an extremely wet spring and flooding were to become a threat, the dam would be lowered to prevent flooding.

Also, Jeff expressed an interest in having the Hungarian partridge, Ruff grouse and Sharp-tailed grouse introduced to the Island, for both hunting and observation enjoyment. He feels that these game birds would thrive and self-perpetuate in the Island habitat. Though the Council could not financially sponsor such a project, Jeff was appointed the Township's representative for the purpose of attempting to acquire these game birds at no cost to the Township.

2. The accounts were carefully scrutinized and approved for payment.

Ferry-\$21,179

Roads - \$4,721.00

General (including Bd. of Ed.) - \$17,547.

3. Councillor Vrooman submitted a committee report on a revised Ferry Pass System. The revisions suggested were approved by council but can not be made public until M.T.C. approval is gained. The new system promises to simplify the system and yet not decrease the revenue, the latter being a M.T.C. requirement for approval.

4. Reeve Neilson suggested that the gasoline trips, presently Monday and Wednesday mornings, be reduced to one day a week. Many ferry travellers are inconvenienced by the restrictions of carrying gasoline trucks. Gasoline now is secondary to diesel fuel and one trip per week should fulfill the Islanders' needs. It was approved that gas trips be limited to Monday mornings only.

5. Unanimous agreement was reached in requiring that the 8:00 a.m. ferry leave at 8:00 a.m., regardless of whether the high school bus is there. Numerous complaints from workers who have recently been late arriving at their jobs prompted this decision.

The opening of the upper forty-foot road should help alleviate the length and time of the bus route, allowing Mr. Potter to cut many miles of rough road from his daily trips.

Commuters are to be surveyed to determine the desirability of changing the 8:00 a.m. trip to 7:50 a.m. If a majority favour the idea, Council will consider making the change. This change could be beneficial to those who should be at work by 8:30 a.m. Council would appreciate opinions from parents or others of the public.

6. It is nearing budget time and Councillor Tugwell, as finance chairperson, asked that financial requests be prepared by all committees.

7. Councillor Hall spoke to the question of hiring students under the Young Canada Works programme. The question considered the value or benefits acquired as opposed to the problem of supervising the 6 weeks of work. It was decided not to participate in the programme this year, largely because the township lacks supervisory personnel without imposing the burden on the Roads Superintendent.

8. A severance request recently returned unapproved by the County Land Division Committee, came under discussion. It was felt that since the request was denied by the Land Division Committee, any appeal must be directed to them. The amendment to the zoning By-Law which would help to reverse the decision, is to be studied by the Township's lawyer.

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Some News From Your Volunteer Fire Department
- Harry Filson

I'm sure that a lot of our taxpayers do not have any idea what equipment our twenty volunteers have to work with. A lot of fire departments laugh, but this is a lot more than we had ten years ago. It consists of a tank

truck and pumper with 1000 gallons of water at all times. A new 1975 GMC Cube Van, that was purchased in 1978, carries all equipment: coats, hats and boots for ten men, fire axes, rope, safety belts, 2 Scott Air Packs with extra tanks, portable auxiliary pump capable of handling two lines of 1½" hose, pike poles and extension ladder. Each fire truck has two 12-pound BC dry chemical extinguishers.

Every year we try to build up our supply of hose. At present we have 1600 feet of 1½" discharge hose. If the water supply is good we can handle 3 lines at a fire.

Our volunteers meet the last Monday of each month (weather permitting) for practice and checking equipment. In 1978 we were very fortunate to have only four minor fire calls. Let us hope that 1979 will be as good. Our volunteers all recommend each home have a smoke detector and fire extinguisher. Keep Your Fire Call Numbers Near Your Telephone! 389-5871 389-0471 {389-0417 - corrected in Issue 9} 389-3013

ISLE Committee Plans Spaghetti Supper
- Jack Kerr

The ISLE Committee met at the school on Thurs. Mar. 1st with all members present and Clarence Kennedy as chairman for this month. Treasurer Cathy Glenn reported a balance of \$541.26 in the committee's funds. Preliminary plans for a Community Night were outlined. Island organizations are going to be asked to provide displays, a short program is being planned, and lunch will top off the evening. It is hoped everyone will keep the date, April 26th, open.

As there seems to be very little interest at this time of year in night school courses, the committee decided to drop any such plans for spring. As a fund raising project, a spaghetti supper and euchre is planned for Saturday April 7th.

The ISLE Committee also decided to provide a subscription of the Beacon for the school as well as a hard-bound cover for the school's copy of Daniel Fowler's book which was presented by the Agnes Etherington Art Centre.

Jack McCormick and Jack Kerr were appointed to look into the possibility of constructing a suitable stage for the school, and the play-ground committee submitted suggestions for additional space and climbing apparatus for the Creative Playground.

Later on it is hoped that another "Garage Sale" may be held. Please save those useful but unwanted articles for us.

Sunday School To Re-Open
- Cathy Glenn, Superintendent

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School will begin April 1st, a brand new opening day. We have changed the structure of the Sunday School to the following:

- Classes - April, May, and June
- Summer Vacation - July and August (no Sunday School during these two months)
- Classes - Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. We hope this will improve attendance at Sunday School and make it easier for everyone during those hot busy summer months.

We are desperately needing two teachers for the new session, and hope that if you have any desire at all to teach, that you will contact either myself, Cathy Glenn 389-0212 or Judy Miller 389-2459. Hope to see you April 1st at the Amherst Island Public School, 9:45 a.m.

Card Of Thanks

Again I would like to thank friends, neighbours and relatives for all their acts of kindness to me. It was greatly appreciated.

Barbara Filson

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Young Trees And Shrubs For Amherst Island
- Geoff Matthews, Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Since only about 10% of Amherst Island is forested, a project to increase the beauty of the township and to increase the diversity of the landscape for valuable wildlife and to help check soil erosion and conserve soil moisture is underway by the Amherst Wildlife Foundation.

In 1978, with the help of the Amherst Island School students and the Fort Henry Cub Scouts, several small areas were planted. The prolonged drought combined with sod and weed competition killed off most of the plantings. This year the areas were ploughed under and disced in order to minimize weed competition.

A very large number of young trees and shrubs have been ordered for this year and it is hoped that Amherst Island residents wishing to make their own plantings will come over to the Nut Island Club property and help themselves during the last part of April. A notice will be posted in Glenn's store when the trees arrive.

Shrubs which provide shelter and food for wildlife include:

- Autumn Olive
- Multiflora Rose
- Russian Olive
- Highbush Cranberry

Tartarian Honeysuckle

Red Osier Dogwood

Any of these shrubs can make an attractive hedge, but ask about growing requirements when you pick them up.

Among the trees available this year will be:

White Spruce

White Ash

Norway Spruce

Red Oak

White Cedar

Black Locust

Scotch Pine

Hickory (very few)

Silver Maple

Black Walnut (very few)

Carolina Poplar

Yellow Birch (very few)

The most important thing to realize is that planting a tree is only half the battle. For the next ten years it will be subject to meadow vole population explosions, drought and weed competition, so only plant as many as you can care for in the future. So that I won't have to go into all the separate descriptions of moisture and light requirements of the different species, just give me a call at 389-4023 if you've got a specific place in mind and don't know what to plant there.

Tree growing is a long term undertaking even with the relatively fast growing species, but rather than despair, start planting now!

Here And There

- Ian Murray

Leah, two friends and myself visited the Toronto Zoo last Saturday. There were few outside exhibits because of the cold, but there was much more than enough to see in the large pavilions. Winter seems like a good time to go to the zoo as there don't seem to be the crowds that there are in the summer. The apes and the monkeys were very interesting but I think we got the most enjoyment from the otters. The zoo is almost unbelievably well done; it must be a very interesting place to work.

In the March edition of "Your Agri News", the winners of the annual Lennox & Addington Milk Quality Competition were announced. James Neilson won the competition with Keith and Don Miller placing in the top 11 of the 171 competitors. The quality of milk is determined by bacteria counts, mastitis level and various tests over a 10 month period.

For several years I was involved in an unprofitable beef operation. Inexperience, poor capitalization and poor market prices contributed to the loss of a

significant amount of money and wasted labour. I still remember the sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach when a friend opened her freezer and proudly showed me a large stock of T-bone steaks bought from a local supermarket for 79¢ per pound. I knew that it was impossible to come anywhere near close to breaking even raising beef at those prices. So, best wishes to those who were able to stay in the beef business and are now recovering some of their losses over the past 5 or 6 years.

I have just completed Flora MacDonald's "Viewers Guide to the House Of Commons. I found it quite informative

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and straight-forward. Since moving to this area, I have been favourably impressed by the calibre of politicians representing this riding at both the provincial and federal levels. The quality of the people running against our representatives at the last few elections has also struck me as quite good.

Amherst Island Public School

- Clarence Kennedy

As many of you are aware, Daniel Fowler of Amherst Island (1810-94) was presented at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, during the period of Jan. 14th to Feb. 25th. The students and staff visited the exhibition on Feb. 14th (grades 7&8) and on Feb. 16th (Kindergarten to grade 3). The following are reactions written by students of grades 7 and 8 to their experiences at the art centre.

Sylvia Baker - The visit was grand. The place was rather unique to visit.

Norma Collins - I thought that all the art work was really colourful and really stood out. It should make an impression on anyone who goes there.

Kelly McGinn - I thought that the Daniel Fowler Art Exhibit was really good.

Billy Bustard - Daniel Fowler's paintings were really nice. I liked them because many were of Amherst Island.

Kevin Kilpatrick - All of the art that I saw made an impression on me, but Daniel Fowler made a special impression that will stay for a long time. It gave me an urge to try and paint.

Shelley Glenn - Daniel Fowler's art expressed a lot of realness. I enjoyed visiting the art centre to see his art work.

Steven Wemp - I thought Fowler's work was the best in the building. His work was mostly about the Island and it was very good.

Charlene Eves - The paintings were tremendous. I especially liked Daniel Fowler's paintings.

Neil deHann - Daniel Fowler's art work was really good.

Reta Brown - I think that Daniel Fowler's art work was the best. Fowler's art stood out as if real. I hope that I will be able to see the exhibit again.

Noel McCormick - My impression of the Daniel Fowler art exhibit was very good. It is the first exhibit that I have ever been at. The art was very colourful and nice.

Paul Claus - I thought that the art exhibit was very good because Daniel Fowler lived on Amherst Island and he could work with different materials.

Charlette Eves - At the art centre there were very good paintings. Daniel Fowler's paintings of nature were very good.

Anne Willard - Daniel Fowler is one of the greatest artists. His work shows expression.

Jeff Pearce - I thought the trip was a worthwhile thing to do, and a very good way to spend time. After seeing it you know why Daniel Fowler is so famous because all of his art was detailed in a way that made me want to spend more time there.

Out Our Way

- Lyn Fleming

Ken and Linda Mahoney recently spent the weekend with Linda's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wittveen.

Orange Lodge members and wives held their annual dinner at Stratton Reid's on the 10th.

Mrs. Rickarby is spending some time on the Island with her daughter, Anne-Marie Hitchins.

Spaghetti Supper & Euchre

Saturday April 7th

At The School

Sponsored By ISLE Committee

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Three New Game Birds Which Should Be On Amherst Island

- Geoff Matthews, Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Regardless of what Amherst Island may have looked like before the advent of the white man, the township today supports the wildlife and the plant life of the Prairie Region. Pintail Ducks, Blue-wing Teal and Mallards are amongst the many typical prairie nesting species which thrive here. Likewise, Horned Larks, Upland Plovers and Marsh Hawks are a common sight because of the man-made prairie habitat which exists

here.

In order to understand the possibilities of wildlife management on Amherst Island it is imperative to understand what the township's habitat is and then to understand what desirable wildlife species are best suited to it.

Three resident game birds which should be well suited to Amherst Island as it is, are Hungarian Partridge, Sharp-Tailed Grouse, and Ruffed Grouse. In this and the next copies of the "Beacon", I shall try to describe what the different birds are like, why they should do well here (plus, what problems will restrict their success) and why they aren't here now.

Our first "case" is the Hungarian Partridge. He is not a large game bird - about half-way between a pheasant and a quail - and he likes to travel about in a covey from late summer to spring. A covey will not interbreed so, at very least, there must be two coveys in the township to ensure reproduction. Originally from Europe, Hungarian Partridge were introduced to Ontario early in this century and expanded in Eastern Ontario as long as a large number of small, diverse farming operations existed. Hungarian Partridge populations began to decline at the same time as the number of small farms in Eastern Ontario began to dwindle, and as corn began to replace small grains in the agricultural landscape.

Hungarian Partridge were present on Amherst Island in considerable numbers until ten or fifteen years ago by which time they were either absent or reduced to a remnant population of only one covey, which would never reproduce to offset the loss of adults. Not surprisingly the timing followed the decline in the amount of active dairy farms.

In the last few years, however much of the township's farmland is slowly being put back into production and conditions favourable to Hungarian Partridge are on the increase. Another factor which seems to be slowly working for the Hungarian Partridge's success on Amherst Island is the more sportsmanlike attitude of many hunters in the township. During severe winter weather these birds often resort to the roadsides where not only the snow but also some sod will be "graded" by municipal ploughs. The still-green shoots of grasses thus exposed are irresistible to Hungarian Partridge which will crowd into a shotgun pattern sized covey while feeding. Under those conditions an irresponsible and greedy hunter can easily eliminate an entire major segment of the township's breeding population. Bad enough that it would be out of season - but to destroy an entire covey which is already under stress from winter weather, trying to survive long enough to reproduce their numbers- well, enough said!

It is likely that Hungarian Partridge will again fly

across the ice in winter and begin to repopulate this township but not necessarily within the next ten years. It is illegal to buy, raise, possess, or release Hungarian Partridge without a provincial permit and for the last three years the A.W.F. has been unable to get the necessary permit for reasons which I consider too ridiculous to be bothered describing here; suffice to say, it involves the wonderful world of bureaucrats and red-tape. However, the effort is on going and with some luck and more work the necessary permit will be granted before too long. When that happens, the wildlife diversity of Amherst Island will be substantially enriched. The hardiness of the Hungarian Partridge is attested to by the fact that

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he is one of the few birds, game or non-game which can survive on Canada's western prairies.

Next issue: Sharp Tailed Grouse - a native Canadian from the prairies.

Yours for a better tomorrow.

Geoff.

Poetry

The following poem was found among the possessions of an old lady who died in the geriatric ward of Ashludie Hospital, near Dundee. There is no information available as to her name, when she died, or who she was.

A Crabbit Old Woman Wrote This

What do you see, nurses, what do you see?
Are you thinking, when looking at me:
"A crabbit old woman, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit, with far-away eyes,
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
When you say in a loud voice- "I do wish you'd try!"
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.
Who unresisting or not, lets you do as you will,
With bathing or feeding, the long day to fill."

Is that what you're thinking; is that what you see?
Then open your eyes nurse, you're not looking at me!
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
As I rise at your bidding, as I eat at your will.

I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters, who love one another.
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.

A bride soon at twenty--- my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep.
At twenty-five now I have young of my own,
Who need me to build a secure happy home.

A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty once more babies play round my knee,
Again we know children, my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead.
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own,
And I think of the years and the love I have known.
I'm an old woman now, and nature is cruel - - -
'Tis just to make old age look like a fool.
The body is crumbled, grace and vigour depart,
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years all too few - - gone too fast,
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes nurses, open and see,
Not a crabbit old woman, look closer see Me!

Alertness Of Crew Commended

- J. Kerr

It was brought to the attention of Council on Tues. evening that one night recently a carload of would-be law-breakers came over on the ferry. The suspicions of the crew were aroused, so one member stayed behind in his van at the Stella dock. Soon after the ferry left the carload returned to the dock and started going through the cars parked there. The police were notified and the five "visitors" were apprehended at Millhaven.

Council has sent letters of appreciation and support to the ferry crews for their alertness and responsible actions. Island residents are sure to feel more secure in the knowledge that their boat crews are willing to go "beyond the call of duty" when our security is threatened.

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The following were taken from The Yukon Senior Citizens Newsletter, and were submitted by Mrs. Kay Jensen, a widow and member of the Golden Age Society

in Whitehorse.
Sent in by Norman Allison

Judge Not

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears
Or struggled beneath his load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt
Though hidden away from view
Or the burden he bears, placed on your back
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't smear the man who's down today
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.
You may be strong, but still the blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the self-same way, at the self-same time
Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins
Or pelt him with words or stones
Unless you are sure - yes, doubly sure
That you have no sins of your own.
For you know, perhaps, if the tempter's voice
Should whisper as soft to you,
As it did to him when he went astray,
'Twould cause you to falter, too!

Author Unknown.

A Prayer

The following prayer is especially for persons 65 and up, but perhaps others can also profit from its gentle lesson:

"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint - (some of them are so hard to live with) - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see all good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

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The farmer and the farmer's wife
Lead frolicsome and carefree lives,
And all their work is but in play,
Their labours only exercise,

The farmer leaps from bed to board,
And board to binder on the land;
His wife awakes with shouts of joy,
And milks a cow with either hand.

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Then all in fun they feed the pigs
And plough the soil in reckless glee,
And play the quaint old-fashioned game
Of mortgagor and mortgagee.

And all day long they dash about,
In barn and pasture, field and heath;
He sings a merry roundelay,
She whistles gaily through her teeth.

And when at night the chores are done,
And hand in hand they sit and beam,
He helps himself to applejack,
And she to Paris green.

from "Sarah Binks" by Paul Hiebert 1892 -copied,
with permission, from "Living With Poetry", by
Howard Lewis Trueman, brother of Louise Seaman.

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Bird Watchers Grateful
March 21, 1979.
Box 831, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4X6
Dear Amherst Islanders,

The Kingston Field Naturalists would like to thank the people of Amherst Island for their courtesy and kindness to the crowd of people who came to see the incredible number and variety of owls wintering on the Island this year. It was a memorable experience for many of our members and for "birders" from far and wide who came to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The patient ferry crew must have given directions and answered questions hundreds of times. We realize that Island residents had to put up with finding the ferry filled up, the roads crowded and the fields trampled. Without exception, everyone went out of their way to be helpful. We are most grateful and we thank you sincerely for letting us invade your Island to share in this exciting experience.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Faith Avis,

President, Kingston Field Naturalists.

P.S. We loved the cartoon on the cover of your last issue!

Here And There

- Ian Murray

Last winter over 30 coyotes (brush wolves, wolves or whatever) were killed on Amherst Island. This winter it appears that only 2 have been killed, one by Lance Eves and the other by Russell McGinn. Lance thinks there is some sort of disease killing off the coyotes. There are still a few around though -- howling was heard up our way last week.

Conditions for muskrats have been poor this past winter, but with pelts around \$10 each, the trappers may not do too badly.

Densem's have been running off a bit of maple syrup, but nobody else around here seems to be tapping this year. I've heard that syrup will be about \$20 a gallon this spring.

I was sorry to learn of the death of a pure bred bull owned by Allan Glenn. It's quite an investment in time and money to raise a calf up to a good size bull that you can take pride in.

For Sale

Honey: 100 lb. at \$1 a pound for quantities of 10 lb. or more.

Hay: 300 bales of good hay at 80¢ a bale in our own barn.

Topsy Farms 389-3444 389-0554

All occasion cakes. \$5.50 and up. Fancy sandwiches are \$2.50 a dozen. Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Notices

The office of the Building Inspector will be open for the season Wed. April 18, 1979. - Bill Sippel

Correction in the Beacon issue No.8 Fire call 389-0417 Not 389-0471

- Les Glenn

Maple Syrup - Glenn's Store now taking orders for Rutherfords of Maberly. Prices:

1 gal \$16.00

1/2 gal 8.50

1 qt 5.00

Delivery in 3 to 4 weeks.

Euchre - In Amherst Island Recreation Centre, on Friday, April 20th at 8:15. Sponsored by the A.I. Women's Institute in aid of Canadian Cancer Society. Donations taken at door. Receipts available. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a donation may do so. Please come and enjoy yourself while helping a worthy cause. Lunch served.

- Irene Glenn

Patience is the quality that enables a grapefruit to hold its fire until it gets a good clear shot at the eye

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Sharp-Tailed Grouse For Amherst Island

- Geoff Matthews, Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Over the entire country of Canada, every type of habitat has one or more members of the Grouse family present. Over much of Southern Canada the Ruffed Grouse is typical and even over the Arctic Circle various Ptarmigan (which are a type of Grouse) can be found.

It is inevitable that prior to the advent of farming on Amherst Island Ruffed Grouse must have existed in the township. However with the excessive woodland grazing methods of intensive farming around the turn of the century, Ruffed Grouse habitat in the form of undergrowth was eliminated and with the habitat went the Ruffed Grouse.

As we discussed in the last Beacon, Amherst Island supports predominantly "prairie-type" habitat; therefore the question which arises is, "What prairie grouse might thrive here?" In Canada there are three species of prairie Grouse; the Prairie Chicken, the Saga Grouse, and the Sharp-Tailed Grouse. Of these three it is only the Sharp-Tailed Grouse which is sufficiently adaptable to consider transplanting to Amherst Island.

As far as wintering ability is concerned, all

Grouse are tough and the "Sharp-Tailed" is one of the toughest with populations surviving winters from the Southern Canadian Prairies to the North-West Territories and the Yukon. One introduction in South-eastern Ontario has already resulted in a successful population in Prince Edward County.

In the spring, the "booming" courtship voice of the males would be heard throughout the township and anybody lucky enough to see the birds' courtship dance will never forget it. In the autumn, Sharp-Tailed Grouse are usually seen in two's and, three's sometimes small flocks, and flush with an alarming speed. To the hunter a Sharp-Tail is a very challenging target.

Of the three species of upland game birds described in these articles, the "Sharp-Tail" will be the hardest to acquire, I think. However it's worth a try!

Yours for a better tomorrow.

Geoff.

Amherst Island Public School

- C. Kennedy

Reminder: Community Night to be held at the school on Thursday, April 26, 1979. Please keep this date open.

The Kindergarten Inventory- will be held at the school on Monday morning, April 30, 1979. Children who will attain the age of 5 by June 30, 1980 are eligible to commence Kindergarten classes in Lennox and Addington on Sept. 4, 1979. Parents who wish to register their child for Kindergarten (79-80) are requested to contact Mr. Kennedy at the school by April 6th in order that arrangements may be formalized for the April 30th program.

Out Our Way

- Dale Filson

Congratulations to Helen and Ed McCormick on the birth of their new grandson on March 20th. Proud parents are Ann and Burgess Stevenson. Also congratulations to Rick and Debbie Bedford on the birth of their daughter on March 23rd.

Leonard Compeau is recuperating at home following a short stay in the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Lynn and Jason Fleming flew to Orlando, Florida, on March 23rd to pay a surprise visit to Lyn's parents on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Jack, Beth, Julie and Jeffrey Forester spent the mid-winter break visiting Beth's aunt and uncle in Conneaut, Ohio, and Jack's father who is in hospital

in Toronto. Julie returned home by train with her grandmother and grandfather Caughey who had been in Toronto to attend a Mutual Insurance convention.

Les and Irene Glenn's grandson John, came from his home in Sudbury to spend his mid-winter break visiting relatives in this area.

Mrs. Dorothea Hall is on the Island visiting her son John and his wife Mary.

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Out Our Way (cont'd)

Gary Filson returned home from Florida last weekend for a short visit with his parents and to attend David Kerr's wedding. He has now moved on to Buffalo, N.Y. where he will be training horses.

Mrs. Bentley has returned to her home on the island after spending the winter in Battersea with her daughter and her family.

Island Profiles

- Randi Murray

He's driven across the desert between Damascus and Baghdad using only sighting poles in the sand for direction; he drove to the Yukon in winter; he's been pulled in a rickshaw through teeming Chinese streets; he's sailed four hundred miles up the Yantze-Kiang and he holds service every Sunday in St. Paul's on Amherst Island. Reverend Norman Allison is an unusual man with some unusual experiences.

"Taking the cloth" was almost a tradition in the Allison family, so what was the lad doing on the banks of the Clyde, Scotland? He was apprenticing to engineering and shipbuilding, preparing his skills and keeping himself open to opportunities for travel and work everywhere. And everywhere is where he went. It is easier to list the places he has not visited, than to say where his various duties led him.

He sailed around the world for some years with steam and diesel ships as engineer Officer. From the sea he landed various desert oilfield appointments, first with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. (now British Petroleum Co.) in Iran (Persia) and Kuwait Oil Co. in Kuwait. He was one of the first Europeans into Kuwait and was on one occasion taken to meet the Sheik of Kuwait, then the whole government. The Sheik told him, through a translator, that he could travel through the area and meet the people, and he would lend him one of his guards, Abdullah, to make sure no harm befell him. Seeing his look of concern and wishing to assuage all doubts, the Sheik continued, "Don't worry! Abdullah has killed a Christian; he is assured of going to Heaven, so your

life is safe with him!"

Such was the atmosphere in which Norman Allison lived for many years. He slept in tents or Nissen huts and when the need for travel arose, he merely took off in the right direction; there were no roads.

He spent the early 40's as a Commander with the Royal Indian Naval Reserve, based in India. Many of his years abroad were spent in Muslim countries. An Arab foreman on a project in Kuwait approached him once with the message that he was well-enough liked by the men but he would be even more effective as a boss if he would convert to the Muslim religion; all he had to do was repeat "There is no God but Allah.." Mr. Allison must have found a tactful way to declined.

He met Mrs. Allison in Edmonton while he was with Imperial Oil, and based himself and his family in and around Alberta for the next few years. He served as Commander in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve during the 50's and held various appointments with Inter-Provincial Pipe Line Co. until 1968. His work during this time was mainly concerned with engineering operations and administration and continued in this vein until the late 60's, when an interesting problem arose. Several of his colleagues had retired, although they were somewhat reluctant and ill-prepared for it. It held no appeal for Norman Allison, so he looked around for more permanent work. He took his pilot's license and did a great deal of flying and decided as well to become a lay-reader in an Edmonton church. He was dissuaded from this by an old minister who urged him further, to study theology and become a minister.

The first few weeks in Knox College in Toronto were a shock, but with his ability to adapt to change and his love for work, Mr. Allison progressed smoothly. He was ordained at the age of sixty-five and became minister of Strathcona Park, Kingston and St. Paul's, Amherst Island in 1970. After a one year charge in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, the Allisons returned to the island.

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One seldom meets a person so well-prepared, as Norman Allison, to give sincere, intelligent spiritual advice. Perhaps even the Abdullahs of the island will listen.

Spaghetti Supper & Euchre

The ISLE Committee is sponsoring a spaghetti supper to be held at the Island Recreation Centre on

Saturday April 7th.

Sittings will be at

5:30 p.m.

6:00

6:30 and

7:00

Admission - Adults \$2.50 Children (Public School and younger) \$1.50

Maximum for family \$10.00

Cards begin at 7:45 p.m.

Amherst Island 4-H Clubs

- Charlene Eves

Amherst Island is holding their 4-H clubs at the Amherst Island Public School. We've talked about the history of accessories which can be worn with the clothes, such as the style of hats, the colour of hats, and what it looks like on the person who wears it. Some people wear chunky or delicate jewelry, it depends on the size of their hand, the same with gloves, it depends on the width of the hand.

Purses depend on the height of the person, if the person is tall they could carry a big purse, if the person is short they could carry a purse that is small. We've also talked about how to take care of shoes, and how to clean them. I think the opportunity to take 4-H is worthwhile.

P.A. Days

- Allan Glenn

I have been asked to comment on P.A. (Professional Activity) or P.D. (Professional Development) days which are currently granted to educators during the school year. First some background information:

The pre-70's years

When we went to school ("we" being those of us over 25) there was always one school day of the year set aside for "Teachers' Convention" - a holiday for the kids - a chance for all the teachers of the area to get together. The purpose of the convention didn't really matter - the beneficial thing being the chance to talk with other teachers, to find out how they handled discipline problems, what they were trying to do for the reluctant reader, ideas they found successful in teaching fractions, and so on. After that day was over, each teacher then went back to his or her own isolated classroom for the remainder of the year.

Surely the ideas acquired from other teachers that day would be put to good use - surely it could be said that teachers had "developed professionally". But, one day a year! Most teachers knew they could not

keep abreast of trends and stay knowledgeable in their subjects by meeting one day a year. So, summer schooling and night courses were the answer to the professional teacher. While these two summer months were enviably regarded by others as "holidays", there were thousands of teachers who went to much personal expense to upgrade their qualifications and expertise. This also afforded another opportunity to get together and share teaching techniques and ideas.

To compare to other areas for a moment: what successful industry doesn't offer incentives to its employees to upgrade themselves, often under full pay and on company time? What successful farmer never talks to his colleagues, attend meetings or other sessions where he can acquire new ideas which will make him a better farmer? What doctor stops learning his profession after he has graduated from medical school? (not mine, I hope) It was during the early 70's that the Ministry of Education recognized the need for teachers to be afforded an increased opportunity to stay abreast not only of world knowledge (which has doubled during the last decade or so) but also of ways and means of teaching the modern-day child who has become accustomed to being entertained while he sits before the T.V. screen and learns. It takes quite a teacher to compete with that type of adversary because the homework and the

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amount of time spent reading at home has been sorely reduced and the classroom itself is not as appealing because the teacher just isn't the entertainer that Mork and Mindy are. The teacher in the 70's just can't exist trying to use the same teaching strategies that we remember taking place in the little red schoolhouse of days past.

The Ministry made a maximum of 12 days of the school year legal for PD purposes. The local school boards must decide each year how many of those 12 days they wish to designate for P.D. purposes. Most boards provide the maximum for their teachers, leaving approximately 185 days for classroom instruction. For the high schools this was no different than it had been. For as long as I can remember, high school students were finished classes by mid-June and the teachers marked examinations and completed reports for the last 10 or 12 days of June. For the elementary school where extensive examinations are out-dated, the days provided are used at different times and for different purposes throughout the year. How P.A. days are used

1. The educational pendulum has swung back from the "do your own thing" days of the 60's to more

structure. The Ministry has prepared numerous guidelines for most subject areas which must be implemented. For the last 2 or 3 years, a good many P.A. days are used to have these documents studied, interpreted and out into practice.

2. For parent interviews two or three days of the 12 are now used. I would hope that those of you who are parents of school-aged children will verify that you learn much more about your child from an interview with the teacher than from a mere written report. Most schools endeavour to interview all parents at least once a year and for those who can't be accommodated during the working day, the teacher will either visit the home or conduct an interview in the evening.

3. Most school boards endeavour to place importance on one area - this year in Frontenac County it is Language Across the Curriculum, whereby we are hoping to improve written and spoken English. To that end, "experts" are often brought to the county to speak to and conduct workshops with a mass of teachers. At least 2 P.D. days are needed to take full advantage of what the expert has to give.

4. Finally, 2 or 3 days are usually devoted to use by the individual school principal and his staff. At this level, all the learned philosophies, guidelines, new techniques etc. are out into practice. This doesn't just happen automatically. It takes time and good, co-operative planning and work. I guess that this level of activity is perhaps the source for the alternate terminology of P.A. in lieu of P.D.

These comments are intended to be neither defensive or controversial, but I am sure the Beacon readers would be interested to hear some parents' comments about P.A. or P.D. days.

Wanted To Borrow - Slides And/Or Photographs
- Jack Kerr

The Community Night planned for the school on April 24th will involve several displays. I would like to show some slides and display some photographs of Island scenes which might be of interest to the visitors that evening. I have some pictures myself but would greatly appreciate the loan of any you might have, especially old ones of school classes, buildings or social activities. Just give me a call at 389-0386. I'd be glad to come and pick them up and, of course, return them to you.

Teachers' Pets
(Answers taken from pupils' exam papers) - J.K.

Appendicitis is caused by information in the appendix.

A bamboo is an Italian baby.

A tantrum is a two-seated bicycle.

Trigonometry is when a lady marries three men at the same time.

A caucus is a dead animal.

A comma is what a medium falls into.

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Council Meeting - Tuesday, Apr. 3, 1979

- Ian Murray

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.
2. The previous month's accounts were approved as submitted.
3. The committee chairpersons presented reports of their areas of responsibility.
4. The local ARDA representative, Bob McMann, attended the meeting at council's request. Mr. McMann briefed council on ARDA's current plans for its island property. With respect to the wildlife marsh proposed by Amherst Island Wildlife Foundation and Ducks Unlimited, he stated that ARDA felt that as the proposal primarily affects the Island community, ARDA would go along with what the community decided. A lengthy discussion, including a presentation by Geoff Matthews of Amherst Island Wildlife Foundation, then took place. Council concluded the discussion by passing a resolutions; the first giving approval in principle to the marsh proposal providing that it does not conflict with the planned municipal drain: the second resolution authorizes Ducks Unlimited to consult with the engineers who are designing the municipal drain project.
5. The early-pay municipal tax program is working out very well. Approximately \$14,000 has been collected so far and has been a great help with the annual "pre-subsidy" cash flow problem.

Public Notice

Please note that for the time being, gasoline trips will be limited to one per week, being the 7:30 a.m. trip on Mondays.

The suppliers have been notified of this change.

J.S. Neilson, Reeve

Ferry Manager.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank our friends and neighbours for cards, also the Amherst Island Women's Institute and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, and the Royal

Canadian Legion for baskets of fruit, also Marilyn Dunham.

Thanks to Rev. Carne and Rev. N. Allison for their visits. Thanks again,

Leonard Compeau

Announcement - C. Kennedy

Please Join Us For Community Night at Amherst Island Public School on Thursday, April 26, 1979, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The evening will include a programme which will commence at 8:00 p.m.

Displays by Community Groups

by Amherst Is. Public School

by the Ontario Provincial Police

by Individuals of Amherst Island

Refreshments will be served following the programme.

For Sale

All occasion cakes - \$5.50 and up.

Fancy sandwiches are 2.50 a dozen.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

For Rent

Furnished two bedroom house for rent by the season or annually. Amherst Island. Call 389-2093 evenings or week-ends.

Recipe For Carrot Cake

- Carmelle Horth

2 eggs

1 cup white sugar

3/4 cup oil

2 cups grated carrots (fine)

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. salt

1/3 cup walnuts

Method: Beat eggs lightly. Add sugar, oil, carrots and vanilla and stir well. Sift all other ingredients together and add nuts. Combine all ingredients and mix together until evenly blended. Pour into oiled pan 8"x8" and bake at 350 F, for 45-50 min. When cool sprinkle top with dry icing sugar. Nice when served warm.

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Seven Steps To Living Better Emotionally
(Adapted from "Seven Criteria for Emotional Maturity"
by Dr. William C. Menninger)

- contributed by John Hall

Emotional well-being is a part of overall good health. Complete emotional well-being however is an ideal state. Each of us has emotional quirks and problems; we can approach perfect health only for a few minutes, a few hours, a few days. Sooner or later, we run into a problem and find we are not as emotionally healthy as we hoped.

There are many facets of personality: the emotional, social, intellectual and others. These are affected by such inherited traits as intelligence and physical selves. Some must be developed and trained - like emotions. The result is that we see in individuals, strange combinations of degrees of maturity.

Emotional well-being can be assessed by seven yardsticks. These can serve, in some degree, as life goals if we seek to make the most of our own personality.

1. Face Reality

By reality we mean the world we live in, with all the hostility it offers - selfishness, suspicion, lack of understanding, pursuit by witch-hunters, dishonesty, disappointment, loss. These are just some of the experiences that make life difficult at times.

It is the small children and severely ill adults who can sometimes ignore reality; the rest of us cannot and should not. If we are reasonably mature, we play the cards that are dealt to us in life, keeping in mind that we can have much to say about the cards and the game. If we are healthy we have through necessity, learned how to accept frustration with a fair degree of grace.

Unfortunately many people have never learned to accept what reality is - namely, that if something is worth having, it requires effort, saving, planning and work.

Being able to deal constructively with reality implies that we have developed other intangible qualities that help us feel secure enough to tolerate delays in gaining satisfaction.

Emotional well-being implies the refusal to take flight or to fight when faced with difficult reality. As mature individuals, we must devise ways of facing reality by making constructive compromises.

2. Adapt to Change

Life is a continuing series of changes - in the environment, in ourselves, in our relationships. The most startling feature of our present way of life is the almost unbelievable number of changes that occur from

day to day, sometimes from hour to hour.

Each day we meet new experiences and opportunities which require adaptation and growth on the job, as parents as citizens.

Parents, for example, cannot use the same rules as their fathers and mothers. Failure to grow inevitably causes problems. We recognize the person who is so rigid that he can't change at all. We are annoyed that he can't adapt himself to conform to the rules; we describe him as being stubborn. But sometimes we do not recognize similar traits in ourselves

There is also the adult who uses the same devices he used to solve his child-hood problems, the same explanations and alibis.

If we are to be mature we must have resilience - no matter what our age - to change, to adapt, to adjust.

3. Control Anxieties

When there is conflict between reality and what we are and what we do, tension and anxiety may result. We may express them through unreasonableness, illogical thinking, irrational behaviour, or in such physical symptoms as headaches or stomach pains.

We all have friends who are far too aggressive. Some of us are too passive. Many are very shy and therefore lonesome. One of the commonest problems is the youngster who resents authority. Others among us feel inadequate too much of the time.

In order to get along with other people, all of us learn to use defense mechanisms. Escapes! A popular one is rationalization which enables us to resist a difference of opinion because he is confident he is right. "My mind is made up; don't confuse me with the facts."

A common defense is to blame others for our own faults. Protection it's called.

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Our emotions often express themselves through our physical bodies. "Oh my aching back", or "I have a tension headache."

It would help greatly if we could see these various devices for what they are - symptoms of emotional tension and anxiety.

4. Give of Yourself

The less mature person asks, "What has this to do with me? What do I get out of it? In contrast, the more mature person asks, "What has this to do with us? What can we contribute? What can we put into it?"

The world is full of people who do not grow up in their capacity to give - give of themselves in energy and time. In our communities, it is only a handful of people who carry the volunteer load.

For the best health, for the greatest emotional well-being, the individual should have a cause, a mission, a

goal in life that is constructive and keeps him going.

5. Consider Others

The evidence of our ability to get along with one another is all around us. Bickering and sniping go on between all kinds of groups - social, racial, economic, political, religious.

It's doubtful that anyone can get along harmoniously with others unless he is willing to give, is mature enough to give.

Another measure is whether one is able to form permanent loyalty - not merely to those who are personally advantageous, or when it is expedient - but at all times. If we can relate comfortably to others this is mutually helpful and stimulating.

A number of personality traits have a bearing on our capacity to relate to other people. Perhaps the most important is sincerity. Others: integrity, honesty, fairness, dependability, modesty, ability to accept criticism. If we can learn to look at ourselves objectively, we can see where we need improvement.

6. Curb Hostility

Hostile energy should be directed at creative and constructive outlets. Again it is our emotions that get us into trouble, our destructive and aggressive impulses.

At times this hostility can be turned inwards on ourselves, through unreasonable feelings of inferiority or guilt. We all express hostilities within the family circle, though sometimes we don't see that we are being unkind, inconsiderate, thoughtless.

Fate and hostility can be sublimated and directed into constructive outlets. It is the mature person who finds ways to do this both at home and in the community, through activities of work and recreation.

7. Learn to care

Finally, the seventh and most important standard is having the capacity to love - caring.

The ideal from which true self-happiness can come is the hope that all of us might continue and extend our caring beyond the family, to our community and province and nation.

We have to have enough capacity to love to find new solutions. Love is the only neutralizing agent for hate.

Notice:

Trees for Amherst Island

The first shipment of Autumn Olive shrubs for Amherst Island will be arriving Wednesday

and browsed woodlot. At that time trees were something to be cleared, not cared for. The intense ranging of livestock in the township's remaining woodland probably went on from around 1850 to 1930; a long time! With the natural woodland regeneration went the understory cover and food requirements of Ruffed Grouse and with the habitat went the birds. They did not go over-night, but probably by the turn of the century Amherst Island farmers were telling their sons about the "partridge" that they remembered from their youth.

Even a superficial glance at the township today tells the wildlife manager that there is now sufficient habitat to support a constant population of Ruffed Grouse if an adequate re-introduction is made. That population will not be large due to the fact that, at present, only about 10% of the township is wooded and, of that acreage, only about 75% is suitable to Ruffed Grouse. What it would mean, however, is that Amherst Islanders for possibly the first time in 100 years will again hear the distinctive spring "drumming" of the male Ruffed Grouse and a walk in the woods could easily involve the breath-taking excitement of flushing a family of these birds. Your first impression is usually that a bomb has gone off six feet ahead of you, then you see a couple of hen-pheasant sized birds disappearing into the trees. No hunter should underestimate the challenge of this game bird. Before coming to Amherst Island, I used to regularly hunt Ruffed Grouse around Lake Simcoe and in all my life I have never hunted a more challenging, more handsome, or exciting quarry; nor come to think of it a more humbling quarry. If ever I thought I was getting to be a good wing shot there were always enough Ruffed Grouse around to prove me wrong.

This is the last article on the game birds which I would like to see on Amherst Island. It's a lot of work to convince an apparently immovable government that these introductions and re-introductions are sufficiently important to warrant

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official recognition but I've no doubt its worth it. The reason it's worth it is not so that I can go out and kill a bird, nor even so you can do so. If that were all we could gain, then it would be easier and more sensible to travel to the mainland and do so. I believe the one great reason, which must stand out beyond all others, is that without maintenance of valuable wildlife populations the upcoming generation of young Amherst Islanders will be inheriting a biological void and their attitudes and actions will be determined by that void. In 1948 a professor with the strange name of Aldo Leopold looked at his sons and asked of himself a very demanding

question. From Leopold's researches in answer to the question most of our real "breakthroughs" in environmental science have stemmed.

"I have three sons. I hope to leave them good health, an education, and possible even a competence. But what are they going to do with these things if there be no deer in the hills, and no more quail in the coverts? No more snipe whistling in the meadow, no more piping of pigeons or chattering of teal as darkness covers the marsh; no more whistling of swift wings when the morning star pales in the east?"

- A Sand County Almanac

Aldo Leopold, 1948.

Yours for a better tomorrow, Geoff Matthews

Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Spaghetti Supper A Success

- J. Kerr

About one hundred people turned out to enjoy a very delicious spaghetti supper and card party at the Amherst Island Recreation Centre on Saturday evening April 7th. This was a fund raising venture sponsored by the ISLE Committee.

The meal consisted of a very generous serving of spaghetti topped with meat sauce and choice of cheese, home-made rolls, and coffee, tea or orange juice. The very tasty meat sauce and home-made rolls had been prepared by Randi Murray, Cathy Glenn and Diane Pearce.

The committee wishes to thank four non-members, Chris Glenn, Chris Kennedy, Madlyn Kerr and Debbie Blenkhorn who pitched in to lend a helping hand.

Enough funds were raised to go ahead with plans for a stage for the school.

A Bit Of Humour

- J. Kerr

Here are some more answers taken from pupils exam papers.

A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population.

A conservative is a kind of greenhouse where you look at the moon.

A corps is a dead gentleman, a corpse is a.320 ladyd.

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of trouble.

An index is where you look in the back of a book to find out anything you want.

Icons are what you fatten pigs on under oak trees.

The "last supper" is the sacrament administered to a dying Catholic.

A martyr is a pile of wood set on fire with a man on top.

Nausea is the name of an island in the Aegean Sea.

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Council Briefs by Allan Glenn

I attended the May 1st meeting of Council and representing the Beacon, report the highlights of the meeting.

1. Representing the Recreation Committee, Howard Pearse reported a present balance of \$3600. This money, combined with an anticipated Wintario subsidy would put lights on the softball diamond and permit more home games for the numerous Island teams. Council gave unanimous support, by motion of Kerr and Vrooman, for this endeavour.

2. Wet or Dry?

Alcoholic beverages can never be served in the community hall, for dances, wedding receptions etc., until the community "goes wet" through a plebiscite. Then, the Lennox and Addington Board of Education would have less reason for refusing its permission. The Council gave initial approval for holding liquor plebiscite but placed the item on next meeting's agenda. In the interim, information will be acquired from the Liquor Control Board and from the township solicitor.

3. Doug Shurtliff addressed Council, seeking financial support for hiring a part-time maintenance person to tend the baseball diamond during the season (grass cutting, garbage removal, repair, etc.).

After general favourable discussion, the request was referred to the Parks and Recreation budget with Councillor Hall charged with making arrangements.

By motion of Hall and Vrooman, financial support to a \$200 maximum was approved.

4. Geoff Mathews sought clarification of last meeting's Resolution #261, granting approval for the creation of a Migratory Bird Marsh.

The Council had not changed its view on this matter and reiterated support.

The role of Ducks Unlimited in the proposed project is that of financial supporter and is not otherwise involved.

5. Motions to pay the accounts were made by Councillors Kerr and Hall.

6. A letter was read opposing the 7:50 ferry. (You may recall that a proposal and survey was made concerning having the 8:00 am ferry leave 10 minutes earlier).

The commuter survey results showed 9 out of 12 signers in favour, 2 opposed and one with no preference.

Council again discussed very thoroughly, the ramifications of effecting the change. They felt that Mr. Potter should be asked to attend the next meeting and state his views, as bus driver. A decision will then be made.

7. Councillor Vrooman reported steady progress in the proposed Ferry Pass revision. It is still going through the bureaucracy of M.T.C. and is nearing official approval.

8. Councillor Kerr sought approval for a small expenditure for road signs - names posted on each concession road. He also requested signs for each dock, stating the schedule, passage fees, parking, etc.

Approval was given.

9. Councillor Vrooman reported the cost of insulating the fire hall at approximately \$450. The resultant heat savings would be substantial and would warrant the job being done this year.

10. Preliminary budget discussion led by Councillor Tugwell, promised a modest mill rate increase this year, somewhere in the area of 7 or 8 mills. By mid-May, final statistics will be available.

11. Council urges taxpayers to pay taxes by cheque, either mailed or brought to the Office.

Cash payments present a real problem of security with only one bank day weekly.

12. Two tile drainage loan applications received approval, totalling \$12,400.00. The Ministry of Agriculture lends the money at 5% to farmers who carry out tile drainage on their land.

13. Residents of the Third Concession are appealing for better service from Ontario Hydro, in view of repeated power failures. Council support to this appeal will be appreciated.

14. Yes, the spring and summer road dust will be decreased by a calcium treatment as soon as conditions are proper.

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25th Anniversary Celebrated

- Marion Glenn

On Saturday night, April 14th, friends and relatives from the mainland and a few Island relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson gathered at the home of Marshal and Marion Glenn to say Happy Anniversary on the occasion of their 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and daughter Ann have a cottage on the front road, and

live in Oshawa, but commute to the Island every week-end and on holidays for about 10 months of the year.

Wife Of Former Resident Graduates - Marion Glenn

Congratulations go to Mrs. Francis Glenn (Lucy) who has completed law and has now received her call to the Bar. She will be working in Blenheim, in practice with lawyer Warwick.

Institute President Expresses Thanks For Support Of Euchre

The members of the Women's Institute wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the Euchre we held April 23rd in aid of the Cancer Fund. In all we raised \$182.50.

A Big Thank You To All

Mrs. Phyllis Strain, President

Amherst Island Women's Institute

Amherst Island Women's Institute Elects New Officers - Mrs. Phyllis Strain

The regular meeting of the W.I. was held on April 18th at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Strain. After opening the meeting with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, 13 members answered the roll call by payment of fees for 1978-79. Then followed the reading and approval of the minutes and financial statement. During reading of correspondence a proclamation was read naming May as Unity Month. Plans were finalized for the Euchre on April 20th and for catering to two dinners on May 12th and May 17th. Tickets were passed out for sale by the members on the Afghan.

The Annual Meeting followed next, beginning with the reading of the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, and the financial statement for the year. Both were adopted. Then reports were given by all Conveners of Standing Committees and the President summarized the year's activities.

Mrs. Beta Miller was appointed for the Election of Officers with the following results.

President: Mrs. Lloyd Strain

1st Vice President. Mrs. Leslie Glenn

2nd Vice President. Mrs. Kip Hedges

Secretary-Treas. Mrs. George Gavlas

District Director, Mrs. James Neilson

Alternate District Director. Mrs. Ralph Wemp

Public Relations Officer. Mrs. Charles Howard

Conveners:

Agriculture and Can. Industries. Mrs. Henry Hitchins

Citizenship and World Affairs. Mrs. Clinton Baker

Education and Cultural Activities. Mrs. Marshal Glenn

Family and Consumer Affairs - Mrs. Doug Miller Resolutions. Mrs. Norman Allison

Good Cheer. Mrs. Doug Miller

Tweedsmuir Curator. Mrs. Ernest Fleming

Pianist. Mrs. Louise Seamen

Auditors. Mrs. Estel Strain Mrs. Ralph Wemp

The chairman then installed all officers and conveners and returned the meeting to the president.

Plans were made for an exhibit at the school for Community Night, and for the In Memoriam programme at the District Annual, May 16th. A planning meeting for programmes was arranged for May 7th at Mrs. Mary Neilson's.

The meeting was adjourned with Grace and God Save the Queen. A tasty lunch was served by Mrs. Beatrice Wemp and Mrs. Irene Glenn for Mrs. Marjory Aitken and a social hour enjoyed. Mrs. Marion Glenn thanked the hostess and lunch committee.

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Out Our Way

- Lyn Fleming

Welcome home to Fred and Nellie Neilson who spent the winter in Kingston.

Judy Miller and sons Donnie and Chad spent Easter week-end in London, Ontario with Judy's sister and family.

Tom and Audrey Miller recently spent a day in Merrickville with Audrey's cousin and family.

The Easter Bunny was on the Island recently, making frequent stops.

Get Well wishes go out to Mrs. Peter Wittiveen who is a patient at KGH.

Bruce and Susan Caughey and daughters Lori and Amy spent some time in Wakarusa, Ind. with Susan's family.

Members of the Burleigh Lodge and wives are invited to a dinner at the 401 Inn on April 28th, held by Kingston Lodge # 6.

The Women's Institute met this month at Phyllis Strain's on the 18th.

The Women's Institute held a Euchre on the 20th. Proceeds go to the Cancer Fund.

Marshal and Marion Glenn were guests at a wedding reception for Elaine Leduc and Robert St. James, held at Martello Lodge, Vimy Barracks.

PCW met this month at Shirley Millers on the 10th.

Here And There

- Ian Murray

I rather enjoyed the made for TV movie "Riel". It must be difficult to touch the important historical facts, connect these facts together coherently, while retaining the viewer's interest amidst the numerous car ads. I found Riel's courtroom speech quite powerful, but it seemed to me that overlaying it with background music was a bit like pouring maple syrup over a steak.

This past week has brought us very lovely spring weather. On my morning drive to the ferry it has struck me that there is almost a continual line of waterfowl from the Head to the ferry. Maybe there is a line of ducks and geese right around the Island.

It seems to me that one of the major improvements to the Island in recent years has been the initiation of the ramp system at the Township dump. There is plenty of place to dump garbage now, and things appear generally neater. The fence to keep the blowing paper etc. from Eves' fields looks as if it will be effective.

Card Of Thanks

Thanks for the flowers, visits and cards I received while I was in hospital and after I returned home. Special thanks to my crew for the lovely fruit basket and the other crew members who filled in for me in my absence.

Sincerely,

Ed. McCormick

Horsemen's News

- Jack Forester

Mr. Gary Filson is training horses at Buffalo Raceway, and has taken one of his horses named Buckeye Bullet with him. Good luck, Gary!

Al Caughey and Jack Forester have been training 3 horses, Frosted, J.M. Max, and Adios Dazzler, and hope to race at some of our local tracks.

Ross Hitchins has been training several horses all winter and hopes to have a good season. Good luck to Peter Colby, {and} Rob. Ron. Roddie.

Robert Tugwell also sent his two horses to Mr. Leigh Wemp for training. They are Larry Thorn and Miss Hawley Leigh.

Belleville - 1st start of 1979

Rob. Ron. Roddie - 2nd - 2.15:3

Frosted - 2nd - 2.14:1

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Amherst Island Softball Association

Organized softball on the Island seems to be on the upswing for '79. The possible introduction of 4 new

teams will give much support to a very solid establishment for future years. These teams will range in age from possibly 6 to 40 and should provide hours of entertainment for those wishing to come out and support their local teams.

As it stands presently, the Recreation Committee seems quite hopeful that Wintario will grant the money which will erect a new set of lights for the diamond. This should increase the home games weekly and again entice viewer support.

This being the premier year for many of these new teams, the problem of equipment and coaching is the number one priority. We need both in order to give these teams a good chance to participate and be competitive. Anyone wishing to donate their time to coaching would find that over top of the frustrations and anticipations there would be many rewards.

In order to boost our financial status, we are holding a dance May 25 at St. John's Hall in Bath featuring the Wildwoods. We are going to keep this as much Island associated as possible so please buy your \$8.00 tickets soon. There is also a raffle under way which will be drawn the same night.

Our first year will probably be the indication for future years in organized, off island sports activities. Without your help the task will be much more difficult. Please support local softball.

Douglas Shurtliffe

For Sale

All occasion cakes - \$5.50 and up.

Fancy sandwiches are \$2.50 a dozen.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2093

A Bit Of Humour

- J. Kerr

Here are some more answers taken from pupils exam papers.

Possession by spirits means feeling like the devil.
The Royal Mint is what the King grows in his
Palace Gardens.

A ruminant is an animal that chaws its cub.

"Rural" is the opposite of "senile."

A sinister is an old maid.

A taxidermist is a kind of thick fog.

Acrimony, sometimes called holy, is another name for marriage.

Ambiguity means having two wives living at the same time.

A blizzard is the inside of a fowl.

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Island School Liaison Enthusiasts (I.S.L.E.)

- C. Kennedy

In preparation for the coming year, we are looking for volunteers to become members of our group to fill the vacancies which will be left by Mrs. Diane Pearce, Mrs. Judy Miller, Mrs. Cathy Glenn and Mr. Jack Kerr following the June meeting.

I.S.L.E. has a school - community orientation and meets on a monthly basis on the first Thursday.

Persons interested in becoming a member of I.S.L.E. are asked to contact Mr. Kennedy at the School prior to May 25, 1979.

At this time, I wish to thank Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Glenn and Mr. Kerr for their contributions to I.S.L.E. during the past fifteen months. Your enthusiasm and willingness to work on the main committee, sub-committees and special projects were greatly appreciated.

Community Night

Amherst Island Public School

Clarence A. Kennedy

We were indeed very pleased with the support and the large attendance at our Community Night which was held during Education Week at Amherst Island Public School on Thursday, April 26, 1979.

In recognition of his forty-five years of service to his Community, Mr. A. Bruce Caughey was honoured at this event. A beautiful plaque was presented to Mr. Caughey by the Reeve of Amherst Island, Mr. James Neilson on behalf of I.S.L.E. and the Amherst Island Community. The plaque which will appear in the entrance of the school is inscribed

“ A. Bruce Caughey in recognition of 45 years of outstanding contribution to education from secretary-treasurer Amherst Island School Board 1933-66 and trustee Napanee District S. S. Board 66-69 to Chairman of the inaugural Lennox and Addington County Board 1969 through the chairmanships and memberships of many committees until his retirement in 1978 Mr. Caughey became deeply respected for his judgement and diplomacy Your Community”

Mr. Caughey was also presented with a photograph

arrangement of the former schools of Amherst Island as well as our present school. This gift of historical significance along with a desk lamp were presented by the staff and students.

Mrs. Caughey accompanied Mr. Caughey to the stage for the presentations which were made by: Mrs. Judy Miller, Mrs. Yvonne Mondoux, Miss Shelley Glenn and Kevin Kilpatrick along with Mr. Neilson.

On behalf of I.S.L.E., I wish to thank individuals and members of groups/organizations who added to the Community Night with a display. These include: Mrs. Norman Allison, Mrs. Chris Glenn, Mrs. Nerve Drumgoole, Mrs. Randi Murray, Mrs. Marion Glenn, Mrs. Marj. Aitken, Miss Shelley Glenn, Mrs. Irene Glenn, Mrs. Nanetta Glenn, The Amherst Island Royal Canadian Legion, Rev. Allison and the Presbyterian Church, the Women's Institute, Mr. Jack Kerr, the Ontario Provincial Police and Constable Russell, the Sunday School, the Beavers, the Volunteer Fire Department and the 4-H Homemaking Club. (I hope that I have not forgotten anyone.)

We are also appreciative to our mothers who provided a bountiful lunch, to Mrs. Carmelle Horth for the beautiful cake and to Mrs. Cathy Glenn, Mrs. Phyllis Strain and Mrs. Diane Pearce who coordinated the lunch and refreshments.

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Here And There

- Ian Murray

The Federal election campaign drags on and on. The British election seemed short and snappy in comparison. Why is that?

During the last presidential election, I remember watching one of the Ford-Carter debates with a friend who makes a study of American politics. I recall asking my friend how Carter, whom he admired, could promise so much cake that the electorate could both have and eat. His reply was to the effect that: “You know that he can't do it; I know that he can't do it; he knows that he can't do it, but, if he doesn't make big impossible promises, he'll never get elected.”

Bob Stanfield where are you, now that we need you?

The record hot days in May make me feel that my body is still winterized.

Out Our Way

- Dale Filson

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolfreys from Orlando, Florida, recently spent a few days visiting their daughter Lynn and other relatives and friends on the Island and in the area.

On the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Florence and Wilfred McCormac will be "At Home" on Graham Street, Kingston, to neighbours and friends on June 22nd from 2-4 in the afternoon and 7-9 in the evening.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Janice and Eric McGinn and also to Wendy and Doug Shurtliffe, who were married recently.

Lee and Clifford Sudds became proud parents of a second son, Christopher Jordan, on May 9th.

Mrs. Ytze Witteveen is recuperating at home after knee surgery and a lengthy stay in hospital.

Chris Filson is recuperating at home following wrist surgery lost week. Eric Bailey was also a patient in Hotel Dieu Hospital for a few days last week for tests.

Friday, May 11th, the Primary class of Amherst Island Public School went on a bus trip to view wild flowers on the third concession, to visit Mrs. Shirley Miller's home to learn about plants, and to tour Mr. and Mrs. Allan Glenn's farm.

Our rain storm on Saturday brought with it several unhappy little faces when the "Beavers" picnic had to be postponed. However, cheer up boys for the picnic has been re-scheduled for Saturday, May 19th with the same arrangements as before.

The Amherst Island W.I. is catering to the Principals' Dinner, Friday May 18th.

Beaver Progress Report - Bill Hedges

The Beaver program is in full gear this spring. In early April, after several bad weather cancellations, we braved a spring snowstorm to visit the farm of Neil Babcock and Hank Bower. All our Beavers had a very close look at the new crop of spring lambs. Our gracious hosts invited us into their sunporch where we all warmed up with hot chocolate and cookies.

Later in April we held our official investiture ceremony. Joining us were most of the parents - a great turnout, particularly by the fathers- and after giving the official Beaver Promise and Law, the Beavers received their scarves, woggles, and traditional Scout handshake. Helping out and investing our two leaders, Warren and Kevin, was Brenda Sheriff of the District Beaver Service Team.

The Brown Beaver, our official mascot, was made by Shirley Miller. Our mascot is part of our opening and closing ceremony, and is an important member of our colony. Those of you who have seen this little furry

creature, know what a great job Shirley did, as usual.

Donna Willard has started sewing up our Colony Flag. It should be ready in time for our Beaveree in June. Thank you, Donna!

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Shortly after the first article about our Beavers appeared in the Beacon, we received several generous donations; our thanks goes out to Mr. & Mrs. Clare Maude, the Hunt Club, and the A.I. Wildlife Foundation.

With our growing interest in the Scouting program, we hope to start a Cub program for boys 8, 9, and 10 next fall or winter. This will be in addition to our Beaver section. Anyone interested in being a leader for next year's Cubs or Beavers please contact a member of the group committee.

Thanks again to all of those who have helped out with our Beaver section.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Hedges.

More About I.S.L.E.

Jack Kerr

Our treasurer, Cathy Glenn, reported at the May meeting that several donations had been received toward the Spaghetti Supper and Euchre in addition to the admissions paid. The committee wishes to extend our sincere thanks to these donors.

Fill and send are expected to be provided by the School Board to extend the playground and additional climbing apparatus will be built as soon as possible.

The go-ahead was given to Jack McCormick to build the stage for the school.

The Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 9th at the school to raise funds. If you have any articles to donate which you would like picked up, please contact Jack McCormick at 389-5883 or Bob Horth at 389-2916. Steve Miller has kindly offered us the use of his workshop for storage of articles ahead of time. If you wish to deliver anything ahead of time to Steve's, would you please call him first, evenings only, at 389-7924.

Frankford Annual Soap Box Weekend

May 25, 26, 27, 1979

Prizes \$1.000

Friday Night - O.P.P. Safety Village and Display, Soap Box Display and Judging - Arena

Saturday Morning - Soap Box Parade

Saturday Afternoon - Races and Prizes and Trophies

Saturday Evening - Annual Supper - Arena

Saturday Night - Community Disco and Western -
Arena

Rules

1. Wheels no larger than 10" diameter.
2. Proper steering and brake.
3. A pusher and stick will be permitted.
4. Entrants to comply with Judge's decision.
5. Helmet must be worn.

Entrants for the Derby and Parade may do so by
contacting Glen F. Shiel, Frankford, Ontario K0K 2C0.

A Bit of Humour

More answers taken from pupils' exam papers.
Jack Kerr

William Tell shot an arrow through an apple while
standing on his son's head.

A buttress is a woman who makes butter.

Celibacy is the crime a priest commits when he marries.

A compliment is when you say something to another
which he and we know is not true.

A epistle is the wife of an apostle.

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Pelee Island

A. Bruce Caughey

During this past weekend it was my enjoyable
privilege to visit Pelee Island. Perhaps some of our
Island residents might be interested in a few of the facts
about this Island, of approximately the same size as our
own Island.

I am sure that our readers are aware of the location
of the Island, in Lake Erie, situated near the west end of
the Lake and approximately mid-way between the
Canadian Shore and the Ohio shore, off the City of
Sandusky, lying some 12 miles from Piet-in-Bay
(U.S.A.), 23 miles from Sandusky, 18 miles from
Kelley's Island (U.S.A.) and some 16 miles from the
North end to Leamington and Kingsville - - 47 miles
from the entrance to the Detroit River and 50 miles
from the Windsor Airport.

The Island is rectangular in shape being 9 miles long
(north to south) and 4 1/2 wide (east to west), shaped
like a saucer, being low in the centre and at one time
was a large area of swamp land, in reality a "lake", this
area is now drained by some 40 miles of "canals" really

large ditches and rows of pumping stations pump the
water back in to the lake. The Island consists of some
16,000 acres, practically the same area as Amherst, and
is rich fertile soil which now grows large quantities of
soybeans, corn and vineyards. There are large "scrub"
areas as well as much area of trees which do not show
any sign of large trees, as it would seem that the timber
was long since cut and sold, as a sawmill was in
operation years ago on the South-east end of the Island,
known as "Sawmill Point ."

The present "scrub" acreages are conducive to good
"pheasant" hunting and a "Pheasant Farm" produces
the pheasants with which it is "stocked." I inquired if
the stories we heard on Amherst of the substantial
amount of money which the annual "hunt" contributed
to the Pelee economy were true, and I was told "yes",
they estimated that these "hunts" meant one million
dollars each year, in gun licenses, accommodations
food, services of the residents etc. It was my impression
that these hunts are not as productive now as they used
to be.

I was told that it is at least thirty years since dairy
cattle were kept, but there is much evidence in the way
of barns still remaining, now converted to machinery
storage facilities, as much large equipment is used in the
present cash cropping operations. Sizes of the fields
would compare with our own and it would appear that
the crop when harvested is transported to a small
"elevator type" storage building on the Scudder Dock,
where small vessels with shallow draught come in to
pick up the soybean and corn for marketing.

Conversations with Island residents indicate that
they are happy with their living here,, transportation is
one of their greatest concerns and their comment "If we
only had a transportation system comparable to
Amherst," indicate to you that they are well aware of
the privileges that we enjoy here, in this regard. Present
ferry service is provided by the operation of the "Upper
Canada", provided by the M.T.C. in 1977 and having
undergone substantial renovations, such as two
"bulkheads" installed in the forward end, creating two
watertight compartments, but eliminating all but two of
the previous crews rooms along with the galley and
mess room, this change, along with an "escape hatch"
allows an increase of passenger capacity from 40 to
100, provision of two new fibre-glass lifeboats,
upholstering of the seats in the passenger cabin, the
carpeting of the floor in same, renovations of the toilet
facilities, installation of a new deck and a complete re-
build of the motors, complete with "pilot house"
controls have made improvements, but of course still
provide a very limited capacity for the transportation of
heavy equipment and residents are

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looking forward to the return of the "Pelee Islander," from Collingwood, where new engines are being installed. This boat is 145 ft. long and has a larger carrying capacity and operates during the summer months from the West Dock to Sandusky, Ohio. Neither of these boats operate in any ice and when freezing conditions come, transportation is by plane to Windsor at a cost of \$30. The present ferry schedule consists of two round trips per day, leaving Scudder at 6:30 a.m. and returning leaving Leamington at 6:00 p.m. The crossing requires 1 1/2 hrs. and is across "open lake", crossing the regular route of Lake Freighters from Buffalo to the Detroit River, there is little shelter available and many rough crossings are made.

I was interested in the amount of stone available from a large quarry at the North-eastern corner of the Island and much of this has been exported, with a breakwall at both Wheatley and Leamington having been built with Pelee stone. It is the hope of the Islanders that when the quarry has been sufficiently deepened that an opening will be made into the lake, creating another completely enclosed "harbour" for use of cruisers etc. Island stone has been used to almost completely build up the shores and protection of the perimeter shore line is accomplished by this. Road construction programmes accomplish the raising of road levels and I was surprised to note the mileage of "surfaced road." Statistics say that the Township of Pelee has 55 miles of road and they have been trying to surface 5 miles per year.

As one nears the Scudder Dock, to the East is a formation of a peninsula, with trees that resembles very much our own "Bush Bar" at the Eastern end of Amherst Island. The extremely long dock is of cement construction with sufficient width to accommodate two trucks in width and a substantial warehouse on the same as well as the previously mentioned elevator. Presence of a number of fish tugs indicate that commercial fishermen prosper and one notes the location of nets and hoop nets in the shallow water. A small village surrounds the dock, including an excellent U.E.D. store, dealing in fertilizers, fuels, feeds, hardware etc., a splendid self service General Store, privately owned, a Pentecostal Church, a two room (the only) elementary school, a former United Church (now amalgamated with the Anglican Church) as well as numerous fine homes and countless cottages of summer residents. At the West Dock is located another village, comprised of a Customs Office, an O.P.P. office, (only operating during the summer months), a library, a Canadian Legion, an L.C.B. store (operating all year around) St. Mary's Anglican Church, Church Hall and Rectory

with a resident Rector, a Medical Clinic, Post Office, two hotels, Township Hall and Fire Dept., a Masonic Lodge Room and the Airport with a surfaced runway.

Telephone service is provided by Bell Canada, through micro-wave and I am told that residents will soon enjoy "direct distance dialing" (D.D.D.) through installation of equipment which will be the first to be used in Canada.

Ontario Hydro provides electricity through cable to the Island and in addition provides diesel operated generating equipment, in case of power interruptions--an understandable arrangement due to the length of time involved in crossing to the Island.

Interestingly enough, the first man to lease Pelee from the Indians was Thomas McKee and upon his death the lease succeeded to his son Alexander McKee, today's residents include many McCormicks - - sounds a little like Amherst Island, doesn't it?

Pelee had four elementary schools at one time, now there is one two room school operating, the one serves as the Temple of Pelee Masonic Lodge, the others have become dwellings. School buses provide transportation for the pupils.

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A very interesting trip and already I have the desire to go back and explore Pelee further and visit with the friendly, pleasant people there.

Former Island Resident Deaths

Within the past month the deaths have occurred of five native Amherst Islanders, while no longer residents of the Island, due in some cases, to circumstances they are well remembered by the older generation of Islanders, both here and wherever they may reside.

Morrow, Wilfred: Passed away at the Quinte Nursing Home, Deseronto on April 5th, 1979. Mr. Morrow had farmed on the third concession, his father and mother had pre-deceased him many years ago and soon after his mothers' passing he was hospitalized, requiring nursing home care for the past thirty-five years, his sister Ethel (Mrs. Salls) of Florida survives, he was predeceased by his sister Minerva (Mrs. Lott), brothers Robert Glenn and John Morrow. The funeral service was conducted by Canon H.C. Secker at the James Reid Princess St. Chapel, with interment in the family plot, Glenwood Cemetery.

McGinness, Capt. Percy: Passed away in hospital at Hayesville, N.C. after a lengthy illness, on April 23rd, 1979. Capt. McGinness was born and raised on the family farm at Emerald, where he attended S.S. # 4 School, as a young man he chose to follow a sailing

career, at a time when many Island residents followed this vocation -- his first "job" was with the Stewart Furnace Co. of Cleveland on the Str. Harvey H. Brown in 1926, under command of another Amherst Islander, Capt. Thomas Saunders. His ability and devotion to duty won him steady promotion and when the "Brown Fleet" passed into ownership of the Interlake Steamship Co. in 1929. Capt. McGinness soon became a licensed officer and in due time was given command of one of their ships and commanded a number of the fleets' ships engaged in the carrying of iron ore, coal and grain on the Great Lakes up until his retirement approximately 10 years ago. Capt. McGinness resided in Buffalo, N. Y. up to his retirement when he and his wife Doris moved to Florida and more recently to North Carolina. Capt. McGinness is survived by his wife, a son Jack of East Aurora, N. Y. and daughter Doris Ann of Buffalo, N. Y.

Moutray, W.R.H. Maxwell: Passed away at Fairmount Home on April 24th, in his 95th year, where he had resided since the family home "Farnham" in the village of Stella had been terminated due to the passing of the other members of his family. Maxwell was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moutray, long associated with Amherst Island as the "agent" for the Maxwell interests here. He is survived by three nieces, Mrs. Dorothy Murphy and Miss Elizabeth Lindsay of Ottawa and Mrs. Margaret Quain of Kingston, and one nephew, Edward Wilkinson of Kingston. Funeral services were held in the Robt. J. Reid "Chapel on the Corner" with interment in Christ Church Cemetery, Cataraqui.

Smith, J. R. Morris: Passed away at Ongwanada Hospital, Kingston after a lengthy illness. Morris was born and raised on the family farm at "Bluff", where he continued to farm following his parents' passing. He enlisted in the Armed Forces at the outbreak of the Second World War and served in the Commissionaires until his retirement due to illness. Morris was predeceased by one sister Mildred (Mrs. Russell Drew) and is survived by one sister Marion (Mrs. Charles McGinn) and one brother, Arnold. Funeral services were conducted at the Graham Stein Funeral Home, "Cullen Chapel", with Canon H. C. Socker officiating. Interment was in the family plot, Glenwood Cemetery with the Amherst Island Branch #539 of the Canadian Legion conducting a grave side service.

Robinson, Sarah Ann (Mrs. Alan

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S. Robinson): Passed away suddenly on May 1st, at St. Marys' of the Lake Hospital, Kingston, where she had been confined, due to a serious fracture. The late Mrs.

Robinson was the daughter of the late Thomas Smith and his wife Mary Ann Beaubien {illegible} Amherst Island she was married to Alan S. Robinson and resided in Kingston until her husbands' untimely death in 1916, following which, along with her young family she returned to the Island where she resided in Stella. Of recent years she has resided with her daughter Mrs. Blenkinsop in Kingston as well as with the other members of her family until failing health necessitated her being cared for in Providence Manor. Mrs. Robinson, or as she was affectionately known by her many friends as "Sade" was in her 95th year and retained all her faculties along with an exceptionally keen interest in her friends and her everyday life. She is survived by her daughter Margaret (Mrs. Blenkinsop) and son Reginald of Amherst Island and son Bruce S. of Kingston, two sons predeceased her, Alan who was drowned in 1917 and William of Dryden, Ontario. She is also survived by one sister Clara (Mrs. George Clenehan) of "Rideaucrest", Kingston and was predeceased by two sisters, Matilda of Amherst Island and Margaret (Mrs. William D. Taylor) of Kingston, four brothers predeceased her Lucean of British Columbia, Raymond and Robert of Amherst Island and Bert of Kingston. Funeral services were conducted in the James Reid Cataraqui Chapel with interment in Cataraqui Cemetery.

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- Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2093

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of the A.C.W. for preparing and serving a beautiful dinner for Janice and Eric's wedding reception. A special thanks also goes out to the following people - Mrs. Faye Wemp, for opening and closing the school for us; Mrs. Anne-Marie Hitchins for making some lovely decorations; Marion Glenn and Dorothy McGinn for making the school look so attractive for the occasion; Rick and Theresa Marton for decorating our vehicles, and also a very special thanks to Rick for doing some fantastic photography work, also Ray Wemp who also supplied us with some nice pictures.

Thanks very much to those kind people who stayed and helped us clean up at the school after the evening party.

Thanks to family and friends far and near for coming, all the beautiful gifts, and simply making April

28th, 1979 a memorable and very happy day for us.

Elsie and Eldon Willard

An Invitation To The Ladies Of The Community

The members of the Women's Institute extend a cordial welcome to all ladies in the community to attend our next meeting, when we will be entertaining the County Dairy Princess, Miss Charlene Grooms. The meeting will be held Wed. May 23rd at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Ernest Fleming's.

Mrs. Phyllis Strain

President

To Members Of The Women's Institute

The May meeting will be held at Mrs. Ernest Fleming's at 8:00 p.m. on May 23rd. The roll call is "Compose a commercial to sell a product of agriculture". Please come and bring a guest.

Mrs. Phyllis Strain

President

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And that is the story of the U.E.L.'s
Who came to Canada from afar.
And if your kin was one of them,
Be thankful for what you are.

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4-H Report

- Billy Bustard and John Welbanks

The first meeting of the 4-H Club was held on Saturday, May 26th, 1979. The theme of our club is Outdoor Living. We decided on the name "Amherst Island Fitness Freaks". We then elected officers.

Officers

President Jeff Pearce
Vice President... Charlene Eves
Secretary.... John Welbanks
Treasurer..... Shelley Glenn
Press Reporter... Billy Bustard

There are two other members. Their names are Marlene Eves and Charlette Eves. The leaders of our club are Howard and Diane Pearce. The next meeting of the Fitness Freaks is June 4, 1979.

Poem By Jeffrey Pearce,
Grade 7, Amherst Island Public School

The U.E.L.'s

Centuries ago the United States
Was under British law.
They wanted to be a country on their own
And that's what they foresaw.

Some people still were loyal to Britain,
So to Canada they came.
Many hardships were endured,
And suffering and pain.

The United Empire Loyalists they were called.
They came to Canadian woods.
And after they had settled in
The British gave them goods.

The British had promised provisions and tools
To them for the first three years.
Things like land grants, shovels and seeds,
Horses, chickens, ducks, and steers.

Notice

The Beacon welcomes unsolicited articles. In fact, it exists on then.

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Financial Report Of The Island Beacon
As Of May 26, 1979
- L. Strain

Receipts

Bank Balance	\$76.78
Sale of Beacon	112.20
Subscriptions	<u>46.70</u>
	235.68

Expenses

Supplies (A. Glenn)	\$52.50
Postage	<u>4.25</u>
	56.75

Total receipts	235.68
Total expenses	56.75
Bank balance May 26, 1979	178.93

Number of subscribers- 13

Here And There

- Ian Murray

For me, one of the good things about living on Amherst Island, is that the ferry ride allows me 2 to 3

hours of extra reading time each week.

The Ontario legislature finally appears ready to amend the current trespassing laws this session. Under present legislation not only is the fine for trespassing ridiculously small, but the landowner can also be sued if a trespasser is injured even though the property is marked with No Trespassing signs. I have often wondered what the legal reasoning is behind making a landowner responsible for a trespasser's safety. Perhaps to prevent the creation of deliberately unsafe conditions? Landowners who wish to support the proposed legislation should send a letter to Keith Norton MPP 159 Wellington St., Kingston. That's probably the best way to let our elected representatives know our wishes.

ARDA Sale

- Ian Murray

On Saturday May 26, the Ontario Government auctioned off part of the island property owned by ARDA. A 4 acre shore lot was purchased by a Mr. Foley for \$15,000. Lot 26 and the E 1/2 of Lot 25 were sold to L.E. Clare for \$68,000.

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Attention Residents Of Amherst Island Notice To Destroy Noxious Weeds

Under the provisions of the Weed Control Act, Public Notice is hereby given to all owners and occupants of subdivided lands within the Township of Amherst Island, that unless noxious weeds or weed seeds in any such subdivided lands in the Township of Amherst Island are destroyed by Friday, June 22, 1979, the Council of the Township of Amherst Island has directed the Weed Inspector for the County of Lennox and Addington to cause the said noxious weeds or weed seeds to be destroyed in such a manner as he may deem proper and that the expenses incurred by the said inspector of the discharge of his duty shall be placed on the Collectors Roll against the respective parcels contained and that such amounts shall be collected in the same manner as taxes under the Municipal Act. Dated at Stella, this 13th of June. The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Diane Pearce, Clerk Treasurer

Township of Amherst Island

Robt. O. Brown, County Weed Inspector

County of Lennox and Addington

162 Simcoe Street, Napanee, Ont.

354-3894

Amherst Island Softball Report

- Doug Shurtliffe

The majority of the Island ball teams are in full swing with the exception of the Bantam team which will also begin shortly. We would at this time like to thank all the sponsors for making it possible to enter four good looking teams into two different Ernestown leagues.

The Juvenile Boys overcame a 6 run deficit, going on to win 17-16 against the Bath Juveniles in Bath. Solid hitting won the game for the Island boys with Dan McGinn driving 3 consecutive triples and scoring 7 R.B.I.'s. Good base running also helped the cause with 3 runs being scored on stolen bases. Good hard pitching Toni deHaan led the defensive attack with 2 spectacular 7th inning stops for 2 outs by Vernon

McGinn.

The Juvenile Girls rallied for 11 runs in a single inning to defeat Amherstview 20-14 here on the island. Solid pitching in the final innings by Glynnis Miller boosted the defensive game. Solid hitting by Debbie Fleming and sharp play by Roycene Eves and Ann Willard led the Island attack.

On the whole it appears that all four teams will have a successful season and should bring home a few championships.

This year's Senior Men's team is an improved team with solid defensive play leading the team. The usual solid play of Don Miller, Lorne Huffman, and Pete McCormick are a great asset to the steady duties of Dave Kerr and Perry Bienas on the mound. On Sunday, the Men's team defeated Odessa 9-7, coming back to win from a 7-1 deficit. A strong wind played tricks on hit balls and many long throws. A fine display of base running was exhibited by Daryl Miller, Peter McCormick and Lorne Huffman.

Quinte Community Pasture - Amherst Island

- Fred Neilson, Pasture Manager

This community pasture like nine others in the province was established under the Federal-Provincial Arda agreement. This year 322 farmers are making use of the 10 pasture farms across Ontario pasturing 4,697 head of cattle. This year the Quinte Pasture is servicing 28 farmers, 352 head of cattle have been put on pasture, 123 steers and 209 heifers. Demand for grazing space was excellent as we received applications to graze 562 head.

The cattle, when delivered to the pasture farm, were weighed and identified by ear tags. Steers and heifers were then turned out on their separate pasture areas which consist of approximately 500 acres. Due to the demand for pasture space, the pasture development committee are getting another 500 acres ready for pasturing next year.

If you are interested in seeing the cattle, corral, cattle squeeze, and scales, or just curious, drive down the 2nd Concession. I would be pleased to show you around.

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Progress Or Regress?

- Les Glenn

I am prompted to write this article due to the sign in the store above the skimpy issue of the Beacon. I quote

- "Because of size 'Free'. Beacon needs more articles from more people, more frequently or its future will be very uncertain". Unquote.

My hat is off to these people who endeavoured to re-start this wonderful little paper, namely, Ian Murray, Jack Kerr, Allan Glenn, Shirley Miller and to all those who have contributed their time and articles to aid in its survival.

We read in the papers every day of places throughout the world that are in a state of regression - are we, the people of Amherst Island, going to allow this to happen to us? Remember when our little Island, boasted of 2 Cheese factories, 3 General Stores, a Confectionery Store, 5 Churches - later on 2 Lunch Counters, 4 gasoline outlets and other conveniences. Yes, we also had a hockey team and a ball team that could hold its head high in any surrounding territory. I think these were all due to effort, support, cooperation and unity. Granted, we have many more conveniences now than "way back when". However, are we using them to our advantage or disadvantage?

Let us all get off our duff - pull up our socks and get behind these people mentioned, herein and try to improve and make amends for our lack of co-operation.

As owner of the only store left on Amherst Island, I too am beginning to see the handwriting on the wall. Hoping this article will help in some way to bring us all together in co-operation.

I am,
Yours truly,
Les Glenn.

Note Of Thanks

We would like to thank the women of St. Paul's Church for the excellent catering of our wedding on June 2, 1979.

A well deserved thank you also goes to Carmelle Horth for the lovely decorating of our wedding cake.
Dianne & Bob Marshall

Out Our Way - Dale Filson

The Amherst Island Beaver Colony recently attended the annual South Frontenac District Beaveree, which was hosted this year by the First Yarker Colony. Two hundred and forty "Beavers" went dressed in attire suitable for the Indian theme. Tyendinaga Mohawk Dancers performed four dances for the Beavers.

Grades 3-8 of Amherst Island Public School went to Napanee on June 4 to participate in the Odessa Area Track and Field Meet. Students who placed first, second, third, or fourth went on to the County Meet,

June 13.

Several people from here recently attended a farewell party at Adolphustown for Rev. Hales who is leaving this parish soon and will be going to be in charge of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Reddendale. The parishes are being re-aligned and Amherst Island will be with Bath parish beginning July 1.

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School will be going to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church this coming Sunday, June 17. The last date for Sunday School classes until September will be July 1.

Relatives from Holland have been visiting the Peter Witteveen family. Marilyn and Grace Eves are vacationing in England for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Helen Farrington of Hollywood, Florida has been visiting with Barbara and Harry Filson.

Unmarked Intersections

- Ian Murray

A call to the O.P.P. detachment in Amherstview about unmarked intersections provided the following information. The first vehicle arriving at an unmarked intersection has the right-of-way. If 2 vehicles arrive at such an intersection at the same time, and are travelling

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on an intersecting course, then the vehicle on the right has the right-of-way. The constable stressed that the foregoing should be tempered with a good deal of common sense.

Room For Improvement

- Chris Glenn

Noting the scarcity of news in the last Beacon, I feel, if it is to survive, we must all make an effort to help in some way to provide news and articles and not expect the same ones to give of their time endlessly. I think it is a good place for everyone to air their feelings, good or bad, rather than complaining to our already busy council.

I hope that others will give their viewpoint on the following item being brought into focus.

Upon driving around the Island, as we do several times every summer (for where else could you find any better scenery or beauty), it is sad to see each year how downgraded and untidy we have allowed it to become, to the extent that it is spoiling the beauty of our surroundings. Is there no way to encourage the land owners, who have bought property here and have left it to deteriorate to such an extent? Everywhere are fallen barns and buildings, leaning fences, trees down and left

where they fall, even to limbs down on the roadside! If they have no pride in the property they purchase, is there no way they can be asked to clean up? Surely if this land were on the mainland, there would be a strong suggestion that they do something about it.

It is a credit to ARDA to see the difference on the second concession made to their property compared to how it looked a couple of years ago. True this is a money making scheme, but, is not all land valuable and made more so by each improvement made?

Years ago the farms were smaller and the families on each farm took pride in their fences and buildings and kept the roadside cut and generally cared how things looked. They didn't have the machinery and is available in today's farming, but they had pride in what was theirs. I feel that they would be sad if they could see the way things have changed.

A good start would be to mail a copy of this Beacon to some of the property owners, who after all do owe the community respect if they had interest enough to buy land here. If anyone could provide me with names and addresses, I would gladly appeal to their sense of responsibility I would hope they would have enough interest to come and see what they can do. Maybe a box of matches given to them might be the answer.

Times have changed greatly, but need they change for the worse. Can we not try to feel more pride in the lovely place we live?

Public School Student Council 78/79

- Shelley Glenn and Kevin Kilpatrick

Head Boy - Kevin Kilpatrick

Head Girl - Shelley Glenn

Councillors - Marlene Eves, Billy Bustard, Jennifer Pearce, Norma Collins

This is the third time in three years that a head boy and head girl and councillors have been elected since the arrival of Mr. Kennedy as principal of Amherst Island Public School. The student council takes care of such things as dances to picnics for the students, along with raising money for trips and school needs. We, the Student Council, think we have done a fair job of entertaining the students of this year 78/9, and we hope to do as well for the remainder of the year.

Support For The Beacon

- Kevin Kilpatrick

The Student Council were very happy to see the re-starting of the Beacon. Seeing the size of the Beacon the last issue, we have started receiving things from the students to hopefully go into the Beacon. With our contributions to the Beacon, we hope other people will

also have the time to contribute to this local newspaper.

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The Fire Department

- Ian Murray

I don't think that here has been a greater improvement to this island community in the past decade than the development of our Volunteer Fire Department. Since the founding of the Volunteer Fire Department more or less coincided with the first Issue of the original Island Beacon, I was able to glean the Beacon for the beginnings of the department.

Edition 1, April 16, 1970 "Plans for some adequate fire protection for the township are going ahead under the leadership of Glen Sheil. A tank truck has been bid on and..... money set aside to remodel the township hall to house it and other equipment."

Edition 2, April 30 "Council's bid on the fire tank truck was accepted.."

Edition 3, May 14 The fire truck arrived and Glen Sheil wrote that "Reeve Vince Aitken was instrumental in procuring the fire truck, as he came up with the knowledge of the Kingston Township truck for sale and made the necessary contacts to purchase it. Clinton Kilpatrick has shouldered the job of mechanical fitness..... and has begun inspections."

Edition 6, June 25, 1970 "...Mr. Clyde Pope of the Fire Marshal's Office in Belleville..... instructed Council on a proposed voluntary fire department, as to the number of personnel required, equipment needed, and modifications to the Town Hall to properly fit it to the needs of a Fire Hall..."

"On Wednesday evening, June 17th, the Amherst Fire Truck had its initial run prior to the setting-up of the volunteer fire department. Allan Glenn, Lloyd Strain, Clinton Kilpatrick and Glen Sheil put the fire truck through its paces."

Edition 12, September 17, 1970 "Step #1 in the conversion of the Town Hall to a Fire Hall has been taken. Contractors have gutted the building as far as was necessary and the face-lifting has begun.... Harry Filson and Jim Neilson have been contacting personnel for the volunteer fireman's brigade."

(I am missing Edition 7, so maybe there's a note there about Harry being appointed chief, and Jimmy

Deputy-Chief.)

Edition 13, October 1, 1970 "On Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, the fire department answered an alarm about 1:00 a.m. A chimney fire had begun to spread to the roof of a farm residence and was quickly extinguished."

A chat with Harry Filson brought this somewhat dry account to life with his recollection of the Volunteer Fire Department's first fire. It must be an interesting memory to those involved, and to Allan Kidd whose house was very likely saved.

Edition 16, November 12, 1970 "Reeve Aitken announced that, as the fire truck was licensed and the volunteers protected by adequate insurance, Chief Harry Filson was given the "green light" to form a volunteer fire brigade.

Edition 17, November 26, 1970 "Councillor Keith Miller reports that the fire truck is resting in its new quarters with a new door and ceiling and yet-to-be-installed electric heaters. Harry Filson and Jimmy Neilson have signed up twenty members for the volunteer fire department."

Edition 19, December 24, 1970 "The fire truck is in 'standing' condition, in a heated building, with a 1000 gallon tank of water."

(The foregoing excerpts were from articles written by Marg Aiken and the Beacon Staff)

The following was given to me by Tom Miller, the present Fire Chief.

When I joined the Dept, in July 1973, Harry Filson was Chief and Jim Neilson Deputy-Chief. At that time we had one truck, the International Pumper. We also had one auxiliary pump which had belonged to the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. but it couldn't always be relied on to start. This pump was replaced later that year by a new 8 HP Hale 400 GPM fire pump. In July 74 Harry and Jimmy resigned as Chief and Deputy and myself and Les Glenn were appointed by Council to replace them.

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In the summer of 74 we purchased an old 63 Ford van from Sterling Glenn to use as an equipment vehicle. It worked fine until there was a fire, then it liked to fall apart. This was remedied one year ago when we got a 1975 GMC 1-ton cube body van. It is large enough to carry all the equipment.

In 1977 because of health reasons, Les Glenn resigned his post and Harry Filson was appointed

Deputy-Chief. At present, the Department consists of the following:

Chief - Tom Miller
Deputy - Harry Filson
Captains- Hans deHann
Bill Bulch
Jack Forester
Rick Bedford
Firemen - Jim Neilson
Ed McCormick
Bob Horth
Kerry Hogeboom
Cedric Wemp
Ben Wemp
Howard Pearce
Bruce Caughey Jr.
Dave Vroornan
Vince Eves
George Gavlas
Larry Fleming
Warren Kilpatrick
Fred Neilson Jr.

Dave Vrooman is chairman of the Fire Committee on Council.

Municipal Drains

- Lloyd Clare

It is common practice in Eastern Ontario to spread ditch banks along Municipal drama. In Western Ontario, however, many major drains are accompanied by large banks.

Many farmers who have moved from the Chatham area to the Ottawa Valley do not spread their banks. I think some thought should be given to these factors which I have observed.

- 1) Subsoil spread over the area near a drain makes tillage difficult and results in poorer yields.
- 2) A grassed ditch bank stops erosion. Water cannot rush into a ditch directly. Channeling and gullyng are eliminated.
- 3) The cost of spreading the banks is greatly reduced.
- 4) The ditch bank makes a good high roadway. It should be sloped so equipment can climb it easily.
- 5) Spread ditch banks usually cause a negative grade relative to the ditch up to the point where the spread ceases, resulting in 'low spots'. Unspread ditch banks allow this water to be collected along the length of the bank in a furrow or small ditch which empties into a tributary downstream. This is even simpler if the field is tiled.

In general, major drains with unspread banks cost less to dig, last longer because of less erosion, and provide an ill-weather grassed road through a farm.

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Township Council Meeting June 5, 1979

- Ian Murray

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as submitted.

The question of moving the 8 a.m. ferry leaving time ahead 10 minutes was discussed with Mr. Potter, the High School bus driver. A petition against this change was presented to Council. Because of the considerable amount of time already spent by the students on the bus, Council decided not to advance the leaving time. However, the ferry will leave at 8 a.m. sharp, whether the bus is on board or not.

A landowners' petition and letter have been received by Council, protesting the proposed wildlife marsh on the second concession, Geoff Matthews presented further arguments to Council in favour of the project. Council reiterated its position that it would wait for the drainage engineer's compatibility study. It also resolved to keep both parties informed with respect to all written material pertaining to the marshland proposal.

The Building Inspector, Bill Sipple presented to Council several building applications. The ensuing discussion centred on building applications that do not exactly conform to the Zoning By-Law; the problem being: how to adhere to the intent of the legislation without creating dangerous precedents, It was decided to ask neighbouring townships to share their experiences in the area.

Committee Report Highlights:

- (a) The finance account was approved as submitted.
- (b) Calcium chloride has been applied to the roads for dust control.
- (e) Some vandalism was committed on the ferry while in Kingston.
- (d) Some vandalism occurred in the Township Park.
- (e) Cemetery accounts were discussed.

The Firemen's Association request for Council's support for a fund-raising street dance was granted subject to approval by the residents of houses neighbouring the proposed dance site.

A Committee-of-the-Whole was called to discuss an application by Holbeth Farms for a non-conforming land use.

Editorial

- Ian Murray

I have made an editorial decision not to accept any contributions for or against the proposed wildlife marsh project on the second concession. This subject has already reached a rather advanced stage of controversy with several presentations to Council, a full page in the Whig-Standard, and a landowners' petition. Township Council has taken the position of waiting for the "drainage compatibility study" from the drainage engineer before supporting either party's position. The refusal to bow to pressure from either side should help to ensure a fair and unbiased decision.

Hats Off To A Creative Lady

- Mrs. Margaret Horth, Millhaven

I was unable to attend the graduation ceremonies of the Kindergarten class on Thursday, June 21st, much to my dismay. While visiting on the island on Friday, I had the extreme pleasure of seeing the most innovative graduation attire any Kindergarten student could ever hope to wear. And the diplomas which were designed by the same creative lady were really extraordinary. Mrs. Mondoux, you would be a very welcome member of an organization called "Creativity Canada". Where did you ever get such excellent ideas? Surely those little children, among whom is one of my grandsons, will remember that most memorable day for the rest of their lives. And so will their proud parents.. Once again, Mrs. Mondoux, congratulations on a very commendable idea.

Card Of Thanks

Wilfred and Florence would like to thank everyone who helped at their Golden Wedding anniversary, and also many thanks for the beautiful cards and gifts they received.

Wilfred and Florence McCormac

For Sale

All occasion cakes - \$5.50 and up
Fancy sandwiches - \$2.50 a dozen
- Mrs Carmelle Horth - 389-2916

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

On Wed. May 23, the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Fleming. The president, Mrs. Phyllis Strain opened the meeting in the usual way. The roll call was to compose a commercial to sell a product of agriculture. This was responded to by members and several guests. Among the guests were the County Dairy Princess, Miss Charlene Grooms and her mother. Mrs. Anna Hitchins, convener for agriculture, introduced Miss Grooms, who gave a talk and showed interesting slides on Modern Day Farming after which Mrs. Hitchins presented her with a small gift in appreciation. The convener also gave a contest on brand names of different foods. It was won by Mrs. Phyllis Strain.

Mrs. James Neilson gave an interesting report of the district annual held in Napanee on Wed. May 16. Mrs. Ernest Fleming gave an interesting and enthusiastic report of the Officers' Conference at Waterloo and concluded by reading some humorous poems.

A donation of \$25 was given to the Erland Lee Home. Also a donation of \$15 was given to the Beavers, Mrs. B. Hedges being the treasurer. It was decided to get a copy of the Women's Institute Story to be kept in the Branch and maybe to the library.

Plans were made and a committee of Mrs. B. Hedges, Mrs. H. Hitchins and Mrs. Les Glenn was set up to plan the exhibit for the Napanee Fair. The exhibit is to be a bedtime story. The Branch will serve tea at the fair on Aug. 6.

A reading of the In Memoriam Service given by the Branch at the District Annual was again given at the meeting. Those taking part were Mrs. Norman Allison, Mrs. Ernest Fleming, Mrs. Henry Hitchins, Mrs. Lloyd Strain, Mrs. Irene Glenn and Mrs. Marshall Glenn.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends, relatives and neighbours for all the visits and food brought in during my sickness. A special thank you to those who sent or brought our suppers and also to Shirley Miller for taking my bus route when I was unable to go. Thank you all.

- Barbara Reid

Public Notice

The Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association is planning to hold a street dance on July 21, 1979 in the area adjacent to the Fire hall. Council has approved the idea provided that sufficient safety precautions are taken and that residents in the

neighbourhood of the hall are made aware of the event and have an opportunity to voice any objections to the dance being held there. If you have any comments or complaints about this proposed function, please advise one of the councillors or the clerk.

Diane Pearce, Clerk

Farewell And Best Wishes To Mr. Clarence A.

Kennedy And Mrs. Lulu Strain

- Yvonne Mondoux

Both were honoured Thurs, June 21, 1979 by the students, staff, parents and community in the school gymnasium. Reta Brown pinned a rose boutonniere on Mr. Kennedy. The many roles of Mr. Kennedy were portrayed by Yvonne Mondoux. As planned in Mr. Kennedy's key tasks and strategies, he stated three expectations. The first was to maintain and improve communications; the second was to administer the school, personnel, programme, and to provide leadership; and the third was to continue his personal professional development.

Mr. Kennedy helped in the organization and co-operated with others in various new endeavours at the Amherst Island Public School, including speaking at the opening of the new gym, helping to raise funds, forming ISLE, and improving the appearance of the school grounds. Paul Claus presented the gift of an attache case, while Kevin Kilpatrick and Neil deHaan read the inscription on the cake.

Mrs. Lulu Strain was presented with a dozen red roses after a group of students said their verses about their experiences with her in the classroom. The students were Charlene Eves, Billy Bustard, Anne Willard, Kelly McGinn, Noel McCormick, Charlette Eves, David Horth, Shelley Glenn, Sylvia Baker, Jeff Pearce and Neil deHaan. Mrs. Strain's career was described by Mr. Kennedy. He indicated that she taught three years from 1934 to 1937 at S.S.#5 School. After her

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marriage, she raised a family of five children. In 1969 she returned to the teaching profession until this year. Mrs. Strain was dedicated to her work. Her calm manner was exemplary to all her students and colleagues. Norma Collins presented the gift of a lead crystal candy dish, while Charlene Eves read the inscription on the cake. A special song to the tune of Lucille by Kenny Rogers was composed by the Junior and Senior classes along with Mrs. Forester. The following is the song

You've picked a fine time to leave us you two,
 One to retire, one bidding adieu,
 They both will have good times,
 Mrs. Strain more restful times,
 But this time Mr. Kennedy moves on.
 To Amherstview he will be gone.

1. Mrs. Strain will retire,
 And her we admire,
 With work she helped us a lot.
 She's so conscientious,
 She liked everybody.
 Her happiness cannot be bought.
2. Three years ago he came this way
 Looked around and decided to stay.
 He taught us well, gave us of his time
 Made us smile with his jokes and his rhymes.
3. The bright painted fence posts
 The nearly finished playground
 You've certainly done lots around here
 The opening of the new gym
 You set up the Isle group
 To you we give a big cheer.
4. It's sad to see you leave now,
 But we mustn't wrinkle our brow,
 Good luck, Mr. Kennedy, at your new school,
 To us you've been real cool.

The Kindergarten graduation began the programme as Mr. Kennedy presented diplomas - Bachelor of Nursery Rhymes- to Reginald Hitchins, Peter Horth, Heather Reil, Mike Strain and Sherry Ward. Mr. Kennedy presented several awards. Kevin Kilpatrick and Shelley Glenn received Well Done Certificates as Head Boy and Girl. The D. Dodds Award given to the student that shows consistent kind consideration for others was presented to Reta Brown. The Clarence A. Kennedy, for excellence in public speaking, was presented to Shelley Glenn.

The primary class entertained with songs and skits using the theme Sesame Street. Mrs. Forester provided the music. To conclude our programme, the Junior and Senior classes sang a collection of songs names "Oldies but Goodies". Many thanks go to Mrs. Phyllis Strain, Mrs. Marion Collins, and Mrs. Hazel de Hann who assisted with the refreshments. Thank you also to Mrs. Carmelle Horth who once again provided us with beautiful cakes. Mrs. Shirley Miller and Mrs Randi Murray photographed the many events to be treasured.

Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Strain thanked everyone.

Special Council Meeting May 11, 1979

- Ian Murray

Ron Heaney, of Thorne, Riddel and Company (auditors) presented the 1978 Financial Statement and reviewed it with Council.

Allan Bickerton met with Council to review the insurance coverage for the township.

By-law #4-79: to adopt the proposed budget and to set the 1979 mill rate (170.00 residential and 194.00 commercial) was passed.

Appendix "A"

By-law 4-79 Budget Estimates For

General Government- Estimate of expenditures.

General Administration

Salaries and Receiver-General	\$2500
Postage	450
Supplies, printing etc.	1000
Insurance	500
Auditors	3000
Council Honoraria	2000
I.B.M.	<u>900</u>
	10350

Building Inspection

Wages	1100
Expenses- mileage	400
supplies	<u>100</u>
	1600

Sanitation

Pest control	480
Bulldozing	100
Materials	<u>120</u>
	700

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Municipal Building

Hydro	215
Telephone	110
Maintenance and repair	<u>125</u>
	450

Fire department

Insurance	1300
Honoraria	500
Equipment	1500
Repairs and miscellaneous	250
Hydro	<u>450</u>
	4000

Roads 73866

Streetlights	800
Cemetery Deficit	1000
Planning	1000
Parks and recreation	150

Interest on Loan (ferry op) 9000
 Reserve for working funds 3382
 Total \$106298

Estimate of receipts

Resource equalization grant 8585
 telephone taxation 919
 General support grant 2538
 Per Capita grant 3178
 Building permits 500
 Penalty on arrears 1200
 Road subsidy 55400
 \$72320

To be raised by taxation \$33978

Summary of Assessment Roll

	Resid.	Comm.	Total
Resid. Public	\$543055		543055
Commercial Public		2950	2950
Business		<u>1285</u>	<u>1285</u>
	543055	4235	547290

Basis of Allocation of resource equalization grant

	1978 Comm. Mill Rate	%age
General	73.00	85
County	<u>13.00</u>	<u>15</u>
	86.00	100%

Basis of Allocation of Telephone taxation

General	73.00	40
County	13.00	7
Elementary Sch.	55.00	30
Secondary Sch.	<u>42.00</u>	<u>23</u>
	183.00	100%

Allocation of Resource Equalization Grant

Total estimated 1979 grant	<u>\$10100</u>
General	8585
County	<u>1515</u>
	<u>10100</u>

Allocation of Telephone Taxation

Total 1979 Telephone Taxation	<u>\$2297</u>
County	161
General	919
Elem. School	689
Sec. School	<u>528</u>
	2297

Calculation of Mill Rates

County	
Requisition	9763
Plus 1978 Underlevy	224
Less allocation of Res. Eq. Gt.	1515

Less allocation of Tel. Tax'n 161
 To Raise 8311
 Commercial assessment 2950
 Residential assessment @ 85% 461597
 464547

Comm. Mill Rate (8311 x 1000)/464547 = 18.00 mills
 Resid. Mill Rate 85% of 18.00 = 15.00 mills

Elementary School

Requisition 29117
 Less allocation of Tel. Tax 689
 28428

Commercial assessment 2950
 Resid. assessment @ 90% 488750
 491700

Comm. Mill Rate (28428 x 1000)/491700=58.00 mills
 Resid. Mill Rate 90% of 58.00 = 52.00 mills

Secondary School

Requisition 22705
 Less allocation of Tel. Tax 528
 22177

Comm. Mill Rate (22177 x 1000)/491700=45.00 mills
 Resid. Mill Rate 90% of 45.00 = 41.00 mills

General Mill Rate

To raise \$33978
 Comm. Mill Rate (33978 x 1000)/464547=73.00 mills
 Resid. Mill Rate 85% of 73.00 = 62.00 mills

Mill Rate Summary

	Resid.			Comm.		
	/79	/78	Inc.	/79	/78	Increase
Gen.	62	62		73	73	
County	15	11	4	18	13	5
EI Sch	52	49	3	58	55	3
Sec Sch	<u>41</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>3</u>
	170	160	10	194	183	11

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Wanted

A hay rake, the old-fashioned dump type for a small operation Phone 389-1320 P. Sylvester

Here And There

- Ian Murray

Several farmers have cut haylage and report that the forage crop is fairly good. Haying has also started on a rather tentative basis. The newer seedings appear to have quite good growth, while the older meadows are coming along - helped by last week's rain.

Great to have our own ferry back all fresh and clean.

Committees-of-the-whole at Township Council make me a little nervous and it is reassuring that our Council rarely makes use of them.

The owners of Topsy Farms Ltd. wish to announce the birth of their first large round bale. The hay was a little wet, but we had to see if the damn rig works. It does!

Try A Puzzle. Fill In The Blanks With Island Family Names

- Chris Bustard Pauli Bulch
Santa's Day on Amherst Island

Old _____ had a farm on Amherst Island, and on that farm there was a _____ hovering over the newly-clipped _____. Then out of the _____ came an intoxicated Santa, whose vision was blurred by two falling l_____. Santa's _____ then came along and _____ him to the hot dog stand, and Santa asked for _____ and relish on his hot dog.

Later on Santa's _____ came and said, "What a _____." Santa slurred out, "I'd much rather be up N_____."

Santa then wandered off into the woods, meeting a _____, who escorted him to a hospital _____ thinking he had a strange _____ of sunstroke. The doctor walked him down the _____ into a room where Santa met eye to eye with the Reeve of Amherst Island, Mr. _____.

The Reeve then yelled in a _____ing voice, "Ah ha, I _____ you drinking again!"

Mr. MacDonald then returned to _____ity, as his wife called to him to _____ out the boat.
(Answers on last page)

Further Reminiscence On Fire Protection On Amherst Island

- A. Bruce Caughey

My boyhood remembrances of Island fires certainly bring back recognition of the lack of any fire-fighting equipment, which was the same situation faced by any rural community in those days, coupled with the lack, or almost complete lack of any alarm system. Awareness of fires in our community came as a result of "seeing" large clouds of smoke, and if after darkness, location of fires could easily be identified by flames. Particularly following severe lightning storms which were very 'close', a close look-out was observed in case there had been a 'strike' .

Once a fire had broken out there was little or no possibility of controlling it. Efforts were made to prevent it from spreading with a 'bucket brigade' .

Neighbours hurriedly hitched teams to wagons, assembled all available barrels and thirty-gallon milk cans (then in use) and set out hauling water from the nearest source of supply, while the local island store-keepers, very generously and unselfishly rushed to the fire scene with their complete stock of pails which were put to use immediately.

The advent of the Amherst Island Rural Telephone system brought with it a very satisfactory alarm system, and we remember with gratitude the devotion to duty of our various telephone operators who so conscientiously sounded the alarm when fire erupted.

A few of the major fires that I remember when a boy (in the early twenties) were the Duncan McDonald residence, Emerald, the Emerald General Store (H.A. McGinn), the Richard O'Connor residence, Stella, the Edward Scott barns, Stella (March 17, 1928), the Richards barns, South Shore, and the Wilfred Miller barns. These conflagrations made a deep impact on my memory, and I was one who supported

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very strongly a move to provide some fire equipment for our Island protection.

Some research on the part of the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. established that the McCullough Company had brought out a portable pump with adequate power from an air-cooled gasoline engine to serve two lines of 1½ inch hose. In February, 1953, our local insurance company purchased this piece of equipment along with a substantial quantity of fire hose, nozzles and a spray nozzle, and employed the late Estel J. Strain as caretaker of same. The late Mr. Strain gave yeoman service. Not only did he store the equipment, transport it to and from fires in his truck, along with his family operated the equipment, saw to it that a supply of gasoline and oil were on hand at all times, spent endless hours of inconvenience while hose was dried behind his kitchen range, but also willingly filled dozens of cisterns, usually in extremely cold and often zero temperatures.

In 1963, the Island Insurance Co., after Mr. Strain had purchased a new model truck, purchased his 1949 truck and this was kept loaded with fire equipment and available at all times. This truck ended its days parked behind the present fire hall, where the children saw fit to smash all the glass out of same, making it useless.

This pump and equipment, in spite of it 'not being relied on to start' had many pluses to its credit. I have vivid memories of the early spring morning when the Neilson store was discovered on fire. The pump was placed on the harbour ice and gave a good account of itself in controlling the spread of the fire that had

smoldered during the night. Numerous grass fires were controlled by it, and numerous lightning fires were prevented from spreading by this equipment. Perhaps to its greatest credit was the morning of the fire which destroyed Rossena's Coffee Shop and the Post Office and threatened to envelope the whole western end of the village. It was the work of Capt. Lloyd Strain and those who so willingly assisted, the portable pump pumping from two wells in the area, that wetted down the residences directly across the street and so kept the conflagration from spreading until the arrival of the Bath Fire Dept. who laid their lines to the bay and succeeded in controlling the disastrous fire.

It was during the year 1970 that the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department became organized. The former township hall was transformed into a fire hall and the organization became operational with the purchase of the tanker truck from Kingston Township. The Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. handed over to the township the equipment which they had acquired, on January 5th, 1971. In 1972 this company contributed an amount of \$200 toward the purchase of a Scott Air Pak mode another contribution of \$100 in May 1974, and in December 1976 assumed responsibility for payment of a repair account to the 1963 Van in the amount of 263.48. In each case these contributions have been made in recognition of the excellent work done by the members of our Volunteer Fire Dept. and in so doing many dollars in claims have been saved the Company.

What of the future? I think we all realized from the organization of the Dept. that there would have to be constant expenditures on equipment in order to bring it up to an acceptable standard, capable of doing the job required. of it. In my mind this means two alternatives. Quite frankly in order to provide adequate equipment we should be thinking of a full-scale pumper truck, which, of course, means a very substantial investment, such as our neighbouring municipalities have made, and would require a debenture arrangement spread over a term of years. This is alternative No. 1 and would require some very serious consideration on the part of our municipal Council before such an investment was entered into, particularly in light of our limited tax base and the other financial obligations which we have, and which requires the borrowing of sizeable amounts of money, which at to-day's interest rates are very substantial and costs are high just to meet the expenditures for salaries for which we are committed

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on a monthly basis.

The other alternative would be the possibility of

acquiring used equipment in acceptable working condition from some source - during my years of association with the Mutual Insurance Industry, I have made the acquaintance of many people with a great variety of backgrounds. One of these friendships has been with a man who spent practically all of his working life in the employ of the federally controlled Fire Fighting units of the Canadian Armed Forces. Upon retirement, he is now an "Inspector" with one of our neighbouring Mutual Insurance companies. He tells me of the replacement policies of the equipment for our Armed Forces and certainly has first hand information concerning these replacements. In conversation with him last fall, he told me of the intended exchange of six units within the next six months, but in conversation with him again earlier this month, he told me that this exchange was cancelled out for a further period due to the particular ministries stringent budget but would again be in the plans at a later date. Perhaps further investigation of this possibility would be desirable. I could anticipate the need for close communications with responsible people if this alternative was to be considered and quite likely a little "political arm twisting" if we were to receive prior consideration. Cities, towns, villages and municipalities which employ a rigid programme of maintenance, usually use their equipment until it is well worn. I remember a conversation with an official of the Toronto Fire Dept. several years ago, who was much interested in our needs, but regretfully pointed out that equipment which was replaced by their department, while it had much usable service in it, usually ran the gauntlet of some Inspector's condemnation, and ended up in scrap. Such are the ways of our extravagant society today.

Let us give serious consideration to the needs of our Fire Dept. and full recognition to the necessity of it, as well as recognition of the voluntary service provided by so many young men. I have seen them in action and have much admiration for their skill, ability, and particularly their devotion to duty.

David John (Jack) McCormick

- A. Bruce Caughey

An Amherst Island native, who was well known here during his teenage life, passed away suddenly at his home in Ottawa, Ontario, in his 86th year. Jack was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCormick who resided just east of Stella until their removal to Kingston with their family in 1913. He is well remembered by older residents as a member of the first class of the Stella Continuation School when it was organized in 1908. One sister and three brothers survive him; Mrs. May Taylor, James and Michael of Kingston

and Thomas of Ottawa. He was predeceased by his wife. Two sons, Peter and David reside in Ottawa.

rheumatism in it.”

Answers To Name Puzzle

1. MacDonald
2. Miller
3. Hedges
4. Brown
5. Claus
6. Eves
7. Baker
8. Tooke
9. Bustard
10. Taylor
11. Faraday
12. Horth
13. Forester
14. Ward
15. Strain
16. Hull
17. Neilson
18. Pearce
19. Caughey
20. Reil
21. Bailey

A Bit Of Humour

- Barbara Reid

Fine summer weather had depleted a country church congregation to a single farmer. The vicar, seeing his solitary audience member, suggested it was hardly worth his while preaching a sermon to only one man.

“Well,” said the farmer, “I don’t know much about your line of work, but if I took a load of hay to feed my animals and only one was hungry, I wouldn’t refuse it food.”

The vicar was very moved and started to preach. He was so inspired he became emotionally involved and with much pounding of the pulpit, he delivered the sermon of his life lasting well over an hour.

When he finished he, somewhat proudly, asked the farmer what he thought of his effort.

“Well,” said the farmer, “I don’t know much about your line of work, but if I took a load of hay to feed my animals and only one was hungry, I wouldn’t feed it the whole load.”

“Old age nothing,” said the farmer when the doctor told him his years were the cause of rheumatism in one leg. “My other leg is just as old and there ain’t no

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Out Our Way - Dale Filson

A Crafts and Recreation programme commenced on Monday June 9th at the school for children aged 5 to 13, and runs for three weeks.

The Annual St. Paul's Church Garden Party will be held Saturday, July 28th with the afternoon tea starting at 3 p.m.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute are preparing a "Little Red Riding Hood" display to show at Napanee Fair on August 4, 5 and 6th.

The Anglican Church Women met at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Taylor on Wed. evening July 11 for a regular monthly meeting. Next month's meeting will be August 8th at Mrs. Hazel deHaan's.

Best wishes are sent to Nancy Vrooman who is recuperating in the Hotel Dieu Hospital following an emergency appendectomy.

Get well wishes are also extended to Mr. Frank Welton who is a patient in Kingston General Hospital.

If you happen to see Jeff Pearce, ask him why he has sworn off ice cream. We wish you a very speedy recovery, Jeff.

Student Council's Follow-Up Report

- Shelley Glenn, Head Girl

Kevin Kilpatrick, Head Boy

The end of the school year was filled with many events dealing with the student council. A couple of things that were done were the fence posts and garbage cans painted. These two jobs were done by the senior room and Mr. Kennedy.

We people of the Students' Council think that this year was successful.

Island Herds Among Tops

- Ian Murray

(From the July Agrinews, Napanee OMAF)

Two Amherst Island farmers had their herds place in the top 5 DHIA herds in the county. David Wemp's herd placed tied for 2nd, and Harry Fleming & Sons' herd was 5th.

Annual Garden Party at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Saturday, July 28, 1979 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Home baking - Pie 'n Ice cream

Hot Dogs - Crafts - White Elephant

Boutique - Fishpond - Post Office

Afternoon Tea In The Manse 3 to 6 p.m.

In The Evening / Home Movies - Bingo, Auction Sale

Donations of any items suitable for auction would be welcomed. Please contact Mrs. Irene Glenn 389-0417 or Mrs. Georgie Allison 389-3546

Special Council Meeting July 26

- Ian Murray

Council met to discuss the future of the Zoning By-law and its amendments.

Council Meeting July 3

- Ian Murray

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. A report was made by the Building Inspector, Bill Sipple, on current building permit applications.

Accounts were passed as submitted.

Council decided to investigate means of improving communications between the ferry and the travelling public during irregularities in the schedule.

Council agreed to sell the township snowblower to Nickel Centre for \$2000 F.O.B. Amherst Island.

A resolution was made to revise and update the Zoning By-law subject to receiving a grant.

The Drainage Engineer's report was received on the proposed Miller Drain. A meeting of those concerned will be held in the next few weeks.

A decision was made to hold a referendum in the Fall to determine if alcoholic beverages may be sold at social functions or on licensed premises within the Township.

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She was Not A Lost Woman Just Misaid

- submitted by M.J. Allison

Inadequate writing and thinking is certainly not confined to Calgary, to Alberta, or to Canada. In fact argues Edward P. Corbett of Nebraska's Creighton University in his study Classical Rhetoric, students are inevitably and disastrously affected by current society's highly developed talent for obfuscation. Pick up almost

anything written by even the brightest, he says, and very often you find “week logic, vague language, blatant inaccuracy in more than orthography, and so little imagination that you seldom find an adjective in bed with a noun to which it has not been married for centuries.”

On the other hand, imaginative students are often “deliriously so”. He offers some certified gems from his own files.

- Entrance requirements have gone so high that nobody can get into college, and the reason that nobody can get in is that everybody is going.

- Abstinence is a good thing if practiced in moderation.

- It was painter Donatello’s interest in the female nude that made him The Father of the Renaissance.

- (Examination question: Identify “Skylark”.) Skylark is the merchant in Shakespeare’s play. When we first see him he is on the Rialto, which is the business end of Venus.

- An active verb shows action, and a passive verb shows passion.

(If pro is the opposite to con, give examples.) Progress and Congress.

-In Bernard Shaw’s play Mrs. Warren’s Profession her profession is the Oldest Profession, but she is not really a Lost Woman. She is just misled.

-The food in the cafeteria is absolute poison and they give you such small portions. It’s about time the students spoke up about the unspeakable situation.

-In Shakespeare’s comedies every Tom, Dick and Harry is named Sebastian.

-Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock but before he went he had the crowned heads of Athens shaking in their shoes. It was a good thing for them that he was determined to stay and die even if it killed him.

-The world’s greatest problem today is the H-bomb. That’s dynamite!

-A virgin forest is a place where the hand of man has never set foot.

If the University of Calgary’s Effective Writing Centre is in fact dealing with flights anything like these,

it obviously has its work cut out. U of C officials however are much too discreet to give total exposure to local problems.

The Island Antique Shop

“Treasure House Antiques- Arts & Crafts”

Open again during July and August

Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sun. from 2-6 p.m.

We also buy antiques or collectibles, or take them in on consignment. Call Marlene Frohlich at 389-6160

No Thanks For The Memories

- By Jack Howard, Windsor, Ont.

“In the good old days,” grumbled John the Bartender, as he deftly dropped a cherry into our Personhattan,” people did a lot more thinking for themselves than they do now.”

We paused for a moment before commenting, trying to decide whether or not we could face yet another of J the B’s erudite meanderings. Finally we accepted the inevitable.

“How so?” we inquired bravely.

“Today,” said John, warming to his subject, “most of the thinkin’ is already done for us. By somebody else.”

“I am tempted to assume,” we observed “that some recent disconcerting experience has disturbed your equilibrium.”

“I don’t take Equilibrium,” he protested, “or any of them other tranquilizers. I’m talkin’ about all them do-it-yourself products that make everything easy.”

“It seems to me-” we began.

“Nowadays,” pursued J The B,” a guy who doesn’t know a roof-board from a hill of beams can practically build his own house, just by buying some parts and fitting ‘em together.”

“What’s wrong with that?” we inquired. “If it keeps up,” opined John, “nobody will know how to do nothing. Back in the good old days, now, you had to have some skill if you wanted to make things, or get things done. Like how

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to saw and hammer and paint, and - - -.”

“My daughter,” we interrupted, hoping to alter the trend of the conversation,” used to paint by number. The results were not exactly a pigment of her imagination, but they looked pretty good.”

“That’s the trouble,” expounded John “Everything has to be the easy way. Back in the good old days- - -”

“I beg to remind you, John,” we interrupted again,

“that a lot of things in the good old days were not so good.”

“Like what?” challenged J The B, truculently.

“Well,” we offered, “as an example of extreme discomfort, I can remember having to wear long underwear that was always itchy. Nowadays we don’t need it because - - -”

“I guess,” mused John, “it was a bit itchy.”

“A bit?” we expostulated. “It felt as if it was hand knit, out of bull’s wool and oakum.”

“On the other hand,” said J The B, “It always felt good when the venereal equinox came, and you could switch to the summer stuff.”

“By that time,” we opined, “one’s skin was a site for psoriasis. No, my friend, the good old days, as you call them, weren’t so good. You can’t tell me for instance, that you enjoyed walking a mile to school every day in 20 degrees below zero weather. That’s just a myth.”

“I didn’t walk a mile to school,” corrected John. “It was right close by.”

“It’s the same thing,” we stated, carefully planning our escape.

“What do you mean, the same thing?” inquired John, puzzled.

“A myth,” we explained, “is as good as a mile.”

Whereupon we headed for the door. It was, under the circumstances, better to be safe than sound.

Country Sunshine

- submitted by Barbara Reid

The father of five children won a toy in a raffle. He called his children together.

“Who should have this present?” he asked.

“Who is most obedient? who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?”

Five small voices piped up in unison.

“You play with it, Daddy.”

“My husband didn’t leave a cent of insurance.”

“Then where did you get that dazzling diamond ring?”

“Well he left \$1000 for his casket and \$5000 for a stone. This is the stone.”

The sawmill operator wanted to buy some timber from a mountain landowner, but the owner was asking top dollar and refused to lower his price.

“Why, old man?” the sawmill operator protested, “I can buy timber from the government cheaper than that.”

“Maybe so,” agreed the mountaineer “but the Guv’mint’s in debt and I ain’t.”

“One of those real cold mornings last winter one farmer sent his new (city slicker) hired man out to get the tractor to move some grain. He heard him trying unsuccessfully to get it going so went over and asked, “Did you try choking it?”

“No,” replied his new employee, gritting his teeth, “but I sure felt like it.”

The old prospector was talking to visitors from the East.

“There I was,” he said, “the grizzly bear was down there in the canyon behind a tree. The only way I could hit him would be to ricochet my bullet off this high canyon wall on my right. Well, I gauged my windage, calculated the lead of the barrel and the rate of twist, the hardness of the bullet, and the angle of the yaw it would have after being smashed out of shape against the canyon wall. I judged my chances were 60-40 that I would get my bear.”

There was a long silence. Finally one of his listeners leaned forward and asked timidly, “Did you get him?”

“Heck no,” spat out the old man, “I missed the wall.”

The newspaper editor couldn’t believe it when he read the reporter’s story about a theft of 2,025 pigs.

“That’s a lot of pigs,” he thought so he called the farmer to check the copy.

“Is it true that you lost two thousand twenty-five pigs?” he asked.

“Yeth,” lisped the farmer.

“Thanks,” said the wise copy reader and corrected the story to read “Two sows and twenty-five pigs.”

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Here And There / Ian Murray

It has been quite a few seasons now that I have been a fan of the (sigh) Toronto Argonauts. Many seasons of masochism. Since the team's last Grey Cup win in 1952(?) the Argonauts have set new ineptitude standards. Ingenious ways have been discovered to lose games. Reasons have been found to trade away players who became great elsewhere. However with the new coach there is a ray of hope. There finally appears to be a change to the old "two wild throws and a kick" tactics that were the Argo's trade mark for so long.

My other major experience in masochism occurs every summer. Haying time! Three to six (or more) weeks of physical and mental strain. Is it going to rain? Will that bearing last another few days? Drought conditions allow the farmer to make pretty good hay, but his enthusiasm is lessened considerably as he watches the pastures dry up, the corn stop growing and the small grain staying very small. Ah well, maybe next year will be perfect, or maybe better.

Avon Representative

Wendy Shurtliffe is pleased to announce that she is now your new Avon Lady. Books are available at Glenn's Store or call 389-7239

Home Baking

All occasion cakes for sale

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Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Grass Fire Cause Anxious Moments

- Jack Kerr

Recently a fire started by haying equipment destroyed part of a field of hay on the Eves farm just east of the dump road and rapidly spread across pasture land, finally being brought under control when it reached Edwin Hogeboom's farm. The very hot day combined with a shortage of manpower that afternoon almost exhausted the available firemen and helpers who

were on the scene. Thanks to their supreme efforts the fire was stopped before it reached other crops in the vicinity.

Former Resident Visits Island

- A. Bruce Caughey

Recent visitors to the Island last week included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartley of British Columbia, where they reside in one of the suburbs of Vancouver. These folks are on a motor trip in their motorhome from the West Coast to the East Coast, and stopped off for several days in the area where Fred was born and raised, and had great pleasure in visiting the Island where Fred lived in the '20s. Coming here as an orphan boy, Fred lived with the Edward Scott family on the farm owned presently by the James Neilson family. During the winter months he attended S.S.#3 (Kerr's School) and a few of his fellow pupils are still resident here: Genevieve Fleming, Fred N. Hitchins, Fred McCormick and Edwin Hogeboom to name a few.

In many cases these boys and girls who came to homes in farm communities had a variety of experiences. Many were received into excellent homes and had love and kindness shown, others were not so well treated and were deprived of many things that other children were able to enjoy. Foster parents were required to provide adequate clothing and in return for the help that these young people provided in the farm operation, they were given an "allowance". Again in some cases these were very liberal, while in others very miserly. Fred recalls that he received 10¢ per week with the insistence that he put this on the collection plate on Sun.

Leaving the Island in company with the late Arthur Hitchins, Fred went "West" on the annual Harvest Excursion in 1928 to Alberta where he was employed on a farm receiving \$6 per day, which he regarded as an unheard of "rate". Eventually he went to the West Coast and has vivid recollections of the "soup kitchens" of the '30s. He engaged in carpentry until he retired. Mrs. Hartley is still working as a Social Worker. Many will remember Fred's brother "Bus Hartley" who was a member of the Kingston Junior Hockey team which won the Canadian Championship in, I think, 1926.

It was certainly a pleasure to have a visit from Fred, who had last been on Amherst Island in 1938, and to meet his wife, and to know that they have lived a good and rewarding life

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And Hoped For But Didn't Get. Let's Try To Do Better
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Thank You - Lulu Strain

By way of the Island Beacon, I would like to thank all who wished me "Happy Retirement"; the Staff and Students of Amherst Island School for the roses, candy dish and cake - they were just beautiful; Bruce and Helen Caughey and Reta Brown for their nice gifts; former staff and students and many Amherst Island parents for the happy associations and co-operation over the past thirteen years; Mr. McLeod, Mr. Thompson, and members of Lennox and Addington County Board of Education for their good wishes and Retirement Dinner, also to Mr. McLeod for his visit on my last day of work; the Lennox and Addington Federated Teachers' Association for the Dessert Party and gift.

I would especially thank Clarence Kennedy, Rob Dunlop and Glenn Sheil for making my work at the school so enjoyable and pleasant. I have many memories to enjoy for the rest of my life.

Last but not least I must thank all the members of my family for their love, help and many acts of kindness while I was working and for the beautiful birthday party they gave me last May.

Business Notices

Applications for the position of Permanent Deckhand for the Motorship Amherst Islander will be received at the Township Office up to and including August 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Enquiries regarding salary and benefits may be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer at the Township Office.
August 13, 1979

J.S. Neilson Ferry Manager

If it's Rawleigh Products you need

Just dial Barbara Reid

Dial 389-0675

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Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Council Meeting August 7, 1979

1. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.
2. The Building Inspector, Bill Siple, presented his report for July. There were various discussions and resolutions related to severances and building permits.
3. The Ferry Manager, Reeve James Neilson, is to arrange for the posting of "interruption of ferry service notices" with the ferry captains.
4. The monthly financial accounts for the roads and ferry were scrutinized and approved.
5. The "crushing" tender for the township road gravel was accepted.
6. Council officially recognized the efforts of the Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters' Association in making their street dance a success.
7. The Liquor Vote By-Law was passed. The public vote will take place on October 22, 1979.

Please note that the Council report appearing in the Beacon is a reporter's version of the meeting. The official minutes for each meeting may be seen at the Township Office during business hours.

- Ian Murray

Here And There - Ian Murray

This summer has seen the worst outbreak of "pink eye" in Island livestock for many years. Our sheep flock has over a dozen severe cases. We treat them the same as cattle: medication in the eye followed by an eye patch. The eye patches that we have on hand were designed for calves, and they don't fit as well as we'd like, but they're better than nothing

Last Wednesday several of us were out at the North West tip of the Island (Lot C, Con.1) removing old wire from abandoned fence rows, when we became distracted by a number of sail boats coming around by the lighthouse and heading for Kingston. We soon realized that it was a race, It was really beautiful to see the boats come round the corner of the Island and then hoist a big billowing sail from the front of the boat to catch the brisk wind. It was also kind of interesting when the raising of the

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sail was mis-timed and the sailboat lurched around to the dismayed shouts of the captain. I learned later that there were over a hundred boats involved in this race from Rochester to Kingston.

Agricrew - C. J. Kennedy

Topsy Farms hired on Agricrew for two days last week. An Agricrew is four high school students and a foreman who are hired through the Ministry of Agriculture to do manual labour. The first day they shovelled out the barn and lambing pens and the next day they pulled out old fences. I was not looking forward to either job, but they worked hard and did a lot of work, and were even cheerful about it. I recommend anyone else with jobs like this to do, to try on Agricrew.

Coming Events

Log House "Open House" & Art Exhibit

An exhibition of paintings by Shirley Miller will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 2 to 10 p.m. at the log home of Geoff and Marnie Matthews. Shirley (as Sam) brought many humorous incidents to light with her cartoons in the original and new Beacon and has produced exceptionally skilled examples of craft and hand work. Her recent water colour paintings and pen-and-ink drawings of familiar and local scenes have created a great deal of interest.

We invite you to come and see her work and the log house together, as we think they compliment each other.

The log house was built in 1977 by Peter Hutley of Huntsville as an energy saving dwelling. Peter will hopefully be available that weekend. He has built a number of other log houses and has considerable experience in the field. We hope you will be able to attend.

R. Murray

Amherst Island Community Sunday School Picnic will be held August 26th at 12:00 noon in the park.

In case of rain, the Picnic will be held in the Gymnasium of Amherst Island Public School.

Sunday School will begin again on September 9th at 9:45 in Amherst Island Public School.

Marie Ward

Secretary-Treasurer.

Dear Library Patron & Friend:

We Need Your Help

The general inflation in our national economy is affecting our ability to provide you with the books that you would like to read, and the information that you would like to have in your public library. The price of

books has risen drastically over the past three years and our book budget has failed to keep pace because of the need to restrain public expenditures.

Your county library is trying to protect its book-buying ability by cutting down on all unnecessary expenditures in other areas, especially in the recovery of overdue books. In 1978 your library system spent \$1,000 on postage alone plus uncalculated staff time and stationery costs in the recovery of overdue books. At present, more than \$5,000 worth of library books are overdue. Effective July 2, 1979, the Library Committee approved a new policy on overdue library books is follows:

- one notice only will be sent two weeks after due date.
- this notice will also indicate the replacement value of books if lost or damaged.
- notice will indicate date of cancellation of library membership if the books are not returned (six weeks from due date).
- overdue fine collections will be enforced by branch librarians. (5 cents per opening day per book, maximum fine \$1.00 per book). Children are exempt from fines.
- cancelled library memberships may only be renewed if books are returned or replacement cost paid and overdue fines paid.

Help Us Buy More Books For You.

Remember To Return Your Books On Time

Thank You For Your Co-operation.

A. Bruce Geddes, County Librarian

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In Hospital - Barbara Reid

Bruce and Reg Robinson are both in hospital for operations.

Help With Street Dance Appreciated

- Harry Filson

Amherst Island Firefighters' Association would like to thank everyone who gave donations and those who helped in many ways to make our street dance a great success.

A Bit Of Humour

- contributed by Barbara Reid

The post office wicket had just opened and there were the usual number of farmers milling around and cracking jokes as they picked up their mail.

One called out, "Any mail for Mike Howe?"

The post office clerk, a stranger to the community,

thought he was being put on. He glared out at the farmer and shouted, "No, there's no mail for your cow - or anybody's cow - now or ever."

An old farmer and his son were in Toronto for the very first time, attending a farmers' banquet. The two sat down for lunch near the elevators on the mezzanine and while there the father watched as an old, bent, grey haired maid, bucket in hand, stepped into the elevator and disappeared. Moments later the door re-opened and a beautiful, young, blonde maid, pail in hand, stepped out. The farmer turned to his son in utter amazement, "Ya know, son," he said, "we'll have to bring yer ma up here sometime and run her through one of them machines."

Every year the farmer complained it was too wet or too dry. There was too much grass or too many weevils or no market. There was never anything good. Then one year came when good crops were harvested. Prices soared and bank accounts were bulging.

"Pretty good year, you'll have to admit," his neighbour said.

"Middling," the farmer allowed, "but terribly hard on the soil."

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Beacon News

- Ian Murray

Does anyone have any objection to the Beacon becoming a monthly paper -12 issues per year? There is obviously a problem getting two decent issues out each month. A deadline of the 10th day of the month with a publishing date of the 15th would allow coverage of the monthly council meeting (first Tuesday of the month). My phone number is 389-3444 and I seldom miss supertime.(6 to 7 p.m.)

Out Our Way - Dale Filson

The weather on the Aug. 25th-26th weekend was so terrific that it helped make at least two picnics successful. The Sunday School picnic was held at the park again this year with a lunch at noon followed by races. A family picnic was held at the home of Mary and Jim Neilson with about 57 people attending. Only two were unable to be there.

Congratulations to Warren and Laurene Kilpatrick on their recent marriage and also to Mr. and Mrs. John Gavlas who were married here in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Tuesday Aug. 28.

Karen and David Fleming became the parents of a lovely baby girl, Angela Rose, on Aug. 11.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute will be visiting Mary McCallum's "Island Pottery" Sept. 13 and on Sept 19 they will be entertaining their District President and her Branch at a luncheon. The draw for the Afghan will be made at that time. Some tickets are still available from A.I.W.I. members.

The monthly P.C.W. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Reta Miller Tues., Sept. 11.

The September A.C.W. meeting will be in Bath Wed. Sept. 12 at Mrs. Lindsay's home.

I think most students are ready to get back to school next week. Some of the outstanding reasons I have heard for wanting to get back are, "to see my friends", "to wear my new clothes", and "to ride on the bus".

Sunday School classes will resume one week later on Sept. 9.

When you feel depressed or upset - Why Worry?

There are only two things to worry about; either you are rich or you are poor. If you are rich, then you have nothing to worry about. But if you are poor you have only two things to worry about; either you are well or you are sick. If you are well, then you have nothing to worry about. But if you are sick, you have only two things to worry about; either you will get well or you will die. If you get well then you have nothing to worry about. But if you die, you have only two things to worry about; either you go to Heaven or Hell. If you go to Heaven you have nothing to worry about. But if you go to Hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with friends that you won't have time to worry.

Here And There - Ian Murray

I enjoyed meeting with our new Public School Principal, Mr. Brian Lowry. Mr. Lowry was born in Ottawa where, with the exception of some post-graduate work at Queen's, he received all his schooling. He has earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education and expects to start the Principals' Course next summer. Mr. Lowry's wife, Margaret, is the eldest daughter of Robert Brown, a Napanee area dairy farmer.

The Lowrys have built a home on 50 acres purchased from Mr. Brown. They are the parents of a boy and a girl, raise a large garden, keep pigs and chickens, cut wood for heat and make maple syrup.

Mr. Lowry has taught public school for 14 years, the past three at Amherstview Public School. I believe that he has the academic background, the practical experience and the personality of a good principal and teacher.

I don't know if anyone is going to do a report on Shirley Miller's Art Show. Anyhow, I enjoyed it and from all accounts it was a social, artistic and financial success. A lot of work and worry went into the preparation and presentation of the show. I hope that Randi Murray, Reta Miller, Geoff and Marnie Matthews and Shirley all experience

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the feeling of satisfaction that they deserve from a job well done.

The Island Cook Book is very well done and I understand that the 1st edition of 500 copies has sold out.

Coming Events

Euchre Party

Date: Saturday, Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m.

Place: Amherst Island Public School

In lieu of admission, donations accented at the door for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Prizes - Lunch - All Welcome

Sponsored by the Amherst Island Women's Institute - - Phyllis Strain Pres.

Mouthguard Clinics

for High School and Elementary School students will be held at the following locations at the times specified.

Wed. Sept. 5 Napanee S.S. 9:00 a.m.

Ernestown S.S. 11.00 a.m.

Frontenac S.S. 2:00 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 7 Bayridge S.S. 9:00 a.m.

K.C.V.I. S.S. 10.30 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 14 Q.E.C.V.I. S.S. 9:00 a.m.

LaSalle S.S. 11:00 a.m.

Mon. Sept. 17 Sydenham S.S. 9:00 a.m.

Regiopolis S.S. 11:00 a.m.

Tues. Sept. 18 Loyalist S.S. 9.00 a.m.

Wed. Sept. 19 Sharbot lake S.S. 9:00 a.m.

Kingston, Frontenac and

Lennox & Addington

Health Unit (Open Clinic) 1:00 p.m.

Kingston, Frontenac, & Lennox & Addington Health

Unit Dental Services

Parenting Leadership

Date: Wed. Sept. 12, 1979

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place St. Andrew's By the Lake Church

1 Redden St., Reddendale

Alcohol and Drug Concerns Inc. is holding a leadership training event in the area of Parenting. It will be a needs assessment occasion for leaders who want to assist parents to develop their skills.

Mr. Don Smyth, Alcohol and Drug Concerns' Administrative Youth Programs Coordinator, Toronto, who has researched and developed a kit for parenting, will be the keynote speaker for the evening. He will have pamphlets and lists of research material available.

Mr. Ian Darlington, Guidance Counsellor, Bayridge Secondary School will lead us in planning where the Parenting Leadership group will go in future meetings.

Open to leaders who want to be of help to parents.

Register by calling Alcohol and Drug Concerns Inc., Tel. No. 549-2201 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or drop in at 163 Princess St.

Use Of School Facilities

For use of the School Facilities please contact Brian Lowry.

389-4582 School; 354-3179 Home.

Home Baking

All occasion cakes for sale. Fancy sandwiches, and special orders taken. Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Art Show Brings Big Turn Out

- Sandra Bernier

On the 25th and 26th of August, our mother had her first art show. It was a great turn out, and was fun for all.

Maggie, Carol, Adam and myself would like to thank all those who helped out; Geoff and Marnie Matthews for having it in their beautiful home, Reta Miller for her help on the refreshment table, and most of all Randi Murray for standing by Morn through it all and being the friend she is.

We should also say how very proud we are to have such a talented mother.

A Bit Of Humour

Answers found on religion test papers.

In Christianity a man can have only one wife. This is called Monotony.

The message came to Abraham that he should bear a son, and Sarah who was listening behind a door, laughed.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

The Bible is against bigamy when it says that no man can serve two masters.

Christianity was introduced into Britain by the Romans in 55 B.C.

Buddha lived a normal life with a wife and family, and when he was thirty he left home in search of happiness.

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Public Notice

The Township of Amherst Island is advertising for the position of building inspector and by-law enforcement officer.

Applications and requests for further information should be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer before 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 21, 1979.

Card Of Thanks

Bruce Robinson would like to thank all his friends, church organizations, and the Island Institute, for the cards received while in K.G.H. It's thoughts like these that make you feel that you "belong". Thanks again.

The Garden Centre At Amherst Island Public School - B. Forester

We returned this September to a flourishing little productive garden spot! How gratifying it is to know that the hours we spent on June 1st, planting vegetables and flowers had not fallen to the hands of vandals - or animals or drought! We planted a wide variety of vegetables and I believe that we will have at least a sampling of each of those. Some students went above and beyond the call of duty during the summer months, and spent some time caring for the garden and preparing vegetables for the freezer. We were not able to enjoy too many radishes, as they grew very quickly and needed thinning before they were done. However yellow beans and vegetable marrow have been frozen, and beets, carrots, zucchini, squash, some corn, watermelon and pumpkins await our attention. It is our hope to use our "bountiful harvest" for a Thanksgiving dinner. I hope the students have gained some insight, and I'm sure have all had a feeling of pride and accomplishment through this endeavour. Our thanks to Jim Neilson, who ploughed up our garden plot last fall, and to Jack Kerr, who patiently tilled the earth for us this spring.

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Public Notice

Township of Amherst Island

Notice to the Electors of the Township of Amherst Island qualified to vote at a Municipal Election.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Municipal Act, The Municipal Elections Act and pursuant to by-law No. 7-79 passed August 7th, 1979, a poll is to be held upon the following question:

Are You In Favour Of The Sale Of Spirits, Beer, and Wine Under A Dining Lounge Licence For Consumption On Licensed Premises Where Food Is Available?

The day fixed for taking a poll shall be October 22, 1979. An advance poll will be held on October 13, 1979.

I, Diane Pearce, clerk of the Township of Amherst Island certify that the question set out herein is a correct statement as authorized in by-law No, 7-79.

Diane Pearce

Clerk

Amherst Island Recreation Committee Explains Liquor Vote

- Howard Pearce
Chairman

For some time now, the Island Recreation Committee and the Municipal Council have been negotiating with the County Board of Education in an effort to gain the approval to serve liquor at social functions in the new community hall. On three occasions we have attended Board meetings seeking their approval and each time we have failed.

The matter has become a real "chicken and egg" problem because we were asked on all three occasions, "Why are you asking for our approval when you are a "dry" community and could not serve liquor anyway?" This question has always been difficult to answer and is our major reason for our lack of success at these meetings.

Our argument that there would not be any value in holding a plebiscite on the Island if we have no facility in which to exercise the results of that vote, have held little water with the Board.

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Certainly the Board will get requests from other communities when and if they say yes to us, so maybe their position is correct and we should be prepared to act.

Because of this dilemma, our municipal council has agreed to hold a referendum to ask the voters of our community if indeed we do want liquor to be served at social functions. If this vote passes (a 60% majority is required), it will put us in a much stronger position for bargaining with the Board. At least they will have lost one of their points of argument.

There are many questions that can be asked when having a liquor vote. Only one will appear on the ballot, and it will be:

“Are you in favour of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a dining lounge license for consumption on licensed premises where food is available?”

An affirmative vote will permit:

- 1) the licensing of a suitable facility under a “Special Occasion Permit” to sell beer, wine or spirits for a particular event such as a dance, wedding, anniversary etc. where food is available
- 2) the possible licensing of a dining room if the facility meets Liquor Licensing Board requirements; however, this possibility is remote because of zoning requirements and the tremendous investment involved.

It will not permit:

- 1) the establishment of a store for the retail sale of beer, wine or spirits.
- 2) the establishment of a public house or liquor lounge for the sale of beer, wine or spirits.

It should be noted that Council would have preferred the ballot to read “Are you in favour of licensing for “Special Occasion Permits” for the sale of beer, wine or spirits?” However, such wording does not exist within the laws of the Liquor Licensing Act and, since a special occasion permit requires the availability of food, the result of the question being asked would be the same.

The date for the vote is October 22, 1979, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the Advance Poll being held on Saturday, October 13, 1979 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It should be noted that, should the vote be negative, another referendum cannot be held for three years and our efforts to serve liquor at social events would be delayed for quite some time.

If anyone has any questions or would like further information about this matter, please call me or any member of the Recreation Committee and we will reply in the next issue of the Beacon, or you could direct your inquiries to the Municipal Office.

The Recreation Committee supports the liquor vote and hopes that it will pass. However we are concerned about the possibility that people who are in favour will

assume that it will pass and won't make the effort to vote. Please do not take it for granted. We urge you to vote and make your feelings known on this important issue.

Council Supports Affirmative Liquor Vote

The Council of the Township of Amherst Island has voted to publicly go on record as fully supporting the Recreation Committee's endeavours to obtain an affirmative result in the upcoming liquor vote.

Council encourages everyone to come out and exercise their franchise.

Council Expresses Appreciation Of Service

Sept. 12, 1979

Mr. William Bulch,
Stella, Ont. K0H 2S0

Dear Bill,

On behalf of Council, I am writing to express their appreciation for many years of dedicated service you have given to the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Council accents your resignation but your enthusiasm and support will be missed.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Diane Pearce
Clerk-Treasurer

Would You Be Interested?

- Shirley Miller

Dr. Burleigh is writing a book about early “Island” history and his memories of the Island.

He would like a list of 500 people interested in such a book as printing costs are so high. If you would like to help encourage him, drop a line to Dr. H.C. Burleigh, Apt. 507, 33 Ontario St., Kingston.

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Visitor Finds Island Roots

- A. Bruce Caughey

From time to time, and particularly during the summer months, we have visitors to our Island who came here not only to experience Island beauty and hospitality but also with a specific purpose, namely, to “research” their ancestry. I am quite sure that I do not have the opportunity of meeting and talking with but a small percentage of people in this class, but when I do meet such visitors, it is always a pleasure and joy to talk with them and hopefully to assist them in

identifying where their forefathers lived and location of their burial plots, etc.

About a week ago I had this very pleasant experience when quite by accident and during a stop at Glenn's Store, a couple, in the Senior Citizens' group, were introduced to me by Irene {Glenn}. The name, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs did not mean much to me, but when Mrs. Jacobs identified her maiden name as Wright, it immediately set "wheels in motion" and I was able to discuss with her the ancestors that she was so anxious to identify.

We visited both Glenwood and Pentland cemeteries and Mary Wright Jacobs was delighted with the information that she was able to glean. This was followed by a lengthy and interesting visit with this couple in our home, and when they had departed to attend the World Cup Games in Montreal, it was with reluctance to leave and certainly with the sincere promise that they will be back next year.

Mary Wright Jacobs is the daughter of Hugh Wright who was one of seven children of George Wright and his wife Sarah Polley. The late George Wright was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, coming to Amherst Island where his interests included a teacher, a merchant and a farmer. Hugh Wright is a young man in search of employment, went to North Bay where he worked on the railroad. Later he was persuaded by his older brother, George, to go to Dakota, previous to the time when Dakota was divided North and South. His first impressions were not the best and he returned to Amherst Island. However, he had second thoughts and decided to give it another try. Returning, he settled at Valley City where he obtained employment again in railroading with the "Soo Line" where he remained for the rest of his working life. His last visit to the Island would likely have been in 1928 when the Wright family had a reunion.

Hugh Wright married Nettle Rank and five children were born of this marriage, Mary Wright Jacobs being one of these. As a teacher, Mary went to the State of Washington in the extreme Northwestern part of the U.S. While here she answered an advertisement for a teaching position, which application was accepted after her return home to Dakota. Fate seemed to lead her to accept the position and she returned to Blain, Washington, where she met and married Hugh Jacobs, a graduate of Washington State University at Pullman. Hugh became a successful Secondary School Principal and later a Superintendent until 1968 when he suffered a stroke followed by a serious heart problem which necessitated his retirement. On the advice of his doctor they made the decision to dispose of their home and seek a warmer climate in the State of Arizona, where they now reside at Mesa. The hot summer sun of

Arizona is not conducive to pleasant living and so they return to the State of Washington to visit their relatives and friends each year. The idea of an exploratory trip to Amherst Island has long been in their minds and so with plans to attend the World Cup Games in 1979, they decided to combine the two. They had little hope that their visit to Amherst Island would be little more than a brief visit to the cemetery, plus a hope that they might meet someone who would remember the name Wright as former residents. They went home overjoyed at the reception they received and the amount of history that they had unearthed.

Mrs. Jacobs brought with her the diary of her father, Hugh Wright, written in the 1860's. This is the writing of a boy of 17 years of age, written in a ledger sized book with beautiful penmanship and such a great variety of descriptive and commentary content.

Time did not permit my reading of these priceless gems of description of Island life in that era, in any degree

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of detail, but I am happy that Mrs. Jacobs returned home resolved that her number one project for the winter months ahead will be to have this diary copied. I will look forward, when I have received a copy of this, to sharing much of it with our readers of the Beacon.

Rod Barr Elected As Law Society Bencher

Readers of the Island Beacon will be pleased to know of the election of J. Roderick Barr Q.C. as a Law Society Bencher of Upper Canada, the body which governs Ontario's Legal profession. Mr. Barr is well known on the Island where he spends frequent weekends as well as his annual holidays, along with his family at their farm here, which is his wife's home (the Robt. J. Marshall home). Being a ratepayer of Amherst Island, he has at all times a deep affection and interest in our Island community.

Mr. Barr is a member of the St. Catherines law firm of Harris, Barr, Hildebrand, Daniel and Wilson, and his candidacy for this prestigious post was sponsored by the Lincoln County Law Association of which he is a Past President. He ran eighth in a field of fifty candidates from across Ontario and he becomes the only lawyer from the Niagara Region to be a Bencher. In the contest, the top twenty vote-getters will serve as Benchors along with twenty others chosen by lawyers from Toronto. The term of office for the unpaid position is five years and necessitates on average of a day or two per week in fulfilment of the duties of the position. Among their many duties benchers handle cases of

professional misconduct, call new lawyers to the bar, run the legal aid plan, and take care of administrative matters.

Mr. Barr, in seeking election, had very definite concerns for the best interests of Ontario lawyers and states that he has long been a critic of the Law Society for its failure to take a more affirmative stand on a number of matters. One of his chief concerns is the prevention of Ontario from being flooded with too many lawyers, and feels that the legal profession should be careful about permitting lawyers to go too far in "advertising" their specialties and fees for their services. Mr. Barr points out that the province has some 12,000 lawyers with about 1000 new ones admitted to the bar each year, and feels that there is a definite responsibility to the students and the public to do something about this flood of new lawyers. Further he sees law schools as having, a vested interest in "building their empires", turning out hordes of bright expensively trained young people who end up in jobs which pay about half what a police officer gets or a person working in a factory. Finding themselves in this position, in a struggle to survive, these people might "cut corners", offer discount rates for their services and thus not provide clients with that to which they are entitled. He feels that this position is going to be challenging and realizes that it is an awful lot easier to say what should be done from the "outside".

Concern Re: Liquor Referendum Island Beacon:

In your July 15 issue in the coverage of the Council meeting of July 3rd reference is made to the holding of a referendum in the Fall concerning availability of alcoholic beverages on Amherst Island.

I feel that this matter is one that should receive wide publicity before the ratepayers are asked to make a decision. I, for one, am not familiar with the requirements concerning sale of alcoholic beverages, in the past when other municipalities have conducted referendums, I seem to remember that there was a broad base for the questions upon which the ratepayers were asked to vote.

I have some strong feelings concerning this matter and the limits to which alcoholic beverages may be made available. If I might be permitted to make a proposal, I would hope that when members of Council have been fully acquainted with the terms of the L.C.B.O. that a public meeting could be arranged at which we would have the opportunity of having an explanation of the referendum as well as to ask questions that may be in our minds. Can we have some information in a reasonable time before the vote?

Sincerely,
A. Bruce Caughey

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Council Meeting Sept. 4 1979

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.
2. The Township Building Inspector, Bill Sipple, presented his monthly report.
3. The financial accounts were approved as submitted.
4. Bill Sipple has been appointed to the position of deck hand on the Amherst Islander.
5. Several resolutions were passed that appear elsewhere in this issue.

Bazaar And Turkey Supper

St. Alban's Anglican Church Women are holding their annual Bazaar and Turkey Supper on Saturday evening, October 27th at Amherst Island Public School commencing at 5 p.m.

Adults - \$5.00

Children 12 and under - \$2.00

Everyone Welcome!

Letter Praises Local Talent

260 Barr St., Renfrew, Ont.,

Sept. 7, 1979.

Dear Editor:

We enjoy reading your paper. Once a month would suit us if it would help the paper to survive.

Shirley Miller is a talented artist and will I trust persist until she feels ready to present specimens of her work to the R.C.A. authorities in Ottawa in a bid for their recognition. Since Mr. Daniel Fowler R.C.A. was one of the founders of the Canadian Academy and would have been its first president had he not lived such a distance (in those days) from the capital. Keep at it Shirley.

The mention of Alice Tait Hogeboom's new book, "Bygone Days and Bygone Ways" is I believe apropos. Alice was and is one of the most versatile and personable individuals I have encountered in half a century. She was not Island born but has a high place on the scroll of those who have contributed to the cultural life of Amherst Island. You should be proud of yourselves you who are Islanders for the number of clergy, lawyers, doctors, nurses, teachers, politicians, administrators, fishermen and agriculturalists of skill, who have sprung from the loins of the pioneers or have joined for longer or shorter

season in your journey through the years. I anticipate a time when the Island will look like Eden - quietness in this age is in itself a blessing and dust and weeds will if you persist vanish. In any case best wishes to you and your readers. If I can help you anytime call on me.

B. Keith Earls

P.S. I intended to include as high on the list of those Islanders to be esteemed are the names of those who served King and country, some of them with distinction in two world wars.

R.K.E.

Prospect House And Its Prospects

by Louise Seaman

As many Islanders know, Prospect House, the "passive solar" type home at the west end of Amherst Island, has been undergoing extensive review and renovations. At the time it was built in 1975-76, the design was original and highly experimental. Construction-wise, partly due to the inexperience of the builders and the experimental use of some types of insulation used and the particular design of greenhouse area, the outcome has not been entirely satisfactory. The owners, Louise Seaman and her daughter Lorna, are very well satisfied with the interior lay-out of rooms and the all over design. They enjoy living in the house and like the locality very much indeed. However, a solar-heated house must live up to its specifications, deriving and holding as much heat from the sun as the house construction will warrant. In the case of this type of house in this particular location, the most one can hope to expect in the winter months is that about half or a little more of the heat needed to keep the house at around 68 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit (18-20 degrees C.) will be provided by the sun's heat. This means a very helpful decrease in the

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heating cost of other fuels such as wood or oil. Some "back-up" provision for heat must be used. In the case of Prospect House this is provided by a huge stone fireplace structure which goes up two full stories, and a kitchen range which burns either (or both) wood and oil. So far, except for the December-to-March months, such "back-up" has been amply sufficient for spring and fall. In the "deep winter" months additional heat was provided by an oil-burning space-heater. In the winter of 1978-79 this was clearly not going to be adequate because of lack of efficient insulation to keep heat in. Therefor Prospect House was vacant from December to the end of March.

By contrast to this, in the summer, because of the

large expanse of sloping glass roof the upstairs bedrooms reached a temperature of 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Even with the insulated curtains covering two-thirds of the second floor glass area!

Consequently, with the original architects knowledge and approval, the entire greenhouse area - the whole south side of Prospect House - is being remodelled. A straight glass wall, two stories high, will form the new south wall of the greenhouse and a new south facing roof will extend over it sufficiently so that the hottest rays of the summer sun will no longer heat the second floor rooms to the former extent. There will still be sufficient winter sunlight to heat the rooms.

Other changes are also taking place which will further improve the efficiency of the passive solar heat intake and retention in the winter months.

Prospect House and family hope to be happily reunited before Christmas.

Lorna Seaman is now working in Fredericton, New Brunswick on an Energy Conservation project initiated by L. J. D'Amore and Associates of Montreal. She is now one of the "Associates". This particular project is done in cooperation with the Mayor and Council of Fredericton, the education authorities, a local energy conservation group and several other civic groups. The whole project is under contract with the federal government departments specifically interested and concerned in energy conservation. Similar projects are being carried on in Richmond Hill, Ontario and Vernon, British Columbia. Fredericton, N.E. is one of four maritime cities which were considered in selecting the one finally chosen.

The three persons who now call Prospect House, Amherst Island, their home, may be "newcomers" but consider themselves confirmed "Islanders". They are extremely grateful for the hospitality and friendliness extended to them and appreciate this very much. Debbie and Louise Seaman are now comfortably settled in the McMullin House, near Prospect House, for the time in which renovations are being done in their solar-heated home. Lorna expects to be with them at Thanksgiving time and Christmas.

A Bit Of Humour

Answers found on religious test papers.

They wore casting gifts into the treasury and a certain widow cast in two mitts.

The Israelites were led through the wilderness by a pillow afire.

The wise men brought gifts of gold and frankfurters.

“Our Father which are in Heaven, Harold be Thy Name.”

The names of the three wise men are Winken, Blinken and Nod.

Write what you know of the Last Supper.
I was away for that, I had the measles.

Mercury was the God of weather, because it is in thermometers.

Children were teasing Elisha and he told them if they kept on doing it he'd tell the bears to eat them up, an' they did, an' he did an' the bears did.

The men who followed Jesus about were called the twelve opossums.

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Notice Of Poll

Amherst Island

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Township of Amherst Island in accordance with the Municipal Election Act, 1977 and Pursuant to By-law 7-79 that:

A poll is to be held on the question "Are you in favour of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a dining lounge license for consumption on licensed premises where food is available?"

Advance Poll - Saturday, October 13, 1979

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Regular Poll - Monday, October 22, 1979

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location - Municipal Building, Stella, Ontario.

Proxy Applications: A person who has been appointed a voting proxy may apply to the clerk not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Polling Day.

Given under my hand this 9th day of October, 1979.
(Mrs.) Diane Pearce, Clerk

Views On Liquor Vote

A. Bruce Caughey

It would seem that my "query" in your issue of September 15th last concerning the up-coming Liquor Referendum was a little premature as the explanation of the plebiscite given by Howard Pearce sets forth in detail, in this same issue, all particulars concerning it and I thank him for it, also with the hope that all Island electors may acquaint themselves thoroughly and as is suggested if they should have questions, they will not hesitate to seek answers for the same.

The result of this vote may have far reaching effects and I, for one, am most anxious that this question should be resolved in a satisfactory way, so that we have solved the policing problems inherent in the holding of social events in this day and age, when our society is constantly in the throws of alcoholic use.

In my estimation, it is unfortunate that there has been so many confrontations with the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education regarding

permission for the use of alcoholic beverages in school premises and as one who was very actively involved, during my ten years on the County Board, in such confrontations, I would like to briefly recount some of these experiences. May I, first of all, say that I was never at anytime a supporter of allowing wide spread sale of alcoholic beverages within school premises but I did have a very definite opinion that there were separate and distinct circumstances in different areas of our County which should be respected and dealt with on an individual basis.

In the organization of the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education, on December 14th, 1970, when I was then Chairman of the Board, a motion was introduced by Warren Finley, seconded by James McCutoheon "That, in the event of a request being made for the serving of alcoholic beverages within any school facility, that such request be denied." This motion was carried and the terms of this motion was established as part of the "Rules and Procedures" of the Board. This action was followed very closely by a request from the "Cloyne and Land of Lakes Recreation Association" comprised of a group of well intentioned business men, who on December 15th, 1970, submitted a petition to the Board for the right to serve alcoholic beverages in the North Addington Education Centre at a function which was being arranged. In support of their request this group presented very convincing arguments much in line with the circumstances prevailing locally, on Amherst Island but in spite of a very strong debate by Board members, the request was denied by vote and the previously mentioned "Rule" stood firm. While the matter

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had been shelved for the present, it certainly had not been lost sight of - surrounding Boards had moved to make rulings on this matter and the neighbouring Frontenac Board, had, in my estimation made a very wise and sensible decision, whereby they decided "that each such request, pertaining to the serving of alcoholic beverages should be considered on an individual basis." - the Roman Catholic Separate School Board moved likewise and to the best of my knowledge, this arrangement has worked very satisfactorily and there has been no unfortunate experiences as a result of this policy.

The second official approach to the Board, again came from a "Northern Group", when the Lions Club of Cloyne in the arranging of their "Jamboree" requested permission of the Board to serve alcoholic beverages in

the N.A.E.C. facilities - an Ad Hoc committee was appointed to deal with this request and report to the Board, I was appointed to this Committee and a very lengthy and serious consideration was made of the request. It was our considered opinion that the use of alcoholic beverages in schools, within an area where other facilities were available, was unnecessary and it was at this point therefore that a motion was introduced, amending the ruling of the Board of 1970 and recommending to the Board a change of wording to the effect that "such request be denied, except in those schools North of Highway #7 and south of Highway #33." When this recommendation came to the Board level, it was the object of much jocular comment and in spite of the seriousness of my intentions and the fairness of the wording of this motion, this recommendation was rejected by vote of the Board.

The next consideration of this matter came on July 10th, 1978, as a result of a request from the Amherst Island Recreation Committee for the right to have a Special Occasions Permit for alcoholic beverages at a Ball Tournament which was then being arranged - I supported this very strongly in Board debate and received support from some of my fellow Board members, particularly Ed. Hopkins, the Separate School Representative, who as a resident of a small community similar to Amherst Island, was very conversant with the problems that go hand in hand with dealing with situations that develop in connection with alcoholic beverages at social functions and Eldon Peters, one of our Board's representatives. However, Mrs. Langford and her members of the W.C.T.U. rallied to "protest", which they did very successfully, in spite of their complete lack of understanding of the Island situation and as I pointed to the apparent lack of interest on the part of Board members, who had not found it possible to even attend the opening ceremonies of our "Community Hall", much less to acquaint themselves with the circumstances of this request. Unfortunately, I was unable to convince two of my fellow Board members from this ward, to vote with me and the request was denied by the Board, on a very slim margin.

As a result of this decision, I was led to comment that if Amherst Island was ever to receive fair consideration in this matter, we should initiate steps to detach ourselves from this County, for educational administration purposes and seek to join Frontenac County, with whom we are associated in both Federal and Provincial representation. I immediately became the object of much criticism and the subject of a "cartoon" in the Napanee Beaver by my friend Josh Beutel.

During the past months, with an almost completely new Board in office, Mrs. Jane Scott, one of this Ward's representatives, as a member of the committee

dealing with "revision of the Board's Rules and Procedures" attempted to amend the policy, as it had to do with permission for serving alcoholic beverages within school facilities. Due to a technical difficulty whereby written notice was required to be given, if you desired to make a presentation to the Board, during debate on same, no presentation was made on behalf of any Island group but there was no lack of briefs in opposition to this proposed change - Mrs. Langford was back with another group registering protest, a young clergyman, Rev. Hodson of Cloyne, as well as a

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strong submission from one member of the Board, Rev. Max Steinhurg - the main intent of all these presentations pertained to the ills of alcohol and the quoting of statistics pertaining to the resulting overuse of same, never was there any suggestion made as to the best means of controlling or policing the use of alcohol at social events or, much less, any indication of their familiarity with the conduct of such social events.

As one who, throughout my life, has had a great deal to do with the organization of dances etc. in our community, I am perfectly conversant with the problems attached to same, and I have very vivid recollections of the final such events, held in Victoria Hall, when, those attending insisted on quite freely entering the Hall, fortified with their beverages and imbibing themselves in over indulgence - the following morning found neighbouring lawns strewn with "empties", broken bottles on the street, these are things that I abhor and I feel that the time has come when we should have the opportunity to be able to avail ourselves of Special Occasion Permits when we so desire.

Dependence on Police protection during the holding of social events is ridiculous and almost impossible to maintain, therefore, it is left to a common sense operation, - calls for Police protection in the past, when a "fracas" has been in progress have usually resulted in some more or less "innocent" citizen having his car searched and eventually facing charges of having "liquor in a public place" or else the possibility of a well meaning citizen being "mauled over" when he intervened in an effort to restore order. So let us get behind this vote and in so doing, put ourselves in the proper p

A. Bruce Caughey

As the grey days of autumn descend upon us, the beauty of the foliage has fallen to the ground and been swept hither and yon by the strong winds, associated with November, there comes that day in the month which we have come to call, very appropriately, "Remembrance Day". It is at this time that our memories turn back to recall the origin of this Day of Remembrance. To those of us whose life span goes back to the years of World War I and there are a very few residents whose recollections extend back to the Boer War of the 1900 era, there are a substantial number who have very vivid recollections of the World War II days and as we gather in groups and engage in conversation, there is much reminiscing of those heart breaking experiences associated with those days, when it seemed that our people stood on the brink of disaster.

My recollections do not extend back to the Boer War, but as a member of the family of the late Edward A. Filson, my uncle, who was killed at Lilliefontein, South Africa, November 7th, 1900, I have heard a great deal of reminiscing concerning this piece of history. One can hardly visualize the communications of those years and I would suppose that a letter or possibly a wireless message was the vehicle of communication and it must have been directed to the Minister of the Church to which this young man belonged, as I have heard my uncle, Dr. Ralph Filson of Hartford, Conn., express his recollections, as a younger brother, of 7 years of age he remembers the rainy November evening when he and his family watched Rev. James Cumberland come slowly down the road with his horse and buggy (their home was the present Frontini residence on the South Shore Road) wondering where he might be going at that particular time of the day and when he turned into their laneway they were soon to find the purpose of his mission as he came to acquaint the widowed mother and her

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young family of the sad news.

Communications in the war years of 1914-1918 had improved considerably. Amherst Island did have telephone service, to a limited extent with the mainland, but we were still very dependent on the information which our daily newspapers brought us - rural mail delivery was in its infancy at that time - a substantial number of our Island boys were in the armed services and were giving their all in "Flanders Fields" and each day casualty lists were anxiously scanned and all too frequently they contained the names of loved ones. In the front windows of many Island homes hung a flag with a star or sometimes two or even three stars upon it,

This denoted the fact that this family had one, two or three sons in the armed forces and when the conflict was over, eight of our Island young men had laid down their lives in the French warfare on Flanders Fields. News of the termination of hostilities, with the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, 1918, spread slowly over the Island and Island residents moved to give thanks to Almighty God for the ceasing of hostilities which had brought death to thousands upon thousands. Under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Dixon, then Rector of St. Alban's and Christ's churches (Anglican) and Rev. James Cumberland of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Porter of the W. Methodist church organized our first "Armistice Day" service. I remember as a young lad of eight years, standing with my parents in "McDonald's Squares", that area directly in front of Victoria Hall and on what is now the lawn of the Mr. and Mrs. David Fleming's residence, while a goodly number of people engaged in a service of "Thankfulness" that hostilities had ended and bowed their heads in a minute of silence in remembrance of those who had given their lives. I can still see the late Mr. and Mrs. Sydney L. Pringle, standing at the steps of the then Methodist Church, now the Municipal building, their hearts too filled with sadness to join with the assembled people as word had just been received by them of their son, Ross, having been killed in action a few days before that.

Today we remember those veterans of this War that we still have with us, perhaps the oldest of these is George N. Willard, who saw lengthy overseas service and on November 22nd next will celebrate his 90th birthday, Samuel Reid, Kenneth S. Miller, Ernest Instant and John Smith, and I hope I am not forgetting others who served. and are with us.

The early thirties brought the era of "Dictators", probably products of the financial unrest in the war torn countries of the First World War and countless thousands followed their beck and call as the armed might of the Dictator led countries rolled to a crescendo. All the offered appeasements of the Chamberlains could not thwart the conflict that finally erupted on September 3rd, 1939, and the Canadian youth again rallied to the cause of their country - the dark and gloomy days of the early '40's were disconcerting as the armed might of the well equipped and well trained, Dictator inspired forces, rolled ruthlessly across the countries of Europe. Our motherland stood as the only bulwark against this aggression and mighty leaders were reared overnight who were to inspire, lead us and train us in adequate defense and ultimate battle tactics which eventually brought victory. Canada became the training grounds for thousands of our personnel, naval and particularly the Air Force arm of our armies and the well planned

Commonwealth Air Training scheme will long be remembered in our nation's history. Young men and women flocked to the defense of their country, choosing to serve in the many facets of our armed forces - the Army, Navy, Air Force, Nursing Service in the Medical Corps and the Canadian Women's Army Corps - the men and women of Amherst Island again proved themselves of patriotic calibre as they enlisted in the service of their choice, Air Force Air Crew and ground crew, infantry, engineers, Signal Corps, Navy, to name a few. The C.W.A.C.

As a fund raising project, the group committee will be printing and selling a directory of island phone numbers. Any additional donations would be welcomed.

Once again, please spread the word about our need for new leaders.

I.S.L.E.

- Randi Murray

The Island School Liaison Enthusiasts held their first meeting for this academic year on Oct. 4th with six members present. Dale Filson and the new principal, Brian Lowry, were welcomed by chairperson, Jack McCormick. I.S.L.E. is still seeking two members of the community who have a little time to spare and would like to help out. Please call Brian Lowry (at the school) or any member if you are interested.

Since we have a rather healthy bank balance, we moved right on with the business of spending it. We made a donation toward the school's Thanksgiving dinner and set a date to gather at the school to finish the Creative Playground. This will take place on October 13, and old I.S.L.E. members and their families are especially invited to see the completion of the project.

We have begun plans to collect and reproduce old photos and to record individuals' reminiscences and anecdotes under the general heading of "Education through the years on Amherst Island" (exact title is yet to happen).

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 1st at 7:30 chaired by Yvonne Mondoux.

Thanksgiving Dinner

- Randi Murray

In the spring and summer of this year, Mrs. Beth Forester's Junior class planted and tended a garden at the school. They had beans, corn, squash, beets, pumpkins and carrots. With this produce and additional vegetables brought from home, a harvest feast was planned.

Under Mrs. Forester's guidance, with the help of the rest of the school and some very capable volunteers, the gymnasium was decorated with artwork, tables were set with hand made place mats, name tags and even flowers. The students had a hand in preparing the food. The guest list grew to include all the students, the teachers, Mr. McLeod- the Director of Education, the Superintendent of Schools- Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Lulu Strain, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Caughey, Mrs. Faye Wemp, Mrs. Shirley Miller, Mrs. Barbara Reid, Mrs. Jane Scott and Mrs. Randi Murray.

The dinner was not only delicious and attractive but very pleasant in that primary, junior and intermediate

students were mixed with adults at each table. The staff, students and parent volunteers- Mrs. Carmelle Horth, her mother, Mrs. Laplante and Mrs. Hazel deHaan are to be congratulated for an enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration.

4-H News

- Deb Blenkhorn, Press Reporter

The Amherst Island 4-H group is currently working on a needlepoint project. We have been meeting weekly at Amherst Island Public School since October the fourth.

Our leaders for this project are Randi Murray and Ena Baker. Group officials are Norma Collins (President), Charlene Eves (Vice President), Tracy Filson (Treasurer), Marjorie Baker (Secretary), and Deb Blenkhorn (Press Reporter). Other members are Charlette Eves, Bev. Wemp and Sylvia Baker.

As of this publication, we have completed two 4-H meetings. Our accomplishments to date have included marking squares on our canvas, choosing our wool, and becoming familiar with a few basic stitches.

We will continue to meet on a weekly basis until Achievement Day on November 22nd. This event will be held at Prince Charles School. We would really appreciate the attendance of the parents and friends of the girls.

We hope that this project will be a success, and we look forward to having fun improving our needlepoint skills.

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Cards Of Thanks

Reg Robinson would like to express his sincere thanks to friends, relatives, and the Anglican Women's Association for their cards, gifts, and visits while he was in hospital.

A special "thank you" to Barbara, Jim and Stratton Reid and to Madeline and Stirling Glenn for their help.

We would like to thank our many friends and relatives for all of the cards, gifts, flowers, prayers and inquiries. Your thoughtful kindness is deeply appreciated.

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The Amherst Island Br. 539 of the Royal Canadian Legion will hold the annual Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance at the School Auditorium on Fri. Eve. Oct. 26th
Music by E. Wills
Admission to be announced

Your support of the local Legion Branch is appreciated.

Home Baking
All occasion cakes for sale
Fancy sandwiches and
Special orders taken
Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Sneezer's Commentaries

- written by Jack Howard and taken from Topical published by the Ontario Civil Service Commission.
- submitted by John Hall

As a periodic sneezer of long standing and considerable repute, we feel qualified to pass on to those of lesser talent the benefit of our experience, in the form of a condensed synopsis of this singular art, together with recommendations for its development and use.

Sneezes may be broadly categorized first, into feminine and masculine classes. Within these two categories the aficionado will find primary or elementary sneezes of two syllables, and those in the specialty class, usually consisting of at least three syllables.

Lest the reader be misled into assuming that the division of sneezes into masculine and feminine is in any way chauvinistic, we hasten to point out that the choice is entirely that of the sneezer. However, if said sneezer wishes to retain a certain image in the eyes of the sneezee, the use of a sneeze normally considered to be that of the opposite gender should be approached with circumspection.

Using primary, one-syllable sneezes for purposes of illustration, we feel for example, that a lady who uses a full-bodied sneeze such as "Harsh" or "Rash" may appear much less feminine than one who chooses more refined production like "Psue" or "Whist". As a compromise, acceptable to either gender, we suggest the more natural "Fish". It has just the right amount of gusto, but unfortunately is also a bit more humid than the others.

In the expert, or two-syllable category, we suggest to our feminine readers the use of such acceptably delicate

sneezes as "Issues" or "Esso" or even "Tissue". Provided, of course, that one wishes to retain a certain femininity. If not, they can move into the masculine category and blast off with something robust, such as "Yascha", "Russia", "Hassle", "Archie", "Washer", or "Bushel". The only really neuter sneeze we know in this category is "Cashew".

To the expert who wishes to develop his proficiency, and to master a few sneezes in the specialty class, we offer a word of caution. In the first place we know of no specialty, three-syllable sneezes which are feminine in nature. Furthermore, most of them start with a consonant, which is very hard on the sinuses if not handled with care. To the aspiring specialty sneezer, we recommend practice on open glottal productions like "Oshawa" or "Hackensack" before moving on to such exotic refinements as "Bushwacker" or "Battleship". As in any art form, of course, the secret is constant practice. At the

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present time we are working diligently on a few sneezes of more than three syllables, but it takes a true master to maintain the required punch while sneezing out "Asafoetide", "Archipelago" or "Cacciatore".

And it scares the hell out of the surrounding populace, too.

Correction

St. Alban's A.C.W. are holding their Bazaar and Turkey Supper on Sat. evening Nov. 3rd and not on Oct. 27th as published in the last Beacon.

This will be held in Amherst Island Public School commencing at 5 p.m.. Adults \$5.00. Children (12 and under) \$2.00

Everyone Welcome!

Autumn Produce

Jos. Robinson will be on the Island Oct. 18 with vegetables and choice Mac and Spy apples.

Parent Leadership Training Sessions

In response to the popular requests to develop parenting skills for parents or parent groups, Alcohol and Drug Concerns Inc. is sponsoring four leadership training sessions.

- I Oct 18 Establishing Parent Groups
Ian Darlington, Carol Weir and Mary Ballenchuk
- II Nov. 1 Meet Me In The Middle
Communication as a two-way street -

Ian Darlington, Louise Mack and Youth Group
III Nov. 15 Sexuality And Parenting
Louise Mack
IV Nov. 28 Leadership For Parents With Alcohol and
Drug Problems
Help for parents in alcohol and drug living
situations
Parenting Kit Summary
Marjory Levan, Ian Darlington and Louise Mack
Place: Loyalist Room, Kingston City Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$1.00 per night Coffee provided.
Alcohol And Drug Concerns Inc.
163 Princess St. Kingston K7L 1A9 549-2201

Skytown

- Yvonne Mondoux

The primary class enjoyed an excursion to Skytown in Lansdowne near the Ivy Lee Bridge on Sept. 17, 1979. Never Never Land has about fifteen different nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters in a village format in a wooded area. Some picnic tables are available for lunch. This adventure provided the children with many experiences. On the following days, the students recited rhymes, retold stories, painted pictures, wrote their own stories and made booklets, along with many other activities.

To conclude this theme it was decided to make gingerbread men cookies. The Junior class made the story come to life when they hid the cookies. The mystery was solved after notes written by the Junior class were found in the primary classroom in three different locations. The gingerbread men cookies were found individually wrapped in the children's baskets. So much fun in one day!

Council Meeting Oct. 2, 1979

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.
2. The monthly Building Inspector's report was presented. Rev. Norman Allison was appointed to succeed Bill Sipple as building inspector.
3. The accounts were approved as submitted
4. Committee reports were presented and discussed.
5. A by-law was passed raising interest on overdue municipal taxes from 1% per month to 1 1/4% per month.
6. A resolution was passed in which Council is to request the provincial government to "authorize municipalities to charge 1/4% more per month than the legal maximum for small loans in order to encourage delinquent taxpayers to borrow from lending

establishments rather than using the Township to finance their tax arrears."

7. The problem of a large potential increase (approx. 25%) in County and Education taxes due to a change in the Township's assessment equalization factor was discussed at length. A resolution was passed to send a letter to Queen's Park stressing the undue burden that this would place on small, rural municipalities,
8. The next drainage meeting was set for Dec. 11, 1979
9. Council adjourned.

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Minor Softball Report

Doug Shurtliffe

An award presentation and dance was held for the members of the three minor softball teams Saturday Sept. 15. Awards were won by Debbie Knox for the most effort, Kelly McGinn for conduct and enthusiasm, Neil deHaan for most valuable player, Don Wolfreys for best batting average, and Tony deHaan for most valuable player. All these people should be commended for their efforts and contributions to their respective teams.

We would like to thank the sponsors of the Ontario Tax Consultants, Ed and Jack McCormick Carpentry and Excavating, and the Amherst Island Dairy Producers. Without these willing people it would not be possible to produce these ball teams. Thanks also to all the people who gave donations towards the ball teams and to Doug Wilson for his contribution toward trophies. Thank you to the Island Legion for donating bases.

We hope that all the ball players enjoyed this year and are looking forward to many years of softball, being able to compete with teams on the mainland. Hopefully the support of our softball teams will stay at its present level or possibly increase in years to come.

Anyone interested in playing bal hockey in the gym in the near future contact Doug Shurtliffe at 389-7239.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the School on Wed. Sept. 19 at noon. Members of the Centennial Branch were guests. One of the guests was the District President, Mrs. Fredde Clarke. Also Mrs. Morrison Scott from Morven was a guest and also Mrs. Roy Abrams of Hay Bay. The president, Mrs. Phyllis Strain welcomed the guests and after singing the Grace all sat down to a delicious dinner.

After the dinner the president opened the meeting in the usual manner and the Roll Call was answered by members and visitors which was a "hobby for retirement years". The Centennial Branch put on the programme. Mrs. Elrena Matthews gave a humorous contest and was won by Mrs. Roy Abrams and she also gave a reading on Sentences taken from Letters to the Toronto Welfare Dep't which gave everyone some hearty laughs. Mrs. Josie Fitchett also gave two readings, one was "The Old Violin" and the other on "Old Remedies her Ancestors Used". The district president Mrs. Fredde Clarke then gave a short talk on "My Odyssey", told of her life and raising her children in a foreign country, after which Mrs. Strain presented her with a gift in appreciation after which she replied her thanks.

The draw then took place for an afghan on which tickets had been sold and was won by Fred Neilson Jr.

The minutes were read and adopted and treasurer's report given. It was decided to have our new dairy princess next May.

Mrs. Norman Allison and Mrs. Marshall Glenn volunteered to be leaders for the short course on Crewel work. Training school is held in Napanee on Nov. 1st and 2nd.

Our Branch are invited to visit Moscow Branch on Oct. 9. A euchre is being held in the school on Oct 22. The proceeds are going to the C.N.I.B. On Wed. Oct. 17, our branch will be serving the C.N.I.B. dinner at 6 p.m. at the home in Kingston.

The meeting closed with The Queen and the Branch were thanked by Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Matthews for a delightful afternoon. The October meeting will be held on Oct. 24 at the home of Mrs. Norman Allison.

On Oct. 13 our branch with Mrs. Marion Glenn as convener of Cultural Activities visited the home of Mary McCallum and enjoyed her pottery demonstration and also toured her new home, and also toured the new homes of Mrs. B. Hedges end had lunch there which was enjoyed by all.

Invitation To U.E. Loyalists' Meeting
- Alice Hogeboom

The newly formed Kingston and area branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will receive their charter at a luncheon to be held on Oct. 20 at 12:30 noon, at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Confederation Room.
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Mr. John A. Aikman, Canadian Association

President, will make the presentation to Mr. David Cory, president of the new branch.

Entertaining at the luncheon will be children from the Mohawk School Band, Desoronto. Under the leadership of Mrs. Lorraine Hill they will present some of their native dances and songs.

All persons interested in our pioneer history, Province of Ontario, are cordially invited to attend. Tickets may be obtained from any of the executive-
President- Mr. David Cory 546-6413
Treasurer- Mrs. Audrey Bailey 549-1042
Genealogist- C. R. Hogeboom 548-7939

Call The Cops, Make Them All Like Feraday
- from the Toronto Star
- submitted by Eric Bailey

You've read a lot in this town lately about cops. The best place to observe one in action is at Varsity Stadium tonight where the University of Guelph football team hopes to spoil the Blues' home opener.

Sergeant Ray Feraday of No. 52 Division will be there -- unless he breaks both legs at hockey practice. He didn't take to the ice until he was 36 -- meaning 16 years ago. So he skates like Tiger Williams doing his post-goal cha-cha.

The sergeant is one tough cop. For years he used to run over to St. Michael's college at 7 a.m. and lead a group of 12 to 15 kids through a sweat session of jogging, weightlifting and calisthenics. He called them his brand-X athletes - - no big names among them. Yet practically all of them turned up on various University of Toronto teams. They were afraid to let him down.

One is his son, Dan Feraday, Varsity's quarterback for the last two seasons. Dan will be with the Feraday clan in the stands tonight, because he's to undergo surgery, shortly, on a foot that has been defective since birth. The flaw went undetected until the foot broke down under the work load of a college quarterback.

"I had hoped to escape the operation," Dan admits. "I suppose that looks like a mistake now. If I'd had the surgery early in the summer, I might have been ready for football. I didn't want that because I had a summer job and needed the money."

The Feradays have their own credit union. Anybody who has a buck puts it in the pot. Those who are suffering from the shorts take out. The system works. So far, it has sent five sons to University of Toronto - - on a cop's salary. A sixth son is on his way - - presently playing quarterback for Michael Power High School.

Our daughter, Marie, is getting to U. of T. via the centre aisle. She's engaged to marry the Blues' defensive end, David Yarmouluk. A second daughter

Catherine, 13, has Blues' blood in her system.

There must be a spare bed in the Feraday home. So Honora Chung, a student from Guyana, was invited to move in. She attends Humber College.

No grades, no games.

The Feraday sons have been involved in practically every sport on the Toronto high school and university calendar -- football, hockey, track and field, weightlifting, soccer, tennis.

Sgt. Feraday reveals that sport is his secret weapon. There's a family rule that games cease when grades sink. His kids are not great students, he admits, but he never has to use the sports ban because of failures in the classroom.

"I don't have to remind them of their opportunities," he says. "They know I had to quit school when I was 14. I was born in the Dufferin-Bloor area. I always wanted to be a police officer. So I took night school courses in order to qualify for the department."

"That delayed my start in sport. I always had been a frustrated athlete. At 29 I started running the quarter mile and half-mile for the police track team. After I got into hockey, I became coach of the 52 Division team. We won the championship four years ago. Now the players seem to be going to 33 Division. I'm 52 now but I feel as fit as I did when I was 25."

It's too bad there are not 30,000 Feradays in town. The Blues would have the kind of turnout they deserve for tonight's opener.

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Night School

- Beth Forester

A basic guitar course will begin on Tuesday afternoon, October 16, from 3-5 p.m. at the school. Tim Hallman will be instructing the 10 week course. Registration fee is \$10.00. Minimum enrollment for these programmes is 8 people. We would welcome "old" and "young" for the guitar lessons.

Other programmes for which I am trying to find instructors are:

Conversational French, Gymnastics, Upholstery, and Ladies' Physical Fitness. If any of these courses will proceed, a notice will be posted within the next two weeks. However, I would welcome any suggestions or hearing from those interested in the Night School programme. Call Beth Forester: 389-5582 or 389-4582.

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Your Council Asks For Your Ideas About A Summer Works Program

- John G. Hall

For the past several years, the senior levels of government have provided municipalities with subsidized labour during the summer months. While the main purposes have been to provide youth with some money to help with continuing education, to put their efforts to some constructive use and hopefully to give them some experience in the working world of real life, a secondary effect has been to let the municipality concerned get some jobs done that other wise might drag on or perhaps never get done.

It is a good program for most municipalities as the wages paid are usually 100% subsidized. For a small municipality like Amherst Island, there is the problem of providing on-the-job supervision and transportation. Two years ago we tried it and were unable to make effective use of the persons we hired. The work was brushing and general clean-up along the Island roads. The need for a good deal of instruction and continuous supervision along with regular road crew duties meant that we did not have the necessary staff to do the day to day planning and supervision required.

There is no requirement that the work be manual labour. It could be anything. It should be something that needs doing, something with a purpose, and be well planned and directed. Otherwise the students feel it is not worth doing and "bug off" and are more nuisance than help.

Hiring a person outside of the program who would be knowledgeable of island needs, able to direct a work crew and handle transportation as required costs a fair amount and, as representatives of all us taxpayers, Council realizes that the \$2,500 it would cost would raise the general mill rate about 5 mills, or about \$25 a year on a \$5000 assessment. However, maybe you feel it is worth it. Let us know.

Perhaps if we had a long detailed list of jobs to follow, we could hire one of the students with a car or truck to supervise the others and provide transportation.

What ideas do you have? How to plan it? How to supervise it? How to give day to day direction if it is

required?

Yes. Let Us Know! The best way is to write us a note. That usually requires a bit of organizing on your part but it results in your message being most helpful to us. However, if you have any ideas and don't want to write a note, phone any one of your council members or the township office and let us have it.

Report On The Quinte Community Pasture - Fred Neilson (from Agrinews, OMAF Office, Napanee)

The Quinte Community Pasture on Amherst Island was used for the first time this year. Cattle from 25 farmers in the Quinte area (Northumberland to Frontenac Counties) were on pasture from May 20th to October 15th. The Community Pasture was managed by Fred Neilson, Stella. A total of 326 head; 122 steers and 204 beef and dairy heifers were pastured. The average gain per head was 183 pounds, with steers averaging 191 pounds and the heifers averaging 171 lb. The range in the gain made by the steers was from a high of 292 lb. to a low of 119 lb. The beef and dairy heifers ranged from 238 lb. gain to a low of 42 lb. gain. Much of the variation in gain in both the steers and heifers was due to the kind of animals put out on pasture. The cattle put on pasture at heavier weights that were well fleshed out tended to lose weight when first put on pasture. Cattle that were used to being outside before going on pasture did better on pasture than those cattle that went on pasture directly from a nice warm barn.

For 1980, farmers planning to use the pasture are advised to be more selective in the cattle they put on pasture if they want better gains. A period of pre-conditioning before going on pasture would also be advantageous. The cost charged for pasturing cattle was \$28 minimum with gains over 200 pounds being charged 14¢/lb. The average cost per round of gain was 19¢ with the steers averaging 17¢/lb. and the heifers averaging 21¢/lb. of gain.

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List Of 100 Ideas For Canada Works Projects

- John Hall

Renovate

- The community hall
- A church
- An historical building
- An old school into a community facility

- A nursery
- Make
- New street signs
 - A park
 - A hiking trail
 - A ski trail
 - A playground
 - A softball field
 - A slide show
 - A jogging track/trail

Build

- A co-op bait house
- Canoes for water safety
- A bridge
- Bus shelters
- Tourist facilities
- A rink
- Locker rooms for the rink
- Seats for the rink
- Benches for the park
- A swimming pool
- A retaining wall
- Bleachers
- A community slipway
- A community wharf
- A community hall
- Fences
- A breakwater
- An Ice-house
- A drop-in centre
- An addition to a church or community hall
- Toboggan runs
- A tourist info booth
- Bird feeders
- Log playground equipment
- A bicycle trail

Organize

- A 3-month mobile library
- A drop-in centre
- A community band
- A recreation centre
- A handicraft centre
- A community info centre
- A big brother/sister drive
- A winter carnival
- A museum
- A single parents' centre
- A community garden
- A phone-in distress centre

Help The Aged Or Handicapped With

- Housekeeping
- Transportation service
- Meals
- House repairs

- Social activities
- Swimming
- Skating
- Snow removal
- Free theatre
- Sharping service
- Moving services
- Gleaning services
- Counselling

Or

- Index historical data
- Extend community pasture
- Improve recreational facilities
- Complete interior of community facility
- Extend community park
- Improve water supply
- Clear land for recreation
- Cut right-of-way to community facility
- Provide social centre
- Organize energy conservation workshops
- Convert existing building into community centre
- Upgrade access trails
- Fence community facilities
- Set up recreation program
- Cut lumber for community use
- Clean up a park or cemetery
- Clean up litter
- Help handicapped children
- Plant trees
- Remove dead trees
- Cut firewood for the park
- Paint community buildings
- Produce a show for community T.V.
- Mark historical sites
- Tree preservation
- Research environmental problems
- Put on a play
- Develop solar energy

Promote tourism

- Tape books for the blind
- Research community history
- Study urban development
- Identify housing needs of the community
- Improve community cultural facilities

Beacon News

- Ian Murray

The last issue of the Beacon sold out in 4 or 5 days, so there will be more copies available this time. The deadline for turning in items for the next issue will be Dec. 10th.

Note : The beacon welcomes advertisements of a local nature.

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Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company
- Marie Ward

The Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company has Chim-fex chimney fire extinguishers for sale. They are designed to extinguish chimney fires. The cost is \$6.60 each plus tax.

We also sell 2 1/2 lb. fire extinguishers for \$18.33 each plus tax, 5 lb. fire extinguishers for \$29.34 each plus tax and Guardian Smoke Detectors for \$29.95 each.

The fire extinguishers are on display in Clinton Kilpatrick's garage. If you wish to purchase a fire extinguisher or smoke detector, please contact Clinton Kilpatrick or Marie Ward.

If you already own a fire extinguisher, you should check it about every six months to make sure that it doesn't need to be re-charged.

Is This B.S.?

The Cow As seen By An Automation Expert
- submitted by N.J. Allison

A cow is a completely automated milk-manufacturing machine. It is encased in untanned leather and mounted on four vertical, movable supports, one at each corner. The front end of the machine, or input, contains the cutting and grinding mechanism, utilizing a unique feedback device. Here also are the headlights, air inlet and exhaust, a bumper and a foghorn. At the rear, the machine carries the milk-dispensing equipment as well as a built-in fly-swatter and insect repeller. The central portion houses a hydrochemical-conversion unit. Briefly, this consists of four fermentation and storage tanks connected in series by an intricate network of flexible plumbing. This assembly also contains the central heating plant complete with automatic temperature controls, pumping station and main ventilating system. The waste disposal apparatus is located to the rear of this central section. Cows are available, fully assembled, in an assortment of sizes and colors. Production output ranges from two to 20 tons of milk per year. In brief, the main external visible features of the cow are: two lookers, two hookers, four stander-uppers, four hanger-downers and swishy-wishy. There is a similar machine known as a bull. It gives no milk but has other uses.

His Insight, Her Hunch - "Double Standard"
- submitted by N.J. Allison

How often have you caught yourself making one of the following statements?

A businessman is aggressive; a businesswoman is pushy.

He's careful about details; she's picky.

He loses his temper; she's bitchy.

He follows through; she doesn't know when to quit.

He's firm; she's stubborn.

He makes judgments; she reveals her prejudices.

He's a man of the world; she's been a round.

He isn't afraid to say what he thinks; she's opinionated.

He exercises authority; she's tyrannical.

He's discreet; she's secretive.

He's a stern taskmaster; she's difficult to work for.

Remembrance Day

Thank you, Chester Tugwell, Bill Bulch, Les Glenn, representing Air Force, Navy and Army, for coming into the school to help us better understand Canada's role in the war and your own experiences.

The following are small excerpts from the essays and poems written by Grades 3-8 on Remembrance Day and Why I Wear a Poppy.

"My dream, and I guess it's everybody's dream is to stop all wars and to bring peace and joy to the world. What we should do is to make our

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dreams come true."

Sylvia Baker, Grade 8

"I wear a poppy because I want to show people that I remember about all the men and women that went to war."

Noel McCormick, Grade 8

"...So the reason I wear a poppy is because I am proud of the men who died for us. I hope there are never any other wars again. The reason for wearing a poppy is to show respect for others who went to war to save our country."

Julie Forester, Grade 4

"There is a very famous graveyard in France where many soldiers are buried. This graveyard is called Flanders Field. There are thousands of poppies growing in Flanders Fields.

Robbie Galbraith

“This year before I pinned on my poppy I wanted it to mean something to me. Something to let me know deep down in my heart that I would be thankful for and honouring the soldiers who fought in the great wars to preserve my freedom. For each of the petals I decided on a word. My sentence was “Let me not forget.”

Kim deHaan, Grade 6

“Other countries are still fighting in a war. So I wear a poppy to show how happy I am to have a free country to live in. I remember the soldiers that died in the war and show I’m proud of what they did for me.”

Trudy Strain

“The Amherst Island Legion members join together at the village of Stella on the day of November 11th and then parade up the front road to the school grounds where our Memorial Cairn is placed. . . . They have a two minute silence, a prayer for those who fought and died and the placing of a wreath on the base of the cairn.”

David Brown

“A lot of men in the war died and that is why we wear a poppy, to remember those that gave their lives for their country.”

John Eves

“My uncles and my grandfather fought in the war. On Remembrance Day the men that were in the war sell poppies. The money they make selling poppies is used to help the soldiers that were hurt.”

Donnie Miller Grade 3

“Poppies are red and red is the color of blood. Many people were killed in the wars. We wear poppies to remember people who fought in the wars.”

Leah Murray Grade 3

“I wear a poppy to remember what all the men did in the war to save our country. Some men flew airplanes, some men sailed on destroyers, some men built bridges, and others marched in groups to fight the enemy.”

Steven Ward Grade 3

“...I think that his job was dangerous and important and we should think of him on Remembrance Day. Why is Ralph Wemp my hero? He fought for his country and mine, Canada.”

Steven H. Willard

“...November eleventh is a day set aside for us to remember the sacrifices they made for us, however, we should remember their gift every day of the year.

Tracy Filson Grade 6

“For four years from his family he saw a lot of men hurt and killed. He saw a lot of countryside ruined. We are glad brave men like Ralph Wemp fought for our great country.”

Adam Miller Grade 3

“We are very lucky that there hasn’t been a major war since 1945 and that our world leaders are usually able to solve the problems by having meetings and other methods. We are very lucky to have these people fight for us at war and the poppy we wear is just one way of thanking them for fighting for us.”

Jennifer Pearce Grade 6

Red poppies grow in Flanders
To mark the graves of men
Who fought and gave their lives
So we’d have peace again.

Mark Kilpatrick Grade 7

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“Some people were in the Air force, Army and Navy. Three people that I know who were in the war are William Bulch, Les Glenn and Chester Tugwell.”

Charlette Eves Grade 8

The men that were hit sat and waited
For men to take them back for first aid
While they’re lying there thinking
Wishing them luck hoping to see them again.

Ann Willard

Remembrance is important
From then until today
Some say that it is stupid

Who cares about them, they say.

But you should care about it
Things might not be so good
If it wasn't for them we might not be here
So remember them you should.

Jeff Pearce Grade 8

"If it wasn't for the men in the wars we might not be here today."

Steven Wemp Grade 8

"I wear a poppy because I want to say thanks that we won the war to all the men and women who went to war to keep us free. For our freedom and our rights they died out there so we could live a happy life.

John McArthur Grade 8

"But the poppy is not the whole idea of Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is also a day in which you can remember the horrors of the wars and try to make sure that we don't start another one. Think of all those who went to war and did not return. Remember their sacrifice and then work to keep the tradition of Canada and the freedom we all enjoy."

Shelly Glenn

"I wear a poppy because I want to show people that I remember about all the men that went to war.

David Horth Grade 8

"The significance of Remembrance Day is so that the men and women who weren't in the war don't forget about the men and women who fought and died to keep our country free."

Kelly McGinn Grade 8

The war is over
The battle is done
The bodies are buried
I see the graves in the sun.

We all gather 'round
To pay tribute to the dead
On this Remembrance Day
Wearing our Poppies red.

Marlene Eves Grade 7

"We should be very thankful that there were people who had the courage to go and have battles in other countries. We wear a poppy to remember these soldiers."

Charlene Eves

So when you see a person
With a poppy on his chest,
You know that he remembers
The soldiers that did their best.

Billy Bustard Grade 8

News from the Primary Class

-Yvonne Mondoux

In the Primary class some of us are learning to read.
Others are becoming better readers.

Mike Strain

Ottawa Dance Theatre - They showed us some ballet Steps. We laughed at the story told by movement and music.

- Hugh Filson & Perry Derochie

For the International Year of the Child we learned about Thailand and the importance of a home.

We all need a home for sleeping and hugging a stuffed toy.

- Reginald. Hitchins

We all need a home for protection. In Canada we need protection from the cold. In Thailand they need protection from the sun and the rain.

- Shannon Eves

We need a home for protection like keeping warm and comfortable.

- Jeff deHaan

We all need a home for sleeping and dreaming.

- Peter Horth

We all need a home for keeping clean and brushing our teeth.

- Melissa Hedges

We all need a home for keeping clean to feel good.

Sherry Ward

I learned my telephone number.

- Laura Wemp

I can write my name.

- Jeff Forester

I can sing the alphabet.

- Bobby Eves

I liked the film about the Merry-Go-Round Horse.

- Michael Horth

News And Views From The Junior Room

- Beth Forester

In September we did a project on "woods" for Environmental Studies. In October our project was on "leaves" and this month we will do one on migrating birds.

- Jennifer Pearce

So far this year the Junior Room has had four tests. The first test was a Canadian Test of Basic Skills. It is given to Grades 4,6, and 8 students all over Canada. We had it Oct. 9-12 The subjects are vocabulary, comprehension, language skills (spelling, capitalization, punctuation, usage) map, graph and table reading skills, knowledge and use of reference materials, mathematics concepts, problem solving.

- Tracy Filson

Mrs. Dopking, our resource teacher came to the school and did an acrostic poem about Thanksgiving with us.

- Kirk Collins

Miss Belisle was here on Oct. 17th. She brought lots of Math games for us to play.

- Ricky Welbanks, Robbie Galbraith

We watched the International Year of the Child programme on T.V. We made dolls that were on display at Napanee Mall on Nov. 2nd and. 3rd.

- David Brown

On Oct. 26th, Mrs. McQueen came and showed us how to brush our teeth. She showed us a film called the Haunted Mouth. Also she brought some teeth that she had got from the dental health. Our class got a tooth-brushing record.

- Paula Collins, Steven Ward

The Junior class had a Hallowe'en Party. There was a Haunted House. There were games to play. There was

food to eat.

- Michael Collins

At school we have been busy working hard. We had Bill Bulch, Les Glenn and Chester Tugwell to talk about Canadians in the war. We have written essays and poems about Remembrance Day.

- Adam Miller, Steven Willard

For Environmental Studies we are doing a study on Pioneers. We are planning to have demonstrations on butter making and bread making and someone to talk about the old days. We are going to McPherson House for "Christmas at the Lairds" and in May we may go to Upper Canada Village.

- Trudy Strain, Julie Forester

The County Dairy Princess and the Ontario Dairy Princess came on Tues., Nov. 6th. They told us about milk. They showed us a film. It was about how to milk cows in the old days.

- Donnie Miller, Leah Murray

The Ottawa Dance Theatre came to show us ballet. They showed us their warm-ups. One of the ladies did something on the "peanut" and someone made a racket, so she danced. They did a play with bees and a lady and man going on a picnic. A construction worker was drilling and the trees were dancing.

- Michelle Hedges, John Eves

Notices

Lennox and Addington Guild of Fine Arts
Calendar of Events

Nov. 26 - Dec. 1- Guild Arts Show & Sale at the Napanee Mall

Dec. 1 - Draw to be held on the painting by Ruth Brooks

Dec. 3 - Next meeting of the Guild at Mom's Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. New members and interested friends welcome.

The Presbyterian Church Women wish to thank all those who so enthusiastically supported. their sale of the "Island Treasures Cook Book". One thousand have been sold and another 500 will arrive on the Island Nov. 16th. Cookbooks can be purchased at Glenn's Store (\$6.00 or by phoning 389-2012. You may have need of extra copies for Christmas giving.

- S. Caughey

Avon Party - Your Avon Rep., Wendy Shurtliffe would like to invite anyone interested to an Avon party Nov. 24th at 1- 3 p.m. at the home of Myrtle Veech

For Sale
Truck wheel chains, 17". Very good condition. \$50.
Topsy Farms 389-3444

Home Baking -
All occasion cakes for sale.
Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.
- Mrs Carmelle Horth 389-2916

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November Bites
- Ian Murray
Wet fall has slowed down the seasonal farm activities. There is still corn to be harvested and fields to be ploughed.

I find November to be just about the most depressing time of year; cold, damp and cloudy. Once winter sets in it never seems quite as had as I remembered from previous years, but November always lives up to my most dismal expectations.

Out Our Way
- Dale Flison
Get well wishes are extended to Robert Tugwell who has recently been a patient in Hotel Dieu Hospital, and also to Eric Morris who is in Kingston General Hospital.

The Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph at the school last Sunday was well attended as was the joint church service at St. Paul's church which followed. The Rev. B. Lindsay and the Rev. N. Allison took part in both services.

The 4-H girls and their leaders Mrs. Ena Baker and Mrs. Randi Murray are working diligently on their needlepoint in preparation for Achievement Day which will be held Thurs. evening Nov. 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Prince Charles Public School in Napanee.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute is sponsoring crewel embroidery classes for a period of 4 weeks. Mrs. Georgie Allison and Mrs. Marion Glenn are instructing these classes.

Clinton and Ena Baker would like to thank everyone who remembered them on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, Oct. 8th. Ena would especially like to thank her loyal friend.

Recent Happenings
- Bruce Caughey

Remembrance Day observance on Amherst Island was well attended yesterday. The service at the Cenotaph, led by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539, was held at 10:45. Rev. Norman J. Allison, assisted by Rev. Bev. Lindsay, Rector of St. John's Church, Bath and St. Alban's Church, Amherst Island. Two minute silence was observed in commemoration of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice in the wars of our time at 11:00 a.m. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Legion by Mrs. James (Grace) Eves and on behalf of the Community Sunday School by Michael Collins and Hugh Gibson. It was gratifying to see the number of Island residents present and particularly pleasing to see the Community Sunday School present in a body in fitting observance of never to be forgotten events in our lives.

Following the service at the Cenotaph a joint Community Church Service was held in St. Paul's Church, when the members of the Legion, St. Alban's and St. Paul's congregations attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. Norman Allison and Rev. Lindsay. Rev. Lindsay delivered a very fitting and inspiring sermon and one would hope that it might be a continued practice to observe this day on a Community basis.

Deaths

On October 18th, 1979, there passed away in Kingston General Hospital, after a lengthy illness with cancer, Clara Louise (Ted) Instant, wife of D. Ernest Instant, a well known native of Amherst Island. While not a native born Amherst Islander, the late Mrs. Instant was a frequent visitor here and was well known. Besides her husband, who is confined to Providence Manor, Kingston, she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Robert Hessel (Clara), two sons, Ernest, with the Armed Forces, Edmonton, Alberta and Fred, with the O.P.P., Pembroke, Ontario, as well as 7 grandchildren and four sisters.

Following funeral services at the Robert J. Reid "Chapel on the Corner", Kingston, interment was made in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery here, on Saturday, October 20th last.

The death occurred on Monday, October 20th last, in St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital of Rose Kathleen McMullin, wife of Alexander Glenn and mother of Mary, Mrs. James S. Neilson.

The late Mrs. Glenn was a member of a much respected Island family and

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was held in high esteem by all who knew her, as a good citizen a wonderful neighbour and of outstanding integrity. Suffering a stroke some 13 years ago she has been a patient in several hospitals with the last 10 years confined to St. Mary's where she received loving care but unfortunately was rarely able to recognize any of her family. The late Mrs. Glenn and her husband removed to Kingston a number of years ago where Alex was engaged as Chief Engineer on the Ferry Wolfe Islander. Alex is presently confined to Providence Manor. Besides her husband and her daughter Mary, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive. Funeral mass was held in the Church of St. John the Apostle on Wednesday, October 24th with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kingston.

Rev. Norman and Mrs. Allison and a number of the members of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, attended Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church, Kingston, on Sunday evening last on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of this congregation.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Dr. Kenneth G. McMillan, B.A., M.Div., D.D., was guest preacher at both morning and evening services. The evening service took the form of "A Festival of Praise" with the singing of many favourite hymns and Psalms led by the augmented choir, consisting of members of surrounding congregations and under direction of Meikle Turner, also a group of Young People of the congregation led in singing some evangelical numbers. The stirring message from the Moderator held the Congregation enthralled for more than an hour and brought to them some very interesting statistics as to the direction in which the Christian Churches, of all denominations, within our Western World Society are going, statistics which pointed to the alarming percentage of population within our North American continent who take no part in any Christian Church, either in attendance or support and bringing clear cut statistics of the tremendous development and enthusiastic membership shown in the Christian Churches in South America, Africa and large portions of Asia. Following the service, refreshments were served in the Sunday School hall, at which a period of fellowship was much enjoyed.

Report On Council Meeting, Nov. 6, 1979
by Chris Kennedy (not the official minutes)

Present were Jimmy Neilson, Jack Kerr, John Hall, and Jean Tugwell. Dave Vrooman was unable to attend. Howard Pearce reported that Wintario and C.R.C.A. had approved grants for the lighting of the ball diamond and Council agreed that work should start as soon as possible.

The Liquor Vote having been passed by 97% of those voting, council discussed the next steps to be taken with regard to the school board.

Geoff Matthews talked about the recent oil spill and council agreed to express its concern about the spill in a letter to Keith Norton and Flora MacDonald. Council also discussed what assistance they could give in reporting future spills.

Several landowners affected by the proposed municipal drain said they were very unhappy with the present plan, and council discussed ways it could mediate between the petitioners for the drain and the worried landowners.

Council decided to discuss the development road at another meeting, as the evening was getting late.

Burton's Sanitation has been contacted about the rats in the dump.

There were other matters of routine business.

For Sale

1 pair of girl's figure skates Size 6½

\$5.00 - Good condition

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King Tut

- Randi Murray

Shirley Miller, Carol Bernier and myself were fortunate to see the Tutankhamon exhibition in Toronto recently. The Lennox and Addington Guild Of Fine Arts (they're nice people, really) engineered the tickets and chartered a bus from Napanee to the Art Gallery and surrounding area.

Nine hundred people were admitted per hour (the ticket shows your time) and it did seem rather a lot once we were inside. Security was noticeable but not overwhelming. We were very impressed with the exhibits. The sheer beauty and craftsmanship of the articles was captivating and people were standing in one place staring into the glass cubes for a long time. It never seemed to be a question of if you liked it - you had no choice; it was which pieces you liked best and why.

The jewelry was very fine; the ebony and wood inlay work, superb. The King's personal possessions such as dagger and case were represented as well as his badges of office, such as the sceptre and scarabs. The carved alabaster jars were especially lovely and the statues of the King, gods and goddesses and animals were eerie in their realism.

"Gold Fever" seemed to have hit some people very hard and they stood elbows locked so as not to lose their place as close as possible to the gold objects. They seemed to breathe deeply and slowly as if they were trying to inhale the gold. Objects of far superior workmanship (but no gold) got a small pause so we were able to spend more time examining and enjoying them. It was definitely a very personal thing.

Toronto has reached a new low - cashing in on this exhibition - every store downtown has some replica to sell you. In the Art Gallery alone there is a gymnasium-sized area selling "Tut"; in plastic, pewter, paper, silver, gems, ?, gold and chocolate!

We couldn't by-pass this sordid mess but became immune wandering around Toronto later. It certainly didn't spoil our fun.

Excerpts from the Topic "How Television affects My Life."

"Television, I think, is a great invention. I also think that a lot of people watch too much T.V. It is a good way to find out what is happening around the world... but I'm not going to let it rule my life."

Shelley Glenn

"I think there is too much violence on television for younger kids. There's too much news, gospel religion and sports. Other than that, I think the programmes are pretty good."

Marlene Eves

"Smoking is not cool but on television or in magazines they try really hard to make it cool. When they show love scenes on television, I just turn the television off or go and find something to do like homework or chores."

Sylvia Baker

"Television affects me very little but I don't think anyone is Not affected by violence. I don't think they should have violence on in the daytime when little children are watching. There is way too much violence on simple cartoons like Batman... with stealing and fighting and hitting."

David Horth

"I feel they should have more scary shows on. They should put shows on that interest everyone, not like Joe Clark and people's politics. They sometimes come on in the middle of a good show and go right through it."

Ann Willard

"Television shows you what the world is coming to, a lot of violence."

Charlotte Eves

"Television affects my life by teaching me things."

Charlene Eves

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

On Wed. Oct 24, the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Norman Allison. The president opened the meeting in the usual way. Roll Call was "A Canadian Industry and where Located".

The president, Mrs. Phyllis Strain, gave her report on the Area Convention held at Chaffeys Locks. Next convention will be held in Napanee on Oct. 16 and 17, 1980.

The programme convener for Canadian Industries, Mrs. Anna Hitchins, had Mrs. Allison give a talk and also a demonstration of her weaving showing how to work her loom. Weaving has been practiced for 4000 years in many parts of the world. Mrs. Kip Hedges also showed a few woven pieces made in her family. Mrs. Hitchins also had a contest on detergents and soaps. Luncheon was served and the meeting closed in the usual way.

On Tues. Nov 20. the Institute met at the home of Mrs. Marion Glenn. The Roll Call was "What I Learned from the Hand Book". The new 4-H project "Food for Friends" was discussed and Mrs. Marjorie Baker volunteered to be a leader. The Senior Citizens dinner was discussed to be held Dec. 1st in the school at 6 p.m. Also discussed sponsoring a euchre in aid of the Heart Fund in February. Mrs. Marian Glenn, convener of education, introduced Mrs. Jane Scott, a member of the School Board, who gave us an interesting talk on education at the elementary level as it was many years ago and of today. Some interesting discussion went on, after which Mrs. Glenn presented Mrs. Scott with a gift in appreciation. The meeting closed with the Grace and lunch was served.

The December meeting will be held on Dec. 5 at the home of Mrs. Anna Hitchins in the form of a Christmas party.

90th Birthday Celebrated

Mr. & Mrs. Kaye McGinn and Vernon entertained at a dinner party on Nov. 23rd for their uncle's 90th

birthday, Mr. George Willard. Among the guests besides Mr. Willard were Wilbert and Gayel and David Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Peters and Leonard Wallace, Robert and Lucille Brown and Thelma and Charlie Howard.

Amherst Island Community Sunday School

- Cathy Glenn

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School will be celebrating the birthday of Jesus Dec. 16th. The party will be held at the school and will begin around two o'clock. There will be no Sunday School in the morning. If you like to sing, listen to stories and share in fellowship, feel free to come. Everyone is invited to this special celebration.

Season's Greetings

To all our friends on Amherst Island, Season's Greetings. May your Christmas be Merry and your New Year filled with Health and Happiness.

Fred and Marlene Frohlich

Card Of Thanks

The members of St. Alban's A.C.W. wish to express their sincere thanks to those Presbyterian Ladies who so very kindly donated food to our Bazaar on Nov. 3rd.

A special thanks to Mrs. Chris Glenn who donated the use of her dish cart. It was very handy and greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank those capable "young ladies" who helped serve at the supper. Your generosity and co-operation and to all those who attended, once again made our Bazaar a very worthwhile endeavour. Thank you everyone!

(Members) St. Alban's A.C.W.

Beacon News

- Ian Murray

The Beacon has purchased a reconditioned Gestetner duplicating machine for \$250. The next requirement to improve the quality of the Beacon is a good typewriter. Does anyone have a good typewriter to loan, rent or sell to the Beacon? If so, please contact Jack Kerr at 389-0356.

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Seed Corn

Lois Henderson is now agent for the National Northrup King Suppliers. Her phone number is 389-3906. Following are some brands carried. Others will appear in later issues of the Beacon.

PX414 - For high yields this year plant PX414, a new three-way cross from National NK. PX414 matures early. Excellent seedling vigour. PX414 is well adapted to early maturing areas. This hybrid is full dent with fast dry down. 2500 Heat Units. Limited supply - order now.

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Send A Beacon to A Friend

This is the last issue of the Beacon before the new year. What better time to order a year's subscription starting with the January issue. A one year mailed subscription is \$3.60. Our number of subscriptions are not even close to the subscription list of the original Beacon. Let friends and relatives know what is happening on Amherst Island year 'round!

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To our current subscribers: Your subscriptions will be extended to cover our change from bi-monthly to monthly issues. Thank you for your support. Have a Very Merry Christmas And Happy Healthy New Year

Lyn Fleming

4-H News

- Deb Blenkhorn

We, the Amherst Island 4-H group (The Nutty Needlers) have now completed our needlepoint class. We all found it a great experience.

We learned a total of six different stitches, as well as learning how to block and finish our needlework.

Achievement Day, on November 23 at Prince Charles School, Napanee, was a success and we all

received our silver spoons.

We appreciate the efforts of our leaders, Randi Murray and Ena Baker.

The next 4-H Club will be Food for Friends, dealing mainly with party food.

Council Meeting In Special Session

Nov. 1/79 - Ian Murray

Two representatives from Municipal Planning Consultants were present to discuss the proposed revision to the township's zoning by-law. (A draft by-law has since been submitted to Council for its review and comments)

Council Meeting In Special Session

Nov. 22/79

Council authorized the negotiation of the purchase of a tank truck for fire-fighting purpose from Stuart Kilpatrick.

The township solicitor, Peter Radley, and a member of the County School Board, Jane Scott, discussed the Board's policy regarding the use of alcohol in the Community Centre.

Council Meeting In Special Session

On Nov. 26/79

Council met with objectors to the proposed Miller Drain. Council agreed to postpone the drainage meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 11 by approximately one month so that the concerned parties will have ample time to negotiate ancillary drain action with other parties concerned. Also Council agreed to urge ARDA to meet with a group of land owners who wish to negotiate a mutual drain agreement to cross ARDA land.

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Council Meeting In Regular Session

Dec. 4/79

1. Minutes of the previous regular and special meetings were adopted as circulated.
2. Municipal accounts were passed as submitted.
3. Council authorized the Road Superintendent to arrange for the transportation of the township grader to Ottawa where the extent of the repairs needed to the rear end is to be assessed.
4. There have been several break-ins at the township shed. Council is considering appropriate action.
5. Council agreed to purchase a tank truck from Stuart

Kilpatrick for \$4500.

6. Council agreed to support to its fullest extent the landowners seeking a mutual drain agreement with ARDA.

Out Our Way

- Dale Filson

Mr. & Mrs. A. Bruce Caughey returned on Friday evening from a four day trip to Bruce County where they were guests of the Formosa Mutual Insurance Company at their annual Christmas party held in the "Bruce Room" of the Hartley House, Walkerton. They report a most enjoyable evening with friends within the Insurance Industry and the Ontario Mutual Insurance association of which Bruce is a past President.

En route, Bruce and Helen visited with their friends, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Welch at Brantford and Mr. & Mrs. William G. Tilden at Harriston.

Tom and Audrey Miller recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Their daughters Debbie and Karen, will be having a party for them at a later date.

Again this year, our Senior Citizens enjoyed a dinner and social evening provided for them by the Amherst Island Women's Institute.

Mrs. Coulson entertained her neighbours and friends at a euchre party in her home last Monday evening for the benefit of the Woman's Institute.

Eric Bailey is at present a patient in Kingston General Hospital. Our "Best Wishes" are sent to him. The sympathy of the community is extended to Marnie Matthews in the recent death of her father, and also to Howard Pearce in the passing of his grandfather.

Eric Morris, a former resident of Amherst Island, passed away a short time ago, while a patient in Kingston General Hospital.

An Article From 'Bookends'

- written by Lanny Henninger, 1903,
University Avenue, Austin, Texas.

- submitted by A. Denys Cadman

'And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it

Luke 19:41

Recently a friend passed along an essay by James J. Kilpatrick, an essay extolling the virtues of country life. I read it carefully for Kilpatrick is a perceptive writer. And he almost convinced me to pack up and move out. Almost, but not quite. Because I don't want to get too far from the city. And yet - - in thinking of the city -- I was reminded of the moment when Jesus, late in his ministry, came to Jerusalem. And Luke put it this way in Luke 19:41. Is there any cause for us to weep over

the city?

Most of my experience in fund raising over the years has been restricted to talking to church people about their stewardship. But community people possess a sense of stewardship, too don't they. Or at least they should. We owe this place a great deal, you and I. A moral base. Intelligent and occasionally courageous leadership. A visionary eye. Fairness and an opportunity for human flourishing. But all those things - - and -- more - - are gifts. Given by persons who are looking beyond themselves. We really give nothing when we ask the other fellow to do all the giving... when we sacrifice something we never intended to keep anyway.. when we give out of a mean, resentful, manipulative spirit.

It is true that we owe ourselves something. But if we are always taking in, we impoverish our community. And if we give only that which costs us nothing, we impoverish ourselves. In any event - - if this is the case we may be justified in weeping over the city.

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Apt. 507, Ontario St., Kingston, Ont.

The Island Beacon

Amherst Island, Ont.

Dear People -

I have enjoyed the recent copy of the Beacon, and I note that you are open to suggestions. I wish to agree with one item from John Hall, namely an Island Museum. The other day as I was considering past experiences, I recalled crossing the ice with one hand on the gunwale of the Island Ice Boat, along with Fred Neilson during a rainstorm from the south. This led me to wonder if this novel boat was saved from destruction. It was then that I felt that the Island should have a museum, where many souvenirs of past years could be preserved.

I had these items in my mind.

1. The Island Ice Boat.
2. The McCaugherty automobile that couldn't turn right.
3. Art Drumgoole's bottle of gin.
4. The partly-filled whiskey bottle which was said to have been found in the wall of the old tavern being torn down by Art Drumgoole many years ago.
5. The pony and cutter used by John Tugwell as related in an article "Just In Case".
6. The string of ninety-nine buttons put together by Miss McQuoid when she married Joe Hogeboom. (This was a collection in which every button was different.

Ed.)

7. A pail used when MOM was sent for a pail of water.

8. A bottle of Holy Water brought by William Coulson and his wife on their return from Ireland.

9. And anything else worth saving.

How about it, Islanders.

Loyally yours,

(Dr.) H.C. Burleigh

Home Baking

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

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Amherst Island, Ontario.

Dedicated to: Shirley Miller, Barbara Reid and Ed. Potter. {Island School Bus Drivers}

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Regular Council Meeting

Jan. 8. 1980

1. Minutes from previous meeting approved as circulated.
2. The Building Inspector presented his report for 1979.
3. Committee reports
 - (a) the road grader is back but as yet no bill has been received.
 - (b) the old fuel truck has arrived and plans are being made to modify for fire fighting purposes.
4. There were also discussions on severences, planning and the disposal of property acquired through back taxes.

New Year Ushered In With Good Will

The ageing and bearded 1979 bowed out and gave place to the newborn and bouncing 1980 on Monday at midnight. To a great many Amherst Island folks and their many relatives and friends from a far-flung area, the ushering out of the old and the entrance of the new was a very pleasant occasion.

This year saw the return, after an absence of many years, of the New Years' Eve Dance or Community Party which has been a part of the Island New Year for innumerable years. New Years' Dances have been under the sponsorship of various organizations down through the years and doubtlessly we have never really fully appreciated the work and efforts of those who have arranged these events.

With the availability of the increased capacity of our new community hall, many months ago the some eight members of the Amherst Island Horsemen's Association set about planning of a New Years' Eve Party. First of all, the booking of an orchestra was a prime consideration as orchestras are in strong demand for New Years, and a contract was entered into with the well-known local group, "The Wildwoods" of whom the leader is Ernie Smith on drums, along with Ted Young, Wayne Vandebogart and Keith McDonald.

The sale of tickets was next of importance and it

was decided to sell 200 tickets which was felt to be the capacity of the building. This was strictly adhered to and each member was apportioned a share of the tickets to dispose of. The tickets had been sold many weeks ago and the only availability of tickets for late comers was through cancellations by those who at the last minute found it impossible to make it.

Provision of food was another important part of the arrangements and the determining of the amounts which would be consumed during the evening. Some 80 to 90 lb. of prime boneless beef, along with 6 or 8 boneless hams were purchased from "Hind Quarter" (Ed. Scrammage) Kingston. These were cooked by the wives of the association members, and Les and Irene Glenn of Glenn's Store very kindly carried out the slicing with their new electric slicer. Four varieties of salads were prepared by "Mom's Restaurant" Napanee and dozens of freshly baked dinner rolls came from "Carload Market" Napanee. This along with hors d'oeuvres provided the sumptuous repast which was enjoyed by everyone, commencing at 8 p.m. Dancing followed, with the floor being completely filled with dancers at all times who were enjoying themselves to the full. As midnight approached, hats and horns were distributed to all and the tumultuous roar that greeted 1980 would have done credit to the New Years' Eve Times Square assembly. Joining hands in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" several times over was followed by a round of "well wishing", when one became aware of the high degree of fellowship that was being enjoyed by all as well as the realization of the tremendous community spirit which was so evident among this group of well-dressed, well-behaved people who were enjoying themselves along with friends who came from so widely scattered points - Adolphustown, Odessa, Napanee, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, Markham, St. Catharines and Buffalo N.Y. to mention a few.

Food was available throughout the evening in buffet style along with the usual beverages, and it was with the regrets of all that the clock indicated 2:00 a.m. and the enjoyment had to come to an end. The Amherst Islander made a special trip to return all those friends who found it necessary to go home at 2:00 a.m. when the crew, under Capt. Wm. Bulch, donated their

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usual over-time pay in the interests of providing a successful community evening.

On behalf of those who unanimously voted this a gala evening, we must express our sincere appreciation to that small group of Horsemen and their wives who

worked so hard in making this possible, and who demonstrated through their efforts an excellence of planning. This was never planned as a money-making project and throughout there was every evidence of the generous contributions made by so few in the carrying out of the various assigned duties. The expressed opinions that "this has to be continued as an annual affair" was certainly evidence of the tremendous enjoyment of all present, and already plans are in the making, with the Wildwoods promising "first chance" in the engaging of an orchestra.

One was left with a great feeling of admiration for this large group of people who conducted themselves in such a well-behaved manner and by doing so left the desire to have "repeats in succeeding years.

During the evening recognition was made of two birthdays - H.E. (Bert) Glenn, who now joins the ranks of the "Senior Citizens" and Raymond Wemp. Both men are crewmen on the M.S. Amherst Islander, Bert being purser on one of the crews, while Raymond serves as mate on another crew.

Peter Coulson Appointed Queen's Counsel
- Irene Glenn

Crown Attorney for the Provincial Court of Napanee, J..P. Coulson was appointed Queen's Counsel last week by Attorney-General Roy McMurtey. Congratulations, Peter, from your many friends (and former classmates) on Amherst Island.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Thelma Howard

On Wed. Dec. 5th the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Henry Hitchins in the form of a Christmas party.

The president, Mrs. Phyllis Strain opened the meeting in the usual way. The roll call was an exchange of gifts. Some visitors were present.

A discussion took place for 4-H leaders for the next project and asked for volunteers. Also discussed doing some project probably a quilt for the eightieth anniversary of the Institute. Mrs. Marion Glenn, Mrs. Georgie Allison and Mrs. Kip Hedges were appointed a committee for this. Mrs. Lulu Strain asked for donations of wool, to knit an afghan for the school children.

The secretary was asked to write a letter to the Canadian Radio Television Co. asking them to ban female hygiene products. Also send a resolution through Miss Flora McDonald and forward it to C.R.T.C. and also to bring jars on the market that tops will fit.

Mrs. Phyllis Strain read a letter from the friendship

club thanking the Institute for serving dinner to the blind, and also for the donation.

Mrs. Georgie Allison, Mrs. Kip Hedges, Mrs. Louise Seaman and Thelma Howard were the programme committee and luncheon committee for the evening.

Mrs. Allison read an interesting reading on the advent season and its meaning. Many carols were sung and music was provided by Mrs. Seaman. Mrs. Howard presented a Christmas contest and also a Christmas game. Mrs. Lulu Strain read an interesting Christmas reading "Got Your Letter, Wait For Me, Santa".

The meeting closed with the Grace and a delicious lunch was served by committee and Mrs. Hitchins was thanked for giving her home for the evening. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn on Wed. Jan. 16th at 2 p.m. The ladies of the Institute were very pleased again this year that the Senior Citizens' dinner on Dec. 1st was such a success and thanks also goes out to the Island Legion members for such a hearty donation to us to be used for the dinner.

Volunteers Needed

4-H needs 2 leaders for the next club "Food for Friends". Training School is Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 21st and 22nd at Trinity United Church, Napanee. For further details contact Mrs. Phyllis Strain at 389-4146.

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Former Island Minister Dies

- A. Bruce Caughey

Island residents will be saddened to learn that word was received here a few days ago of the sudden passing of Mr. James A. Mullin at Red Deer, Alberta on December 10, 1979. He had undergone minor surgery on November 20th, following which he suffered a severe heart attack.

A memorial service was conducted in Knox Church, Red Deer, by members of Red Deer Presbytery with Rev. Mark McLennan officiating. Following cremation, the interment of the remains will be made at Boom Road Cemetery, Newcastle, New Brunswick, Mr. Mullin's native home. Surviving him are his wife Violet, one daughter Margaret and three sons William, David and Ira.

The late James Mullin served as Catechist in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Amherst Island from 1966 to 1969 and will be remembered for the quiet impact that he made on so many people both in and out of the congregation of St. Paul's. Following his service here

he was appointed by the Board of World Missions to the Presbytery of Brandon, serving the congregations of Hartney and Melita until 1978 when he received appointment to the Presbytery of Red Deer where he served on a three-point charge, St. Andrews, Three Hills, St. Andrews, Orkney and St. Andrews, Louisiana.

Any friends wishing to extend sympathy to the family may reach them at late following address;
Apt. #203
3341 51 Ave.,
Red Deer, Alta.
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Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to relatives, friends, neighbours, clubs and organizations who helped us in so many ways at the time of our recent fire.

We would particularly like to thank each and every member of the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department who responded so promptly to our call and who worked all night in temperatures well below freezing to save our home.

The love and kindness shown to us at this time will always remain with us.

Hugh, Dale, Tracey and Hughie Filson

For Sale

One new snow tire for sale. G78X14.
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Warning To Snowmobilers

Chester Tugwell has reported to the Beacon that the Little Lake in the Big Marsh could be a potential hazard to unwary snowmobilers due to this winter's unusual weather conditions. Although there may be a substantial thickness of ice around the edge, the centre has melted out, and any new coating of ice in the centre may be dangerously thin, especially if a new fall of snow were to cover this ice before a return of very cold temperatures.

Some Thoughts On Oil

A. Bruce Caughey

Today we seldom listen to a newscast or turn our attentions to our daily newspapers that we do not hear or read about great emphasis being placed on the "oil crisis". Whether all of this concern regarding the availability and continued source of supply of oil is justified or not I am not able to say, but I do know there seems to be continuous "beating of the bushes" by our politicians and the continuous "manipulation" of the price scales by our big corporations, all in the name of required expenditure and continued research, exploration, etc. to ensurej000 0106256BJL06800e0L0000 TD-0w5.

gasses so detrimental to our environment. Use of bituminous coal has become history at this point of time and I have very fond and vivid memories of those spring mornings of the 30's and 40's when the dozens of lake ships, who had cast off their winter moorings in the then highly-recognized "Port of Kingston" were making their passage up Lake Ontario and down the St. Lawrence. To me that smell of soft coal was a sure harbinger of Spring and I enjoyed it. I had visions of those dozens of firemen in the fire-holds of those ships, who stoke the boilers and raked the resultant ashes and discharged them into the lake where they did no harm.

Today, by a process of "manipulation", oil has become the fuel of our marine transportation, and let some poor unfortunate engineer disgorge some of this "golden liquid" into the lake waters and the wrath of the gods descend immediately, the members of the press scamper about to unearth alarming statistics concerning the detrimental effects on our wildlife and millions of dollars are expended to control oil-spills and to clean our beaches.

In the midst of this and I suspect standing back laughing about the whole process, are those peoples who reside in the larger oil producing countries of the world - - OPEC seems to be the descriptive word we know best these days. When our Scouts and Engineers discovered the presence of oil in these countries and developed the production of the same, with our neighbours to the South pouring billions of dollars into such development, some of the people of these countries attained positions of unbounded wealth as well as International status beyond their greatest expectations.

Now, due to all this concentration on "oil", we seem to be standing on the very "brink" of a third World War. "Manipulation" has again risen to the forefront of our lives and we common folks seem to stand by in fear and trepidation of what our futures may be. "Oil" is the present key, but will it always remain so?

My mind seems to turn back to the early days of World War II. What was the "key" need of the armed forces, of the every day needs of so many people at that time? "Rubber". We had been geared to its use. The automobile had become an integral part of our lives as well as every other phase of our needs. For this commodity, rubber, we were completely dependent upon foreign sources. Burma was one of our chief sources of supply and eventually when our enemies invaded and overran this territory, we wondered how long we could function.

Our government imposed rationing, and I well remember assessing my own personal situation as far as my needs

of tires were concerned and certainly wondering if the day would come, and not too far distant, that I would no longer drive an automobile. We accept our individual situations, and soon we found the solution; the development of synthetic rubber, and fabrics of all kinds were eventually produced as a result of our skilled scientific abilities, and today, Burma stands forgotten as a source of supply of those things which we, at one time, considered so important in our way of life.

I have the confidence that like developments will be the solution to our present concerns, and I have no doubt that "behind the scenes" are skilled men and women possessing the abilities to provide these solutions, and quite unexpectedly these solutions will "burst forth" into our lives with unexpected reality. I have faith that our God will rule and direct His peoples, so that Right will always triumph over "Manipulation".

Two Fires Occur - Tragedy Narrowly Averted - A. Bruce Caughey

A tragic fire was narrowly averted in the early hours of Dec. 18th last in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Filson on the South Shore road. The family had retired as usual but Mrs. Filson was disturbed by the smell of smoke. Investigation did not reveal the source of the smoke but eventually a call was put in to the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department who responded with their two vehicles and equipment under Deputy-Chief Harry Filson.

By the time the firemen were on the scene, flames could be seen in the east wall of the house and had spread upwards toward the roof and were spreading across the ceiling joists under the bedroom which Mr. and Mrs. Filson had occupied.

Quick action by the firefighters brought the fire under control but not before there had been extensive damage to the east side of the dwelling and the roof as well as the interior of that particular area, and of course a great deal of smoke and water damage was suffered to the furnishings etc. Mr. and Mrs. Filson had carried out extensive renovations recently, with the installation of aluminum siding throughout, and a new fireplace complete with ventilators. The origin of the fire was in the vicinity of the fireplace which had been in use during the evening. The usual Christmas preparations had been made with a tree in place in the living room. Island residents certainly feel that a terrible tragedy was very close as the two young Filson children were already in bed and asleep. Possibly in a very short time, no one would have known what had happened. A smoke detector had also been installed in the downstairs area but due to the fact that the smoke and fire were contained within the outer and inner walls, it was not

“set off” to awaken the occupants.

Again we are most appreciative, first of all, that we have a fire department, and secondly, that we have those devoted young people who so conscientiously respond when the fire call goes out, and who work so hard to prevent the loss of property. On the night of this fire temperatures hovered around the -15 C mark.

The Filson's were glad to take shelter with Mrs. Filson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Welbanks, for a few days, but have now taken up residence in the Mr. and Mrs. Churchill residence on the Front Road while repairs are carried out to their damaged home. It is expected that repairs will require some six to eight weeks for completion, and are being handled by Rollins Repair Service of Belleville.

Circumstances surrounding the second “near fire” seemed to be governed by the “hand of fate”. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Glenn and their daughter, Shelley had just left at 11:00 a.m. for some last minute Christmas preparations in Kingston on Dec. 24th (Allan is Principal of Cataraqui Public School). Their two teenage sons, Tim and Steven were still at home, but in a very few minutes would have also left for Stella. When they smelled smoke, investigation showed a raging chimney fire in progress where their kitchen stove attaches to a “Selkirk” chimney. Again the fire department responded and soon brought the fire under control with extinguishers. A minimum of damage resulted and

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the Glens are very thankful that fate seemed to have intervened as otherwise, with everyone away, a certain loss would have occurred of a very fine farm residence.

Let us take these two occurrences as a warning and in our efforts to avert the “oil crisis” may we be doubly careful in our use of other fuel devices. I remember very distinctly the precautions with fire that the “preceding” generations exercises and of their rigid adherence to a schedule of “keeping the stove pipes clean” at all times and the stoves under complete control.

School Christmas Concert

- Ian Murray

This year a Christmas concert was a refreshing change and the most enjoyable one I've ever attended. Mrs. Beth Forester is to be congratulated for, in organizing the concert, she blended the school and the after-school activities to give the audience a unique look at some opportunities recently open to Island children.

Mrs. Donna Stroud's team of gymnasts displayed enthusiasm, skill and a great deal of hard work in their

display. The guitar group, taught by Tim Hallman, was on hand to play and sounded very impressive. The students taking piano lessons from Bev. Hallman each played a tune as well, none exhibiting “stage gitters”. The atmosphere was very relaxed so that each production, play, recitation, or song came off at its humorous best (not like the rush producing ones I can recall). Mrs. Mondoux's primary class was especially adorable and well- prepared.

Each student and teacher (with sincere apologies to anyone forgotten) must have tried very hard to make the concert the success it was, and to accomplish this in a short evening is commendable indeed.

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Summer Work Program for Youth

The Federal Government will be spending approximately \$110 million nationally to create meaningful employment for students this summer. The Summer Youth Employment Program is for young men and women and is designed to support projects proposed by established non-profit organizations and local governments. It will be aimed at secondary and post-secondary students who most want and need meaningful work and projects will be required to be of lasting community value. The established voluntary sector, e.g. the churches, the Y.M./Y.W.C.A. and other youth-oriented committees are encouraged to get involved with project sponsors.

The federal contribution to wages will be the provincial minimum wage level with a student supervisor receiving 1 1/2 minimum wage. 20% administration premium will be paid to the project organizing body for such things as statutory vacation allowance and paper work.

A project must last a minimum of 6 weeks and preferably be longer, up to 16 to 18 weeks, and the minimum number of youth involved is 3 with a maximum depending on the scope of the project.

Any youths interested in the Youth Employment Program either on the Island or elsewhere must register for it at the Manpower Office in Kingston at 791 Princess St.

The intent of this letter is to encourage your community organizers to begin developing project ideas now. A list of project ideas that you may find useful follows. Project application forms will be available soon.

John Hall and Jack Kerr are trying to pull this together for approval by Council. They ask that persons who have ideas and are willing to work along for the benefit of our youth get in touch. Hopefully, church and other organizations will contact us soon.

John Hall - 389-6553

Jack Kerr - 389-0386

Some Project Ideas - Summer Youth Employment

Program

Give Instruction in Gymnastics

Run a Sailing School

Teach Canoeing Courses

Put on Some Plays

Produce Radio Programs

Teach Remedial Reading

Run a Nursery School

Put on a Puppet Show

Have a Series of Concerts

Set up a Volunteer Organization

Give Music Lessons

Build a Tennis Court

Transcribe Books into Braille

Make a Film

Publish a Newspaper

Research an Historic Area

Show Movies for Kids or Teens

Organize a Senior Citizen Club

Construct Cross Country Trails

Work with Mentally Retarded

Take a Dance Troupe on Tour

Run a Glass Recycling Centre

Teach Creative Drama

Have a Bicycle Safety Campaign

Design and Build Aids for the Handicapped

Do Agriculture Research

Operate an Orientation Program for Kids Entering
Highschool

Organize Horseback Riding for Handicapped Kids

Or Something Else That You Would like to Do.

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4-H News

- Bev. Wemp

The Island 4-H Club, the Fancy Food Fixers, held their 3rd meeting Thursday, Feb. 14th. The officials for this club are : Pres. Charlene Eves, Vice Pres. Tracey Filson, Treas. Kim deHaan, Sec. Norma Collins, and Press Reporter, Bev. Wemp. Other members include Jeff Pearce, Mark Kilpatrick, Charlette Eves and Deb Blenkhorn. Leaders are Jackie and Tom Sylvester. This club deals mainly with party foods such as pizza, cabbage rolls, and crepes. We would like to thank the Women's Institute for their donation to this club. This club to date has proved to be very interesting and

worthwhile.

Weather Or Naught?

- Tom Sylvester

We on the Island are surrounded by the weather. Directly or indirectly everyone of us is affected by its changes, and change it does. Jackie and I started making weather observations in Dec. 1978 to appease our curiosities. The atmospheric Environment Service recognizes the climate of our country is the history of its weather elements based on a long period of time. The more complete the voluntary weather observer network, the more detailed our climate understanding. I particularly wanted to check if our weather on the South Shore is the same as Kingston, or as my Grade 11 geography text designated, closer to Ontario's banana belt.

The government has loaned us some equipment in return for monthly weather observation reports. There are two thermometers recording the maximum and minimum air temperatures that have occurred since the previous reading. These thermometers are housed in a Stevenson screen. This strictly designed louvered box is mounted at the specified height, 1.4 metres.

Temperatures around the world can be compared when the observations are taken in this standardized position. There is a readily apparent sacrifice made for this international standard. Our observed temperatures are not the same as those our melon patch experiences. September 20, 1979 the overnight low was 1.5 C but our melon patch was devastated by this (unofficial) frost. We also measure rain and estimate snowfall. Snowfall measurement is difficult since most snow is blown off the lake rather than falling on the South Shore.

Much information can be gathered by these few instruments and two 4-minute periods per day. Each day the maximum and minimum temperatures, and the amount of precipitation are recorded. The 1979 daily observations are summarized in a monthly form in the accompanying table {see last page of this issue}. Some November and December figures are presented in brackets. We confess to touring away from our post during this period. Data presented are borrowed from the Kingston weather office.

Discussion of the 1979 summary could be infinite. There are more interesting relationships found each time I look. February was by a strong lead the coldest month; we started to rest the wood stove by April. How many remember that winter storm of April 6th? The growing season started May 2nd and flourished until September 20th - 143 days. June, July and August, the heart of the growing season had 115.9 mm. of rain only

14% of the total precipitation of 887.1 mm. for the year. I vaguely remember there is a specific name for this annual precipitation pattern; farmers and gardeners alike call it disastrous. Last year, if you did not have water for your garden, you likely did not have a garden.

Daily temperatures can be used to give an index of the winter's severity or heating requirements. The amount of heat required to maintain indoor temperatures is roughly proportional to the number of degrees the outside temperature is below a certain base temperature (18 degrees C is commonly used). Fuel consumption, heating degree/days during a month such as January (790) would be around double that of April (390). Interestingly as the conventional heat requirements increase from December (610) through to a peak in February (850), bright sunshine, as observed in Kingston increases from 80 to 119 hours per month respectively. The passive solar homes on the Island, in fact, have decreasing conventional fuel requirements by mid-January. Their sunshine energy hours flashes up to 145 hours in March.

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Since even the most learned commentators such as Zynch, are often wrong, it would be presumptuous for a John Doe to forecast and no attempt is being made to do so. However, when deciding which team to back most fans will likely revert to the well used old method of asking themselves the question that came to the mind of the few-minutes old infant as it blindly and feebly fumbled for its mother's breast and gurgled "What's in it for me."

Confused Fan

Beaver News

- Bill Hedges

Well, the Beavers are half way into their second year and all is going well. We now are up to 13 Beavers as Donnie Miller has rejoined the group. Taking advantage of the ideal winter weather, our colony took its first outing of the year, a skating party at Gary Hitchins farm pond. Gary and Anne Marie were kind enough to supply all the Beavers with hot chocolate and home-made cookies. The weather was equally hospitable, and a great time was had by all.

We are still in need of another adult leader willing to assist with Beavers or help get Cubs going. We do have several over-age boys in our colony who are anxiously waiting the chance to 'swim-up' to Cubs. Without a Cub program we will not be able to continue Beavers beyond this year.

The group committee has been busy over the rest

several months getting the Island phone directory together. We are now selling the directories for one dollar each as a fund raising project. A special thanks to Marie Ward, Shirley Miller and Dorothy Kilpatrick for their help on this project. Soon the directories will be available at Glenn's Store as well. Hope you like the directories. Please add these names to your directory list

Ackerman A. -6425

Churchill W. -4975

Mygind G. -4669

And once again, any new leader out there ?

Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my friends, relatives, neighbours and A.C.W. for flowers, cards and calls. Also to those who phoned and brought food to the house while I was sick. Also thanks to the children and staff of the school for the big card I received and to Chris Kennedy for driving bus, and to Warren Kilpatrick for helping with chores.

A special thank-you to Stratton {Reid} and Jim {Stratton's & Barbara's son} for all the extra they have had to do.

Thanks again,

Barbara Reid

Coming Event

- Mrs. Phyllis Strain

Heart Fund Euchre

Feb. 22, 1980 8:00 p.m. at Amherst Island Public School.

In lieu of admission, donations accepted for Ontario Heart Foundation. Receipts available.

Prizes

Lunch

New Years' Nuptials

- submitted to me by Dr. H.C. Burleigh

Shirley Miller

It is not often that couples let the Minister or Justice of the Peace tie the knot on New Years'

have received considerable publicity recently. One is their witty goalie {John Crosby} who learned the game on the hilly streets of a city in the Atlantic. He is fearless, comes out of his net to challenge the shooters, and wears no mask. The other is the lady in the kilt {Flora MacDonald} who plays centre. She is quick on the draw and wins most face-offs. On more than one occasion her work in the far corners has stimulated the team. For her, hat tricks on home ice are old stuff.

What then, are their chances? As mentioned, they have youth; more players than either of the other teams; stars who can handle themselves in rough going; a cut-the-deficit game plan; and perhaps, above all they are the Champs. The delightful tinkle of the victory champagne in the Peoples' Cup after the '79 victory has not had time to fade. They should be very hard to beat provided they don't get their signals crossed and are not guilty of coughing up the puck in their own end.

The Grittos

Prior to their defeat in the 79 series, the Grittos had held the Peoples' Cup for several years. Without meaning to be unfair to other players, it must be mentioned that through the years, the "French Connection Line" contributed greatly to the success of the Grittos. After defeat in Super Series 79 and at a general meeting of all players in the CPL held to discuss players' benefits, the Grittos' coach {Pierre Trudeau} suddenly announced his resignation. He had been head of the team for over a decade and had shared many triumphant victories with his team mates. He is a nimble and speedy skater, an excellent stick handier and his solo rushes are becoming a legend.

Shortly after his resignation Super Series 80 was announced. After several frantic meetings the Grittos players decided to ask their former coach to remain with them for Series 80. This they did promising to play the game his way. He thought it over carefully, then accepted. It is rumoured that secretly the team felt that if they filled him full of vitamins that this would be the stimulus for victory.

In past contests the Grittos have come up with many fan-pleasing plays that also resulted in winning the Peoples' Cup. Undoubtedly their experienced players, many of them stars in their own

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right, but now somewhat out of the limelight because of their second place standing, will remember these plays and make sure they are included in the game strategy.

How will they fare? Many of the players are experienced and have competed for the Peoples' Cup before; successful plays of the past will, be used again;

the French Connection Line although aging a bit, will score well; the coach has a lot of experience and perhaps the hideavitamins will induce the desired resurgence; and very important, the bitter taste of defeat still lingers. It would possibly be more prudent to buy gold than to bet against this team, provided they play as a team, stay on side, and the coach doesn't hog the puck.

The Demos

In relation to the age of the Central Powers League, this team is a fairly new entry. Although fans are often pleased with the play of the Demos, there still seems to be a reluctance to back a team that has never won the Peoples' Cup. One thing this team is noted for is its ability to make opposing players keep their heads up.

The Demos' coach {Ed Broadbent} is a rugged, pleasant looking chap who always seems to have the full support of his team. From his position on defense, he has handled the team for several years. Normally he reserves his hardest body checks for players on the Championship team. However, if the score is not in his teams' favour, he will dish out bone-crunching body checks to any opposer. In the jargon of the game, he is a dedicated, two-way player.

The Demos also believe in game gimmicks. Presently they are using to excess a pick-me-up beverage called Pepsican {Petro Canada?} which allegedly creates more energy. Although the Demos claim it was their original idea, the Grittos had Pepsican manufactured first, and although they still use it, seem to think that the hideavitamins is the better gimmick. The Toros had a taste of Pepsican, decided it was a bit strong, but rather than pour it out altogether, they diluted it and thoughtfully suggested that fans could also drink it now.

The Demos coach is a fanatic when it comes to the health of his team, especially among his older players. Medicine and therapy are administered freely, and that is the way the coach says it must be.

Their chances? The potential of many of their players is not known but obviously must be there, otherwise they wouldn't be playing in the CPU; the team will be healthy and will follow the advice of the coach; Pepsican is likely to have a good effect; and everyone will be motivated by the desire to get out of the cellar. There is a chance then, and fans who are not afraid to gamble may find they have picked a winner. Their chances could possibly be further enhanced if they cleverly use some of the plays of the other teams concentrate on the long pass through centre and try to keep the opposition bottled up in their own ends.

News Coverage

As is usual before these Series, reporters are playing up what they think are the past and present weaknesses of each team. If a coach were to believe all these mumblings, he could take appropriate corrective action and come up with a perfect team. However, this is not happening and coaches are paying little heed and are carrying on with their own things, They know reporters can be wrong.

Fan reaction is being made known to the teams through the media and, if favourable, seems to make some players much more aggressive. Presently, the Grittos seem to be slightly favoured. The Toros are refusing to let this bother them. They seem to be remembering the philosophy of a former great Toros coach who said, "Goals not opinions win the People's Cup"

Conclusion

Perhaps the best conclusion to conclude is that there isn't any conclusion to this confusion. One point is clear. Penalties will be a big factor in this Series. All teams have worked out excellent power plays. As a matter of fact all players play their best positional hockey while implementing this play and their slap shots seem to gain momentum.

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1980 Winter Games At Amherst Island Public School - Julie Forester

Wow! what a warm sunny day we had on Friday, Feb. 8, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It was just great to have the parents to help out. We had with us Mrs. Brown, Mrs. H, deHaan, Mrs. C. Glenn, Mr. B. Horth, Mrs. C. Horth, and Mrs. D. Willard.

There were six teams and six events. The students played the first three events. The slalom race is where you have two brooms, two balls and go through nylons and two posts. We also had Obstacle Course. We went up the ladder, swung under the parallel bars and up the two monkey bar ladders, over the bridge, and around the fort. Next is the toboggan where one older person pulls a younger person sitting on the toboggan. Some people I talked to thought of the Obstacle Course as fun, exciting, easy and good.

The second round of events were the target throw which was to take a basketball and throw it into the net. For the younger students there was a little ball and a box. Blob Tag is when two people hold hands and try to touch other people. The Tug-of-War is two teams pulling the rope until one team pulls the other team over the paint mark.

Now what did most people think of the winter games? Well here is what they thought: fun, super, magnificent, very good.

Mrs. Donna Willard and Mrs. Cathy helped make the hot chocolate. People who donated milk were the Eves, Glenn and Wemp families. We sat at the tables set for the Chili dinner. The Junior and Primary classes made souvenir badges for all participants. Wow, what a day!

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn on Wed. Jan. 16 at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Marion Glenn acted as secretary-treasurer in the place of Mrs. Diane Gavlas.

The president, Mrs. Phyllis Strain opened the meeting in the usual way with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was to bring something for the Tweedsmuir History for which had some interesting answers as to history of their homes etc. One visitor was present.

A reply from the dairy princess was read and will be visiting our branch in May. The Officers' Conference will be held on April 29, 30 and May 1st, and Mrs. Irene Glenn was chosen as delegate to attend.

There will be a benefit euchre on Friday Feb. 22 at the Amherst Island School and proceeds will go to the Heart Fund so we are hoping to get some good donations. This is being done instead of going from door to door collecting.

Summary day for the Crewel embroidery class is to be held March 4th in Grace United Church, Napanee, and Mrs. Filson, the leader, asked all members in the class to have their project finished.

The workshop called Food For Friends is to be held in Napanee on Jan. 21 and 22 and Mrs. Tom Sylvester was considering being a leader.

The secretary read a letter inviting us to a class in Napanee on Feb. 20, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. called Interim Design Within Your Budget to be held in Grace United Church, Napanee.

Mrs. Georgie Allison gave a report as to making something for a project in honour of our 80th anniversary of our institute this year and decided to make an applique quilt.

The programme convener for Tweedsmuir History, Mrs. Genevieve Fleming read an interesting letter from the Ontario Genealogical Society and also read the history of Lady Tweedsmuir. Mrs. Fleming also read the history of her own home and showed us a floor plan she had drawn.

Mrs. Irene Glenn, a sister to the Welbanks

fishermen, read a story of the fishing industry and told about the fishing of years ago, and the many new ways of today, one especially is the making of their own artificial ice as to years and years of cutting with saws and chain saws, and dragging it with horses and sleighs and trucks, packing in sawdust and this took plenty of help.

The meeting closed with the Grace and National Anthem and a delicious lunch was served by the committee. The February meeting will be held on Feb.20 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Wemp.

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Special Council Meeting Jan. 13, 1980

- Ian Murray

The Amherst Island Recreation Committee was authorized to negotiate a revision to the current lease agreement with the Lennox and Addington Board of Education concerning control and jurisdiction of the community hall during non-school hours usage. Those revisions are to delegate total authority and responsibilities of the building to the municipality for non-school usage.

Special Council Meeting Jan. 24, 1980

Salaries and wages for reeve, council and non-ferry township employees were decided upon for 1980.

Regular Council Meeting Feb. 5, 1980

Minutes of the January meeting were circulated and approved. Committee chairmen presented their reports.

There was considerable discussion relating to drainage projects within the township. The proposed wetland project on the second concession was also discussed.

Council is investigating ways of reducing the interest payments which are made necessary by delays in receiving ferry subsidy payments from the provincial government.

Here And There

- Ian Murray

Last week I went to the mainland for the first time since December. It was a considerable surprise to me to see that the large willow tree at the mainland dock had been removed. That's progress I guess. I'll certainly miss that tree on hot summer days after missing the ferry by five minutes.

There appears to be quite a migration of coyotes

from the mainland. Perhaps they've heard about all the rabbits and voles over here. Hope it isn't on account of the sheep.

Low water conditions and heavy ice build up in the marshes is apparently forcing muskrats out of their winter houses. Lack of food and cold weather outside their houses results in many dead muskrats. Island residents living near the marshes are skinning intact corpses. Muskrat pelts are selling quite high.

Amherst Island Community Sunday School

- Cathy Glenn

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School will begin its new year March 2, 1980. Sunday School will be held at Amherst Island Public School and begins at 9:45 a.m. We welcome any boy or girl from the age of 3 years through to 12 years.

A Young Peoples' Group will start March 5, 1980, held at Amherst Island Public School from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This will include any young person from the age of 13 and up. Come on out, see what it's all about, and make your contribution to the success of the program.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank friends, neighbours and relatives who remembered me with cards, phone calls and visits while at home recovering from my accident.

Hans deHaan

Poetry

Sound Effects

by Julie Forester

When I'm alone

At school or home

I hear a sound

From every place around:

 people walking -

 people talking -

We're lucky we have ears!

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards, telephone calls and visits while I was in Kingston General Hospital and since my return home. Your prayers and best wishes were much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ralph Wemp

Home Baking

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Humour

“What position does your brother play on the football team?” Mrs. Brown asked Tommy’s little brother.

“I’m not sure” he replied, “but it wouldn’t surprise me if he was one of the drawbacks.”

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Special Council Meeting Feb. 11, 1980

- Ian Murray

A resolution was passed bringing ferry crew wages "into line with those paid to the Wolfe Islander crews". Crew members also are to receive ferry passes. Councillor Tugwell declared conflict of interest and was not present during discussion of ferry crew wages.

The weekly Island gas trip was changed from Monday 7:30 a.m. to Wednesday at 6:20 a.m. effective the first Wednesday of March.

Regular Council Meeting Mar. 4, 1980

Regular business was dealt with. Council discussed at some length revisions to the proposed Zoning By-Law. Council hopes that this by-law will be passed by the OMB by the end of May. Prior to this the by-law must be circulated to all Island residents and landowners. If necessary a public hearing will be held.

Summer Work Program For Youth

Any ideas for projects of "lasting community value" would be much appreciated by John Hall 389-6555, Jack Kerr 389-0386.

Amherst Island Phone Directory

This project by the Island Beaver Group has been quite successful. I've used our copy quite often - it's bright and easy to read. A good idea.

Copies are available at Glenn's Store or from Beaver Committee members.

Quality Milk Production

At the County Milk Producers Annual Meeting on Feb. 11th several Island farmers received "Quality Milk Production" certificates. They are: David Wemp, Jim Neilson, Keith and Don Miller.

Cards Of Thanks

I would like to thank the ones who were so kind to provide transportation to and from Kingston. Also thanks to A.C.W., P.C.W., Legion, Women's Institute and friends and neighbours for treats and get well wishes while I was in hospital and since coming home. Also phone calls.

Sincerely, Leonard Compeau.

I wish to thank all my friends, relatives and neighbours for the cards, visits, and kind thoughts sent to me while recuperating from my operation. A special thanks also to the boat crews and the Legion for their much appreciated gifts.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Wolfreys

I.S.L.E

- Randi Murray

Once our total profit from the Chili Supper was disclosed (30-odd dollars) we considered what might be done differently next time. Some suggestions were to offer entertainment after dinner; to choose a food more people care for; to advertise further; to pre-sale tickets. Any ideas from folks you be greatly appreciated.

Help! The Education-Through-The-Years committee is stepping up frequency of meetings to collect school related pictures and information. One aim of this project is to establish a permanent gallery of pictures to be displayed in a public place (school corridor?) ready for Education Week May 4-10. We need more pictures! It's not necessary to donate them, though that would be wonderful. We can have the original reproduced and return it to you. We are also asking people to help us identify some children in a few old photos we already have. Contact Dale Filson, Lyn

Fleming, Beth Forester, Anne-Marie Hitchins, Jack McCormick, or Randi Murray if you would like to help out.

Education Week is May 4-10 and this year the theme is "Together In Education". This means that the community and school should work together for a common good. Brian Lowry has suggested that the accent be placed on a Community Open House, rather than a school open house, with displays set up in the gymnasium, halls, and classrooms. These displays might include 4-H, Fire Department, Women's Institute, Legion, Recreation Committee, Milk Producers, Beavers, Sunday School, crafts, and many others. This would show in one place at one time, the many facets of Amherst Island School and Community. A committee of people including Lyn Fleming, Bob Horth, Laurene Kilpatrick, and Yvonne Mondoux volunteered to help make this an event that everyone would feel, welcome to attend. Give one of them a call if you have a display or an idea for one. Next ISLE meeting will be held April 1st with Bob Horth as chairperson.

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Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

The congregation of Lochwinnoch Presbyterian Church (R.R. #1, Renfrew) are having an "At Home" in honour of the Rev. R. Keith and Arline Earls on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Reception will be held in Lochwinnoch Kirk Hall, Saturday afternoon, Apr. 12 from 2 to 5 p.m.

For Sale

Used bulk milk tank. Price negotiable.

Jim Neilson

Home baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Tenders For Demolition And Clean-up

Demolition -

Tenders are requested for the demolition of all buildings on Part Lot 12, commonly known as the Robert Gibson property at Emerald, Amherst Island, including: house and attached garage, stable, outdoor privy and rabbit hutches.

The foundation is to be levelled and any excavation under the house is to be filled in with earth, rock or gravel (not salvage or refuse). Rock concrete slabs or concrete blocks may be left on the site.

Clean-up

The yard is to be cleaned in within the fenced area to the satisfaction of the Township Council. Specifically, the following have to be removed: all furniture, carpets and clothing, trailer, plough, metal boat, skids, drums, wheels and tires, washing machines, bicycle, scrap metal, lumber, all refuse and junk.

Note-

Any or all of the above items may be retained or sold by the successful bidder.

Tenders to be sealed and marked "Demolition Tender" and forwarded to the Township Clerk before 4:00 p.m. March 26, 1980

Diane Pearce,

Clerk-Treasurer

Letter To The Editor

Dear Ian:

Just in case the Amherst Islanders do not report adequately on the weather in the Bahamas, you may need to fill the allotted space in the Island Beacon with trivia such as the following quotes from a bi-annual newsletter from the Society of Ontario Nut Growers - a non-profit group not unlike farmers.

Jack Sylvester

Hard Times

These days a person's take-home pay can hardly survive the trip!

It's time to buy a new car when everything except the horn makes a noise!

They say that you can't take it with you but come to think of it
that's the only place you can go without it!

Are times harder than they used to be? ... Heck No! ... I started out 30
years ago with nothing and I still have most of it left.

Worrying and rocking chairs have one thing in common; they give you
something to do but they don't get you anywhere!

Colour T.V. is still in its infancy, you can tell by the number of times
you have to change it!

If parents really wanted their children to look up to them, they should
just try turning off the T.V. set!

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Island Beacon

Amherst Island, Ontario

Young Peoples' Announcement

The recently formed young peoples' group would like to perform some community service and at the same time earn a few shekels for themselves and their group.

For very modest remuneration, you could employ any number of these young people to:

- 1) cut your grass
- 2) rake lawn debris or leaves
- 3) wash your car or your windows
- 4) help you with farm work or carpentry projects
- 5) babysit
- 6) help with spring house cleaning

Any length (from one hour to several days) of employment requests can be accommodated. Please call Cathy Glenn with your requests, give a few details of your requirements and a worker will be dispatched promptly.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Frank Welton wish to express their heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbours for all the kindness and comfort shown to them during their sad bereavement. Also for flowers, cards, donations to charity and all the lovely food sent over. Thank you all. God Bless.

My sincere gratitude to all those who were so kind to us during Clare's illness and at the time of his death.

Gertrude Maude

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank everybody who took a special interest in me while I was in the hospital. I guess you never really know how many friends you have until you are sick, and it was a great pick-me-up to know so many people sent cards or called. Thanks again.

Tim Glenn

A Rare Act Of Nature

- M. & M. Glenn

Born on the Farm of Marshall and Marion Glenn this season, six sets of twin Holstein calves. One set both males, another set both females and the others mixed.

Information Please

I would like to know the Federal Election results on Amherst Island.

George Mygind

Stella 3994669

Council In Committee Of The Whole March 24, 1980

- Ian Murray

1. At Ray Feraday's written request, his name will be withdrawn from the petition drain.

2. A severance was approved in principle for Bert Glenn.

Regular Council Meeting April 1, 1980

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as submitted.

2. Committee chairpersons presented reports on roads, ferry, fire, finance and sanitation, parks, and property.

3. A requisition drain application by James Neilson was approved.

New Line Fences Act

- from Ontario Federation of Agriculture Members' Digest April 1980.

- submitted by Ian Murray

Neighbouring farmers usually agree when building a fence along their property line. But when they don't, the new Line Fences Act (June 1979) should make it easier to solve disputes. Here's a brief look at how it works:

1. The Act is based on the idea that if one landowner wants a line fence, it must be built. Even if the adjoining landowner doesn't agree to it, he will be assessed a share of the costs. Municipal fence-viewers will be called in to determine the cost of building and maintaining the fence. They will award part of the responsibility to each landowner.

2. Before, municipalities weren't even required to have fence-viewers. Now they must appoint them and fix their per diems.

3. Before, the landowner who wanted to call in fence-viewers had to fill out forms, serve them to the adjoining neighbour, and notify the fence-viewers. Now, it's up to the municipal clerk to do all this.

4. After the fence-viewers decide on the award, work can go ahead. But previously, the land owner had no legal right to enter his neighbour's property. Now he has that right. If his neighbour doesn't obey the award, the landowner gives him notice that he plans to proceed. If there is no reply after two weeks, he can go ahead and build the fence on his own. If his neighbour tries to stop the work, he may be fined up to \$1000.

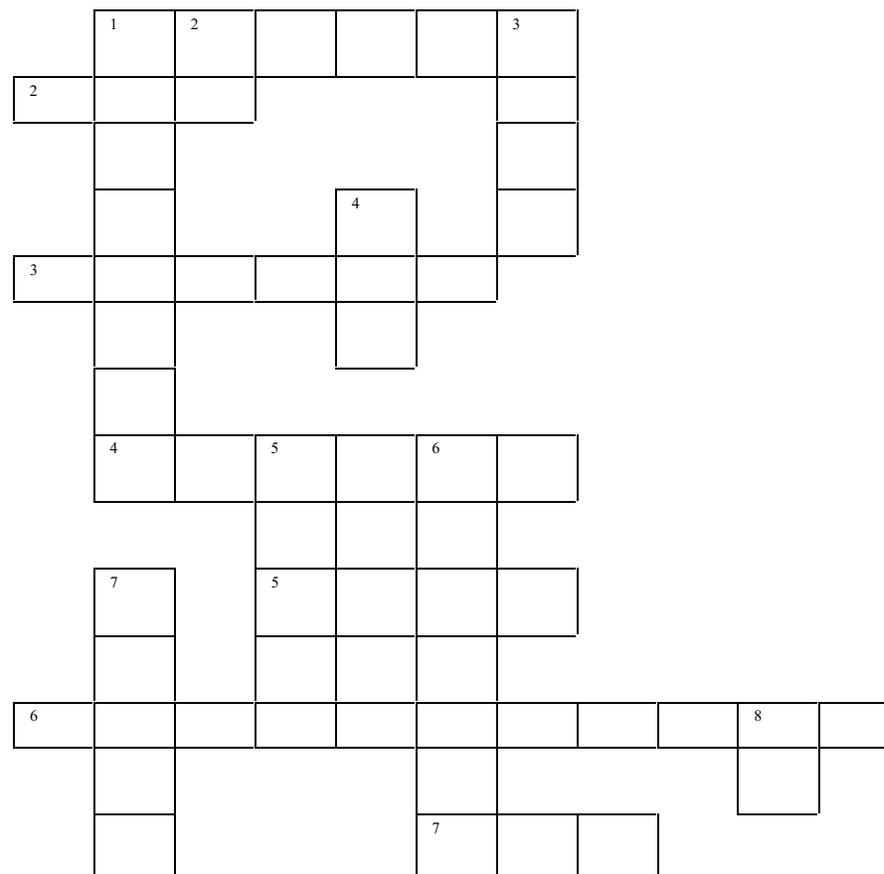
5. If the landowner who completed the work isn't paid within 28 days, he notifies the clerk. The original fence-viewers return and certify both the value of the work done, and that the other owner defaulted.

6. With this certification, the owner can collect the neighbour's share of the costs. This may be done either through the municipal tax collector's rolls, or through small claims court.

If either owner is dissatisfied with the above process, he can appeal to the court.

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Following The Herd - by Amherst Island "Young Peoples Group".



Across

1. Animals found in the herd
2. Changing fashion
3. "Burn rubber"
4. God's son
5. Opposite of bad
6. Brainless
7. "Father"

Down

1. Universal church
2. Short for advertisement
3. Not hard
4. Someone who cares about you

5. Opposite of wrong
6. Dangerous to your health
7. More than one person
8. Often the smallest word but the hardest to say

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Memories

- A. Bruce Caughey

At this time of the year, Island residents watch with considerable interest the movement of the body of ice out of the channel, which in years gone by meant the “opening of navigation”. In the year 1980 this happening does not mean as much as it did to our forefathers - the present generation has enjoyed for some years now, the year-round operation of our ferry service, due to the provision of a “bubble system” operated by our provincial level of government; and while we have watched with doubt in our minds, the possible success of this aid to our ferry operation, this year, we have to agree, has shown the greatest degree of success. Many will attribute this to what we call a “mild winter”, but records will show that there was a fairly long period of freezing temperatures, but the absence of much snow accompanied by gale force winds, has without doubt been a contributing factor.

We do have to recognize, however, that in spite of the effects the winter may have upon the system, a great deal of the success of operation is dependent upon maintenance, and we must give credit to the staff of M.T.C. who early last fall, put the system into operation and succeeded in getting a good “bubble pattern” established by getting the accumulation of grime from the summer months, blown out of the pipe line. This has been a continuous effort in experimentation and much has been learned by those in charge concerning the operation of the system, and continuous progress has been made in improving the system.

Many “theories” or “ideas” prevailed among our Island residents concerning the disappearance of our ice in the Spring. It is interesting to recall one or two of these.

1) Farmers, particularly those who resided along the Bay shore watched very closely as to the disappearance of the ice “up or down” the Bay. If it moved “up” before strong easterly winds, this meant that we would experience a poor crop; however if the movement were “down” the bay before strong southwest winds, we would anticipate a good crop in the

summer that lay ahead.

2) The wind direction on Good Friday ruled the wind direction for the next forty days and by this was determined if we were to have a “late” or “early” Spring.

3) Island residents who lived within sight of the Little Lake in the Big Marsh watched the disappearance of the ice from its surface and always noted that there was never more than 24 hours difference in the time the ice left the Bay and when it disappeared from the Little Lake. This year we can officially declare April 5th as the date of the ice clearing, and that it did go “down the Bay”. It is coincidental that it was the same date, April 5th, in 1938 that the ice cleared, 42 years ago.

It is interesting, through the Clark Diary, to recall what was happening 100 years ago, and to quote some entries from those writings.

1832 - April 9th - a horse and cutter crossing the ice to the Island

{1832 -} April 19th - boats crossing to the Island

1833 - March 23rd - Two men drowned at the “foot” of Isle Tonti

1835 - March 21st - Sleighs and horses crossed on ice from the Island

{1835 -} April 3rd - Footmen still crossing the ice at Bath

{1835 -} April 6th - Boats crossing from the Island.

1839 - April 1st - Mr. William Scott crossed with a team from the Island.

{1839 -} April 6th - Boats crossed to the Island among the cakes of ice.

1841- April 19th - Ice cleared from mainland shore. Steamer from Toronto landed at Bath with passengers.

{1841 -} April 20th - Schooner sailed from Kingston, being the first this year.

1842 - March 4th - No travelling on ice with teams, weather very warm

{1842 -} March 22nd - Navigation opened in Kingston, boats sailed up the Lakes

1847 - April 15th - Steamer Prince of Wales attempted to go up the Bay, but returned on account of ice.

{1847 -} April 21st - The Prince of Wales passed up the Bay in the p.m. considerable ice in upper part of Bay.

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1850 - March 16th - Three men coming from Island Tonti this afternoon, fell through the ice so often when in the channel, that they could not proceed and called loudly for help, my sons and Mr. Garbutts’ went to their relief with two boats, three with each boat, and succeeded in saving them all.

1853 - February 3rd - The ice is getting bad, several horses have broken through and some were drowned.

1854 - April 11th - a horse and cutter crosses from the Island to Bath in the P.M.

1855 - April 14th - Loaded sleighs cross from the Island to Bath.

1857 - April 4th - Teams cross on the ice from the Island to Bath.

1858 - April 6th - The ice has gone - Navigation open. Steamer St.

Lawrence passes up the Bay.

1859 - March 17th - Mr. Gibson came from the Island this morning with a boat and returned.

{1859 -} March 19th - Bay is free of ice as far as the eye can see.

1860 - March 20th - The ice is broken and gone. Navigation open from here to Amherst Island (Note the change in name from Tonti to Amherst)

{Note presumably by A.B.C.}

1861 - March 19th - The ice hard, about 40 sleighs going on the ice this forenoon in sight of my place.

{1861 -} April 9th - Seven footmen crossed the ice from the Island to Bath.

1862 - April 3rd - Sleighs still going in all directions on the ice with loads.

{1862 -} April 24th - The Steamer "Bay of Quinte" passed up the Bay, on her first trip of the season.

1863 - April 15th - Footmen cross from Millhaven on the ice.

As one drives to and from Kingston on Highway 33, during the past weeks, it is quite noticeable that The Ministry of Transportation and Communications are carrying out preparatory work for the start of a program of re-construction of certain areas of this highway which is all part of a program, which was unveiled to the Municipal Councils of Kingston Township, Ernestown Township, Amherst Island Township and the Village of Bath several years ago and is designed to expedite a betterment of the traffic flow on this heavily travelled highway.

Locally, I suppose, we are particularly concerned with that portion of the project which is designed to improve conditions for our boarding the Amherst Islander and one tries to anticipate what the results may be.

For many years we have been aware of the many existent hazards in this area and many suggestions for correcting the problems were made. I am sure the travelling public were very grateful when our Township Council initiated a corrective program some two years ago at Millhaven and while this has accomplished a great deal, yet, it is very disturbing to see "people" who will not "conform" and who insist on being "selfish." At least this improvement eliminated the long, single lane, line-up extending across the Millhaven bridge in the middle of a 40 M.P.H. zone and was indeed a real

hazard.

I have never had the opportunity of seeing the "Blueprints" of this M.T.C. program and I have no information concerning the same, except that which I have read in the press or heard by the "Grape Vine." I do know from conversations with the owners at Millhaven, that the necessary purchases of properties have been agreed upon and legal documents for such purchase have been signed.

In writing, concerning this matter, I wish to raise the question of the desirability of combining the afore-mentioned program with some alterations to the Federally owned ferry dock. I certainly feel that if consideration was given this matter that there would be justification for

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soliciting from that level of government a program of extension and rebuild of the present dock.

If one goes back in memory to the building of the original Millhaven dock, there are many things that come to mind. Solicitation for the building of this dock was initiated by the Late Samuel Miller, then, Reeve of the Township of Amherst Island, who won approval from the Department of Public Works for construction of same, in the early 1920's. Many people questioned the need for this dock at that time and few realized the late Mr. Miller's ultimate ambition of providing a ferry service to and from Amherst Island, with the provision of a dock being the first step. Following completion of the dock, there was a period, until 1929, when little use was made of it, our daily transportation of mail, by motor launch to Millhaven found a useful docking facility for transfer of the mail and the landing of passengers, rather than going under Millhaven bridge and landing at a small dock there, which at times and in certain weather conditions was very hazardous.

Following construction by the late John A. Tugwell of a "lighter", which was towed by motor launch, this dock provided docking facilities for the discharge of loads of cattle and sheep and hogs and the few automobiles which were ferried, by this lighter, in the latter part of the '20's to and from the Island were loaded and unloaded here.

The Millhaven scene was a great deal different in the '20's than in the '70's - Highway 33 was a Township Road, Highway 133 also a Township Road

was much used to provide access to Ernestown Station and the bulk of traffic using these roadways, were horses and buggies, wagons in the

summer and sleighs in the winter, transporting all sorts of commodities to and from the C.N.R. station, including feed, coal, lumber, orders from the two mail order houses of T. Eaton Co. and Robert Simpson Co., farm machinery and the odd "case" of spirits from Montreal.

The present Vanalstine property was one of the Fairfield Farms, purchased by a family named Midmer, whose operation was to harvest the beautiful pine, cedar and hardwood which stood along Millhaven Creek. A mill operated by a water wheel was in operation a few hundred feet inland, on Millhaven Creek and on the Bayshore, just west of the new dock was located Robert Rickey's new grist mill, powered by a Kerosene engine, George Rickey's boat building facilities along with net reels. It is not difficult to realize the limited area on which the dock could be built and which could be purchased for construction of same, and little did anyone visualize the volume of motorized traffic that would flow through this historic area in succeeding years.

The several renovations of the dock are now history and while each in turn was an improvement, there always existed the problem of the location being too far to the East - more recent evidence of this is the discovery of a "Mud Bars" near the mouth of the Millhaven Creek which is a hazard for the docking of our ferry, especially in low water levels. Another problem occurs during the use of our replacement ferry, Wolfe Islander, during necessary repairs to the Amherst Islander when the deeper draught boat makes for reduced manoeuvrability and results in a "slow-up" in service during this period.

Would it not be advantageous, if in conjunction with the present program by M.T.C., if our Federal Government level could be convinced to construct an extension to the West of the present dock. There will no doubt be a substantial amount of fill placed here to provide an acceptable parking area and it would seem to be a natural and sensible provision of improved facilities on a co-operative basis.

Another area of our docking facilities that needs recognition is from a "safety" aspect - both gang-ways stand unmarked and unprotected between ferry trips, surely some provision of a protective barrier is long overdue which can be lowered

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while the ferry is not at dockside.

Then, of course, there is the "gangway" itself, which disturbs me greatly, especially when one observes the constant maintenance required to

cope with the fluctuating water levels - particularly I am disturbed when the bumper, trailer hitch or tail pipes of trucks and automobiles "drag" heavily when embarking or disembarking and always I have a mental picture of the numerous "flexible" gangways which are provided in the operation of the Wolfe Island, Howe Island and Glenora Ferry Services, in order to prevent this happening, and of course I always remember the time when the Prescott-Ogdensburgh Ferry service was being phased out, due to the construction of the new International Bridge and this coincided with a construction of the Millhaven dock and the steel ramp there was offered to us, provided we would provide transportation from Prescott to our dock site. What a pity we were not able to take advantage of this. I am sure that it simply went for "scrap".

I would like to strongly urge consideration of these matters by Municipal Council and hopefully a satisfactory solution of the same effected.

P.S. Last night, along with many more, I am sure, I watched the Hon. Flora MacDonald's appearance on "Front Page Challenge" which I am sure we were glad to see her return to activity after an unfortunate car accident. Let us see what Miss MacDonald can do for us in this regard, after all you know what is said about a woman's persuasive powers!

April 3, 1980

Dear Readers:

Several weeks ago I was prompted to write the Editor of the Kingston Whig-Standard at a time when several articles had appeared in their issues concerning the "Wet Land Area" proposed for a certain acreage within our Island Township.

I directed this letter to the Whig-Standard hoping that my feelings might be conveyed to the Amherst Island people through its columns. I placed this letter on the desk of one of their Editorial staff, and in spite of this "direct delivery" it was several days before "A" letter, over my signature, appeared in the columns of the paper.

Quite frankly, I had to read and re-read the letter in order to identify myself as the author of the same. The letter had been completely re-written and deletions made. Now I am wondering what message came through to our Island people?

In effect I attempted to tell my fellow citizens "Please do not be led into a divergence of opinions and statements that is the "food and drink" for newspaper reporters and they simply continue to create controversies

between people. Perhaps I was too critical in my expressions, but suffice to say that I have strong feelings regarding news coverage which originates with the Bureau Chief of the Whig-Standard in our County Town eg: the coverage of the recent rape case heard by a recent Supreme Court jury.

If there are any readers who question the sincerity of my purposes in writing this letter, I would be very glad to show you the original letter and discuss the same with you.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely

A. Bruce Caughey

Insurance

A. Bruce Caughey

In our society of today, adequate insurance protection of some kind is a vital necessity as related to our personal property.

Our properties consist of many things, in addition to the land upon which we live, and such properties are subject to many perils. The perils may involve buildings, equipment, (including automobiles) personal items of clothing, jewelry and innumerable items of personal significance that are contained within and without our homes.

Preceding generations, as well as our present generation, have recognized the necessity of providing

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some form of protection for replacement of our properties, other than that which we are personally able to provide. Our forefathers, while their personal properties were of much less values than those of today, were nevertheless aware of the fact that, in the event of a fire, their ability to replace that which was lost, was greatly hampered by their financial abilities to do so.

It was this fact that prompted the people of some one hundred years ago to organize some method of providing this protection. Such was the creation of the "Insurance Industry" and it is something that we very much take for granted today.

The Insurance Industry has, down through this long span of years, broadened itself into many and varied coverages and the provision of such coverages has been provided to the public in two separate and distinct forms.

(1) By General Insurance, which are known within the Industry as "Stock Companies". The formation of such companies are the result of the investment by the public sector of their moneys with a view to organizing a company and the success of their operation is completely dependent upon the margin of profit that they are able to generate from their operation so that their stock may hold an acceptable position on the financial market and at the same time provide a reasonable dividend return to their stockholders.

Many people have derived substantial gains from the operation of such companies and have attained positions of wealth and affluence as a result.

(2) By so called Mutual Companies, who owe their existence to the honesty and integrity of their neighbours and whose development and success has been the result of the bending together of people who were willing to bear each others risks, in a mutual way and were dedicated one to the other in such provision of protection without a view to financial gain.

Mutual companies found their beginnings in rural areas of this Province and neighbouring Provinces until they now encompass, not only our Canadian nation and the North American continent but have gradually spread themselves so as to have world wide existence.

The system of Mutual Insurance coverage is one that we, as residents of this Island Community should be very familiar with. The proud record of the Amherst Island Mutual Insurance Company, over the past 85 years, has been one of providing insurance coverage at a minimum cost for the farmers of this community, on their buildings, livestock, farm equipment, produce and household contents, and in case of fire loss, our little company has long been noted for its fair settlements.

Like our fifty-six companies across the Province of Ontario, we have seen extension of breadth of coverage, with much more in the future for us as we look down the road that lies ahead. Farm Mutuals are no longer confined to coverage of farm and farm related properties and we accept underwriting on urban, village and other dwellings as well as providing wind coverage and liability protection. About all that we are not able to provide coverage on are Commercial Risks and recent legislation has enabled our farm mutuals to extend into Automobile Insurance coverage, if they so desire.

I became a Director of The Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company some 41 years ago. As a very young man in the Company I was guided by the senior members of the Board of Directors and was quick to recognize the integrity and sincerity of purpose that characterized these

men in the operation of this, the smallest Mutual company in Ontario, and a few simple rules sufficed to ensure the successful operation of the Company.

In this era of our Companies' operation, the limit of one risk was confined to an amount of \$3500. A separation of eighty feet between risks identified such separate risks and it was with the development of larger farm operations that the pro-mentioned limit was doubled to an amount of \$7,000. The accepted distance of eighty feet of separation

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still prevails and is used by all Mutual Companies, operating as such. However, a very substantial increase in limits of risks has developed and today "limits" stand at \$400,000 with extended amounts, beyond this being available, with some being put in what is known in Insurance terms as "Facultative Pool".

Of course we must realize that acceptance of risks of these proportions by our Company or any other Insurance Company are dependent upon some form of "Re-Insurance". When the Amherst Island Mutual extended their limit of risk to the amount of \$7,000 it was with the awareness that our financial assets would not long stand successive losses of these proportions and leave the Company solvent, and it was under the guidance of our highly esteemed Secretary-Treasurer, Edwin C. McDonald, who served the Company for over 28 years, and upon the advice of The Department of Insurance that we entered into Re-Insurance agreements with some of our larger, fellow Mutual Companies to provide such additional coverages for an acceptable proportion of our premium on such risks.

The desirable development of an Insurance Association which encompassed all Mutual Companies within the Province and whose operation is governed by a Board of Directors, whose members are elected from a wide geographical area and are representative of a great breadth of operation within the Industry has resulted in tremendous development of assets, breadth of coverage as well as a security, previously never dreamed of by Member Companies.

(To be continued in next Issue)

Amherst Island Firefighters Association
- Warren Kilpatrick

The Amherst Island Firefighters Association was created and formed at the Township Firehall, March 26, 1979. It was agreeable among the firefighters that a committee should be set up for the purpose of raising money for firefighting equipment, repairs and maintenance and improvements to the firehall. The Township already supplies an amount of money towards the Fire Department but it was felt that through our own work we could raise more money. This money would be used when needed.

So the first order of business was the selection of officers for the Association. Harry Filson was nominated for President, Hans deHaan for Vice-President, Vincent Eves-Secretary-Treasurer, Rick Bedford and Bill Bulch on the Executive. Bill Bulch resigned and Larry Fleming was added to the Executive in October. I was elected as a sixth member in February. Meetings are held once a month.

Now to get down to fund raising events. These events and raffles are not regarded mainly as a money raising venture but to maintain a relationship with the Island community and the Fire Department. Participation and interest must be present for a strong community and fire prevention ideals. First of all a raffle was set up for a Barbecue, Clock Radio and \$10.00 prize. A street dance was held in July and was quite successful. Many people have asked for a repeat. We are now raffling off a chain saw and it will be drawn the 26th of April at an Open House at the Fire Hall at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and look at equipment and talk. Free donuts and coffee will be available.

The Association has had a successful year in its first year of operation, thanks to the people of Amherst Island. Money has been used to cover and insulate the windows in the Firehall and an addition is proposed to the back end of the Fire-hall to house the new fire truck properly. All this work has been and will be, supplied by the men of the volunteer fire department saving costs on labour. The time and energy of the members of the Volunteer Fire Department, we hope, is appreciated by all. We would like to thank members of the community who have helped us with donations and their

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time. See you at Open House on April 26th!

A letter has been sent to Council urging a red card to be printed up and distributed. These cards will have fire call numbers, ambulance, police, doctor.

School News

The Junior class has recently launched into a couple of new projects. In conjunction with a Grade 3-4 Environmental Studies project on "Pioneers", studied before Christmas, we are hoping to take a trip in May or June, to Upper Canada Village. To assist the financing of such a trip, we are collecting used newspapers for recycling at Strathcona Paper Mill. We will gladly accept any amount of paper at the school during the day - or if you wish pick-up, please call the school at 389-4582.

Our class is involved in a Cana-Kit project which links us with a Grade 5 class in Botwood, Newfoundland. We will be putting together a kit consisting of stories, poems, tunes, films, maps and general information about our school and community. In late May our kit will be exchanged, and in return, we will learn about this community in Newfoundland. There are only 80 classes in Canada involved in this, so we are rather pleased to be a part of the project.

Our classroom Public Speaking Contest was held, Thursday, April 3rd. Winners were:

1st(Tie) - Jennifer Pearce, Steven Willard.

2nd - Steven Ward,

3rd - Tracey Filson,

4th - Julie Forester.

All the candidates did extremely well and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Many thanks to the judges - Mrs. Georgie Allison, Mrs. Genevieve Fleming, Mrs. Lulu Strain.

These five candidates will compete in the school competition to be held this Thursday, April 17th, at 1:10 p.m. the gymnasium. Parents and "outsiders" are cordially invited to attend.

POETRY - by Grade 3 class

"Our Island" by Donnie Miller

I like our Island because
I can ride my bike
I have lots of room to fly a kite,
I can catch lots of pike.
 This is a nice land,

And there is lots of sand,
We think the place is grand,
Although we have no band.

When it rains, there is lots of muck,
Sometimes I don't have any luck.
Now and then you see a duck.
Sometimes I get stuck!

"Our Island" by Steven Ward

We have a school,
Of which I'm very proud,
We don't break many a rule
And don't have too big a crowd.

Our teachers are very nice.
They help us when they can,
One is afraid of mice!
There only is one man.

"Our Island" by Leah Murray

I like our Island,
Beach and sand
I like our Island,
Because we work-hand in hand.
Not many other places,
Will you meet so many smiling faces.
We have a school where we work,
So one won't become a jerk!

"Our Island" by Trudy Strain

I like the Island for the ferry,
And the people are all so merry,
We have lots of ducks.
Some people even get stuck.
 In the winter we have ice,

In the summer we have mice.
To the ferry we do run.
In the sun we do have fun!

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Ladies

“Slip” into summer by joining the Physical Fitness group on Thursday nights. Exercising and sports, led by Susan Caughey, will run for 8 weeks, beginning April 17th at 8 p.m. (Time negotiable after formation of group). Registration fee, if 10 or more join - \$8.00; if fewer - \$10.00. Lose your winter doldrums - and maybe Kilograms! Join us.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle “Following the Herd”
by Amherst Island Young People’s Group.

Across

1. cattle
2. fad
3. hatred
4. Christ
5. good
6. nonthinking
7. God

Down

1. catholic
2. ad
3. easy
4. Mom
5. right
6. smoking
7. group
8. no

The “Young Peoples” is a group of teenagers, 13 years and up who meet every Wednesday evening at Amherst Island Public School from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed!

If it is Rawleigh Products you need
Please call Barbara Reid.

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth - 389-2916

Thank You

We wish to express our many thanks to our friends, relatives and neighbours for the cards, visits and best wishes received while Lloyd was a patient in hospital. Special thanks to the boat crew for their gift, to Reverends Carne, Lindsay and Allison for their visits and to the A.C.W. for the fruit.

A most heartfelt thanks to all our family for their support during this time.

Lloyd and Phyllis Strain

N.B.: All Women’s Institute Members:

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Lulu Strain’s - not Mrs. Phyllis Strain’s as per programme. New members welcome at this our annual meeting. Roll Call: Payment of fees.

Mrs. Phyllis Strain

Euchre For Cancer

Friday, April 25, 1980 8:00 P.M.

Amherst Island Public School

In lieu of Admission donations accepted for Cancer Foundation.

Lunch

Prizes

Sponsored by Amherst Island Women’s Institute

The Odd Authors

(How the Club was Formed)

The club all began when Julie Forester, Jennifer Pearce and Tracey

Filson wanted to organize some kind of club. Tracey, after reading Anne of Green Gables, decided to have a story club.

The first get-together was on a Monday night after school in November in Jennifer's tree fort. That was when we made the name for the club. Now our meetings are held every Monday night after school.

We decided to have a party for each season. The first party was the Christmas Party held at Jennifer's house December 14th-15th. After the Christmas holidays we decided to let Kim deHaan join the club. She was very pleased about that.

Jennifer Pearce, Julie Forester, Tracey Filson and Kim deHaan

The Odd Authors News

As most of you know, the Odd Authors put on a play called Cinderella starring Julie Forester as Cinderella and Tracey Filson as the

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the Prince, co-starring Jennifer Pearce as Claudellia (one step sister) Kim deHaan as Gertrude (the other step sister) and Tracey Filson as the fairy god mother. The minister was played by Jennifer Pearce. The play was put on for the students of Amherst Island Public School, Wednesday, March 26, 1980. We would like to thank Mrs. Howard Welbanks, Mrs. Howard Pearce and Mrs. Hans deHaan for lending costumes. Special thanks to Mrs. Forester for letting us take recess time to work on the play and for lending us a curtain, and extra special thanks to the people who watched the play for putting up with us.

Tracey Filson

A Sample of the Odd Authors Works Hijackers!

This story is about a pilot named Joe and his adventures with hijackers! One day Joe climbed into the cockpit of a Boeing 747 at Toronto airport to warm up his engines for his flight to Jamaica.

When the plane was all loaded up, it was packed with excited people waiting to get to Jamaica, plus two hijackers!

The plane had a smooth takeoff.

They were getting close to Jamaica when two men with guns burst through the cockpit door. Joe was nervous but he kept his cool. It was too

bad the co-pilot didn't. He started calling for help on the communications radio and they shot him dead.

They demanded Joe to take the plane to Cuba. Joe said, "What about the passengers? They might wonder what's going on. What shall I tell them?" "You better start thinking," said one of the hijackers. Joe said, "O.K., I know, I'll get on the loudspeaker". "Don't tell them we're here or you'll be joining your friend down there", said the other hijacker. "Who will drive the plane then?" said Joe. "We'll parachute down and the passengers will be left to die", said the first hijacker. "O.K. I'll make something up, just don't get excited", said Joe.

"Listen up everyone", said Joe. "I know you will be upset but our trip to Jamaica will be delayed a bit. We have to make a detour to Cuba but don't fret because we will get to Jamaica. So please bear with me."

Joe was a very smart man. He was always thinking.

Joe got the plane on course for Cuba. He landed very well.

You know when I said Joe was always thinking, well he had somehow notified the Cuban police without the hijackers knowing.

The hijackers got off the plane and the police caught them.

There were newspaper people all over the place. They took pictures and interviewed the passengers and Joe.

The police took the co-pilot's body.

Joe fueled up and took off for Jamaica.

Tracey Filson

Cash Reward

\$500.00

For information leading to the arrest of one or more of the persons who stole fuel oil from the premises at Lot 14 South Shore Concession.

Call J.R. Barr collect 416-682-4667

or O.P.P., Napanee 416-884-6351

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Easy over

Talking or writing that's too long is generally the result of thinking that wasn't long enough.

You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do. - Henry Ford

I have more trouble with D.L. Moody than any other man I know. -D.L.

Moody

A well-adjusted parent is one who can enjoy the scenery even with the kids in the back seat.

One of the best ways to lose a friend is to tell him something for his own good.

A man's career usually progresses in direct proportion to the disappearance of his hair.

Necessity may be the mother of invention, but frustration is often the father of success.

A single reason why you can do something is worth a hundred reasons why you can't.

Einstein was asked how he worked. "I grope," was his reply.

All progress is the result of change, but all change is not necessarily progress.

All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure. - Mark Twain

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Special Council Meeting - Apr. 21/80

- Ian Murray

Council passed by-law #3-80, the Zoning by-law.

Darrell Miller was hired for the position of deckhand on the ferry.

Special Council Meeting - Apr. 25/80

This was a joint council meeting with representatives of Pelee Island to discuss ferry operations.

Regular Council Meeting - May 6/80

1. Harry Filson and Rick Bedford, representing the Fire Fighters' Association, presented plans to Council for an addition to the township fire hall. The estimated cost is \$1400, with \$700 from Council, \$500 from the "Firefighters" and \$20 from the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The work is to be done by the "Firefighters" on a voluntary basis.

2. Council agreed to certain amendments to the Zoning By-law (subject to review by the planning consultants.)

3. Council agreed to grant to the ISLE Committee \$100 toward cleaning up the roadsides.

4. Council conducted the usual financial and administrative duties.

5. Various letters were received and filed.

Zoning By-law Public Meeting - May 13/80

Approximately thirty Island residents attended this meeting at the Public School. The representative of the Planning Consultants handled himself confidently, and the meeting was, I believe, quite productive. The many spirited discussions were carried on without ill-humour or rancor.

Amherst Island Firefighters' Association

- Warren Kilpatrick

Members of the Fire Department and Association would like to express their thanks to the Island community and to people associated with the Island. Their support of our last draw made it a profitable success. The winning ticket for the Pioneer chain saw was drawn at the Firehall Open House April 26th. Holly McCormick drew the lucky ticket and the winner was an Islander, Tim Stroud.

We would like to thank all those who showed interest in the Island Fire Department by attending the Open House. Also we appreciated donations made that night.

An estimate for the addition to the back of the Firehall has been made by Rick Bedford and total costs of materials come to roughly \$1400. The Amherst Island Township has given \$700 and the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has given us \$200, for which much appreciation is due. The other \$500 is being added by the Firefighters Association. All the labour is being supplied by the Firemen of the Island which will cut costs greatly.

Look forward to our annual street dance this summer.

and to Rev. Mr. Lindsay for words of comfort at the time of our brother's death.

Sincerely,

Georgia & Gordon Reid

Bee Happy Bee Swarms

- Tom Sylvester

When honey bee colonies become over populous, many of the bees leave the parent hive and fly off with their queen. These bees frequently form a "swarm" or cluster on a tree branch, or some other convenient resting place, and remain until their scout bees have located a suitable permanent nesting place. A transient swarm will usually remain clustered for a few hours to a day or so, and then move on.

As a rule, a swarm does not constitute much of a hazard, as long as it is not disturbed. You may notify us at 389-1320 and we will attempt to remove it.

Some people have very serious allergic reactions to a single bee sting. If no medication is received within a matter of minutes, unconsciousness may follow. We and Ted and Heather Welbanks keep emergency kits in our fridges for the use of anyone who needs it.

We have honey for sale now.

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Whether or Naught?

- Tom Sylvester

The Heat Unit concept has several practical uses in the application of temperature data in rural areas. Heat units are measured in degree-days, the number of degrees (C) of departure above or below a base temperature day.

In the winter, heating degree-days provides a good index of heating and fuel requirements. The amount of heat needed to maintain a particular indoor temperature is proportional to the number of degree-days below 18 C. The calculation does include the chilling effect of our island winds. Anyway the Amherst Island heating degree-day for the past two winters were:

	1979	1980
January	700	742
February	850	763

March	<u>530</u>	<u>619</u>
Total	2170	2124

January and February were considerably warmer than last year, but March narrowed the gap. Our recorded low of -24.5 C for this past winter occurred March 1 (one day before our departure for the Bahamas). In 1979 there were nine days with lows below -24.5, -31.0 was recorded twice in February.

Let's forget about winter and think back about last summer's warmth. Under conditions of adequate intensity and duration of light, and available water supply (hah hah), temperature becomes the dominant weather control over plant growth. Plant growth requires a definite amount of heat in order to reach certain stages of development. Only part of the heat received each day is used since a minimum amount of heat is needed before net growth takes place. The usual threshold used is 5C. The amount of effective growth heat, growing degree-days, accumulated during the day is obtained by subtracting the base temperature from the mean temperature for the day.

The 1979 monthly growing Heat Units were April- 52, May- 190, June- 320, July- 460, August- 430, September- 310, October- 140, for a total of 1900. This sort of datum is broadly used in agriculture to predict harvesting dates, select suitable varieties, spacing out successive plantings, and to optimize use of canneries. The total growing Heat Unit figure is a good tool for indicating whether new soyabean varieties can be grown commercially on the island for selecting corn hybrids.

Our first planting (April 8) of peas sprouted the same day as the April 19 sowing. Clearly both can now be expected to mature at the same time. Peas need about 700 Heat Units from sowing to maturity. Although the first sowing has been in the ground longer, both sowings have roughly the same accumulated heat units.

Our April heat units total was 58.8, slightly warmer than last year and the Norman Rogers airport's 48.6.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Robert Brown wish to express sincere thanks to all friends, relatives and neighbours for their many acts of kindness, floral tributes, donations and refreshments brought in at the time of the death of a dear husband and father.

Special thanks to all the girls that helped us in nursing Bob while he was home. Without you all we would never have carried on. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Lucille and Boys

The Amherst Island Public School and Students' Council would like to thank Mrs. Carmelle Horth for supplying the cakes in our raffle. We made \$126 to be used for various projects.

Jeff Pearce

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Amherst Island Public School
Junior Room News

The paper drive has concluded! Many thanks to Betty Wemp and A. Bruce Caughey, who kindly delivered the papers to Strathoona Paper Mill on Monday morning. A special thanks also, to all those who helped fill the girls' coatroom to near capacity with 3,225 lbs. of newspapers! Our total profit of \$40.00 will be used to finance our trip to Upper Canada Village - Thursday, June 12, 1980.

Work on our Cana-Kit project continues. We are busy making maps of our Island, showing special spots of interest as well as students homes, and our relation to points of interest on the mainland. We appreciate the help given by Tom Sylvester on the week-end, in taking photographs, which will be included a slide-tape presentation in the kit. The kit will then be exchanged with Mrs. Lena Peyton, from Botwood, Newfoundland, at a Conference for Cana-Kit teachers in Sarnia on May 22-25th. We eagerly await the arrival of the kit with information about our Newfoundland partner, school and community.

Julie Forester spoke, as our school's representative, at the Lennox and Addington County Public Speaking Contest, held last week at Selby Public School. Although Julie did not place in the competition, she did an extremely good job - her family all felt very proud. The winner was Laura Murphy from Tamworth Public School.

I.S.L.E.

- Randi Murray

Laurene Kilpatrick chaired the meeting held at the school on May 1st. The Education Through the Years project is nearing completion. Tom Sylvester has made duplicates of the original pictures and they are being

mounted in on album with dates, plates and names. The album, together with some framed photos will be displayed in a glass-fronted case donated by Rick and Debbie Bedford.

Garbage!- A Roadside Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31st. Volunteers will be helping tidy up and trucks are available. Anyone who needs garbage picked up at home could leave it near their driveway or call either Jack McCormick or Bob Horth for special pickup.

Our annual (?) garage sale has been dignified with the title "Flea Market" and is being planned for sometime in the summer so as not to interfere with Garden Party. The Young People's group will be selling refreshments. Watch for notices in Glenn's store and the Beacon. Birthday Calendar- The I.S.L.E. group is planning to publish a birthday calender in late summer or early fall. No details are available yet but we hope to use some island photographs in it.

Our next meeting will be June 5.

Community Night

- Randi Murray

The I.S.L.E. project, Education Through the Years, was unveiled at Community Night. This project has taken the form of an album containing photos of the old schools, class pictures and school-related activities. There are some pictures of early transportation to school in horse drawn sleds, school fair days (one from 1919). Many island residents haven't changed much from school days but regarding those whose looks have "matured", names accompany each picture (except where they haven't yet been identified). The collection is very interesting and I hope some method is devised to give many people access to it.

Tom Sylvester deserves a great deal of credit for the reproducing of the photos. Many thanks to Lyn Fleming, Dale Filson, Anne-Marie Hitchins and Jack McCormick for their work on this project. Special thanks as well to all who donated or lent photographs - Nessie Welbanks, Marion Richards, Dorothy Kilpatrick, Charles and Thelma Howard, Lois Bongard, Noreen Welbanks, Reta Miller, Anne Cox and Helen Caughey.

Copies of specific photos are available from Tom Sylvester.

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Selective Laws Of Random Perversity

(hanging beside the Township Clerk's desk)

- Ian Murray

(1) Cleanliness is next to impossible.

(7) Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.

(8) It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

(9) For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

(10) Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.

(13) A closed mouth gathers no feet.

(18) People who love sausage and respect the law should never watch either being made.

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth, 389-2916

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But, officer!!.

Explaining a traffic accident is never an easy job, even if it wasn't your fault.

But if you are to blame, here's a list of excuses taken from actual cases and compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Here goes:

"The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him."

"The other car collided with mine without warning me of its intention."

"As I reached the intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision."

"The guy was all over the road, I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him."

"The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth."

"The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end."

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Regular Council Meeting June 3, 1980

- Ian Murray

(Note that the report in the Beacon of Council meetings are not meant to be accurate minutes. The Official Minutes of all Council meetings are available at the Municipal Office.)

1. A Bickerton presented Council with his company's insurance recommendations for 1980/81. Included under the present Township insurance policy are municipal liability, vehicles, firemen's accident or death benefits, bond and burglary, errors and omissions, contents and equipment, and fire.

2. Council assured Geoff Matthews that neither Council or any individual

members thereof had any knowledge pertaining to an "Environmental Assessment" of any of the proposed drainage projects within the township.

3. Committee reports were made and accounts passed for payment.

4. An agreement has been entered into with the Province of Ontario whereby the Front Road from the existing hard surface just east of the dump road to the westerly limit of Lot 4 Con 1 will be designated a Development Road. This means that 95% of the construction costs will be paid by the Ontario Government. Land acquisition and fencing are not covered under this program.

Council decided to hire the engineering consulting firm Totten, Sims, Hubicki Ltd. to prepare the pre-construction survey work from the easterly limit to the Emerald 40 foot.

5. The 1980 budget was approved and the mill rate set.

6. Rick Bedford was appointed to the position of purser. Harry Filson was the successful candidate for the vacant deckhand job. There were 5 applicants for the vacancy.

7. The former Gibson lot in Emerald will be sold through a real estate company.

8. Because of Dominion Day, the next Council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2.

9. Harry Fleming requested that Council pass a By-law restricting the movement of bulls within the township. Council will study the matter.

School Board

- Ian Murray

Jane Scott, summer resident and member of the L & A School Board, has assured me that, regardless of local rumours, there are no plans known to her of the Island Public School being either closed or reduced from 3 to 2 classrooms.

However the present Public School bus routes are being reduced to one route with the older bus being sold. The School Board estimates that no child will be on the bus more than 40 minutes under normal weather conditions.

The new Public School principal is George Knight.

Beacon Notes

- Ian Murray

Several people have congratulated me lately on the success of the Beacon. (by success I guess they mean survival) I appreciate the congratulations but feel that the people who deserve most of the credit are: Jack and Madlyn Kerr for typing, running off the sheets, collating, stapling, and delivering the copies to Glenn's Store; Lyn Fleming for looking after the mailed subscriptions; Allen Glenn for arranging supplies; Glenn's Store for the space; Lulu Strain for handling the money; and the contributors, regular and irregular.

My role as editor has become quite minimal. The Beacon, by studiously avoiding controversial local concerns, has evolved, into a somewhat bland newsletter-type publication. I had hoped for a more stimulating product but remain content if the Beacon can make a positive contribution to life in this community by serving as a communications service.

Financial Report Of Beacon, May 31,1980

- Lulu Strain

Receipts		Expenses	
Bank Balance	178	Supplies	116
Sales and Subscript's	343.7	Gestetnor	250
Bank Interest	3.59	Bank Charge	0.6
		Postage	34.62
Total Receipt	526.22	Total Exp.	103.27
	401.22	Bank Bal.	231.73
Total Assets	125	Cash on Hd.	125

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The Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

On Wed. May 21 the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the

home of Mrs. Marion Glenn. The president, Mrs. Irene Glenn opened the meeting in the usual way with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was something about a milk product which was responded to with some very interesting answers.

The guest of the evening was the County Dairy Princess Miss Darlene O'Neill accompanied by her mother. Mrs. Georgie Allison was the convenor of Consumer Affairs for the evening and introduced Miss O'Neill, who in turn gave a talk on Yogurt, which was very interesting, and said it had been popular for so many years, and told of how it was processed in plants. Mrs. Jackie Sylvester gave her method of processing Yogurt at home and has such good success with it. It can also be used in so many recipes as a substitute for cream etc. Miss O'Neill also presented the ladies with a nice recipe book on Yogurt and conducted a contest on the same topic. Mrs. Allison thanked Miss O'Neill for her lovely talk and presented her with a gift in appreciation. The president along with Mrs. Allison also thanked the people who displayed their crewel embroidery work at the Open House at the school in May.

Mrs. Marian Glenn gave her report on the District Annual held at Hawley in May. The 1981 District Annual will be held at Hay Bay. Mrs. Glenn mentioned one thing - that the year 1981 will be the Year of the Handicapped.

The President, Mrs. Irene Glenn gave her report on her trip in May to the Waterloo Conference.

A benefit euchre was held for the Canadian Cancer Society and brought in one hundred and seventy-three dollars.

Plans were made for a bake sale on Friday the 27th of June at 6:30 p.m. on James Neilson's lawn.

Quilt patches were handed out to the members to make a quilt to be finished for a tea in September to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Institute. The meeting closed with the institute Grace and National Anthem and a delicious lunch brought the evening to a close.

Amherst Island Women's Institute Officers For 1980/81

- Thelma Howard

President- Mrs. Irene Glenn

Vice-Pres.- Mrs. Kip Hedges

2nd V. Pres.- Mrs. Mary Neilson

Sec. Tres.- Mrs. Diane Gavlas

District Director- Mrs. Phyllis Strain

Alternate Dist. Dir.- Mrs. Marion Glenn
Good Cheer Leader- Mrs. Lulu Strain
Pianist- Mrs. Louise Seaman
Auditors- Mrs. Genevieve Fleming and Mrs. Rita Miller
Convenors
Agriculture and Canadian Industries- Mrs. Anna Hitchins
Citizenship and World Affairs- Mrs. Jackie Forester Education and
Cultural Activities- Mrs. Marion Glenn Family and Consumer Affairs-
Mrs. Georgie Allison
Resolutions- Mrs. Ens Baker
Public Relations- Mrs. Thelma Howard
Tweedsmuir History Curators- Mrs. Genevieve Fleming and Mrs. Irene
Glenn

ISLE Committee Report Of June Meeting - Bob Horth

Flea Market- Our annual flea market has been put off this year due to many other occurrences and events. We look forward to this sale in the fall or next spring and hope to see you all then.

Resignations- Due to other commitments, Phyllis Strain and Yvonne Mondoux will be leaving the group. We hope to fill these footsteps by other interested residents by September. Thanks again to these ladies for all their time and efforts.

Road Clean-up- On May 1st the Committee put on a drive to clean up the Island roads. Our work force was not as large as we had hoped, but we did manage to clean up a good part of the Island. On June 14th we hope to complete this task Many thanks to all those who helped and to all those who made donations to this project.

Education Through The Years- The photo album "Education Through the Years" which was put together for the Open House and viewing of all Island People is now available for private viewing in your home. This can be done by calling Mr. Lowry at the school 389-4582. Reprints of any of these photos can be done by Tom Sylvester 389-1320.

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ISLE (continued)

Display Case- If all goes as expected the display case which contains many more pictures will be on display at the Public Library all summer.

Creative Playground- Bad weather and serious drainage problems have held back the completion of the playground in the schoolyard. We hope to have the drainage problem solved soon and hoping for good weather we can complete the project this summer. Birthday Calendar- The Isle Committee has taken on the gigantic task of putting together a "Birthday Calendar 1981". Hoping to have it completed by early November, it will consist of birthday dates of Island residents, local advertising, and a photo contest for each month of the year. Watch the Island Beacon for further details and information or call these Committee members.

Lynn Fleming 389-8273
Randi Murray 389-0554
Laurene Kilpatrick 389-4078
Ann Hitchins 389-5385
Dale Filson 389-3651

A Big Thank-You- This being our last meeting of the year, we would like to take this time to once again thank the many, many people who have supported this Committee and its projects, and look forward to serving this very co-operative community. Hoping for your continued support

Island School Liaison Enthusiasts (I.S.L.E.)

Announcements

Baseball- For a very pleasant and interesting evening out come and see a ball game featuring the Amherst Island Grasshopper League team. For the schedule call

Brian Ward 389-5767
Gary Hitchins 389-5385
Bob Horth 389-2916

An Invitation

On November 27, 1979 Audrey and Tom Miller spent the evening of their 25th wedding anniversary quietly at home with family. Family circumstances at that time prevented us from having a fitting celebration. We are now going to remedy that.

Audrey and Tom will be "At Home" to friends, neighbours and relatives at the home of their daughter, Karen Fleming, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday June 28th, 1980.

A "pot-luck" picnic supper will then be held in their honour at the home

of their daughter, Debbie Bedford. B.Y.O.B. Everyone welcome.

Karen and Debbie and families

Cards Of Thanks

To "B" Crew Amherst Islander... Many thanks for all the help and hospitality you showed me while I spent some pleasant time with you.

Bob Horth

I wish to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and relatives, my family and grandchildren, for their kindness, floral tributes, food, and sympathy cards, and also "Get Well" cards. Also Rev. Norman Allison during the loss of a loving husband and father.

Branch 539 Royal Canadian Legion... Many, many thanks again.

Alice Compeau

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, neighbours, relatives, the crew of the Amherst Islander and the boys in the band, for all your generosity after our recent loss.

Barbara and Ben Wemp

Charles Densem would like to thank all those who visited him and sent messages during his two stays in the Hotel Dieu Hospital in January and this month.

W.I. Bake Sale

- Mrs. Phyllis Strain

Date: June 27, 1980

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Jim & Mary Neilson's lawn

Assorted bake goods for sale. Please support our effort.

In order to inform the public of the financial state of the Township, we are printing the 6 year financial survey (from the 1979 audited financial statement) and the budget estimates and mill rates for 1980. The next issue of the Beacon will carry an article on the budget based on questions and comment received. We welcome your inquiries and comments.

Dollar amounts are in thousands, except for Per capita figures.

Area in acres - 15,438	Township of Amherst Island - 6 year Financial Review					
	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974
Population at end of year	364	388	394	387	447	395
Employees - continuous full time	23	23	23	18	18	18
- part time	3	1				
Number of Households	181	179	187	176	172	
Assessment - Taxable used to set rates						
Residential and Farm	\$543	524	519	501	497	498
Commercial	3	1	1	4	4	4
Business	1	1	1	1	1	
Total	\$547	526	520	506	502	503
Per Capita	\$1,503	1,356	1,321	1,307	1,123	1,273
Commercial & Business Assessment						
as a % of taxable Assessment	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
Exempt Assessment	\$31	32	38	38	38	38
Provincial Equalization Factor	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4
Rates of Taxation - Residential & Farm						
For general municipal purposes	62.0	62.0	58.0	55.0	46.0	42.0
For county purposes	15.0	11.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	7.0
For school board purposes	93.0	87.0	78.0	78.0	66.0	47.0
Total	170.0	160.0	148.0	144.0	123.0	26.0
Commercial Mill rates - general	73.0	73.0	69.0	64.0	55.0	47.0
County	18.0	13.0	15.0	13.0	13.0	7.0
School boards	103.0	97.0	87.0	86.0	73.0	53.0
Total	194.0	183.0	171.0	163.0	141.0	107.0
Revenue for general municipal services						
Taxation	\$35	34	31	29	24	N/A
Ontario Grants	369	341	318	226	213	N/A
Fees & service charges 38	38	33	37	36		N/A
Other	5	2	2	3	1	N/A
Total	\$447	411	394	294	238	
Tax Arrears - per capita	\$67	50	33	24	30	2
- percentage of current levy	25%	22%	16%	12%	21%	19%
Expenditure - general municipal	\$451	414	389	301	232	205
Transfers to county	\$10	8	8	8	6	5
Transfers to school boards	\$52	48	42	41	34	25
Net long term liabilities general	\$14	17				
taxable per capita	38	45				
- % of taxable assessment	2.6%	3.2%				

Charges for net long term liabilities						
per capita\$	\$11	6				
as a mill rate	7.3	4.0				
Capital Financing during year						
Contributions from own funds	\$3	5	6	7	1	1
long term liabilities incurred		20				
Ontario Grants		2	130	19		
Other	3		44			
Total	\$6	27	180	26	1	1
Capital Expenditure during year	\$15	28	174	26	1	1
Accumulated net revenue (deficit) at year end	(4)		4	(1)	6	(2)
Reserves and reserve funds	9	6	6	5		

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Budget Estimates for 1980 - Township of Amherst Island

Estimate of Expenditures

General Government

Members of Council \$ 2,300.	
Salaries and Receiver General	3,500.
Financial Expenses	12,500.
Auditor and Lawyer	3,500.
Telephone	110.
Printing supplies and Services	900.
Hydro	250.
Seminars and Expenses	200.
Postage	400.
Insurance and W. C. B.	968.
I.B.M.	900.
Election	1,000.
Maintenance and Repairs	500.
1979 Deficit	<u>4,500. \$ 31,528.</u>
Building Inspection	1,800.
Fire Department	6,000.
Street Lights	1,300.
Roads	71,366.*
Sanitation	700.
Parks	150.
Planning	2,500.

Development Road 10,000.
 Total Estimate of Expenditures 125,344.
 (* Actual Road Budget for 1980 - \$75,866. Difference shown in 1979 Deficit figure)

Estimate of Revenue
 Road subsidy 56,900.
 Development Road Subsidy 9,500.
 Telephone Taxation 989.
 Resource Equalization Grant 8,714.
 General Support Grant 2,817.
 Per Capita Grant 3,080.
 Building Permits 500.
 Penalty on Arrears 1,200.
 Transfer of Reserve for Working Capital 1,382.
 Excise Tax Refund 1,282.
86,364.
 To be Raised 38,980.

Mill Rates for 1980

	Residential	Commercial
General	70.00	82.00
County	17.00	20.00
Elementary	58.00	68.00
Secondary School	50.00	59.00
	195.00	229.00

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Amherst Island Firefighters Association
 - Warren Kilpatrick

The Association would like to announce that we are having a street dance July 12th at 8:00 p.m. The location will be central Stella around the firehall. It will be held rain or shine and the music will be supplied by a disc jockey. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time.

We are holding another raffle with the drawing date on the night of the Street Dance July 12th. Prizes are:

1. Barbeque
2. Weed Eater

3. 40 oz. fire extinguisher
4. 26 oz. fire extinguisher

Tickets will be sold at 50¢ apiece or 3 for a dollar.

Work on the new addition to the firehall is progressing very well. The cement work is done and the walls and roof are up. The steel has to go on yet and then it will be completely closed in ready for the inside work.

Business

For Sale

1 - Rolliflex Camera - in excellent condition - F3.5 Zuss Tessar twin lenses
 2¼ x 2¼ - 1 second 1/500 plus B
 and self timer - electronic flash adapter - Everready leather case, tripod

included - Price \$250
Phone 389-1540

Ladies

Would you like to look young, alive, soft and touchable! Try Fashion Two-Twenty Cosmetics. Will give free demonstration. Contact Anne-Marie Hitchins Beauty Consultant
Phone 389-5385

For Sale

Shower cabinet with concrete base \$50
Electric stove \$50
Wash basin
Toilet and tank
Kitchen sink
Laundromat Washing Machine (motor grounded)
Antique screen door
Windows and screens
Bamboo and woodslat sun blinds
Folding doors
Electric panels
Lighting fixtures
Floor polisher
Miscellaneous items

Offers considered
Allison - Stella Point

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Goods And Services

I have tried to make this as complete a list as possible and I apologize to anyone that I have left out. If you are not listed and have "goods or services" to offer the public, let me know and you'll be included in the next issue. - Ian Murray

Rick Bedford - 389-8434: general carpentry and handyman.
Michael Braun - 399-2338: general carpentry (including roofing, painting and finish carpentry).

Lyn Fleming - 389-8273: Avon products.

Marlene Frohlich - 389-6160 or 352-3517: agent for Raycraft Real Estate; antiques and artwork, open July and August, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sun.

Glenn's Store: - 389-0419: General store (open 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.) Post Office (open 8:15 a.m. to noon, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:15 a.m. to noon on Sat.)

Bill Hedges: 389-9868: masonry and general carpentry

Anne-Marie Hitchins: - 389-5385: Fashion Two-Twenty Cosmetics

Carmelle Horth: - 389-2916: all-occasion home baking (wedding cakes, shower orders, fancy sandwiches, assorted squares and tarts, bread, dessert, pies and meat pies), set up in front of Glenn's store on Sundays.

Clinton Kilpatrick: - 389-2375: garage, general repairs.

Geoff Matthews: - 389-4023: recreational boat sales; Amherst Wildlife Foundation.

Ed. McCormick: - 389-5172: general excavating; sand, gravel & land fill; septic systems and shore wells.

Jack McCormick: - 389-5429 & 389-5883 (evenings): general carpentry.

Dennis McGinn: - 389-9997: general carpentry.

Shirley Miller: - 389-2588: water colour paintings.

Keith Miller: - 389-2588: custom farm work (fencing, combining, cultivating, plowing, etc.) chain saw sharpening.

Barb Reid: - 389-0675: Rawleigh Products

Royal Bank: - 389-4983: Wed. 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. (for services beyond normal deposits and withdrawals, call the Bath Branch, 352-7294, in advance).

Barry Strain: - 389-0641: addressing and copying service.

Lulu Strain: - 389-0641: Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

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Goods And Services (continued)

Tom & Jacky Sylvester: - 389-1320: honey; rototilling; photography; and woodlot management.

Topsy Farms: -389-3444 & 389-0554: custom farmwork (hayingsquare & round baling, rotary mowing); chain sawing; fence post sharpening; lamb; fleeces and sheepskin hides.

Turvy...Ltd. - 389-3444: demolition; used building materials.

Tina Tugwell: - 389-5569: custom sewing (drapes, sheers, swages, bedspreads, alterations, etc.).

Lloyd Wolfreys: - 389-5945: propane.

Young Peoples: - Cathy Glenn, 389-0212: teenagers available for odd jobs (grass cutting, haying, weeding etc.)

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Council Meeting July 2, 1980
- Chris Kennedy

After the minutes council received delegations. Mr. Spence was
concerned that his lo

Mr. Lowry, you're okay,
You can mix things just the way,
Lots of work with a drop of fun,
Oh Mr. Lowry you are quite the one one one one one—

As our principal and teacher too,
You are very good it's true,
You are nice and you are kind,
Ones like you are hard to find,
With your stories, jokes and rhymes,
Thank you for the super time,
Wish you could stay with "we",
B.Lowry.
Oh, stay, B. Lowry.

A gift and a cake was presented to Mr. Lowry by John Welbanks, Marlene Eves and Charlene Willard.

Snow White

Sherry Ward was Snow White for Scene I and II, then, she switched into the role of the Queen for the remainder of the play. Shannon

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Eves was the Queen for the first two scenes, then she became Snow White. The Prince was Jeff deHaan. Laura Wemp and Hugh Filson were the Huntsmen. The rabbit who cared for Snow White was Laura. Hugh played in a second role as the fourth Dwarf. Michael Strain was the leader Dwarf. Peter Rorth was the second Dwarf. Reginald Hitchins was the third. Michael Horth could not find his fishing string. Jeff Forester was the sixth Dwarf. Bobby Eves was the seventh Dwarf. Julie Forester was the Reader for the play. Leah Murray was the Mirror. Trudy Strain helped to change the costumes. The Juniors helped with the singing as Mrs. Forester played for the songs Whistle While You Work, With a Smile and a Song, Heigh-Ho and Some Day My Prince Will Come.

Bride-To-Be

Such a pleasant surprise! The students presented myself with two glasses marked Bride and Groom and with a beautiful cake. My new name will be Yvonne Lavigne. I wish to thank everyone for their kindness.

Picture Taking: Mrs. S. Miller

The Senior Class gathered together with their cake that said To Certify That Now You Are A Grade Nine Student. Mr. Lowry's cake said All the Best - Mr. Lowry. The Kindergarten had a cake that said A Star for the Graduates. My cake said Happiness to the Bride - Mrs. Mondoux. What a glow on everybody's faces! Mrs. Horth really thought about all of us when she decorated those cakes.

Tea Party

A Big Thank You to Mrs. Strain and to Mrs. Ward for cutting the cakes, for making tea and freshie and for taking care of everything in the kitchen.

Everyone who attended this Special Day enjoyed all as the students did. What a good year!

Success and Happiness to All!

Farewell Letter from Mr. Lowry

Dear Friends:

This letter is both easy and difficult to write. Easy because I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many of you, and difficult because I am leaving Amherst Island Public School. While I knew from the beginning to expect a one year appointment, that fact does not make it any easier to say good-bye.

Your co-operation and friendship is appreciated. I would like to thank students, parents, the ferry crew, members of ISLE and those I met walking to and from the dock. Thanks also to Faye Wemp.

I would also like to mention Mrs. Caughey, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Strain for their supply teaching. And finally, special thanks to Mrs. Forester and Mrs. Mondoux for their co-operation and encouragement.

Did I forget to thank anyone? Probably, because this is a big job, and it takes a lot of help. Thank you all; I'll miss the Island.

Sincerely, Brian Lowry

Principal , 1979-1980.

Our Track and Field

Our Track and Field day was held on May 30 at Amherst Island Public School. The afternoon was spent doing all the events. Almost everybody won ribbons and the people who didn't win anything got participation ribbons. The ribbons will be given out on the 24th. We all went over to

Napanee on June 4 for the Local Track Meet.

At the Local meet 6 people won ribbons. They were Tracy Filson, Julie Forester, Mark Wemp, Anne Willard, Shelley Glenn and Kelly McGinn. Everyone tried really hard. These people that won plus our relay team for the girls were Julie Forester, Jennifer Pearce, Shelley Glenn, and Anne Willard; for the boys, there were David Brown, Mark Wemp, Steven Wemp, and Kelly McGinn.

Both relay teams tried hard but neither of them won.

Out of the people that participated in their events, one ribbon

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was won; Shelly Glenn received a first.

Everyone tried really hard and did their best. We had a lot of fun and are looking forward to the next track meet.

I.S.L.E

-Lyn Fleming

The I.S.L.E. committee is attempting to put out a "1981 Amherst Island Birthday Calendar." If all goes as planned it should be out by early fall 1980.

Most people on the island will have been contacted by phone by now, to find out birthdays of those interested. If you haven't been contacted and want your birthdays or those of friends and relatives off the island included on the calendar, please call: Dale Filson, Ann Hitchins, Randi Murray, Laurene Kilpatrick or myself.

We are going to use pictures taken around the island from each month of the year on the calendar; therefore, we need pictures!! We will hold a photo contest beginning immediately. The winners' photos will be used on the calendar for the month it pertains to and the winning photographer's name will accompany it. If you have photos to enter, please mail them to:

Birthday Calendar

Photo Contest

c/o Stella Post Office

Stella, Ontario

K0H 2S0

by midnight August 31, 1980. On the back of each photograph entered, please include your name and the month the picture was taken.

Photos will be returned after the calendars have been printed.

Thank you for your support and participation.

The ISLE Committee

Business Notices

The 'Amherst Island Antique Shop' is open again for the season. Wed.-Thurs., Fri. and Sundays from

2-6 p.m.

Featuring paintings by Ruth Brooks and other Artists. Crafts - Furniture - China - Glass and much more. Direction: 2nd turn left after coming off the Ferry.

The annual Garden Party at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be held afternoon and evening on Saturday, July 26th.

Afternoon tea served 3:00-5:00

Ferry leaves Millhaven every hour on the half hour.

The 3rd printing of "Island Treasures" Cookbook is now available at Glenn's Store for \$7.00 each. (Price increase due to higher printing costs) Our special thanks to all who have so enthusiastically supported this project in the past.

Presbyterian Church Women

Anyone needing plumbing done, call:

Graydon Bowes, Camden East

378-2557

Hone Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh Products you need,

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Properties For Sale

For information on all these properties, please call Marlene Frohlich at 389-6160 or drop in at "Treasure House Antique Shop" in Stella; also phone 352-3517 Bath, - Agent for Raycraft Real Estate.

1. Furnished 2 Bedroom Cottage, well maintained and cared for with magnificent view of Lake from screened in porch, west of Emerald Village.
2. Very reasonably priced building lot with 195' frontage.
3. Retired? - fantastic view and privacy offers this large older house on 3 acres, needs renovating but is a steal for the asking price, must be sold immediately.

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4. The replacement cost would be much more than what this spacious 3 Bedroom, Dining Room, Living Room with fireplace, Master Bedroom with privacy Bath, plus many more excellent features is offered for. Lots of room for gardening with unobstructed view of Lake and very private.
5. Older home with updated services, desired south shore location, you will love it.

Film Night

- Beth Forester

During a study by my class this year on Amherst Island, we tried to locate the film entitled, "Amherst Island", which was made about 6 or 7 years ago by the Intercom Film Company. I have spoken with Gil Taylor, the head of this company, and have found that a copy of this would be available to us for purchase at the price of \$450.00. Gil emphasizes that he does not wish to cause expense to the people of Amherst Island, who were so kind to his crew during this filming. He would like to be able to give us a copy, however, costs endured for the making of the film have still not been recovered, and this amount is \$400.00 less than the normally charged fee.

When I approached Council seeking support for the purchase of this film, they gave personal support, but were unable to give entire financial support. With their suggestion, I have arranged to borrow this film for a showing on Tuesday, July 22nd at 8 p.m. The film will be shown in the school gymnasium. At this time, we hope to raise a substantial amount

toward the purchase of the film, through volunteer contributions. I feel it would be worthwhile to preserve this film in our "archives" as part of our heritage. I am hopeful that others will feel this way too, and in so doing will come out and support the cause on July 22nd.

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From One Friend To Another Friend

Subject: Tired Husbands

This chain letter was started in hopes of bringing relief and happiness to tired husbands. Unlike other chain letters, this letter does not cost money. Simply send a copy of this letter to five of your friends who are equally tired husbands. Then bundle up the wife and send her to the man whose name is at the top of the list and add your name to the bottom.

When your name comes to the job of the list, you will have received 16,478 women and some of them will be dandies, you can bet on that. Don't break the chain. One man broke the chain and got his old lady back in three hours and 22 minutes.

P.S. - At the time of this writing, a friend of mine had received 368 women. They buried him yesterday and everyone said he had a wonderful smile on his face for the first time in years.

Good Luck.

For Sale

24" Moffat Electric Stove in excellent condition. \$60. Apply to Kathy Wemp by contacting Mrs. Ralph Wemp - 339-2594.

Thank You

I would like to thank all my family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, flowers and gifts when I was a patient recently in Hospital.

Thanks again.

Myrtle Veech.

We would like to express our warmest thanks to many Islanders for their lovely thoughts and gifts, and a special thanks to the Presbyterian Church Women for helping to make our wedding a wonderful success.

Bill & Annette Phillips

Boys Grasshopper Softball:

The Grasshopper Team would like to thank its sponsors for the years:

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539

The Amherst Island Conservation Club

We would also, like to thank Ed McCormick for letting us use his sweaters and to Raymond Wemp for helping round the sweaters up.

Doug Shurtliffe should also, get a vote of thanks for his effort in organizing all Island softball teams and getting us into the leagues.

The boys have been improving with each game and recently had two wins in a row so they should be ready for their play-offs.

The coaches would like to thank all the parents for their help in transporting the boys to and from the games.

From the coaches,

Bob Horth

Gary Hitchins

Brian Ward

“Briefing of the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education”

R. E. Harding was awarded the contract for a new roof for portions of N.D.S.S.

Wendy LeBlanc was transferred to Morven Public School effective September 1, 1980.

Here and There

Ian Murray

A hot dry spell in late spring caused many area farmers to hurriedly buy standing hay, but a wet July has produced a surplus of hay. A considerable quantity of hay has been shipped to the mainland - much of it apparently headed for the drought-stricken Canadian West. After several dry summers, it is a pleasure to see the green fields and lush gardens.

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5. Older home with updated services desired South location, you will love it.
6. Farms with large acreage are hard to find! A very special 400 acre farm, approx. 350 acres deep, tillable soil ideal for corn planting having a 40 acre woodlot, 2 waterfront lots, 2 barns in good condition, plus other buildings, and a charming older brick home, many pieces of farm machinery are included. Call for details.

Please Note:

The Antique Shop and the Real Estate Office will be closed for a few days - from August 13 - 18.

The Artist Ruth Brooks is featured during August at the Island Antique Shop.

Note:

Anyone having machinery, tools or other items made, or can be attributed to the Island Blacksmith Wes Brown, please contact Marlene Frohlich at 389-6160.

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone who helped in anyway in the search for us on the night of July 19. When the engine in our boat stopped. We deeply appreciated the concern for our safety and the efforts made to locate us, but are very sorry to have caused you all so much worry and trouble.

Sincerely,

Howard and Noreen Welbanks.

We would like to thank all of our friends, neighbours and relatives for your good wishes and all the lovely cards and gifts. All of you helped to make the celebration of our 25th anniversary a very special and happy day.

Tom and Audrey Miller.

For Sale

Mobile Home on beautiful large and well treed lot. Stella Village. Contact Marlene Frohlich at 389-6160 or 352-3517.

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I.S.L.E. Birthday Calendar

Lyn Fleming

Help!!

We need pictures for the Birthday Calendar Photo Contest!! The contest ends at midnight August 31/80. We need pictures taken around the island, from every month of the year. Black & White or color. All pictures will be returned after our calendars go to print. Please put your name and the month the photo was taken, on the back of the picture and leave them at Glenn's Store in the Birthday Calendar Photo Contest box, or call: Dale Filson, Ann Hitchins, Randi Murray, Laurene Kilpatrick or Lyn Fleming. The pictures don't have to have been taken recently. Why not dig out your photo albums and enter some of your favorites? Maybe you have a winner!

Wolfreys Family Reunion

Lyn Fleming

Bert and Mabel Wolfreys left Amherst Island about 30 years ago, with a somewhat smaller family than they returned with on Sunday, July 27, 1980. When they left, the family consisted of 7 sons, 1 niece and 1

nephew. The family (clan) has since swollen to 7 sons, 7 “daughters”, 21 grandchildren, 8 “grandsons-in-law”, 8 great grandchildren, 1 niece and nephew and their husband and wife, 1 great nephew and 2 great-nieces.

Howard & Darlene & family came from Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ernie & Betty & fam. from Toronto; Art & Kay & fam. from Orlando, Florida; Don & Ethal & fam. from Fenelon Falls, Ellis & Mary Lou & fam. from Camden East; Leonard & Doreen & fam. from Millhaven and Lloyd & Elaine & Brent from Amherst Island.

Cathy Tearsdale & fam., Cobourg; John & Rose Collins, Toronto; Hettie Bunting & Joan & Guy Proudlock all of Toronto. Other family members and special friends from Barrie, Harrowsmith and the island also attended.

The reunion was held at son Leonard’s cottage on the north shore of the island. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the sun (or shade), water skiing, swimming and a terrific bar-b-que - buffet. Just about everyone was armed with a camera of some sort. Grandma was thrilled to have all her boys and their families together again. Grandpa, as usual, had a great time with all the young grandchildren & great grandchildren.

The main event that made this weekend right for the reunion was granddaughter Darlene Wolfrey’s marriage on Sat. July 26, to Bill Hogan. The last reunion was also put together around a wedding six years ago, when Larry & Lyn Fleming were married.

Only 2 granddaughters and their husbands, a great granddaughter & a “nephew” couldn’t make it.

The reunion was a success and we are all looking forward to the next time we can arrange our busy lives, to get together again. Maybe after another wedding!

At Home

The Allison’s have moved and are now settled in to their new home on Stella Point. They will be “at home” on Sunday, August 24th, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and hope all their friends will drop in to visit them at this time.

Another Showing..... of film “Amherst”
at Amherst Island P.S. Community Hall.

On Friday, August 22nd - 8 p.m. Proceeds of voluntary donations will go toward purchase of the film. Also - some interesting Island slides - loaned

by V. Hogeboom. Proceeds of contributions made at the first showing of the film were \$213.13. The total cost of the film is \$450.00.

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Council Meetings

Tom Sylvester

Special Session July 11, 1980. Council met in special session and discussed fence viewers appointments and remuneration.

August 5, 1980. Every observers chair was filled at this short town council meeting. It was clarified that building permits were not required for grain storage structures. The progress of the development road was reported on - no obstacles at this time. The township dump will be bulldozed at the earliest convenience.

The adequacy of Workman’s Compensation Board coverage for the township volunteer fire fighters was discussed. Council will stress the importance of prompt repair service to our one public telephone to Bell Canada. There was further discussion covering the merits of a Bulls-at-large bylaw.

The Neilson Requisition Drain proposal has been respectfully withdrawn following receiving the engineers estimate of \$25,000.

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Council Meetings
- Tom Sylvester

Special on August 11

Council met to reconvene the meeting to consider the engineer's report on the Miller Municipal Drain. Council has referred the report back to the engineer for the purpose of including drainage for lands indicated on the petition by the additional signatures of Bruce Caughey, Keith and Don Miller and extension of the main drain for lands signed for by Lloyd Clare for Amisle Farm Ltd.

Regular Session Sept 2

The Building Inspector's report included two formal letters to two non-complying construction projects. The question of ferry safety with heavy trucking was raised. The development road is at the "blue-print" stage and progressing. Ditching and culvert installation has been carried out.

The municipal dump will be bull-dozed soon. Vandalism of park property and reckless driving were concerns expressed.

Volunteer Fireman's Workmen's Compensation Board coverage were discussed as well. The reposed Gibson lot asking price has been reduced from \$5500 to \$3900.

Readers are reminded that these are unofficial minutes; the official minutes may be viewed at the township office.

Let Us Show Our Faith in the Island's youth by contributing dollars toward Tonti's Recreation Club being organized by the High School Students under the leadership of Doug Willard, Vernon McGinn and Chris Bustard,

for all between the ages of 10 and 20.

Given the chance they will show some community leadership. An advisory board consisting of Lee Glenn, Jack Kerr, Jean Tugwell, Doug Shurtliffe and myself will work with them.

Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment such as Air Hockey Game, Shuffleboard, Dartboards, Ping-pong tables, Pool table, etc.

Donations, preferably cheques, payable to Tonti's Recreation Club may be left at Glenn's Store, Township Office or Royal Bank (Stella only) or call me

at 389-6425, and I'll be glad to come and pick-up. All donations will be acknowledged in the Beacon in October.

Let us all take a positive attitude toward making this a success!

Many thanks

Art Ackerman, Campaign Chairman (self appointed)

Thanksgiving Concert

- Phyllis Strain

Sponsored by the Amherst Island Community Sunday School
featuring

The Parr Christie Singers

Saturday, October 18 8:00 p.m.

in Amherst Island Public School Hall

Come and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship! All Welcome!

Lunch to follow. Silver collection.

80th Anniversary Tea

- Phyllis Strain

For Amherst Island Women's Institute on Wed. Sept. 17, 1980, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Amherst Island School Hall.

All Island ladies welcome, especially ex-members.

Come and enjoy a cup or tea and help us celebrate our 80th Year for Home and Country.

Island Connections

This newspaper clipping was submitted by Charles Densem.

Walter Williston

Prominent Lawyer Studied Retarded

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at St. James Cathedral for Walter Williston, one of Canada's most prominent trial lawyers, who died at his Toronto home on Friday. He was 60.

Mr. Williston, born in China in 1919 to missionary parents, attended public school there until he came to Canada in 1928. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1941 and from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1944. (cont'd next page)

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A bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, he always balanced a keen interest in civil liberties - - particularly the abolition of the death penalty - - with a sometimes mischievous nature, says John Campion, one of his partners in the Toronto law firm of Fasken and Calvin.

Perhaps one of Mr. Williston's best-remembered tasks was his 1971 investigation into the care of retarded people in Ontario.

One of his recommendations was that the province put less money into large institutions and concentrate instead on small centres.

Mr. Williston recently completed a review of Ontario court procedure.

He leaves his wife, Jean, two sons and five daughters.

Submitted by Eva. M. Glenn

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glenn of Pilot Mound, Man. visited friends on the Island recently. They were accompanied by their daughter Mrs. Susan Martindale and her four children, Laurie, Kern, Shea, and Patrick.

Ralph is the son of the late Frank Glenn who lived on the Island before homesteading in the West. They called on their aunts Eva and Edna Glenn, and their cousins Gordon Glenn, Marshall and Marion Glenn and Gwen, Bob and Ann Robertson.

Cards Of Thanks

As family members of the late Agnes McCormac, we wish to extend our sincere thanks and our appreciation to all our friends, relatives and neighbour's for cards, floral tributes and donations to charity; to Rev. Mr. Allison for prayers and comforting words; to the Lindsay Funeral Home for

care and understanding at the time of our sister's death; and many thanks to all the ladies who took care of the luncheon following the service, at the home of Marshall and Marian Glenn.

Georgia and Gordon Reid

On behalf of the family of the late Agnes McCormac, Mrs. Marion Glenn wishes to thank her friends and relatives for providing lunch at her home after Mrs. McCormac's funeral.

Please Help Support Your Youth

- Tonti's Recreation Club

We, the youth of Amherst Island are trying to organize a recreation centre for the high school and public school students from the age of 10 and up, with the help of Arthur Ackerman. We are trying to obtain the use of Victoria Hall on weekends so the youth will have something to do other than loitering around the Island. We are trying to raise money so we can put things like dart boards, card tables, a ping-pong table, etc. in the centre, so we will have some excitement on weekends.

We are determined to make this thing work, without requiring adults to supervise. The only help along this time will be from our advisory board who will be available if we or they have questions.

We, the youth are working together as a group, and we will make this work. If you would like to see this happen please help support us by making cheques payable to "Tonti's Recreation Club" and you can leave them at Glenn's Store. Your help would be gratefully appreciated.

For Sale

Washbasin \$10, W.C. and Tank (bowl cracked but not leaking) \$5, Frigidaire Electric Stove with deep Fryer \$50, Kitchen Sink with porcelain drain board \$10.

Allison - Stella Point 389-3546

Tell Me What Happened Department

The following are actual written statements submitted to police on report forms. The drivers were instructed to give a brief statement on the

particulars of the accident in their own words. Here are some examples.

Woman Driver: Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

Man Driver: The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.

Man Driver: I thought my window was down, but found it was up when I put my hand through it.

Woman Driver: I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
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Man Driver: A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

Woman Driver: A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

Man Driver: The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

Man Driver: I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my Mother-in-Law and headed for an embankment.

Woman Driver: The gentleman behind me struck me on the backside. He then went to rest in the bush with just his rear end showing.

Man Driver: In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

Woman Driver: I thought I could squeeze between two trucks when my car became squashed.

Woman Driver: I had been shopping for plants all day, and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car.

Man Driver: I had been driving my car for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

Man Driver: The accident occurred when I was attempting to bring my car out of a skid by steering into the other vehicle.

Man Driver: The other car attempted to cut in front of me, so I, with my right front bumper, removed his left rear tail light.

Woman Driver: I had been learning to drive with power steering. I turned the wheel to what I thought was enough and found myself in a different direction going the other way.

Man Driver: I was backing my car out of the driveway in the usual manner when I was struck by the other car in the same place it had been struck several times before.

Man Driver: I was on my way to the doctors with rear end trouble when

my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

Man Driver: I was taking my canary to the hospital. It got loose in the car and flew out the window. The next thing I saw was his rear end and there was a crash.

Man Driver: As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign has ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

Woman Driver: To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front of me, I struck the pedestrian.

Man Driver: My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

Man Driver: An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished.

Man Driver: I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull.

Woman Driver: I was sure that the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the roadway when I struck him.

Man Driver: When I saw I could not avoid a collision I stepped on the gas and crushed into the other car.

Woman Driver: The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him.

Man Driver: The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

Man Driver: My girlfriend kissed me. I lost control and woke up in the hospital.

Woman Driver: I saw the slow moving, sad faced, old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.

Business Notes

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh products you need

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

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Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Diane Gavlas on Wed. Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. with seventeen members and six visitors present. The meeting opened in the usual manner with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The treasurer read the minutes and gave the financial statement. The roll call was to name a country in the news and tell something about it to which was responded to by some very interesting answers.

Miss Flora MacDonald and Mrs. Audrey McFarland were first the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hitchins for dinner and were then guests at the meeting where Miss MacDonald spoke on the topic of World Affairs as that was the programme for the evening. She told about her early childhood and Canada's interests in other countries as well as her own. She also told us she had been given the title of Secretary of State for External Affairs and said she believes she is the only woman foreign minister in the world. She is also very concerned about the refugees in the world and the state they are in. Some interesting discussion followed her talk. Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, convenor for World Affairs, thanked her and presented her with a nice gift.

A bake sale was held Aug. 30 which was very successful. Also appointed a new vice-president, Mrs. Georgie Allison in place of Mrs. Kip Hedges who has moved to Bath, Ont.

Waist measurements, as a small money-making project for our eightieth anniversary tea, created a great deal of laughter. The quilt project also for our afternoon tea on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m., was discussed and hoped to be quilted and put on display that day.

The ladies are planning a trip the last Wednesday in October. Once again this year the ladies have been asked to serve the C.N.I.B. dinner on Oct. 15. The October meeting will be held on Oct. 1 at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Fleming. An enjoyable lunch brought the evening to a close with God Save the Queen.

Amherst Island Firefighters Association
- Warren Kilpatrick

As the summer closes the Association and Fire Department look back on a busy summer. The street dance was a great success thanks to all who attended and those who helped put it all together. A great thanks for the

donations received and also to Carmelle North and Vaughan McMullen for setting up refreshments and food. We hope to see you all next year.

Winners of the raffle prizes drawn at the dance were as follows:

Mr. Gratton - Barbeque
Billy Bustard - Weed Eater
Anne LaVoie - 26 oz. Fire extinguisher
Chris Glenn - 40 oz. Fire extinguisher

Work on the new addition to the firehall has been continuing all summer. It is completely closed in now and ready for work to begin inside. This has given us lots of room for the three fire trucks.

Answers Of Questions Often Asked Of Legion Members

- Les Glenn

1. Why should I wear a poppy?

When you wear a poppy or display a poppy wreath you honour the war dead and help the living.

2. How do I help the living?

Your contributions provide quick help for needy ex-servicemen and their dependents.

3. Just what does this consist of?

The basic purpose of poppy funds is to provide immediate assistance to any ex-serviceman in need. This may include food, shelter or medical attention for him or his family.

4. Are there any other uses for poppy funds?

Yes. Poppy funds can be used for low rental housing for the aged; care facilities for the elderly; community medical appliances and medical research and assistance to Commonwealth veterans in under-developed Commonwealth countries.

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5. Doesn't the government provide pensions for ex-servicemen?

Yes. Many ex-servicemen do get pensions But many others, although handicapped do not. However, no pension can provide for eventualities such as fire, a long illness on the part of the breadwinner or other medical expenses.

6. Does any ex-serviceman or dependent get poppy fund help?

Yes. In fact 75 per cent or all Service Bureau cases involve people who

are not Legion members.

7. What is the Service Bureau?

Throughout the Legion in some 1,800 branches in ten provincial commands and in Ottawa there is a chain of service officers whose job is to assist any ex-serviceman or dependent with pension problems.

The provincial and national offices not only provide advice but act on behalf of the individual. Each year they make thousands of representations to the federal government on behalf of "clients". There is no charge for this service which is available to anybody who can qualify for such assistance.

8. Does all the poppy money raised through the sale of poppies and wreaths go into welfare?

Most of it does. However, expenses such as cost of poppies and supplies are naturally deducted.

9. Are campaign expenses high?

Campaign expenses are unusually low because all the work is voluntary.

10. Can poppy money be used for anything else?

The Legion's constitution stresses that poppy funds must be held in trust. They are subscribed to by the public. They are held in a bank account separate from that of the branches' and cannot be used for any other purposes than those stipulated above.

11. How much should I give?

We suggest that you give according to the dictates of your conscience. You might remember that the cost of all things the poppy fund provides is much higher today than it used to be. Therefore, it takes more to do the same job.

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Amherst Island W.I. 80th Anniversary Tea
-Thelma Howard

On Wed. Sept. 17, 1980 the Amherst Island Women's Institute celebrated their 80th anniversary by an afternoon tea with many of the other branches from the mainland joining us as well as a number of Islanders with an attendance about one hundred and twenty.

The President Mrs. Irene Glenn opened the afternoon tea and welcomed the guests.

Mrs. Phyllis Strain read the minutes of the first Institute meeting of 1900. After the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect a singsong followed with Mrs. Louise Seaman at the piano. Some songs were The More We Get Together, This Land Is Your Land, Memories, He's Got the Whole World In His Hand, and Hymn Of All Nations. Mr. James Neilson, the Island reeve brought greetings from the community.

The Board Director, Mrs. Vera Collings, brought greetings from the District. She spoke about Adelaide Hoodless and said that if she were to look down on that afternoon, she would say "A job well done!" She told all members to look to the future and be ready to meet the needs.

The District President, Mrs. Clarke and the area President, Mrs. Hallet also brought greetings. The Home Economist, Miss Susan Leuty, brought greetings from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Two of our longest standing members Mrs. Genevieve Fleming and Mrs. Nellie Neilson were presented with corsages and an Institute Spoon by the president Mrs. Irene Glenn and Mrs. Phyllis Strain. Mrs. Georgie Allison read an interesting poem "Pass It On".

Letters of greeting and regrets on being unable to attend the tea from Miss Flora MacDonald, who is in China, and Mr. Keith Norton, were read by Mrs. Anna Hitchins. A card from Mrs. Penney was read by Mrs. Irene

Glenn. Mrs. Ellerbeck spoke a few words as she was once a Provincial Board member.

Greetings were then given from each branch present. The Grace was then sung, after which a delicious lunch was served to everyone. The tea table was decorated with an anniversary cake. Those pouring tea were the president of the A.C.W. Mrs Betty Wemp, two oldest members Mrs. Nellie Neilson and Mrs. Genevieve Fleming, the District Director Mrs. Collings, District President Mrs. Clarke, and President of the P.C.W. Mrs. Chris Glenn.

After the lunch the ladies enjoyed viewing the quilt which was made as a project for the afternoon, and also enjoyed seeing a display of antiques, crewel work, needlepoint, paper mache, etc.

This all brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close with the Queen, and one to be remembered for a long time.

October Meeting

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Fleming. Besides the members, two visitors were present, one from British Columbia and the other from Saskatchewan. Both are daughters of Mr. Harvey Filson, an Island resident of many years ago who moved to the west. They are cousins of Mrs. Fleming.

The meeting opened in the usual manner with the President Mrs. Irene Glenn in the chair and repeated the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, followed by O Canada. The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Diane Gavlas read the minutes and gave the financial statement. The roll call was to name a new big word and give its meaning which proved quite interesting.

The president thanked the members for helping make the 80th anniversary tea such a success and also thanked the people who helped with the quilt.

Plans were made for the serving of the C.N.I.B. dinner on Oct. 15th. A benefit euchre was also planned in aid of C.N.I.B. to be held on Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in Amherst Island School Hall.

A committee was appointed to make plans for the senior citizens dinner, the date of which has yet to be set. They are Mrs. Marian Glenn, Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, Mrs. Phyllis Strain and Mrs. Irene Glenn.

Decision as to what is to be done with the quilt is to be made at the next meeting. A collection was taken causing much laughter, which was to pay

seven cents for every clock in your house and two cents for every pair of shoes each one owned. (cont'd next page)

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An invitation to attend the Centennial Institute meeting was read for Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. in North Fredericksburg Hall. At the next meeting each member is to pay five cents for each inch of their waistline.

The convenor of education for the evening was Mrs. Marian Glenn. As part of the programme Mr. Allan Glenn, school principal in Frontenac County gave a wonderful talk on education. One of the things he mentioned was that some people call the schools a baby-sitting service, but quoted to us that it costs forty-three million dollars for education in Frontenac County. He told us a bit about his own education life and how it started out at the rural school on the third concession of the Island, S.S. No. 5 and thought they were the good old days. He also spoke about the old school curriculum as compared with to-day. He also conducted an interesting contest on the three "R's". Mrs. Glenn thanked him on behalf of the Institute and presented him with a gift as well as a personal gift. She then conducted a contest on education which was won by Mrs. Jackie Sylvester.

An enjoyable lunch brought the evening to a close with the Grace and the Queen.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lulu Strain on Wed. Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.

Primary Students Go Fishing (for information)

- Mrs. Yvonne Lavigne

Oct. 1st, that's the day that the Primary students went to talk with Mr. and Mrs. Welbanks to find out more about fishing. As part of our Water Theme, we learned about the different kinds of fish in Lake Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Welbanks showed us their catch of fish which included the white perch, yellow pickerel, rock bass and a lake trout which was caught in their nets. (Mr. Welbanks is allowed only three trout in his possession). There was also a long nosed ger pike and a sucker. Some others caught are the yellow perch, white fish, and the herring. Eels are caught for the European market by baited hooks and hoop nets. The children had many questions including one to find out why Mr. and Mrs. Welbanks liked to fish. Mrs. Phyllis Strain helped the children and recorded the information given to

them.

At the docks, when we arrived, there were two biologists from the Ministry of Natural Resources who were checking the fish for their size and number. Mr. Welbanks explained that fishing has become easier with his aluminum boat, powerful motor, depth sounder, and net puller. A little later Dave Harrison arrived at the dock to pick up and buy Mr. Welbanks' catch.

Mrs. Welbanks provided us all a pleasant treat of cookies and chocolate milk. Then we set out for a walk along the shore line to find rocks and shells for making crafts at school later. Mrs. Miller pointed out to the children interesting facts about rock formation on the Island. The weather was so calm and pleasant in the cove near Mr. and Mrs. Welbanks' home. When we stopped to find different rocks along the south shore, we felt the winds and listened to the roaring of the waves of the lake.

Quickly we boarded the bus because it was just about noon. What a beautiful morning we had! We all learned! At school we became very busy writing thank-you letters and making a booklet in the shape of a fish and recording the information that we had gathered.

Tonti's Recreation Club

- Chris Bustard

Tonti's Recreation Club would like to thank the following people for their kind donation for our club:

Dr. Blenkinsop

Gertrude Maude

Helen Bulch

Helen McCormick

Bill Churchill

Dorothy McGinn

Hans deHaan

Jim Neilson

Grace Eves

Bill Sippel

Lloyd Strain

Ed Gavlas

Lulu Strain

Bert Glenn

Chester Tugwell

Gary Hitchins

Ben Wemp
Henry Hitchins
Earl Willard
Jack Kerr
Lloyd Wolfreys

These supportive people have donated almost \$400 to date. 50% or these donations have been for \$20 or more. Again our thanks to these people.

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We have been able to purchase a shuffleboard, ping pong table, air hockey, canteen supplies, rent, etc.

Our club would also like to invite all parents and their children to come and see our recreation centre on October 18th, from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. We would also like to have a Hallowe'en party for the younger children on October 30th from 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. There will be games and prizes. Prizes will also be given for the most original costume, the funniest, and the most related to the occasion. Parents are also welcome to come out.

Thank you all for your support, and also for the support with our successful bake sale.

Help Tonti Into High Gear!

- Art Ackerman

We still need more \$ as we hope to be able to buy a pool table and other equipment. No contribution is too small. Cheques payable to Tonti's Recreation Club may be left at Glenn's Store, Township Office or Royal Bank (Stella only). Should you have any questions or would like me to pick up donations, please call 389-6425.

Many thanks for your support!

Bridge Players wanted - amateurs only 389-6425.

Announcements

Remembrance Day Services

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 539 has arranged to hold

Armistice Day Services in St. Paul's Church on Sunday, November 9, 1980, commencing at 11:00 a.m. instead of at the Cenotaph near the school.

The Legion members will parade into the church just prior to 11:00 a.m., and the wreath laying ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. It will be followed by a Community Remembrance Day service.

All are welcome.

Bazaar and Turkey Supper

St. Alban's Anglican Church Women are holding their annual Bazaar and Turkey Supper on Saturday evening November 1st at Amherst Island Public

School commencing at 5 p.m.

Adults - \$5.00

Children 12 and under - \$2.00

Everyone Welcome!

Euchre

A euchre will be hold in Amherst Island Community Hall on November 8 at 8 p.m. This euchre is sponsored by Amherst Island Women's Institute, all donations going to the Blind Canvass. Donations received at door or to any W.I. member. Receipts available. Please come.

Thanksgiving Concert

Sponsored by the Amherst Island Community Sunday School featuring The Parr Christie Singers Saturday, October 18, 8:00 p.m. in Amherst Island Public School Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship. All Welcome! Lunch to follow. Silver Collection.

Masquerade Dance

The Legion will hold a masquerade dance at the School on Friday evening, October 24th. Music will be supplied by a Disc Jockey. Everyone welcome. The Legion appreciates your support.

For Sale

Three 36' X 72" aluminum storm windows.
Good condition. Phone 389-3013.

Home baking -
All occasion cakes for sale. Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.
Carmel Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh products you need
Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

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Properties For Sale On Amherst Island

1. Furnished 2 bedroom cottage, insulated and having electric heat. Well maintained, tile flooring, paneled walls and bath. Enjoy the view from a screened porch. Asking \$24,500
2. This is your chance to purchase a 1/4 acre building lot with view of lake. Reduced to \$3900
3. 2.85 acres surround this well-built three bedroom bungalow with many unique features, electric heat, quiet location, terrific view of open lake, only 4 miles from ferry.
4. 1-2-3 up to 100 acres could be bought with this home on the south shore. Vendor will look at any reasonable offer.
5. 75 acres or more could be yours with older large and roomy 7 room home in need of updating and repair. Ideal for a handy person.

On all of the above properties, please call Marlene Frohlick at 352-3517 evenings, agent for Raycraft Real Estate Ltd.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank all my relatives, neighbours and friends, especially all my fellow NDSS students who sponsored me on my run for "Marathon of Hope" in support of Terry Fox.

Through your generosity I was able to run 40 kilometres and donate \$89 to the Cancer Society for their very worthwhile cause. Thank you everyone!

Doug Willard

Amherst Island Film - Beth Forester

Many thanks to all those people who came, in some cases to both showings, of the film "Amherst Island". The film was run twice during the summer, once in July and once in August. The enthusiasm and generosity of so many was heartily appreciated. However the actual obtaining of the same film is momentarily at a standstill. We are approximately \$65 short of our intended goal of \$450. The proposed plan, once the film is obtained, is to store it in the film library at the Main Branch of the County Library. The possibility of having a video-tape made of the film will be discussed with the producer, Gil Taylor. The Island School has access to a video- tape machine which is shared by several schools. Thanks once again to those unfailing supporters!

Island School - Upcoming Events

Through the facilities of the Lennox and Addington Cultural Events Committee, the "Huggett Family" will be at the school on Tuesday, October 21st for a performance at 1:15 p.m. They are a six member group who specialize in early European music. They appear in period costume of the Elizabethan era, and play several old instruments. Members of the Community are welcome and encouraged to attend. As each school makes a required contribution to these events, a silver collection will be taken.

An "Open House - Meet the Teacher" Night will be held on Thursday, October 30th, 7-8 p.m. One "Open House" is always held during the first term of school, and, therefore, the purpose of this will simply be to view the children's work and talk with their teacher.

The Student's Council will conduct a Remembrance Day Service in the School gymnasium on Monday, November 10th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Any members of the Legion or of the Community are welcome to attend at this time.

A.I.P.S. News

- Mark Wemp, Head Boy and Chairman of October Meeting.

Amherst Island Public School, as usual, held Student's Council elections in the second week of September. Marlene Eves was elected as

Head Girl and Mark Wemp as Head Boy. John Welbanks and Jennifer Pearce were voted in as Senior Room representatives. Steven Viau and Julie Forester are representatives for the Junior Room, and Hugh Filson was voted by his class as the representative for the Primary Room.

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At the first Student's Council meeting a newspaper drive was started. We would appreciate if anyone having newspapers would bring them to the school. The school students are also going to finish the Island cleanup program that was started earlier in the year to help raise money for school projects. This will be held on the 15th of October.

On Friday, October 10th, the Student's Council held a pumpkin tart sale. We sold 5 dozen tarts and made about ten dollars.

The Student's Council will hold a Hallowe'en Party on Friday, October 31st. We will be having a costume parade, some games, and we might be selling some things! Plans for this party are not quite complete at this time. However, it will begin at 2:30 and end at 3:15.

Council Meetings
- Jackie Sylvester

Special Session Sept. 8

The proposed new ferry agreement was discussed.

Regular Session Oct. 7

A delegation from Tonti's Recreation Club reported on their progress. The Orangemen have agreed that the club may use Victoria Hall if the costs are met.

The Building Inspector reported on new permits issued. The development road profile was discussed and M.T.C. is to meet with the engineers and council. Approval was received from O.M.B. for the municipality to exceed their borrowing limit. Council resolved that a letter be sent to O.M.B. asking they proceed with all possible despatch on the new by-law.

The resignation of our Fire Chief, Tom Miller, was accepted with appreciation expressed for past services and the hope that he will remain on the force to give the benefit of his past experience. Appreciation was also expressed to the volunteers on the force for their efforts on the addition to

the firehall.

Council, as a landowner, passed approval for the upgrading of Matthew's dam. Letters were received re line fences and on the hazard to motorists of livestock loose on public roads at night. Rental was accepted from the Amherst Island Conservation Club for the big marsh.

Publisher's Notes

One name in the list of donors to Tonti's Recreation Club appeared to be in error. Therefore, it will be published in the next issue along with any other names which may not as yet been given to me.

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Regular Council Meeting Nov. 4, 1980
- Ian Murray

1. The minutes of the previous regular meeting and the special meeting of Oct. 21 were adopted.
2. A delegation from the Fire Fighters Association, Hans deHaan and Harry Filson, requested council to install a phone in the fire hall.
3. Jackie Sylvester, George Gavlas and Ian Murray expressed concerns about the responses from the Township's planning consultants to various objections to the Zoning By-Law. Council agreed to hold a special open meeting to discuss the Zoning By-Law with those who have objected to it.
4. Council agreed to grant a building permit to Michael Braun and Mary McCollam for a new pottery studio, providing that a certified copy of the right-of-way agreement with Kip and Bill Hedges was submitted.
5. The accounts were approved as submitted.
6. The new work at the mainland dock was discussed at some length. Council is to discuss the possibility of guard rails between the new line-up area and the waterside.
7. A field meeting to discuss progress on the Development road is to be held in the next two weeks with MTC and Totten, Sims and Hubicki, the engineering consultants.
9. Hans deHaan has been appointed Fire Chief for one year term effective Jan, 1, 1981.
9. Councillors Kerr and Hall are to prepare recommendations to reduce heating costs of the Township offices.
10. The state of the annual budget to date was discussed. Council is satisfied that everything is progressing well, with income from the Township's checking account and interest on tax arrears balancing unexpected expenditures.
11. Council directed the clerk to locate an expert on the Line Fences Act

who could attend a public meeting called to discuss aspects of the Act affecting Township landowners.

12. A resolution regarding access to municipal documents was passed. No document is to be available to the public until it has been officially received by council. Minutes are to be stamped to the effect that they are not official until council has adopted them. Documents of a "sensitive nature" are to be withheld from the public. These would include, for example, current negotiations with branches of government, employee records of a personal nature, and solicitor's advice.

Township Council Special Meeting Nov. 11
- Torn Sylvester

Council met to review the filed non-approvals to the Zoning By-Law (No. 3-80).

First I should give the background. "The purpose of this by-law is to provide for the regulation of land use in the Township of Amherst Island.... The effect of this by-law is to regulate the use of lands and the character, location and use of buildings and structures..." Council enacted the By-Law April 18, 1980, and then called for notice of objection to approval or support. The By-law was in fact law before any concerned electors had an opportunity to give constructive suggestions.

There was a public meeting May 13 with Council and the planners. Twelve letters of non-approval and two of approval were received from individuals and groups. The Municipal Planners' curt replies were recently unofficially received and filed finally November 11. The planners strongly contended there was little need to alter their document to the expressed suggestions.

November 11 Council met and reviewed the muddy waters, listening to the basis for the suggestions. Mary McCollam and Michael Braun, by an apparent oversight of the planners, are left in the position of not being able to build a pottery studio (a resolution to rectify this has been proposed). George Gavlas pointed out that zoning within Stella proper is confusing at best, simplification is in order. Council seemed to agree. The parking space requirements for George's and Clinton's commercial garages were quite onerous, one parking space per 5 square meters. Council did not agree.

I was confused on the next point. Council, I believe, has agreed to unrestrict the number of unlicensed vehicles parked in the RU (rural use)

zone, provided that such vehicles shall be concealed from view from abutting streets. This still means that according to the

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letter of the law, no farm implement stay be parked where it will be visible from the road!

Many delegations expressed non-approval of the maximum gross floor area for home industries - council may increase this to 25% or 28 square meters of a dwelling unit and 200 square meters for an accessory building. Delegates wanted the provisions for accessory dwellings for agricultural operations to be extended to home industries.

Ian Murray and fellow delegates have asked for a lifting on the home occupation restrictions from the present - only goods produced on the premises may be sold -to- goods from the whole island. Conceivably one person could sell Avon, Amway, Fuller Brushes and Raleigh Products, but not Randi Murray's mobiles, Shirley Miller's sketches, and Stirling Glenn's martin houses. Council agreed in principle.

The By-Law has adopted 30 hectares (approx. 75 acres) as the minimum farm size; below this one cannot build a farm house, with certain exceptions. I raised the philosophical question of the basis for this value judgment of designating any parcel under 30 hectares as "undersized". Council stated that their intended policy was to discourage division of RU zoned land into small parcels on their assumption that bigger farms were more viable.

The By-Law minimum landscaping for RU zones is 10%. That is, every farm must have 10% of its area in "grass, flowers, bushes, trees and other landscaping." This is not to be confused with tilled land or pasture. Council has agreed that this is not what they wanted. It is the law until changed though.

It is too late to file formal objections. Council now has the opportunity to respond and react to our constructive criticisms of the zoning by-law. The by-law goes from here to the Ontario Municipal Board. Legal hearings would proceed at the OMB if the letters of non-approval have not been respectfully withdrawn.

I have hurriedly jotted those points down from memory. I am certain there are important omissions and perhaps misinterpretations here. The best source is to go straight to the township zoning by-law file and see for yourself the letters of non-approval, approval, planners' recommendations, solicitor's letter, etc.

Election Results

For Reeve

Jim Neilson 164 Elected

Geoff Matthews 93

For Council

Jack Kerr 181 Elected

Jean Tugwell 161 Elected

Bert Glenn 145 Elected

John Hall 142 Elected

David Vrooman 138

Jackie Sylvester 115

For School Board

Representing Ernestown, Bath and Amherst Island

Jane Scott 1272 Elected

Eldon Peters 1177 Elected

Greth Eadie 1166 Elected

Ellen Collins 1088 Elected

John Ibey 1019 Elected

Erwell Huff 840

Other Board of Education candidates elected or acclaimed are

Camden East-Centreville

Gordon Bell

Vernard Detlor

Napanee

Ralph Whetstone

George Normile

N. Fredericksburgh

Karen Mifflin

Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham

Evelyn Petzold

Richmond

Marion Charleton

S. Fredericksburgh

W.B. Lawson Staples
Representing Roman Catholic voters
Edward Hopkins

To The Electors Of Amherst Island

My deepest thanks for the overwhelming support (211 votes) you gave me at the polls in my election as Trustee to the Lennox & Addington Board of Education. It is interesting to note that the Amherst Island vote was instrumental in my placing first at the polls.

Again my thanks, and rest assured of my continued support for the welfare of the children of the Island as well to the use of the School as a community resource.

Jane Scott

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To The Electors

My sincere thanks to the voters who again gave me such strong support in my bid for a council seat. I will certainly do my best to justify your confidence in me.

Jack Kerr

Card Of Thanks

We, the family of the late Juanita Brady, wish to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to friends, relatives and neighbours for their kindness and comfort and for all the floral tributes, cards and food during our sad bereavement.

Special thanks to Mrs. Beth Forester for providing luncheon after the service, to A. Bruce Caughey and Ed McCormick for their kind assistance and to Reverends Lindsey and Allison for their kindness and understanding.

Frank, Barbara, Rick, Holly and Colin

Municipal Election

I would like to express my thanks to all the voters who supported me in my candidacy for councillor. I was pleased at the strong turnout of voters

to determine our municipal government. Through our interest in council we can get a better council and community. All the incumbents called for better communication between electors and council, so let us make this happen. I intend to continue my interest in municipal affairs and have already offered my professional planning services to council for the development of a better zoning by-law.

Thank you,
Jackie Sylvester

To The Electors

I wish to thank the electors of Amherst Island who supported me on Nov. 10th.

Sincerely
Jean Tugwell

Many thanks to my supporters on Nov. 10. I will represent you to the best of my ability.

H. E. Glenn

The Libertarian Movement
- Ian Murray

While walking through a room the day after the U.S. presidential election, I heard a radio announcer going through the popular vote return of the various candidates. Surprisingly the Libertarian candidate received a respectable one per cent. This was the first that I had heard of a Libertarian presidential candidate. As with the last Canadian federal election, there was minimal media coverage of this party/movement and its candidates. The following information is excerpted from an article by Jay Kinney in The Next Whole Earth Catalog.

“Traditionally ‘libertarianism’ has been a synonym for ‘anarchist’ implying an opposition not only to the State but to Capitalism as well. Most current users of the term however.... usually champion the notion of minimal government (often called ‘minarchist’ while singing the praises of laissez-faire capitalism.... It’s an ideology with particular appeal for small businessmen and the broad middle class whose pursuit of the American Dream has met obstacles in the last decade.”

Mr. Kinney goes on to review six periodicals related to the libertarian

movement. "I find their idealism.... attractive and their economics simplistic. But one thing is certain - we haven't heard the last of them."

Globe and Mail, Nov. 6: The Libertarians managed to elect two state legislators in Alaska. The Party spent \$3.2 million on its nominee for president, Edward Clark.

1st Stella Beaver and Cub News

- Dorothy Kilpatrick

Once again our Beaver Colony is going strong with 6 Beavers registered, Peter and Michael Horth, Chad Miller, Jeff Forester, Reginald Hitchins and Hughie Filson.

Leaders are Bob and Carmelle Horth. A new Cub pack has been started this year with 7 boys registered, Steven Viau, Steven Ward, Robbie Wemp, Kirk Collins, Donnie Miller, Adam Miller, and Ricky Welbanks. Leaders are Rick Bedford, Doug Shurtliffe and Darrell Miller. We are very fortunate to have dedicated leaders again, but we always

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need the support of people on the Island. Donations are welcome anytime.

ISLE Committee

- Bob Horth

On Sept. 18 the ISLE Committee held their first full meeting of the year. Mr. Knight and Mrs. Beth Forester were welcomed for this year's term by Jack McCormick who was the evening's chairman. Jack McCormick offered to act as secretary for this term replacing Randi Murray, who was thanked very much for a job well done in 1979-80.

A Thank-you and recognition of a lot of hard work and effort was given to all those members who are working on the Birthday Calendar.

On Nov. 6, the second ISLE Committee meeting was held. At this meeting we were notified that the drainage problem has been remedied and that the playground can go on and be worked on, time and weather permitting.

In October the students completed the road clean-up which was started in the summer and for this work they received a donation from ISLE toward paying for their trip next spring.

The long awaited Birthday Calendar is almost ready for distribution.

We hope to have it on sale at the very reasonable price of \$4.50. This very useful calendar will make a rare and different gift for Christmas. They will be available at Glenn's Store or from any member of ISLE.

Birthday Calendar

Dear Islanders:

Thank you for submitting pictures to the ISLE Calendar Picture Contest. We had such a selection of photos that it was difficult to narrow it down to only thirteen. Due to the fact that the calendar must be printed in black and white, the pictures were selected with the following criteria in mind: the composition and subject matter, and just as important the ability to be reproduced and enlarged in black and white.

Congratulations to the following people whose photographs will appear in the Birthday Calendar: Debbie Bedford, Barb Filson, Irene Glenn, Anna Hitchins, Jack Kerr, Ann LaVoie, Joan Martin and Shirley Miller. Thank you all for your participation and support. It was greatly appreciated.

ISLE Calendar Committee

Beaver Telephone Directories are still on sale at Glenn's Store. Price \$1.00.

Thanks again to all for their support.

Bob Horth

We Need Moral Support

- Chris Bustard

Tonti's Recreation Club is very grateful for all the support the Island has given us as far as donations goes. What we really need now is moral support. On the day of our Open House, the following people came and looked at our organization, as well as used our facilities:

Art Ackerman, Mary Claus, Hazel deHaan, Mrs. Stevenson, Marjorie Tooke, Jean Tugwell, Barb Wemp and Elsie Willard. We served coffee and donuts, almost all of which had to be thrown out. Our Hallowe'en party we had for the younger children was just as successful. We had 4 children show up; Marlene Eves, Steven Willard, Steven {Viau} and Kevin McCormick. Marlene won for the best costume, Steven Willard for the funniest costume, Steven {Viau} for the Hallowe'eniest, and Kevin for the cutest.

We are very disappointed in the turn-outs of our two events that we

planned and put money into for the Island. We figured on more people coming out and showing us they would like it to work. We hope to see more effort in the future as far as moral support goes.

We are planning a bike sale for Saturday the 22nd of November. We also are planning on having an adults night, possibly a Thursday night. We will give further notice later as to when this will start. We hope to see everyone come out and enjoy this night.

As I said before, the donations have been gratefully appreciated. A further list of donors are:

Syl Apps

George Mygind

Denys Cadman

Jackie Sylvester

Dale & Hugh Filson

Howard Welbanks

Chas & Thelma Howard

Noreen Welbanks

Duncan Marshall

Kathleen Wemp

Geoff Matthews

Les & Irene Glenn

{hand written into this particular issue is: Jean Tugwell}

We all thank everyone who has been so kind with their donations.

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Calling All Adults

- Jack Kerr

I really can't blame the Tonti Club for giving us adults a shot about moral support. I am doubly guilty as one of the advisory Group whose only excuse is that I forgot about Open Houses. Let's all try to narrow the "generation gap" by turning out to future events.

Your Last Chance!

- Art Ackerman

To donate to Tonti's Recreation Club and have Wintario match your dollar for dollar. Wintario will give us an amount equal to donations we receive from the community.

I have canvassed many of you. However, there are many I've missed as I'm new to the Island I don't know where many live. So please call me and I'll be happy to go and pick up your contribution - or you can leave your cheque at The Store, Township Office or Stella Bank.

Your support will be appreciated by all the Island's youth.

Election Thanks

Having just run in my first municipal election race, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all the people of Amherst Island who voted on Nov. 10, 1980.

The excitement and challenge alone made the event memorable, but when combined with the great education I received in the values and aspirations of people in this township, I only regret I'd not run more often.

In looking over the returns, I realize that any candidate's only strength is his supporters and that, win or lose, there is no group of citizens I would be more proud to represent than those hard working individuals who made up "the team".

I believe the turnout for this election was a bit of a record and if that was even partially due to my efforts, then the effort was a success.

Sincerely,

Geoff Matthews

To The Electors

Thank you every one - - - and I needed you all! I will do my best to be available to the needs of all our island community.

Thank you for your support.

John G. Hall

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in the past election, and to those who didn't, I am still at your service.

Jim Neilson

Card Of Thanks

The members of St. Alban's A.C.W. wish to express their sincere thanks to all non-Church members who donated food etc. to our Bazaar on Nov. 1st.

A special thanks to those capable “young ladies” and one young gentleman (Steven Willard) who helped serve at the supper. Your generosity and co-operation, and all those who attended, helped make our Bazaar a very rewarding endeavour.

Thank you everyone!

(Members) St. Alban’s A.C.W.

“Cookbooks, Concert, And Conferences!”

The following letter was sent home with the students of the school recently. We would also welcome recipes and ideas from any Beacon readers. This publication will be done on a reasonably simple scale, with the printing and production being done at the school. We hope also that you might support our effort, by buying one of the finished products!

Amherst Island Public School,

November 14, 1980.

Dear Parents and Friends:

As one of our major fund-raising schemes for the year, the Student’s Council is attempting to “publish” a

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“Christmas Recipes and Ideas Book”.

We are therefore hoping to receive enough contributions within the next two weeks, to get our book typed and put together, reedy for sale during the first week of December.

We thank you for your assistance and urge you to get your contributions in as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mark Wemp, Head Boy

Marlene Eves, Head Girl

Mrs. Forester, Teacher Representative

The annual Amherst Island Public School Christmas Concert, will be held in the school gymnasium on Tuesday evening, December 16th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th are Professional Activity Days for the teachers. Conferences will be held with parents during these days.

St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church

Some of you may have noticed at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 9th, that our 35 year old Wurlitzer organ is giving us problems! This time it is beyond being economically feasible to repair it! Our concern, therefore, is to find a replacement. Maybe you can help!

We wonder if there might be any dust-laden, out-of-tune, unused pianos, suffering from depression (and other ailments) tucked in the corner of someone’s “parlour”. If such a “soul-in-need-of-some-love-and-attention” exists, we would be interested in talking business with its owner! We are interested in buying a piano in the Church anyway, as well as an organ.

We also wonder if there might be someone in our community or “reading audience” who would know of, or own, an organ which they would be interested in selling.

If you can be of assistance with any of the preceding, please call myself, Beth Forester (389-5582) or Rev. Norman Allison (399-3546).

Anyone wishing to participate in a joint order for fruit trees for Spring, 1981, should call coordinator Doug Woodard at 389-3444 as soon as possible. Advantages are Wholesale prices on some varieties and a better variety selection.

Wanted To Buy

1 piano - good condition. Please call Dianne Marshall - 389-4070.

Lost

One 20 rod roll of new page wire Hallowe’ en night. Would the person(s) who picked it up please contact R. Tugwell or phone 389-5980.

Have You Fire Hazards In Your Home?

- N. J. Allison

Winter is the time when fires get out of control. Sometimes it is because we have installed a new furnace or wood stove and have not allowed enough clearance between it and combustible material in walls or ceilings. If in doubt call the Building Inspector, Perhaps sometime we put on too big a fire to warm the house up quickly or leave too big a fire on when we go out.

Other fire hazards are:

1. Burning leaves which may blow into or under buildings.
2. Putting out hot ashes with garbage.
3. Using gasoline or cleaning fluids in a confined space.
4. Overloading electrical circuits.
5. Letting creosote build up in stove pipes.

For Rent

Mobile Home - Village of Stella

Contact Marlene Frohlick at 352-3517

Creativity 80 Winter

Kingston & District Arts & Crafts Exhibition & Sale. At Portsmouth Olympic Harbour.

Adults 50¢, accompanied children free.

Saturday, Nov. 15 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Late Bus Problems

By Debbie Blenkhorn

(reprinted from the NDSS News with the author's permission)

It was a typical beginning to a typical ride home on Wed. Oct. 1 Phil Brown, driver of Late Bus No. 2 was getting ready to pull out of NDSS parking lot. Unfortunately there were a few too many students, with three to a seat in most cases.

Some people at the back of the bus started throwing 22-rifle shells toward the front, which, understandably, Mr. Brown found annoying. Before we left school, Mr. Martin, bus owner, got on the bus and told the

people at the back to "Cut it out" after which there was a general agreement to stop.

However, by the time we got to the first stoplight on the way out of Napanee, the shells were flying again. Mr. Brown stopped the bus in front of the police station and, after several honks, a policeman came out.

"Shells!" he said, "Were they throwin' 'em or shootin' 'em?" Of course, they were only throwing them but it was a potentially dangerous situation as the shells were distracting the driver and someone could have been hit in the eye.

The policeman suggested taking the bus back to the school and dropping off the passengers there. The bus driver readily agreed to this, leaving some sixty students (less than 10% of whom were guilty of creating the disturbance) to find rides home.

The next day, Thursday, Oct. 2, Mrs. Alkenbrach stood at the bus door, crossing names off the sign up list as students got on the bus. Any who had not signed up on Late Bus #2 did not ride on the bus that night. Once again several students were left without a ride home.

Since then, behaviour on our late bus has improved slightly and more people sign up now than did before.

I am sure that my view of the situation is similar to that of most students involved. As one of those who stayed late both nights, I was angry at the inconvenience of two long days made even longer, and I was upset at the apparent injustice of it all.

Perhaps we need to be taught a lesson once in a while though. On Oct. 8, people were kicked off the Bath bus. The bus has a French driver who is sometimes ridiculed by the students, and a certain disagreement on that Thursday ended with the driver's cap being pulled over his eyes while he was driving. This is clearly a dangerous and stupid thing for any student to do. When discipline problems threaten the safety of human lives, some sort of definite action must be taken.

I feel that any bus driver who finds himself in such a situation is justified in doing whatever he must to ensure his own safety and that of the students for whom he is responsible.

Amherst Island Public School Student Council Report

- Julie Forester

On Oct. 31, the Students' Council prepared a Hallowe'en party for the students of Amherst Island Public School. The prizes were awarded by "funniest" which Charlene Willard won, "best dressed" which Peter Horth

won, and “best Hallowe’en” which little Amy Caughey won.

An “old timer” came in and told us a scary story about when he was going home on Hallowe’en. We also had apple bobbing. The party was a success!

We completed our roadside clean-up on Wed. Oct. 15th. It was a very big success too. One group started at Avery Brown’s corner, another at Eric Bailey’s and another at Long Point. One other group started at the forty-foot, two others started at Henderson’s (one went down and one went up), and one group started at Baker’s. We got \$3.50 worth of bottles. We got a lot of bottles and also had a lot of garbage.

As the Junior Room did last year, the school is going to try to have a newspaper drive but we need your help. Drop them off at the school or at the store, or if you want pick-up phone the school at 389-4582. We need your support.

On Nov. 10th we are planning on having a Remembrance Day service. The Public is invited Earle Tugwell is coming in to talk about the war. We also will show a video-tape.

One other way we are planning on getting money for our trip is collect{ing} 500 Campbell’s soup labels. Please save your labels. Thanks for support.

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Reminder
The Recreation Association presents
“Jungle Book”
a Walt Disney special movie
Thursday Evening, Dec. 18, 1980
8:00 p.m.
in the Community Hall
\$1.00 per person

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Council Brief - December 1980
by Cathy Glenn

Council held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 1980. The November election caused a new face to appear - Bert Glenn who brings with him a wealth of experience, not only from being Roads Superintendent for many years but a good knowledge of Ferry Operations and Island life in general.

Retiring from service is Dave Vrooman, whose common sense approach to decision-making made his contribution one to be valued and appreciated by this community.

The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Neilson. Reeve Rev. Allison presented the inaugural prayer, thus starting the new council on the right foot.

The Reeve made the standing committee appointments:
Fire Committee - John Hall and Jack Kerr
Property & Dump Committee - Bert Glenn and Jack Kerr

Roads Committee - Jack Kerr and John Hall
Finance Committee - Jean Tugwell, John Hall
Recreation Representatives - John Hall and Jean Tugwell
Cemetery Committee - Bert Glenn
Ferry Committee - Jack Kerr, John Hall and Jimmy Neilson
The appointees for Fence Viewers, Sheep Evaluators, and Pound Keepers have yet to be contacted and state acceptance.

At the last monthly meeting, the fire department sent representatives to the meeting requesting a telephone be installed in the equipment depot. Information was gathered concerning types of systems and costs. Council wishes to confer further with the fire department committee.

Mr. Harry Filson is appointed Deputy Fire Chief for a one year term beginning January 1, 1981.

Concerning the amending of the Zoning by-law, there will be two readings of the by-law. The by-law will then be presented to the public for approval and then the third reading will be made.

Council is still negotiating re the ferry agreement.

Council approved the Recreation Committee's recommendation of Nov. 13th for donations to:

- (a) Tonti Recreation Club - \$100.00
- (b) Amherst Island Cubs and Scouts - \$200.00
- (c) Beth Forrester - purchase of island movie - \$65.00.

Correspondence was received and filed re:

- (1) Letter from Hon. Lorne Henderson re tile drainage funds.
- (2) Letter from T. W. Murphy re development road.
- (3) Letter from A. J. Graham Engineering re Miller Municipal Drain.
- (4) Letter from C.N.I.B.

A letter from the fence viewers requesting support from the Council was received. Council agreed to give them necessary support. A general meeting has been arranged for January 13, 1981. An expert on the subject of fence viewing will be present. Anyone with questions or seeking knowledge should consider attending this meeting.

Bert Glenn offered his services in the making of road and ferry schedule signs. Jean Tugwell mentioned a dangerous lack of railings near the 3rd Conc. bridge, at the road edge. J. Kerr will look at the area and suggest improvements.

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Public Notice Re Line Fences Act

A representative from the Inter-governmental Affairs office in Ottawa will conduct an information session on the line fences Act, 1979, at the Municipal Building Stella, on January 13, 1981 (Tues.) at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting will be of special interest to fence viewers, but it is hoped that any member of the public who has questions concerning the Act and the procedures relating to it will attend.

Diane Pearce
Clerk-treasurer

From "Closing Address" by Roy
McDannold, Retiring Chairman of the
L&A Board of Education
- Ian Murray

Whether you like it or not, this Board must start considering restraint (and please note that I did not say simply fiscal restraint) as a first priority rather than always accepting that the expansion of the system and increased expenditures will automatically guarantee quality and equality in the system. How many of you are aware that the cost of operating the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education has increased from \$5,378,000 in 1969 to a budget of \$17,715,000 in 1980; despite the fact that the system has approximately 1000 fewer students than it had six years ago. Approximately 80 % of our total budget is for salaries.

(The following figures accompanied Mr. McDannold's "Closing Address".)

Average Salary (incl. principles)

	1969	1980
Elementary	\$7,268	\$22,880
Secondary	10,480	29,433

Senior Administration Salaries*

	1969	1978	1980 (proposed)
Director	\$25,000	\$44,330	\$51,330 Superintendent
	21,000	39,030	46,030
Business Administrator	18,000	36,910	43,910

* Senior Administration Employees are also entitled to 5 weeks vacation

annually, 11 paid statutory holidays as well as health and pension benefits.

From "The Minutes in a Minute"
J.C. McLeod, Director of Education
L.& A. County Ed. of Ed.

1) The Board employed bus drivers were granted pay increases as follows:
Amherst Island Public from \$17.00 to 18.50 per day
Amherst Island Secondary/Courier from \$6.04 to 6.56 /hr.

The Board approved a proposal for renovating and updating Ernestown Secondary SchoolThe Board received an allocation of 1.75 million dollars from the Ministry of Education.

Provincial Election Approaching

- Ian Murray

The Provincial Government is diddling around again with the Sales Tax, so an election must be due soon. When I worked with the D.H.O. (now M.T.C.) old hands used to claim that they could estimate when the next election would be by studying the construction schedules for the next year.

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Help

- Ian Murray

The Beacon needs people to be responsible for the following areas:

- (a) marriages, births, and deaths
- (b) social events such as dances, suppers, euchres, etc.
- (c) sports

The person responsible for each of these areas could be contacted by people with information. Fancy writing is not necessary, a simple recording of the facts is a lot better than no record at all. Remember that some Beacon readers do not live on the Island and others are often "out of touch" with day-to-day events.

Call Ian Murray at 389-3444 after 5:30 p.m. if interested.

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A Bit of Humour

Rancher: "Say, young man, you're a brave man to come down in a parachute in this here 60-mile-an-hour gale"

Man: "But mister, I didn't come down in a parachute, I went up in a pup tent".

If you cannot absolutely refrain from heavy drinking, start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer, and you won't have to buy a license. Give your wife \$12 to buy a gallon of whiskey. There are 128 Snorts in a gallon. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 40¢ a snort and in 4 days when the gallon is gone, your wife will have \$39.20 to put in the bank and will also have \$12 to start up in business again. If you live ten years and continue to buy all your booze from your wife and then die with snakes in your boots, your widow will have \$35,750 on deposit; enough to bury you respectfully, bring up your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and forget she ever knew you.

A truck driver missed a turn in the road and his rig ran through a farmer's yard and straight into the kitchen where the farmer's wife was cooking dinner. She looked up momentarily, then nonchalantly went on stirring her stew.

The confused and embarrassed truck driver managed to blurt out, "Can you tell me how to get to Hagerstown?"

"Yes", the woman said calmly, "Straight past the dining room table and turn right at the piano."

Two meat stores were having sausage specials. After lowering their prices as much as possible, one decided to use a sign reading, "I sell my sausages to the mayor."

Shortly after the other store put out a sign reading, "I sell my sausages to the Prime Minister."

The first storekeeper, not to be outdone, changed his sign to, "I sell my sausages to the Queen."

Immediately another sign went up reading, "God save the Queen."

A farmer was detained for questioning about an election scandal.

"Did you sell your vote?" the attorney asked.

"No, Sirree, not me." the farmer protested. "I voted for that fella cause I liked him."

"C'mon now," threatened the attorney "I have good evidence that he gave you ten dollars."

"Well now," the farmer replied, "it's plain common sense, that when a feller gives ya ten dollars, ya like him."

It was mid-July and the minor league baseball team manager was getting desperate for a gimmick to keep the fans who still cared to watch them in attendance and maybe get the team in gear for a pennant drive.

When a horse applied for a tryout the coach gave him his wish, thinking that this might be the gimmick he was after.

In his first game as a pitcher, the horse struck out the side in the first inning. He did the same in the second and third inning. When he came up to bat in the third inning, the horse hit a line drive that bounced off the wall in centre field. The centre fielder grabbed the ball and threw it to the first baseman, tagging out the horse who hadn't even reached first base.

As he was trotting back to the dugout, the manager yelled, "Why didn't you run?"

"If I could run," the horse replied, "I'd be at the racetrack instead of here."

My husband was usually preoccupied with crop and livestock problems on our Alberta farm. However when his mother phoned to say she was going to visit us he agreed to meet her train. On the day of her arrival, I gave him a list of things we needed in town and asked him if he'd mind going in a bit early to pick them up.

Later in the day when he came home with a box of groceries, his mother wasn't with him. I inquired if she had missed the train.

"Good Lord" he said. "She wasn't on the list and I forgot all about her!"

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Local Organization Reports

I.S.L.E. Committee

- Randi Murray
Birthday Calendar

Well, it's done at last! We are pleased with the results and want to thank everyone for their support and patience. It was a much larger under-taking than we ever imagined and many difficulties arose, always at an unfortunate time.

Now for the apologies. Although we made every effort to record as accurately as possible, inevitably mistakes occurred (gremlins?). Please make the following additions or corrections in your calendars:

Darryl Miller - October 29

Sally Bowen - November 19

Stratton Reid

Jimmy Reid

Bob Tugwell - December 2

Barbara Hatton - May 4

Marion Baker on Feb. 14 should read Marjorie Baker.

Norman and Georgina Allison's birthdays are reversed. Georgie's on July 14 and Norman's on Nov.11

David Wemp is the last name on July 29

The cover picture was taken by Jack Kerr.

The February picture shows Henry Hitchins at the reins with grand-children Reginald, Heather and Tracy Hitchins, and Vicky and Cheryl Reil. That's Tom Martin in the May photo and it's actually taken along the West shore near the Bluffs. The July photo was taken in 1945 and the man in the boat may be Bob Smith.

Calendars can be obtained from any I.S.L.E. member or at Glenn's Store for \$4.50. There are mailing envelopes available there for 10¢ and the cost of mailing in North America is about 50¢.

Once again our sincere apologies to those whose birthdays are wrong or missing.

Tonti's Recreation Club

- Chris Bustard

On November 22nd, our club held our second bake sale. It was very successful as was our first one. We would like to make a special thanks to Marjorie Brown. She has helped our club out a great deal, and for our bake sale, she baked many goods which helped us out a lot, and sold almost as soon as they were set on the table.

Many thanks to those who have donated to our club this month:

Marshall Glenn

Dave Vrooman

Gordon Reid

Eldon Willard

Stratton Reid

Elsie Willard

R.T. Robinson

Township Recreation Committee

Yours, and all those of the others who have donated have been appreciated. Your thoughtfulness will always stay with us.

We have almost reached our goal but we still have a ways to go. Further donations can still be accepted, but we will soon be applying for our grant from Wintario. Donations will still be accepted even after the grant, but the more we get now, the more we will have if we get the grant.

We would also like to make a special thanks to R.T. Robinson for the practically new dart board.

Christmas Is A-Coming

- Jeff Pearce Dec. 1980

Christmas is a-coming

and soon it will be here

Kids on ice and snowy hills
are letting out their cheer

Trees are being purchased
and people are as one

For Christmas is a-coming
and I know it will be fun.

Christmas is a-coming

and the children take a care

For if they're bad then Old St. Nick
will leave their stocking bare

And every child hopes he'll get
a picture book or toy

For Christmas is a-coming
and it fills their hearts with joy.

Christmas is a-coming

and the choirs check their notes
The carollers are on the streets
all huddled in their coats
And when they start their singing
it is like the sweetest bird
For Christmas is a-coming
and the songs are to be heard.
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Christmas is a-coming
and cheers people young and old
And it warms the hearts of everyone
although the weather's cold
And everybody's happy
and kind in the winter sun
For Christmas is a-coming -
God bless everyone!

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our family friends and neighbours for visits, cards, flowers and best wishes while we were patients in the Kingston General Hospital, and for many acts of kindness shown since returning home.

Ytje Witteveen
Syke Fleming

For Sale

Two steel belted Radial Snow Tires 75R15.
Driven about 300 or 400 miles. Cost \$56.00 each.
Will sell pair for \$70.00.
Call Earle Tugwell 389-4636

Electric Chord Organ - excellent condition - with bench - \$50 or best offer
Electric Griddle - perfect working order - \$20

Afghans - one large - red, beige black, gold
- one shaded blue -
\$35 each Phone 389-2647

In good condition, a used 4-cushion Chesterfield and Chair. Gold in colour.
Apply to Marian Glenn
389-5769

Home Baking -
All occasion cakes for sale.
Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.
Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh Products you need
Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

SEASON' S GREETINGS

We Would like to Extend Seasons Greetings to All the People Who
Used Our Services in 1980. We Hope to Have Your Business Again Next
Year.

Ed and Helen McCormick

Glenn's Store Would Like To Take This Opportunity to Wish
Customers A Very Merry Christmas And Happy New Year. Thanks For
Your Patronage in '80.

Les, Irene and Dale

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
The Island Beacon

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Amherst Island, Ontario

“Good news, Mr. Martin! You can go home as soon as you fork over \$253”

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A Great Improvement

- A. Bruce Caughey

Some months ago I wrote in the current issue concerning the upcoming program of work being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication on Highway 33, West from Collins Bay to Bath. At that time, little seemed to have been divulged to the public concerning the extent of the program and its ultimate results, but finally the various contractors, who had been awarded the contracts for such work moved into position and began their work. Relocation of hydro and Bell Canada poles preceded drilling, blasting and removal of rock at the Coronation Boulevard intersection and County Road No. 6. This was followed by the hauling of base materials, the establishing of grade levels, the eventual asphaltting and finally the marking of lanes. The final phase of this work seems to be the lighting of all the various intersections enroute and this work now appears to be in progress.

As we have driven back and forth on this busy highway during the summer months that have gone, we all grumbled a little as we were required to stop, under the jurisdiction of ‘Flag Men’ (mostly Flag-Ladies) and with few minutes to spare as to whether we would catch the ferry.

While it presents inconvenience during heavy traffic periods, it is certainly a fact that work of this kind must be carried out during summer months when construction conditions are at their best. Now that the project nears completion, I feel that we must say a sincere word of appreciation to the Ontario Government who, through the M.T.C., have carried out a program to improve the use of this busy busy highway. As one drives back and forth to Kingston you cannot help but be aware of the tremendous improvement in traffic conditions. Who is there that cannot remember that

as you left Kingston to, hopefully, connect with the 5:30 ferry, as you reached the end of the four lane highway at Collins Bay and the traffic again funnelled into two way traffic, you found yourself in the midst of a long line of vehicles at the head of which was some very careful driver, well within the speed limit and undoubtedly, either going to turn off at Elmwood, Coronation Boulevard, the two Amherstview intersections or County Road 6, but which was the question in your mind? Proper use of the turn off lanes now eliminate this as well as the all too frequent accidents that occurred.

Of course the part of the program that has really been watched by Amherst Island residents is that which affects us most, namely the entrance to our ferry dock and there have been questions in our mind as to what the final results would be. During the summer months I talked with men, employed by the Contractor, who expressed concern that there didn’t seem to be a “definite” plan for this section of the work and was concerned that there were countless man hours wasted while decisions were reconsidered and juggled around while expensive pieces of equipment sat idle.

While we do not have the experience of a busy summer traffic period on which to base our opinions, I think we have to realize that there are great advantages already evident. Quite true there are those who condemn the plan because of the distinct slope toward the shore line and dock which, in their opinions will create tremendous hazards during icy periods, also the absence of a guard rail at the perimeter of the line-up area gives some concern. I am quite sure that the maintenance crews on Highway 33 will be responsible for keeping this area sanded and, without a doubt, the coming of another summer season will see the erection of the necessary guard rails.

Personally, I still have concern for the necessity of a different load-ramp and the protection of the same (as expressed in my previous article), I really feel that something better is due us, both in the interests of safety and the elimination of the constant costly maintenance, borne by our taxpayers to alter the ramp level to the varying water levels as they change -

remember, this facility is used by
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Lennox & Addington County Board of Education -

Regular Meeting, Dec. 8 1980.

- Ian Murray

1. Mr. W.B.L. Staples was elected Chairman of the Board and Mrs. Jane Scott was elected Vice-Chairman.
2. Mr. George Knight was granted a leave of absence for the period January 1, 1981 to August 31, 1981.
3. The Board received \$13,615 from the Federal Government to defer the cost of three assistants to supervise children of adults attending classes at Ernestown Secondary School and Napanee District Secondary School.

Beacon Notes

Diane Marshall has accepted the responsibility of keeping our readers up to date on births, marriages, deaths and miscellaneous social events.

The Beacon has purchased a used electric typewriter in an effort to present a more readable paper.

Council Meeting - January 6, 1981

1. The following appointments were made to the Cemetery Committee: Rev. Norman Allison, A. Bruce Caughey, W. Bruce Caughey, Henry Hitchins, Brian Ward and Earl Tugwell.
2. The following appointments were made to the Recreation Committee: Jim Neilson (ex officio), John Hall (ex officio), Jean Tugwell (ex officio), Allan Glenn, Howard Pearce, Heather Welbanks, Jack Forrester, Rick Bedford, Barbara Wemp and Les Glenn.
3. The Building Inspector's Report for 1900 was presented. The estimate of capital investment in new construction within the township was \$302,000 for the year. Building permit fees received totalled \$779. Included in those permits were: 1 pottery shed, 3 machine sheds, 5 additions, 3 garages, 5 new dwelling houses, 3 barns, 3 general repairs, 1 demolition and 2 trailers.
4. Reeve Jim Neilson was appointed ferry manager.
5. There were no delegations to this meeting (Perhaps it was too cold).
6. A resolution was passed to petition M.T.C. for the roads' subsidy.
7. The following wages for 1981 were passed:
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, \$4.95/hr. + ferry pass;
Building Inspector, \$4.95/hr.;
Caretaker, \$5.50/visit;
Firemen, \$3.00 per point (call or clean-up meeting),

Fire Chief, \$100.00 per year plus points;

Reeve, \$20.00 per meeting attended (regular and committees plus ferry pass);

Councillors, \$20.00 per meeting attended (regular and committees plus ferry pass).

After considerable debate, the question of wages for the roads crew was sent back to the finance committee for further review.

8. A by-law was passed authorizing the temporary borrowing of \$350,000. This amount is to run the ferry until money is received from the Ontario Government.

9. A by-law was passed regarding tax billing. Interim billing: demand date, Feb. 17 due date, April 1; and penalty date, May 1. Final billing: demand date, July 1; due date, August 17 and penalty date, Sept. 1.

10. Norman Allison was appointed Zoning Administrator to enforce Zoning By-Law.

11. Council supported a resolution from the Township of North Burgess against non-residents running for Municipal Office.

12. Council also supported a resolution from the Regional Municipality of Haldiman-Norfolk objecting th the Ontario Government not following its own rule in not requiring an environmental assessment of a proposed liquid waste dump.

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hundreds of non-residents, or tax-payers!

I also have hope that a further consideration of improvement of the old line-up area at the East side of the dock area may become a reality next summer. I wish that consideration could be given to the removal of the unsightly Willow trees and underbrush along the shore, with a levelling off and perhaps a little extension of this area through the hauling of rock fill would provide for us a very necessary area where transfer of goods may be made from one vehicle to another. The parking of equipment, unloading and loading of same from time to time would prevent the cluttering up of the new line-up area, as well as providing an adequate parking area for cars and trucks during those future periods of uncertain crossing when we have to revert to other than ferry service. Remember, they have occurred in the past and will in the future, as well as to add an element of attractiveness.

In the meantime, let us concentrate on learning how to use this new facility, let us determine to “fill” one line-up lane before we start another - many times have I seen someone drive to the front of a new lane, when the adjoining one is only partially filled. I am quite sure that they feel that they are more assured of getting on the ferry, or perhaps, get into a more convenient position on the ferry by doing this. This is what has happened during rush periods, such as duck hunting time when people manoeuvre out of their proper position and eventually try to “jockey” their way ahead of someone else. Remember, the ferry crews do their best to accommodate as many vehicles as they can, their’s is not an easy job, especially during rush hours and with the tremendous variations in sizes of cars, trucks, trailers and loads of all kinds. Let us be reasonable and do not expect the impossible.

Cards Of Thanks

We would like to extend our thanks to the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response to our chimney fire of Dec. 26th. Their timely arrival was most reassuring, especially considering the condition of our road.

Sincerely,

Michael Braun

Carnival 81

- Yvonne Lavigne

Feb. 3, 4, and 5

A Warm Carnival Welcome to All

Cross Country Skiing & Many Other Snow Fun Events

Lunch Wed. Feb. 4 by ISLE Volunteers Needed To Help With Events
Come To Watch and Laugh Too!

Real Estate Values on the Island

- What is my property worth?
- How can we improve values?
- Decrease our taxes?

- Do you really need a real estate agent?

- etc.

Investing Against Inflation

- How can you protect your shrinking dollars?
- Should you have a savings account or GIC's
- Selecting a reputable investment advisor.
- Should you own Canada Savings Bonds?
- Alternative investments.

Should there be enough interested in either or both these subjects for a group meeting, please call me at 389-6425.

Art Ackerman

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Our New Years Party:

A. Bruce Caughey

The second annual New Years Party to be held in our new Amherst Island Community Hall is now history. I feel that, having been a part of both of these very enjoyable community events, that I must express appreciation to that group of people, “The Amherst Island Horsemen’s Association” and their wives for the great effort that they contributed in order to make these events such enjoyable community affairs. Perhaps we don’t fully realize the long term commitments that precede such an evening. At the close of the 1979-80 party, negotiations were initiated with the “Wildwoods” orchestra for “next” year. This culminated in the signing of a contract with them about midsummer last. The contracting for the use of the hall is also arranged months ahead and as the date approaches, there is the arranging of the purchases of food - first of all the substantial meat purchases and the cooking of the same. This year “The Golden Rooster” asked to cook the beef 24 hours ahead of when it was needed due to other commitments which they had for a similar service. The ham was cooked by Mrs. Beth Forester and again we are deeply indebted to Glenn’s Store for the slicing of this immense amount of meat. This year it was decided to make up the salads locally rather than to purchase them commercially and this involved a great deal of preparation on the part of Beth Forester and Susan Caughey. Last but not least the dessert, apple pie, was prepared by the staff at Quinte Detention Centre, Then, as the date approaches and the eleventh hour has arrived, the tables must be arranged, the New Years’

favours purchased and of course when the fun is all over, there remains the tremendous job of getting the clean-up accomplished with everything restored to order in preparation for the opening of school a few days hence.

One should say a word concerning the sale of tickets. At this year's event, the decision of the Committee was to limit the sale of tickets to 100 doubles, or a total of 200 people total. These tickets were first offered to Island residents for purchase for themselves or their friends and relatives, and the numbers were very quickly exhausted. The only source of further tickets was on the basis of cancellations by previous purchasers and these were very limited indeed. I think we have to agree that this was a wise decision to limit the tickets and therefore not overtax the accommodations. It would appear that the approximately 200 people filled the hall to the point of comfortable dancing and seating and beyond this point would have made crowded and uncomfortable accommodations.

It was certainly a great pleasure to see such a large group of well dressed, well behaved people, old and young, enjoying themselves to the full. The delicious meal served at 8 p.m. set the tone for the whole evening and the availability of food throughout the night was pleasing to all!

The breaking in of the New Year with its unpredictable future was a gay and glorious half hour, as everyone joined hands in the singing of Auld Lang Syne followed by the exchange of New Year wishes. It was inspiring to experience the presence of so many family groups who were reunited from so many distant points, and it was a great pleasure to meet so many of our people who have recently purchased properties and, in many cases, built new homes here, making acquaintances with the Island old timers. I was particularly pleased to meet the son of an old school mate of mine who, along with his wife and another friend and his wife, had journeyed from Rochester, N.Y. to be present. One also was pleased to see old friends from the Kingston, Napanee area, Belleville, Ottawa, Stouffville and Ann Arbor, Michigan. What a flood of memories this brings to one's mind as one thinks of the countless New Year's dances which have been a part of Amherst Island life during my whole lifetime, sponsored by many different organizations from year to year but

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always bringing friendship and fellowship to all at this holiday season.

May we resolve to always keep these community experiences on the high level that they have been in the past and may we always be aware of the goodly number of people who put forth great efforts in order that we

can enjoy this historic event. The numerous phone calls that I have received, as well as notes of appreciation and commendation, indicate the amount of enjoyment our visitors had as well as ourselves.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

- Diane Marshall

Deaths

Cumberland

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cumberland (known as Liela) - December 4, 1980, Kingston General Hospital.

Mrs. Cumberland was the daughter-in-law of the late Mr. James Cumberland. Mr. James Cumberland was well known to many of the Amherst Island residents as the Minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for a period of some 40 years. The funeral was held on Dec. 7, 1980 at St. Paul's Church with burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Blenkinsop

Dr. Gavin W. Blenkinsop - January 10, 1981, at his residence on Amherst Island.

Dr. Blenkinsop became a full time resident of Amherst Island with the construction of his home on the South Shore in 1978-79.

Marriages - McCormick-Clark

On Saturday, December 27, 1980, Mike McCormick (son of Helen and Ed McCormick, Amherst Island) and Jill Clark were joined in Holy Matrimony. The wedding took place at Kingscourt United Church, Kingston, with the reception being held at the Ambassador Motor Hotel, Kingston. The best man was Fred Neilson, Ushers - Noel McCormick and Kevin Boton, Bridesmaids - Judy McCurtcher, Susan Wilcox, Penny McCormick, and Flower Girl - Shelly Wilcox. The newlyweds now reside in Collins Bay, Ontario.

Tonti's Recreation Club

- Chris Bustard

We are very happy to say that we have almost reached our goal, thanks to many very generous people. Two very generous donations came from Doug Wilson and the Township of Amherst Island last month, but because of a few complications, I was unaware of their donation. I am very sorry.

Your generous donations are gratefully appreciated by the club. This month we would also like to thank Cathy Glenn and the Royal Bank for their generous donation as well. We are now getting our price quotations for new facilities the club has requested. After we receive these, we can then apply to Wintario.

The club has decided to have the Public School people (that have been coming or are of age to come) come to the club on Friday and Saturday nights instead of Saturday afternoons.

Tonti's Recreation Club is going to put on a play in the near future for the Island. Rehearsals for the play will start on Sunday the 18th. Jack Kerr from our Advisory Board will be getting us started, and will help us through it. Anyone from the club is welcome to come out and join in.

Depression

- Julie Forester, Trudy Strain, Shannon Eves

We have experimented with making a sun dial, also with making a Hooverville (small depression town). We made snow tunnels and beds at recess. We pretended we lived in them. And for our sun dial, the shadow kept moving every day. We have learned about the depression and would like to tell you some of it. A depression is a condition in economic life in which a great many men are out of work, machines are standing idle, and the general level of economic activity is low or depressed. "What can be done to avoid depressions?"

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you ask. In spite of the importance of the problem, economists cannot agree on what causes depression, or how to prevent it. Most economists feel that the way to avoid serious depression is to avoid extremes in the economic system during the prosperity periods.

Quantity of money theories

Checks are drawn on determined deposits in banks. When the total of demanded deposits changes, it is just as if the government had increased or decreased the amount of its own coins and currency and calculation. According to this theory, changes in the total of demand deposits are largely responsible for the business cycle. The suggested remedy; controls or change the banking system so as to prevent violent fluctuations in the supply of check money.

If you wonder why we called our town Hooverville, it's because we saw

it on T.V.

So let's try and stop depressions.

Have You Obtained Your Isle Birthday Calendar Yet? They're Still Available From Any Isle Member. Don't Wait Till They're All Gone.

Home baking - All occasion cakes for sale.
Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

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If it is Rawleigh Products you need

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Sports Reporter

Doug Shurtliffe has kindly offered to gather sports reports for the Beacon. Please contact Doug to report sports events.

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Amherst Island, Ontario.
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The following is from "Dear Teacher" - - a book of actual notes written by parents to their child's teacher.

Dear Teacher:

I give permission to take Billy to the farm - with my blessings to you and my pity to the farm - somewhere in Europe - I hope!

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Regular Council Meeting February 3, 1981
- Ian Murray

1. Four fence viewers were appointed Art Ackerman, Larry Fleming, Garry Hitchins and Ian Murray.
2. Upon questioning by Geoff Matthews Council reiterated its position that all documents received by the Clerk-Treasurer (with the exception of legal advice, personal matters, negotiation documents, and the obviously trivial) are available to the public after being officially received by Council.
3. James Neilson, as ferry manager, reported that there are no plans to lay off any crew members.
4. Council passed the following wage scale for the road crew: road superintendent \$13,000/yr., permanent road assistant \$5.50/hr., regular part time help \$4.85/hr., and casual help \$4.40/hr.
5. Council discussed programs of training for the fire department members and budgeting for a new pump.
6. The finance committee reported on progress on the 1981 budget. As usual, only so much can be done until the levy demand from the Board of Education is received. A decision was made to meet with the Cemetery Committee in the near future.
7. A resolution was passed to support the County Council resolution

supporting the use of 4½ inch gill nets by commercial fishermen and for the continued taking of eels. No input was requested from the Ministry involved as to the accuracy of their studies.

8. A resolution was passed supporting the County Council resolution requesting the government to re-examine legislation affecting the small gravel pits and stone quarries that are important to small municipalities.
9. The revised Drainage Report was received. Council will meet with the affected landowners on Feb. 26, 1981.

10. Remuneration to Reeve and Councillors last year was:

Reeve James Neilson \$1300

John Hall \$ 435

Jack Kerr \$435

Jean Tugwell \$405

Dave Vrooman \$315

Special Council Meeting Jan 12, 1981

1. A resolution was passed that the Clerk-Treasurer's salary be \$875 per month.
2. A resolution was passed "that an application be forwarded to the Ministry of Housing for a Community planning Study Grant" based on an estimated expenditure of \$7215 to assist in the resolution of objections to, and submission of the Township's restricted Area (Zoning) Bylaw.

Special Council Meeting Jan. 13, 1981

A presentation was made on the Line Fences Act 1979 by two members from the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

From 'OMAF', Quinte Community Pasture news letter

During the 1979 season, 326 heifers and steers had an average gain of 183 pounds. In 1980, 408 dairy and beef cattle averaged 181 pounds.

For the 1981 season, the pasture is accepting steers weighing 350 to 650 pounds and heifers weighing 450 to 900 pounds. The charge is 18¢ per pound gained with a minimum charge of \$36.00 per head. The grazing period will be approximately May 18, 1981 to October 23, 1981.

Pasture is being offered for a limited number of "Short Keep Cattle" i.e.

beef or dairy bred heifers due in late August or September. These cattle would be on pasture from approximately May 18 to July 17, 1981. A fee structure hasn't been set yet.

The deadline for applications is March 6. Application forms are available from the OMAF office in Napanee.

The Quinte Community Pasture 1981 Management Committee is: John Sonneveld, Ed Hunt, Wilf Shier, Bruce Hart, Barry Blaind, Bob Clancy, and Howard Long.

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A Warm Carnival '81 Thank You

- Yvonne Lavigne

Snow and ski s arrived on Wednesday Feb. 4th in good time so that the events could begin. In the morning there were three games; snow snake throw, broom ball obstacle, and shoot-the-puck. Mrs. Hazel deHann, Mrs. Dianne Marshall, and the teaching staff monitored the games. This year the games became competitive because points were accumulated. Mrs. Donna Willard made tracks with her skis throughout the school yard for the students to follow.

The smell of scallop potatoes welcomed all into the school. The ham dinner was really good. The children enjoyed the food and the company. As the dishes were being cleared, the senior room became a busy area as Mrs. Donna Willard and Mr. Flanigan helped the senior and junior students to get a good fit in skis, boots and poles. One by one they all went out to try their luck at cross-country skiing.

The students kept the boots on their feet and placed the skis along the school building to begin the afternoon events. Whenever it was their turn to participate in the skiing event, they got their equipment. The three events were the ski, slalom race, a toboggan race, and a blind-folded cupcake race. The parents who helped were Mrs. Donna Willard, Mrs. Shirley Miller, Mrs. Betty Wemp, Mrs. Marg Brown, and Mrs. Hazel deHann. Mrs. Carmelle Horth, Mrs. Phyllis Strain, Mrs. Heather Welbanks and Mrs. Marion Collins said yes for helping, but were unable to attend.

On Thursday, the fifth, the tug-of-war was won by the Blizzards who were John Welbanks, Paula Collins, Steven Ward, Hugh Filson and Bobby Eves. Ricky Welbanks was switched to John's team on Thursday because Bobby was absent. They each were awarded with a wooden trophy that was made by the primary students. All the participants received laminated

badges that they made themselves for Carnival '81. At noon everyone went out cross-country skiing. One comment was, "I didn't know that it was going to be this much fun!" At two, Mrs. Barbara Reid drove the students by bus to Mr. Kerr's rink for some skating. As we arrived, it began to snow to make our skating even more enjoyable.

At noon on Friday, everyone wanted to go skiing again. The amount of seventeen dollars was paid from school funds for the rental of the skiing equipment to help to cover the cost of replacing damaged equipment. The Lennox and Addington County Weekend Ski-A-Thon will be February 28 and March 1, 1981 at the Balahack Mountain Park near Tamworth. The purpose of the Ski-A-Thon is to develop future outdoor education programmes and to purchase more skiing equipment for the students of out County. The students of Amherst Island Public School may participate in the Ski-A-Thon. Bus transportation will be arranged.

A special thank-you goes to Mrs. Forester and Mr. Flanigan for all they did to make the Carnival events a success!

First Aid Course

- Laurene Kilpatrick

A St. John Ambulance first aid course was held at the school from November 25th to December 11th. First aid is the skilled application of accepted principles of treatment in an accident situation, or in the case of sudden illness, using facilities or materials readily available.

First aid is treatment given to a casualty:

- to sustain life
- to prevent his condition from becoming worse
- to promote recovery

Many thanks to our instructor, Dick Pfeiffer for making this course fun and easy to learn. I, for one, truly enjoyed it. The following people have completed the St. John Ambulance First Aid course.

Rick Bedford

Ian Murray

Debbie Bedford

Doug Shurtliffe

Sally Bowen

Tom Sylvester

Polly Bulch

Rick Taite

Warren Kilpatrick

Don Tubb
Laurene Kilpatrick
Eldon Willard
Marnie Matthews
Raymond Wemp
Darrell Miller
Bev Wemp

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Card of Thanks

The family of the late Dr. Gavin Blenkinsop wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the crew of the ferry for holding the boat for the ambulance and the road crew for clearing the snow. Also thanks to their Island friends for cards, flowers, donations, etc. These acts of kindness will always be remembered.

Margaret Blenkinsop and Family

Card Of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, relatives, friends and neighbours for visits, cards, gifts and best wishes while I was a patient in Kingston General Hospital. A "special" thanks to the Ferry Crews for their beautiful fruit basket. Thanks also to those who have visited me since returning home. your many acts of kindness are very much appreciated.

Eldon Willard

Wanted to Buy

1 Metal Trunk with lock. Phone 389-0417.

For Sale

1 Ocanna Chord Organ (Tabletop Model).

Excellent condition. Phone 389-5785.

One 200 gallon oil tank with undetermined amount of stove oil at old price of 73 cents per gallon.

Call 389-8224 - Louise Seaman.

Amherst Island Youth Group

I bet you're asking yourself "What-on-Amherst-Island is that all about?" Well, it's a Presbyterian and Anglican religious and recreational group of young people ages 12 and up.

The group meets weekly and shares an hour of Bible or related discussion, a lunch provided for by the members and an hour recreational activity. We are presently becoming more active within the community by doing volunteer work and attending rotating church services once a month.

All activities earn points toward the eventual goal of camping sometime during the summer. Some of our activities held during the year have been:

- Christmas caroling
- Roller Skating
- dance at the Bath Young People Group
- entertained the little ones while the Presbyterian Church held its Annual Meeting.

The group is presently trying to earn money to pay for group T shirts and to defray some of the costs of future activities.

As always, any contributions would be thankfully received.

The group members are always grateful for any work that comes their way. If you need help with lawns, snow, painting, cleaning etc., Cathy Glenn is waiting for your calls.

We are also in need of someone to help with the gym activities. It would involve one hour per week on Monday nights from 8 - 9. We need new ideas for games and would appreciate Help.

Well, now you know what the Amherst Island Youth Group is all about and we're pleased to make your acquaintance.

Thank you for your time.

Cathy Glenn

Dianne Marshall

Quality Milk Producers

- Ian Murray

Two area dairy farm enterprises have been awarded General Merit Certificates as quality milk producers. Neildowne Farms (James Neilson)

and Mapledene Farms (Keith and Donald Miller) received the awards which are jointly sponsored by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the County Milk Committee.

The awards are based on monthly milk quality testing (low bacteria,

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low mastitis, and no antibiotics). The farm premises are also inspected for cleanliness and general sanitation.

Amherst Island Youth Group St. Valentine's Day Cake Draw.

- Cathy Glenn Dianne Marshall

Oops, we're late! Due to the inclement weather of the week preceding Valentine's Day, we were unable to get tickets to everyone who wanted one. Therefore, we have moved our cake baking, decorating and draw to February 23. Our apologies.

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

- Mrs. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh Products you need, Please call Barbara Reid - 389-0675.

Harness Racing on the Ice Returns

- Jack Kerr

The Amherst Island Driving Club is to be commended for bringing back once again this very entertaining event. On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14th, the weatherman co-operated beautifully to provide the perfect day for the races held on the ice in the bay at Fish Point. The ice was smooth with just enough snow on it to provide good footing, and there was plenty of thickness of ice for cars and trucks to converge on the centre of attraction from all directions.

Many preparations went into the planning of the event. The track was scraped and marked with bushes, refreshments booths were set up, a starting gate truck and public address system were hired, finish line poles

set up and even the familiar hay wagon platform, complete with some bales of hay, was provided for the officials. Several prizes had also been assembled for holders of lucky admission tickets.

Six races highlighted the afternoon. The horse and driver with the fastest time for the afternoon were awarded the Art Drumgoole Memorial Trophy. Miss Ruth Drumgoole presented the trophy to driver Dan Murphy. There were also prizes for the winners of each individual race.

For a small community, Amherst Island organizations certainly show a great deal of initiative to make things happen here. Congratulations to the Driving Club for another successful effort! The large crowd of people who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

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The cartoon, taken from “Dear Teacher” - - - a book of actual notes written by parents to their child’s teacher.

Dear Teacher
Please excuse Pat for 3 days. He had the ~~diarre diare diuree dihare...~~ the shits.

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Special Council Meeting Feb. 16, 1981
- Ian Murray

Stuart Thatcher from the Ministry of Natural Resources explained the Pits and Quarries Act and the licensing required to comply with the Act.
The effect of implementation of this Act was discussed.

Special Council Meeting Feb. 19/81

Discussion took place in committee-of-the-whole on ways of cutting ferry costs. Proposals to be included in a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Communications were brought forward.

Council and all members of the cemetery committee then met. Members of Council contended that it was their understanding that the price of all graves in both the new and old parts of the cemetery were now \$35 for the grave site and \$40 for perpetual care. Finances, including the 1981 budget were discussed.

Regular Council Meeting Mar. 3/81

1. Bert Glenn reported on Street lights. He had attended a seminar on the subject at the Ontario Hydro office on Sydenham Road, where it was recommended that old inefficient street lights be gradually replaced by a new type that use 50% less energy and required much less maintenance. The cost would be \$300 per light or possibly less depending on the number ordered in total by all the municipalities concerned. Council decided to begin the change-over by ordering 4 new lights to be installed from the school to the Stella intersection.
2. Geoff Matthews expressed Ray Feraday’s disappointment that Mr. Matthews was not permitted to represent Mr. Feraday at the Drainage Meeting of Feb. 26/81.
3. Council increased Workmen’s Compensation coverage from \$8,944 to approximately \$11,000. Council also agreed to purchase a new pump for the Fire Brigade’s new tank truck and install it.
4. There was considerable discussion on the 1981 budget. The Board of Education levy is yet to be received.
5. The Provisional Drainage By-Law received two readings. This allows the Township to debenture for the estimated cost of the drain plus interest. These costs are then passed on to the assessed owners.

Feb. 26 Meeting to Discuss the “Engineer’s Final Report” under Section 41 and 42 Drainage Act 1975
- Geoff Matthews

Present - Entire Council, A.J. Graham several concerned and affected landowners.

1. Letters of objections were read by the Clerk.
 2. Ray Feraday’s representative was prohibited from representing him.
 3. Several technical questions were asked by landowners.
 4. A motion was passed by Council.
- Adjourned.

Tonti Recreation Club
- Sandra Bernier

On Friday, March 6, 1981, there was a new election for the following:
President : Doug Willard
Vice President: Chris Bustard

Secretary: Sandra Bernier

Treasurer: Jimmy Reid

We, the new council, wish to make the hall more interesting and more fun to attend. Unfortunately we cannot succeed if there isn't some support to back us. We feel that the problem might be that there aren't any adults involved, so there will be adult supervision some time starting next month as we have not had a chance to discuss it as a group. We hope this will get more public school students involved.

At our March meeting we plan to organize the following activities:

euchre

bingo

and also a parents' night

Also we have plans to have a clean-up to get the monotony out of the hall, so you girls, listen for the announcement.

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank all my friends, relatives and neighbours for their acts of kindness during my recent illness.

Barbara Filson

The Amherst Island Women's Institute would like to thank all the non-members who helped in any way (donating food serving, clean-up, etc.) at the dinner they served for the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance.

A special thanks to the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for asking us to cater to their dinner and giving us permission to do the annual Heart Fund Drive afterwards. An amount of \$222.00 was collected and forwarded to headquarters in Napanee.

Irene Glem (Pres.)

By a Canadian, You Say!

- submitted by N. Allison

Basketball is the largest drawing spectator sport in the United States, outdrawing both baseball and football.

In Canada it isn't even a close second as a spectator sport, and yet the

game was invented by a Canadian.

It all started in Springfield, Mass. in 1891 when James Naismith, a Canadian YMCA instructor working there, came up with an idea for a game that could be played inside during the winter. Two peach baskets were placed at either end of the gym, and the object was to sink a soccer ball into the other team's peach basket. The lighter basketball evolved as the game became popular.

Players had trouble getting the ball out of the basket after a score, so Naismith decided to cut the bottoms out of the baskets - hence the modern day hoop.

The Last Christmas Joke of the Season

A small boy approached his mother on Christmas morning. "Mama," he said, "I thought Santa Claus was a nice man." The mother looked at her son. "Why he

is. Whatever made you think he isn't." "Well he came by my room in the dark last night, bumped into the door, and said a bad word."

The Councillor's Prayer

- submitted by John Hall

Lord, Thou knowest that I get things done; but remind me please that so do many others.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Keep me from the recital of endless detail.

Give me wings to get the point.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Make me thoughtful but not nose-y; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use

it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Cake Draw

- Cathy Glenn & Dianne Marshall

The lucky winner of the Amherst Island Youth Group cake draw was Henry Hitchins. We would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing tickets.

Ouch

The beaver said to the tree: "It was nice gnawing you."

Inflation - - Daze of our lives.

One race horse to another, "I forget you mane but your pace is familiar."

Epitaph to the Jolly Green Giant "Rest in Peas"

Allergy specialist -- A doctor who treats you for one wheezin' or another

Garbage has already been made into books, movies and TV shows. Why can't we make it into gasoline. We could call it garbasoline.

Stella / Amherst Island 1980 monthly meteorological summary.

Month	Temperatures (C)					Degree/days			Precipitation		
	Means			Extremes		Heating	Growing		Rain	Snow	Total
	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min			cum	(mm)	(cm)	(mm)
January	2	-9	-5.5	7	-21	742			30.6	7	37.6
February	-4	-12.5	-8.5	3.5	-24	763			7.4	10.1	17.5
March	-2.1	(-6.0)	-2	10.5	-24.5	-619			89.2	na	
April	9.5	2	6	16	-5	366	59		130.4		130.4

May	17	7.5	12	24.5	2	181	224	283	32		32.0
June	18	10	14	26.5	1.5	143	262	545	66.2		66.2
July	24	13.5	18.5	29	9	22	472	1020	115.2		115.2
August	25	17	21	28.5	17	9	501	1520	87.2		87.2
September	19.5	11	15.5	26.5	1	105	310	1830	77.6		77.6
October	11.5	4.5	8	20	-2	310	113	1940	104		104.0
November	5	-1	2	11.5	-9	479			74.6	2.6	77.2
December	-3	-12	-7.5	9.5	-28	784			51	23.2	74.2

Last frost April 23

First Light Frost September 27

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From the book "Dear Teacher".
Actual notes written by parents to their child's teacher

Dear Teacher:
Please excuse Connie from gym class today, as she has difficulty breathing.

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An Impressive Beginning
- from Smith's Canadian Gazetteer L&A 1847
The upper portion of Amherst Island has been settled about 70 years and the remainder about 25 years. The principal part of the island is now owned by the Earl of Mountcashel. The land is generally of very good quality, and the tenants are in comfortable circumstances. The steamboats touch here on their passages to and from Trent and Kingston. There is a Post Office on the Island, and an Episcopal Church. There are also on the island, one physician and surgeon, one store, two taverns, three shipbuilders, five tailors, seven shoemakers, five carpenters, twelve weavers and two blacksmiths. Population 1104.
(The population of Toronto was approximately 20,000, Napanee 500, Township of Ernestown 4300 and Kingston 6300)

Board of Education
- from "Education" Mar. 10/81 J.C. McLeod
A three-year study, headed by Laurier La Pierre..... was released on March 5/81. The report stressed the need for less regimentation in the education for young children by not requiring that they attend formal

schools until they reach Grade Four.

In place of formal schooling they would attend neighbourhood family centres "from conception to Grade 8". They would be given a bill of rights protecting them from corporal punishment.....

This report undoubtedly will nudge society into new and more perspective attitudes about educating young children. It will however, leave in its wake a fair amount of controversy as well, because of differences in perception that now exist in society about the present approaches to educating the young.

- from Minutes in a Minute, Mar. 9/81 J.C. McLeod
1. The Board of Education established the policy that any requests made for the use of school facilities for functions which involve alcoholic beverages shall be denied except for requests from the Township of Amherst Island, and in this case shall be subject to individual applications approved by a committee of the whole board.
 2. A minimum of four half-time teachers are to be hired in special education to comply with Ministry requirements.
 3. A Program Resource Teacher for Gifted and Talented will be hired for 1981-2 and 1982-3.
 4. Among the staff availing themselves of Professional Development opportunities are Beth Forester - Cana-Lit Conference in Thunder Bay, and Clarence Kennedy - Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Conference in Toronto.
 5. The Board will convert seven Board owned vehicles to propane. The conversion will be subject to a review at the end of a trial period of one year.
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Seeing Young Animals
- Yvonne Lavigne

The novelty of two kids and a nanny goat attracted the primary class to Mr. Charlie Howard's farm on Monday April 6. For the science area in our Easter Theme we are studying young animals. To stimulate interest and to give the children an experience to start them painting pictures and writing stories about animals, the trip was effective. Many feelings were aroused as we walked through oozy manure in the barnyard and through the many

compartments of the barn. Besides the beef cattle and sheep, Charlie has one horse, some ducks and chickens. Upon returning to school, we are all quite busy finding more information about a variety of young animals.

Many thanks go to Mrs. Barbara Reid, Mrs. Betty Wemp, Mr. & Mrs. Garry Hitchins and their daughter Heidi for sharing the experience with us and for helping to care for the children.

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Crime Benefits No-one

- a Concerned Citizen

May I have a portion of your columns to express a concern that I have had for some time in the past weeks, and which, I feel, should be shared by all citizens of our Island community.

This concerns a series of break-ins at the Amherst Island School which have occurred during recent week-ends. In each case the Principal of the school has taken the usual steps of investigation and, in so far as he was able, determined what items of property were stolen or to what extent there was damage to the property.

The calling in of the OPP to investigate is, to a certain extent, a useless exercise, as no constable of the force has many clues to follow and must have assistance from "outside" to be able to identify those who engage in such vandalism. This is where the public must be co-operative and alert to notice unusual movements of people and vehicles that might be regarded as objects of suspicion, and to not hesitate to notify either the police or Mr. Flanigan of what you have observed. In any of these cases, I am sure such information will be treated with confidence.

To parents, may I express that you should be fully aware of where your son or daughter is at all times, particularly during the late hours of the night. Remember, being caught in any slight misdemeanor means that you carry a record for the rest of your life. It may not seem very important but as you go out into the world, young people need references for job applications, and nothing can circumvent that record that you have deposited against you in our court files.

Remember, that not only the taxpayers of this township have contributed their tax dollars over many, many years to make available to our children the best in educational facilities, but many interested citizens, through various committees have worked hard and conscientiously to provide recreational facilities for our young people. A true appreciation of

these things can only be reflected in the care and concern that everyone has for the proper use of such facilities.

Finally, I am sure that everyone is aware of the criticism from so many sources that, through the past weeks has been directed against our Amherst Island School such as the apparent concern for the cost of operation, and mark you, the Principal must report all vandalism to his superiors in the Administration Office. Eventually these matters are discussed at Board level. Imagine the concern that a Board member might have and the influence that might be exerted on his or her vote when consideration is given to alternatives for the educating of our much decreased enrollment of children.

While I have expressed concern only for the break-ins at our school, I have equal concern for those other break-ins of personal property - the Wolfreys and the Hardings, and let me say very frankly that I find it difficult to rationalize the fact that these originate with non-Island residents. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and stamp-out these undesirable happenings before they reach proportions that we cannot control!

Junior Room Visits Pottery Studio

- Leah Murray

On Monday April 6th the Junior class of Amherst Island Public School went on a field trip to Mary McCollam's pottery studio and kiln. Mary makes pottery out of clay. She makes lamps, planters, and all sorts of pots. Mary lives at the head of the Island. On our trip we learned about special kinds of brick used in her kiln. If you don't know what a kiln is, I'll tell you. Mary fires her pots in it. We also learned about the making of clay things. After we visited, Mary came to the school and we made face masks. We learned about sticking clay together and a bit about clay itself. It was a very worthwhile trip. We enjoyed it.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbours and family for all their consideration, cards, flowers etc. during my recent stay in hospital and since I came home from the hospital.

Thanks everyone

Myrtle Veech

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Celebrate Learning

- Beth Forester

The theme for Education Week 1981 is "Celebrate Learning" because learning is such an important part of living. Learning is an ongoing experience which occurs at times incidentally, often subconsciously, and in a formal manner we label "education". We celebrate learning because it is unique to each of us, because it is enduring from the first joys of walking to the reflections of old age, and because it brings change. During Education Week let us celebrate the opportunities, challenges and understanding that learning offers.

The logo for Education Week, incorporates three symbols: a figure, a lamp, and a circle. The figure with arms extended in a gesture of joy and celebration, represents men, women and children of all ages. The lamp is the internationally recognized symbol of knowledge and learning. The stylized "O", encircling the figure and lamp, stands for Ontario. Together these symbols form a message inviting all residents of Ontario to celebrate learning during Education Week 1981.

Education Week 1981

Education Week 1981 will be celebrated throughout our province during the week of May 3-8. Thunder Bay hosts the official opening ceremonies this year. In our county, the official opening ceremonies take place at Morven United Church at 2 p.m. Sunday May 3rd. Students from Morven School will participate in this service. The official opening of Education Week on Amherst Island will take place at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at the regular time of service, 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and school children are urged to be present as they will be taking part in the service. Rev. Babcock and the congregation of St. Alban's Anglican Church will be joining in this service also. Some trustees from the County Board of Education will also be present.

On Monday, May 4, the students from the school will travel by bus on the 9 a.m. ferry to join students at Sandhurst Public School for a Puppet Show entitled "Kids on the Block". This has been created by students from Queen's University and teaches a better understanding and acceptance of handicapped people, for "International Year of the Disabled". Workshops will follow the show. Our students will participate in these and will then return to the school on the 12:30 p.m. ferry.

On Wednesday morning May 6th, a group of actors will visit our school to present "The Little Prince".

Thursday evening, May 7th, is Community Night - Open House, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Come and enjoy some coffee and dessert at the Sidewalk Cafe, organized by the Junior and Senior French students. Then browse through the gymnasium to view the many displays by community groups and individuals. Classrooms will be open with children's work and projects on display.

We welcome any interested citizens to visit the school at any time during Education Week, either for a special event, or join us in our regular daily proceedings.

Notice- Anti-rabies Vaccination Clinic

Location - Township Firehall

Tentative date - Friday, May 22nd, 1981

Time - 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Fee - \$4.00 per animal

Note: Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a bag or otherwise confined.

For Sale

200 gallon oil tank

97 gallons of stove oil

Alice Compeau

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Advertisement

Turvy... Limited does the following work:

- general building construction (including framing, concrete, masonry, roofing)
- non-legal surveying
- construction inspection
- demolition
- odd jobs

Free estimates. References Phone 389-3444

Reforestation

Do you need help planting trees?

Call Kevin and Mark Kilpatrick.

389-3804

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for the late Mary Ethel McKee Weaver will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Sunday April 26th at 2:15 p.m.

Mrs Weaver, who died in the U.S.A. was aunt to Stirling and Leslie Glenn and Marybeth Hall.

ISLE

- Lynn Fleming

Amherst Island Birthday Calendars are still available. Calendars have thirteen 8 x 10" photos taken around Amherst Island. They make ideal souvenirs or keepsakes from the Island. They are \$4.50 each or \$5.00 if mailed. They are available from any ISLE member or Glenn's Store.

Community night will be held Thurs. May 7, 1981 this year. Articles from various community groups will be on display from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Refreshments served.

ISLE will be holding a garage yard sale on June 27/81 at the school at 11:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to donate unused or unwanted items please leave them at the school on June 25th or 26th or call any ISLE member for pick-up. Thank you.

Current ISLE members:

Dale Filson

Tom Sylvester

Anne Hitchins

Mike Flanigan

Randy Murray

Beth Forester

Laurene Kilpatrick

Jack McCormick

Bob Horth

Lyn Fleming

Council Meetings

- Jackie Sylvester

Special Meeting Mar 9

Council met in special session with representatives from Municipal Planning Consultants. A By-Law to resolve objections to the Zoning By-law 3-80 was given first and second readings.

Special Session Mar. 30

A special session was held to appoint members to the Court of Revision to be held to comply with the Drainage Act. A resolution was passed to request that Council's solicitor write to the Drainage Referee and ask for a hearing as soon as possible.

Regular Session Apr.7

Minutes of the last regular session and the above reported special sessions were adopted. Delegations were received concerning the amendment to the zoning By-law. Council was commended on the effort put into the amendment, and one or two outstanding questions were raised.

The Building Inspector's report was received and the question of how to encourage the clean-up of disused and abandoned buildings that may be a safety hazard was discussed.

Committee reports were received. The state on the negotiations for the ferry subsidy was discussed. The 1981 road budget was adopted, Commendations were given to the road crew for the work on our bridges and special thanks was given to Bert Glenn and Jack Kerr for painting our new road signs. One complaint was received on damage to fence lines by the snow plow on a fence which is situated too close to the road.

The Fire Dept. reports tests on our new fire pump were very satisfactory. A budget was approved for the annual training session. Cards listing phone numbers, in case of fire, are to be sent out, and arrangements have been made for use of a phone in the firehall after office hours.

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Under new business, the amendment to the zoning By-law was given its third reading and copies will be in general circulation shortly. Remuneration for a non-council member serving on the Court of Revision for the Drainage Act was set at \$75.00 for the full session of the first sitting. Two new severance applications were approved in principal.

Community groups are reminded that municipal insurance covers

groups using the park or the Community Center (school gymnasium) only if such groups have made arrangements through the municipality or one of its' duly authorized committees. Groups wishing to obtain a special occasion permit at which liquor is to be served are advised to do so through the Municipal Offices. The School Board does not want their insurance liability to have to cover these occasions in the Community Center.

Amherst Island Firefighters Association

- Warren Kilpatrick

Two years ago this Association was formed in the firehall with the purpose of becoming an organizing body to represent and help the fire department. Through dances, raffles and donations from many people, money has been raised to help expand (addition to the back of the Firehall) and buy needed equipment for the fire department.

The former Association make-up was as follows:

Harry Filson - President

Hans deHaan - Vice-President

Vince Eves - Secretary-Treasurer

Rick Bedford

Billy Bulch - Larry Fleming replaced Billy later

Warren Kilpatrick - added later

Much thanks to these people as they did a splendid job with a lot of work from each. Two great accomplishments being the addition to the firehall and the street dance held in July.

It was decided that a new executive be elected every two years and this was done Tuesday, April 7th. With a little shuffling around of faces and addition of two new members, the firemen have elected:

Warren Kilpatrick - President

Rick Bedford - Vice-President

Freddy Neilson - Sec.-Treasurer

Larry Fleming

Harry Filson

David Fleming

A carrying on of business in the new executive had included the purchasing of a new ladder and \$25.00 being sent to the Iroquois Firemen's Fund.

For Sale

1 20,000 B.T.U. per hour WATT propane room heater - Model No. NW20
- with some stove and gas pipes. \$75.00

1 40 inch wide Fridgidaire electric stove with three elements, 1 deep fryer, oven, and storage drawer. \$50.00

1 wash basin in good condition \$10.

1 tank for W.C. \$5.00

Allison - 389-3546

Notice

The Amherst Island Women's Institute will be planning means to raise funds for the Cancer Society. Details will be announced later.

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Cartoon Taken from “ Dear Teacher” - - - a book of actual notes written by parents to their child’s teacher.

Dear Teacher: You sent my boy home because he smelled. He smells the same as his father and I’ve had him for twenty years and he soots me. You must be old made and not know the smell of man.

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Regular Council Meeting May 5, 1981
- Ian Murray

Ron Heaney of Thorne Riddell presented the 1980 financial audit to Council. This report concludes that the township is being well run financially. Interest charges carried by the municipality due to the present grant structure involved in the ferry operation continues to be the Township’s largest financial problem. These charges amount to about 25% of the total tax levy.

Councillor Hall wondered out loud why the layout of the auditor’s report has to be so difficult to understand.

Mr. Heaney and Council reviewed the proposed 1981 municipal budget. This budget was then passed by Council.

Council resolved to increase the ferry workers’ wages to match the Wolfe Island settlement. Figures are not yet available.

Council agreed to have \$5100 worth of calcium chloride poured on the township roads to control dust.

Three building permits were approved, one new house, one renovation, and one addition. One building permit application was rejected due to a conflict with zoning provisions.

The Big Marsh has been rented to the Amherst Island Conservation Club for 1981 for one dollar.

Wood Burning Installations
- Ian Murray

If you are installing a wood stove, fireplace or “heatlater” it is a good idea to have your plans and work looked at by Norman Allison, the Township Building Inspector. You may as well do the job properly, because sooner or later the fire insurance companies are going to get tough with improperly installed wood burning devices.

Building Permits and the Health Unit

The following is a letter from the Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit to our Township Clerk.

Our Health Unit has a direct involvement where public buildings such as food premises, groceterias are being constructed, renovated, or undergoing a change of use. On occasion new premises or renovations are noted for the first time by our inspectors on their routine field visits. There are times when these operations are not in conformity with provincial legislation such as the Food Premises and Sewage System regulations.

In practically all municipalities a building permit or license is required prior to construction or renovation. In such cases it would therefore be appreciated if the applicants could be directed to the Health Unit to ensure that the proposal meets with our requirements. In this way we can avoid, what in some instances, resulted in further financial outlay with changes and/or additions to plans.

In respect of sewage systems, no person is allowed to install a sewage system or alter a building where a sewage system is involved without obtaining a Certificate of Approval from the Health Unit.

In respect of public swimming pools, including those used in apartments and motels, plans must be approved by a Pubic Health Engineer before the pool is constructed or renovated.

As you can appreciate, by cooperating we should be able to make things easier and smoother for the residents and businesses we serve.

G.F. Huchings, C.P.H.I.

Director of Inspection Services

Insurance Coverage On Community Centre Use

Notice: to all users of the Community Centre

From: Township Council

We have been advised that the Township's blanket liability insurance does not cover any group using the Community Centre (gymnasium at the school) unless the groups have made arrangements for its use through the Municipality or any one of its duly authorized committees.

Groups requesting Special Occasion permits are advised to make application through the Municipality for the use of the school.

Mrs. Diane Pearce Clerk-Treas.

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Development Road

- Jack Kerr

When the offer of a development road project was received from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Council originally requested that part of the Third Concession and part of the Front Road be included. However after Ministry officials determined the number of households using each road, the Minister decided that the entire project of 5 miles (8.0 kilometres) should be constructed on the Front Road.

The Ministry estimated the cost of construction at \$100,000 a mile, and agreed to pay 95% of this cost; the remaining 5% to be paid by the township. However the actual construction is to be spread over a period of five years. This funding is to cover the cost of engineering, relocation of utility poles, removal of trees, rocks and earth, culverts for both under the road and driveways, ditching, and construction of the roadbed and surface. In addition to its 5% share of this cost, the township is responsible for the cost of moving or replacing existing fences that are in good condition, out of its own road budget which is 75% subsidized.

The township is required to build the road to the Ministry's specifications, such as a 66 foot right-of-way, 26 foot width road, specified elevations, diminishing the sharpness of some curves, and proper drainage.

The construction is to be supervised by our own road superintendent with advice from the engineer and M.T.C., using our own equipment and manpower as much as possible. Wages (excepting for the road superintendent) and the use of our own equipment are paid for out of the Development Road Fund as well as the cost of hiring additional machinery or trucks when necessary.

The specified 8.0 kilometres begins at the end of the pavement on the Front Road and extends westward to approximately the Topsy Farm gateway. However, engineering has been done so far only to Emerald (the first three years' construction schedule). A decision on the route of the remainder of the road and the engineering of same will have to be arrived at some time in the future.

In some instances the road alignment will deviate to one side or the other of the present road in order to avoid moving utility poles, straighten curves, minimize costs, or to co-operate with adjacent landowners. The road surface will be raised varying from 6 inches to two feet depending on the present topography.

One mile of road may not necessarily be completed each year as it may prove more economical to concentrate on one aspect such as gravel crushing, ditching, or earth removal for a longer stretch at any given time, especially where bringing heavy machinery from the mainland is involved. The main restriction will be not to exceed the \$100,000 allotment in each year. So far a good deal of preparation of the roadsides for the first three miles has already been done by our road crew.

I might add that Council is pleased that our road superintendent has received excellent co-operation from the landowners along the Front road.

Coming Event

Creativity 81 Spring

Kingston and District Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale.

See Demonstrations and Displays.

Opportunity to buy unique hand crafted and original gifts for many occasions.

At Portsmouth Olympic Harbour.

Admission: Adults 50¢. Accompanied children free.

Friday May 22nd 6 pm to 10 pm

Saturday May 23rd 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday May 24th 1 pm to 5 pm

80th Birthday Celebrated

Garnet and Gene McDonald and Thelma and Charlie Howard had a small social evening in honour of their uncle, Mr. Stanley Detlor's 80th birthday at the Howard's home on Saturday evening, May 2.

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The Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

On Wednesday, April 15, the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Georgia Allison. The president, Mrs. Irene Glenn, opened the meeting in the usual way with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart collect followed by O Canada. The roll call was payment of fees.

The president thanked everyone for the successful year we had and turned the chair over to Mrs. Lulu Strain for election of officers.

The District Annual will be held May 13 in Grace United Church, Napanee, Ontario.

The Napanee fair exhibit was discussed and it is to be "Macrame or Indoor Gardening".

A benefit euchre was held on April. 29th in the school in aid of cancer society. The proceeds were \$226.00. The Institute was asked to present a display for Open House at the school on May 7.

Mrs. Rita Miller was chosen to attend the Conference at Waterloo on May 5,6,7.

April 22nd was chosen as an evening to set up the meetings and programmes for the coming year at the president's home.

Miss Darlene O'Neill, the Dairy Princess, is to attend the May meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Marian Glenn on May 20 at 8 p.m. At this meeting the ladies will be asked to pay two cents for every inch of their height as a small project.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace and National Anthem followed by a delicious lunch which brought the evening to a close.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to all who remembered me in one way or another during my recent two-week stay in the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Charles Densem

Amherst Island Women's Institute Officers for 1981-82

- Thelma Howard

President- Mrs. Irene Glenn

Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Georgie Allison

2nd Vice-Pres., - Mrs. Louise Seaman

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Business Notes

Wanted to Rent

A 3 or 4 Bedroom House.

T. Schmelex - 544-4785

Topsy Farms, 389-3444, has honey for sale.

7 lb. containers for \$8.00,

or in your own container for \$1.00 a pound.

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh products you need

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

A few plum and sour cherry trees are still available from Doug Woodard (389-3444) at wholesale cost, \$4.50 - \$6.00. They were shipped from an Ontario nursery on the 5th of May and arrived on the 12th.

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Card of Thanks

My sincere thanks to all my friends and relatives for their support and acts of kindness while I was hospitalized this past winter.

Each day as the many gifts and cards arrived from friends and community groups, my pride as an Islander swelled. This community has for me, as it has for so many others, proven there is still a sense of love and respect for one another on Amherst Island.

Sincerely,

Jack McCormick.

Isn't it the Truth?

Auctioneering - Inciting a mob for profit.

Garden - A thing of beauty and a job forever.

Jury - A group of twelve people of average ignorance, chosen to decide who has the best lawyer.

- from Guinness Book of World Records (1981)

Sawing 14 inch diameter white pine logs:

power saw, 11.55 seconds;

one-man bucking 23.06 seconds;

two-man bucking 10.40 seconds.

Provincial Election Results Compared

- Ian Murray

	1977	1981
Conservative	92	103

Liberal	56	58
N.D.P.	35	33
Communist	1	
Total	184	194

	1977		1981	
	Whole Riding	Amherst Island	Whole Riding	Amherst Island
Conservative	52.3%	50.0%	49.9%	53.1%
Liberal	27.7%	30.4%	34.0%	29.9%
N.D.P.	19.3%	19.0%	16.1%	17.0%
Communist	0.7	0.6%	-	-

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Softball 1981

- Doug Shurtliffe

The 1981 softball season will soon open for some teams on the Island. The MacRow Motors Mens' Team will be coached by Jack Forester, U.T.D.C. Juveniles by Doug Shurtliffe, Midget Girls by Darrell Miller, Squirt and Grasshopper mixed by Brian Ward and Gary Hitchins. The mens' team begins play on May 14 and the juveniles around May 19. The lights on the ball diamond will be a definite asset to the softball teams. All of the teams will provide excitement for both players and spectators. Come out and support the Island Ball Teams. They will thrive on your support.

Mens' Schedule - MacRow Motors

Thurs., May 14 - MacRow v.s. Pat Rogers Towing - Westbrooke

Tues., May 19 - Old Anchor v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island

Tues., May 26 - Carrol's Texaco v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island

Thurs., May 28 - MacRow v.s. Wilton - Odessa

Tues., June 2 - Simpson's Livestock v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island

Tues., June 9 - Pat Rogers Towing v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island

Thurs., June 11 - MacRow v.s. Anthem Music - Bath
Tues., June 16 - Wilton v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island
Thurs., June 18 - MacRow v.s. Old Anchor - Bath
June 19 - 21- Canada Dry Tournament - Bath
Thurs., June 25 - MacRow v.s. Carrols Texaco - Odessa
Sun., June 28 - MacRow v.s. Simpson's Livestock - South Fred.
Thurs., July 2 - MacRow v.s. Bath Legion, Odessa
Tues., July 7 - Anthem Music v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island
Thurs., July 9 - MacRow v.s. Pat Rogers Towing - Westbrook
Tues., July 14 - Old Anchor v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island
Thurs., July 16 - MacRow v.s. Wilton - Odessa
Tues., July 21- Carrols Texaco v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island
Thurs., July 23 - Bath Legion v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island
Tues., July 28 - Simpson's Livestock v.s. MacRow - Amherst Island
Thurs., July 30 - MacRow v.s. Anthem Music - Bath

U.T.D.C. Juvenile Boys' Schedule

Tues., May 19 - U.T.D.C. v.s. Bath Midgets - Bath 8:30
Thurs., May 21- U.T.D.C. v.s. North Fred.- H.H. Langford P.S. 6:15
Wed., May 27 - U.T.D.C. v.s. South Fred. - South Fred. Comm. Centre
8:30
Mon., June 1 - North Fred. v.s. U.T.D.C. - Amherst Island 7:10
Mon., June 8 - Kingston Twp. v.s. U.T.D.C. - Amherst Island 7:10
Sun., June 14 - U.T.D.C. v.s. Kingston Twp - Cataraqui Arena 8:30
Tues., June 16 - U.T.D.C. v.s. Bath Midgets - Bath 8:30
Tues., June 23 - U.T.D.C. v.s. Bath Midgets - Bath 8:30
Wed., June 24 - U.T.D.C. v.s. South Fred. - South Fred. Com. Centre 8:30
Mon., June 29 - South Fred. vs. U.T.D.C. - Amherst Island 7:10
Mon., July 6 - North Fred. v.s. U.T.D.C. - Amherst Island 7:10
Wed., July 8 - U.T.D.C. v.s. South Fred. - South Fred. Com. Centre 8:30
Mon., July 13 - Kingston Twp. v.s. U.T.D.C. - Amherst Island 7:10
Thurs., July 16 - North Fred. v.s. U.T.D.C.- H.H. Langford P.S. 6:15

We are also looking for somebody to umpire six home games for the U.T.D.C. Juveniles. The fee will be \$10.00 per game. Anyone interested, please contact Doug Shurtcliffe at 389-7239.

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A Great Night:

- Sandra Bernier

On Friday, May 8 at 9:00 p.m. the first dance-a-thon for Tonti Recreation Club began. It was really great to see all the Island kids out dancing the night away. We had a great evening but it couldn't have been possible without the help of the kids and adults who sponsored us.

Mr. Art Ackerman, who kindly agreed to help out in the canteen by making the hot dogs, chins, etc. (he stayed up for 9 hours), we thank you very much. Also thanks to Mrs. Diane Pearce who stayed in the canteen the last dreary hours of the dance. We also want to thank Larry Potter, Wayne Claus and Billy Bustard who played the music. Nice job fellas.

Everybody did really great at lasting the pull 12 hours. So it was very hard to decide who should win. The winners were:

Garnet Willard and Laurie Willard who were considered to be the best dancers throughout the night.

Robbie Wemp also won for collecting the largest amount of money through sponsors.

Norma Collins won as well for getting the most sponsors.

All in all I think it was a very successful and enjoyable evening for all.

See you all at our next dance!

Births

Fleming, Wendy Emma.

On April 15, 1981, at Kingston General Hospital, a beautiful 7 lb. 6 oz. baby girl was born to Karen and David Fleming. The proud grandparents are Audrey and Tommy Miller and Syke and Harry Fleming. A warm welcome to our new Island resident.

Deaths

May 1, 1981. Mrs. Beatrice Neill of Kingston, Ontario.

Many will remember Mrs. Neill as one of our Island residents for approximately 11 years before moving to Kingston, Ontario.

Notice Rabies

An Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held at:
Amherst Island Firehall - on Friday, May 22, 1981, from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

This service is being offered at cost \$4.00 per animal - by your local Health Unit - the Township and the Counties. You are urged to protect you and your family by bringing your pet to the clinic.

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Fighting Silo Fires (file for future use)

A spontaneous combustion fire in a silo is a

breather valve, these covers can lift to relieve the pressure if they are not dogged down.

Caution: if in Doubt No One Should Climb the Silo

7. Wait another 24 hours. If there is still smoke coming from the breather valve, nitrogen or carbon dioxide should be applied according to the following steps:

- a) Remove the drain cap or drain trap from the drain pipe at the bottom of the door frame.
- b) Connect a reducer, bushing, pipe nipple and 90 degree elbow to drain the pipe.
- c) Connect the pipe nipple and gas shutoff valve to the elbow.
- d) Connect either a cylinder of nitrogen or carbon dioxide to the gas shutoff valve using a regulator and hose.
- e) Set the pressure regulator to approximately 40 psig and open the gas shutoff valve and inject the gas into the structure. The amount of nitrogen or carbon dioxide needed will depend on the size of the structure and the amount of infilled volume. The manufacturer's dealer or representative should have information about the amount required.
- f) After the nitrogen or carbon dioxide cylinders have been emptied into the structure, turn off the gas shutoff valve to prevent the escape of the gas. The nitrogen or carbon dioxide may not purge out all the combustible gasses present, but will sufficiently dilute them to make it very unlikely that any dangerous accumulation of combustible gases could remain. The displaced gas will normally exhaust through the breather valve.

8. Wait another 24 hours.

If at the end of this time the walls are cool and no haze or vapour has been seen coming from the breather valve, putting the silo back into operation can be considered. It is desirable at this point to be able to check the silo's atmosphere for combustible gases. Unfortunately there is no completely reliable portable instrument readily available to fire departments to determine whether combustible gases in the flammable range might be present. Detector tubes for carbon monoxide and for hydrocarbon gases can be used but only by a person familiar with their operation and limitations.

9. When the silo is declared safe by either dealer personnel or the fire department, normal operations can resume. The unloader door should be opened and the silage inspected. If it is not too hot to handle, the roof hatch cover can be dogged down.

10. When the silo has been completely emptied, pressure and vacuum tests should be performed by the dealer along with any required repairs.

General Information

1. Anhydrous ammonia cannot be substituted for nitrogen or carbon dioxide. Anhydrous ammonia is not an inert gas. It is combustible and a deadly poison.
2. The specific gravity of carbon dioxide is more than 50 percent greater than that of nitrogen. Being a gas, it is still very free to move in response to the action of convection currents inside the silo. If both nitrogen and carbon dioxide are available, Harvestore, one silo manufacturer, recommends the use of the cheaper of the two because their effectiveness in fighting a silo fire is about equal.

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3. To completely purge a silo requires a volume of inert gas equal to three or four times the empty volume of the silo. This is prohibitive both in cost and time. It is better, therefore, to use enough gas, when necessary, to reduce the smouldering or combustion to a quiet state, than allow the structure to sit long enough to cool the material below a temperature at which flame would start again if the silage were exposed to oxygen.
4. Silo owners should be advised to keep all access openings closed when not filling the structure or operating the unloader. The same closed conditions which are best for preserving the feed are the best insurance against spontaneous combustion fires.

Fire Fighting Notes

1. Silos should carry signs warning people not to enter. This is because the structure, when in use, does not contain enough oxygen to support human life.

These warnings are sometimes disregarded. Fire departments may be called upon to rescue a person who has entered a silo.

If it becomes imperative for a firefighter to enter a silo, he must use breathing apparatus, be roped to an outside fixture, and be constantly attended and observed by another firefighter outside the access opening. Under no circumstances, should any form of "buddy breathing" be employed.

2. If it is over necessary to cut holes in a silo, use a metal cutting saw. Do not use cutting torches unless the structure is empty.

The assistance of Harvestore Products Inc., in providing the information for this article is gratefully acknowledged.

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Taken from "Dear Teacher" - a book of actual notes written by parents to their child's teacher.

Dear Teacher:

This will confirm to you that it was my authority, exercised herein, in the light of my knowledge of the pertinent circumstances involved that, with my expressed permission, Curtis Barkhouse, was with valid excuse, as I adjudged, absent from all of his morning classes today, December 5, 1968. His return, for the remainder of his classes today, follows the noon recess and his personal delivery of this letter, by hand.

The exigencies of certain unpredicted circumstances made his absence this morning a prudent necessity. I trust that it has not resulted in any serious inconvenience to his teachers or to the school's administrative authorities, and that in no way has it seriously impaired his scholastic progress.

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Ferry Crew Wages Settled

- I. Murray

The current rates for the Amherst Island Ferry crew: Deck Hand, starting, \$7.23/hr;

Deck Hand, experienced \$7.45/hr;

Purser, \$7.57/hr;

Mate, \$8.52/hr;

Engineer, Class 1, \$9.64/hr;

Engineer, Class 2, \$9.94/hr.

"The Learning Disabled"

- John Hall

In connection with my work of helping disabled and vocationally handicapped persons find satisfying jobs I recently attended a mini-seminar on how to make the most of the abilities of adult learning disabled persons. One remark made that day by one of the specialists was, "If a learning disability is discovered early in a child's life there is an excellent chance that special training can, in effect, eliminate it and the child will grow up to lead a normal life."

She gave us the checklist that follows. Perhaps it will help one of us to discover a child with a learning disability.

As to whom you should contact to find out what tests can be done to confirm or deny a learning disability, your family doctor is your best bet for very young children and your child's teacher for school age. They will be able to advise and if necessary, refer you to one of the specialist services available.

So here's a checklist of the characteristics displayed by children with visual and/or auditory learning disabilities. There are other types of learning disabilities that effect personality and spatial relationships. The second list titled "Who is This Child" covers them as well.

A final note - I am not an expert in this area: These lists do not give the whole story. However, can be of help.

Checklist for Teachers, Parents, Grand-parents, Other Relatives and Friends

Here is a checklist designed to help you identify children with learning disabilities.

Visual

Has difficulty seeing and distinguishing between:

(a) Numbers such as 3 and 5, 6 and 8 _____

(b) Letters such as p and g, b and d, and cursive j and f _____

(c) Words such as come and came, horse and house, what and that

Closes one eye when switching from near work to far work _____

Uses only one eye when reading or writing (e.g. tilts head, leans on arm)

_____ Squints _____

Blinks excessively _____

Often loses place when reading _____

Eyes water when reading _____
 Eyes or body tire rapidly when reading or writing _____
 Forgets glasses or keeps them in pocket _____
 Glasses don't seem to improve vision related tasks _____
 Poor handwriting even though child tries and practices _____
 Prefers to do handwriting at board rather than on paper _____
 Prefers to print rather than write in cursive _____
 Desk always messy, can't find things, usually confused _____
 Clumsy: drops and spills things, trips, bumps into things _____
 Is forgetful _____
 Slow responses for age level in visual organizational tasks like puzzles,
 written work, mathematics, etc. _____
 Difficulty sequencing letters in written work _____
 Can't copy well _____
 Cannot estimate distances or time with reasonable accuracy and
 consistency _____
 Has trouble throwing and catching _____
 Difficulty recognizing one letter, word or object from another _____

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Auditory

Can't follow verbal directions _____
 Forgets what he heard _____
 Repeats what he is told _____
 Has to look at speaker to understand what he hears _____
 Has trouble following directions _____
 Has difficulty understanding discussions _____
 Appears confused _____
 Talks to self. Often reacts to normal situations with continuous talk _____
 Makes irrelevant remarks _____
 Forgets what he has been told _____
 Speaks very softly or very loudly _____
 Does not hear certain certain sounds _____
 Cannot tell direction of sound _____
 Has difficulty in expressing thoughts _____
 Omits some sounds or words when speaking _____
 Speaks in incomplete sentences _____

How many of the above do you recognize as a problem for some child
 you know? Perhaps your own child? Are there perhaps some that you never

thought of as indicating a particular learning disability?

Who Is this Child?

Usually... This is an intelligent child who fails at school. Usually... This is
 the child who at school age reads "on" for "no", writes 41 for 14, p for d or
 q for b, and can't remember the sequence of letters that make up a word.

Usually.. This is the child who hears the dog barking, the truck honking,
 but barely hears his mother calling him... who hears the scratching of
 pencils, the sound of the air conditioner and footsteps outside, but does not
 hear what the teacher says.

Usually... This is the child who forgets names of people, places, things, his
 own address and telephone number, but does remember the ads on TV.

Usually... This is the child who loses her homework, misplaces her book,
 doesn't know what day it is, or what year, or what season.

Usually... This is the child with the messy room, the shirt-tail hanging out,
 the shoelaces undone, the child who attracts dirt to his person like a
 magnet.

Usually... This is the child who doesn't look where he's going, who bumps
 into the door, swings his lunch box into the nearest leg, who trips on his
 own feet and doesn't look at the person who is talking to him. Usually...
 This is the child who has trouble lining up, who can't keep her hands off
 the child in front of her... who doesn't stop talking, who giggles too much
 and laughs the loudest.

Usually... This is the child who calls breakfast "lunch" ... who is confused
 by "yesterday", "today" and "tomorrow", the child whose timing is always
 off. Usually... This is the child who can't tolerate making the smallest
 mistake... who explodes at the slightest frustration... who tunes out in mid
 conversation... who is happy one moment and tearful the next.

Usually... This is the child who is reluctant to try anything new, who is
 frightened by change.

Usually... This is the child who says "I don't care" or "I won't" when he or
 she really means "I can't" ... who would rather be called bad than dumb.

Frequently.. This is the child who can't picture things in his mind, who
 can't visualize or remember what he sees.

Frequently.. This is the quiet child who bothers nobody in the classroom
 but does not learn.

Frequently.. This is the older child whose language comes out jumbled,
 who stops and starts in the middle of a sentence or an idea ... who talks
 about hospitals, animals, and enemies.

Frequently.. This is the child who hugs the cat too tightly but can't hold his pencil ... gets frostbite in snow, and doesn't feel the hot water until it nearly burns him.

Frequently.. This is the good swimmer .. who stumbles up the stairs.

Frequently.. This is the child who draws the same thing over and over .. who asks constant questions but doesn't seem interested in the answers.

Frequently.. This is the child who can't keep a friend ... who prefers to play with children younger than herself.

Frequently.. This is the child who wants everything done in a certain way ... who tattle tales ... who picks on others for every little thing and bosses everyone around. Frequently.. This is the expert strategist in checkers or chess who can't understand a riddle or a joke.

Sometimes.. This is the child who lopes through life, slow to get up, slow to move or to think, but quick to play.

Sometimes.. This is the child who rushes headlong into his work, is the first one finished and has done all the problems wrong.

Sometimes.. This is the child who can add and multiply but not subtract or divide .. who can do math in his head but can't write it down.

Sometimes.. This is the child who skips words, omits them, or adds them when he is reading aloud. Sometimes,. This is the child who smiles at everyone, greets strangers with open arms, says "hello" to anyone he sees ... whose good nature leads him into trouble as "the fall guy"

Occasionally.. This is the child who tends to feel that life is unfair, who carries a big chip on her shoulder and refuses to try.

Occasionally.. This is the child who can understand the Odyssey of Homer, but can't read the words "in", "the" or "if".

This May Well Be a Child with a Learning Disability

Never Does One Child Have All of the Characteristics Described Above.

But..... If you have any concerns about your child, please give us a call - we are here to help.

OACLD - Information Officer

Suite 504, 1901 Yonge St.

Toronto, Ontario M4S 2Z3

(416) 487-4107

Amherst Island Firefighters' Association
- Warren Kilpatrick

Word has been spreading and no doubt you have heard about the annual AIFA Street Dance. We have set aside the second weekend in July for this popular occasion and will try to follow that rule every year. This year's date is set on Saturday, July 11th, and we hope everyone will come and have a good time.

We are also holding a raffle right now and the winners will be drawn the night of the street dance. Prizes this year are as follows:

1st - Barbecue

2nd - Weedeater

3rd - 40 oz. fire extinguisher

4th - 26 oz. fire extinguisher.

So please come out and support the Amherst Island Fire Department and have a good time while you are doing it.

Coming Event

Jack and Janet Bows cordially invite neighbours, friends and relatives to join with them in celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 20th from 1 - 5 p.m. at Queen Street United Church House, Kingston, 30 Colborne Street. Best wishes only please.

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Amherst Island Squirt Softball Schedule
- Brian Ward

Schedule of game times - Squirt boys and girls

Teams	Date	Diamond
N.F. (2)	June 3	Amherst Island
Selby (1)	June 9	Selby (A)
Desoronto	June 15	Amherst Is.
Selby (2)	June 22	Selby (A)
N.F.	July 3	Amherst Is.
S.F.	July 6	South Fred.
N.F. (2)	July 13	North Fred.

Selby (1)	July 20	Amherst Is.
Desoronto	July 27	Desoronto
Selby (2)	August 5	Amherst Is.
N.F.	August 10	North Fred.
S.F.	August 12	Amherst Is.

Softball Diamond Information

Amherst Island - can be seen from ferry

Desoronto - on main street across from Canada Optical

North Fredericksburgh - behind H.H. Langford School (County Rd 8)

South Fredericksburgh - behind community and municipal building

Selby - A - on main street

B - behind school

For games at South Fredericksburgh and North Fredericksburgh we will, go on the 6:00 ferry. For games at Selby we will go on the 5:00 ferry. Games on Amherst Island will start at 7:00. Please be at the ballfield at 6:30 for practice.

Amherst Island 1981 team

Robbie Wemp
 Julie Forester
 Steven Viau
 Trudy Strain
 Steven Willard
 Donnie Miller
 Steven Ward
 Nicky McGinn
 Ricky Welbanks
 Tessa Fabian
 Kirk Collins
 John Eves
 Coaches
 Brian Ward
 Earle Willard

Scores so far

Amherst Island 34 Selby 11 on June 9

Grasshopper Schedule 1981

Schedule of Game Times

Grasshopper co-ed Thursdays

Teams	Date	Diamond
Selby (1)	June 4	Selby (A)
N.F., (2)	June 11	Amherst Is.
N.F. (1)	June 18	Amherst Is.
S.F. (2)	June 25	South Fred.
Selby (2)	July 2	Selby (A)
Selby (1)	July 16	Amherst Is.
N.F. (2)	July 23	North Fred.
N.F. (1)	July 30	North Fred.
Selby (2)	Aug. 6	Amherst Is.

Amherst Island Team 1981

Shannon Eves
 Reg. Hitchins
 Jeff deHaan
 Bobby Eves
 Hugh Filson
 Laura Wemp
 Peter Horth
 Mike Horth
 Sherry Ward
 Chad Miller
 Mike Strain

Game time information same as for Squirts

Scores so far

June 4 Amherst Island 36 Selby 7

June 11 Amherst Island 25 N.F. 4

Senior Men's Softball

- Doug Shurtliffe

Our Senior Men's Team MacRow Motors

May 4 MacRow vs Westbrooke-Pat Rogers Towing

A three-run outburst in the first inning led MacRow Motors to a 4-3 win. Fred Leduc and Dave Kerr shared the pitching duties. RBI's went to Don Miller, Pete McCormick, Doug Shurtliffe and Fred Leduc.

May 26 Carrol's Texaco vs MacRow Motors

Carrol's Texaco's bats struck for a total of 11 runs in defeating MacRow Motors 11-6. Don Miller went three for three plus a walk. RBI's went to Doug Shurtliffe, Bob Howard, Mike Flannigan, Jack Forester and Larry Fleming.

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May 28 MacRow Motors vs Wilton Merchants

Dave Kerr pitched a 4 hitter to lead MacRow Motors to a 7-0 win over Wilton Merchants. Don Miller had two triples, a double and a single. RBI's went to Don Miller (4), Mike Flannigan, Pete McCormick and Mike McCormick.

June 4 MacRow Motors vs Simpson Livestock

Fred Leduc and Dave Kerr combined for a 4 hitter to lead MacRow Motors to a 12.-0 win over Simpson Livestock. Peter McCormick went 3 for 4 with a triple and 2 singles. Don Miller went for 3 for 3 with a home run and 2 singles. Lorne Huffman went 3 for 4 with a home run and 2 singles. RBI's - Pete McCormick, Dave Kerr, Lorne Huffman (3), Fred Leduc (2), Mike McCormick (2) and Don Miller (4).

June 11 MacRow Motors vs Anthem Music

MacRow Motors exploded for 6 runs in the first inning to defeat Anthem Music 13-1. Fred Leduc went the distance allowing only 3 hits and striking out 9. Home runs went to Don Miller and Darrell Miller. RBI's - Lorne Huffman (2), Fred Leduc (3), Jack Forester, Darrell Miller (3), Dave Fleming, Doug Shurtliffe and Don Miller.

UTDC - Juvenile Boys

May 19 - UTDC vs Bath Midgets

UTDC erupted for 6 runs in the six inning but couldn't stop a Bath Midget 2 run seventh to end up in a 10-10 tie. Noel McCormick went the distance for UTDC and had 6 strike outs. Runs were scored by Steve Glenn

(2), Bill Bustard, Steve Wemp (3), Tony deHaan, Noel McCormick, Doug Willard and Kevin Kilpatrick.

May 21 - UTDC vs North Fredericksburgh

UTDC exploded for 6 runs in the 3rd inning to beat North Fredericksburgh 15-14. Noel McCormick and Doug Willard shared pitching duties. Runs were scored by Steve Glenn (2), Steve Wemp (2), Bill Bustard, Neil deHaan, Doug Willard (2), Noel McCormick, Dale Willard, Tony deHaan, Garnet Willard (3) and Vernon McGinn.

June 1 - UTDC vs N. Fredericksburgh

UTDC rallied for 3 runs in the bottom of the 7th to defeat North Fredericksburgh 12-11. Runs were scored by Steve Glenn, Steve Wemp (2), Tony deHaan, Doug Willard, Noel McCormick, Bill Bustard, Vernon McGinn, (2), Dale Willard and Neil deHaan. Noel McCormick collected the win.

June 8 UTDC vs Kingston Township

A last inning rally fell 1 run short ending in a 6-5 loss to Kingston Township. Runs were scored by Steve Glenn, Neil deHaan, Doug Willard, Vernon McGinn and Steve Wemp.

Cards of Thanks

I wish to thank all my family, friends and neighbours for visits, cards, flowers, candy, etc. while I was a patient in the hospital and since my return home. I'd also like to thank the Legion for my basket of fruit and goodies. Everything is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ralph Wemp

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends, neighbours and relatives for their thoughtfulness and loving care. It's a good feeling to know that there are so many people who take the time to care in times of trouble.

Wendy Shurtliffe

Sally Bowen and Ian Murray hereby express their appreciation for the help and support extended by their friends during the weekend of their wedding.

Sally has decided not to change her name. She will continue to be known as 'Sally Bowen'.

from the Prelude by W. Wordsworth
... But who shall parcel out
this intellect by geometric rules,
Split like a province into round and square?
Who knows the individual hour in which
His habits were first sown, even as a seed?
Who shall point as with a wand and say
"This portion of the river of my mind
Came from yon fountain?"

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Regular Council Meeting - June 2

- I. Murray

1. Council discussed insurance matters with Al Bickerton. The insurance requirements of even a small municipality are quite complex. Bonding, liability, fire protection and so on must all be considered and carefully evaluated to get adequate coverage at a reasonable cost.
2. A delegation from The Stella Point Ratepayers Association appeared before Council to discuss possible improvements to the private road through Stella Point.
3. A ferry committee report was received for circulation to council only. A ferry crew member, Rick Bedford, has resigned and the vacant position will be advertised
4. Jackie Sylvester was given the job of painting the firehall.
5. Council discussed the dump situation with fires, rat baiting and fill placement.
6. A severance application for B.K. McDonald was approved.
7. Council decided to invite the County Planners to the July Council meeting to discuss the Official Plan for the County.

In May, Council sent a letter of appreciation to Helen Bulch for

compiling some of the old island birth records. She was also given permission to release the material to our library and to the Kingston Genealogical Society.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

On Wednesday, May 20th, the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Marian Glenn. The President, Mrs. Irene Glenn, opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The roll call was a favorite recipe made with milk.

The guest of the evening again this year was the County Dairy Princess, Miss Darlene O'Neill, accompanied by her mother. Mrs. Anna Hitchins was convenor for Agriculture and Canadian Industries and introduced Miss O'Neill who in turn spoke about butter. She told us there was no link between butter and heart disease. Also, she conducted a quiz on the same topic which was won by Mrs. Sharon Muirhead. She also stated that fats are a necessity in the normal human diet and her motto was "Only butter tastes like butter," then presented the ladies with a recipe book based on butter. Mrs. Hitchins thanked Miss O'Neill for her lovely talk and presented her with a gift on behalf of the ladies, in appreciation.

Mrs. Ernest Fleming read a poem entitled "Things with a Country Flavor". A committee was appointed - Mrs. Marian Glenn, Mrs. Phyllis Strain and Mrs. Irene Glenn - to make plans for serving the Amherst Island Fire Insurance dinner on Friday, June 12, at noon hour. Mrs. Reta Miller gave a very interesting talk on her trip in May to the Conference in Waterloo.

Mrs. Phyllis Strain gave her report on the District Annual held in May in Trinity Church, Napanee. As we all should know, this is the year of the handicapped. The Annual will be held in 1982 at Maple Leaf Lennox Branch.

Plans were also made for the Ian and Sally Murray wedding to be held on Saturday, May 30.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace and National Anthem and a delicious lunch was served.

The June meeting will be held on June 17 at the home of Mrs. Nellie Neilson at 8 p.m.

- from A. Bierce

Bore- A person who talks when you wish him to listen.
Diplomacy- The patriotic art of lying for one's country.
History- An account,, mostly false, of events mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rules mostly {a word (or words) is missing from the original}, and soldiers, mostly fools.
Philosophy- A route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing.

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Amherst Island 1981 Baby Boom
- Diane Marshall

In last month's issue, we happily welcomed Wendy Emma Fleming to Amherst Island. It now seems that May and June were also to be busy months on Kingston General Hospital's Maternity Floor.

May 13, 1981 - Aislinn McCollam Braun arrived weighing 7 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. The proud parents are Mary McCollam and Michael Braun from the head of the Island.

May 27, 1981 - Scott Robert Marshall weighing 7 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. Parents are Dianne and Robert Marshall from the foot of the Island. Scott would like to thank all his kind friends for all gifts, cards and welcome wishes.

June 6, 1981 - Stephanie Katherine Ann Fleming weighed a grand total of 10 lbs., 1 oz. Parents are Lyn and Larry Fleming. A sister for Jason. Grandparents are Harry and Syke Fleming and Art and Kay Wolfreys. Great Grandparents are Pete and Ytze Witteveen, Ernest and Gen. Fleming, Bert and Mable Wolfreys, George and Katherine Thiessen.

Our Best Wishes to the new arrivals and their families.

Puppet Show
- Helen Bulch

The Deckhands Puppet Theatre is coming to perform a puppet show for the children at the Stella Public Library. There will be two performances.

July 18, 10:15 a.m. at Stella Library

August 15, 10:15 a.m. at Stella Library

They will be presenting "A Heffalump Hunt" and "Charles and Claudine".

"A Heffalump Hunt" (an .A.A. Milne story) features Winnie the Pooh,

Piglet and Christopher Robin.

"Charles and Claudine", a variation of the Frog Prince story, has an unusual twist at the end and is sure to delight children and parents alike.

No Admission Fee.

Mark this date on the calendar and bring your children to the Puppet Show. It lasts about one half hour.

Ontario Home Renewal Program
- Diane Pearce, Clerk-Treasurer

The Ministry of Housing sponsors a program, administered through the local municipality, which makes available low interest loans to homeowners for the purpose of up-grading residences to a minimum standard determined by ministry guidelines.

Eligibility- Maximum adjusted family income - \$15,500

Amount of Loan (repayable plus forgivable) - \$7,500 (Forgivable portion is determined by income and earned by continued ownership and occupancy)

Interest Rate -0% to 8% depending on income

Type of Renovation Permitted - Repair of structural faults, Upgrading of plumbing, insulation, heating and electrical systems

Type of Non-essential Items Not Permitted - Second bathroom, garages, fences, recreation rooms, etc.

Before the Township gets involved with obtaining funds from the province for this program, we need to know if there are homeowners who would be interested in the program. The money is available and the interest rate is hard to beat these days. Please call the municipal office, 389-3393, or drop us a line if you are interested or would like more information. All information will be kept confidential.

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Rat Control at Township Dump

The Township Council has a contract with Burton's Sanitation to control rats at the dump. Each month a representative of the company spreads rat bait but several times the dump has been set afire right after the bait has been spread, destroying the bait and so making the control ineffective.

Council would like to ask everyone's co-operation as follows:

- 1) Please do not set fire to the dump. Leave this to Township authorized persons who know when the bait has been spread.
- 2) Please do not discard feed grains in the dump as rats prefer to eat these rather than the rat control bait.
- 3) Please refrain from depositing garbage or rubbish on the ramp. Maintenance is much less difficult if this is placed as far to the sides as possible. One of the greatest hazards to vehicle tires has been the scattering of nails or boards containing nails on the ramp.

About People

Mrs. Yvonne Lavigne will be leaving the Island school to teach at Westdale Public School in Sept.

Mr. Bob Horth has been hired as deck hand on the ferry, replacing Mr. Rick Bedford who has resigned the position.

Business

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it is Rawleigh products you need.

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Quiz

- Ian Murray

Do you believe in the tooth fairy? Yes ___ No ___

Do you believe that the information contained in the census forms will be kept secret, as a sacred trust?

Yes ___ No ___

If you answered yes to either or both of the above questions, perhaps

you would like to buy a 1975 Ford pick-up truck in show-room condition?

Wouldn't Everyone like to Contribute An Article to the Island Beacon Once In a While (say once a year)?

- Jack Kerr

Here are a few suggestions.

A family happening, such as a reunion, get-together, where a family member is now living, working etc.

A good idea : perhaps a way you have discovered to handle a common problem with such things as crops, farm animals houseplants, gardens, in the home, workshop, etc.

An article about your special hobby or interest.

A history of your house and the people who have lived there.

An experience you have had on a trip. Why you choose to live on Amherst Island.

How you think the Beacon could be improved.

Your predictions for our community for the year 2000.

Do you have any suggestions for improving the quality of life on Amherst Island.

Come on folks, let's hear from you! Let's hear from the young folks as well as the mature. If you decide to write an article just deposit in the envelope on the door of Glenn's store by the 12th of any month.

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Saint Bartholomew Church

This is the first Catholic Church built on Amherst Island. It was built in 1860 by Rev Father Donoghue and his congregation of ten families. The land was donated by Mr. John McCormach. Before the church was built, the services were held in the homes of the congregation by Rev. Father McMahan. As the congregation decreased the services were no longer held. It was closed in 1975 and was sold to Vaughn McMullin.

by Donnie Miller

A Sunday School project

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Council Meetings

- Jackie Sylvester

Special Session June 9

Council met in special session at which the planners from the County Planning Department presented the official Draft Plan for the County of Lennox and Addington.

Rick Bedford's resignation as purser on the ferry was accepted and a letter of thanks for his years of service was to be sent. Bob Horth was hired for the position of permanent deck hand and Bill Sippel for the position of purser.

A separate loan and accounting system is to be set up for the municipal drain expenses. Changes to be made in the Township insurance policies were approved.

Regular Session July 7

Minutes of the last regular session and of the special session of June 9

were adopted. Two building permits for new residences were approved subject to septic tank approvals held up by the mail strike.

Council agreed to advise the ferry crew of the availability of RRSP's as per a letter received from London Life. A free ferry pass will be issued to the VON car when it is on official business.

Discussion on crushed gravel, hydro poles, and culverts for the development road took place. Council will also inquire into any other rerouting planned by Ontario Hydro for the Island.

In other committee reports, wiring of the firehall was discussed and the completion of the painting of the rear of the Town Hall was reported. The ferry committee has been authorized to negotiate and approve a final ferry agreement at a meeting with the Minister in Toronto. The Recreation Committee has been authorized to donate \$200 to the Squirt and Grasshopper ball teams.

Under new business a motion was made to participate in the Ontario Home Renewal Program to receive more information and apply for funding. Raffle numbers were approved for the Presbyterian Church Women, the A.I. Softball(Men), and the Firehall Association. Several letters were received and filed, with Council agreeing to support court hearings of tax assessment cases, and to endorse an application to raise the interest rate on overdue taxes.

Coming Events

Quest for quilts - As you may already know, Shirley Miller is having an exhibition and sale of her watercolours on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 & 16. Syl and Molly Apps' home, Farnham, is the setting for this event, and most of this lovely and historic house will be open for viewing. We thought a display of Island-made quilts throughout the bedrooms would be a source of great pleasure and interest.

We will be contacting individuals who may have a quilt to display, but it would be a shame to miss a really special one. If you have a quilt that you would consider lending for one or both days, we would be extremely grateful if you would let us know. They need not be in mint condition - some of the loveliest quilts in the Royal Ontario Museum's display, Quilts of Ontario, show obvious signs of wear.

Please help us make this event a success with your participation.

Randi Kennedy (organizer) 389-0554

This is a special invitation to all friends and residents of Amherst Island to see Shirley Miller's latest paintings. Exhibition and sale will be held Sat. Aug 15 afternoon and evening and Sunday Aug. 16 afternoon only. Take a walk through Farnham the historic summer home of Syl and Molly Apps and see the beautiful quilts on display in the bedrooms.

Rev. E Keith Earls B.A. has been invited by the Rev. Norman Allison and St. Paul's Kirk Session to conduct the morning service on Sept. 20th. This is to mark (slightly belatedly) Mr. Earls 81st birthday, and to provide a season of fellowship for Mr. and Mrs. Earls and their friends in the area. There will be a luncheon after the service.

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School Loses Mrs. Lavigne
R.R. # 2, Napanee, Ont. K7R 3K7
373-2158
June, 1981

Dear People of Amherst Island,

Throughout the calm and sometimes turbulent days, it's been five memorable school years for me. I wish your children and yourselves success and happiness in all your future endeavours.

Thanks to all of you for your kindness. Wherever you are, whenever you see me, come and visit for a while. O.K.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Lavigne

Amherst Island Softball
Squirt Team

The Squirt team played two games this week as follows:

On July 6 at South Fred., they won 30 to 24.

On July 10 at home to North Fred., they lost 31 to 26.

The team's current record is three wins and two losses which would tie them for third place in the league.

Grasshoppers

The Grasshoppers team did not play this week but won their last game on July 2 at Selby 23 to 13.

The Grasshoppers current record is four wins and two losses which would put them in second place in the league.

Jeff Forester was missed from the team list in the last issue but is on the team. Sorry Jeff, for missing your name.

News from Sierra Leone

- N. Allison

Serabu, in Sierra Leone, West Africa has become a familiar name to the family and friends of Dr. David Allison, son of Rev. N.J. and Mrs. Allison, of Amherst Island.

Since January, 1980, David has been working on the medical staff as a CUSO volunteer at Serabu Hospital, a centre for nurses training and community outreach in Sierra Leone, and a hospital report received recently tells us the following:

"Serabu, itself, is a village of 2,500 people situated in Bumpe Chiefdom (population 30, 000), located in the southern province of the West African country of Sierra Leone. The climate is tropical with two seasons, wet and dry. There is a mean annual rainfall of 153 inches, which falls almost entirely between May and October.

"The population of Sierra Leone is 3.3 million. Eighty percent live in rural areas. About 40% are under age 15, and 15% under age 5. The average life expectancy is 46 years. The people live in villages with a population of 100 to 2,500. They live in mud and wattle houses, with no electricity or uncontaminated water. Means of livelihood is subsistence farming. The literacy rate is 15%. Communication is very poor. Much of the land in Bumpe Chiefdom is low-lying mangrove swamps; and a program which tries to reach out to all of its target population, and which also encourages hospital admission for curative care, must take into account the many unmotorable roads, bush paths, and swamps that challenge both the villagers and hospital staff.

"One must bear in mind that Sierra Leone is one of the poorer countries of the world. The gross national per capita income is approximately \$210.00. Mineral wealth is available, but the nation's greatest asset for the future of its people is agriculture. Morbidity and mortality patterns are very high - - so often with what is preventable.

"Sorabu Hospital began as an 8-bed maternity clinic in 1948. It has developed into a 123-bed general hospital with three main components : -

Preventive, Curative,

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and Educational Services. In 1980 it employed 116 persons, 106 of whom were Sierra Leonean, 10 expatriates. The Hospital is administered by Holy Rosary Sisters, and is a diocesan institution of which Archbishop Ganda, who heads the diocese of Freetown and Bo, is proprietor.”

There are many problems --

- Farming is a whole-time business, leaving little time for combined efforts for other projects.

- During the rains, the bush reclaims all cleared areas, so fields have to be cleared again once the rain stops, before work can continue.

- Some houses are built on such low-lying, swampy ground, it makes the walls and latrines an unmanageable problem.

- Lodging and feeding are problems.

- Some Chiefs are old and sleepy, and others are unable to lead or drive their people.

- A village farmer does not sit at a table at a specific hour each day. His working hours, and the schedule of his day are dictated by the contingencies of each day. One patient had his family in Taninahun, lived in Walihun (12 miles away) and farmed 3 miles away in another direction, where he often slept 2 or 3 nights in succession. His wife was with him, but his children remained in the first village.

- When one talks about moving from village to village, one has to remember that even motorable side roads have only one or two vehicles a day. Villages off the motor road are often daunting treks, even if only 3 miles away. For instance, for hospital staff to visit a T.B. patient' in the village of Mojajo, a distance, of 7 miles, they can drive only part of the way, and then must take a path going through 5 swamps and 1 river!

The hospital is financed by a fee-paying system with a small grant from the Sierra Leone government. Income received from fees is not sufficient to meet recurring needs, however, and the shortfall is made up by gifts and donations from friends and benefactors.

Among the agencies providing financial and/or physical aid are: Bread for the World; Cebemo; Misereor, Germany; Central Missionary, Coimmissariat, Holland; OXFAM, England; Concern America, Box 1790, Santa Ana, California; Catholic Women's League, Canada; SCIAF; CAFOD; IMU/APSO.

David finds his work at Serabu Hospital busy and interesting, and has

gained a world of experience from the many challenges. He looks forward to returning home at the end of 1981.

Can You Beat this for Potholes?

Extract from Alberta Report June 19/81

Submitted by Norman Allison

After giving thorough consideration to all six entries in Alberta's worst pothole contest, Transportation Minister Henry Kroeger this week presented the \$40 first prize to the Winfield Agricultural Society. The contest began this spring after Mr. Kroeger received an anonymous letter from an irate motorist offering \$20 to help fix the province's roads. The legislative press gallery matched the motorist's donation, and contestants were asked to describe their potholes, and how it developed.

The Winfield pothole started in 1928 during a horse and wagon pull contest in front of Shady's Bar, so the story goes, and has never been filled.

"It's supposed to be so big a car could never drive through, and so wide drunks would fall in and stay until someone helped them," says agricultural president Walter Kluczny with a wink. Actually the pothole, located on a side street, is about six feet across and six inches deep.

New Repair Shop Opens for Business

George Gavlas' repair shop is now fully open for mechanized business. Anything from tea kettles to combines.

Welding and Lathe work.

Hours - Open - flexible as to demand

Phone 389-3199

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Poetry

Amherst Island

Our Island place, a place to be,
In clear clean air, so wide and free,
An Island haven, where no phone rings,
No hustle or bustle, the city brings.

The sky is low for stars to see,
The water clear, the fish swim free,
A place to till and then to sow,
A place to live, and then to grow.

Our Island place, a place to see,
The wonders of God, both land and sea,
Our feathered friends of variety we find,
Brings pleasure to us and all mankind.

Our Island place where people are kind,
A smile on their face you will always find,
Ready and willing to assist at all times.

Our Island place, so rich and green,
A place to live, a place to dream,
A home away from city's mar,
A blessing of God's and not too far.

Amherst Island, a place to be, so free,
Amherst Island a place to see,
Amherst Island, a place to grow,
Amherst Island, we love you so.

By Ann Chippendale
Pointe Claire, P.Q.
June 1981

Our Bike-A-Thon
- Donnie Miller

On May 25th, we had our bike-a-thon. The route started at the school, to Marshall's forty-foot, or all the way around the "foot" to the other forty-foot, back to the store, up to deHaan's and back to the school. Phyllis Strain, Anne Marie Hitchins, Susan Caughey, Hazel deHaan, Mrs. Welbanks, Heather Welbanks and Betty Wemp all helped with checkpoints, and to pick up tired people and their hikes. There were only a few people who did not make it. I called the bike-a-thon a "ball". We made nearly \$300. Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed.

Garden Party

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Annual Garden Party to be held Saturday July 25th, at the Church. Afternoon Tea served, beginning at 3 p.m. White elephant, clothing boutique, home baking, post office, fish pond, candy, crafts, hot dogs, homemade pie and ice cream tables will all be open for business until at least 9:30 p.m.

Draw for quilt and afghan to be made at the end of the evening. Plan to attend.

Wanted

The owner of a man's beige/brown reversible jacket, left at the school the night of the May 15th dance.

Please call Faye Wemp 389-4076 or Beth Forester 389-5582

Reminder

The film "Amherst Island" has been in our possession now since February, and is available for anyone to borrow and use. For further information contact Beth Forester 389-5582

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends, neighbours and relatives, Council and office staff and boat crew for all their kindnesses during my recent stay at Kingston General Hospital. Hearing from you and seeing you gave me a real lift.

Many thanks.

Bert

Business

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-7916

If it's Rawleigh products you need.
Please call Barbara Reid 389-0675

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Tragedy Recalls Similar Accidents

- A. Bruce Caughey

The recent tragedy which claimed the life of one of our Island young people saddened our residents. It is a particularly saddening experience, especially when a young person in his very prime of life, meets a tragic end; and in to-day's society when victims of automobile or motorcycle accidents are so numerous, it is unusual that a drowning accident should occur. Michael (Mike) Collins was a popular student in the Amherst Island Public School, and had just completed Grade 8. He would have entered Napanee District Secondary School in September next.

This recent tragedy, which happened in the very same location as another similar tragedy of 74 years ago, prompts me to write this account, and while this is beyond my remembrance I have heard from a friend and neighbour the late Irvine Tugwell, a very detailed account of what happened on July 27, 1907, when a young man, Alfred Onslow, aged 18 years, was drowned while crossing the "bar" from Nut Island, or more familiarly known to Island people as Big Island.

In 1907 this island was not a hunting preserve, it was a viable farm operation, and a set of farm buildings stood upon the height of land in the centre of it. The only means of reaching it with farm animals or equipment was by crossing on the gravel bar at the Eastern end of the island. Those men who cropped the island acres were very familiar with the intricacies of these crossings which varied with the changing levels of water in Lake Ontario. During my lifetime I was very familiar with this crossing as at this time the Big Island acres had become pasture land and Island farmers pastured dozens of horses, cattle and sheep here, with very frequent crossings made to check on them, to place salt here for their consumption and to remove cattle which might have been sold or were about to freshen. The roundup of these cattle, when they were moved to and from the island were very interesting days when the owners of such cattle made a "bee" to move them across this unfamiliar area, and, of course, there was always an animal or two, who simply refused to venture into the water, and caused some tiring runs on the part of the owners before they would give in to "cross the bar".

At the time of the 1907 tragedy, the island was being operated by Royal E. Wemp, who with his wife Mary, also farmed Mrs. Wemp's family farm of 50 acres on the 3rd Concession (presently the building site for Eric and Janice McGinn's new home) and Alfred Onslow was one of dozens of young people, who at that point of time, came from the British Isles and found homes and employment on Amherst Island.

The haying season was in progress and Wemp and young Onslow were returning from the island after a day's work there. Everybody used horseback as a means of transportation in those days and Royal Wemp was on one horse with Alfred following behind on the other horse of the team. This happened to be a year of high water level and certainly Royal was familiar with the nature of the bar and was relying on the second horse to follow his lead. When part way across, Royal, who was intent upon guiding his horse on a safe course, looked back he found that Alfred had disappeared from the back of the second horse. It was never known what happened, but it was supposed that the horse which Onslow was riding had made a wrong step and possibly stepped into deeper water throwing him from its back.

There was no sign of Onslow and Wemp's only alternative was to proceed to his nearby home and alert the neighbours as to the tragedy which had occurred. At this time there was nothing in the way of a Rescue Squad or Provincial Police, or a helicopter to call upon, and the recovery of the body was dependent upon the initiative of the neighbourhood, who gathered to lend what assistance they could. The only means known to recover a drowned body was with "grappling hooks" or else wait for nine days when the body usually floated to the surface.

Grappling hooks were a set of iron hooks resembling somewhat an anchor, with either three or four sharp pointed hooks attached to one main stem. This was attached to a sufficient length of rope, and from a boat was dragged along the bottom in the area where the tragedy had happened in the hope that one of

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the hooks would catch in the clothing of the victim. A great deal of patience and perseverance was necessary, but was usually rewarded by the eventual recovery of the body. In this case, young Onslow's body was recovered fairly quickly, and following funeral services was interred in Glenwood Cemetery, where a suitable monument marks the site of burial, erected by Mr. and Mrs. Wemp to his memory.

It is interesting to further recount that the grappling hook used at this time was hung in the horse stable of the Glenn barn, then standing in the area where today trailers are parked during the summer months and remained there until the winter of 1927 when another tragedy occurred. While crossing the ice from Amherst Island to his home on Indian Point, Prince Edward, Vere Howard, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. James C. Clute, plunged through the ice, just west of Emerald, directly in front of the Dennis McGinn home, in his early 1920's Dodge Touring car. Howard made escape through the rear curtain of the top, came to the surface in the hole made in the ice by the car and scrambled to safety. His mother, of course, perished. There was always conjecture that she had died of a heart attack when the car plunged into the icy cold water.

The next day someone remembered the existence of the grappling iron used 20 years ago and still in the barn and the same iron was brought in to use and succeeded in the recovery of Mrs. Howard's body and also the raising of the automobile.

Ottawa Trip

-Trudy Strain

On Friday, June 5th, 1981, the Senior and Junior classes of Amherst Island Public School went to Ottawa. We left on the 6:50 a.m. ferry. We arrived in Ottawa about 10:30. First we went to the Superior Propane Building to get the bus filled up. Then we went to the Parliament Buildings to wait! While we were waiting, we went to the Postal Museum. It was very interesting. We then went back to the Parliament Buildings for quite a while. While we were waiting, a television-radio reporter asked us some questions about a Stagecoach that was there. It was advertising "Settlers Days" in Smiths Falls. Then we finally got in the Parliament Buildings, and after all that wait the tour was not very long. We couldn't go up the Peace Tower because they were working on it. After that we went to lunch. We had it in a cafeteria on Sparks Street Mall. We then did some shopping in a little gift shop, and listened to a fellow play an unusual stringed instrument on the Mall. We then went back to the bus, passing the National War Memorial where the National Remembrance Day service is held. On to the Museum of Science and Technology. It was very big and very interesting. After the museum we went to Mr. Flanagan's parents' pool and had a swim and Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper. After an hour there, we went to the bus and started home. We thank Mrs. Donna Willard and Mrs. Elsie Willard for helping

with our trip, and to Ed, the bus driver from Napanee.

Amherst Island Public School Graduation, June 19, 1981.

- Y. Lavigne

Graduation Programme

Master of Ceremonies- M. Flanigan

1. Marching Music - Beth Forester

2. Kindergarten Graduation -

Amy Caughey

Tracy Hitchins

Chad Miller

3. Grade Eight Graduation -

Michael Collins

Marlene Eves

Mark Kilpatrick

John Welbanks

Mark Wemp

Charlene Willard

4. Valedictory Address -

Marlene Eves and Mark Wemp

5. Memories - Grade Seven and Eight Students

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6. Piano Playing -

Jennifer Pearce - Yesterday and Mr. Sandman

Leah Murray - Au Clair de Lune

Ricky Welbanks - Yankee Doodle

Julie Forester - Minuet I and The Rose

7. Awards -

Clarence Kennedy Public Speaking- John Welbanks

R.A. Dodds - Mark Kilpatrick

M.S. Read-a-thon -

1st - Peter Horth

2nd - Michael Strain

3rd - Sherry Ward

4th - Reginald Hitchins

5th - Hugh Filson

M.S. Readathon sent Certificate of Appreciation for reading 154 books and raising \$115.81. Of the 24 students who enrolled - 10 students completed and sent the money by June 10, 1981. A record will be sent to the school as soon as the remainder of the students return the money.

Legion:

For Poetry - Intermediate Division

1st - Julie Forester

2nd - Trudy Strain

For the Essay - Senior Division

1st - Mark Kilpatrick

2nd - Kim deHaan

8. Play - "Star Worlds" Primary Students and Y. Lavigne

9. O Canada

Mrs. Shirley Miller captured the moments to remember on film. Photos will be sent to the students during the holidays.

Mrs. Carmelle Horth went far out with the cakes. For the Grade Eight graduates she made a star cake which said "A Star for the Graduated".

For the Kindergarten graduates, the message was "Good Luck on Future Adventures" sent by a robot after exiting from his spacecraft.

The fancy hat shape cake was for myself. I will remember!

Well, Mrs. Betty Wemp and Mrs. Phyllis Strain served the refreshments. So happy they said "Yes!"

What Beautiful People!

May God Bless All of You This Summer!

Baseball

- Doug Shurtliffe

MacRow Motors	Ave.	Walks	Strike Outs	H. Runs
Mike Flannigan	0.47	2	4	
Bob Howard	0.38	3	9	
Jack Forester	0.39	5	5	
Dave Kerr	0.29	2	6	

Fred Leduc	0.2	2	8	
Darrell Miller	0.36	2	8	
Don Miller	0.55	2	4	
Peter McCormick	0.39		5	
Doug Shurtliffe	0.27	2	8	
Mike McCormick	0.38	2	7	
Lorne Huffman	0.43	2	7	
Dave Fleming	0.38		3	
Dave Vrooman	0.29		6	
Larry Fleming	0.25		2	

Scores

Wilton 1 v.s. Amherst Island 1

MacRow 3 v.s. Old Anchore 2

Bath Tournament

MacRow Motors 1 - Pat Rogers 0

MacRow Motors 10 - Anthem 0

MacRow Motors 0 - Carrol's Texaco 5

Pat Rogers 0 - MacRow Motors 4

MacRow Motors 0 - Carrol's Tex. 7

MacRow Motors 1 - Simpson Livestock 2

MacRow Motors 15 - Bath Legion 5

Anthem Music 0 - MacRow Motors 6

MacRow Motors 8 - Pat Rogers 3

UTDC Juvenile	Ave.	Walks	Strike Outs
Doug Willard	0.43	11	3
Noel McCormick	0.44	4	4
Vernon McGinn	0.32	7	6

Bill Bustard	0.33	3	3
Steven Wemp	0.43	11	1
Steven Glenn	0.45	13	6
Neil deHaan	0.46	13	2
Kevin Kilpatrick	0.27	8	6
Tony deHaan	0.35	6	5
Garnet Willard	0.15	3	2
Dale Willard	0.52	1	0

Scores

North Fred 6 UTDC 5
 Bath Midgets 8 UTDC 4
 UTDC 13 Bath Midg 2
 UTDC 8 South Fr. 9
 UTDC 4 King'n Tp 16
 Kin'n Twp 6 UTDC 7

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A Sunday School Project
St. Pauls Presbyterian Limestone Church

The first Presbyterian church families met in Glenwood Cemetery. It was open air services. There were directed by Rev. Mr. McLeise. In 1849 regular services were held in a church on the present lot close to the road. Bob Tugwell now owns it. The present church was built in 1883. The Stone was cut at Kingston Penitentiary. It was brought across the ice in winter by prisoners. In 1884 the church was complete costing \$8,000. Rev. James Cumberland was minister then.

Julie Forester
Age 10
Gr 6.

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Note: The Beacon is late being published this month because we didn't have any material to make up more than one page by the publishing date. Also there were some interesting events taking place on the weekend which were worthy of reporting in this month's issue.

Regular Council Meeting Aug. 4th
- Ian Murray

This was the shortest council meeting that I can recall attending. In three-quarters of an hour all business was satisfactorily attended to. There were no delegations, and nothing out of the ordinary was on the agenda.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank the Women's Institute and those who sent cards and condolences at the loss of my mother on July 5th in Kingston.

Mrs. Helena Ouellet nee Prince

We would like to thank our family and friends for all the cards, flowers, gifts, visits and help during the time Larry was hospitalized for knee surgery, and then again when I was in hospital for the birth of our daughter. Also a big thank-you to those "special friends" and family who helped make Jason's 3rd birthday a happy one, under somewhat hectic circumstances.

Again, thank you all.

Larry, Lyn, Jason and Stephanie Fleming

Many thanks to Eldon and Elsie Willard for the wonderful care they gave Reginald, Tracy and Heidi when we were away.

Gary and Ann-Marie Hitching

Ordination

Gary and Anne-Marie Hitchins were in Sherbrooke, Quebec in June for Anne-Marie's oldest brother's ordination as priest. It was a lovely occasion for the family. Gregory plans to visit Gary and Anne-Marie sometime this summer.

Gary and Anne-Marie

Business Notes

For Sale - One camper cap for sale. Fits an 8 foot truck box. Reasonable price. Call 389-5942

One Free \$15.00 Fragrance of your choice when you have three or more friends in for coffee who are interested in skin care, hair care, nail care, fragrance and cosmetics, while you are having your Free Make-Up Lesson.

Please contact Anne-Marie Hitchins 389-5385

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Art Work, Quilts and Farnham House a Beautiful Experience

- A. Bruce Caughey

May I express my personal appreciation and commendation of the delightfully arranged and conducted Art Show and Quilt Display held this weekend in our Island community.

The display of some thirty paintings done by our good friend and neighbour Shirley A. Miller certainly were a credit to her tremendous talent and ability, and it was most gratifying to meet the tremendous numbers of people who visited and enjoyed the display. We certainly hope that Shirley's efforts were rewarded with many sales. I noted among many of the visitors expressions of interest in many of the displayed paintings as well as expressions of regret that many that they admired had already been sold.

It was a real treat to visit again the old Moutray home, Farnham, now owned by Syl arid Molly Apps, who very graciously opened their beautifully restored home for this outstanding display.

Farnham is one of our "Island Heritage Treasures". As one who remembers the dignity with which it was lived in by the Moutray family in bygone years and witnessed its decline due to the frailties of advancing

years by the members of this family, it was a real joy to see the results of countless hours of labour, accompanied by good tastes, in producing a beautiful home, which I am sure the original owners would be very proud of.. Again, thank you so much.

Rain - and More Rain

A. Bruce Caughey

As I write these lines, the intermittent periods of sunshine that we have enjoyed during today, have disappeared with the sun into a cloudy western sky and a brisk, cool, northerly wind brings evidence of clearing and we farmers certainly hope a drying trend into our weather pattern of the past many days.

Many comments of criticism are directed toward the farmers of our rural areas and how many times have you heard yourself addressed with a remark such as, "You farmers are never satisfied", If it doesn't rain you complain that we cannot get enough moisture, and if it does rain you complain of the excess and its disastrous effects".

In our Island community, we farmers record a most unusual cycle of weather patterns. If we look back to the beginning of 1981, we remember the excessively low temperatures of the early part of January and we shuddered to think of the terrible winter that lay ahead of us. The moderating trends and lack of snow in February were a welcome change and we basked in a most temperate winter but in the back of my mind lay the words of the old adage "A nice February spoils all the rest of the months of the year". Many times have I heard my seniors repeat this.

The months of spring were cold, wet and backward and we farmers despaired of getting our seeding accomplished and the corn crop planted and it was with rejoicing that a favourable weather trend allowed a substantial acreage of corn to be planted. No sooner had this been done, when frequent rains descended and the germinating seed faced sodden ground, accompanied by unseasonably cold temperatures, but we comforted ourselves with the words of another old adage, "A cold wet May means lots of Hay." In spite of all these reverses, our crops weathered - the grain crop for the most part was lush and green, with some sunny conditions the corn made rapid growth and today stands tall and well eared - the hay crop was all that the old adage said it would be and barns are full and the harvesting of a second crop of alfalfa has for the most part been accomplished. Now we sum up the grain harvest and look farther down the road to the difficulties that just might surround the corn harvest in another

month's time.

Yesterday, we farmers sat and looked out the window, in despair, as the rain teemed down on already sodden ground. Yes, it ruined the scheduled games in the Ball Tournament going on in our community and it proved most uncomfortable for the host of visitors desirous of attending

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the Shirley Miller Art Show and Quilt display, but to the dairy farmers of the community, we wondered about the harvest already overdue. The grain crop, awaiting the combine, the harvest of straw so essential to the dairy farmer and our minds turned back to that immense investment in seed, fertilizer, fuels and sprays that was necessary to plant this crop that awaits the harvest.

To me, it brought back some memories and I am sure that those of my age bracket will reminisce with me of the year 1915 which ever since has been referred to by farmers of our Island as "The Year of the Wet Harvest". Many happenings are identified by this year. I remember that as the year in which my father bought a new seed drill. Others will remember it as the year that their family purchased a new binder etc. A considerable amount of winter wheat was grown on Amherst Island in that period. Our farm was no exception and as a very small boy, I remember the particular field of wheat that had been bound, stoked, and on August 1st, threshed by the late John Glenn and his steam threshing outfit. The next morning dawned very windy and rain came down in torrents and continued to do so for days on end.

Terrible experiences are recounted of the difficulties encountered in the binding, stoking and hauling of that year's crop, the difficulties of contending with the muddy conditions in the fields and the problems of getting the stooks dry enough to enable the sheaves to be hauled into barn or stack to await the threshing outfit's arrival.

The threshing of the grain was dependent upon custom threshing and to my recollection only three such outfits were in operation on the Island, (1) a Case outfit known as the Preston-Howard machine, which covered the eastern end of the Island, (2) a John Goodison machine owned by William J. Glenn of the second concession and (3) a Sawyer Massey machine owned by Glenn and Pringle, the latter two covered extensive areas and were much sought after. The experiences of this particular season probably were the influencing factor in individual neighbourhoods forming themselves into partnerships and purchasing more threshing outfits.

There are a couple of other happenings that come to my mind. The date of August 2nd was the wedding date of my Uncle Henry K. Filson and Gertrude Hinton in the city of Kingston. My parents to attend this event, crossed the bay to Millhaven with James Strain in a "covered boat", from there to Ernestown Station where they boarded a passenger train to Kingston, first to the outer station or Junction, it was called, then by suburban train to the inner station, still preserved (at least in part) on the corner of Ontario and Johnston Streets, where the blossoming condominiums rear their lofty towers. All of this was accomplished in howling winds and pouring rain.

The return trip in the late afternoon was made on the regular passenger boat plying the "Bay Route" and most likely the Steamer "Aletha". On this same trip the remains of the late Mrs. McDonald, wife of Capt. Sylvester McDonald, who had passed away at her home in Buffalo, N.Y. were brought to the Island for burial (Mary Glenn McDonald was the mother of Mrs. Fred S. Neilson (Nellie) and her sister Nessie of Lewiston, N.Y. and had passed away at the early age of 40 years). I remember as a very small boy standing on the verandah of The Neilson Store, along with my aunt, awaiting the arrival of the boat at the Neilson Dock, while streams of water trickled down over the hill, the result of the persistent rainfall.

Mrs. McDonald's remains were taken to the home of her brother, John Glenn, from where the funeral was held with burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

The Island farmers weathered those adverse conditions of 1915 and I am quite sure we will, in some way, weather the adverse conditions which presently seem to have beset us.

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Anniversary Services in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

A. Bruce Caughey

On Sunday, August 16th, 1981, St. Paul's church was filled, almost to capacity, on the occasion of the 132nd Anniversary services held there at 11:00 A.M. Friends were in attendance from many areas - Kingston area, Belleville, Toronto and Camden East.

The

D.D., Past Moderator of the Presbyterian church in Canada and presently minister of St. Andrews Church, Gananoque, who expressed the great delight of he and his wife Peggy in being invited to St. Pauls to share in this Anniversary service, where he had so many pleasant memories.

Dr. Putnam preached a most inspiring sermon which he entitled, "Hitherto and Henceforth", using texts from Samuel 7 and Corinthians 5 and his forceful and pleasant delivery were enjoyed by those in attendance.

Following the worship service, a delicious Pot Luck dinner was much enjoyed by all who found it possible to remain. The P.C.W. sponsored the arranging of the refreshments and the hour of fellowship was an enjoyable time, around the tables set within the church sheds where for decades the members of the congregation stood their horses while in attendance at worship service.

The members of St. Pauls, their minister, Rev. Norman J. Allison and the Kirk Session, are most appreciative of the large attendance of their friends on this memorable occasion.

Softball Report

- Doug Shurtliffe

Most softball leagues are now in playoffs and faring well.

MacRow Motors men's team is waiting for an opponent in the semi-final after winning over Bath Legion in 2 games. The men finished second in the league, two points behind league leading Carrolls Texaco. Overall, a great regular season for the men, losing three, tying two and winning nineteen. The good solid play and superb pitching could very well capture the league championship in '81.

UTDC were eliminated by Kingston Township in first round action. Overall a better season than last year and a promise of excellent competition for years to come with such a young ball team.

The Squirts are beginning playoffs after a good first year. With a year of ball under their belts, the playoffs will be exciting and quite competitive.

The Grasshoppers ended their playoffs with a super effort, losing by only a few runs to South Fred. They have proven that they can play with any team and put forth a first rate effort all six innings. This team will continue to be a definite contender for years to come.

The annual Men's Tournament ran into an uncooperative weatherman Aug. 15th and 16th, which meant having to change the format of the tournament. Carrolls Texaco won the championship, defeating Pat Rogers

Towing in the final game after downing Dip-n-Strip. MacRow Motors and UTDC squared off in a good fast game ending 6-2 for MacRow. There was super effort and excellent heads-up play shown by both teams. A special thank-you to all spectators who put up with poor weather. Your presence can lift any Island Team immensely. We are proud to see the great support and thrive on it. A special thank-you to everyone who helped in preparation and execution of the tournament. You made it all possible by overcoming all obstacles.

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Art Show and Quilt Display

Shirley Miller and I would like to express our thanks to the people of the Island for supporting us with your participation last weekend at Farnham. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. We considered the two days a great success in spite of the weather and are pleased to report that at least five hundred people walked through the house.

We are, first of all, indebted to Syl and Molly Apps for the enormous part they played in hosting the show. Many Islanders and friends were glad of the opportunity to see the Apps again, renew or form a friendship and to congratulate them on their splendid decorating job. We especially appreciated their total calm in the midst of anything.

We would also like to thank all the people who worked with us each day, Elaine Wolfreys, Jane Miller, Heather Welbanks, John Welbanks, Steve and Karen Pettifer, Carol Bernier, Diane Pearce and Syl and Molly Apps' daughter, (who drove down from Ottawa) Janet. Thank you, Madlyn and Jack Kerr for the lovely job you did in typing and "running off" of the programmes, and Alan Glenn for the Beacon resources. Geoff Tompkinson's hand-lettered signs were a beautiful addition.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all those people who loaned us their cedar-chest treasures - the quilts. Many thanks to Marion Glenn, 'Nerve Drumgoole, Bert and Chris Glenn, Alan and Cathy Glenn, Gene McDonald, Vera Hogehoomn, Debbie Bedford, Syl and Molly Apps, Lulu Strain, Nessie Welbanks, Ena Baker, Vince and Marj Aitken, Lucille Brown, Juanita Glenn, Albert and Phyllis Henderson, Lois Henderson, Jane Henderson, Bob and Dianne Marshall, Thelma and Charlie Howard, Anna and Henry Hitchins, Iva Eves, Georgie Allison, Joyce Villenaire and the Amherst Island Women's Institute. It was really nice to see so much

interest in the quilts by all ages, male and female.

Our thanks as well to the many people who loaned back pictures of Shirley's for viewing: Barb and Graeme McDonald, Lena and Brian McPhee, Dayle and Eloise Gowan, Francis and Nessie Welbanks, Charles and Elsie Densem, Randi and Christopher Kennedy, Mr. Edward Filson, Peter and Diana McKinnon and Dr. Trussle of Toronto.

Our many thanks as well to Howard and Dianne Pearce and "Gang" who fed and entertained us all royally when it was all over. Without the participation of all of you we would not have had the show we did, and we would like you to know how much we appreciate what you each have done.

Shirley Miller & Randi Kennedy

"That's the big rock near the sand beach where I went swimming as a child."

"My grandmother made that quilt for my mother's hope chest."

The display of Shirley Miller's sketches and paintings and of Island quilts in the Apps' home was truly a pleasure for islanders and visitors. It gave us a good excuse to get together and visit, providing an opportunity for many summer cottagers to meet long-time island residents. For many of us, it was the first opportunity to visit "Farnham", the historic island home so beautifully renovated by Mr. and Mrs. Apps. The quilts were stitched with island history and personalities, and provided a grand excuse for figuring out family trees, and who was related to who.

But most of all, the show gave us the opportunity to celebrate Shirley Miller's skill as an artist, to admire the development of her work, and to rejoice in her success.

My congratulations and thanks to the organizers and all who were involved in the success of the weekend.

Sally Bowen

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Saint Albans Anglican Church

This is the second Anglican Church on Amherst Island. The first church was built in 1836. Its location was 1 mile out of Stella and by Hans and Hazel De Haan's home. The name of the church was St. James Anglican Church. The land was given by Lord Mount Cashel. St. James was sold and a new church was built in Stella and was called St. Alban's Anglican Church. It was opened in the year of 1890.

The first religious ceremonies on Amherst Island were conducted by Rev. John Langhorn of the Anglican Church.

by: Steven Ward

A Sunday School Project

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Public Notice To The Ratepayers Of The Township Of Amherst Island

Commencing October 1st, 1981, interest will be charged on unpaid tax arrears at the rate of 24 1/4% per annum in accordance with By-Law No. 9-81.

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

Hearings Scheduled

The Ontario Municipal Board will hold a hearing for objections to the Township's Zoning By-Law on Tuesday, September 29, 1981, at the school at 10:00 a.m.

Appeals against the Miller Municipal Drain will be heard by the Drainage Tribunal on Friday, October 2, 1981 at the school at 10:00 a.m.

Ferry Operation Agreement With The Ministry Of Transportation And Communication

Full details of a new agreement which Township Council is finalizing with the Ministry, and its implications for users of the Amherst Island ferry will be given in the October issue of The Beacon.

Transportation Of Bees On Ferry

Beekeepers are requested by Council to ensure that bees being transported on the ferry are confined. It is suggested that if they cannot be completely confined, that they be transported after dark so that they are not apt to be flying.

Renovations To Municipal Buildings

Council has decided to proceed with alterations to the Township shed to provide a suitable repair building for work on the Township's trucks and grader.

Inside windows and some additional insulation will be added to the library and municipal office in order to conserve heat.

Ontario Home Renewal Program

At the regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Amherst Island on September 1, 1981, the Council passed a resolution to adopt the Ontario Home Renewal Program Guide for Residential Standards thus putting it in the position to apply for the grant under the Ontario Home Renewal Program.

As soon as the grant is received, probably about October 1981, applications for loans and grants for the upgrading of older or substandard homes will be accepted by the OHRP Committee appointed by Council.

Owner-occupants who meet the undernoted conditions and require a loan may obtain a brochure entitled Ontario Home Renewal Program from the Township Office.

1. Must be a resident in Canada for one year.
2. Must own and occupy the residence (Rented houses, cottages or other

buildings not eligible).

3. Residence must be principal residence.

4. If residence is jointly owned with any persons except a spouse, please discuss with the OHRP Committee or the writer.

5. Work undertaken is to ensure the residence will be habitable for another 15 years.

6. The program is aimed at rehabilitating substandard homes, with emphasis on faulty structural or sanitary conditions, as well as, upgrading of building, insulation, heating and electrical systems.

7. Loans (repayable and forgivable) are available to individuals whose 'adjusted family income' does not exceed \$15,500. The maximum amount of loan is \$7,500. The amount that may be forgiven in

Bazaar And Turkey Supper

St. Alban's Anglican Church Women are holding their annual Bazaar and Turkey Supper on Saturday evening October 24th at Amherst Island Public School commencing at 5 p.m.

Adults - \$5.00

Children 12 and under - \$2.00

Come and bring your friends!

Sports

- Doug Shurtliffe

The Grasshopper team ended their season on Saturday, Sept. 12 losing 14-10 to North Fred. They are runners up to the champions. Over all, a very good year for the young people. Their first year was quite successful

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and the experience gained will be an asset for years to come.

MacRow Motors Men's Team are in to the finals against Carroll's Texaco. The Men's Team eliminated Wilton Merchants 3 games to 1 in semi-final action. It was a tough, close series with lots of action and games that could have gone either way. After 2 weeks of rain delay, a double-header was played at Odessa against Carrol's Texaco. They were hard played ball games with lots of action. MacRow Motors lost both games by scores of 6-2 and 3-2. The finals resume Tuesday, Sept. 15 with MacRow facing Carroll's at Odessa, 8:00 p.m.

Softball Scores

Grasshopper

Amherst Island - 10; North Fred.- 14

(North Fred. wins championship)

MacRow Motors

Semi-finals

MacRow M. - 5, Wilton Merchants - 4

MacRow M. - 11, Wilton Merchants - 2

MacRow M. - 6, Wilton Merchants - 1

MacRow M. - 9, Wilton Merchants - 8

(MacRow wins semi-final 3-1)

Final -

MacRow M. - 2, Carroll's Texaco - 6

MacRow M. - 2, Carroll's Texaco - 3

Game 3 Tuesday, Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m. Odessa.

Cards of Thanks

- Bob Horth

To: Brian Ward - For all the time, effort and hard work he has put into the Squirt and Grasshopper Ball Teams this season.

To: Marie Ward - For all the time she has spent going to all the ball games and doing such a good job at keeping score at all these games.

To: The Ball Players' Parents - For all the time and support they have given the kids throughout the season. (Gas \$1.60 a gallon)

To: The Fans - For all the support and encouragement they have given at the games. Good weather and bad, I'm sure for you these games were both exciting as well as amusing.

To: The Ball Players

The Squirt team who finished a respectable 4th in their division and the Grasshopper team who finished in second place in their division. A first place team in my opinion for all the fun, hard work and sportsmanship they put into all the games.

Again thanks, and congratulations to all those involved.

Grasshoppers

Laura Wemp

Chad Miller

Sherri Ward

Jeff Forester

Reg. Hitchins

Mike Strain

Jeff deHaan

Mike Horth

Hugh Filson
Peter Horth

Squirts
Julie Forester
Kirk Collins
Trudy Strain
Steven Ward
Tessa McGinn
Steve Willard
Nicky McGinn
Steven Viau
Ricky Welbanks
Bobbie Wemp
Donny Miller

The Grasshopper team went right down to the wire losing 2 out of 3 games to North Fredericksburg to finish up in second place.

Birth Announcement

Sally Bowen and Ian Murray are proud to announce the birth of Jacob Bowen Murray on August 31, 1981.

Apology To Readers

I completely forgot about the September Council meeting.

Ian Murray

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Cards Of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the visits, gifts, cards and phone calls that I received after my operation; all the ferry crews for the lovely basket of fruit; the ladies of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches for their visits and treats and the Women's Institute.

Sincerely,

Howard Welbanks

Many thanks to all of you who have shown us a warm welcome.
Your generosity and friendship is truly appreciated.

The Millers

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Estate Auction Sale

Collection Of Mercedes Vehicles

Also Large Quantity Of Parts

2 Van Trucks

Quantity Of New Building Material

Estate Of Hans Ulrich Wrege

Saturday October 3, 1981 1 p.m. Sharp

Held on Amherst Island - Signs Posted From Village of Stella - Ferry Leaves the Mainland hourly on the half-hour

8 Mercedes Benz Vehicles from 1959 to 1964 - Models 190 & 220; several in good repair; others for parts only, All Vehicles Sold As Is

1 - Opal Car

1 - Mercury Van 100 - 1965

1 Ford Window Van - E100 - 1965

1 - Pontiac Station Wagon

1 - Fiat 850 Coupe - 1965

1 - Triple Trailer Axle Set

Approx: 37 Boxes of Parts Pertaining to Most of These Vehicles and Others

Building Material -

Approx. 58 2"x 4" in 8 and 10 foot lengths.

13 Sheets of Tent Test

Approx. 8 Sheets of Cedar Panelling

Approx. 20 Sheets of Plywood Different Thickness

Approx. 28 2"x12' and 2"x8' Strapping

Approx. 140 Sheets of White Vinyl Glass

Approx. 10 Sheets of Green Vinyl Glass

Approx. 26 Sheets of Yellow Vinyl Glass

Approx. 18 Sheets of 16 ft. Galv. Steel

Approx. 16 Sheets of 8 ft. Galv. Steel

Approx. 14 Sheets of 6 ft. Galv. Steel

4 Sheets of Clear Plexi Glass; Quantity of Aluminum Windows and Doors;
Small Appliances, Books, 4 Steel Tool Boxes, 2 Jacks; Painting Material;
4 Sets of New Brake Pads and Other Articles.

Auctioneer's Note

Please attend this sale with interest to cars and New building material,
because everything must be sold to settle the Estate to the highest bidder.

Auctioneer:

Dave A Snider

R.R. # 2, Odessa Ontario

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Christ Church

The Christ Church is located on the western end of the Island, better known as Emerald. The Christ Church was built in 1877 and is an Anglican church. Mr. Daniel Fowler helped build and design it with some more help from Mr. Hitchins. The church was sold but is still standing. The congregation joined the Stella Anglican church, St. Albans.

By Trudy Stain

A Sunday School Project

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Council Negotiates New Agreement with Ministry of Transportation & Communications

For the past several years the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC) has footed the entire cost of operating the Amherst Island ferry, with the exception of the revenue from fares. With such an arrangement, it was to our advantage not to raise fares, to sell family passes at the modest cost of \$100 per year, and to issue complementary passes to crew members, regular Township employees, Council members and retired crew members. However, rapidly rising costs have caused the Ministry to demand a new agreement to be negotiated which would require users of the ferry to help share these rising costs.

On Aug. 18, 1980, Council received a letter from the Hon. James Snow, Minister of MTC, in which he proposed that the Township of Amherst Island pay 10% of the operating costs (wages and fuel). Council decided not to sign this agreement, and requested to negotiate with MTC officials to try to get a better deal, as a 10% share would have required an approximately 40% rise in fares.

Consequently several letters were exchanged and several meetings held

with MTC officials during which Council pointed out very forcefully that (a) the sudden large increase was too drastic (b) our share would continue to escalate very rapidly in subsequent years, and (c) our neighbouring Wolfe Islanders paid no fares on their ferry. Council got nowhere with the last argument as MTC insisted that Wolfe Island was a different situation, and they refused to draw any parallel with our position.

On June 2, 1981, Council received another letter from the Minister in which he appeared rather annoyed with Council for delaying signing a new agreement which he had hoped would have taken effect Jan. 1, 1981. However, he did lower the Township's share to 8%, but added a few more items to be classified as operating costs. He indicated that this was his final offer and that the agreement must be signed very soon or he could not authorize any funds to operate the ferry.

At this point Council requested a meeting between the Minister and the Township ferry committee. On July 23, 1981, this committee (Jim Neilson, John Hall, and Jack Kerr) met with the Minister and Keith Norton and MTC officials in Toronto. After some hard bargaining the Minister agreed to soften the impact with a 5-year agreement in which the Township's share would be as follows: 1981 - 6 1/2%; 1982 - 7%; 1983 - 7 1/2%; 1984 - 8%; 1985 - 8 1/2%. In addition the Ministry has agreed to pay (and is now paying) its share of these costs to the Township in advance. This is, of course, a tremendous help to us, as under the previous agreement, the Township was obliged to borrow substantial sums of money at high interest rates to meet operating costs until Ministry subsidies were received.

It is estimated that the revenue from the present fare structure will cover the Township's 6 1/2% share for 1981, but Council must raise more revenue for 1982 and subsequent years to cover our share of the agreement. Bearing in mind that pass-holders are receiving the most benefit from the present fare structure, Council has established the following new fare structure to take effect January 1, 1982:

(a) Passes will still be available but they will be for individual use only, not family. The only persons to travel free will be the reeve, crew members, retired crew members and the VON nurse. They will be issued individual Courtesy Cards which will not include family members and will not be valid for commercial use. Other members of Council and Township employees will no longer receive free passes. Cost of annual passes will be as follows: if purchased Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 1982 - \$150; Apr. 1st to June

- 30, 1982 - \$120; July 1 to Sept. 30, 1982 - \$80; After Sept. 30, 1982 - \$40.
(b) Cars and light trucks & driver \$1.25 return.
(c) Passengers 25¢ return (unchanged)
(d) Heavy trucks & driver \$2.50 return.
(e) Tractor trucks with semi & driver \$5.00 return.
(f) Motorcycles & driver 75¢ return.

Please Note

1. This rate structure is for 1982 only and subject to revision.
2. Individual passes cover the holder only. Adult passengers in the vehicle or other drivers are subject to pay regular fares.

Council regrets that fares must be raised but realize that some increase in these times is inevitable, and feels that the new agreement with MTC has achieved the best deal possible under the circumstances.

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Old People Need Love Too

- from Yukon Indian News

- submitted by Norman Allison

Old people have been living with us since we first came into this world.

It irritates me to see old people sitting in the Old Folks Home slowly watching their lives waste away day by day. If you look into their eyes you see a lot of experience and pity, hidden deep. Their eyes seem to say, "Doesn't anyone care anymore?" At least some of their friends or relatives should go and visit them, maybe take them out for a weekend.

When I go to work each morning, I most always see some native Elders early in the morning sitting and watching the sunrise. Once in a while I wave and say "Hi". That's the time when you get a smile out of them. To see them smile gives you a good feeling.

Why are they there in the first place? Is it because in today's society the old people are the last to be thought of?

If you look at an average 70 year old person who lives in the bush and still lives off the land, he or she lives a long and healthy life. This is because they are where they want to be. But if you look at a 70 year old person who lives in an Old Folks Home, who probably did not want to be there in the first place, their chance of dying has increased, usually because they are sad and hardly get any exercise.

A person who is always sad and feeling down lives a much shorter life

than a person who, for the most part, lives a happy life. Because when a person is sad and down they tend to slack off on exercise and this ages them a little faster than a person who is happy and full of energy.

Our Elders took care of the land and lived in harmony with other people and nature. As for the cycle of life which they had a lot of respect for, they would never upset this natural balance; if they did it would have been a violation of their traditional laws. For example, if they didn't need any meat they wouldn't kill. When they did kill something they would not waste anything, but make use of everything.

The person who made the kill never claimed ownership because they were taught to share. Today if a native person kills a moose it might be hard to get any meat from him because we almost lost this value of sharing.

It seems it's the Elders who tend to keep our language and culture alive. They have been our source of knowledge for generations and this makes them very important. They are our teachers and one of their main roles in the Indian society is to pass on wisdom to the younger generations.

So unless our Elders want to move into the Old Folks Home, we better think twice before we start sending them there. To me, putting an Elder in a Home is like putting a person in jail. Our Elders probably want to die free rather than die in an Old Folks Home.

Some day we are going to get old too. I once heard an old man say, "The old people can't get along without the energy and strength of you young people, and the young people can't get along without the wisdom, knowledge and guidance of the old people."

Grasshopper & Squirt Softball

The above two teams ended their season on Sunday Oct. 4 by playing a game against each other. After a few scary innings the Squirt team came on to win the game 18 to 9.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their help:

- the sponsors who financially backed the teams this year. They are The Legion, The Conservation Club, Isle, Women's Institute, Recreation Committee.
- the parents who faithfully drove to the games and were willing to help out in any way needed.
- the people who coach the teams, Gary Hitchins, Bob Horth (Grasshoppers) Earle Willard, Rick Bedford (Squirts)
- all the people who umpired games for us. They did a wonderful job and

deserve a big vote of thanks.

Marie and I would like to thank all the parents for the beautiful and thoughtful presents that you gave us. I will only wear the jacket to ball games as Sherry told me, because they were only allowed to wear their sweaters to ball games. Thanks again.

Brian Ward

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Lest We Forget

- Chester Tugwell

- Branch 539 Canadian Legion, Amherst Island

On November 11th, Canadians across Canada will stop and remember their countrymen who were killed in wars. There will be parades in some 2000 cities, towns and villages.

Within the last hundred years Canadians have taken part in four conflicts outside their homeland. To refresh our memories, a brief statistical profile of these wars will be presented from literature received recently from the Canadian Legion. Periodically I will inject some of my thoughts and opinions and trust they will be read in the spirit in which they are written.

During the South African or Boer War at the turn of the century, some 7360 young Canadians saw service and 224 lost their lives. One was a local soldier, Edward Filson.

In World War I, 644,636 enlisted, 60,969 were killed and some 139,000 wounded. It is worthy to note that in 1914, the population of Canada was million with a standing militia of 57,000. Before three weeks had elapsed after the declaration of war in 1914, 45,000 had volunteered. It was not really a depressed period nor were the international incidents that triggered the war of any great importance according to today's happenings. Was this quick reaction to serve the result of a still very close tie with the mother country?

In World War I the majority of fighting men were soldiers. In World War II, the navy and air force contributed a good share to the total enlistment and therefore a complete breakdown will be given as follows:

Service	Enlistment	Dead	Wounded
Army	730,159	22,917*	??79
Navy	105,522	2,204	319
Air Force	249,662	17,101	1,416

{* calculated from the following paragraph; the “?” are inserted where the original was indecipherable}

The total male enlistment in World War II was approximately 1,086,343 with a death toll, of 42,222. In World War I of the 60,969 killed, 59,544 were soldiers from an enlisted strength of 619,636. Deaths to enlistments for the army would be higher in World War I than in World War II.

Look back to the European Theatre only, there seems to be some obvious reasons for the lower casualty figure in World War II for the army. The soldier was better equipped for D Day assault and subsequent advances than possibly he ever was during all of World War I. Equipped means more than arms. During the waiting period for the invasion extensive training was carried out in Canada and over large tracts of land in England and Scotland. World War I soldiers did not get this break. For example, of the 45,000 who volunteered within the first three weeks in 1914, some 30,009 of them were fighting in the trenches in late spring of 1915.

Further, once the breakout was made from the Normandy beaches, advancement in “war-time” was swift and, although to many soldiers it must have felt like a snail's pace, ground and objectives were taken much more quickly than in the war their fathers fought.

In World War I our navy was very small and fatal casualties numbered 225. In World War II the shore support force would account for a good percentage of enlistment and, figures showing the number who went to sea are not readily available, the death figure of 2204 undoubtedly represents a good number of these sailors.

About 27% of all aircrew who served overseas between 1940-45 were killed. The Germans very quickly heavily defended their industrial homeland and in the early years possessed a well-trained, proud fighter force. But the strength of the opposition was not the only reason for air losses. The foggy, hazy weather over the U.K. quite different from home, was Hitler's ally, and claimed the lives of many Canadian airmen who were sent into operation with too little instrument flying training. This situation had improved greatly by 1943.

Although the Korean conflict was played in a low key by Canada and no obvious drive was made to recruit, the permanent force seemed to about double around 1950. Almost surreptitiously members were transferred to tasks assigned by the U.S.A. The final count 29,647 participated in some way and 312 were killed.

Before completing these sad statistics, the final resting places, the

war graves must be mentioned. I know of no thanks complete enough to express our feelings toward the members, many of them from our forces, who worked with the Graves Commission to find, to transport, to re-bury and to give our heroes a final marked resting place, together.

There are a total of 77,150 Canadian graves in cemeteries in Europe. Memorials list another 13,029 who have no known burial place.

Now a brief explanation on how the 11th of November became Remembrance Day and why the poppy is its symbol. Prior to the Holiday Act in 1970 that day, the day that World War I ended, was called Armistice Day. This name came into effect by an Act of Parliament in 1931 after much pressure by the Canadian Legion. Before that the Great War Veterans' Association had observed the 11th of November for remembering and had adopted the poppy as its symbol in 1921. There is little doubt that the impact of John McRae's poem "In Flanders Fields" influenced that decision. The well-known poem speaks of Flanders Fields but the subject is universal; the fear of the dead that they will be forgotten; that their death will be in vain.

Legion members are often asked for what purposes the poppy fund can be used. The main use is to provide immediate help to needy veterans and their dependent

Born July 30, 1981
Weighing 10 lb. 2 oz.

We are all well, summer was hectic, and things haven't slowed down yet. I will write 'letters' in the near future (hopefully).

Lots of love
Cathy and Carl Bleich

Card of Thanks

The Amherst Island Women's Institute would like to thank all those who gave donations or attended the euchre and crokinole party held on Oct. 3. All money received (\$192.25) was for the annual Blind canvass.

Would all Senior Citizens please keep the evening of Saturday Dec. 5 free for our annual dinner.

Irene Glenn

Coming Events

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School will be having a Thanksgiving program Oct. 17th at 8 p.m. in Amherst Island School. Everyone is invited. Entertainment will be provided by the children and by the Sweet Adelines, a very talented musical group. Silver collection at the door, and luncheon provided. Why not mark the date on your calendar and make this a must in your entertainment for October.

Cathy Glenn

The family of Lorne and Myrtle Veech invite friends, relatives, and neighbours to join them in celebrating their parents 40th wedding anniversary, on Saturday Nov. 7th, 1981, at the home of their parents at Stella from 2 to 4 p.m. Best Wishes only please.

Business

For sale; 1 200 gallon tank 97 gallons stove oil
Alice Compeau - 389-8974

Upholstery - call Diane Gavlas 389-3199

George Gavlas' repair shop is now fully open for mechanical business. Anything from tea kettles to combines.

Welding and lathe work.

Hours open - flexible as to demand

Will accept barter, especially firewood

Phone 389-3199

Home baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh products you need,

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Beavers and Cubs

- Dorothy Kilpatrick

It's time for the Beavers and Cubs to start again and, as always, donations of money will be gratefully accepted. If anyone would like to help in this way please contact Heather Welbanks, Keith Miller or Bob Horth.

Lamb

Federally inspected. Cut, wrapped and frozen to your specifications. \$2.10 per pound. Will deliver free on the Island. Topsy Farms 389-0554 or 389-3444

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my family, ferry crew personnel, ambulance operators for fast and efficient service in rushing me to KGH the morning of my illness; for visitations by Rev. Mr. Allison and members of A.C.W.; flowers, cards, phone calls and gifts from St. Paul's Church, Women's

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relatives, friends and neighbours and for care by doctors and nursing staff while a patient on Connell 10.

Many thanks for care and kindness to Marion and Marshall Glenn while I was convalescing at their home.

Sincerely,

Georgia Reid

The Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. in the school and entertained the Hawley Branch. Eight members came and one was the District President Mrs. Huyck, also ten members of our own branch and three visitors. The meeting opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The roll call was "Why I joined the Institute".

Mrs. Huyck gave a contest based on the Home and Country Magazine and read some small parts pertaining to each question. She also read a poem "You Tell on Yourself". Two ladies gave some musical numbers "It's No Secret" by Stuart Hanlan and "I'll Fly Away". Also had a pleasant sing song conducted by Louise Seaman.

Grace was sung. Lunch was served as the ladies had to leave early and had our business meeting later. We were invited to a dinner Dec. 5 at Hawley. It was decided not to serve the blind dinner this year unless they would come to the Island. Also decided to have a benefit euchre and crokinole party in aid of the blind on Oct. 3 in the school at 8:15 p.m. The proceeds for the blind amounted to \$194.25.

There is to be a short course in Napanee on Oct 20. The Area Convention is to be held Oct. 29 & 30 in Gananoque. Irene Glenn and Phyllis Strain will go as delegates. The ladies are to take a trip on Oct. 15 to the Lanark Kitten Mills.

The meeting closed with the national anthem. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Fleming on Oct. 21.

Sports Report

- Doug Shurtliffe

MacRow Motors ended the play-offs by losing to Carroll's Texaco in the final series. It was a fine year for the Senior Men's team who finished second by only a single point. The team also received the most sportsmanlike team trophy donated three years ago by Millhaven Sabres. This is the second year we have received this honour. The team would like to thank everybody associated with the softball curriculum and would like to say a special thank to all of our fans. You make the game twice as much fun and much more rewarding.

MacRow Motors Senior Men's Team

Pete McCormick

Larry Fleming

Dave Kerr

Fred Leduc

Jack Forester

Doug Shurtliffe

Don Miller

Lorne Huffman

Darrell Miller

Mike Flanigan

Bob Howard

Dave Vrooman

Mike McCormick

Dave Fleming

Also at this time I would like to take the liberty of representing the complete Island softball curriculum to pass along some special thank you's, long over due to Les Glenn, Doug Wilson, Jack Forester and the Island Recreation Committee. Their relentless efforts always produce results which improve playing conditions and make better ball players.

Hockey has started on Thursday nights from 10 to 11 at Deseronto Arena for any men interested in a little fun hockey. No body contact is allowed.

Like to Sing?

Beth Forester and Jack Kerr are interested in forming a Glee Club for anyone interested in just getting together every second Thursday evening to sing just for the fun of it.

We plan to meet tonight Oct. 15 at Jack & Madlyn Kerr's. So come along if you like to sing.

There will be no fees, no obligations and no regular attendance expected. This is for adults 16 and over.

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Regular Council Meeting, Oct. 6, 1981

Jackie Sylvester

Minutes of the last regular session were adopted. Two new bylaws were passed to authorize new road signs. A stop sign is to be erected at the intersection at the 2nd Concession and the Emerald 40-foot to face westbound traffic. Two Yield signs are to be erected, the first at the intersection at the Emerald 40-foot and the Front Road facing north-bound traffic, the second on the 3rd Concession at the Stella 40-foot facing east-bound traffic.

The reeve and clerk signed our new ferry agreement. A brief discussion was had on our proposed indemnity insurance for the ferry. Letters of commendation on the erection of our new railing at the dock are to go to Keith Norton and other Ministries.

M.T.C. is to be petitioned for our interim road subsidy and Ontario Hydro are to be reminded about the street lights which need repairs.

A new Marine and Boating Facilities Programme is to be looked into to see if our community would qualify for certain facilities at our dock.

Ontario Municipal Board Hearing, Sept. 29, 1981

The hearing on our zoning by-law was held at the school. Concerns were expressed that the hazard land designation of the marsh areas on the island does not adequately protect them for the future and that the minimum size of farms does not encourage part time or intensive farming which was felt to be a viable way of adding to our island's economy and tax base. The decision reached pointed out that the county plans, when finalized, must be followed in respect to protection for the marshes and that severance guidelines for our county need to be followed in terms of future farm sizes and petitions would need to be made to the county for any change.

Support for the by-law was also expressed, with thanks going to the council for their time and effort in the process.

The O.M.B. approved our restricted area (zoning) by-law.

Honey Jars Needed

- Jackie Sylvester

Our honey flow is going to run away if we do not collect more jars. We need clean glass jars with tight fitting lids, any size will do. The A.C.W. have kindly permitted us to ask people to bring jars to the Turkey Supper at the school on October 24th. A donation of 10 cents per jar collected will be made to the A.C.W.

from Country Sunshine

On his first visit to Australia, a Texan was being shown around a large ranch.

"This would just fill a corner of my spread back home," said the Texan.

When he was taken by Landrover to see the herd of Herefords in pasture he told his host: "Pretty fine animals, but they would get lost in my herd."

Suddenly a kangaroo sprang up behind them and leaped by. The startled Texan exclaimed, "What in tarnation was that?"

The Australian was ready: "You mean you don't have grasshoppers in Texas?"

Freddy- Did you ever try to tickle a mule?

Eddy- No, why?

Freddy- You'd get a big kick out of it.

A farmer and his wife were riding downtown in a horse and buggy when the farmer saw a sign over the blacksmith shop which read: Cast iron sinks.

"That's dumb," the farmer told his dearly beloved. "Hell, everybody knows that."

Tonti Club Closes

- Art Ackerman

The Tonti Club is now closed and I would suggest that the assets be liquidated and the proceeds turned over to the Recreation Committee.

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Bazaar and Turkey Supper

St. Alban's Anglican Church Women are holding their annual Bazaar and Turkey Supper on Saturday evening October 24th at the Amherst Island Public School commencing at 5 p.m. Home baking, fish pond for the children and a variety table.

Adults \$5.00

Children 12 and under \$7.00

Come and bring your friends.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbours for the flowers, donations to the Heart Fund, and cards sent after our recent bereavement; also to everyone who sent food to the house afterward.

Special thank-you to Lucille Brown, Syke Fleming, Shirley Miller, and Debbie Bedford for their help at the house and for babysitting. Friends and neighbours like you made a difficult time for the family just a little easier.

Thank you one and all.

Mabel Wolfreys & family

Some items from The Consumer - A Guide Published By Canadian Standards Assoc'n

"D" fuses

Cartridge fuses shaped like a cylinder which are marked "P" should now be on the market. The screw-in plug fuses marked "P" are expected in stores in a year.

So what's so great about "P" fuses, you ask? These fuses are designed to open a circuit (blow) at a temperature low enough to prevent overheating and damage to the fuse holder. Overheating can be caused by a number of reasons such as loose fuse holders, improper fuses or moisture.

Another fuse which has this feature is called "D" or time delay. It has been on the market for many years. The Canadian Electrical Code has required time delay (i.e. heat sensitive) fuses to be used in circuits with high heating loads for the last nine years.

At this point you may be wondering what the difference between "D" and "P" fuses is. They are both heat sensitive but "D" fuses will handle short term high current inrushes caused by motor operated appliances such as some window air conditioners. This is a good feature because a large air

conditioner requires a great deal of power when it is first turned on to get the motor running.

The "P" fuse is not designed for high start-up currents, otherwise it performs the same function as the "D" fuse.

Sound confusing? Well to make it a bit easier, some appliances or their instructions may indicate that "D" or "P" fuses be used. Otherwise the choice is yours. One thing is for sure - both of these types of fuses will open circuits at much lower temperatures. They are needed for electric furnaces, dryers, ranges, air conditioners, water and baseboard heaters.

How do you know if the fuse is "D" or "P"? Simple, look for the "D" or "P" lettering on the side or top of the fuse.

Drip Pans

Question: The electrician who installed my mother's electric range told her to never use aluminum foil under the burners. Why not? And does this warning also apply to the commercially available "burner savers"?

Answer: Underneath the oven's top elements is a drip pan which is a dark colour in order to absorb heat. By covering this pan with aluminum foil or any reflective material you will deflect the heat back to the element. The element may not be able to withstand this additional heat and could break. Also the foil may block the air circulation from the stove portion of the oven since the oven is usually vented through the drip pan. This could also cause overheating.

CSA's audits and investigation's inspectors have several reports of warped elements because of foil covering the drip pan. There also have been cases where the back dials of the stove have melted because the heat from a rear element has been deflected onto the dials.

CSA does not have standards covering "burner savers" nor do we test them. We recommend that you do not cover the drip pan underneath oven elements.

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A Tribute

To the members of Branch 539 Canadian Legion
For your contributions, past and present, We thank you.

“They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

A “Hallowe’en” Poem - by John Eves - A.I. Public School

Hallowe’en Night

Witches flying through the air,
Ghosts are howling too,
Goblins running all about
It is surely a night for you

Children telling ghost stories,
Witches listening too,
Black cats sitting on fences,
It is surely a night for you.

Candy being given out,
It is dark too,
Devils up to no good,
It is surely a night for you

by John Eves

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Participation - Learn To Dance Like Arthur Murray

There is an opportunity to have one night a week dance lessons at the Island Community Centre for at least 10 to 12 weeks this winter. With enough (10) couples signed up the Board of Education will pay the instructor, so the fee will be minimal. Type of dances considered will be the Cha-Cha, Rumba, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Fast Waltz, Foxtrot, and American Swing i.e. ball-room dancing.

If you want to improve your reaction on the ball field or your rhythm almost anywhere, please give your name to John Hall at 389-6553. Couples or singles from 18 to 80 are welcome.

Let’s hear from you soon so that we can make arrangements to have a few lessons before the New Years’ dance.

New Years Eve Dance

Plans for the New Years Dance have been made and tickets are now available. Many people have been asking about tickets. It was the decision of the committee to open sale of the tickets first to those who patronized the dance last year. Tickets will be available to those people if paid for before Dec. 1st, after which time they will be available to the general public. Due to increased costs the price of admission has been increased \$5 to \$40. Dinner will be served from 7 to 9 p.m. and as in previous years it will be an open bar. Tickets are available from the following Driving Club members. Jack Forester, Ross Hitchins, Ben Wemp, Harry Filson, Hugh Filson, Bruce Caughey Jr. and Allen Caughey.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my relatives and friends who helped in any way to brighten my recent stay in Kingston General Hospital. Many thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Allison for calling, and to members of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church and the Women’s Institute for their cards. Thanks also for

telephone calls and other cards and messages received. I always remember my friends on Amherst Island.

Eva Glenn

Note: Thanks to the Editor and staff of "Island Beacon" for printing this and best of luck for the future of your paper.

Eva Glenn

Amherst Island Community Sunday School
- Cathy Glenn

As superintendent of the Sunday School I would like to express a sincere thank-you to you, the members of our community for the support you showed at our Thanksgiving program. I believe that the churches and their affiliations act as a lighthouse in any community. They keep in the forefront the high ideals passed on to us through the faith of our ancestors. Although the ideals seem unattainable, they do give us a goal to aim for and through Jesus, our Saviour, we can readily receive forgiveness for our failures and also encouragement to continue living.

I was remiss in thanking those people who have helped us throughout the year. Marie Ward has supplied many times for us and we do appreciate her help very much. Rev. Allison faithfully shows up once a month to our Sunday School and talks to the children. He also participates in our meetings. We are very thankful to have his support and his presence among the children. Kim deHaan and Debbie Fleming assist the nursery school teachers and we feel very lucky to have their help. We are appreciative of the financial support of the community. The collection (loose) at the joint services of our two churches is handed over to the Sunday School and is then used in the purchase of literature, picnic functions at Christmas, etc. Without this support we would be very limited. Thank you.

We are also thankful to the community for their physical support at Sunday School functions. The children and the teachers need this support just as much as financial support.

The list of thank-you's is endless but one more group of people need to be recognized for their help. All too often no-one sees the work of this group but without their support the teachers would have a very difficult job to manage their homes and their teaching. The group, of course, happens to be our husbands. They are often asked to look after the children, to help with the dishes and to build things that we need for our classes.

I trust everyone enjoyed themselves at our Thanksgiving "happening"

and in

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some way, was enriched by what they saw or heard.

If you have any suggestions or ideas that we can use in the Sunday School program we will be glad to hear from you. Maybe you have a song or a craft or even a thought that you would like to pass on to the children. Please feel free to talk to any of the teachers or myself, Cathy Glenn, 389-0212.

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said as they saw its beauty.
"It shall never know decay;
Great is thy skill O Builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the Teacher builded
Was unseen by the eye of man.

Gone is the Builder's temple,
Crumpled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the Teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

Author Unknown

Wedding Henderson - McCormick

On Nov. 7, 1981 Lois Henderson and Jack McCormick became husband and wife. The wedding took place at St. Albans Church. In order to properly celebrate this event a dance was held that evening at the Amherst Island Public School.

Our best wishes to the newlyweds.

From Country Sunshine

Grandpa was caught unprepared by the cold spell and complained to his grand-son that he had been unable to sleep.

“Did your teeth chatter, Grandpa?”

“Dunno, we don’t sleep together.”

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 3/81

- Ian Murray

1. Five individuals expressed to Council their dissatisfaction with how Council proposes to alter the fare rates on the ferry. (see October Beacon).

In response to the criticisms and suggestions put forth, Council decided to re-consider its position and to request written input from Island residents and landowners.

2. Lloyd Clare presented Council with a letter outlining his views on the Miller Drain. Council declined his proposal that Council emphasize its anti “duck pond” position to political and appointed officials, as the Drainage Tribunal has not yet made its ruling.

3. The lowest tender was accepted for supplying culverts for the Development Road.

4. Council expressed its approval of the progress on the Road’s building.

5. Regular business was tended to.

Council Notice

The new ferry agreement between the Province and our Township requires that the Township provide the following shares of the ferry’s operating expenses over the next 5 years.

1981 - 6 1/2%;

1982 - 7%;

1983 - 7 1/2%;

1984 - 8%;

1985 - 8 1/2%.

The present fare structure should provide the 1981 revenue. It is estimated that in 1982 approximately \$46,000 must be raised.

Council has proposed:

(a) that annual passes be available to individuals only for \$150 (with shorter term passes available)

(b) free passes to reeve, crew members, retired crew members and the VON nurse.

(c) cars and light trucks \$1.25 ret. {return}

(d) passengers 25¢ ret.

(e) heavy trucks and driver \$2.50 ret.

(f) tractor trucks with semi \$5.00 ret.

(g) motorcycles and driver 75¢ ret.

Have you a better idea? Council requests your written proposal as to how the Township can raise its share of the ferry operating costs. All submissions must be in the Clerk’s hands no later than Nov. 25th next.

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Some Ideas for Raising the Township’s Share of the Ferry Costs

- Ian Murray

Council says that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications has stated that the Township may raise the money in any manner it chooses. The Ministry is quoted as suggesting that:

- property taxes be increased and the ferry run free

- a rock concert be held

Some other ideas that I have heard:

1. A lottery be run using the numbers on the ferry tickets. Tickets to be \$2 with half the profit going to the lottery fund and half to the Township to lower taxes.

2. Have the pursers attend bar-tending school and set up a liquor lounge in the passenger section of the ferry Charge to go to the washroom.

3. No free passes to anyone. Township to pay reeve’s passage when on official business. The crew members are already the highest paid people on the Island and ex-crew members used to be. The Beacon can pay the VON’s fare. Charge every vehicle \$2 return and every passenger \$1 return. When the required annual revenue has been raised, run the ferry free for everyone.

4. The wages of the four pursers is probably close to the Township’s share.

Lay them off and run a free ferry. They can draw from UIC for quite a while as there is no demand on the other area ferries for pursers.

5. Vehicles can be charged for the space they take up: say 1¢ per square foot. Charge each passenger 25¢ both ways.

6. Maybe a rock concert isn't such a bad idea after all!

From Country Sunshine

A reporter was interviewing an old gentleman celebrating his 100th birthday. "To what do you attribute your long life and good health?"

"Well," the old timer replied, "when my wife and I were married 80 years ago, we made an agreement that every time we argued and she started fussin' at me, I'd put on my hat and go outdoors for a walk until she calmed down."

"But what's that got to do with good health?"

"Well sir, I've spent most of my life in the open air."

Lennox And Addington County Planning Board Invites You To Attend A Public Meeting

Subject: The official plan for the County of Lennox and Addington.

The Lennox and Addington County Planning Board is preparing a county official plan. The official plan is a policy document which will be used to guide development decisions in the County.

Purpose of the Meetings:

- to keep people informed of progress on the plan
- to hear comments and suggestions on the preparation of the plan
- to present findings of the preliminary work on the plan

Time and Place of Meetings:

- 1) Odessa Nov.17/81 Township Hall 7:30 p.m.
- 2) Napanee Nov.18/81 Town Hall 7:30 p.m.
- 3) Denbigh Nov. 19/81 Township Hall 7:30 p.m.
- 4) Northbrook Nov. 23/81 Northbrook Community Centre 7:00 p.m.
- 5) Tamworth Nov.24/81 Township Hall 7:30 p.m.

Questions?

Telephone - John Uliana at 354-9307 or 354-9382

or

Visit - 89 Thomas St. E. Napanee

Ontario Home Renewal Program (OHRP)

You will remember that in the September issue of the Beacon #44 an announcement was carried advising that Council had applied for an OHRP grant. I am now happy to advise that the funds and application forms have been received and that we are ready to go into business.

If you wish to make application or just wish to investigate whether or not you are eligible, please pick up a brochure and application form from the Township Office as soon as possible. The application form should be returned to the Township office not later than Mon., November 30, 1981, if you wish to be considered for a loan or grant this year. Interviews will commence early in December. Mrs. Diane Pearce and the under-signed have been appointed administrates of the local OHRP.

N.J. Allison - Building Inspector

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Greetings from
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Christmas is here!

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Regular Council Meeting Dec. 1, 1981
- Ian Murray
1. Council passed revised ferry rates By-law which is presented in detail somewhere else in this issue.
2. Councillor Hall spoke highly of the competence and spirit of our Volunteer Fire Department.
3. Councillor Glenn reported that L. Clare did a good job pushing the township dump back.
4. Norman Allison was appointed property standards officer for the O.H.R.P. program.
5. A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food was received. The Minister stated his position that there would be no "ponds" on the ARDA property on Amherst Island.
6. The "Conflict of Interest" Act was discussed.

Vehicle Insurance
- Ian Murray

Topsy Farms recently received its annual vehicle insurance notice (one car and one truck). An additional endorsement was included that we didn't request but are very pleased with. It's called "uninsured motorist endorsement. Here's the brief explanation of endorsement.

"By this endorsement your insurer provides additional benefits to you and other insured persons who have a claim against another motorist for injuries or death if the other motorist has insufficient insurance to pay the claim. The limit of this coverage is the difference between the liability insurance limit of your policy and that carried by the motorist at fault. For

example, if your policy shows a liability limit of \$500,000 and you obtained a judgement of \$300,000 against the "at fault" motorist, but he was insured for only \$100,000, you would be able to claim the difference of \$200,000 from your Insurer. The coverage also applies if the "at fault" motorist is not insured.

The cost for our \$500,000 coverage is \$5.00. Perhaps you might consider asking your insurance agent if you have this coverage, and, if not, why not.

Council Passes By-law to Set New Ferry Rates
By-law Number 14-81

Being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island to set the rate structure for the Motorship Amherst Islander as follows:

1. All free annual passes are eliminated with the exception of the V.O.N. pass and existing lifetime passes to retired ferry crew members.
2. For 1982, passes will be available as follows-

	Individual	With Spouse
Annual	\$150.00	\$200.00
Apr. 1 - Dec. 31	120.00	160.00
July 1 - Dec. 31	80.00	110.00
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	40.00	60.00

3. Other fares as follows-
Automobile and driver 1.25
Passenger .25
Car and trailer 2.50
Motorcycle and driver .75
Heavy single axle truck 2.50
Heavy double axle truck 3.50
Farm tractor and implement 2.50

Other vehicles priced according to spaces occupied to a maximum of \$7.50 for a tractor and semi.

New rates to take effect Jan. 1, 1982. The above list is not intended to be all inclusive; the pursers and the captains are authorized to set the rate for vehicles and/or other objects not listed at a figure commensurate with the rates that would be charged for similar sized vehicles.

Given First Reading this 1st day of December. 1981, on the motion of Councillors Hall and Kerr. Carried.

Given Second Reading this 1st day of December, 1981, on the motion of Councillors Kerr and Hall. Carried.

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Given Third Reading this 1st day of December, 1981, on the motion of Councillors Hall and Kerr and finally passed.

J.S. Neilson, Reeve

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

More Taxes or Fares?

The following is a suggestion submitted by S. Chadband regarding ferry revenue.

Accept the suggestion that was offered by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication; in that, property taxes be increased and the ferry be run free.

But, only free to the property owners!

This suggestion has considerable merit because every person that owns property on Amherst Island would technically have a legal claim from the Provincial Government for right-of-access to their property from the mainland. To control this method of operation an identification might be issued for displaying on a vehicle windshield or to be carried in the wallet. This system would be expanded for all members of the property owners' immediate family, no matter how many vehicles are utilized. It should not cover their house guests, visitors or tourists. These individuals would be expected to pay a nominal rate as set by The Council. Funds collected in this manner would alleviate the tax burden, next year.

Commercial vehicles should also pay because their fare is a business tax deduction. However, the Council would have to make a decision, whether or not property owners that utilize their own commercial vehicles to ride the ferry be included under the land tax method of payment or pay for each individual ferry trip.

In addition; to be considered, are the various government vehicles! Federal and Provincial Governments have an operational policy which covers the payment of various fees, tolls, services, charges, etc.. The Council, might make a decision as to whether or not such government vehicles be permitted to ride free, depending on the purpose for their visit.

The same would apply to school buses; and, a possible grant might be

issued from the Board of Education to cover the daily bus and any excursion buses connected with the Board of Education.

The property tax method would be most beneficial because it is a hidden fee and consequently land values would remain constant. The higher the cost for a ferry ticket the lower property values become. Also, there are people that own property on the island that seldom visit the island.

And, there is the Income Tax Provincial Rebates! Property owners that are over 65 years would in essence ride free, as would those with low incomes. Similarly, the farmers would get a higher rebate than just a partial deduction for ferry transportation costs on their Income Tax forms.

Sports

Doug Shurtliffe

During the November 21 Softball Dance, trophies were awarded to various members of the MacRow Motors Senior Mens' Team. The best batting average award went to Don Miller with an average of .517. The most valuable player award went to Mike Flanigan, a valuable addition to this year's team. Also, an award of appreciation in the form of a plaque was given to Valerie Howard for bearing the brunt of paper work, score keeping, and being a most loyal fan. Valerie is definitely one of the greatest assets to the team.

In future editions, I would like to profile individuals, teams (past and present) and different sports events pertaining to the island.

Also, winter is somewhat of a lull as far as the sports scene is concerned. Anyone with any suggestions on winter recreation should look into organizing. Probably, you will find many people ready to participate.

Anyone with any data on past sports teams would do me a favour by relating them to me for future editions of the Island Beacon.

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Community Get-Together

I.S.L.E. Committee

I.S.L.E. will be sponsoring a Bingo and Euchre on January 19 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the school Community Hall. Cost will be only 10 cents a card with prizes being available. This is not a fund raising project, just a get-together. Come out and meet your friends, neighbours and have some fun.

Hunting News

Mr. Bill Dietrich of Wallacetown and Mr. Peter Fritsch of Hamilton were moose hunting in the Thunder Bay area earlier this fall. On October 20th, Bill shot a 1100-1200 pound moose with a wrack measuring 53 inches. Mr. Dietrich owns a summer cottage on the south shore of Amherst Island. A photograph of the hunters and their catch has been posted in Glenn's store. Congratulations, Bill!

Card of Thanks

The members of St. Alban's A.C.W. wish to express their sincere thanks to all Presbyterian ladies or anyone who so very kindly donated food, etc. to our Bazaar on Oct. 24th. A special thanks to the capable "young ladies" and "young man" in the person of Steven Willard who helped serve at the supper. A hearty thanks to all those who attended and made our Bazaar a worthwhile, enriching endeavour. Thank you everyone!

(Members) St. Alban's A.C.W.

Seasons Greetings

I would like to wish all my Rawleigh customers, the Staff and Pupils of Amherst Island Public School, and the High School Pupils a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 1982.

Barbara Reid,

Your Rawleigh Agent and Bus Driver.

Thank You

We wish to thank friends and neighbours for their treasured presence, cards and messages of congratulations, gifts and kindnesses at the time of our 40th wedding anniversary. Special thanks to our family for providing such a lovely day.

Thanks again,

Lorne & Myrtle Veech

The Amherst Island Women's Institute would like to thank each and everyone who so kindly volunteered their help in cooking, serving, baking and washing dishes for the Senior Citizen Dinner on Dec. 5th. So many

W.I. Members are themselves Senior Citizens that without extra help, we would never be able to have this event. A very special thanks to the Amherst Island Legion Branch 539 for their money donation and to anyone else who gave donations.

Irene Glenn (Pres.)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dan Feraday (son of Ray and Betty Feraday) in receiving the award as best all round Canadian College Football Player. Keep up the good work, Dan, and we hope to see you playing the Toronto Argonauts in the near future.

A Tribute to Bessie

Genevieve Fleming

A few weeks ago, accompanied by our daughter Winnifred and a friend of hers, we visited Bessie Tugwell at Providence Manor. Bessie has been a resident at the Manor for 15 years and celebrated her 98th birthday on Oct. 14th. Her home was the one now occupied by David and Karen Fleming and their two little girls. Her career was music and she was 16 when she began to play for dances. The orchestra at that time consisted of Bessie at the piano and a fiddler - one of whom was Alex Glenn who is also a resident at the Manor, and dancing was from 8:00 until 2:00. Bessie was organist for many years at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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and as we talked she recalled many of the happy times she had experienced, also, she told us that she had written a poem about bygone days. We asked if we might read it and were so impressed with it that persuaded her to let us make a copy of it and have it appear in "The Beacon". Bessie is a gracious modest lady and loved by all those who know her and I'm sure she will be happy to see her poem enjoyed by others. She doesn't feel able to send cards so this will be her Christmas greeting to her many friends on Amherst Island.

Village Memories

I'd like to return to the village I knew.

Where folks were so friendly and strangers were few
And too, I would like to be seeing again
All the chums of my childhood
Who played with me then.
I'd like to walk down by that old hitching rack
A convenience of days that will never come back.
The stores where the youth of the village there flocked
Will forever a picture in memory be locked
That big vacant lot where we used to play ball
'Neath the lengthening shade of the old town hall
The church on the corner with steeple so high
And the old village school I would like to go by
I'd like to renew recollections I hold
As the scenes of my youth there begin to unfold
And while I was there, it would please me so much
To imagine these pictures I'd gladly retouch
I'd like to go back to the village once more
To survey all the landmarks and changes explore
The court where the farmers pitched horseshoes for fun
Till the women folks shopped and gossip were done
The tree shaded lawns on each gas lighted street
And each person you see is a friend you can greet
We're only a part of the life that is spent
In the village where living was filled with content.

Bessie Tugwell
Providence Manor
November 14, 1981
Age, 98 years

Dance Class Effort Folds
John Hall

Total response to the possible Ballroom Dancing lessons was three couples and three ladies who were going to give their husbands lessons at home. While it only takes two to tango, it takes ten couples for tango lessons. If you were waiting to see how it went - - it's gone! Sorry about that.

For Sale

A new beige desk phone, never been used. Only to be used on a private line.

Price - \$25.00

Marshall Glenn 389-5769

Pretty up your frig. with dogs, butterflies, Christmas balls, etc. with foam.

Please contact Wendy Shurtliffe, 389-5782

Upholstery - call Diane Gavlas 389-3199

George Gavlas' repair shop is now fully open for mechanical business.

Anything from tea kettles to combines. Welding and lathe work.

Hours open - flexible as to demand

Will accept barter, especially firewood.

Phone 389-3199

If it's Rawleigh products you need.

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675.

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An Important Notice to All Library Patrons, Changes to Fines, Overdue Notices and Collection Procedures

Using the Library:

- A valid library card must be presented at all times to obtain library services. Reading room privileges only can be extended to patrons without a library card.
- Adult membership applicants must present satisfactory identification (name and mailing address) in order to obtain a library card.
- Juvenile membership applicants must have applications signed by a parent or legal guardian. Parent or guardian is responsible for all service charges or replacement costs incurred for overdue, lost, or damaged books.
- Regular borrowing period for library materials is 3 weeks unless otherwise stated.

Fine Schedule

- 5¢ per item per library opening day
- Maximum fine \$1.00 per item
- No fines for children borrowing children's materials. Age 1 to 12

Overdue Invoicing

- An invoice will be sent to each overdue patron two weeks after the due date.
- Invoicing charges will include:
 - replacement costs calculated at current list price regardless of age and condition of materials borrowed.
 - fines calculated to date of invoice.
 - \$5.00 service charge for each invoice issued.
- Invoice will be only notice of overdue materials.

Membership Cancellation:

- Library membership is cancelled as of invoicing date.
- Library membership is renewed upon return of materials or payment for same. Fines and service charges must also be paid in order to renew membership.

Collection Agency:

- All invoices not cleared in full at the circulation desk of the lending library within 3 weeks of the date of mailing will be forwarded to the Kingston Credit Bureau for further notification and collection.

Why these drastic changes?

The Lennox and Addington County Library is a free public library supported by your hard-earned tax dollars. In the last 4 - 5 years over \$12,000 worth of books and library materials have been borrowed and not returned. Every dollar of the library budget spent attempting to recover overdue materials is a dollar less for the purchase of material for your use. Please help us to protect and strengthen your library's collection in order that we may serve you better. Avoid charges and embarrassment - remember to return your library materials on time.

Home Baking

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

From Country Sunshine

After church the minister asked the young girl if she had enjoyed the church service.

"Well; the singing was nice," she replied, "but the commercials were a little long."

"I'm scared, Jack," a friend confided to his pal. "I just got a card from a guy saying he would shoot me if I didn't stay away from his wife."

"Well stay away from his wife and you've got no problems," advised Jack.

"How can I?" he groaned, "he didn't sign his name."

Sentences Taken from Actual Letters Received by the Toronto Welfare Dept.

I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I have seven but one died and was baptized on a half sheet of paper.

I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is dead.

In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

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Birth Announcement

- Dianne Marshall

A warm and friendly welcome to Mark Edward McCormick. Mark arrived on November 30, 1981, weighing 7 lb. 1 oz. Proud parents and brother are Peter, Pam and Kevin of Amherst Island.

The Editor and Staff of the Beacon wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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From "Where We Are At" by Thomas Barber (1950)
- submitted by Ian Murray

Every group in the nation feels that the government owes it certain favours. Manufacturers feel it owes them protective tariffs. Farmers feel it owes them subsidies. Almost every profession, occupation and trade feels that the government should protect them by licences from the competition caused by too many others getting in on their particular specialty.

Organized labour feels it should keep its pay and hours protected from the competition of those who have not got into a union. The unemployed and unemployable feel it owns them a living.

Everybody and every section of the country wants favours and the government tries to furnish them. In order to give to all it taxes and regulates all, till everyone is so regimented that much of the national enterprise has disappeared.

So little general opportunity is now left after so much has been preempted as special privilege that each business and group would benefit if it gave up its own special privileges and received in exchange the general freedom that would come from a like surrender by every other business and group. This would also free us from supporting the enormous load of bureaucrats now engaged in enforcing special privilege and change them from parasites into productive citizens.

From "Minutes in a Minute"
(L&A School Board Dec/ 81)

Mrs Lavigne's assignment at Westdale Park Public School was confirmed as half-time rather than full time effective January 1, 1982.

The application from Beth Forester to attend Cana-Kit Conference in Prince Edward Island May 13-16, 1982 was approved.

Congratulations to Jane Scott on becoming Chairman of the Lennox and Addington School Board for 1982.

Power to Influence Rests with Teachers
from and address to the Federation of Women Teachers' - Associations by
Dr. Provost Seager
of Trinity College, 1926.

Dr. Seager pointed out that it was within the teacher's province to influence the rising generation. Out of the turmoil of the present day there would emerge a twentieth century with its own peculiar glory and distinctive message to mankind. The rising generation of to-day would be the makers of the 20th century, and it was the task of the teaching profession to swing them past the transition stage to a period of great constructive work. Through the inspired efforts of the teachers of Canada would the Dominion realize the foremost place which it is to occupy.

The real value and advance of education depend on the efficiency of the teachers. The real work of education was carried on through the personal contact of teachers with pupils.

Thank You
- Chris Glenn

With the holidays behind us, I feel that a lot of credit is due a lot of people. We would like to thank the Women's Institute and the Canadian Legion members for the delicious dinner and entertainment provided for the Senior Citizens. The event was very much enjoyed by all who attended and we realize the work and effort put into this each year. We are sure their efforts are much appreciated by the senior group.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen!

Also we would commend the youth group and their leaders for their Christmas Caroling on such a miserable night and the gifts of cookies. It showed a good community spirit by all who participated and was much enjoyed by the audience (even if we did forget to put on the outside light

until you were leaving).

Thank you boys and girls, and good luck in your group.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The December meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs Henry Hitchins in the form of a Christmas party on Wed, Dec 16. The president Mrs. Irene Glenn opened the meeting with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The secretary-treasurer Mrs Diane Gavlas read the minutes and gave the financial report. A discussion arose as to getting some members life memberships and is to be seen about.

Plans were made to hold a benefit euchre on February 13 in aid of the Heart Fund.

The president thanked everyone who in any way helped make the Senior Citizens dinner such a success on Dec. 5th and also a thanks to the Legion for their hearty donation toward helping finance the dinner. It is much appreciated by all.

Our society plans to have the County Dairy Princess, Tammy Jackson at our June meeting.

Convenors of the evening were Mrs. Beatrice Wemp, Mrs. Marian Glenn and Mrs. Phyllis Strain. Mrs. Wemp had a contest and Mrs Strain gave a humorous reading and Mrs. Glenn had a game and many Christmas carols were sung conducted by Mrs. Louise Seaman as pianist. Then there was an exchange of gifts and all was enjoyed.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen and a delicious lunch was served by the committee, Mrs. Phyllis Strain, Mrs. Marian Glenn and Mrs. Thelma Howard. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Georgia Allison Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the form of a pot-luck supper. Slides of Scotland will be shown.

To Whom it May Concern

At the first of 1982, the Amherst Island Council was kind enough to issue me a free pass on the Amherst Islander for a period of one year, which I very much appreciated. This was given to me as a retired crew member. Upon learning that the present crew members all have to pay their

fares as they travel on the ferry. I directly went on Jan. 6, 1982 to the township office and purchased a pass for my wife and myself at a cost of \$200. I am happy to pay my way as long as anyone else has to pay theirs.

Herbert E. Glenn

Euchre - Bingo Family Night

This is a social evening, not a fund raiser. Bring the whole family, 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday January 19/82. Euchre 50¢

Bingo 10¢ per card

Prizes awarded.

Mid-Winter Get Together sponsored by I.S.L.E.

Lyn Fleming

Ham Dinner

I.S.L.E. will sponsor their annual Ham Dinner on Wednesday Feb. 3rd during the Public School's winter carnival week. Dinner will be served from 11:45 to 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 adult and \$1.50 children, and can be obtained from any of the following I.S.L.E. members.

Debbie Bedford

Beth Forrester

Ed Chadband

Ann-Marie Hitchins

Dale Filson

Bob Horth

Mike Flanigan

Laurene Kilpatrick

Lyn Fleming

Doug Shurtliffe

See you there:

Lyn Fleming

Attention: Island Beacon Subscribers

Because of our rising postal costs we unfortunately have to increase the cost of our subscriptions. All new subscriptions and renewals will now cost \$6.15. Current subscribers you will be notified when your subscription expires.

Thank you all for your support.
Lyn Fleming
Beacon Subscriptions
Stella, Ont. K0H 2S0

From Country Sunshine

The 10-year old ran into the general store shouting,
“Help, a mad hull is chasing my father.”
“What on earth should I do?” asked the clerk.
“Quick,” said the boy, “ put some film in my camera.”

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Jan 7, 1982
Mr. Harry Filson
Stella, Ontario
K0H 2S0

Dear Harry:

It is with considerable regret that Council has accepted your resignation as deputy chief of the fire department. Council is very appreciative of the contribution you have made to the department since its inception and very much aware that the sort of dedication you have shown is very rare. Your offer to stay on as a member of the brigade and as deputy chief until a successor is chosen is welcomed with thanks.

Please accept our appreciation on behalf of the community you have served so well.

Yours very truly

Marjorie Tooke for (Mrs..)Diane Pearce
dP/mt Clerk-treasurer

Dec 3, 1981
Mr. Jack Forester
Mr. Doug Shurtliffe
Mr. Brian Ward
Amherst Island Softball
Stella, Ontario.

Dear Brian:

Council has asked me to express their appreciation for the contribution you and your team make to the community by providing recreation and entertainment for our residents.

Also, by copy of this letter, Council's appreciation is extended to the Recreation Committee for their efforts to obtain lighting for the ball diamond. Such interest and improvements will keep our community spirit alive.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Diane Pearce
mkt Clerk-Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee as Adopted by Council

A study will be made of comparable positions and salaries but interim pay increases will be made as follows:

Road Superintendent- \$14,500.00 3 weeks holidays
Permanent Assistant- \$6.50 per hour 3 weeks holidays
Trained Casual- \$5.35 per hour
Casual Help- 4.80 per hour
Clerk- 8.00 per hour
Assistant Clerk- 6.00 per hour
Building Inspector- 6.00 per hour
Firemen- 3.50 per point
Fire Chief- \$200.00 honorarium/per annum
Deputy Fire Chief- 150.00 honorarium/per annum
Reeve and Council- 25.00 per meeting
Ferry Manager- 1,200. per annum
Caretaker- 6.00 per visit

Tax billing dates

- Interim

- February 1, 1982 - Demand date

April 1, 1982 - due date

Penalty of 1.5% per month charged from May 1, 1982.

Final

- July 1, 1982 -Demand date

August 1, 1982- Due date

Penalty of 1.5% per month charged from September 1, 1982.

Regular Council Meeting, Jan. 5/1982

1. Council has purchased a new photocopier.
2. Bruce Caughey Sr., and Marshall Glenn requested input from council as to possible uses of Victoria Hall.
3. Norm Allison presented the Building Inspector's annual report.
4. Salaries and wages of Municipal employees for 1982 were approved subject to possible upward revision - details will be provided when available.
5. Council set interest charges on Township tax arrears at 18% annually.
6. Township Taxes:

	MAILED	DUE	PENALTY
INTERIM	Feb. 1	Apr. 1	May 1
FINAL	July 1	Aug.1	Sept.1

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7. Six letters pertaining to the Miller Drain were received, discussed, and filed.
8. A borrowing by-law for \$500,000 was approved.

February Is Heart Month
- Irene Glenn

The Amherst Island W.I. will hold a Euchre in the gymnasium at A. I. Central School on Feb. 13, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds are for the Heart Fund Canvas. Anyone unable to attend the euchre may give their donation to any W.I. member. Receipts will be given. Please support this worthy cause.

Wanted to Buy

Girl's white figure skates, size 1
Also girl's white skates size 9
Phone 389-5385

Upholstery call Diane Gavlas 389-3193

Repair Shop

George Gavlas is now fully open for mechanical business. Anything from tea kettles to combines. Welding and lathe work. Hours open - flexible as to demand. Will accept barter, especially firewood. 389-3199

Home Baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If It's Rawleigh products you need

Please call Barbara Reid 389-0675

Building Inspector's Annual Report to Council

	Permit Fees	Estimated Capital Expenditure
January	5	860
February	-	-
March	-	-
April	19	6500
May	316	143000
June	28	11500
July	-	-
August	19	3500
September	5	100
October	47	18600

November	-	-
December	8	680

Type Of Building

Storage shed 2

Boat shed -

Sun Room -

Barn 1

Machine shed -

Siding 4

Addition 3

Plumbing 4

Garage 3

General Repairs 1

New dwelling house 2

Demolition 1

Sun deck -

Trailer -

Feeder 1

NJ. Allison

Don't Forget These Coming Events

(Tear off and post up)

Tuesday January 19 I.S.L.E. Euchre and Bingo Family Night

Saturday January 23 Women's Institute Meeting

Wednesday February 3 I.S.L.E. Ham Dinner

Saturday February 13 Women's Institute Euchre

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The Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company Requires a person to serve as agent and secretary-treasurer. Applicants should show an aptitude in sales and management and be prepared to take such courses as are required to sell insurance and to keep abreast of trends in the industry. Provision of a small office space in the applicant's home is necessary as well as attendance of monthly directors' meetings.

Salary will be negotiated and will be commensurate with the skills of the successful applicant, as part of the earnings is based on premium commission.

Application in writing should be submitted to Allan Glenn by noon,
February 26, 1982.

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Regular Council Meeting Feb, 2, 1982
- Ian Murray

1. Council provided L. Clare with a resolution stating that Council is aware of his desire to spread digested sludge on his farmland and has no objections to his doing so as long as all regulations are complied with.
2. Council discussed the ferry crew's request for union certification. It was decided that legal advice will be sought before any actions are taken.
3. It was noted that interest charges for ferry borrowing did not drop last year as expected.. Even though the amount borrowed was less due to MTC paying subsidies sooner. The interest rate was much higher.
4. Council members commented favourably on the road crew's snow plowing efforts.
5. Bert Glenn complained that there were too many committee meetings. John Hall replied that committees are more efficient. John also stated that

he will not run again for Council.

6. Rick Bedford was appointed Deputy Fire Chief.

7. It was decided that the price for copying on the new township copy machine to the public would be 15¢ for the first copy and 10¢ for each additional copy.

8. Council considered the "Summer Student Employment Program". It was decided to put the matter to the public in the hope that suggestions for meaningful work could be brought forward. The need for adequate supervision was stressed.

Drainage Engineer Honoured
- from Dimensions Jan/Feb '82
- submitted by Ian Murray

The Order of the Sons of Martha is an honorary society of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, the purpose of which is to recognize and honour those professional engineers who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. Among the engineers recently accepted as members is Alexander J. Graham P. Eng. He was cited for his eleven combined years as a member of the Ottawa Chapter, including one year as chairman and as a member of the Board of Regulation and the Joint Committee on Land Drainage.

Summer Students Employment Program

The Minister of Employment and Immigration has recently announced the new 1982 summer students employment program "Summer Canada". The program is designed to create at least three summer jobs for full-time students. These jobs must be in addition to those currently in place.

The sub-objectives of the program are:

- (1) To create jobs which require or directly contribute to the development of initiative, responsibility, work habits or skills of proposal employees.
- (2) To create jobs which provide employment in activities which can be readily undertaken by the identified student clientele in the locality.

The official deadline for application submission is Feb. 26, 1982.

Island residents are invited to submit any ideas or suggestions for summer work projects to Diane Pearce before the above da

Grass Cutting Job

A person is required to cut the grass in the Township park this summer. Must supply own mower and fuel for the job. Apply to Bert Glenn, Chairman of Property Committee.

World Day of Prayer

St. Alban's Church

Friday, March 5th. 2 p.m.

Women of all denominations are invited to come and participate.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute Wishes to Thank All Those Who Attended the Euchre and Donated to the Heart Fund. \$256 Was Raised and Forwarded to the Napanee Headquarters

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Horse Races

Amherst Island Driving Club Are Sponsoring Ice Races on Kerr's Bay

Saturday February 20

Post Time 2 p.m.

Refreshments Available

Admission \$2.00

Door Prizes

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbours who remembered me with cards of sympathy and kind words upon the death of my mother.

George Mygind

Business

Upholstery - call Diane Gavlas 389-3199

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From Country Sunshine

A farmer woke up in hospital after an operation to find the blinds in the room were drawn. He asked the doctor standing before him why there were closed.

"There's a fire burning across the street," he replied. "I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

"Is your husband much of a provider?" a worn little country woman was asked.

"He ain't nothin' else, ma'am," she replied. "He's goin' to get some new furniture, providin' he gets the money, providin' he goes to work, providin' the job suits him. I never seen such a providin' man."

A young couple acquired a parakeet whose only vocabulary was "Let's neck." The local preacher heard about it and suggested that the young people cage their bird with his whose only words were "Let's pray."

When the birds were pit together the young couple's bird, as usual, said "Let's neck" and the preacher's bird replied, "My prayers have been

answered.”

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Memories From The Past

1928

Wedding

Fleming - Filson

Stella, Dec. 29.-

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, December 26th, at the home of the bride's parents, when Genevieve Glenn, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Filson, Stella, became the bride of Ernest Hartley Fleming, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Fleming. Rev. J. Vint(?) Laughland officiated.

An evergreen arch with flowers and a large white bell, formed the decoration in the living-room, where the ceremony was performed. The bride was given away by her father, looked dainty in a sky-blue taffeta dress trimmed with blue velvet, wearing shoes and stockings to match.

After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served to about twenty guests, the table being centred with the wedding cake and adorned with flowers.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold wrist-watch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming left for Toronto, the bride travelling in a smart navy broadcloth coat, with hat to match.

The best wishes of the community go {one or two words obscured} the young couple.

1957

Marooned. Amherst Islanders Envy People with Services
Stella, Amherst Island (Special) - With the venturing forth of the Wolfe

Islander, the residents of Amherst Island are looking wistfully to Kingston where their Amherst Islander nestles comfortably in dry dock.

Will the almost brand-new ferry with a hull capable of breaking 18 inches of ice come plowing through one of these days to gladden the hearts of many eagerly awaiting Islanders?

Some may have looked for her to make initial debut on the 17th at a little birthday surprise to this little place of old Ireland, but they were doomed to disappointment.

Since January 6, when the Amherst Islander went to dry dock for repairs, merchants have been bringing their supplies across the mainland by sleigh, and farmers have used the same means of taking their produce across to the mainland. When the ice was stronger, trucks went courageously across.

Recent rains have made the Islanders wary. The trucks have given way to the two-horse sleigh; the two-horse sleigh has given way to the one-horse sleigh. Last seen on the ice was a sleigh pushed by two men as the ice was too thin to make it safe for a horse to be used.

One resident-farmer reports that a fuse on the transformer in front of his farm has blown and he has been without light and water since Thursday. With the precarious condition of the ice no one wants to venture across to do repair work, but the hydro commission has conceded a point and has agreed to come across by helicopter.

Residents will recall the case not so long ago of two boys, both seriously ill, having to be pushed across on a sleigh because a helicopter was not forthcoming. The people of Amherst Island would like to feel that the Government is interested in their safety and well-being. Living only 15 miles from one of Ontario's most progressive cities, do they have to resort to dog team methods much longer?

These Islands, only a few miles from the mainland - Howe Island, Amherst Island and Wolfe Island, and others, would develop immeasurably if year-round, safe, dependable service were provided for them, most Islanders feel.

1944

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Glenn, Stella, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Thelma Josephine; to Charles Benjamin, only son of

Mr. P. M. Howard and the late Mrs. Howard, Stella. The wedding will take place Saturday, Nov. 18, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Stella.

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Regular Council Meeting March 2/82

- Ian Murray

1. George Gavlas made a verbal presentation to Council on the subject of the termination of Neil Fraser of Sydenham from the Federal Civil Service. He requested that Council make it known to the Federal Government that Council wishes the re-instatement of Neil Fraser to his former job with full recompense for all his expenses as well as pay for time away from his job.

Council appeared to feel that it was inappropriate for it to act on this matter.

2. Jack Kerr, Chairman of the Roads Committee, noted that all normally travelled roads were kept open this winter. He also noted that the road machinery is standing up very well due to the efforts of the road crew and the new heated workshop.

3. Council expressed concern about the delay in tendering for crushing gravel for the Development Road.

4. A reduction of land taxes on Pt Lot A, Con, 2, owned by D. Hooper was approved by Council.

5. There was some discussion about Victoria Hall. Apparently Council wished to purchase it for \$1 and the Lodge wants \$5000.

Secretariat Set to Study Needs of the Elderly

- from Topical - a publication of the Civil Service Commission of Ontario
- submitted by John Hall

The changing distribution and characteristics of the elderly population in Ontario during the next 40 years will have profound social effects that will touch all our lives says an inter-ministry task force released in January by the Secretariat for Social Development.

By 2021 the proportion of elderly people (65 years of age and over) in the province will have doubled, accounting for 20 per cent of the population, the report says. Furthermore the elderly of the future are likely to have very different needs and expectations from the elderly of today.

Following the release of the report, titled, The Elderly in Ontario; An agenda for the 80's, the government announced the appointment of Lawrence Crawford as provincial co-ordinator for senior citizens. Mr.

Crawford's first duty has been to establish a seniors secretariat, which will be responsible for streamlining information delivery to senior citizens, encouraging research into aging - related issues and co-ordinating policies on aging across ministries.

During the past decade Ontario has taken major steps toward improving services to the elderly, the report says. In that period the elderly population has increased 34 per cent. The government's expenditure of \$2,135 million on programs for the elderly in 1980 represents an inflation adjusted increase of 500 per cent since 1970.

Programs such as elimination of health insurance premiums for the elderly, the Sales Tax/Property Tax Assistance Program; The Drug Benefit Program; the Guaranteed Annual Income System; and acute and chronic home-care programs have all contributed to the well-being of the elderly, the report says.

"The challenge is to maintain and when necessary, improve programs and services that ensure care and comfort of our elderly." Still needing attention are services to elderly women, and the elderly living in remote, sparsely populated areas. Current programs will likely need to be adjusted to the changing characteristics of the elderly of the future. Mr. Crawford predicts that the elderly of the future will be healthier, more financially secure and perhaps pursuing a second career. There'll be differences in education, outlook and lifestyle. There'll be more positive outlook on such things as leisure time; greater involvement in community activities, cultural activities and in the helping services.

Some facts from the task force report:

- by age 65 two-thirds of the working population has retired.
- from 1971 to 1977 the incomes of the elderly increased 20% compared to 9% for the general population.
- more than half of the elderly have less than Grade 9 education.
- 63% of elderly women are unmarried as compared to 27% of men.

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Last Will and Testament of a Farmer

I leave:

To my wife: My overdraft at the bank. Maybe she can explain it.

To my son: Equity in my car. Now he'll have to go to work to meet the payments.

To my banker: My soul. He has the mortgage on it anyway.

To my neighbour: My clown suit. He'll need it if he continues to farm as he has done in the past.

To my creditors: My unpaid bills. They took some real chances on me and I want to do something for them.

To the Co-Op: My grain bin. I was planning to let them take it back next year anyway.

To the Ag. Rep.: 50 bushels of corn to see if he can hit the high market. I never did.

To the junk man: All my machinery. He's had his eye on it for years.

To the undertaker: I want six implement and fertilizer dealers for my pallbearers. They are used to carrying me.

To the weatherman: Rain, sleet and snow for the funeral please. No sense in having good weather now.

To the grave digger: Don't bother. The hole I'm in now should be big enough.

To the monument maker: Set up a jig for the epitaph "Here lies a farmer who has now properly fulfilled all his obligations".

A little boy and his daddy were looking at a litter of puppies, planning to buy one, and daddy asked the boy which one he wanted. The lad pointed to a pup whose tail was wagging furiously and said, "That one with the happy ending".

A railway section foreman was required for the first time to make out an accident report after a train had struck a cow. He checked all the facts carefully and answered all the questions in the form only after conscientious deliberation.

When he came to the last question. "Disposition of the carcass?" he scratched his head took a last look at the dead cow, and wrote "I think she was kind of gentle."

A new Canadian at a party; "These Canadians have queer ways. They put some hot stuff in a glass, then put ice in it to make it cold; lemon in it to make it sour then add sugar to make it sweet, and when they are through. they pick up the glass and say "Here's to you" but they drink it themselves."

Teacher: Give me a sentence using the word "tariff".

Boy: My pants are so tight, they'll tariff I bend over.

In the business world an executive knows something about everything, a technician knows everything about something and the switchboard operator knows everything.

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us that it's hard to tell which one of us ought to reform the rest of us.

Two little girls coming from Sunday School. Said one, "Do you believe in the devil?"

"No," replied the other. "It's like Santa Claus. It's your father."

Doctor - I'm sorry to tell you, but you have smallpox.

Farmer(to wife) - If any creditors call tell them I have something to give them.

Indispensable

Sometimes when you are feeling important

Sometime when your ego's in bloom

Sometime when you take it for granted

You're the best qualified in the room

Sometime when you feel that your going

Would leave an unfillable hole

Just follow this simple instruction

And see how it humbles your soul

Take a bucket and fill it with water

Put your hand in it up to the wrist

Pull it out and the hole that's remaining

Is the measure of how you'll be missed

You may splash all you please when you ep {rest of word missing on page}

You can stir up the water galore
But stop and you'll find in a moment
That it looks quite the same as before.

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Hurry To Talent Night
April 29
Sponsored by ISLE
(maybe we could arrange a ride for you?)

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Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Welton on Wed. Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. The president Mrs. Irene Glenn opened the meeting in the usual manner with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. Mrs. Phyllis Strain acted as secretary-treasurer in the absence of Mrs. Diane Gavlas and read minutes and gave the financial statement.

Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, convenor of World Affairs introduced Terry Wylie from ARC Industries in Napanee who gave an interesting talk and showed us many articles that the mentally handicapped had made. She told us about having a special bus for transporting the handicapped to and from work. Their enrolment is now 43 and they are hoping to build a new addition to their building and get their enrolment up a great deal more. These mentally handicapped people are all adults and do have a gains disability pension besides a low income at ARC industries. They also help cater to weddings and she also told about other things they do. Mrs. Sylvester thanked her on behalf of the Institute and presented Terry with a gift in appreciation. Our Institute have also been invited to take a tour of the ARC Industries and just see what these people can do.

A euchre was held in the school in aid of the Heart Fund and proceeds were \$273.

The Waterloo Conference is being held May 4,5 and 6 and Mrs. Jackie Sylvester is considering going as our representative. We are considering

putting a display at the Napanee Fair July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. Five articles have been asked for to be sent for sale at the Erland Lee Home to help in renovating the home. The District Annual will be held May 12 at Trinity Church Napanee and Maple Leaf Branch are in charge. The theme this year is "Year of the Seniors". All reports are to be in to the district convenors by March 15.

The Area Convention will be held Sept. 14 and 15 in Addington North. There will be a bus trip to the Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek on Thurs. April 15.

The pot luck supper is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Allison on March 6.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Strain on March 17 at 8 p.m. Everyone bring something for a green lunch and also a home-made St. Patrick's card or corsage to exchange.

I.S.L.E. Talent Needed

If you sing, dance, tell jokes, play an instrument - if you act or would like to act, We Need You. During Education Week April 26th to April 30th I.S.L.E. is sponsoring a Community Night Talent Show. We need talent of all ages It is planned as a fun night of entertainment. The fun will begin at 7:30 on Thurs. April 29th, 1982. No admission.

If you have a hidden talent waiting to get out, now is your chance!!

Please contact:

Doug Shurtliffe
Debbie Bedford
Lyn Fleming
or any I.S.L.E. member

Amherst Island Girl Will Travel Overseas with Rotary Program
- copied from the Whig Standard

A 16-year old Amherst Island girl has been selected to participate in Rotary International's student exchange program for the 1982-83 school year.

Debbie Blenkhorn, a Grade 12 student at Napanee and District Secondary School, who lives with the Terry Murray family on Robinson St. during the school year, was chosen by a Rotary panel from among six candidates for the trip. She is the daughter of Lorna Seaman and Mike

Blenkhorn.

“She is an excellent representative for us.” said Rotarian Peter Coulson one of the judges, “very bright and just full of personality too. But I must say it was a tough task for us. Any one of the candidates would have been a fine ambassador.

Coulson said Debbie’s sojourn abroad is the Napanee club’s first

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such sponsorship of a local student.

Bart Sasse, 17 an incoming Rotary exchange student from the Netherlands, is currently in his third semester at NDSS, he said. Bart is staying at the home of Berry and Marg Wilford.

Blenkhorn said she hopes her eventual destination will be a European country, where she looks forward to improving her “fair” French and pursuing her present German and Latin studies. Her career goal is to become a translator she said.

(The Beacon has since been informed that Debbie’s destination is to be Australia)

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Births

Our 1982 addition to Amherst Island is Grace Matthews Grace was born on February 23, 1982, weighing in at 8 lb. 1½ oz. The proud parents are Marnie and Geoff Matthews of Amherst Island. Our Best Wishes.

Amherst Island Hockey Team 1927-1938

- Doug Shurtliffe

Sports in general has thrived on Amherst Island for many years. One bit of proof is displayed in various memoirs of Island residents who played hockey anywhere from 1927 to 1938. Some of these players were Jim Glenn, Max Beaubien, Fred Neilson, Sterling Glenn, Bob Tugwell, Earl Tugwell, Chester Tugwell, Les Glenn, Albert Taylor, Tom Cochrane, Gordon Tugwell and others who participated from year to year. Arenas were scarce being only in Napanee and Kingston. Outdoor rinks were at Bath Forest Mills, Odessa, Wilton, Yarker and Tamworth. Although the teams never competed formally in a league, they played exhibition games against teams from bush leagues right up to Queen’s University Collegiate teams.

Equipment was both store bought and home made. The first goalie pads were made by Jim Glenn. Heavy leather mitts were used by the goaltender as well as most of the defence and offense. Only a few had regular hockey gloves. Stirling Glenn made his first hockey pants nearly ruining his mother’s sewing machine in the process. No helmets or face masks were worn. The rest of the equipment ranged right down from full equipment to just skates and a hockey stick. Hockey sticks were bought but were one-piece construction.

Although these teams never really played other teams on a regular basis, they were quite a formidable opponent, and a well respected team. In the prime of his hockey career, Fred Neilson was said to be one of the

smoothest and fanciest stick handlers in the area. Gordon Tugwell was known for a hard, accurate

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wrist shot, while his brother Bob, was scouted by the Detroit Red Wings of the NHL once in his career. Chester Tugwell was an incredibly fast skater. Stirling Glenn was a very dependable defenceman.

Transportation was a very different style as compared to today's various modes. Many a time a tarp was thrown over Fred Neilson's cattle truck and the team headed for their destination in the back. Also Art Drumgoole would take them across the ice by horse and sleigh, where Clare Wagar would pick them up and bus them to their game to a tune of 25¢ a player.

Although these competitors enjoyed very few luxuries which are offered to today's athletes, they still braved all the inconvenience to participate. It was a show of love for the sport and willingness to compete with the best of teams. All the hockey players of that era should, and forever should, be honoured for their determination and loyalty to the sport of hockey.

What Bone Are You?
from a Masonic newsletter

Someone once said that the membership in an organization is made up of four bones:

There are the Wish-bones, who spend all their time wishing that someone else would do the work....

There are the Jaw-bones who do all the talking but very little else..

Next come the Knuckle-bones who knock everything that everybody else does....

And finally there are the Back-bones who get the Load and do all the work.

So what bone are you?

He that thinketh by the inch
And speaketh by the yard
Should be kicketh by the foot

Statistics to a speaker are much like a lamp post is to a drunk - i.e. they are more often a source of support than a source of illumination.

Statistics are likened to a bikini - - what is revealed is uninteresting, and what is concealed is revealing.

The Poor Secretary

If the secretary writes a letter

It's too long.

If he sends a postcard

It's too short.

If he attends a committee meeting

He's butting in.

If he stays away

He's a shirker

If he duns the members for dues

He's insulting

If he fails to collect the dues

He's slipping

If he asks for advice

He's incompetent

If he does not

He's bull-headed.

If he writes his reports complete

They are too long

If he condenses them

They are incomplete.

If he talks on a subject

He's trying to run things

If he keeps quiet

He's lost interest in the meeting

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,

If others won't do it, the Secretary must.

He was a very cautious man
Who never romped or played
He never smoked, he never drank
Nor even kissed a maid.

And when he upped and passed away
Insurance was denied
For since he hadn't ever lived
They claimed he never died.

Beware

He who puts a dollar on the old brass plate
May get up to heaven first class rate
But he who puts a quarter on the old brass platter
May go up to heaven as second-class matter;
If you put a dime on the plate at the pew
You may just manage to pull through
But if you put a button on the plate for collection
You are going to heaven in the wrong direction

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Memories Of The Past
(re-printed from the original newspaper article)
1954?

Removes 2 Stretcher Patients
By Kay Porter Staff Correspondent
Stella, Amherst Island -

We arrived here at 10.30 a.m., Tuesday, on the first trip made by the tug Salvage Prince after it had sailed here direct from Kingston and rushed two patients to a waiting Reid ambulance at the Millhaven dock, en route to Kingston General Hospital.

The patients were Mrs. John Filson, 71, who has a bronchial condition and an ailing heart and an Amherst Island girl, Jill Glenn, 10, who injured her arm quite seriously when she was jammed against a barn door on her father's farm by a fractious horse.

With Dave Phippen, who also left school to take some pictures for The Whig-Standard, we boarded the Salvage Prince at Millhaven, but the bus we travelled on from Napanee was a bit late (for us) and we just missed the unloading of the boat.

In fact, the ambulance was just pulling away as we climbed hurriedly from the bus. The ambulance was a bit too fast for us.

The situation here on the Island has improved greatly with the arrival of the tug, although there are problems and discomforts still to solve. The tug can bring some supplies, but it can't carry vehicles or take the farm produce to market.

The parts needed to repair the ferry Amherst Islander will not arrive, it was said, until the end of the week.

The food supply on the island was one of the big questions and to make the situation worse one of the largest grocery stores was burnt out a week

ago.

Although there was little more than smoke damage all the food supplies were unfit for use afterwards.

Fred Neilson, joint owner of the store said that the fire had broken out at 7:30 o'clock in the morning and was caused by defective wiring. His son, Jimmy had noticed the smoke in the back of the store. He estimated the stock damage at \$7,000.

The islanders feel that a great deal of credit goes to Mrs. Clifford Glenn who is a nurse and is "doing wonders" for the islanders. Mr. H. C. Burleigh has on several occasions gone to the island to help the sick.

Mrs. Leslie Glenn, another general store owner, said that "now the ice is gone we don't feel so hemmed in, and as soon as the ferry is fixed we hope everything will be all right."

Another difficulty with not having the ferry operating, is that gasoline supplies are getting low because the Salvage Prince is unable to bring this supply to the island.

The population of the island is approximately 450 in number and the island is 12 miles long, 3 miles wide. They have been without ferry service for a week.

The opinion of the islanders on the whole situation was well described by one islander who said, "We're pretty angry right now, we've got a wonderful boat and nothing to run her."

The ferry broke down a week ago when it had been out breaking ice for about an hour. It is quite certain that the boat could have made the crossing had it not been for the transmission and reduction gear breaking down.

Alex Glenn, the engineer of the Amherst Islander, of which William Cochrane is captain, said the parts to fix the ferry must come from Vancouver.

In the meantime the Salvage Prince will make three crossings a day, which will enable food supplies to be brought in. However, this will not help the farmers to get their produce to market as this boat is not large enough to accommodate livestock.

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Regular Council Meeting Apr 6. 1982

- Jacqueline Sylvester

A delegation of Mrs. Jessie DeMaine and Mrs. Gwen Smith from Bath came to invite our community to participate in the United Empire Loyalists Bicentennial celebrations that are being planned for 1984 to 1992 in the Bay of Quinte region. Suggestions were made that we could write a history of the Island, or of the first settlers. We could look up the original Crown Deeds given on the Island. Some communities are hoping to plan a costumed celebration, possibly arranging a re-enactment of the landing of the Loyalists. A central committee is being formed to co-ordinate activities and to distribute funds in the area.

Our Building Inspector expressed concern over the number of on-going building permits - one from 1978, three from 1979, twelve from 1980 - particularly since our municipality has had difficulty in getting the county assessor over to have assessments made, based on the percentage of completion, for tax purposes. Three new building permits were issued, two for new homes, and one for a renovation.

The finance committee estimates our 1982 budget will be very similar in its total to last year's budget.

A committee of adjustment is to be formed to deal with applications for a minor variance from the provisions of our zoning by-law, providing that the general intent and purpose of the by-law are maintained.

A licence to raffle a quilt has been issued to the Women's Institute.

An anti-rabies clinic is to be held on April 16th from 6:15 p.m. -8:45 at firehall. {this last work was hand written after the Beacon was printed which I suspect was the case for that month's print run}

The Recreation Committee is to hold a dance on Fri., May 21st. {the date was hand written after the Beacon was printed which I suspect was the case for that month's print run}

New Bill to Give Complete Gun Control in Canada
Submitted by Brian Ward

The Liberal Government of Canada has made plans for a new gun control bill to be introduced to parliament this coming year.

This new G.R. Control Bill, known as 0451 is being proposed because the Liberals claim that Bill C-51 has not prevented gun crimes.

The following provisions are contained:

All retail sales of firearms to be handled through a new government agency only.

Applications must be made to purchase any firearms, and must be posted and published before approval, to allow people who oppose the application to register a complaint. Possession of any firearm by police permit only.

Compulsory registration of all fire-arms by serial number.

Permit holders must file annual reports as to the use and condition of all firearms in their possession, if owner does not use any firearm or has no lawful need of it, the firearm becomes subject of confiscation.

No firearm may be disposed of by sale, barter, gift or bequest. At decease of owner, all firearms in his possession must be turned in for immediate disposal and destruction by the police. Rifles and shotguns will be classified as restricted weapons, permits will specify time, place and conditions of use.

All unregistered firearms will be declared as "prohibited" and confiscated on discovery. Criminal charges against owner become mandatory. Only police and military may possess handguns, semi-automatic or full automatic.

Any firearm may be declared "prohibited" at any time by order in council, and becomes automatically subject to immediate seizure, without recourse by the owner to either appeal, redress or compensation.

If you believe in the right to purchase and own a gun, you will have to act immediately. Show this article to everyone who is interested and start writing to your elected officials.

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Humour

Monday's Ad:

The Reverend A.J. Garven has one TV set for sale. Telephone 432-5771 after 7 pm and ask for Mrs. Donnelly who lives with him cheap.

Tuesday's Ad:

We regret any embarrassment to Reverend A.J. Garven caused by a typographical error in yesterday's paper. The ad should have read: The Reverend A.J. Garven has one TV set for sale cheap. Telephone 432-5771 and ask for Mrs. Donnelly who lives with him after 7 pm.

Wednesday's Ad:

Reverend A.J. Garven informs us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of an incorrect ad in yesterday's paper. It should have read: The Reverend A.J. Garven has one TV set for sale cheap.

Telephone 432-5771 after 7 pm and ask for Mrs. Donnelly who loves with him.

Thursday's Ad:

Please take note that I, Reverent A.J. Garven have no TV set for sale. I have smashed it. Don't call 432-5771 anymore. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Donnelly and until yesterday. Mrs. Donnelly was my housekeeper.

Friday's Ad:

Wanted, a housekeeper, usual housekeeping duties. Good pay. Love in. Contact Reverend A.J. Garven, telephone 432-5771.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The March meeting of the Institute met at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Strain on Wed. March 17 at 8 p.m. and was also a St. Patricks party as each one exchanged a homemade corsage or a homemade card and everyone brought a green lunch.

The meeting opened in the usual manner with Mrs. Irene Glenn the president and had the opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and O Canada. The secretary treasurer, Mrs. Diane Gavlas gave the minutes and financial statement and read the correspondence.

Three ladies from the County Museum in Napanee visited our branch and discussed with us about putting an antique display of Island things in the Museum and hoped to have it ready for September and would hopefully remain there for one year. If anyone has any antiques they wish to display we would appreciate it very much to make our Island display a success. They also told us they would be insured. One of the ladies Mrs. Poole spoke about the historical society and would be glad to get any history of the Island and famous people. She is trying to follow up some of the late Dr. Burleigh's history and hopes people will get in touch with her in Napanee.

The space for the display in the Museum is to be 15 feet by 30 feet and must tell the history of the area, so the articles will not be extra large articles.

The Institute ladies are taking a bus trip Thursday April 15 to the Erland Lee Home and will be taking articles which have been made by our members to be sold which will all help aid repairs to the home. They will also be going to the Adelaide Hoodless Home. The bus leaves the Wayfare Restaurant, Napanee at 8 a.m.

We also had a letter from the ISLE committee wanting the ladies to put on something for their talent night show to be held April 29 at the school.

Tickets will be ready shortly to be sold on the quilt for a dollar or fifty cents a ticket and the draw will be June 16 at the meeting.

There will be a benefit euchre held on Saturday April 17th at 8 p.m. in the Amherst Island School in aid of the Canadian Cancer Society. The program convenor of Consumer Affairs Mrs. Georgie Allison gave us the story of the Strathcona paper mill. It started operating in 1922. They use a lot of re-cycled paper. The meeting closed with the Grace and God Save the Queen after which everyone enjoyed the green lunch for St. Patricks. The next meeting will be

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held on April 21 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. All reports for the year will be read and election of officers will take place. The Institute are also hoping for some new members this year.

Cards of Thanks

I wish to thank all my Island friends and neighbours for their kindness during my brief stay in hospital in March. Also the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for their visits.

Thanks again

Phyllis Welton

We would like to say thank-you to all our friends and neighbours for the cards and acts of sympathy after the loss of a dear father and grandfather.

Your kindness is very much appreciated so again, thank-you.

Sincerely

Phil, Liz, Jason & Jamie Silver

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital and since my return home. I would also like to thank the ladies of St. Paul's P.C.W and St. Alban's A.C.W. for the visits and gifts. They were all much appreciated.

Sincerely

Ralph Wernp

Euchre

In Aid of Cancer Society at A.I. School Auditorium

Saturday April 17 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Amherst Island Women's Institute

If Unable to Attend Donations May Be Given to Any W.I. Member.

Receipts Given

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A Memory From The Past
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Death of William Glenn at Stella
Additional News Items and Personals - Lake Free of Ice
Stella, March 15. -

The sudden death occurred on Thursday evening, March 10th of one of Amherst Island's oldest citizens in the person of William Glenn, Sr., aged 85 years. He had been in poor health for a few weeks during the winter, but had practically recovered. The aged gentleman had just finished his evening meal when he suddenly expired.

The late Mr. Glenn was a well-known and respected farmer of the Island. He was a Presbyterian in religion, a Liberal in politics and a member of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends. The deceased is survived by his wife and five daughters: Mrs. S. A. Strain, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. Goslen, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Gates, Kingston; Mrs. N. Glenn and Mrs. Edward Fleming of Amherst Island, and four sons: Samuel Glenn, Detroit, Mich.; Robert Thomas and William of the Island.

The largely attended funeral was held on Saturday from the old home when the service was conducted by the pastor of St. Paul's Church, the Rev. J. Vint. Loughland, to Glenwood cemetery. The pallbearers were six nephews of deceased, R. A. Caughey, D. Caughey, S. Miller, J. Miller, Capt. A. Glenn and William Glenn, Jr.

Among relatives from a distance were Mrs. Gates and Miss B. Gates, R. A. Caughey and Capt. Alex Glenn, Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Strain and Miss Edna Strain, Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Goslen and Samuel Glenn, Detroit, Mich.

Owing to the continued mild weather the ice in the bay is becoming unsafe for travelling on.

It is expected that the Rev. R. G. Fry will move into the new manse which has been recently completed this week. It is located on Bay street north. Peterson Bros. and E. Welbanks and their families have moved to Long Point for the fishing season, after spending the winter in the village.

The annual meeting of the patrons of Stella cheese factory was held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon. Weather permitting the factory will open on April 1st. Donald White, the new cheese maker, is moving to the factory house in the village. R. Onslow, Kingston, the new cheese maker who has been secured for the Emerald factory, is also moving to that place.

E. McMullen, Emerald, has moved his hay press to James Eves', Lake View. Dr. H. S. Northmore, Bath, has been on the island nearly every day of late, so much sickness has been reported. The lake has cleared of ice and our fishermen are getting their nets in the water once again.

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Council Meetings
Tom Sylvester

Council met in special session April 13 and discussed the Miller Municipal Drain situation with Alex Graham, drainage engineer, and Peter Radley, legal counsel.

A committee of adjustment was appointed. This committee, upon the application of the owner of any land, building or structure affected by our restricted area (Zoning) by-law, may authorize such minor variance from the provisions of the by-law, as in its opinion is desirable for the appropriate development or use provided that in the opinion of the committee, the general intent and purpose of the by-law is maintained.

Members appointed	Term
Chester Tugwell	3 years
Heather Welbanks	2 "
David Vrooman	1 "

May 4 - Regular Session

Mr. Ron Heaney from Thorne Riddell was present to review the 1981

Financial Statement and 1982 budget estimates.

The Township financial position has improved from one year ago. There has been an increase in working capital reserve. These funds reduce the township bank loan on a short-term basis and are available for unexpected capital costs in the future.

The township proportion of tax in arrears to total tax was 15%, an acceptable figure. The increased interest rate charged to due taxes will likely encourage payment.

The township bank interest and charges constituted the largest single general government expenditure last year, \$9617, nearly 23% of the same. Evidently, MTC grants for ferry operation will be received on a more regular basis, with the effect of reducing the municipal bank borrowing.

1982 Budget Estimates

Expenditures	
General Government	40,400
Roads	80,666
Development Road	236,842
Ferry	632,221
Working Capital	<u>4,071</u>
	995, 000
Revenue	947,528
To raise through Municipal Taxes	47,472

I found it sobering to recognize the ratepayers in this township are paying directly approximately 5% of the 1982 budget.

Ron Heaney noted no expenditures for municipal drain expenses have been budgeted since funds would be raised by debenture when the drain is approved. If there is no approval, the township would have to raise funds to pay the incurred expenses.

The resulting mill rates from the 1982 budget estimates were up a total of 9% to 237 and 279 mills for residential and commercial assessments respectively. The increase is entirely due to higher requisitions for elementary and secondary schools.

Ron Heaney concluded by expressing confidence in the budget, and felt island ratepayers should be pleased as well.

The requirements for a demolition permit will be at the option of the owner if one wishes to have one's assessment reduced based on removal of an existing building, or one that disappeared years ago. It is thought this

may point out the reward of formally demolishing some of our dilapidated buildings.

Council has accepted Earle Tugwell's resignation with regret and expressed their appreciation for his many years of service, not only on the ferry but for the telephone company as well.

A notice has been posted for applications for deckhand - deadline May 26, 1982.

Council has called for tenders for the supply, crushing, spreading and stockpiling of gravel for the

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development road project and for the usual township requirements. Closing date for the tenders will be June 21.

Six new street lights will be installed on the "Stella 40 ft" from the dock to Harry Filson's and in the proximity of the town hall.

The honouraria per meeting for the members of the Committee of Adjustment was set at \$25.00 each. The application fee for the Committee of Adjustment was discussed.

The Emerald property (Pt. Lot 12, Con. 1) is to be relisted with Raycraft Realty (Marlene Frolich) with the price reduced to \$2,900.

Oral History Project on Amherst Island

Sally Bowen Ian Murray

Four summer student jobs have been created locally by the approval of a student employment grant from the federal government. Two of the positions have been filled by Cathy Wilson and Ian Milligan, two students enrolled in post-graduate studies in the History Department at Queen's University. They bring considerable practical experience and training to the project. The other two jobs are available to local high school students. Applicants must be enrolled at Napanee Manpower. The main qualifications are basic office skills, especially typing, and the ability to work well with others.

The purpose of the project is to gather information from the memories of older island residents about their lives on the island. With the aid and advice of the staff of our public school, the information will be made available to public school students as a supplement to their regular historical studies. The material gathered in the interviews will also be used in articles for the Island Beacon. It is possible that some of the historical

data and documents may be of interest to historical societies or museums.

While the primary funding source is the federal government, the Beacon is also contributing some money. Several local residents have promised assistance and offered the loan of office equipment. The principal of the public school Mike Flanagan, has indicated that part of the public school would be available as an office for the project.

All concerned in this endeavour hope that you will encourage and support the students in their efforts to carry out a worthwhile historical project that will be of interest and a benefit to residents.

Re Our Recent Isle Talent Night

A. Bruce Caughey

The large crowd who attended the recent "Talent Night" sponsored by the "ISLE organization" in the Amherst Island Community Centre, certainly were rewarded with a fine performance and certainly the continuous rounds of applause gave indication of the enjoyment that prevailed from the opening choruses by the members of the Amherst Island Glee Club to the tremendously humorous closing "skit" presented by the members of ISLE.

There is no doubt that the contribution to the program by the Glenn Orchestra brought forth nostalgic memories and there were many who listened to their beautiful renditions of those danceable numbers which never grow old, did so with lumps in their throats which they found hard to swallow and a goodly number of the older folk found it hard to keep tears from their eyes as they were carried back in memories to the countless hours of pleasure and enjoyment which this group of people, along with others, brought to the people of our Island community.

Someday, I propose to write at greater length concerning this family orchestra which down through the years was so much a part of our Island entertainment. I will content myself for now by saying, "Thank you Tena, Stirling and Leslie" for the pleasure which you gave we old timers, and as you played, we remembered other members of the orchestra, Alex and Max, who are no longer with us and, of course Ben, who is a resident of Providence Manor.

The Women's Institute's "Family

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Album" was also a nostalgic memory and so well done. It brought back to

my memory a "Family Album" presented at a concert by the St. Paul's Church Women on March 17th, 1928, and arranged by Miss Arline Miller (now Mrs. R. K. Earls). She had a large cast and she presented her album with a great deal of wit and humour - I am sure those of us who saw that presentation could never forget the "poses", particularly The Minister portrayed by William Glenn (Eva and Edna's father) and Little Willie, portrayed by Robert Marshall (Ruth & Helen's & Harold's father). Both were jovial men and sat without a move, while they longed to laugh with the audience who enjoyed their poses so much.

Thanks ISLE for a fun-filled evening, so rich with memories.

Softball

- Doug Shurtliffe

Amherst Island UTDC Midget-Juvenile Softball team will begin its season at home on Monday, May

17. The Heritage Softball League has expanded to seven teams this year. This will offer more competition and variety than other years.

We look forward to your continued support this year and we guarantee game after game of intense competition.

Please keep the list below for a reference of UTDC games.

Monday, May 17 - Arnherstview vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15 p.m.

Wed., May 19 - UTDC vs Bath - Bath - 8:15

Monday, May 24 - Newburgh vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15

Thurs., May 27 - UTDC vs Arnherstview - Odessa - 6:15

Thurs., June 3 - UTDC vs North Fred. - North Fred. - 6:15

Sunday, June 6 - UTDC vs Kingston Twp - Kingston Twp. - 8:15

Monday, June 7 - Bath vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15

Monday, June 14 - South Fred vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15

Tuesday, June 15 - UTDC vs Newburgh - Newburgh - 8:15

Monday, June 21 - Kingston vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15

Monday, June 28 - North Fred vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15

Monday, July 5 - Arnherstview vs UTDC - Amherst Island - 7:15

Wed., July 7 - UTDC vs South Fred - South Fred. - 8:15

Sunday, July 11 - UTDC vs Kingston Twp - Kingston Twp. - 8:15

Talent Night

ISLE would like to thank the Glee Club, Tena Filson, Stirling and Les Glenn, Anglican Church Women, Presbyterian Church Women, Women's

Institute, Sherry Ward, Steven Ward, Trudy Strain, Julie Forester, Steven Willard, Senior Sunday School, Yvonne Lavigne, 1st Stella Cub Pack, and everyone else who participated as performers and audience. It was a warming experience to see so many members of the community willing to participate to promote fun as well as displaying a great variety of excellent talent.

Thanks for a Grand Evening

I would like to congratulate ISLE for the most entertaining evening April 29. It was a unique idea and most successful. All the groups that participated did a fine job and certainly we have a great deal of talent in our community. Needless to say, the audience played a superb part in this undertaking. Most of the community were gathered together this fine evening, each having his own role-actor, supporter, worker and, I believe all of us have some fresh ideas to mull over in our quiet moments. Again, thanks to ISLE for making "Talent Night" happen.

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Island News

The spring seeding is progressing favourably and was helped by the spring rain of the past weekend.

"Get well" wishes go out to many of our residents and friends who have been and still are on the sick lists: Leslie Glenn, Jack McCormick, Wendy Shurtliffe, Myrtle Veech, Phyllis Welton, Mr. Densem, Arnold Smith, Francis Welbanks, Amy Caughey, Fred Neilson, Jack Bews, Syl Apps, Dorothy Kilpatrick, Ralph Wemp, Douglas Gavlas, Alice Compesu and Bert Glenn.

John and Mary Hall and Sheila and Shannon Eves have been vacationing in Florida.

The "Talent Night" sponsored by the ISLE People was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Many of our residents who spend the winter elsewhere have returned to their Island homes for the summer.

Jack and Madlyn Kerr and Neil Babcock visited Cuba during the winter.

Chris Willard, a recent graduate of St. Lawrence College in Business Administration, will be taking a position in Eastern Ontario.

Sympathy is extended to the families of the late Mrs. Wills, Molly

Apps, Harry Glenn, Lucien and Anne LaVoie, Cathy Lewis, Alec Glenn and John Kimmett.

W. Bruce Caughey has been hired as Secretary-Treasurer of Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company replacing Marie Ward who held the position for over two years.

Tom and Marjorie Brown have moved to the Gavlas apartment in East Stella.

Roy and Colleen Nourry and Jason are spending some time at the Smith cottage.

Work crews from Ontario Hydro are replacing poles and power lines on the Front Road and 2nd Concession.

Cattle are to be arriving this week to Quinte Pasture on Concession 2.

Barry Strain is now employed by the Department of Health in Kingston.

Much credit is due to the choir of the Amherst Island Public School and their leader, Mrs. Forester, for their performance at Grace United Church, Napanee, on Sunday, April 25th. The service opened Education Week in Lennox and Addington County. Two of our students, Sherry Ward and Julie Forester were winner's in the essay contest on the theme "Growing Together."

Rev. Allan Read, Bishop of Ontario, met with the congregations of St. Albans and St. Pauls at a pot luck dinner recently in the school gym. Rev. Read showed slides of a Passion Play at Oberammergau which he attended. His son, Michael, took the slides.

Irene Glenn, Louise Seaman, Lulu Strain and Marian Glenn, members of the Women's Institute, and Syke Fleming enjoyed a bus trip to the Erland Lee Home, Stoney Creek, and the Adelaide Hoodless Home near Brantford.

Howard and Noreen Welbanks attended the Blessing of the Fishing Fleet and the Fish Fry at Picton on Sunday.

The Baseball season is getting underway and the teams are busy practising.

Mr. & Mrs. John Gavlas recently became the parents of healthy twin girls. Congratulations to the grandparents, Ed. and Leslie Gavlas.

Bill Brown is employed by a Swimming Pool Company on the mainland

Louise Seaman is to be hostess for the P.C.W. meeting this month and Phyllis Babcock for the A.C.W meeting.

We were surprised to learn that Howard Welbanks was unable to tuna fish. We thought Howard should know all there was to know about a fish.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who was so kind and thoughtful to me during my stay in hospital and after I came home. The cards, visits, flowers, candy and all the good food were appreciated so much - wish I had the space here to thank each one individually but I don't, so to each of you good people - my sincere thanks.

Dorothy Kilpatrick

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The Amherst Island Women's Institute

Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of the president, Mrs. Irene Glenn, on Wed., April 21 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Glenn opened the meeting with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The Roll Call was the payment of fees. Mrs. Diane Gavlas, the Secretary-Treasurer, read the minutes, financial statements and correspondence.

The Branch are invited to a Friendship Tea on Wed., June 2 from 2-4 p.m. to Hay Bay Women's Institute. The District Annual will be held on May 12 in Trinity Church. Napanee. Registration is at 9 a.m. Maple Leaf Institute Branch are the hostess this year and the theme is "Year of the Seniors."

The 85th anniversary of F.W.I.O. will be held August 12 in Toronto. Guest speaker will be the president of the A.C.W.W.

Mrs. Marian Glenn read a newsletter put out by the county museum. She also gave an account of the bus trip to the Erland Lee Home and Adelaide Hoodless.

The proceeds from the euchre in aid of cancer fund amounted to \$251.

The Treasurer read the minutes of the annual meeting and gave financial statement for the year. Also, the auditor's report was given and found correct. Then reports of all standing committees were given.

The President thanked everyone for the successful year we had and announced her retirement and turned the chair over to Mrs. Lulu Strain for the election of officers. Also, the Sec.-Treasurer, Mrs. Diane Gavlas, announced her retirement.

The new list of officers for 1982-83 are as follows:

President - Mrs. Georgie Allison
Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Louise Seaman

2nd Vice Pres. - Mrs Jackie Sylvester

Sec.-Treas. - Mrs Phyllis Strain

District Director - Mrs. Marian Glenn

Alternate Dist. Director - Mrs Irene Glenn

Pianist - Mrs. Louise Seaman

Good Cheer Leader - Mrs Phyllis Welton

Auditors - Mrs Ena Baker & Mrs Jane Miller

Convenors -

Agriculture and Canadian Industries - Mrs Ena Baker Citizenship and

World Affairs - Mrs Jane Miller

Education and Cultural Activities - Mrs. Lulu Strain

Family and Consumer Affairs - Mrs Jacqueline Sylvester

Resolutions - Mrs Marian Glenn

Public Relations Officer - Mrs Thelma Howard

Tweedsmuir History Curator - Mrs Genevieve Fleming

& ass't Reta Miller

Delegates to the District Annual - Mrs Marian Glenn,

Mrs Georgie Allison & Mrs Anne Hitchins

Delegates to Area Convention in Sept in Napanee is the new president Mrs Georgie Allison and alternate delegate Mrs Louise Seaman.

Mrs Allison announced there would be a meeting on Mon., May 3 at 8 p.m. at her home to plan programmes for the year. The retiring president, Mrs Irene Glenn, presented the Institute badge to the new president, Mrs Allison. The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen after which lunch was served. The next meeting will be held on May 19 at the home of Mrs. Marian Glenn.

Notices

The Township of Amherst Island is accepting applications for the position of deckhand for the Amherst Islander.

Please apply in writing by Wednesday, May 26, 1982.

D. Pearce

Clerk

There will be a Glee Club practice and meeting at the home of Mrs Beth Forester on Thursday May 27 at 8 p.m. Come on out and enjoy singing. New recruits are needed (especially men).

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Education Week

The pupils in Mrs Forester's class wrote about Education Week. Here are some excerpts from their accounts. (Unfortunately there was no name attached to some of the material.)

Trudy Strain-

To start off the week Amherst Island Public School went to Grace United Church in Napanee and sang 3 songs, which I will admit we did pretty good {a couple words obscured} to enter the church I just about died - I thought St Paul's was big. This one was enormous!

Sherry Ward-

For the Education Week essay contest I won first place in the County finals. I got \$10.00. I did not think I would get it, but I did. I didn't think I would because there is more competition in the County.

Mike Strain-

For Education Week we also went to Grace United Church. Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Forester thought of it. At the church we sang the Lord's Prayer, Prayer for our Country and Growing Together.

No name-

Talent Night was April 29. My mother was a cat and was in the jug band.

Reg Hitchins-

We went to Grace United Church. They liked to hear us sing. We liked to be there. I was excited.

Steven Ward-

It was very unusual for two County winners to be in the same school. Especially in a small school, like ours. (re Talent Night) By the sound of the audience, I think it was the best performance the Island has ever put on.

Shannon Eves-

The big night on Amherst Island was Talent Night. Many people were watching and acting. There was dancing, plays, commercials, and music.

No name-

On Thursday night there was a Talent Night. There were lots of plays and commercials, piano solos and songs.

No name-

The whole school went to Grace United Church. It was a big church. Lots of people were there. On Talent Night ISLE put on a performance The Dating Game. It was funny. My mom was in it.

No name-

After a disappearance of 20 years the Glenn orchestra played.

Kirk Collins-

The Dating Game was the funniest.

Ricky Welbanks-

(re Talent Night) I think that ISLE should put on another one.

No name-

My favourite play was by the Presbyterian Chickens.

Advertisements

For sale - Baby stroller in very good condition. Men's Quartz watch, excellent condition, only used twice. Convertible bicycle, for boys or girls age 5 to 10, size 14" frame 389-3562

Topsy Farms is available for custom haying again this summer. Call Chris at 389-0554 or Ian at 389-3444 after 6 p.m.

Your local Real Estate Market- Property for sale on Amherst Island.

A charming 7 room older house, immaculately kept, large treed lot, bathroom on 1st and 2nd floor next to 2 bedrooms and possible 3rd one. Oil heated with workshop and garage.

Permanent home or cottage lot approx 3 miles from ferry, 1/4 acre.

Farmland good deep tillable soil asking \$350 per acre, with financial assistance.

I do have several clients wishing to rent a cottage or home for the season and for 1 or 2 years depending on location and type of house. If you have such a property please contact me at 352-7562 evenings, Marlene Frohlich - Agent for Raycraft Real Estate Ltd., Realtor - - 352-7567 evenings.

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A Memory of 54 years ago. {reprinted from the original newspaper article}
April 1928

Amherst Island Men Rescued As Boat Was Drifting Out Into Lake
Man at Lemoine's Point Saw Distress signals - Police Despatch Rescue
Boat - Quick Work

Five men from Amherst Island, Arthur Drumgoole, Robert Reid, John
Tugwell, Hugh Glenn and Edward Reid had a narrow escape from
drowning on Saturday evening.

They had come to Kingston to remove a corpse to the Island for burial,
and on the return trip the engine of the motor developed trouble and a
driving wind from the west sent them drifting out into the lake.

A call was sent into the Kingston Police station by Mr. H. R. Wartman
of Portsmouth who noticed the boat drifting and the men making distress
signals off Carruthers' Point. Detective Mullinger, who took the message,
immediately notified Captain Pyke of the Pyke Salvage Co. It so happened
that steam was up on the Salvage Prince and in less than five minutes from
the time he received the call Capt. Pyke was on his way.

It was just outside the last buoy that the Salvage Prince overtook the
drifting boat and the men and boat were brought safely to Kingston. On
Sunday morning they continued their journey to the Island.

Easy over

Believe it or not, it's been researched and documented that little girls
tend to learn earlier than little boys how to tie their shoes.

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best
of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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The Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Marian
Glenn on Wed. May 19 at 8 p.m. The meeting opened by the new president
Mrs. Georgie Allison with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by
O Canada. The minutes of the last meeting and financial statement were
given by the new secretary-treasurer Mrs. Phyllis Strain. Correspondence
was read.

The roll call was "Your opinion on how the W.I. has contributed to the
culture of our country". It was decided to have a benefit euchre in aid of the
blind in October.

Mrs. Marian Glenn, Mrs. Anna Hitchins and Mrs. Phyllis Strain were
chosen on a committee to prepare the Napanee Fair exhibit which is
entitled "Pioneer Days". The ladies were asked for an item of programme
for June 2 when the ladies were invited to visit the Hay Bay Branch.

Mrs. Jackie Sylvester gave her report on her trip to the conference at
Waterloo and thanked everyone for sending her. She told us that each
member of the W.I. is a public relations officer and talked about the
challenge of the eighties. We also need all races in our Institute. Mrs.
Marian Glenn gave her report from the District Annual held in Napanee.
Maple Ridge Branch will be the hostess for the Annual next year. The
program was very interesting and enjoyed hearing the songsters from the
Lenadco Home for the Aged in Napanee. Five hundred and thirty dollars
was given to Arc Industries to help with their building. The Hawley Branch
prepared the Memorial Service this year.

The A.C.W.W. is to be held in Vancouver this year. The area
convention is to be held in the Ambassador motel in Kingston in
September.

The president, Mrs. Georgie Allison presented life membership pins to
Mrs. Genevieve Fleming and Mrs. Nellie Neilson, two of our oldest
members, and who have been members the longest. Both ladies expressed
their thanks.

We discussed buying five booklets for programme files and to keep
convenor reports in. Ten dollars was given to help with the 4-H clubs.

The programme on cultural affairs was given by Mrs. Phyllis Strain in
the absence of Mrs. Lulu Strain who was ill. She gave an interesting

reading by Edith Chapman on "Culture in the Kitchen", then closed with a singsong.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen and lunch was served by the committee. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lulu Steam on June 16 at 8 p.m. and we will be entertaining the dairy princess and also have the draw on the quilt the tickets have been sold on.

Council Meeting June 1

- Ian Murray

Due to my own carelessness I didn't attend the meeting. Here are the highlights I have obtained from the unofficial minutes and from talking with the Township Clerk, Diane Pearce.

There were 10 applications for the vacant ferry deckhand job. David Fleming is the successful candidate.

The Township will receive \$2000 toward work on public buildings.

Trailers, insurance, cemetery, committee of adjustment, road calcium, roads, fire department and so on were also discussed.

Notice - Township of Amherst Island

Trailer Licenses

Please be advised that pursuant to By-law Number 450 the Township of Amherst Island requires the licensing of trailers located in the municipality for 30 days or longer unless it is located on the registered owner's property which is usually used by him as a permanent residence, only for the purpose of sale or storage.

License fee - \$20.00

The maximum length of time a trailer can remain in the municipality is 60 days.

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Attention Residents Of The Township Of Amherst Island

Notice to Destroy Noxious Weeds

Under the provisions of the Weed Control Act of the Province of Ontario, Public Notice is hereby given to all owners and occupants of subdivided lands within the Township of Amherst Island that unless noxious weeds or weed seeds in any subdivided lands in the Township of

Amherst Island are destroyed by 15th of June 1982 the Council of the Township has directed the Weed Inspector for the County of Lennox and Addington, to cause the said noxious weeds or weed seeds to be destroyed in such a manner as he may deem proper and that the expenses incurred by the said Inspector in the discharge of his duty shall be placed in the Collectors Roll against the respective parcels contained and that such amounts shall be collected in the same manner as taxes under The Municipal Act.

Dated at Amherst Island this 25th of May, 1982.

The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Diane Pearce,
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Amherst Island

Percy McCaugherty,
County Weed Inspector,
County of Lennox & Addington,
R. R. 3, Napanee, Ontario
354-4444

Flora MacDonald replies to letter re Gun Control
May 17, 1987

Mr. John R. Hawthorne
R.R. #3
Stella, Ontario
K0H 2S0

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Private Members Motion introduced by the Hon. Warren Allmand, respecting gun control. The Progressive Conservative Party has long held the view that the gun control legislation, as passed in 1977, is not working effectively. The legislation is cumbersome and expensive for police to enforce, and is a source of annoyance to many legitimate gun owners in Canada. Moreover, it does not restrict the use of firearms by criminals who can, and do, secure restricted weapons illegally.

You may be interested to know that the Clark government was on

record as intending to conduct a full public review of gun control legislation. This initiative was subsequently taken up in February, 1981, when my colleague, the Hon. Allan Lawrence, placed a Private Members Motion before the House of Commons, calling for a detailed review of the firearms control provisions of the Criminal Code by the Commons Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. The intent of Mr. Lawrence's bill was to have the Committee conduct hearings across Canada at which the public would be invited to give its views and suggestions for changing the gun laws. Unfortunately, during the one hour allotted to the debate, the motion was talked out by the Liberal Party members, so that it could not be voted upon. For your interest, I enclose a copy of Mr. Lawrence's comments which were made in February, 1981, and which continue to represent my Party's policy on this issue.

I can readily appreciate your concern with regard to Mr. Allmand's motion, but it should be stressed that this is a Private Members Bill, without government sanction. It has little chance of being called for debate but, more importantly, the Solicitor General, Mr. Kaplan, has stated publicly that he does not agree with the bill and has no intention of implementing the gun control measures proposed by Mr. Allmand.

Sincerely,

Flora MacDonald, P.C.

M.P. Kingston and the Islands.

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Local "Record of the Past" Project Gets under Way

Perhaps you've seen us driving by in a Plymouth Fury, at an auction sale or on the ferry. In any event you will be seeing more of Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson from now until the first of September. We are the supervisors of the Amherst Island Oral History Project (1982) that is being sponsored by the Summer Canada Student Employment Program. Working with us are two local girls, Pauli Bulch and Bev Wemp.

This summer we will be researching the history of the Island. The month of June will be spent digging through documents, old newspapers and other sources in order to get a good grounding. In July, we hope to supplement this material by talking with the Island's older residents about what life was like years ago. We'll be interested in church socials, cutter rides across the bay, agricultural practices and many other things that were regular events, but not recorded. Our main goal is to collect and preserve a

record of the past by interviewing Island seniors.

These interviews and other sources will be available to anyone interested. In particular, we will be preparing an historical walking tour of Stella for the Island's Public School and profiles of the individual family farms around 1881. No books or other comprehensive documents will be written, but it is possible our collection of historical data may be of interest to local historical societies or individuals.

We are really enthusiastic about this job and hope our previous practical experience and skills will enrich the project. Jan is a Masters student at Queen's University working in Canadian Social History and interested in researching the local area using oral evidence. She has been working on a Belleville project for her thesis. Cathy is also a graduate student in History at Queen's and has spent the past two summers doing an oral history project in Huron County. Pauli and Bev will be invaluable for their practical skills

and their Island heritage. The project has received \$8,925 from the Summer Canada Student Employment Program. Cathy and Jan's summer wages combined will be \$4,550. Pauli and Bev will receive a total of \$2,800. The remaining \$1,575 will be used for tape recording equipment, transportation, office supplies, etc. Details of the project agreement are available upon request. As of June 28, our office will be located in the Public School's French Room. Until then, we are available at 389-4334.

Hoping to meet you soon, and many thanks to all those who have made us feel welcome already.

Jan & Cathy

Dear Friends:

Did you grow up on Amherst Island? Did you dance to the Glenn Orchestra at an Island social? or attend school in Stella? Do you remember the cheese factories or did your dad fish in the bay?

If you lived on Amherst Island for any length of time between 1900-1935, Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson, graduate students in the department of history, Queen's University at Kingston, would like to talk to you about your experiences. They are currently employed in the collection of an oral history of Amherst Island. The project will explore the daily events of island life.

You don't have to be a History buff to participate. These students are

interested in recording the experiences which have been left out of History books, the sorts of things that everyone did or know about, like taking a trip across the ice in winter or a summer's picnic at Sand Beach, watching the cattle being loaded off the Stella wharf or visiting the general store in Emerald.

If you are interested or feel you can help in any way, please write to the "Amherst Island Oral History Project, 1982", c/o General Delivery, Stella, Ontario, K0H 2S0.

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or call Jan and Cathy at 389-4334.

Cards Of Thanks

The family of the late John Edward McCormick (Jack) would like to take this opportunity to recall to you a card of thanks Jack wrote for the Island Beacon which read as follows:

"My sincere thanks to all my friends, and relatives for their kindness while I was hospitalized during this past winter. Each day as the many gifts arrived from friends and community groups my pride as an islander swelled, this community has for me, as it has for so many others, proven there is still a sense of love and respect for one another on Amherst Island. Sincerely, Jack McCormick"

We could not have worded our feelings any better to show the way we feel about the support we have received during this time. Jack will always be with us in our memories and may God bless him and each and everyone of you that have reached out to us in any way possible, with love, cards of sympathy, food brought to our homes, donations to the Cancer Society, and many other things too numerous to mention. During this time of sorrow we will always treasure the fact that Jack was so well liked and remembered as we hope he will be forever.

Lois McCormick and family

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbours who shared in the loss of our dear nephew Jack. And for cards, phone calls and visits to our home with words of sympathy.

Special thanks to all.

Avery, Annie and Reta Brown.

We would like to thank our wonderful family, relatives, friends, neighbours who made our 25th Anniversary such a happy occasion. Thank you for the lovely gifts, money and cards.

A special thanks to those who were involved in all the arrangements. It was all deeply appreciated.

Thank you,

Ted & Faye Wemp,

Dear Island Friends & Kinfolk:

This is to thank those who have written notes and cards and phoned and came back to see me since Norah died and my present hospitalization - I hope to be better soon but many hopes gang agise. I've had ten clergy and their wives in to see me - a real blessing.

This is an A1 hospital which is not to compare but simply state a fact. My brother-in-law, George Burton, is returning to Canada next week and will be up to see us. He'll miss Norah who used to be with him when he came to the Island. He'd fish all day long with his power boat up at the beach. Some of you will remember them. Arline and I have our two stand by's, Dorothy and Vera, here for awhile. They're kind and considerate and we love them dearly, God bless and keep you all.

Rev. R. K. Earls.

Advertisements

Property for sale on Amherst Island. Contact Marlene Frohlich - Agent for Raycraft Real Estate Ltd. Call evenings 352-7562

1. A charming 7 rm. older house immaculately kept, large treed lot bathroom on 1st and 2nd floor next to 2 bedrooms and possibly 3rd. Oil heated with workshop and garage.
2. Permanent home or cottage lot approx 3 miles from ferry, 1/4 acre.
3. Farmland, good deep tillable soil, asking \$350 per acre, with financial assistance.
4. I have several clients wishing to rent a cottage or home for the season, and for 1 or 2 years depending on location and type of house

Township of Amherst Island 1982 Budget Estimates
Expenditures - General Government

	1982 estimates	1981 Budget	1981 Actual
Council honoraria	3750	3,000	2,980
Election expenses	1200		
Salaries, Payroll costs	4350	4,200	3700
Materials, supplies, services	3500	3100	3,694
Insurance	1200	1100	985
Travel expenses	100	100	48
Munic. bldg— Hydro, Maint.& repair	1300	2370	1245
Professional fees	4000	3,700	3300
Interest, bank charges	9000	9,000	9617
Building inspection	2000	1,800	1,684
Street lights (includes replacem't)	2500	1,800	1,128
Park maintenance	300	500	520
Sanitation	1000	750	672
Planning	1000	5,300	8,049
Fire	6000	8,000	6,553
	40400	44,720	44175

Expenditures	Roads	80666	
	Development road	236842	

Ferry	632221	
Working capital	4071	
	<u>995000</u>	995000

Revenue		
Road subsidy	60500	
Ferry subsidy	587.966	
Ferry revenue	44255	
Development road subsidy	225000	
Telephone taxation	1369	
Resource equalization grant	12865	
General support grant	3734	
Per capita grant	4939	
Building permits	500	
Penalty on taxes arrears	1800	
Surplus	4600	
		<u>947528</u>
To raise		47472

Mill Rate Summary	Residential			Commercial		
	1982	1981	increase (decrease)	1982	1981	increase (decrease)
General	82	83	-1	96	98	-2
County	15	14	1	18	17	1
Elementary School	72	61	11	85	71	14
Secondary School	68	60	8	80	71	9
	237	218	19	279	257	22

Total mill rate increase 9% (Township mill rate decreased 1.2% - general)

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Softball

- Brian Ward

The 1982 softball season for the children of the Island has started and on May 27th our Mite team travelled to Desoronto to play. They won a close see-saw game by 18 to 16 with all members of the team doing well. The team's second game was at home to South Fred. and the team won again with a strong effort from all 20 to 4. This is a very good start since the kids are playing in an age group of 9 & 10 but the oldest we have are 9 this year.

The Squirt team started their season at home to South Fred. and lost the game 13 to 8 but it was a very close match up until the end. These kids are also playing in an older grouping this year 11 & 12 but our team has only two 12 year olds.

Our team lists and schedules are included in this issue so take a look at the schedule and come watch the games.

Chad Miller
 Sherry Ward
 Amy Caughey
 Mike Strain
 Tracey Hitchins
 Reg Hitchins
 Jason Silver
 Laura Wemp
 Richard Dodds
 Coaches:-
 Brian Ward
 Garry Hitchins
 Bob Horth

Amherst Island 1982 Teams

Mite

Jeff deHaan
 Jeff Forester
 Hugh Filson
 Mike Horth
 Peter Horth

Squirt

Steven Willard
Trudy Strain
Nicky McGinn
Tessa Fabian
Kirk Collins
Donnie Miller
Steven Ward
Adam Miller
Julie Forester
Teddy Binas
Rick Welbanks
Sandra Wilson

Coaches:-

Brian Ward
Earle Willard
Lloyd Strain

Boat Time Amherst Island 1982 Mite Schedule

5:00	May 27	Amherst Island	vs	Deseronto (1) Diamond (1)
N/A	June 3	South Fred.	vs	Amherst Island
N/A	June 10	North Fred. (3)	vs	Amherst Island
5:00	June 17	Amherst Island	vs	Selby
5:00	June 24	Amherst Island	vs	Deseronto (3) Diamond (2)
5:00	July 8	Amherst Island	vs	Deseronto (2) Diamond
N/A	July 15	North Fred. (1)	vs	Amherst Island
N/A	July 22	North Fred. (2)	vs	Amherst Island

Deseronto Diamond #1 - Green Street)

Diamond #2 - Brant Street) Both opposite Canada Optical

Boat Time		Amherst Island 1982 Squirt		Schedule
N/A	June 2	South Fred.	vs	Amherst Island
5:00	June 9	Amherst Island	vs	Desoronto (1) Diamond 1
N/A	June 16	North Fred. (2)	vs	Amherst Island
N/A	June 23	North Fred. (1)	vs	Amherst Island
N/A	June 30	Selby	vs	Amherst Island
5:00	July 7	Amherst Island	vs	Desoronto (2) Diamond 1
5:00	July 14	Amherst Island	vs	Desoronto (3) Diamond 1
6:00	July 21	Amherst Island	vs	South Fred.
N/A	July 28	Desoronto (1)	vs	Amherst Island

Diamonds:- Desoronto (1) - Green Street) across from Canada Optical
(2) - Brant Street)

North Fred. - Home games are on A or large diamond

South Fred. - Small diamond.

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Advertisements

Upholstery - give Diane Gavlas a call at 389-3199

George Gavlas repair shop open for mechanical business. Anything from tea kettles to combines. Will accept barter, especially firewood. 389-3199

Home baking -

All occasion cakes for sale.

Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh products you need

Please call Barbara Reid 389-0675

Dear Amherst Island Residents:

Anyone wishing to take part in the Canada Day parade to be held on July 1, 1982, please contact Alison Turcotte at 352-7886 or at Box 233, Bath.

We would welcome floats, antique cars, clowns, or anything else anyone would like to enter.

Anyone wishing to have a "booth" in the park on July 1, 1992, please contact Alison Turcotte 352-7886 or at Box 233, Bath. The cost is \$5.00 per table.

We would especially welcome some entries to our parade from your area.

We also extend an invitation to you to take part in our Canada Week celebrations.

Sincerely,
Alison Turcotte, Sec.
Canada Week Committee
Box 233, Bath, Ont. K0H 1G0

Note: A list of events is contained in this issue of the Beacon. Please note that the Horseshoe Tournament has been changed as follows:
25 June 82 - 6.00 p.m. Horeshoe Tournament - Bath 623 Legion Pits Hwy #133 at Hwy #33

Sale Sale Sale
2+ cords dry, split hardwood
1 shuffleboard table
1 black and white TV
1 pinball machine
Pingpong tables and other miscellaneous games.
Property of former Tonti Recreation Club. Proceeds to Amherst Island Recreation Committee. Best offer received by June 22nd. Contact Art Ackerman 389-6425

For sale - Baby stroller in very good condition.
Men's quartz watch, excellent condition, only used twice
Convertible bicycle for boys or girls age 5 to 10 size 14" frame.
389-3562

Topsy Farms is available for custom haying again this summer. Call Chris at 389-0554 or Ian at 389-3444 after 6 p.m.

Wanted to buy:
A baby crib in good condition
Call 389-0386

Humour
Teacher: Remember class, a job well done the first time will not have to be done again.
Student :What about cutting the lawn?

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June 24 - July 1, 1982
Have A Ball In Bath, Ontario
Canada Week
1982

Please Patronize and Support These Merchants Who Have Been Kind Enough to Lend Us Their Support - Thank You

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Amherstview Supermarket
Amway - H. Podhy Representative
Bath P.U.C.
Bath Hairstylist
Bath & District Lions Club
Bud's Auto Service
Brownlee Cartage Co.
Burger King
C.K.L.C.
C.K.W.S. T.V.- Barry Dale
Canada Cement Ltd
Celanese Canada Ltd.
Empire Life Insurance Co.
Fancy That
Gibbard's Furniture
H. Riley's Garden Centre
The Heritage
Jean City
The Long Branch
Lidden Photo Centre
Laura Secord
Lennox & Addington County Council
Margan Loyalist Lodge
McDonald's Family Restaurant
The Napanee Beaver
Napanee Trophies
The Olde Anchor

Pam's Flower Garden
The Pine Cupboard
Plants & Things
The Royal Bank of Canada
S. & R. Department Store
The Sports Locker
C. Schoenwandt, Gen. Contractor
Shorney's Optician
623 Bath Royal Canadian Legion
Shop the Travel Broker
Urban Transportation Development Corporation
The Village Shoppe
Village of Bath
Voyageur Colonial
Masonic Lodge - Club '78
Walmsley Greenhouse

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Schedule of Events

June 19, 1982

9:00 a.m. Men's Baseball Tournament Sportsplex
11:30 a.m. Lion's Club Chicken B.B.Q. Sportsplex

June 20, 1982

1:00 p.m. Men's Baseball Finals Sportsplex

June 24, 1982

7:30 p.m. Miss Teen Bath Pageant St. John's Hall

June 25, 1982

6:00 p.m. Children's Bicycle Rodeo Sportsplex
7:00 p.m. Strawberry Social St. John's Hall

June 26, 1982

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Men's Horseshoe Tournament Legion Pits
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bath Museum Open Layer Cake Hall
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Canada Week Dance St. John's Hall

June 27, 1982

1:00 p.m. Interdenominational Service Lawn of Municipal Bldg.
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bath Museum Open Layer Cake Hall
3:00 p.m. Pet Show Centennial Park
6:30 p.m. Children's Movies Masonic Hall

June 28, 1982

6:30 p.m. Ladies Scrub Baseball Game Sportsplex
6:30 p.m. Teen Boys Pool Tournament Longbranch Pool Hall

June 29, 1982

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Club Tea & Sale Layer Cake Hall
7:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Concert St. John's Hall

June 30, 1982

6:00 p.m. Judging - Cake Decorating Contest St. John's Hall
7:30 p.m. Ratepayers "Talent Night" Concert St. John's Hall

Canada Day - July 1st

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Craft & Refreshment Booths Centennial Park
11:00 a.m. Canada Day - - Parade Leaves Bath Public School
12:00 - Noon Official Ceremonies Bath Public School Lawn
12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Club '78 - Beef on a Bun Served at Masonic Hall
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Bath Museum Open Layer Cake Hall
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Children & Adult Races Centennial Park
5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Club '78 - Fish Fry Served at Masonic Hall
6:00 - 10:30 p.m. Bath Lions Family Dance Old Anchor Grounds

Happy Birthday Canada

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A Memory Of 25 Years ago.

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1957

Amherst Isle School Holds Field Day

By Keith Miller

Stella - The field day of Amherst Island Central School got under way with a "bang" on Monday afternoon.

A marching pageant opened the events in which all the school participated. The events started about two o'clock and with the help of a few parents most of them were over by four o'clock.

Following are the results:

100-yard dash,

senior boys - David Wires, Ralph McKee, Keith Miller;

intermediate boys - Eric Welbanks, Larry Hefford, David MacCrimmon, Donald Wheeler, Allan Veech; junior boys - Joe White, Jack White, Grant Wemp,

Gordon Miller;

senior girls - Brand Wemp, Dorothy Willard, Marilyn Miller;

intermediate girls - Marion Gibson, Hazel Gibson, Myrle McKee;

junior girls - Jill Glenn, Carolyn Eves, Leslie Ann Glenn.

High jump:

Senior boys - David Wires, Keith Miller, Ralph McKee;

intermediate boys - David MacCrimmon, Larry Hefford, Eric Welbanks;

junior boys - Jack White, Grant Wemp, Douglas McCoy;

senior girls, Rosemary Miller, Brenda Wemp, Dorothy Willard;

intermediate girls, Hazel Gibson, Marion Gibson, Myrle McKee;

junior girls, Carolyn Eves.

Running board jump:

Senior boys - David Wires, Keith Miller, Daniel Claus;

intermediate boys - Donald Wheeler, Eric Welbanks, Larry Hefford;

junior boys - Gordon Miller, Grant Wemp, Jack White;

senior girls - Dorothy Willard, Marilyn Miller, Rosemary Miller;

intermediate girls - Marion Gibson, Hazel Gibson, Janke Witteveen;

junior girls, Carolyn Eves, Jill Glenn, Leslie Ann Glenn, Sharon McCoy.

Relay race:

Senior boys and girls -

(1) Keith Miller and Dorothy Willard; (2) Wade Gibson, Marilyn Miller, Lloyd Strain, Allen Caughey; (3) David Wires, Donna Strain, Brenda Wemp, Stanley Claus;

intermediate boys - Larry Hefford, Eric Welbanks, Donald Wheeler;

junior boys - Bobby Wemp and Joe White, Bobby McGinness, Douglas McCoy, Gordon Miller and Jack White;

intermediate girls - Marion Gibson, Myrle McKee, Beth Caughey;

junior girls - Colleen Gallagher, Jill Glenn, Sharon McCoy.

Shot put:

Senior boys - David Wires, Ralph McKee, Wade Gibson;

intermediate boys - Harold McGinness, Eric Welbanks, Alan Veech;

junior boys - Grant Wemp, Jack White, Joe White;

softball throw:

senior girls - Dorothy Willard, Marilyn Miller, Doris Willard;

intermediate girls - Hazel Gibson, Marion Gibson, Myrle McKee;

junior girls - Pat Eves, Colleen Gallagher, Jill Glenn;

200 yard dash,

senior boys - David Wires, Keith, Wade Gibson;

intermediate boys - Eric Welbanks, Larry Hefford, Donald Wheeler;

junior boys - Joe White, Douglas McCoy, Raymond Wemp and Hugh Filson;

hop, step and jump,

intermediate girls - Hazel Gibson, Janke Witteveen, Beth Caughey;

junior girls - Jill Glenn, Leslie Ann Glenn, Pat Eves;

440 yard dash,
senior boy's - David Wires, Keith Miller, Ralph McKee;

220 yard dash,
senior boys - David Wires, Keith Miller, Wade Gibson;

standing broad jump,
senior boys - Lloyd Strain, David Wires, Daniel Claus;
senior girls - Dorothy Willard, Rosemary Miller, Marilyn Miller.

The junior classes ran novelty races and were awarded balloons, candies, and chocolate bars as prizes. For the intermediate and junior classes Hazel Gibson won the trophy with a total of 15 points: Eric Welbanks was runner-up with 13 points. For the senior class David Wires won the boys' award with a total of 21 points: Keith Miller was runner-up with 12 points.

For the girls' senior class Dorothy Willard won the award with a total of 15 points: Marilyn Miller was runner-up with a total of eight points. [It would be interesting to see these same people do these same events today! Anyone for a re-match?]

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Council Meeting
Ian Murray

Haying season amnesia struck me and I forgot to attend the regular Council meeting. Diane Pearce, Township Clerk, discussed the meeting proceedings with me and it appears to have been an orderly meeting with only regular business attended to.

Rideau Valley Art Festival
- Annual Exhibition and Sale
Shirley Miller
Place - Westport, Ont. at the Arena
Dates - July 15 - evening "Preview Show" - Wine and Cheese - Advance tickets only.
- July 16 and 17 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- July 18 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Who - 100 regional and international artists either in person or represented by galleries.

What - Paintings, sculpture, prints and some art ceramics.

I will be taking part in the show if anyone has any questions. The advance tickets for the evening of the 13th are \$5.00 and can be obtained from -

Rideau Valley Art Festival
Box 99, Westport, Ont. K0G 1X0
or phone 613-273-2949.

A Near Emergency
- Sally Bowen

Last week, my son, Jacob, accidentally got a mouthful of liquid vitamins. The hospital poison control centre said to take him in to have his stomach pumped. I asked to speak to the doctor and Ian called Irene to hold the ferry. The doctor agreed I should keep him home and give him an emetic to make him vomit. I did, and Jacob is fine.

Warning To Parents: Keep Syrup of ipecac at home be used at doctor's instructions. If we had gone to town, his system would have absorbed most of the vitamins before we arrived. With a serious poison, the time and distance would have been dangerous.

Once we calmed down, I decided to find out the correct procedure to contact the ferry. I knew the radio facility was at Cardinal, but wanted to know the best method to follow. I called Kingston O.P.P. who suggested Amherstview Police, who suggested Napanee Police, who suggested the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. The right person was not in, so they suggested Marine Distress centre who suggested calling Cardinal directly.

Comment It is outrageous that these resource authorities in our area do not know the correct procedure. What can we do to ensure they are better informed?

The Cardinal radio people do not wish to be phoned directly because they do not have the authority to change the ferry schedule, merely the means to contact them. They have been misused before. They prefer to receive calls from the O.P.P. or the ambulance service.

I was called by Doug Thompson of M.T.C. who suggested the Correct Procedure: Call the operator. Say you must place an emergency call directly to anyone on the Amherst Island ferry. Give her your name and phone number and hang on. She connects to the Brockville operator who

connects to the Cardinal marine radio who connects you to the ferry captain. This method is preferable because it eliminates any middle man. If the Cardinal number is busy, the operator can interrupt.

Mr. Thompson told me that the Wolfe Island Volunteer Fire Department and Council have an ambulance. They purchased a C.B. radio and obtained the Ministry's permission and assistance to have a C.B. installed in the ferry.

Should we consider the possibility of such a system?

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Island News

Get well wishes to Mr. Densem, Tena Filson, Eldon Willard, Imnants Amerik, Arthur Hinch, Bill Sippel, Moutray Wemp and George Mygind.

Work has started on the front road project again.

New homes are being built for Eric and Janice McGinn and Bob and Dianne Marshall.

Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson, who are doing an oral history of the Island, have been welcomed to the P.C.W., A.C.W., and W.I. meetings. They are also interviewing several island residents.

Some Island residents attended events held during Canada Week at Bath, such as the fish fry, strawberry social and ball tournament.

Gordon and Juanita Glenn entertained members of the Strain and Glenn families at a family reunion recently.

Teachers, students and parents enjoyed a closing of school picnic at Jack Kerr's residence and the Sunday School picnic was held at the Presbyterian Church after a service where the guest speaker was Rev. Allan Read, Bishop of Ontario.

Relatives of Annette Phillips and Christopher Willard attended their graduations from Community Colleges.

Phil and Liz Silver and boys have moved to their new residence on the lake shore and Dale Filson, Tracey and Hugh are moving to the house vacated by the Silvers.

A successful annual street dance was held by the Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday night. Dorothy Kilpatrick, Noreen Welbanks and Harold Belmont were among those who were lucky in the draws.

Doug Shurtliffe is now mate on B crew on the Amherst Islander and David Fleming is deck hand on A crew.

Vaughan McMullen and family have taken up residence in the Bruce

Caughey house on the 3rd Concession. Glad to see Vaughan's "Chip Wagon" in operation again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon from Clearwater, Florida, are visiting their daughter, Jane Miller and family.

Ed and Donna Chadband and Ted and Faye Wemp have returned from visits to Western Canada.

Relatives from Holland have been visiting at the homes of Hans and Hazel deHaan and Chester and Tina Tugwell.

Paul, Carol and John Glenn, Coppercliff, have been recent visitors at the homes of Les and Irene Glenn and the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadman are spending some time at their cottage on the Point, also Mr. and Mrs. Tompkinson at their cottage.

Many others of our summer residents are enjoying a holiday here.

An enjoyable afternoon was held at the school in late June when members of Grade 8 and the Kindergarten class held their graduation exercises. A programme by the students was presented, awards given and beautifully decorated cakes and tea were served.

Chris Bustard, Laurie Willard and Pauli Bulch have completed their education at N.D.S.S. and will be attending St. Lawrence College, Kingston, in September.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The June meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute met at Mrs. Lulu Strain's home on June 16 at 8 p.m. The president, Mrs. Georgie Allison, opened the meeting in the usual manner with the Ode and Mary Stewart collect followed by O Canada. The Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Strain, read the minutes and gave the financial statement.

Correspondence was read.

The roll call was to bring a jar of preserves to be auctioned from which a profit of \$13.35 was made.

The convenor of Agriculture, Mrs. Ena Baker, introduced Miss Tammy Jackson, the Lennox and Addington Dairy Princess and she chose as her topic her trip to Ottawa in April and met Her Majesty The Queen who was here on the occasion of the signing of the Proclamation of the Constitution Act 1982. She was accompanied by her husband His Royal Highness

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Duke of Edinburgh. Miss Jackson also gave a questionnaire on dairy products. She is also going to compete in the competition in Toronto in August. Mrs. Ena Baker thanked Tammy on behalf of the Institute and presented her with a small gift and then gave a contest on names of fabrics.

Then Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson, the supervisors of the Oral History Project (1982) spoke to the ladies and explained just what they would be doing through the summer months here. They are going to be researching the history of the island. They are being sponsored by the Federal Gove

Whatever doubts he may have had about the suitability of this little pink checked English schoolboy for the heavy farm work, were kept to himself as he introduced me to his two sisters, Becky and Sarah, and his white bearded father in the rocking chair beside the stove. I was welcomed into the home with a warmth I shall never forget, and their kindness made those first few homesick weeks bearable. I had to wait till my own letter telling of my arrival and new location reached England, before my family could reply. My first letter from home arrived a month later, and no mail was ever more welcome!

No time was lost in learning the meaning of 'Chores'. My jobs included cleaning out the cow and horse stables, pig pen and hen house. It was a real revelation to me to see how much good 'fertilizer' could be produced each day. Climbing up to the mow to throw down hay for the day's feed was fun after that. Then off to gather the eggs from all the curious places the hens found to lay. I gleefully reported that one hen had layed three eggs that day! There was plenty of teasing over my naive ignorance of farm life. But it didn't take long to catch the meaning of all the different farm expressions which sounded so confusing at first. Heifers 'Coming around' and 'Coming in' didn't necessarily refer to their wanderings! And the feisty rooster didn't deserve to be slaughtered just because he did nothing but chase the hens all day. Setting the 'broody' hens was a novel experience and the resulting flock of fluffy chickens were an endless source of delight for me. I marveled at the way each hen could collect her own little family from among that chirping throng. There was nothing but sympathy though for the hen who hatched ten little ducks, then spent her days clucking frantically on the edge, while her brood frolicked in the muddy barnyard pool. How she ever stood the smell as they snuggled under her each night amazed me.

Milking was the hardest skill to learn. My hands seemed incapable of coaxing more than a trickle of milk from the uncooperative cow, who took one look around at me and promptly put her foot in the pail. But perseverance prevailed, and it wasn't long before I could milk three or four cows each day. My greatest yearning was to drive a team in the field, but Willie felt I was a bit tender to stand walking behind the harrows all day, so had his brother-in-law out to help with the seeding. But I would hustle out to the fields at quitting time, for the chance to drive one of the

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teams in to the barn, and help unharness and feed them. From the first day

on the farm I was a confirmed horse lover and no work was too hard if it contributed to their comfort and well being. It was a pleasure to curry and pet them. Willie noticed this, and more and more allowed me to handle them, so that before Fall I was working my own team, and very proud of it.

Church union was a very hot issue at that time, with many neighbours bitterly divided between continuing Presbyterians and those who chose the United Church. It was hard for me to understand the cause of all this bitterness, but it was taken for granted that I would be a Presbyterian. My first Sunday on the Island I donned my little Eton jacket and striped pants, hitched up the grey mare to the buggy, and proudly drove to the beautiful church on the hill with Becky and Sarah. It was easy to see that few present had ever seen the Sunday dress of an English private school, so this proved quite novel. Rev. Laughland was the minister at that time, and showed considerable interest in my emigration and background. My reception by the congregation was most warm and friendly. However, I never again wore my Sunday dress suit, which somehow seemed out of place in this simple country church.

Amherst Island Firefighters Association

- Warren Kilpatrick

Due to the luck of having nice weather and a good crowd of people, Islanders and Mainlanders alike, the 4th annual Firefighters street dance was a great success this year. With good music from Evan Wills and good food from Vaughn McMullin, people stayed long into the morning. Also, prizes were handed out for the raffle and several spot dances were carried out. I will give a list of the raffle prize winners;

- (1) Weedeater - won by Dorothy Kilpatrick
- (2) Wood splitting axe - won by Noreen Welbanks
- (3) 40 oz. fire extinguisher - won by Harold Belmont
- (4) 26 oz. fire extinguisher - won by Tony deHaan

I would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting an Island function and also thank them for their kind donations which go to the Amherst Island Fire Department.

Hope to see you next year, second weekend in July. Everyone welcome!

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Prevention Of Disabilities - Whose Responsibility

by J. R. Sarney from Rehabilitation Digest

Understandably, most rehabilitation organizations are primarily concerned with care and treatment of disability rather than the prevention of disabilities through pre-natal and perinatal care of immunization. However it seems that the logical organizations to take a stand and advocate better preventive practices are the organizations that are concerned with disabled and handicapped persons.

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An article in a recent edition of the Medical Post dealt with the subject of immunity to measles and pointed out that Canadians stand ten times the chance of contracting measles than do residents of the United States. The simple reason is that Americans are required to be inoculated against the disease and Canadians are not.

The most recent statistics from the United States highlight the difference. Despite the difference in size of population, the U.S. had fewer cases of measles last year than we did in Canada. Americans suffer six cases of measles per 100,000 population. Canadians experienced 58 cases per 100,000.

While all U.S. States have adopted mandatory inoculation programs that require children to be vaccinated before they enter school, provincial

authorities in Canada are balking at such a system. Only New Brunswick under its Schools Act with the support of legislation under the Health Act, requires proof of inoculation against measles, rubella, diphtheria, mumps, polio and tetanus before children are allowed to start classes.

Health officials in other provinces are afraid mandatory inoculation programs would violate personal freedom. One must wonder at what point a person's "freedom" begins to impose on the collective freedom. It seems difficult to argue that we are doing anyone any favours by preserving his "right" to contract an illness.

A few years ago in Oxford County, Ontario, six members of the "Netherlands Reformed Congregation" which discourages vaccinations, contracted polio. Apart from the fact that these were the first cases of the disease in the province in five years, news of the illness caused a panic as others hurried to bring their vaccination certificates up to date.

While measles will never be a life or death situation, it seems fair to suggest that Canadians need to be protected against themselves. Adherents of the "Netherlands Reformed Congregation" are fairly limited in number, but more common are parents who are negligent in having their children inoculated. They are the ones who account for the 20% of our school population without measles shots, and they are the ones who would respond to a mandatory inoculation program.

The Ontario Ministry of Health disagrees with such a proposal, arguing that given the choice people will do what is good for them. Yet even Ontario will begin this fall to demand immunization records for students attending school, even if there is no requirement that they be immunized.

Although public awareness programs will bring the situation before Canadians, voluntary vaccination is not the answer people do not necessarily do what is good for them. One need only refer again to the American experience: in two and one half years the United States has virtually eradicated measles. If current levels continue there will be 75% fewer cases of the disease in the United States this year than there were last year. A more dramatic illustration is that over a one week period in 1960 there were over 10,000 cases in the United States. In the same one week period this year there were 38 cases.

It is curious that many of the provinces which "violated" personal freedom by imposing seat-belt legislation are opposed in principle to the idea of using legislation to meet health care objectives.

The argument in favour of mandatory seat belt legislation was that a person's "right" to refuse to wear a seat belt was outweighed by the community's right to take action to reduce the rising medical costs as a

result of that refusal. It is simply another form of preventive medicine and the cost effectiveness is well known.

Perhaps the experience of New Brunswick's legislation will become the catalyst and will set an example for all other provinces to adopt.

Programs of immunization obviously have to be mandatory as very clearly demonstrated by our neighbours to the south. It would seem that it is the responsibility of the voluntary sector to advocate such legislation as well as to continue to provide public awareness programs that address the importance of immunization.

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Family Reunion

The Glenn and Strain families held a family reunion on June 27th at the home of Gordon and Juanita Glenn on Woodbine Road, Kingston Township. It gave the relatives the opportunity of meeting Robert, the five month old baby son of Francis and Lucy Glenn and Gordon's grandson, and to celebrate the birthday of Francis Glenn and Leslie Strain. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all at noon and the afternoon was spent visiting.

Those present were Francis, Lucy and Robert Glenn, Blenheim; Murray and Roberta Glenn, Ottawa; Maurice and Hazel Reynolds; Ron, Janet, Lori, and Jeffrey Hamilton, Trenton; Nancy and Jamie Innis, Belleville; Bob and Valerie Howard and Cathy Ritchins, Kingston; Chris Willard, Cornwall; Leslie Strain and Lillie Reynolds, Amherstview; Charlie and Thelma Howard; Marshall and Marion Glenn; Lloyd Phyllis, Trudy and Michael Strain; Earle, Donna, Laurie and Steven Willard; Lucille Brown and Barry and Lulu Strain, all of Amherst Island.

Many thanks to Gordon and Juanita for their hospitality and the coffee cups made and presented to each family and cousin by Juanita.

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A Memory
reprinted from the original newspaper article in 1958.

1958
Amherst Island Cemetery Recalls Family Chronicles
By Nanetta Glenn
Stella - At a recent funeral in Pentland Cemetery, on Amherst Island, some of the younger generation of Amherst Islanders saw for the first time the graves of their ancestors.

The latest dates to be seen are William H. Preston, 1931; Margaret Preston Scott, 1945, and Rev. Arthur P. Scott, 1954. These graves are near the entrance and so were accessible at that time.

But from the time the Glenwood Cemetery was begun in 1886, with the burial of one named Sandy Glenn, on the hill by the Presbyterian Church, the older cemetery gradually became neglected. By 1950 it was a brave person who would try to get far into the dense underbrush to locale family graves.

About that time, Rev. Arthur Scott decided to restore this historic site. He interested the township council and since his death in 1954 the council has seen that the project was carried on. Ernest Wolfreys and Sheridan Patterson have done most of the work.

Many stones were broken, and on some the lettering could not be deciphered. As many as possible have been repaired and placed as near their original positions as possible.

The oldest stone is in memory of a Pendleton child who died in 1831. Some say the cemetery was meant to be named "Pendleton". But there is another early grave marked "Mary J. Pentland, died September 16, 1837, aged 39 years," which seems to explain why the name "Pentland Cemetery" is used.

The old stones are full of interest. So many of them tell a story. Or give you a clue to a story so you want to find out the rest of it. So many died young. You wonder why. It couldn't have been car accidents in those days.

Two stones tells of sailing accidents: One reads "Robert Stanley Burleigh, died August 18, 1865, by a fall from the topmast of the schooner, Star of Hope, aged 24 years." Another in the same plot reads "John Lyndhurst Burleigh, who was drowned in Lake Michigan, August 29, 1870, aged 34 years." From family stories we know he was washed overboard in a storm.

Many verses on the stones are intriguing. One I studied for al long time and got all but one line:

Pause, stranger, pause, nor lightly read,
----- shed

The severed bough the withered leaf
Here shrouded in perennial grief
For moistened with the orphan's tear
The Widower's hope lies buried here.

Another, erected to Hugh Polley in 1857, who died at the age of 40, reads:

A ransomed sinner rests beneath,
Who surely triumphed over death;
Wash'd in a Saviour's precious blood,
Stamp'd with the Image of his God,
Clothed with the saints all glorious dress,
A Saviour's spotless righteousness.

In the centre of the cemetery in a plot marked off by metal railings are the graves of Daniel Fowler and his family.

He was a Canadian artist who chose a quiet life on Amherst Island rather than the life he might have had as head of the Art Gallery in Toronto. Near him lies his son, Reginald Fowler, 1845-1923, who became a member of parliament. And in the same group, Annie Rothwell Christie, 1837-1927 whose poetry I gained her a place in the book "Important Men and Women of Our Tune," published in 1890. The story of Richard Rothwell beside Mrs Christie's would be unusual among those of today. It reads "Called suddenly All Saints' Eve, 1874." Other plots enclosed by chains or railings are Howards, Hitchins, Morrows, Wellers and Macintoshes.

In walking through the cemetery the number of children's graves strikes

you. And from comments made by older residents it seems there are many children buried there whose graves were never marked. Most of the stones tell the child's age in years, months, and days, and many have touching verses. One beautifully shaped little stone is an example:

Annie V. Kirk

Died, October 17, 1879.

Aged 1 Yr., 7 Mos. and 1 Day

The little one but tasted

The cup of pain and woe;

And then away she hasted

Where joys unceasing flow.

A stone in one of the Glenn plots bears the names of five children who died in 1882. There is no explanation there, but many islanders know the story of the family that was almost wiped out with diphtheria. This story and many others come to mind, and many family relationships are figured out, when time is taken to study the old stones.

As so many people commented after Mr. Gibson's funeral, a wonderful renovation job has been done. Neglected much longer, it would not have been possible, and much local history would have been lost.

To quote Lady Tweedsmuir: "After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future."

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Regular Council Meeting Aug. 4, 1982

- Ian Murray

1. A delegation headed by Myrtle Veech voiced complaints about some irregularities in the car "line ups" on the mainland side. The ferry manager, James Neilson, promised to mention the problem to the ferry captains and crews.

2. Lloyd Clare discussed with Council a possible presentation to the Minister of Agriculture and Food for Ontario, Denis Timbrell. Mr. Timbrell is planning a visit to the island on Friday August 13.

3. The township building inspector, Norman Allison, brought to Council's attention several violations of the zoning by-law. Bruce Caughey Sr. discussed with Council a possible zoning conflict on his village lot. (Lot 2, North Shore Concession)

The problem of enforcement of township by-laws was discussed.

4. Township Council officially hired legal counsel to negotiate with the Ontario Public Service Employees' union (representing the non-managerial staff of the ferry and road crews).

5. Council discussed the progress of the Development Road.

6. Councillor Glenn reported that the dump was in the worst condition that he's seen it in years. A clean-up will be done as soon as possible.

7. Council discussed the drinking and rowdyism at the recent softball tournament. No resolutions were put forth.

8. Council considered the Ministry of Natural Resources' Land Use Strategy for this area. A resolution was passed to the effect that no more wetlands are wanted on Amherst Island.

Former Resident Praises Garth Orchard's Article

Renfrew, July 30

Dear Beacon;

Your issue we received to-day was excellent. Garth Orchard's article on his arrival on the Island is exquisitely written and like himself entirely genuine. Not long after my own arrival as minister of St. Paul's I found him active in the church and later his brother Keith and then the Orchards Sr. arrived. The family had their first family meal on the manse lawn, kindness of neighbours and with Lake Ontario glistening to the south.

Garth has made a success of his life and has been back to his homeland and a number of other places of note, but he has retained an appreciation that is rare and valuable commodity in days of haste and expediency. His friends remain in that category, even those of us who seldom see him and his family, but recall his many kindnesses and cheery approach to the varied problems of life.

R. Keith Earls

(The Beacon is very grateful to Garth Orchard who has offered to write a series of articles which will appear in this and future issues.)

Chapter Two

- Garth Orchard

The winter of 1929-30 was known as the "bad ice year". Although the bay froze over as usual around New Years, mild and changeable weather caused many weak areas and bad cracks so that only ice-boats or very light rigs could cross. Consequently supplies of all heavier goods could not be

brought in. Coal was the first to run out, followed closely by flour and sugar, then supplies of coal oil for lamps gave out, so that many residents had to go to bed with the sun, or sit in the dark! The few cars that were around were laid up for want of gasoline. The situation was becoming serious by the end of January, and finally Neilsons chartered the ice-breaker tug Salvage Prince from Kingston to tow a barge load of coal and needed goods through the ice to their dock. Most of the population were on hand to see the landing and help unload the precious supplies. It was a day of relieved rejoicing in Stella.

I had my first scary experience

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of ice crossing that month, when it was necessary to get a doctor from the mainland for old Mr. Hill. Willie let me undertake the trip, since I was the lightest weight. We hitched our smallest mare to a light two-seater racing cutter and I struck out for Bath. Much of the ice was 'glare black' where you could see the thickness by the depth of tiny cracks which formed as you drove over the flimsy surface. From two inches down to one inch, which I was told was the absolute minimum to take the weight of a horse. But our old mare was really ice wise (she had been through the ice before and rescued), and trotted gingerly around the worst spots. Dr. Northmore was known as a keen judge of ice conditions, and met me outside the big dock in Bath harbour. He never refused even the most perilous crossing, and the Islanders really respected the simple efficiency and quiet courage of this dedicated doctor. We made the trip to the Island and back to Bath safely, but I learned more about ice conditions from Doc. Northmore that day than any other time. It always amazed me to observe the chalcant acceptance by most Islanders, of the dangers of ice crossing. Each season they would keep driving across until someone went through, and there have been several tragedies over the years.

February turned very cold with snow piled high in all the roads. There was no attempt at winter car travel in those days, and where the roads filled up, farmers would just cut the fence and drive through the fields. After each heavy snowfall it was the duty of various farmers to break a track with their team and sleigh for the mailman, who had to make his deliveries by horse and cutter along the concession roads each day. The mailman was our only contact with the outside world, and a determined, faithful, and obliging man he was! Just a phone call to the store for a badly needed item would see it delivered to your mailbox along with the Whig-Standard and

the Farmers Advocate, which provided the only reading around the coaloil lamp each evening, along with Eaton's catalogue. The most exciting day was when the mailman dropped off the expected parcel from Eatons. You gloated over every goodie you had admired in the catalogue picture, and never minded when they "substituted with a higher priced item at the same price, rather than disappoint you". One thing that always amused me with the girls at the Orange Hall dances. One would glare at her rival in a new dress and mutter "Huh! Eatons, page 79 - \$5.98" They knew them all by heart. Even the material in the pretty homemade dress was expertly appraised, "Looks pretty good for \$1.69 a yard"

My parents had taught me basic needlework in England, so, with long winter evenings to fill, I ordered a bundle of quilting patches, and started cutting and sewing the pieces for a Dresden Plate quilt. When the front pieces were all assembled, Becky got out an old quilting frame, and arranged with a few of the church ladies for a quilting bee to help finish it, and this quilt has been used in my family ever since. Now faded and thinning the stitches have stood the test of time for over half a century; my only remaining souvenir of those happy Island days.

My Dad had written that he was coming out to try for a job in Toronto, and find a house, once he was established, for the rest of the family to join him. So on a crisp 25 below zero day in February, Willie and I drove to Ernestown with the team and sleigh to meet him. With a light English topcoat and a fedora hat, Dad was ill prepared for a Canadian winter. But we bundled him into an old "coon coat" and the overshoes and Yukon cap I had brought, and we settled down in the straw of the sleigh box, covered with a big buffalo robe. Dad was fascinated with this wildly different mode of travel, and I can still hear his delighted "Oops" every time the sleigh dropped into a snowy pothole. We spent a few grand days of companionship before he continued on to Toronto. That winter had seen the great market crash of '29, and the beginning of the great depression here, so he was very fortunate in finding work in his trade, and saving hard to have the family re-join him, which they did the following Fall.

Due to lack of funds for his fare, my younger brother had to wait till later in the Spring of '31.

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Our next door neighbour, Perc. Tugwell, needed a helper, so I arranged for Keith to go to him, when he arrived, under a similar deal to my own entry. Being within sight, we used our Boy Scout training to signal messages to

each other. We spent many happy hours around the piano which was Bessie Tugwell's pride and joy. We all loved to sing, and Bessie had a great library of old songs. This was the first chance I had to pick out tunes on the piano, by ear, which seemed somehow to come naturally to me, and was the start of the musical hobby which has always been a great joy. At an auction that year, a piano manual pump organ came up for sale. I desperately wanted to buy it, and many knew this, so no one bid against me, and it was knocked down to me for \$20, which was all I had. I proudly moved it into the Hill parlour and spent many happy evenings coaxing my feeble interpretations of music from it.

Oral History Project

- Bev, Pauli, Jan and Cathy

We're winding up the Amherst Island Oral History Project (1982) this month and want to thank all those who have made it a pleasure for us to be part of this summer experience. The main purpose of our project was to preserve the recollections of older Islanders that were not often recorded in writing. We asked people about things like their first job, picnics at Sand Beach, and Saturday nights in Stella. These fifty tape-recorded interviews will be deposited in the Lennox and Addington County Museum and most may be used by anyone interested.

We apologize for phoning you in the midst of haying or berry picking, but we wanted to talk to as many Islanders as possible. In particular, we'd like to thank the following people for their hospitality and interesting information: Edna Reid, Jack and Madlyn Kerr, Earnest and Gen Fleming, Nessie and Francis Welbanks, Lulu Strain, Kathleen Wemp, Evelyn Taylor, Bob and Emily Tugwell, Tena Filson, Stirling and Madelaine Glenn, Francis Brown, Bertha Beaubien, Edna and Eva Glenn, Fred and Nellie Neilson, Bessie Tugwell, Gladys Martin, Les and Irene Glenn, Art and Violet Wemp, Gordon and Georgie Reid, Clarence and Alice Hogeboom, Bert Glenn, Peachie Eves, Kenneth Miller, Syl Apps, Sam Reid, David Willard, Arnold Smith, Annie Clyde, Estella Sharp, Henry and Anna Hitchins, Edwin MacDonald, Edgar Lockett, Gordon and Ada Filson, Morrison Scott, Muriel Glenn, Jessie Ellerbeck, Helen and Bruce Caughey, Nerve Drumgoole, Annie Kilpatrick, Helen Bulch, the P.C.W., A.C.W., and Women's Institute and anyone else we have spoken to since then.

In addition to the interviews, we made various trips to Kingston and Napanee to search through traditional sources. We collected information from the census, assessment roll and land registry abstracts for our 1881

farm profile. From the invaluable old scrapbooks, photos, diaries that you shared with us, we have put together a "Walking Tour" of Stella. We carefully looked through Dr. Burleigh's papers, interesting old clippings from the British Whig and Daniel Fowler's diary. Our office in the public school is full of other odds and ends and we encourage you to come and see what we have done.

You are invited to drop in to our Community Night on Thursday, August 26, anytime from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. We'd like to let you see our summer's work and thank all those who have been so helpful. Hope to see you there.

Walking Tour

The complete "Walking Tour of Stella" invites you to muse over the events that occurred years ago in and around the present day Stella. Did you know that the village once had three hotels? Do you remember the horse races that stirred up the dust on Main Street on Saturday nights? These and many other examples of local history and colour are described as you walk around the village stopping at many historical buildings and landmarks that still exist. As of Sept 1, copies of the Walking Tour will be available at the Town Council Office. A sample copy will be posted in the Glenn Store.

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An Excerpt from the "Walking Tour of Stella" Victoria Hall

Can you hear the toe-tapping music of the Glenn Orchestra over the clamour of happy voices and dancing feet? You are approaching Victoria Hall, the hub of village culture and entertainment. Young and old alike attended dances held here every Friday night. Spectators sat in the balcony while dancers swished around the floor doing the fox trot, waltz and square dance.

In 1866 the hall was built by the Orange Lodge, a society to protect and promote Protestantism. Frequently the Orange Lodge and the Prentice Boys, another similar society, held concerts dances and suppers here. Every 12th of July, they would march in full regalia from the hall to the Presbyterian Church outside the village. On New Years Eve, the Canadian Order of Foresters had their annual ball. Many people remember the 5th of

November Ball, for which every young woman wanted to have a new gown. Occasionally, the Select Knights served an oyster supper, the Chosen Friends put on plays, the Stella Driving Club sponsored dances and the Mariners had their annual assembly - - all were held in Victoria Hall.

Reunion

- Beth Forester

Most people enjoy seeing old friends and colleagues again. How about you? Next June will mark 35 years since the first Grade 12 class graduated from the present Amherst Island School building. Of course, at that time, the building housed, as well as the elementary school children, the Continuation School classes too. The last class to graduate from the Continuation School, did so in June 1966. Since that time, students have gone to Napanee District Secondary School.

Since then, many Grade 8 students concluded their education here, and have moved on.

I feel that it could be interesting and fitting to organize a reunion weekend next June or early July. Would you be interested in working on a committee to achieve this? If so, let us become organized at a meeting in early September. For date and place, contact me at 389-5582 or 389-4582.

Subscriptions

- Ian Murray

A one year Beacon subscription costs \$6.15. There are now, says Lynn Fleming, 26 subscriptions.

Money received from Beacon sales in excess of production costs has purchased a typewriter, & a duplicating machine. Recently a \$125.00 donation was made to the Amherst Island Oral History (1982) project.

From August Issue of Agri-News

The Holstein-Friesian Association has announced that the top Holstein herd in Lennox and Addington County for 1981 belongs to James and Mary Neilson of Amherst Island.

The Neilson herd had a composite B.C.A. on 25 records of 161.5 with a herd average of 7687 kg. milk per cow.

Minister of Agriculture Visits Amherst Island

- Ian Murray

Keith Norton, M.L.A., brought his colleague, Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Agriculture, to the Island to meet with local farmers.

Both Mr. Norton and Mr. Timbrell handled themselves with the grace and diplomacy of the successful professional politician.

Several island farmers made presentations to Mr. Timbrell regarding problems in local agriculture. Tensions between those for and against the Miller Municipal Drain were not alleviated during this meeting.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Timbrell were lunch guests at the home of Anna and Henry Hitchins.

Legion News

- Les Glenn, Sec.-Treasurer

The Zone G-1 Convention will be hosted by the local Branch at the Amherst Island Recreation Centre on September 12th.

All members are asked for their help to make this a successful event.

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A Reminder to Property Owners and Tenants

The Act to provide for an Ontario Building Code specifies among other things:

Interpretation: 1(e) "Construct" means to do anything in the erection, installation or extension or material alteration or repair of a building and includes the installation of a building unit fabricated or moved from elsewhere, and "Construction" has a corresponding meaning;
(f) "Demolition" means the doing of anything in the removal of a building or any part thereof;

Building Permits 5(1) No person shall construct or demolish a building in a municipality unless a permit therefor has been issued by the chief official.

(2) The council of a municipality may pass by-laws and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations applicable in the area in which the municipality or Ontario, respectively, has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act,

(a) prescribing classes of permits for the purposes of subsection 1, including permits in respect of any stage of construction or demolition;

- (b) providing for applications for permits and requiring the applications to be accompanied by such plans, specifications, documents and other information as is prescribed;
- (c) requiring the payment of fees on applications for and issuance of permits and prescribing the amounts thereof;
- (d) providing for the refunding of fees under such circumstances as are prescribed;
- (e) prescribing the time within which notices required by the regulations must be given to the chief official or an inspector;
- (f) prescribing forms respecting permits and applications for permits and providing for their use.

Issue of Permits 6(1) The chief official shall issue a permit except where

- (a) the proposed building or the proposed construction or demolition will not comply with this Act or the building code or will contravene any other applicable law; or
- (b) the application therefor is incomplete or any fees due are unpaid.

Notice of Change 6(3) An applicant for a permit shall inform the chief official of any change in any information contained in the application,

The Zoning By-Law for the Township of Amherst Island also states Sect. 17, Subsection (6) Violations and Penalties
 “Every person who uses any lot, or erects, alters or uses any building or structure or any part of any lot, building or structure in a manner contrary to any requirement of this By-law, or who causes or permits such use, alteration or erection, or who violates any provision of this By-law or causes or permits a violation, shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction therefor, shall forfeit and pay a penalty, at the discretion of the convicting judge or court, not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), exclusive of costs, for each such offence, and every such penalty shall be recoverable under the Municipal Act and The Provincial Offences Act. Each day of violation shall constitute an offence.”

If you wish further information or clarification, please contact either the Township Office or the undersigned at 389-3546.
 Norman J. Allison, Building Inspector.

Rescue

Captain Bill Bulch would like to thank Raymond and Mark Wemp for responding to a call for help in the wee hours of the morning on July 31st to tow the Amherst Islander to the dock when the ferry lost power as it approached the Stella dock.

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Historical Tour of Stella
- Cathy Wilson

Come join us for art historical walking tour of Stella on Sunday September 26. We'll start at the Glenn Store, then stroll through the village, stopping at the blacksmith shop, the cheese factory and many other places of historical charm.

Our tour will leave at 1:30 p.m. another at 3:30. In case of rain, the event will be postponed until Sunday October 3rd. If the weather is ambiguous, call 389-3444.

Sure hope to see you there with & warm sweater and a thermos of tea or coffee.

Euchre for C.N.I.B

Date: Saturday, September 25th

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Amherst Island Public School

Auspices: of Amherst Island W.I.

Freewill donation at door- Prizes- Lunch

Donations accepted by any Institute Member - Receipts issued

Turkey Supper & Bazaar

Date: Saturday, October 16, 1982

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Amherst Island Public School

Auspices: St. Albans A.C.W. Stella

Adults: \$5.00

12 and under \$2.00

Sales Table Fish Pond

Turkey
Dressing
Pie, Cake
Fellowship
Come and Enjoy

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Council Meetings

- Tom Sylvester

August 6:

Council met in special session for the purpose of considering the tentative collective agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) representing the ferry and road crews. The collective agreement was ratified.

August 20:

Council met in special session to discuss and accept the offer to purchase the former Gibson property for \$2900.

Excerpt from August 3 Regular Session minutes : Resolution #937 - Hall and Tugwell - that in response to Napanee District Land Use Strategy, Council recognizes Amherst Island as an Agricultural community and as such would object to the creation of any additional marshes or sloughs that would encourage an increase in the wildfowl population and be detrimental to the farming economy, and, therefore, to the extent that the draft land use strategy proposes or supports such developments. Council would object to the draft. Carried.

September 7: Regular Meeting

The ratification of the collective agreement with OPSEU has led to two new concerns. Temporary ferry employees under the agreement will acquire seniority if kept on the payroll for a continuous period exceeding six months. The temporary help thus acquiring seniority would be eligible for part-time or full-time permanent positions when available. Council, with expressed regrets felt obligated to dismiss Vernon McGinn and Brent Wolfreys and not rehire them within the next six months, initiating a six-

month on, six off cycle. Temporary employees dismissed routinely at six month intervals would never acquire seniority. My only perceived advantage to this strategy is to reserve the allocation of permanent positions, regardless of experience, to Council's discretion. The collective agreement included increased vacation periods to ferry employees, leading, I would think, to a higher demand for temporary or perhaps part-time workers. It is unfortunate that young willing workers are now bearing the brunt of management-union relations.

Council expressed a concern, that with the presence of the union, there is a degree of formality required now. Ferry users and employees are to address their comments and/or problems directly to the ferry captains or ferry manager.

Evidently the Development road requires more stone than was budgeted for this year. Money will be transferred from working capital to cover the additional coat until the Ministry of Transport comes up with its share. This is prudent since it would cost at least twice as much if the additional quarrying was postponed until next year.

Town Hall painting has come along and new informative signs are on the door. Both look excellent. Ferry funds have been arriving promptly ahead of time - township bank interest charges are vanishing. The township clerk will investigate the purchase of a proper electric typewriter to replace the small portable. Council has sold the former Gibson property in Emerald. Taxpayers may rest assured that Diane Pearce's cash balance system is working well. Payment by cheque is always encouraged whenever the figure is of any consequence.

Council discussed the progress of the Municipal Drain. It sounds as if there are no further significant objections holding it up. I understand there are further requests for financial assistance being circulated to various provincial government ministries. Council hoped to have scheduled an Ontario Drainage Tribunal Referee hearing on the matter of an alternative impoundment proposal by the end of September.

Council went into committee of the whole to discuss ferry captain salary increases.

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Announcement

David Vrooman and Rosemary Soden have been awarded sabbatical leave from the Frontenac County Board of Education for the school year

1982-3.

A sabbatical is granted to teachers and professors of merit as a period of time for research, study and travel. Successful candidates must have shown long and dedicated service, be highly recommended by their supervisors and present a research proposal which will result in useful ideas and programmes being made available to other teachers in the system.

David will be researching and developing career education programmes for use at the secondary school level.

Rosemary's project concerns reading programmes at the elementary school level and the publishing of young children's writing.

Both David and Rosemary will return to positions with the Frontenac County Board of Education in the school year 1983-4.

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends,

My mother and I, as well as the rest of the family, would like to express our thanks to all of you who helped us so much at the time of the death of my father.

Many thanks to Bill Churchill, Roger and Jackie Poretti, Doug and Joan Martin, Irene and Les Glenn, the boat crew, and any others who worked so hard to get help for my father. We can't thank you enough for trying.

So many of you have remembered us with beautiful cards or notes, food, and thoughtful words or calls. Your expressions of caring have certainly made my mother feel she was among friends.

My father truly loved Amherst Island and had enjoyed a wonderful summer among all of you. It is therefore comforting to know he was doing what he enjoyed so much - driving around photographing the Island - when the Lord called him home. Thank you all again for your kindness and concern.

Jane Miller

The Squirt and Mite 1982 Softball Season

- Brian Ward

The Squirt team had fun this year and never gave up trying even though their record was 0 wins and 5 losses at one point in the season. They won their last two regular season games and went into the play-offs with lots of hope. The play-off's started with a one-game elimination against Deseronto

and the team played a good game but lost a close game to end their season. These kids can be proud of themselves because we were playing against teams aged 11 and 12 while our team had only two twelve year olds.

Next year most of our players will be twelve.

The Mite team finished the regular season in second place with 6 wins and 2 losses. In the play-off elimination against Deseronto the Mites won quite easily. But there was a league mix-up and the other team defaulted our first attempt to play this game. The next play-off round was a best of three series against another Deseronto team which we lost in two straight games.

The kids can be proud of a great season. They were also playing kids older than they were as the Mite age is 9 and 10.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our season the success that it was - the parents who helped drive the kids to our away games - they all seemed to be in Deseronto this year.

The men who helped coach the teams:

Squirts - Earle Willard

Lloyd Strain

Mite - Gary Hitchins

Bob Horth

I would like to thank the men who umpired our home games. They were:

Noel McCormick

Lloyd Strain

Steven Glenn

Kevin Kilpatrick

Doug Shurtliffe

Rick Bedford

Jack Forester

The men and women who umpired the bases in our away games also deserve a vote of thanks. I would also like to thank the organizations and individuals who financially sponsored the teams this year. Thank you all again.

Brian Ward

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The Garth Orchard Series

Chapter 4 {this is the third installment}

After learning most of the basic operations of farming during my two years as farm hand, I was now determined to further that knowledge by studying the modern methods. To this end, I sent away for all the government pamphlets available through our local Agricultural Rep. in Napanee, on crop care, animal husbandry, weeds garden and orchard care, then spent the winter evenings studying them. Mr. Buchanan, the Ag. Rep. at that time proved a good friend and a valuable source of information. He took me to some Junior Farmer judging competitions on animals, grains and vegetables. Knowing what the judges would be looking for, and careful selection of samples, enabled me later to win several prizes at the Fall Fair for some of our stock, grain and vegetables. It was quite obvious who the best farmers were, and I tried to emulate their methods of thorough cultivation and clean seed. For a conscientious farmer there is surely nothing to compare with the satisfaction of producing a bumper crop of hay, grain and root crops, in spite of rock bottom prices. At that time oats and barley were sold for 25¢ a bushel, pork was 3 1/2¢ a pound on the hoof, and eggs were sold at the store for 11¢ a dozen. We handled very little cash in those days, but every farmer had a barn full of feed, a cellar full of vegetables and fruit, and home-killed pork and beef stored. The women always had a basket of eggs to trade at the store for the staples she needed, and any balance went 'on the bill' to be paid out of the next milk cheque. To pay the taxes we sold a cow, and a couple of hogs covered the cost of new roofing for the shed. Our black mare, Birdy, produced a sturdy colt, which assured our horsepower needs for years to come. Such was life on the farm during Depression days.

It soon became apparent that I needed help to properly farm 150 acres, and I persuaded Keith to join me that summer, and we worked well, together. That Fall we plowed ninety acres with a walking plow and a three horse disc plow, which enabled us, the next season, to thresh the largest crop ever taken off that farm.

Meanwhile, Winter was our social season. Without radio or shows to go to, young people made their own entertainment. Dances were held in the Orange Hall, with our ever reliable orchestra of Tina Filson on piano, Alec Glenn on fiddle and Stirling Glenn on banjo. These dances were well attended by both young and old. In fact we young people learned all the intricate steps of the traditional square dances from the mature couples who 'promenaded' gaily in every dance. Lunch was served around 11 p.m. with sandwiches, cake and cookies brought in by all the married ladies (who also deposited their bundled up babies in a row on the back kitchen table).

If feeding time came during the evening, there would be a short respite from the dance to pacify the hungry infant. Apart from the odd couple 'going steady' there would be a stag line of shy boys on one side of the hall and a row of hopeful girls on the other side. You shyly asked the girl of your choice for a dance, hoping you would not lose her if it turned out to be a 'tag dance'.

Keith and I pooled our resources and bought a Model T Ford coupe for \$15. The rumble seat had long since been removed and replaced with a wooden box to carry grist to the mill, and half the inside floor boards were missing. This feature proved to be quite useful when we took our girl friends out riding in the evening. We somehow managed to find a puddle in the road, and there would be shrieks as the girls hoisted their legs high to avoid the incoming splash! Our tool kit consisted of a spare magneto and a length of baling wire, which proved equal to all emergencies even when a rival swiped two of our spark plugs during a swimming date at the beach.

In the early Fall, the Young Peoples Club of the church formed

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a drama group, and we began practising for a play to be presented during the Winter. These practice sessions were delightful gatherings, held at various members' homes, always ending with a tasty lunch and a brisk ride home, bundled together in a wagon or sleigh. Scenery was painted, and the play was presented to an appreciative audience in Stella Orange Hall. In following weeks we would load up the scenery and players in a big bobsleigh, and journey to various mainland village halls to repeat the performance. The Amherst Island players attained a fair reputation for we were usually invited back. All this is fairly typical of social life in those days, and we certainly never felt deprived or at a loss for something to do!

Threshing time in the Fall was a period of hard work, hearty eating, and great neighbourly comradeship. Since it took from fifteen to twenty men to keep the threshing machine going, a group of neighbouring farmers would work together, going to each of their farms in turn till all the grain was safely threshed and stored. Young men vied with each other to see who could build the highest load of sheaves, or carry the heaviest bag of wheat to the granary. 'One arm' Willie Glenn with a wooden sling replacing the arm torn off by a machine belt, was an undoubted champion at building a wagon load of sheaves, and the man who pitched to him needed the longest pitchfork made! Equally valiant feats of prowess were evident at the lunch and supper tables, where huge roasts, bushels of vegetables, and pies by the

dozen disappeared as fast as neighbouring farm wives could produce them. The heavy work made for prodigious appetites, and it was not uncommon to see a hungry man eat a whole pie after his main course, cheered on by his fellow workers.

The threshing session I remember best was the last of the steam engine outfits, still run on the road by Rob McFern, though he was then well over 80. He would fire up the boiler around 5:30 a.m. and by six o'clock you could hear him tooting for the team assigned to draw water from the bay for the engine which required a tank full every hour. The old threshing machine was the largest on the Island. It was hand fed by a man who cut the sheaf twine and pushed the loose bundles into the screaming cylinder at a rate that kept seven wagons hustling to keep up to it. Grain poured out at such a rate that I have seen men running with bags full to the grainery. This delighted old Rob, who loved to see his machine test the speed of the best crew. That was one time that we had little chance to linger over the meal. Mr. McFern ate faster than anyone, and was soon out tooting for the machine to start again! Comparing these nostalgic memories of the old ways with the highly mechanized harvesting methods of today, makes me wonder if we may be missing some of the fun and neighbourliness of those times.

Amherst Island Community Sunday School

Sunday School will begin the Fall term on Sunday, September 19. Classes will be held every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the school.

We urgently require a teacher for our kindergarten - grade 1 class. Teaching this class is a very rewarding experience. If you would be interested contact Debbie Bedford (389-8434) or Judy Miller (389-2459).

Our Sunday school is multi-denominational and we accept children who will be 3 by the end of the term. (Christmas)

Debbie Bedford Superintendent

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Pants, Pants, Pants
Would you like to learn the proper fitting of pants using a basic
commercial pattern?
- sewing methods for pants
The Amherst Island W.I. is looking for enough interested ladies to hold
a course on Pants: Fitting and Sewing.
If you are interested, please leave name with any Institute member. We
need 15. There would be 4 half- day or evening sessions.

Notice
The Municipal Office will be closed on Thursday, Sept. 16, 1982
because of a meeting in Napanee.
D. Pearce
Clerk-Treasurer

Back to School Thoughts
- Julie Forester Steven Willard

The bell has rung. School has started. The kids want to meet the new
children and teacher. Miss Agnes is the new teacher teaching French and
the Junior Room (Grs 3,4,5). There are 5 kindergarten students going into
Mrs. Forester's class (Gr's K., 1, 2). There are 2 new students going into
Miss Agnes' class and 1 going into Mr. Flannigan's classroom (Grs. 6, 7,
8).

Students
x - Starting school
xx - New to the Island Mrs. Forester's Room - Primary
Douglas Gavlas x
Sarah deHaan x
Ricky Bedford x
Jamie Silver x
Gordie Thornhill xx

(1)
Lori Caughey
Jason Silver

(II) {should be (2)}
Amy Caughey
Chad Miller
Tracy Hitchins

Miss Agnes's Classroom - Junior
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f Forester
Mike Horth
Laura Wemp
Robert Eves
Sara McDonald xx

(4)
Peter Horth
Mike Strain
Sherry Ward
Jamie Thornhill xx

Jeff deHaan
Hugh Filson
Reg Hitchins

(5)
Shannon Eves
Jamie Miller
Adam Miller
Kirk Collins

Mr. Flannigan's Class - Senior
(7)
Julie Forester
John Eves
Steven Willard
David Brown
Leah Murray
Paula Collins

(8)
Penny Thornhill xx
Trudy Strain
Steven Ward
Ricky Welbanks
Donnie Miller
Steven Viau

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Back To School Thoughts

On the first day of school I was kind of nervous about going into the Senior Room. We had to get up at 7:00 o'clock because the bus was going to pick us up at about 7:30. It's a lot harder work in the Senior Room. But I love the work and the homework.

Steven Ward

Rocky Mountains
- Author Unknown

As you drive through you get a feeling of magic in the air. You see the misty clouds drift over the snow-capped peaks. The tree-covered giants are breath-taking. The glacier fields amaze you. Trickling little falls and streams are exciting. The winding roads and step drop offs excite you. Then all of a sudden, the adventure ends and into the dull drab prairies again.

Back to School - Sherry Ward

Back to school. I was nervous about seeing the new teacher. On Tuesday we had lots of fun. We played lots of games. I made a new friend. Her name is Sara. I am in Grade 4 this year. The new teacher's name is Miss Agnes. They are making a soccer field. We do not have as many subjects as last year. I think that Miss Agnes is a nice teacher. I do not ride on the bus at night. I think Grade four is easy even easier than Grade three. I am awful glad to be back to school again.

Island News

McFarland Construction Co. and the local road crew are busily building up the front road.

Congratulations to Bob and Diane Marshall on the birth of their daughter and to first time grandparents John and Mary Hall.

School has reopened for another term with a student population of 39 with Mr. Flannigan-principal, Miss Agnes-junior room teacher and Mrs. Forester-primary room teacher.

Mrs. Kathleen Wemp is now residing in the Marg- Ann Lodge, Bath; Fred and Nellie Neilson at Lenadco, Napanee, and Mr. Densem in St. Mary's Hospital, Kingston.

A successful "Open House" was held by the Oral History Girls on Aug. 26th in the school. The event was enjoyed by all who attended. It is hoped a good crowd will attend the walking tour of Stella on Sept. 26th.

A meeting of district Legion members was held on Sept. 12th in the school and a dinner was served by the local Legion.

Lloyd, Phyllis, Trudy and Michael Strain and Phyllis' parents from Hay Bay, Lois McCormick, Lulu Strain and Ruth Lawson visited Alberta and British Columbia recently.

Sympathy is extended to Jane Miller and family following the sudden passing of her father, also to the family of the late Norman Eves, a former

Island resident.

Allan and Cathy Glenn and family have moved to their new home in Collins Bay, and the Larry Fleming family has moved into Allan's house.

Lorna Seaman has accepted a new position in Toronto.

We are glad to hear that Nessie Welbanks and Mrs. Kathleen Wemp are improving in health, also Debbie Bedford.

Members of the Women's Institute recently toured "The Bread Man" and "Arc Industries", Kingston. Many Island people have also visited the beautiful new "Cataraqui Town Centre".

Bruce and Susan Caughey and family attended the Golden Wedding anniversary of Susan's parents in Indiana. Bruce attended the agents' licensing school in Cambridge.

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{This page consists of the walking tour map but it was not attached to this issue so it is not clear whether it belongs here (or to any other issue) or not.}

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Council Regular Meeting Oct 5th
- Jackie Sylvester

The Council met in regular session on Oct. 5th. Two delegations were received. Lloyd and Phyllis Strain applied for approval in principle of a severance request, which they received.

Mr. Skillings asked Council for a right-of-way over the marsh for a hydro line to be built in mid winter when things are frozen. An agreement is to be drawn up by legal counsel.

The building inspector issued permits for things as varied as machinery sheds and silos to a plumbing permit.

The ferry committee indicated that our ferry will return when it shows up -- otherwise things are going well.

The roads committee is concerned with mounting price and wage demands upon its budget. Also due to union regulations regarding overtime, the council may be looking for more drivers for the snow plows in winter so we don't have to pay overtime. It is thought that presently there are only 4 persons residing on the Island who have the appropriate driver's licence so this may be a problem.

The fire committee reported that Phil Silvers is to be hired to put steel siding on the firehall.

The property committee is pleased with the clean-up job that has been done around the dock area.

Sheep evaluators are to be compensated for their time and expenses

with \$25.00 per call, an amount comparable to that paid fence-viewer's.

The Recreation committee is donating \$100 for six months of the 1981-82 season and \$200 for the 1982-03 to the Cubs and Beavers. They were pleased that Jack Forester was able to acquire 30 chairs at the recent auction at Victoria Hall. Council expressed regret at having to accept Howard Pearce's resignation from the Recreation Committee since he is no longer a resident of the Island. They wish to thank him for his six years of involvement.

The ferry rates for 1983 are to be decided upon soon.

The Township office is to be supplied with a new Olympia compact electric typewriter for a cost of \$980, much cheaper than a regular office typewriter.

Council wished to recognize the efforts of the co-ordinators and all those who participated in the Oral History project this summer. The 19 page Walking Tour of Stella, one of the outcomes of the project, is available at the Municipal Office at cost; \$2.00 per copy.

Council agreed to accept the two conditions asked for by the Drainage Petition Review Committee on the Miller Drain. The conditions relate to concern over damage to pike and bass spawning areas. Straw bales are to be installed and maintained downstream of construction activities at the drain outlet and other locations as required. Secondly, no construction is to be permitted on the drain between March 15 and May 15 of any year. The drain should now receive full acceptance for funding requirements.

Council also endorsed a resolution from the Ontario Building Officials to association to amalgamate responsibilities relating to both new and existing buildings, under one provincial ministry.

Then, soon after 9:00 p.m. ended the shortest council meeting I have ever attended.

Correction

- Tom Sylvester

I reported In the September Beacon on increase in vacation time for the ferry crews in the ratified ferry agreement. This was erroneous, and I apologize to all concerned.

Nominations - Township of Amherst Island

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Township of Amherst Island that in compliance with the Municipal Elections Act R.S.O. 1980, Chap. 308, Section 35(3), the period for receiving nominations will be normal office hours commencing October 14, 1982 and ending at 5:00 p.m. October 18, 1982.

Nominations will be taken for the offices of Reeve and Councillors.

If a greater number of candidates than required to fill the offices are nominated and meet the qualifications elections will be held on the following dates:

(cont'd next column)

Advance Poll - Saturday October 30, 1982, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Polling Day - Monday, November 6, 1982 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of October, 1982

Clerk's Notice of the Posting of the Preliminary List of Electors for the Township of Amherst Island, County OF Lennox and Addington

Notice is hereby given that I have complied with Section 24 of the Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O. 1980, and that I have posted up at the Municipal Office, Stella, on or before the 12th day of October 1982, the list of all persons entitled to be electors in the

whispered “My wee men, you did come,” and shortly after, “Sing for me.” Holding his hand, I found the strength to sing that haunting Welsh tune of ‘Jesu lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly’. Moments later there was a long sigh as Willie breathed his last. When family and neighbours had paid their last respects and left, Becky and I were left alone to do the necessary preparations.

In those days there were no facilities available on the Island for undertaking services. Mr. Miller in Stella, kept one or two caskets on hand for ready use, and the family looked after preparing and dressing the body. So, by the flickering light of a single coal-oil lamp, we set to the task. After a careful wash, Becky asked if I thought I could shave him. Gulping down my panic, I said I’d try. With cold thin lather and much patience, I managed to remove several days growth from one side without a nick, then gently turning him over to tackle the opposite side, there was a long drawn out AGH H H! from poor Willie. Becky nearly tipped over the lamp, and I almost dropped the razor and ran; I was so startled, before realizing it was just air trapped in the body, and not a resurrection! By the time the shaving was finished, rigor mortis had set in, and I still had the challenge of dressing him in his Sunday suit. I cut the sleeves out of the shirt and slipped it on. Tying a tie on myself was easy enough, but did you ever try doing it in reverse on someone else? The pants were relatively simple, but the jacket proved quite impossible. Nothing would bend! I finally solved the problem by slitting up the back right through the collar, and sliding each half on separately, then pinning it back together! Hidden in the casket next day, the finished appearance looked quite presentable. Nevertheless, my first experience with death was a most memorable one. It was a bleak February day, with ruts in the roads frozen solid., as we loaded the

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casket onto our spring wagon and headed the cortege of friends to the church on the hill.

That was probably the roughest ride poor Willie ever had, for I was hard pressed to keep the casket from bouncing out of the swaying wagon! It reminded me poignantly of my first jolting ride up that same road beside Willie, on our way to the farm. So much had happened in those few years, and I recognized how, in many ways, Willie had helped my growing from boy to manhood. We laid him quietly to rest in the cemetery vault, and I drove home to the sober responsibility I was taking on as ‘man of the house’ and farmer.

A.I.P.S. News

- Steven Ward

On September 29 the school elections took place. These are the results:

Head People - Julie Forester, Penny Thornhill

Senior Representative - Steven Willard

Junior Representative - Hugh Filson

Primary Representative - Amy Caughey

The following words are comments on the election from some of the students.

The election was on September 29. Penny and Julie won. - Lori Caughey, Gr. 1.

I hoped Julie would win because I like Julie because she goes swimming with us. - Tracey Hitchins, Gr. 2

The election was on September 29. Julie and Penny won. - Amy Caughey, Gr. 2.

I voted for my sister and cousin. I thought that they would be good head people. Julie Forester and Penny Thornhill won. They will be good head people too. Hugh Filson is our class representative. - Mike Strain, Gr. 4.

My school is called Amherst Island school. My favorite subject is Math. At recess I play tether ball. It is fun. I like my school. - Laura Wemp

Last month a mistake was made In the Beacon about the grades that the students are in this year. This is the correct list.
(x represents children that are new in the school)

Primary Room Teacher - Mrs. Forester

Kindergarten

x Douglas Gavlas

x Gordon Thornhill

x Jamie Silver

x Sarah deHaan

x Ricky Bedford

Grade 1

Jason Silver

Lori Caughey

Grade 2

Amy Caughey
Tracey Hitchins
Chad Miller

Junior Room - Miss Agnes

Grade 3

Laura Wemp
x Sarah MacDonald
Robert Eves
Jeff Forester
Mike Horth

Grade 4

Sherry Ward
Reg Hitchins
Mike Strain
Jeff deHaan
Peter Horth
Hugh Filson
x Tammy Thornhill

Grade 5

Shannon Eves
Adam Miller
Jamie Miller
Kirk Collins

Senior Room - Mr. Flanigan

Grade 6

Steven Ward
Ricky Welbanks
Trudy Strain
x Penny Thornhill
Donnie Miller

Grade 7

Steven Willard

John Eves

Julie Forester
Leah Murray
David Brown
Paula Collins

Grade 8

Steven Viau

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Director of Education,
Board of Education,
County of Lennox & Addington

Please accept our thanks, as sponsors of "Amherst Island. Oral History Project, 1982", for the use of the Amherst Island Public School facilities this past summer.

We also wish to express our thanks to the staff of the Public School. Special thanks to Principal, Mike Flanigan and to Beth Forester for their help and advice during the planning stages of the project during which meaningful goals were set for the benefit of both students and community.

It is cooperation of this nature that helps make the school an integral part of our community.

Sally Bowen and Ian Murray
for "Amherst Island Oral History Project, 1982" (typed original sent to Board)

Amherst Island Oral History Project

- Leslie Gavlas

I would like to move a 'Vote of Thanks' to Jan Milligan, Cathy Wilson, and their assistants Pauli Bulch and Bev Wemp, for the fine manner in which they shared with the citizens of Amherst Island the results of their summer's work.

While I was aware of their activities in taping the reminiscences of our Senior Citizens, it took the Open House of August 26 at the school to point out the vast amount of additional research that went into the project.

On this occasion, a truly impressive array was on display in the school

gymnasium. Obviously, it was not possible for the general public to listen to all the tapes, however, a file had been prepared in which a summary of the tapes had been, made for each interviewee. (These tapes, a bibliography of all source materials, and other relevant material have been filed at the Napanee Historical Society Museum where they can be consulted by any interested parties).

In addition to the tapes, the girls had collected and compiled material from many sources. A second large file contained information regarding the history of each individual parcel of land on the island. Many of us were fascinated to learn just who had, lived on our property, and under what circumstances it had changed hands.

On display also were many pictures (loaned by Amherst Islanders), census information from the past, church records, bookkeeping records from the stores, and a complicated chart giving information about the business life of long ago Amherst Island. This chart listed the many individuals who were in business with information as to the type of business they operated and the years in which they were active.

The display was further rounded out by a large assortment of tools and household articles which were used on Amherst Island in pioneer days.

After browsing at will over the display we were invited into the lunch room for tea, coffee, or Kool Aid, and a delicious assortment of baked goods. Here a slide display was presented, the slides having been copied from photographs loaned by the island people. This display was accompanied by a commentary compiled from the actual taped reminiscences. Unfortunately, the sound was very poor and I understand the commentary was not used with the second showing of the slides.

This Open House was basically Jan's and Bev's baby and they are to be congratulated for a most successful evening.

On Sunday, September 26th, Cathy returned to Amherst Island to conduct 2 tours based on the Historical Tour of Stella which she and Pauli had developed for use in the Public School as part of the Social Studies Program.

Under Cathy's guidance, we toured Glenn's Store, the Town Hall (originally the Methodist Church),

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the Victoria Hall, the third Town Hall (now the Fire Hall), Pringle's Blacksmith Shop, Neilson's Store, St. Alban's Church, Farnham, the Cheese Factory, the Tugwell Slaughter House, the Ice Cream Parlour, and

Wee Browns Blacksmith Shop.

Cathy had arranged with people familiar with these sites to provide part of the commentary, and to open their doors for the tour. Since many Senior Citizens were on the tour, there were many comments made by them as well which greatly added to the entertainment value in addition to providing further information. Thanks is due to the people who opened their premises to the group, and especially to Syl Apps who let us tour Farnham, although he had not been approached in advance. With the weather co-operating beautifully, these tours were also very successful.

Personally, I found this entire project to be extremely interesting. I'm sure the Senior Citizens involved in the preparation of the material must have enjoyed the experience of recollecting past events knowing that these are considered important for the future. For the rest of us, the public presentations can only result in an increased awareness and appreciation for the original settlers of Amherst Island to whom we owe so much for our present, pleasant community. So Thank You, Jan, Cathy, Bev and Pauli for sharing your work with us.

Incidentally, a Bibliography of the materials on file at the Museum, a Master Copy of the Walking Tour, and the files prepared giving the history of the farm properties on the Island are available at the Stella Library. Any persons interested in studying the materials on their own can make arrangements to do so.

Card of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my family, good friends and neighbours for all the phone calls, cards, visits, flowers and fruit. Also to the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for calls and gifts. For having special friends at a time of need, always helps to heal.

Gratefully appreciated,

Jennie McCormick

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News Item from Whig Standard 1948

He Takes Up Flying Early

Youngest air traveller in Eastern Ontario is five-days-old Reginald Gerry Hitchins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hitchins, Amherst Island.

Garry and his mother, the former Anna Glenn, yesterday left Kingston General Hospital where he was born Monday. To return to their island farm by ordinary means would have meant a four mile journey by sleigh over snow-choked roads. Instead a Canuck plane landed them in their field in a few minutes, where Mr. Hitchins met them with a sleigh and blankets, to whisk them to their warm home.

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Public Notice

Results of Municipal Election November 8, 1982

For Office of Reeve

Allison, Norman 189 Elected

Matthews, Geoff 86

For Office Of Councillor

Clare, Lloyd 91

Eves, Vincent 77

Fleming, Larry 143 Elected

Murray, Ian 155 Elected

Sylvester, Jacqueline 131

Tugwell, Chester 168 Elected

Welbanks, Theodore 173 Elected

Total Voter Turnout 276

Total Eligible Voters 467

Percentage 59%

Analysis of vote

Resident Voters -

Total Eligible 255

Total voted 224

88%

Non-Resident Voters

Total Eligible 212

Total Voted 52

25%

Dated this 9th day of November 1982

Diane Pearce - Clerk-Treasurer.

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Regular Council Meeting Nov. 2, 1982

1. This year's ferry revenue from fares and passes appears to adequately meet the Township's share of ferry expenses.

2. Council members expressed considerable dismay at the cost and time involved in painting the Amherst Islander.

3. The Province of Ontario is changing the way in which it subsidizes township roads. Rather than a certain percentage of the road costs, there will be a grant based on something called a "resource index". Nobody seems to know yet how the township will be affected. No one thinks it's designed to be an improvement.

4. Council decided to hire a bulldozer to thoroughly push back the dump before winter arrives.

5. Allan Glenn's resignation from the recreation committee was accepted with considerable regret.

Ian Murray

Meet the Candidates Night

- Ian Murray

I {couldn't} think of anyone who would do an unbiased write up of the "meet the candidates" night.

Remembrance Day

This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Whig Standard before a previous Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

Cliff Bowering

What does it mean to me, this coming Remembrance Day?

It means a great deal.

And I say that knowing full well that there is a lot of clamour out there advocating that it be scrapped, questioning its validity, wondering what that rag-tag gaggle of men are doing there in front of a memorial, asking why people should spend so much time each Nov. 11 bowing their heads and going through all sorts of other apparently meaningless gyrations.

I guess this is a private thing to begin with. We couldn't care less whether you join in or not.

You see, most of us remember all the time. We remember old friends who were killed during wars. It was a rather important time for us; that old friend, that man we knew, that person in some other unit - the man we did not know - did something, one day, which helped us to survive, to come home.

I suppose each Nov. 11 we pay homage mostly to the many, many faceless unknown guys who helped us through the long days and longer nights. Sometimes they gave their lives doing that. And some of our buddies gave theirs doing the same thing for others they had never met and never would.

Don't ask me why we were there or why we fought, or what it was all about. Sorry, I really couldn't give you answers. And I doubt if any of us could. We just went. And we fought in a war. And most of us grew to hate it. And some of us were lucky. And some were not, I think.

We remember all the time. But long ago somebody decided it would be kind of nice if we had a special day to do our remembering, in public. Unashamed. Sort of saying to everybody else, this is how it was. This is what it is all about. Some of us didn't make it through the days and the nights. So we'll take a few minutes off to show everybody that it all meant something to us; that those who weren't so lucky aren't really forgotten Ever.

I don't think many of us, in those quiet moments, think about war as such. Indeed most of us abhor it. We saw too much. And the agony burned its way into our memories.

We could no more forget what we learned than we could forget the men who gave their lives in the learning.

So, some of us, after the bugle has been stilled, and the man in the somber clothes has closed the Book, meet and get a little drunk. That's the way we did it once. And that's the way we'll probably always do it. We don't ask anyone to understand it. Just tolerate us, at least once a year.

So if you see us marching down a street, or standing around the base of a memorial, bear with us. I don't think we're much trouble. Just let us have

this one part of the day. It means something to us. Is that so much to ask.

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Chapter 5

- Garth Orchard

The season of 1935 proved a sad one for the Hill family. Becky, who had unselfishly devoted her life to caring for her aged father and retarded sister, developed breast cancer, and underwent an operation, which unfortunately proved too late. Keith and I carried on as best we could during her long hospitalization, taking turns with the household chores. We soon grew tired of 'johnny cake' which was our easiest recipe, and I decided to try my hand at baking bread. I followed all the steps in the book, but didn't realize that our yeast mash, preserved from Becky's last baking was stale and inactive. The dough rose feebly, and even the formed loaves refused to exceed the level of the pans. But I baked them anyway and produced five stunted loaves that would have made handy boat anchors! We tried hard to eat the first one, then consigned the rest to pig feed. I can still see our old sow rooting a loaf around the trough trying to get her teeth into it! Luckily further attempts proved more successful and either Keith or I baked twice a week after that.

On one occasion, Becky's niece, Mildred, came out to visit, and undertook to prepare breakfast for us while we were milking. Our usual starter was a generous helping of cracked wheat porridge, so we dipped into Mildred's preparation with gusto, only to wonder at the strange taste. I asked her where she had taken the ground meal from and she pointed to a sack in the pantry. She had made our porridge from 'chick starter'. We teased her unmercifully by clicking and cheeping like chickens all day.

After much patient suffering, Becky passed away in Kingston hospital and was quietly laid to rest beside Willie. This ended our operations on the Hill farm, as Becky's widowed sister came to look after Sarah and Mr. Hill, and her boys took over the running of the farm. Keith and I hired out to two different farmers for the following season.

That year was a rather grim one for our family, in the terribly depressed economy of Winnipeg, so we persuaded them to move to the Island at least for the winter. We rented part of the old brick house in Stella which also housed the Island high school classes at that time. My sister Chris, then a popular high school graduate, was horrified at the prospect of hibernating in a little country village! However this attitude soon changed after their

arrival, when she met a handsome farmer's son, who quickly staked his claim, and they were married the next fall. So Mrs. Bert Glenn has been an Islander ever since!

Keith and I were not content to continue as hired farm help, and investigated every possibility of farming on our own. Ed Scott owned the prosperous farm beside the village and wished to retire, so had his place up for sale. He was asking \$10,000 including land, good buildings, stock and machinery, which was reasonable even in those days. With bank loans at the 4% level, it would have been a viable proposition. But without collateral or backing it was impossible for us to raise even a nominal down payment, and our hopes of farming were dashed. So we finally decided to join the rest of the family in Winnipeg, bidding a sad farewell to Amherst Island. Yet whenever we can we return to the Island, as to a first love, or a second home. The blessed peacefulness, and the warm reception of so many friends never changes, and we trust it never will.

(This concludes the series of Garth's life on the Island, and the Beacon and its readers are most grateful to him for contributing such exceptionally interesting reading)

Rev. Earls Keeps in Touch

Renfrew, Nov. 3/82

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Orchard were guests of Rev. Robert and Mrs. Earls in Renfrew, when the recollections of people and events on Amherst Island were foremost in the conversation followed by a delicious repast at a 'local eatery'. We all recalled with fond memories the meals and fellowship of the Island and send greetings.

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P.S. In spite of recent illnesses, Mr. Earls preached to a capacity congregation on Thanksgiving Sunday.

R.K. Earls

Belated Card of Thanks

My sincere thanks to my family, relatives and friends for cards, flowers, gifts, and telephone calls during my stay in hospital and since returning home. All care and kindness has been greatly appreciated.

Nessie Welbanks

Thank You

The Anglican Church Women wish to say "Thank You" to all the non-members of our group who contributed generously to the success of our Annual Turkey Supper. Special thanks are due to those ladies, not of the Anglican Congregation, who also contributed generously.

Leslie Gavlas

Secretary, Anglican Church Women

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, for their support and encouragement.

Larry Fleming

I appreciate the votes that have allowed me to join the 1983-1985 municipal council. I hope to thank you by doing the best job that I can.

Ian Murray

Employment

The Township of Amherst Island is taking applications for the position of Building Inspector which includes the offices of By-Law Enforcement and Property Standards. Applicants should have some knowledge of construction practices and be willing to acquire a working knowledge of the Township's Zoning By-Law, the Ontario Building Code, as well as other by-laws and regulations. Please forward application including qualifications to the clerk on or before December 1, 1982. Any questions concerning this position should be directed to the Township Office.

Diane Pearce, Clerk

Volunteers Needed

Lyn Fleming

Volunteers are needed on a daily basis to hear children read. Approximately 30 - 60 minutes per school day. If you are interested, please contact:

Mike Flanigan
Amherst Island Public School
389-4582

Baseball Dance

The Amherst Island Men's Softball Team is sponsoring a dance on Friday November 19 . The cost is \$20.00 per couple, which will include dinner, dance, and a chance at 24 cash draws of \$10, \$15, and \$25. Tickets are available by calling Jack Forester at 389-5582 or Doug Shurtliffe at 389-7239. Live band. Dinner 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance 8:45 to 12:45 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

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Metric Comment

Ian Murray

I recently received a letter from Andre Ouellet, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, regarding my "concern about the implementation of the metric system". I had signed a petition complaining about the way the metric system is being thrust upon us. One of his sentences particularly caught my attention: "The conversion program is first and foremost a voluntary program." I find this a bit hard to accept. On the same night as the municipal elections, for example, the evening TV news showed locks and chains on a service station's pumps. Apparently the owner of the gas station had continued to sell gas in Imperial units, so the Federal Government's representatives ordered the police to persuade the owner to "voluntarily" sell in metric units.

Six Years of Progress

- Jean Tugwell, Jack Kerr, Bert Glenn, John Hall

We, the retiring councillors, feel that some recognition is due Jim Neilson, township employees and firemen for accomplishments during Jim's past six years as Reeve. During his term

- an addition has been built at the firehall

- an additional firetruck has been acquired

- a new fire pump has been purchased along with several other items of fire fighting equipment

- the firehall has been insulated and new steel siding has been purchased

- a township garage/workshop for the roads department has been built

- three miles of development road has been constructed

- the Municipal Office building has been insulated, equipped with some

- double windows, undergone repairs and been repainted
- several street lights have been replaced with more efficient ones
 - a new plinth has been built in the park
 - road signs have been erected
 - a petition for a municipal drain has been processed through to its final stages according to the provisions of the Drainage Act
 - a union contract has been negotiated with the ferry and road crews
 - an agreement has been negotiated with the Minister of Transport and Communications which has enabled the Township to keep fares on the ferry relatively low
 - an agreement has also been negotiated with the Minister to forward in advance the ferry subsidy, thereby eliminating costly borrowing to cover these costs
 - an agreement has been reached with MTC to subsidize a portion of administration costs under road and ferry budgets
 - a Municipal Zoning By-Law has been drafted, revised, and completed, and has received the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board
 - through council's committees, additional land has been purchased for the cemetery and the grounds have been fenced
 - the baseball field has been floodlighted, and a hard-fought battle with the School Board to allow banquet permits came to a successful conclusion
 - an Ontario Home Renewal Program has been instituted
 - township employees have received regular wage increases

Meanwhile services have been well maintained, finances are in good shape. We would like to say "Well done, Jim!"

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The Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Eveline Coulson on Wed. Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. The meeting opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. Correspondence and financial statements were read by the sec.-treas. Mrs. Phyllis Strain. Mrs. Jane Miller, convenor for the evening, introduced Mr. Doug Helliwell, school principal of Odessa Public School, who gave us an interesting talk as well as slides of TV in Ontario, and his aim is to try to introduce Television Ontario Service into our community and district. This service would travel through air like our normal television. It would mean that we would get

some more channels on our television and some of them would be on education. Some of the taxes go toward TV Ontario. This began in Ontario in 1970. They don't have a transmitter in Lennox and Addington. There is one in Toronto. There would have to be one in Belleville and one in Kingston contributing to funds. Hopefully it will be ready by 1984, but it is one million dollars for a transmitter and they have to have a license also. These extra stations would be on our television from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

The roll call was discussion about Ontario TV and each one seemed anxious for it.

The euchre for the blind canvass brought \$160.00.

Some discussion was made as to the Senior Citizens supper on Dec. 4. We were also asked to cater to Ena Baker's cat club banquet on Dec. 11. The ladies decided to present Mrs. Nellie Neilson with a book of poems as she is now living at the Lenadco Home in Napanee.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen and a lovely lunch was served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Marian Glenn instead of at Mrs. Jane Miller's on Wed Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

Cards of Thanks

During the fifteen winters I worked on the ferry, I was late for work only three times due to snow on our roads. I think this is a bit of a record as we live five miles from the dock. Therefore I would like to thank everyone who was involved with snow removal in the past fifteen years.

Earle Tugwell

I wish to thank all my friends, relatives and members of the Presbyterian Church Women, the Anglican Church Women and the Women's Institute for the lovely flowers, cards, gifts and visitations during my illness.

Kathleen Wemp

The support and encouragement of the electors of Amherst Island have been most gratifying and I would take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all for the confidence shown in electing me as your Reeve.

It is my hope to provide you with a sound, honest and efficient

administration over the next three years.

Norman J. Allison

Voters of Amherst Island Township

Thank you for your support in the recent municipal election. Since I was unable to attend the candidates' meeting I would like to say now that my reason for running was basically the same as most of the other candidates, and that being because I care about Amherst Island and its residents. I ask you for your continued support over the next three years, especially that of the previous reeve and council, whom I think have done a good job in dealing with some difficult issues. Fortunately Amherst Islanders have an excellent reputation for being good neighbours and pulling together and I hope no issue will ever be strong enough to cause that reputation to deteriorate.

Thank you,

Ted Welbanks

The family of the late Jadine Sedore would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the flowers, donations

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gifts of food, cards and acts of kindness in the loss of our mother and wife. A special thank you to the two men who went to Calabogie for Ted.

The Sedore Family

Heather and Ted Welbanks

N.B. All W.I. Members

The November 17th meeting of the Amherst Island Womens Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Marion Glenn and not Mrs. Jane Miller as planned.

The 'Pants-Fitting and Sewing' course is to be held in February, 1983.

School News

In October the school has been doing such things as: reading for a Multiple Score Read-a-thon and our "I Love to Read Week". This week

brought the true enjoyment of reading. In that week we had a poster contest. Jeff Forester won in the K-3 group, Kirk Collins for the 4-6 and Paula Collins for the 7-8. The prize was a free book from this month's book order.

We had a White Elephant Sale. The Students' Council raised \$30.00 for the school's use.

On Thursday the 29th, we had our Hallowe'en masquerade. We had such games as Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin, Touch and Tell.

We also had a costume contest. The judging was done by Mr. Flanigan and Miss Agnes. The winners were Mike Strain for scariest, Leah Murray for most original and Paula Collins for funniest.

On Oct. 19th, the students of Mr. Flanigan's room travelled to Tamworth for a soccer tournament. It was great fun. The scores were 4-0, 4-0, 4-1 for the other teams. Oh well, better luck next time. Centreville, Ernestown and Tamworth also played. Centreville was victorious.

October 21 we travelled to Queen's University for a lesson on Africa. We did cooking, crafts, dancing and talking. It was very interesting.

Now you probably are thinking all we do here is have fun. Well, I've got news for you. We work too, but through the help of three great teachers we have fun doing it.

Here's some of the work from Oct. we did. We'd like you to read and enjoy it.

Thank you, Trudy Strain, Steven Viau and the Students of A.I.P.S.

Junior Class

by Mike Strain

Our class has written many stories in October. The stories are about Hallowe'en. Our teacher is Miss Agnes. Mr. Flanigan teaches us Math. Mrs. Forester teaches us Spelling. We've had lots of fun in October.

A.I.P.S. Grade 6 English Assignment

The Night I Most Remember

- Steven Ward

One heart-pounding night I had to do a fearful errand for my mother. I had to take a beautiful bouquet of colorful flowers to the old creaky church. The shortest and scariest way was through the foggy, old graveyard. I was walking amazingly slow for I felt my limbs starting to become numb. I finally reached the abandoned church. The old oak door was already ajar. Suddenly, the silence was broken by a deafening noise. It was the old church bell. The old caretaker was ringing it to see if the old bell filled

with grey cobwebs was still in its old astounding shape. I dropped the decorated bouquet and ran for home. The next morning the bouquet was found in some disgusting mud.

Mark on assignment- A or 90%

Grade 6 Narrative Paragraph

- Steven Ward

I never knew I could be seasick until I had to go on the old boat one windy day two years ago. When my family and I drove on the boat, the crew looked green. The captain made a startling announcement. He said to come on the boat at your own risk. Once we got going everybody on the boat turned dark green. The enormous waves toppled over the boat. Finally we got to the other side. They were going to tie up the ferry after everyone was off. What a day for my family

Mark on assignment- A- or 80%

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Shark Attack!

- Julie Forester

Everyone is afraid of sharks, right? Well, I wasn't until that day on Tuesday, December 2, 1967.

Everyone was on the beach having a good time splashing in the waves. Joe Blue was a champion surfer with nerves of steel. He wasn't afraid of anything (not even sharks). Until that day, he was believed to be the bravest man in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Tuesday was the day of the "Surfers Sail" and everyone was sure Joe would win. It was Joe's turn and he went out to his waist and hopped on the surfboard. Soon he was riding with the waves. He got out about 9 feet (the minimum depth) and that when we heard a shark warning come over the loudspeaker. By that time Joe couldn't hear us and it was too late. The shark had opened its huge mouth and crushed Joe's leg. Luckily, Joe escaped with severe shark bites which would have to be bandaged for 6 months.

From that day on, I have never been swimming in the ocean. Would You?

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What Christmas Means to Me

- Penny

What does Christmas mean? Does it mean greediness? No, it means love, sharing, giving and receiving. I usually think of Christmas as Christmas mass.

Christmas means the day Christ was born. Christmas to me means decorating the tree, sitting around the fire or writing letters to Santa. Christmas reminds me of the love Mary had for the baby Jesus. It reminds me of the star that led the three wise men to Jesus. By the wisemen giving their presents to Jesus they try to show their love.

Last but not least, the feast. On Christmas day we have a great big feast for dinner. I think we have a feast and pray to thank God.

Merry Christmas

What Christmas Means to me

- David

To me, Christmas is like thanks giving and thanks taking. What I mean is giving thanks to the people who gave you presents and taking thanks from the people to whom you gave presents. However, if it wasn't for the baby Jesus there wouldn't be any Christmas at all, for He was Mary's present. The wisemen with gifts, the angels sang, too, and that was their contribution.

Personally, I think that's how the present giving and thanks giving all started.

Inaugural Meeting of the New Council

- Chris Kennedy

The new council met for the first time on Dec. 8. During the meeting they said they were willing for the Beacon reporter to have a copy of most of the documents relevant to council affairs, omitting, of course, personal information and job applications and a few other obvious exceptions. This should make council reports more informative.

After the requisite declarations and oaths had been made, Jimmie Neilson wished them good fortune and said he would help if he could. The purpose of the first meeting was to tell the new council what had been happening and to get the preliminaries done. They considered the list of appointments and committees (recreation committee, fence viewers, etc.). This list will be published in a later issue when it is completed.

Council then considered some of the background financial information. The present agreement with M.T.C. about the ferry states that the township has to pay

7%	of the cost in 1982
7 1/2%	" " " " 1983
8%	" " " " 1984
8 1/2%	" " " " 1985

Total costs in 1982 will be about \$573,000. At 7% the township's share is \$40,113. Revenue to November 30th 1982 is \$47,470, so the township is about \$7,500 in the black. This will be kept to help with next year's revenue. The estimated costs for 1983 are \$630,500 and the township's share is \$47,300.

For the past few years, many of the administrative costs of operating the township have been offset by allocating a portion of those expenses to road and ferry operation. The salaries of the office staff, supplies, equipment, heating and lights and general repairs have been shared as follows: Ferry 63%, Roads 14%, General Administration 23%. As a result the taxpayers are only required to pay approximately 27% of these expenses.

Of the approximately \$137,000 that the township should yet in taxes, all

but \$19,000 have been paid, which is apparently quite good for a rural township. The total estimate for the development road is \$500,000. \$325,000 have been spent for the three miles done to date, with \$175,000 still to be spent. \$10,500 have been put aside from the road budget to pay for gravel crushed this year.

Nobody has applied for the job of building inspector, so if anyone wants a part-time job, they are welcome to apply. In 1982 six trailer permits were issued, five permits for machinery/storage sheds, three new residences, and a miscellaneous collection of other small jobs.

Council reappointed Peter Radley as township solicitor, and Thorne Riddell as township auditors.

Two letters from Peter Radley about the drain were received and filed. Several members of council said firmly that they did not believe that council should take sides in the drainage dispute. They decided to send copies of relevant letters to Keith Miller and Grace Eves as representatives of the two parties as a step toward peace.

After various other bits of housekeeping, council adjourned.

O.H.R.P.

Ontario Home Renewal Program(OHRP) funds are now available to homeowners living in their own house. If this is your principal residence and you have an adjusted income of \$15,500 or less loans of up to \$7500 are available for home improvements. Interest rates are from 0 - 8% with up to \$4000 forgivable.

This program covers improvements to faulty (that is, below the present requirement of the Ontario Building Code) structural and sanitary conditions, upgrading plumbing, heating electrical systems and insulation. For further information call the Township Office at 389-3393.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our friends and neighbours for the cards and gifts we received for our anniversary, and to the folks who dropped in for a very enjoyable evening.

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evening.

Also a very special thanks to Lois who made our trip possible. Thanks everyone again.

Phyllis and Albert Henderson

Sunday School Christmas Concert

Amherst Island Community Sunday school will hold their Christmas Concert at the school on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. Parents who wish to are asked to contribute cookies or squares for refreshments to be served afterwards. Everybody welcome!! The children love to see a good turnout.

Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Islanders, together with a belated thank you for those who supported my election to Council

Chester Tugwell

Compliments of the Season.

Bob and Sylvia Lovelock

Thank You

First we would like to thank the Women's Institute and Legion Members for a lovely Christmas dinner and entertainment they provide each year for the Senior Citizens of the Island. It is a really nice gesture and certainly enjoyed by all who attend.

Secondly, we think a pat on the back is overdue for the Editor and Staff of the Beacon who give of their time and energy for the enjoyment of the readers. Thank you.

Bert and Chris Glenn

Remember Camp Cedarnook

- Randi Kennedy

A Toronto lamb customer called me last week and during the conversation she mentioned that she had very happy memories of this area. She had attended a camp near Bath in her youth and agreed to write a bit for the Beacon. Here are excerpts from her letter.

“You wished some information about our camp Cedarnook at

Millhaven - just one mile Kingston side of Bath. Lucia McTear, a daughter of an Anglican Canon and her sister Brenda ran this camp of about 120 girls and staff for a number of years. Miss McTear incorporated some great customs into her camp routine.

“Friday night was Indian night. She dressed in authentic Indian chief attire and rode on a white pony. Her Indian stories were great spell-binders. Campers wearing blankets and holding torches wound their way in procession to the campfire singing “follow the gleam”. We also watched Indian type war games- two adversaries trying to show their strength and various contests.

“Berry box teas - on Tuesday - you picked up a berry box filled with sandwiches, fruit and a sweet and you and your friends chose a spot under a tree or on a rock to have supper.

“Faery Queen - At full moon all campers from 5 to 12 were awakened and gathered around on a veranda. Lucia would stand near a faery stump and call out, “I think I see her - she’s coming across the water” and one of the councillors or campers would dance around the faery stump. The next morning we would gather silver dust in dixie cups - the one with the most won a prize.

“Afternoon swim - we lined up for a treat. Any fruit, watermelon etc. or candy sent to a camper was shared by all - a great plan!

“Meals were always singsongs; new campers were welcomed by song, slow eaters urged to eat up - and just general singing. Meals were always a lot of fun.

“We had riding on ponies, swimming and rowing, good diving instruction and a slide into the water. It was a small camp - maybe 30 staff. Occasionally we moved our beds outside and slept outside.

“Once a week we walked to Bath for an ice cream cone or a chocolate bar - the walk was a treat too.

“There were arrowheads about the area which were the real thing. I don’t know the dates of beginnings or endings. I went for seven years and loved it. (This was sent by Libby Burgess of Toronto)

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“Island Treasures” Cookbooks Available Again

The 4th edition of the “Island Treasures” Cookbook will soon be available at Glenn’s Store for Christmas giving! \$9.50 per copy. Surely someone you know would enjoy this delightful collection of recipes, bits of

Island history, and sketches by Shirley Miller.

The St. Paul’s Church Women thank you for your support.

New Business Opens

- Ian Murray

Following upon his initial success in Belleville, Dave Willard (son of Wilbert and Gail Willard) has opened a Cardillo’s Fitness Centre to serve the Kingston area. Cardillo’s specialty is the latest in exercise machines. A trained staff conducts fitness classes and dancercise. Individuals receive personal attention in their quest for physical fitness through personalized exercise programming and fitness testing. Whirlpool and saunas are available.

The location is on Hwy. 38 just south of McAdoo Park. Phone 384-3090.

Despite the current economic recession, Dave’s hard work and dedication should make this venture a success.

A New Company

- Ian Murray

To use some of the expertise that we have developed over the past few years, Don Tubb and I have formed TGM Building Consultants Incorporated. This company will provide inspection services to prospective homeowners as well as to those who want advice on improving their present buildings. Each report is prepared to meet the client’s particular needs.

There are about a dozen companies providing inspection services of this nature in Toronto. The field seems to be growing as more people realize that a small investment in knowledge can help safeguard a large investment in real estate.

Wanted

Big horseshoes for big horses. Phone 385-2923 Wolfe Island

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from Grassroots Newsletter

(produced by Lisa Marcott & Sally Bowen)

Arc Industries Store ARC-AID has reopened at the Kingston Shopping Centre. Pine and cedar chests, patio furniture, ceramics, sewn and quilted items are all on sale.

Interval House provides accommodation and supportive counselling for women and children in crisis. A 24 hour phone line exists - call 546-1777. The house serves as a temporary refuge for women and children who have been subjected to domestic violence.

People's Unemployment Help Centre exists to work with unemployed people to help overcome problems they are having with Unemployment Insurance. The centre is staffed by volunteers. The phone number is 546-5734.

Advertisements

If anyone has any old or new Superhero comic books like Superman, Batman, Justice League of America etc. I will gladly take them for free, or we can decide on a price. Steven Ward 389-5767

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Home baking-

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Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Amherst Island Public School

What Christmas Means to Me

Ricky - Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. Like the three wise men we bring gifts to others. Christmas is a time when the whole family gathers together in one place and has a big feast. It is a time when the whole family joins in to celebrate. Christmas is a time when Jesus Christ was born a long time ago in Bethlehem. At school we usually celebrate by having a Christmas concert about Jesus Christ.

Steven Viau - Christmas means to me the fun time of waking up on that special day. The joy of seeing the glowing faces of a young girl or boy. The gifts scattered all over the floor; to see the parents' smiling faces means so much to a boy and girl that Santa Claus has come. Christmas trees glowing light, the children's stockings full to the brim with toys. Christmas means a happy time for me and someone else to see a glowing face of a parent that their children are so happy to like what they got for Christmas.

Christmas is not just for the receiving, it's for giving. We give back the love that Jesus Christ gave us and we will always give Him our love back. That's what Christmas means to me.

Steven Willard - What does Christmas mean to me? It means many things, such as my family and how we spend Christmas. It also always reminds me of a birthday, two birthdays, my brother's and Christ's. I spend both of them pleasantly. On Christmas Eve day we all pack a lunch and go skiing.

After a couple of hours of this, we go home and do other things, mostly we look at and shake our presents from under the tree. Oh, yes, the tree. It is the most fun of all. We all start decorating, Michele, Laurie, Christopher and I all at once. Mother and Father sit and tell us what to do, "move those lights", "fill in that spot". But sometime after we get it finished.

Now back to the story itself. When it's Christmas we go to church and come home and we have a party for my brother. This involves eating and drinking. When this is over we hang our stockings and head to bed. In the morning at 5:30 sharp I get up and with the toy trumpet I got on my 3rd birthday I blast "reveille" and the first 4 verses of the 1812 overture. This has been a tradition for years. Finally it's a race down the stairs. I'm usually first and then it's presents all over the place.

But is this really Christmas. Everything is commercialized. For instance they have and E.T. dressed up as Santa Claus. This is disgusting. I don't care if E.T. was the best selling movie, it isn't right to pollute Santa Claus.

But it is right to think of what happened 1983 years ago. What happened was glorious. It changed the whole history of the world. Can we forget now?

Trudy - We people of Canada and the world tend to look at the selfish side of Christmas. We think of all the wonderful gifts we're going to get and the feasts we have. But we have to remember, "Without Christ, Christmas won't be." Christmas should mean remembering the birth of Jesus Christ, thinking about how good our God is to us, being happy and merry, and, most of all, being thankful for all we have today. If Christ hadn't been born, think about what the world would be like. We would all be unhappy and sinful. The world would be a horrible place to live. Christ was born to save us all from that, and what thanks do we give Him? We feast and brag about all our gifts. All we think about is this guy in the red and white suit coming down our chimney and leaving gifts. Sure, Jesus wants us to be happy and merry to have fun, but not to forget Him. So when Christmas comes this year be merry, have fun and feast, but remember Jesus. He loves us and without Him Christmas won't be.

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For Sale

Blond oak dining room table and buffet, six chairs that need refinishing and large heavy plate glass mirror to go over buffet. \$395.

Dorothy Kilpatrick 215 First Ave. Napanee. 354-2009

Card of Thanks

To our relatives and friends a sincere thank you for all the kindness shown through the years and especially in the three weeks before and during our move to Napanee. Please come to see us at 215 First Ave.

Dorothy, Kevin and Mark Kilpatrick

What Christmas Means to me (cont'd)

Julie - At Christmas time we remember the scene that took place so many years ago in Bethlehem - the birth of Jesus Christ. When our family is together on December 25th we have a celebration to remember that on this day a king was born. In our family, like most, we give and receive presents just like the three magi who gave Immanuel gifts after they had followed the Eastern star so many miles. At this time of the year, carols are sung to proclaim and rejoice the birth of an everlasting king who will give us joy, faith and hope.

I feel that at this time of year we should be together and be happy with the thought that a king was born in the town of Bethlehem on this Christmas day:

Steven Ward - When I think of Christmas I think of all the toys I will be getting. I think about Santa Claus coming and leaving toys for me and my family. I don't really think about the real meaning of Christmas until I go to church on Christmas eve. The minister talks about the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. When I get home from church I hang up my stocking and go to bed. When I get in bed I do some serious thinking about what I heard that evening at church. Then I say to myself, "I have been only thinking about the presents I'm going to get." Then I fall off to sleep until morning arrives.

The next morning I get all excited and again I forget about the true meaning of Christmas. I go downstairs and open my presents and play with them. At breakfast Mom and Dad tell me about what their Christmases were like. Then they tell me about the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas should mean to me about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Leah - The first things I think of when Christmas rolls around are giving and receiving presents. I think of lots of snow and going on a long trek for

the “perfect” tree. Christmas reminds me of all the decorations lying in storage and all the shopping bags I wasn’t allowed to look into. I associate Christmas with lights and trees and Santa Claus in a shopping mall. I look forward to all the things I have to buy for people and all the things I want. But I think we should give a lot more thought to what Christmas really is, the day when Christ was born. Christmas has turned into a commercial holiday. Christmas might mean Santa Claus to some, but even little kids should be told the true meaning of Christmas. We all need to think of what Christmas started out to be.

Christmas on Amherst Island
poem by Sandra Haggett

Oh the hustle and bustle of Christmas
Has arrived again this year
And Santa’s been busy
So never you fear.

The sled’s been refinished
In bright reds and greens
It’s gonna be the best Christmas
That you’ve ever seem.

With children all laughing
And shouting with glee
Brightly coloured ornaments
Adorning the tree

But when Santa arrives
On Amherst Isle
Will the snow slow him down
For many a mile?

Will Rudolph get lost
In our ever dense fog?
Will Santa sink down
In our marshy bogs?
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When the children are sleeping
Secure in their bunks,
Will Santa arrive
Kind of tipsy and drunk?

Will he set himself down
For a tonic and gin?
And then drink too much
And forget where he’s been?

And will he forget
All Amherst’s young,
Returning home early
Before his night’s done?

Well now mothers and fathers
Please hide the booze
Before Santa’s arrival
Or the children will lose.

School News
- Penny Thornhill

In the month of November the students of Amherst Island Public School attended a Remembrance Day service in the gymnasium.

On Monday, November 15th the student council sponsored a hot dog sale. The hot dogs sold for 60¢ each. The student Council made approximately \$15.00.

The students’ council is holding a writing contest for the grades 4 to 8. The prizes were donated by Mrs. Thornhill. Look for winning names in the January edition of the Beacon.

I would like to take this time to thank all the people of Amherst Island for welcoming me here.

Penny Thornhill

Brave

- by Jamie Thornhill

Once upon a time a little boy went into a cave. He saw something that was big and furry and moving. And big! Then it moved again. He ran and he saw it. It was coming for him. The bear chased him around trees and animals. Finally he hid. The bear was trying to find him. Finally someone shot the bear.

Poor Bear!

Merry Christmas to all our readers from The Beacon

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Driving Club Pleased with Success of New Years Eve Dance

The members of the Amherst Island Driving Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends and neighbours for another happy and fun-filled New Years Eve celebration. Special thanks go to the ferry crew and Council for the extra trip of the boat.

Although we are few in number (7) we enjoy this annual good-time and we continue to try to operate on a break-even basis, without having to sacrifice good food, good music and ample refreshments. Our books show a deficit for the dance of only 17¢ per person, but we are sure that if the weatherman builds us a racetrack in time for 19 Feb. (or thereabouts) that we can get back in the black for '83. Best Wishes for the New Year from the Island Horsemen.

What's A Farmer

- from the Lucknow Sentinel
(submitted by Keith Miller)

A farmer is a person who owns between 20 and 30 hats. They have names on the front, just above the peak, names like United Co-op, John Deere. You can always tell a farmer ... but not very much.

One can always recognize a farmer by his fingers (sometimes farmers don't have all of them, by the way). They are usually very big, and when

you shake hands with one it feels a lot like sandpaper; and they squeeze as though they really are glad to see you. Sometimes after you shake hands with a farmer he slaps you on the shoulder and dislocates it for you.

If a farmer says its going to rain, it does, but rarely when the land really needs it. Farmers never go out of the house without one of those caps, that's why all farmer have white foreheads; and sometimes they wear them indoors. Young farmers usually wear them low over their eyes; usually their dads wear them on the back of their heads and have an uncanny ability

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to, in one motion, take off the cap, scratch the scalp, and replace the cap at the same angle in about 2.3 seconds. Farmers sometimes wear their hats in the house until (a) their wives make them take them off, or (b) they go to bed.

Farmers like new cars and always buy big shiny ones. Within two weeks after delivery there is three to four inches of mud on the new front floor mats, the dashboard is covered with dust, a pair of workgloves, a notebook, and three books of matches. In the trunk of the new car may be found; the air cleaner off the pickup, a pair of boots caked with dried mud, a box of miscellaneous gears, cogs, two fan belts, and three spare hats.

Farmers are the only people who can keep their sanity while the rest of us bang our heads on the wall in dismay over the weather, government policies, the weather, price increases, the weather, and a county council which often forgets that most of its constituents farm for a living.

Farmers read agriculture bulletins. The Canadian Countryman and the financial page but not necessarily in that order. They know a lot about insects, hail, crop dusting, irrigation, interest rates, curling, animal husbandry, engines, electricity, welding, futures, but can never seem to figure out what the heck those guys in Ottawa and Queen's Park are doing.

Farmers like roast beef (usually well done), small children, especially their grandchildren, woodlots, big tractors, Hubbard squash, pot roast, and sometimes liver. They like mashed potatoes, and gravy, homemade pie, and almost anywhere in Florida. They like vacations, but not as much as their wives do; like them that is if they don't come too close together; big bath towels, dogs, euchre, and Hockey Night in Canada.

Farmers don't particularly like; zucchini, opera, Liberals, hospitals,

supermarkets, 401, gas stations (that's because they usually keep a gas pump of their own near the barn, sort of a do-it-yourself service station), implement salesmen, bank managers, and drought.

Farmers are people who are convinced to spend a small fortune on a sprayer and a huge quantity of the new insecticide (methyl bethyl aprozean) only to find out the day after they spray that it has been banned by the Department of Agriculture and the department of Health and Welfare because besides killing the bugs, it may be, just may be, kills birds and a few people too. Farmers are the people who know how to raise food in such quantity and of such quality that we are a people blessed many times over with their plenty at a fraction of the cost of what many in other less privileged countries pay to eat.

A farmer is an eternal optimist who in spite of rain, when his land is soaking wet, and drought when it is parched dry; hail when his tobacco or corn or tomatoes are at their peak notwithstanding interest rates and collapsing markets, government action and inaction; still get up every day, puts on his cap, and once again makes it all work for all of us, who so often take for granted our farmers.

County Council Inaugural Meeting

Dec. 15, 1982

- Ian Murray

The following are standing committees:

1. Transportation J. Kippen (chairman); Harold Allison; M. Hart; G. Kimmett; and E Smith
2. Planning T. Tomkow (chairman); D. Williams; G. McIlquhan; H. Hayes; E. Smith
3. Lenadco Committee of Management D. McCabe (chairman); Norm Allison; D. Williams; G. Petzold; G. McIlquan
4. Social Services Harold Allison (chairman); D. Stevenson; R. Abrams; G. Benn and G. Kimmett
5. Library D. Stevenson (chairman); W. Bell; T. Tomkow; G. Hartin; and J. Garrett
6. Property and Agriculture Herb Hayes (chairman); W. Bell; M. Hart; J. Kippen; and R. Abrams
7. Museum Norm Allison (chairman); G. Hartin; J. Garrett; the Warden (Harold Chatson) and 3 Historical Society appointees.
8. Executive D Williams (chairman); J. Kippen; T. Tornkow; D. McCabe;

H. Allison; D. Stevenson; H. Hayes and Norm Allison

9. Appointments

Health Unit- D. McCabe

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and H. Kring

District Health Council: L. Blackwell

L&A County General Hospital: C. Benn

and C. Clark

L&A Family Children's Services: G. Petzold; L. Blackwell; C. Clark;

and H. Kring

Special Education Advisory Committee T. Tomkow

Council Report for January

Chris Kennedy

Council met on Jan. 4, 1983. All members were present. Council decided to send around new notices listing fire and other emergency numbers.

They discussed the possibility of adjusting the ferry ramp more frequently to stop cars dragging their back ends. The road crew intend to pile the snow banks (if we have any snow) along the new road in two feet from the edge to lessen the possibility of cars going over. It should be noted that the curves on the new road were designed to be negotiated safely at 30 m.p.h. maximum. Council intends to meet with M.T.C. soon to discuss what to do with the rest of the development road money. Putting black top on the section already done has been suggested, but this would require considerable bureaucratic paper shuffling.

Council passed two by-laws concerning taxes for this year. They are due April 1st this year and the interest on unpaid taxes starts on May 1st. The interest rate will be 14%, which is the prime rate in January 4th + 1/2%. This is the legal maximum.

Council wanted to find out exactly what was happening with the drain. Since April 3, 1982 Council has received or sent 56 letters about the drain. These have been among the lawyers for Council, Keith Norton, the petitioners, the appellants, the lawyers for the appellants, the drainage referee, the drainage tribunal, the Court of Revision, the drainage engineer, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Ministers of Agriculture both past

and present, and probably several others I've missed. Part of the grant for the drain lapses in March 1984, and Council is concerned that the drain will lose the grant and possibly die because it is still tied up in the courts, without a decision either way.

The Council is in the process of preparing a County Official Plan. The draft plan is under review and they request comments by March 5, 1983. A copy of the plan is available in the Township office if anyone would like to look at it.

Council Appointed Committees

Cemetery

Henry Hitchins
 A. Bruce Caughey Sec.
 W. Bruce Caughey
 Earle Tugwell
 James Neilson
 Chester Tugwell
 Betty Wemp

Recreation

Chester Tugwell
 Heather Welbanks Sec
 Barbara Wemp
 Jack Forester
 Brian Ward
 Richard Bedford
 Jack Kerr
 Elizabeth Silver

Sheep Evaluators

Ralph Wemp
 Christopher Kennedy
 Neil Babcock (substitute)

Fence Viewers

Art Ackerman
 Garry Hitchins
 Lloyd Clare

Committee of Adjustment

Dave Vrooman
 Heather Welbanks
 Jacqueline Sylvester

Pound Keepers

Topsy Farms

O. H. R. P.

John Hall
 Jack Kerr

Ferry Committee

Eldon Willard
 Ted Welbanks
 Diane Pearce
 Norman Allison manager

Sanitation & Property

Larry Fleming
 Chester Tugwell

Roads

Ian Murray
 Chester Tugwell

Fire Protection

Larry Fleming
 Ted Welbanks

Finance

Ted Welbanks
 Ian Murray

Ferry Rates for 1983 Passes

	Individual	with Spouse
Annual	\$150.00	\$200.00

April 1st	120	160
July 1st	80	110
Oct. 1st	40	60

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New Years

A. Bruce Caughey

Another year has dawned upon us and we look back upon 1982 with gratitude for its many blessings and forward in to the uncertainties of 1983. The Amherst Island tradition of ushering in the New Year with the usual community party certainly was no exception this year when 200 people gathered at the Amherst Island Community Centre to join in light hearted gaiety and wonderful fellowship.

We cannot help but be truly appreciative of the efforts and the organization that the few members of the Amherst Island driving club put into the arranging of this gala affair. This organization started many weeks ago, when a contract was made with a band, again the "Hickory Winds" a new name, but pretty well the same group of musicians, followed by the advance sale of tickets, with the first opportunity of purchase going to those who purchased tickets last year and a list of "newcomers" being arranged whereby almost everyone was satisfied with being able to obtain a ticket.

The dinner which precedes the evening is no easy matter to arrange, and judging by the compliments one heard of the juicy "Red Brand" hips of beef that were supplied by Ed's Hind Quarter along with the foil-wrapped baked potatoes, vegetables, salads, jellios, cheeses, celery, radishes, nicely decorated cakes etc., everyone ate to their capacity and "went back" as many times as was required to do so.

The cooking of large quantities of meat such as is required for such a meal has hitherto presented a problem and the caterers, Susie and Beth, tried to no avail to have this farmed out to larger facilities, only to meet with one refusal after another due to the demand for such facilities for this evening. The final arrangement resulted in the forty pound hips being accommodated in local ovens and the result of this was the serving of hot beef sliced from the roasts as served, along with hot gravy and freshly

baked potatoes - - so again it can be done locally after all, but a special thank you to those who sacrifice their time and who work so hard to do so.

It is always a pleasure to see the efficient and methodical operation of our genial "dispensers of the liquid refreshment" Doug and Art and to recognize the absence of rowdyism etc which was so dourly predicted by our friends in Napanee during the great struggle to have intoxicating beverages "served in our school?" some years back.

This is the fourth annual sponsorship of this event by our "Horsemen" and each year one is astonished as one learns of the great breadth of representation that mingle here as a family gathering and the miles that lie between those points. Do we realize that we had visitors with us from Victoria and Vancouver B.C., from Banff and Calgary Alta., from Cape Breton N.S., Baie Comeau Que., as well as more local points of St. Catheriries, Buffalo N.Y., Sudbury, Ottawa, and from the adjoining areas of Kingston, Napanee, Moscow, Centreville, Yarker, Odessa etc.

It was also a joy to see the great mix of young and old upon the dance floor and to realize the span of years represented there -- to see our old friend Tena, now 80+ dancing with her grandchildren and to reminisce of the dozens of years when she played the piano along with the Glenn orchestra for so many New Years Eve balls in Victoria Hall. I enjoyed Tena's comment, "Dancing is just like milking a cow! You never forget how!" How true!

We should be truly grateful to those who made this evening a reality at such an expenditure of their time and efforts, and if I could be permitted to offer just one "wee bit" of criticism, I hope that I may live to see the day when "over-amplification" of good time-beating music is not one of the prerequisites of good dance music.

Season's Greetings

An attractive nature card bearing a picture and description of a Snowy Owl perched on a willow bough was received by the Beacon with this message:

To Amherst Islanders with fond memories of many happy birding expeditions on that beautiful island

Sincerely Betty Hughes

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Lennox and Addington County Museum to Feature Display on "Isle Tonti / Amherst Island

- from Gaol News Bulletin Dec./82

Work on the display 'Isle Tonti / Amherst Island continues. Due to a number of complicating factors, we did not meet our projected September opening. It is anticipated that the room will be completed the first part of 1983. However due to winter weather, the staff have decided to delay the official opening of the exhibit to April. A definite date will be announced later. It is planned that the opening will be accented by a two week exhibition of quilts and/or coverlets from Amherst Island.

A number of contacts have been made with people on and off the Island with the assistance of the Amherst Island Women's Institute. A particular thanks is extended to Mrs. Ernest Fleming for her efforts. Visits have also been made to the Archives of Ontario and the Public Archives of Canada.

The exhibit endeavours to tell the story of the Island from its beginning until 1930. Approximately ninety photographs illustrating initial settlement, settlers, homes, Daniel Fowler, Stella and Emerald villages, the harbour, the steamers, churches, schools, cheese factories, clubs and fishing have been reproduced.

Among the picture and map collections at the Public Archives, we found a 1680 map which shows the Island situated in Lac Ontario Ov De Frontenac, designated Katanesgo. Portrait views of La Salle, La Salle inspecting the first Fort Frontenac, General Amherst, and Sir John Johnson will be used to illustrate the Island's early history.

The holdings of the Archives of Ontario helped complete the story of the early period. Our search revealed a description of Isle Tonti signed D.W. Smith P.L.S. 1797. A copy of the grant from the Crown to Sir John Johnson was obtained from the Official Documents. Land Registry documents pertaining to Mount Cashell and other land owners have permitted us to detail the Island's ownership history.

During the preparations of this exhibit, a splendid Archival acquisition was received courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neilson. Approximately 10 to 15 linear feet of documentation pertaining to the Neilson's general store on Amherst Island was received. Included are day books from 1870's to 1950's, grain shipment records, post office records and stock books. Such a complete collection is unusual. The Museum extends a most sincere thank you to the Neilsons for their generous donation.

Libertarian Meeting

- Ian Murray

Neil Reynolds, leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada will be at the Amherst Island Public School in the evening of January 27th, 1983 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Reynolds will make an informal address and will discuss the policies of the Libertarian Party with anyone who is interested.

For more information, please contact Ian Murray at 389-3444.

Card of Thanks

My sincere thanks to my friends and neighbours for the cards, telephone calls and visits during my stay in the hospital; also to my neighbours after returning home.

Reg Robinson

Notice

Would the owner of a glass salad bowl from the Anglican turkey supper please call Jean Tugwell 389-4636

For Sale

The Welton house in the village of Stella is for sale. Any inquiries can be made by phoning Sharon Muirhead, Orangeville at 1-519-941-6644

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Reunion

- Beth Forester

Response was not overwhelming, but the comments and offers of

assistance in organizing a reunion, which I did receive were most encouraging and enthusiastic about the idea.

Amherst Island School opened in January of 1948, and therefore, this year will have achieved 35 years in the development of education. This seems like a logical time to celebrate a milestone!

A meeting for the purpose of planning such an event will be held at the school on Sunday afternoon, January 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Any interested people are more than welcome. Your input will be most beneficial. Some definite plans must be made as to the date of the event various activities, and our approach to finding some of the "long-lost" graduates. Readers, can you help?

For any further questions, comments, or assistance with this, please call
Beth Forester 389-5582

Contributions from the School

"The Weather"

by Tracy Hitchins

Everyone is talking about the weather. Sometimes it will go sunny and then it will go to rain. I sometimes talk about the weather. I like it when it is sunny. I like it when it is cold because when you go outside you get a red nose. When it is winter, the weather is cold and then you can make a lot of snowmen. When it is fall it rains a lot, with a bit of sun. When it is spring there is a lot of rain. But in some places there is a lot of sun. At Christmas maybe you might not have enough snow. At Christmas we did not have any snow. All we had was rain. I doubt you would like the weather we had, would you? But if we had snow I would like it a lot!

Weather is very important to me, but maybe it isn't very important to you. When it is winter you can do a lot of things, don't you think?

When it is summer you can swim and a lot of other things. In the fall you do not know what the weather is going to be.

"Resolutions"

by Amy Caughey

Emily was sitting at the table. She was thinking about resolutions. I do not know what to write in school, she said. Tomorrow is resolutions day.

I know what I will do. I can look in a book. HO! Here is a good resolution, she said. I will keep my room clean. It is always a mess!

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Help Wanted

The Township of Amherst Island has just been advised that funds are available to hire at least one person to work at the Dump Site.

Duties include:

1. separating bulky items and removing them to a suitable location for pick-up;
2. removing litter in and around the site;
3. erecting snow fence to indicate where dumping should take place;
4. other duties as directed.

Qualifications: Must be unemployed

Duration of Job: From January 17 to March 25, 1983.

Terms of Employment:

No. of hours per week - 30

No. of weeks - 10

Hourly rate - \$4.00

If you are interested in this job, please contact the Municipal Office during regular hours (389-3393) the clerk after hours at 389-6725, or the chairman of the Sanitation Committee (Larry Fleming) at 389-8273 before Saturday evening, January 15th, 1983.

Some Recent Acquisitions of the L&A County Museum

- hand woven, hand dyed plaid shawl made near Erinsville c 1850
- Edison Standard Phonograph c 1903 with Edison cylinder records
- chop used by the Gold Horn Mining Company of Lennox and Addington c 1889
- gold chiffon beaded dress c 1920's worn by Georgie Warner Holmes
- human hair wreath c mid to late nineteenth century
- waxed fruit farmers wreath c mid to late nineteenth century
- print dress made for Mrs. Henry Spencer pre 1881
- man's morning coat c 1880-1890
- black lace morning cap c 1840-1890
- model of the 1881 Bath Academy made by Amos Purdy
- a small hand carved moulding plane dated 1777
- a horsehair watch chain made by Lucy Gibbons c 1898
- Shoo-Fly Rocker used by Walter Shibley c 1885

- Victorian bell jar with fabric floral arrangement

- celery vase and compote, frosted lion

- blue pressed glass maple tree vase c 1880's

- silver glass mercury globe said to be associated with the Herring Works

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Councilman Murray Seeks Public Input re Paving of Development Road
- Ian Murray

Council is presently considering the possibility of hard-surfacing that portion of the Front Road that has been re-built under the province's development road program. Hard-surfacing would cost approximately \$80,000. The arguments so far put forth in favour of the hard-surfacing are:

- (a) summer dust control would be eliminated
- (b) maintenance costs (gravel and grading) would be greatly reduced
- (c) lower vehicle (car or truck) operating costs due to smoother riding surface - no pot holes or puddles

The arguments so far put forth against the hard-surfacing are:

- (a) additional winter maintenance costs due to the need for sand and salt and application equipment will be necessary.
- (b) there will be more fast driving and the curves are only designed for 30 mph (50 kph)
- (c) the hard-surface will be more slippery than gravel when wet or icy
- (d) the previous hard-surfacing jobs done on the Island have not lasted well, and
- (d) in these times of fiscal restraint and chronic unemployment the money could be better spent on more labour intensive and more useful work. (Please note that money allocated under the province's development road program can only be spent on a development road)

As a member of council, and especially as chairman of the roads committee, I wish to hear from residents as to their thoughts on this hard-surfacing question.

Notice

Please be advised that the Township of Amherst Island requires the services of a part-time building inspector and by-law enforcement officer.

Interested parties should contact the Municipal Office for further details or submit an application to the clerk in writing

Diane Pearce, Clerk

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Council Meeting Feb 1, 1983

- Chris Kennedy

All council members attended. Council has one application for the post of building inspector which it will consider at a later meeting.

Council is going to discuss with the Federal Government whether we have to pay wharfage fees for the Amherst Islander. It depends on the fine print in the government regulations. Council discussed whether to fix up or demolish the storage shed on the island dock.

Negotiations are continuing with McFarland about buying more gravel. The road committee had met earlier in the week with Lloyd Nugent of MTC and inspected the island roads, coming up with the following suggestions:

- (a) Road alignment improvements that would increase traffic safety
 - 1) near the Caughey quarry on the Front road
 - 2) the hill on the Emerald forty-foot near Charlie Howard's bush
 - 3) the corner of the Emerald forty-foot and westerly section of the second concession
 - 4) near Brian Ward's home on the second concession road
- (b) under the Development Road program MTC would approve the installation of guide cables along the higher sections of the new road
- (c) There is a possibility of doing work on the third concession bridge under some sort of "make-work" scheme.
- (d) They discussed the possibility of paving the Development Road (see

another article in the Beacon)

The road committee is going to discuss putting up some more road signs.

Council approved the payment of expenses for some of the fire crew to attend a vehicle rescue course in Kingston. Two people have been hired to work on the dump clean-up. Council is still trying to get all the street lights in the village working at the same time.

The County planner came to the meeting to explain the County Plan. The plan is almost finished and will be submitted to the County Council this spring. Then it has to be approved by the province. The county planner said that the county council had been asked to look at five aspects of the county development. They had to identify suitable areas for residences, list the natural resources in the county, study the transportation systems, look at the problems for co-ordination between the municipalities, and list the sensitive areas such as flood prone areas and important environmental sites in the county. The plan has to agree with the zoning by-laws in the different municipalities.

Very little of this will affect Amherst Island as far as I could follow. I was interested that the planners are predicting only a 4 to 8000 increase in the county population up to the year 2000. The present population is 33,000. According to the plan, severances on good farm land, which includes some of Amherst Island, will only be allowed for agricultural purposes. Other valuable assess in the county, such as mineral deposits will be available for use, rather than be covered over with residences or other development.

The new road running east-west, parallel to and between Highways 2 and 33 is slowly being built.

Further details of this plan may be explained from County Council if anyone is interested.

After the planner left, council tidied up the rest of their business.

Council receives a lot of resolutions from other townships and organizations which have no possible connection or relevance to Amherst Island.. These used to be received and filed, however a new system for this has been introduced called "received and disposed of" to cut down on the necessary accumulation of paper.

Quilts and Coverlets

Amherst Island is to be featured in a special exhibit this spring in the L&A County Museum, Napanee. The exhibit will be housed in its own room and will endeavour to tell the story of the Island from its inhabited

beginning until 1930 with pictures, photos, and old maps.

To accent the opening of the exhibit, Jane Foster and Sue Madden would like to show some quilts or woven coverlets from the island such as were displayed in August of '81 at Farnham.

We will have access to the locked

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cases in the main foyer for some quilts and lots of hanging space in the hall for others. The museum has a new security and smoke system and all quilts will be insured. Those hung out of locked cases will be enclosed in plastic and we will ask that people not touch them. Jane and/or Sue will pick them up and return them to the school if desired. They would like to have the quilts for a two-week period since it takes some time and effort to assemble the display, but this is flexible.

I will be contacting all those who had quilts at Farnham, but if you have or know of anyone with a quilt or coverlet (old or new) who might be interested in having it displayed, please give me a call.

Randi Kennedy 389-0554

Photographs Wanted

I am sure that among our readers there are countless numbers of Photo Albums containing some very old pictures, and it is to these people that I am appealing on behalf of the Amherst Island Exhibit being arranged by the staff of the Lennox and Addington County Museum.

The staff are anxious to obtain pictures of 1) Victoria Hall back in the days when there were picket fences both at the East and West sides at the North end and before the addition of the building to the Northeast corner of the hall with the original "Victoria Hail" sign in place. This could be anywhere up to the 1940-45 era. 2) an old picture of the Preston Home (Bruce and Susan Caughey's) "Poplar Dell" when the stone fence was in place etc.

If anyone should have either one of these pictures in their collection, I would appreciate their contacting me at 389-3158. I would be prepared to pick these up as well as be responsible for their return after they have been copied by the museum staff.

By the way I have seen the display on a couple of occasions during its preparation and I certainly hope that our Island people will take the opportunity to visit this interesting tribute to Amherst Island. It is hoped to open the exhibit by April 1st and it will remain in place till mid November.

Thank you.

A. Bruce Caughey

Bingo - Euchre Family Night

I S L E is sponsoring a bingo-euchre family night on Thursday March 10th
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Bingo 10¢ a card Euchre 50¢ admission

Prizes - Tea & coffee will be served

Everyone welcome

Cards of Thanks

The members of I S L E would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our 3rd annual ham dinner. Your support helped make this dinner a great success. The weather was worse this year than other years yet we had the largest turnout ever. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

My sincere thanks to family, relatives and friends, members of St. Paul's Church and Women's Institute for cards gifts, visits and phone calls. Also thanks to doctors and nursing staff on Johnson 6 Hotel Dieu Hospital while I was a patient there, and for care and kindness after coming home.

Georgia Reid

My sincere thanks to my friends and neighbours for their cards, telephone calls, visits and gifts during my recent stay in hospital and since returning home.

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Council Decides to Petition MTC to Blacktop Development Road

Council Report for March 1, 1983

- Chris Kennedy

Chester Tugwell was away in Western Canada.

Phyllis and Lloyd Strain applied for a building permit. Since we do not have a building inspector, Council will consider applications. Mr. Stevenson applied for a severance on Pt. Lot 24 Con. 1 which is near Lloyd Wolfreys'. Council supported an application to continue the Oral History Project from last summer.

The Council is still negotiating for fire-fighting breathing apparatus for the ferry crew. The discussion with the Federal Government over the wharfage fee continues. One estimate on work on the shed on the island dock has been received and Council will ask for others.

Council has to have some survey work done on the development road.

Council received about twelve comments regarding the paving of the development road, most of them in favour of black topping. MTC will be asked for funding to go ahead with the work. Council is recommending that the development road is not continued past the Emerald bridge.

The dump clean-up is continuing. Doug Shurtliffe and Larry Fleming have been elected to the Recreation Committee. A.R.D.A. has applied for an assessment reduction on Municipal taxes for the buildings they have demolished.

On the drain, there is a problem with co-ordinating the date of the trial when the referee and both lawyers will be available.

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I.S.L.E. Bingo-Euchre a Big Success

I.S.L.E.'s annual Bingo-Euchre Family Night was a tremendous success. Thanks to everyone who came out and joined us The night was enjoyed by young and old alike. This was not planned as a fund raiser; charges were only to cover costs. Because of the large turnout, after our expenses, we made a profit of \$7.00!

Congratulations to our winners listed below:

Bingo Winners:

- 1st Game- Sherry Ward
- 2nd " - Jeff Pearce
- 3rd " - Peter Horth
- 4th " - Mark Flanagan
- 5th " - Rick Welbanks
- 6th " - Mark Flanagan
- 7th " - Julie Forester & Paula Collins
- 8th " - Bill Bustard
- 9th " - Steven Ward
- 10th " - Paula Collins
- 11th " - Rick Welbanks & Hugh Filson

Euchre Winners:

Top Scores

- Helen Caughey

- Kelly McGinn

Consolation Prizes

- Jane deHaan

- Doug Willard

- Margaret McMullin

Sunday School

Amherst Island Community Sunday School will begin classes again this

Sunday, March 20. Sunday School is held from 9:45-10:45 every Sunday morning at the school. Our Sunday School is multi-denominational and children may attend from age 3. Volunteers from the community to help with the younger children, tell a story, or teach the children a craft are always welcome and greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please call Debbie Bedford at 389-8434.

Summer Student Employment Application

- Sally Bowen

Bev Wemp and Pauli Bulch worked with Ian Murray and me to prepare an application for funding for a second summer employment project, submitted to Employment and Immigration, Canada. We should hear by the end of April whether or not we have 3 jobs to offer to Island students. (Anyone who might wish to apply must be registered with Napanee Canada Manpower.).

Most people probably know of last summer's history project. It resulted in:

- 46 taped interviews with older island residents.
- detailed written summaries of the content of the tapes
- a bibliography (that the Genealogical Society plans to publish)
- a walking tour of Stella (available in the municipal office to copy)
- farm folders collecting property title information
- a community night, demonstrating the summer's work

We have requested support to continue the work solidly begun last year. We wish to obtain a few more interviews, then work with the contents of all the interviews, to produce Beacon articles, a series of essays, a "historical scavenger hunt" for the school, a photo album and a scrapbook for the library.

The only concern we have heard raised was that we might be duplicating the excellent work being done on Amherst Island in the Napanee Museum. Here is the letter of support written by Jane Foster for our project submission (one of 7 generous letters accompanying our submission). We hope, if the project is accepted, to once again have the Islanders support.

Lennox and Addington County Museum Supports Oral History Project
Feb.23, 1983

To Whom It May Concern:

Following the 1982 oral history project conducted on Amherst Island under the auspices of Summer Canada, the tapes and accompanying written outlines were deposited at the Lennox and Addington County Museum. The 1982 project made a significant addition to the sound recordings contained in the County archives.

Additional recordings as proposed by the 1983 project group would make the holdings of the archives more representative of the Island.

Subject access to both existing and additional tapes would greatly facilitate staff and researcher access to the

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oral history holdings. At the present time those wishing to gain access have to search each tape and outline for relevant information. A subject access file would do two things: (1) reduce handling of the tapes, thereby contributing to longer tape life (2) permit researchers and staff to use their time more efficiently.

Collation of information, oral, written, photographic and documentary, about the Island is a useful activity, particularly as there is no existing definitive history. Having spent the last year preparing a display about the Island, I am aware of how long it takes to generate information. As time and the older generations pass, it will become increasingly difficult to preserve the Island's history, I would recommend therefore, the 1983 Amherst Island history proposal.

Jane Foster, Director,

Lennox and Addington County Museum

Here and There

- Ian Murray

The previous Council has left the Township finances in very good order. The new Council has inherited no outstanding debts (including debentures).

For those who are reading the Beacon remote from the Island, this has been a very, very mild winter. The ice went out of the channel in early March. There has not been a storm this winter that could be called "bad".

I was pleasantly surprised to receive six letters and several phone calls regarding the hard-surfacing of the completed portion of the Development Road.

Several Island residents have been boiling down maple syrup for their

own (and friends) consumption.

Notice to Island Firefighters

The biennial meeting of the A.I. Firemen's Association to elect new officers will be held Tuesday, March 29/83 at 8 p.m. at the firehall.

The attendance of all members is requested. Thank you.

Larry Fleming

Sec.-Treas. A.I.F.A.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards, visits and calls while I was a patient in K.G.H. and since my return.

Thanks also to the Canadian Legion for my basket of fruit and to the members of the A.C.W. for my gift. Everything is much appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ralph Wemp

Women's Institute News

A big thank-you to all who contributed to the Heart Fund Euchre. We collected \$225.00 in all.

This month's meeting is Wed. March 16 at 8 p.m. at Jane Miller's.

Brown Bag auction after meeting.

Amherst Island Public School News

This month at school we have had such things as public Speaking and our Science Fair. This year in Public Speaking we had 10 finalists who were:

Julie Forester

Shannon Eves

Leah Murray

Mike Strain

Monte Neil

Sherry Ward

Steven Willard

Laura Wemp

Trudy Strain

Jamie Miller

Julie Forester went on to win the contest and is representing our school on March 15 at Prince Charles School. Good Luck!

Our second annual Science Fair was held and was fun. We had four winners. They were:

Guppy Love by Julie Forester and Leah Murray

Rockets by Steven Willard

Electro Magnets by Penny Thornhill and Paula Collins

Weather Forecasting by Trudy Strain

These four went on to Napanee but we're sorry to say no prizes were brought home.

The Senior class has been doing the Canadian Fitness Award Event in the gym. It has been a lot of hard work and fun.

The week of the 21 to 25 is the March break. Fun time!

Thank you.

Trudy Strain & Penny Thornhill

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The following were received too late to be included in the Feb. Beacon. Contributors are asked to try to submit articles by the 12th of the month.

School News

- Julie Forester and Steven Ward

Reporters Julie Forester and Steven Ward were on the scene covering news and views around A.I.P.S.

The ISLE ham dinner was a booming success. Plates were \$1.50 for children and \$3.50 for adults. Many people showed up to enjoy a dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes, salad, cake and tea, coffee or milk. Thanks one and all for coming out to this delicious ISLE annual event.

The annual school Winter Carnival which is usually held from Feb 1-4 was postponed because of the amount of snow we didn't receive. The Students' Council held a Christmas Literature contest in December. Three people entered. Shannon Eves won a radio for her story which won for the Junior room. Julie Forester and Penny Thornhill had a tough battle because both stories were good. But in the long run, Julie ended up winning a chess set for the Senior room. Here are the winning stories

Christmas Robber

- Shannon Eves

One Christmas when I was waiting for Santa, I heard a noise. I thought it was Santa so I hid. It was very exciting! It wasn't Santa though. It was a thief, I thought. I was scared to run. The robber was {after} me. I tried to yell but it would not come out. The robber reached out to grab me but missed. I ran faster. The scream came out this time. My dad came. The robber looked over at him. I grabbed the beer bottle I saved for Santa Claus and knocked him out. The police came and got him. I got an extra stocking for Christmas.

The Star of the East

- by Julie Forester

I feel that at this time of the year the thought comes to your mind to draw near to your family celebrating the birthday of an everlasting Saviour. This thought even applies to 24 year old Philip.

Philip was a man with his own instincts about life - take what you have and don't wish for more. Although Philip had a family - considerably rich - he wanted to be an individual, outgoing, dramatic, yet sincere and courageous. Somehow, whatever Philip tried to do, he did wrong. Philip's bouts with individualism gave many people a chuckle.

"This year," thought Philip dreamily, "I will show everyone that I am an individual, different from the crowd and a brave blessing to humanity." Philip thought and thought. He better think of something fast!

Philip was a minister. He had written his sermon, and on his way to the Christmas Church service, he found himself looking up towards the bleak sky. Soon Philip halted to a stop and gazed at a star shining in the east. This star gave him a whole different feeling towards Christmas. He ripped up his sermon and proceeded to go to the Church. The service was as usual as ever, until it came time for the sermon. And here is how it went:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, God has sent a son. We should praise over this. Let us remember what Christmas is all about, let us not spend Christmas, but keep it, that we may be kept in it's hope. God has named His Son just like we name our children. He has named this Son an Everlasting Saviour, who will reign, live, and love forever. Let us be thankful for this Son and be glad to spend Christmas Day in his memory. Amen."

Everyone in the Congregation seemed happy to be able to understand the meaning of Christmas more clearly.

As for Philip, everyone just seemed to think he was another ordinary

man who was a great minister. But deep down in Philip's heart, he knew he had proved to himself that he was an individual.

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A Talking Carrot Named George

- Sherry Ward

Once upon a time there was a talking carrot. His name was George. One day he had a fight with his wife and he left. He is now out on a dusty road. A car came and George said, 'How do you do?' The lady in the car screamed and fainted. George started to cry. And just then another car came along with a lady, a gentleman and a dog in the backseat. George said, 'How do you do?' The dog started to bark. He tried to get out of the car but the man held him back. George said, "Down, boy, down." The dog stopped barking. The people looked curiously at George! George said, 'Hello, how do you do?' The people stared some more. Then after a moment, George stared back. Then he said, 'Go away!' Who needs people anyway.' And so from that day on, George lives on the good old dusty road.

Monte Neill arrived at our school after Christmas holidays. Monte is 13 and is in Grade 8. He comes from Robert Meek School in Kingston.

To Our Valentine

If apples were pears,
And peaches were plums,
And the rose had a different name,
If tigers were bears,
And fingers were thumbs,
I'd love you just the same.

Happy Valentine's Day from AIPS.

The Widow Copes

She lies in a lonely hospital bed

With death lingering at her door,
While she relives memories from her past
A past of "Never More".
Pale and weak, beyond our reach,
She mingles with ghosts of yesterday.
The doctors conclude there's little hope.
She's lost the will to live!
But once again somehow she survives
And the world's amazed as the widow copes.
Her body has endured a million hells.
Her mind a thousand griefs.
But still she responds to her husband's love
That revives her life to his beliefs.
From beyond he gently lifts her
Whispering softly, "You must go on"
While he stands by her side,
Still looking after his "Eve",
Still looking on with silent pride.

Written with love for my mother

- by Sandra Haggett

Dear Penny, Jamie and Gordon:

Growing up is very hard and frustrating at times on both the child and the parents. Sometimes as a parent, we lose sight of our own childhood memories and we forget how difficult it was to accept our own parents' advice and criticisms through our growing years. We forget the uncertainties, the awkwardness, the human cruelties of other children and the constant need for love.

Maybe at times you are angry with us or we disagree, but still we are your parents and we are only trying to raise you with a measure of manners, pride, independence, human compassion, self-respect, as well as respect for others and the most wonderful ability to love and be loved. Don't ever forget we love you dearly. Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,

Mom & Dad.

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Letter to Road Chairman

Mr. Ian Murray,

Chairman Twshp. Road Committee

Dear Ian:

I thank you for the opportunity which you have given in the last issue of the Beacon, Feb. 15/83, inviting comments concerning the completion of the present "Development Road Program" which is in progress during the past two years.

If you will permit me, I would first of all like to review, as briefly as possible, the expenditure of specially allotted provincial funds on road construction in the township during a long period of years.

Let us go back to the year 1935. My father, David Caughey, had been elected Reeve and a new dock was in the process of construction by the federal government, our roads were suffering badly as we had now reached the transition period from horse and buggy travel to automobiles and our only source of road materials was "shore gravel" which seemed to be in increasingly short supply and of an increasingly rough nature. Through political channels my father sought and received favourable consideration from the then Department of Highways for a substantial amount of road construction in the way of grading and application of crushed stone.

The Council made the decision that the mileage to which this would apply was to the Stella Crossroad, commencing at the South Shore to the village of Stella, thence the Front Road to the village of Emerald (then a very flourishing hamlet with lots of activity).

A contract was let in 1936 for this work and it was well on in the fall before the work was in progress. Commencing at the intersection of the South Shore and Stella Crossroad we experienced our first taste of powered grader equipment under a very competent operator and saw the reduction of grade level on the then rather steep "Taylor's Hill" accompanied by a very good ditching and widening program with the application of a 4"-6" depth of crushed stone (crushed from shore gravel on the "Taylor Beach" where the present Thornhill residence is). Unfortunately, the contract would not provide for the continuance of this standard and by the time construction reached the Third concession road, it was evident that a reduction had to be made, however some 46 years later I suggest that this section of the road still shows some evidence of this standard of work that was carried out and the advantages of it.

In December 1936, the contract had been fulfilled and while the designated mileage had received a decreased amount of grading and crushed stone, there was still a distinct improvement in the condition of the

remainder of the designated road.

With a provincial election in the offing (Premier Mitchell L. Hepburn's second election), my father who was again reeve in 1937, through political channels, succeeded in getting a further allotment of monies and a subsequent extension of contract which was carried out during the summer of 1937 and provided completion of the program to Emerald, with a few loads of stone applied to the Emerald crossroad, extending as far as the second concession road.

I think we all enjoyed the advantages of this expenditure of provincial monies and in succeeding years our Department of Highways introduced the "development road program", hopefully to assist municipalities like our own in improving the standards of our roads to take care of automobile and truck traffic. I think it was about the year 1945, with Mr. Cochrane our Reeve and again a provincial election in the offing, Reeve Cochrane sought and obtained an allocation of a substantial sum of monies to be used in a "Development Road Program"- this time the Council of that day, designated a mileage extending from the Apps-Marshall farm. East of Stella, to the village of Emerald and a portion of the Emerald crossroad to the second (continued)

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concession on which the monies should be expended.

Emphasis this time was on widening the road allowance from our previous 40 ft to 66 ft., in the interests of better snow removal along with drainage in the way of culvert placement.

The month was October, a rainy fall season was in progress and negotiations for acquisition of additional road widths met with determined opposition from many landowners, and the result was rather disappointing in this way. The lack of engineering, establishment of grade levels, the wet weather and the requirement that the monies had to be expended before "election day" resulted in very inadequate installation of culverts, which in subsequent years suffered irreparable damage from grading which was done on a contract basis with County and Provincial equipment before we purchased our own power grader.

Now we are in the final stages of another "Development Road Program" with of course, revised standards of construction dictated by modern needs and as a result of another approach and solicitation, on our behalf by the Chairman of our Township Road Committee in the early months of 1978 to the Hon. James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications,

met with favourable consideration by him and has resulted in an allocation of \$500,000 of Provincial funding for this purpose. The Council of 1978 designated a mileage of road from the Amherst Island ferry dock via the Stella crossroad and Third concession to Amherst Bay (Sand Beach) for expenditure of this allocation, but the election of a new council in 1979 resulted in designation of 8.0 Kms. of road extending from the end of the present pavement (near the E. Hogeboom property) west to the Harvey Eves property on the Front road.

An engineering study, I believe, was done on this mileage, grade levels set and straightening etc. planned, in the last two years extensive work has been carried out and substantial sums of monies expended, some of us question the wisdom of the extent to which ditching has been carried out and grade levels created, which will pose a problem in future for maintaining and restricting weed growth and brush growth along the roadside as well as creating a distinct hazard should accidents occur. Be this as it may, I am very strongly of the opinion that our present Council should proceed to complete that portion of the completed road bed to the intersection of the Emerald crossroad with a hard surface, which would in my opinion, provide for a long term of years of good road condition with a minimum of maintenance in every way.

As a life-long resident, I would hope that when the "wheel" has gone full circle again and it becomes our turn to be recipients of more "ministry handouts" that the council of that time will not look around and say "We must use this on the Front Road".

Now to give consideration to the pros and cons, stated in your Beacon: I heartily agree with the pros stated in items A, B, and C but would like to state opinions on the cons by item as follows:

A) Winter Maintenance Costs- one only need to ask our road dept. or any member of council how much expenditure has been made for winter maintenance on the existing surfaced roads either in the way of sanding or in the purchase of equipment to do the same. I suggest that it has been very negligible, - very negligible during icy periods as one finds that the ice very quickly disappears from the surfaced roads when the sun appears compared to the way it clings to gravelled surfaces when the attachment for the scarifier on the grader has to be used to roughen up the same. Perhaps some sort of sanding equipment is long overdue for installation on one of our trucks for use on treacherous spots on all our roads.

B) We can experience fast driving on any of our roads, be they gravel or hard surface and I would point out that nothing is more disgusting than to experience stone damage to your vehicle as a result of excessive speed

when meeting or passing on gravel road.

C) My views are pretty well stated in
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answering (A). above.

(D) I contradict the statement that previous hard-surfacing jobs have not lasted - let us consider for a moment the record:

In 1970?, the Stella crossroad received a so-called surfacing job. This was undertaken without adequate preparation of the roadbed, ditches, etc, insufficient grade levels were established, and the final application was more or less an oil treatment or a low cost substitute for a high quality, long-life surface. This application was followed by a very severe winter with above normal snow fall during which all sorts of snow removal equipment was brought in to use in order to keep the road open. This certainly, to my thinking, told its tale, and the following year was torn up by the grader.

The result of this was seeking the advice of a well-known road contractor with M.T.E. personnel whose advice was to add some 10" of rough stone, properly compacted, followed by 6" of fine stone, preparatory to another application of hardtop. This was proceeded with in 1976, but first the rough stone was placed and compacted on that section of the road from the Third concession to the village of Stella, the ditches and road shoulder of the "blind spot" at "Fanny's Hill" was never finished and a very thin skimming of fine stone was sprinkled on it, later to be swept away across the fields of adjoining farms in the wind. This was the unfortunate experience as a result of a job not well done and cannot be criticised as "not standing up".

2) In 1972, approximately a mile of surfacing was done east of the village on the North Shore road. Again inadequate preparation preceded it, with no contribution of an off-season carrying out the work was productive of a low-grade job, but in spite of this and giving recognition of the volume of heavy traffic that it carried, e.g. the hauling of stone from the Caughey quarry at all seasons of the year, this road is still some ten years later, in remarkably good condition, although, admittedly in need of another surface to be added in the not too distant future.

3) The approximately one mile west of the village, which bears heavy traffic as well, has, in my opinion, stood the test of time since 1974 with a minimum of maintenance cost.

E) The concern of fiscal restraint and attention to keeping people employed with "make work efforts" with Government funding is completely unacceptable to me. I know that I may be considered of the "old school" but expenditure, of such money for programs which show little or no results are only wasteful of tax resources as well as destroying people's initiative and willingness to give a day's work for a day's pay.

From time to time I become critical of the instability of road programs within our municipality. In 1974?, Council under Reeve Vince Aitken, initiated a five year program, the carrying out of which I have covered in preceding paragraphs and which, you will have to agree has in succeeding years been discarded. I am most concerned regarding our maintenance procedures, countless hours of grader maintenance is employed that we manage to maintain a respectable driving surface, but I can still identify the same location of water holes in our roads as existed 40 years ago, applications of loads of gravel seem to last only a week, then another rain and we are back in the same pot holes, all due to the lack of concern for drainage. I well remember a nomination meeting of many years ago during the reeveship of the late T.E. Cochrane when he told of having been advised by Harvey Smale regarding road construction who stated that "the first essential of good road construction is drainage, the second essential is drainage, and the third is drainage." (Harvey Smale was the Municipal Engineer with MTC)

I think I am right in quoting a cost for the two sections of surfacing presently in place at \$15,000 each. When one compares this figure with the cost per load of our present dust control program and what it costs (\$1000.00 per load?) there is no doubt about the way we should be going, particularly with our more heavily travelled section of road.
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Two years ago I made a survey of the application of our dust control program measuring the mileage covered and relating it to the number of people which it served on a full time and part time resident basis. The results were very interesting. I have long been critical of the principle of "hit and miss" application such as we receive on that section of the third concession west of the Marshall Glenn hill and after one has driven over the areas of untreated sections one concludes that the application in front of residences is a useless exercise and I admit that I am just a little envious of my neighbours when I meet them on the ferry with a lovely clean car while

I am in a grimy dust-filled one.

A couple of years ago, a friend of mine from another part of the province was visiting us. He happened to be a road supt. in the area where he lived. He asked me with some concern why we did not have dust control on our Island roads and when I assured him that we did, he replied, "I think you better investigate the quality of the product you are using."

In the last several years, I think that it is disgraceful the treatment which has been applied to the Stella crossroad. To apply a single application to the centre of this much travelled road from the third concession road to the village is totally inadequate. I have driven this road with vehicles and with farm equipment when I felt my life was in jeopardy with visibility zero in clouds of dust. Remember this is one of our main roads - it is part of a mail route, a bus route, a milk route as well as the road to the cemetery and it serves a lot of people, both resident and visitor.

May I conclude by re-emphasizing what I have previously tried to state - let us finish the allotted expenditure of Development Road funds by doing a good surfacing job on that part of it presently completed. Remember a job "well done" is "twice done". If we require guard rails, as a result of errors and engineering judgment, let us try and find the necessary dollars to put the same in place. Remember, some of our most precious possessions, our children travel this road some 200 days of the year.

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Sincerely

A. Bruce Caughey

Isaac Preston Mentioned in Ontario Genealogical Society Newsletter
From the Peterborough Examiner March 11, 1875

Another of our old Loyalists has gone to his rest. Isaac Preston Esq. was born near Market Hill, Co. Armagh, Ireland, Jan. 1 1777, and died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Preston, Manvers Twp., Feb.9, 1875 aged 99 years.

He was particularly noted for his strong Conservative principles and unswerving attachment to British institutions. In Ireland he served for 5 years in a regiment of Dragoons, which was dismembered by the Treaty of Amiens in 1802. That year he emigrated to America and settled in Amsterdam, U.S. Not feeling at home or happy under republican institutions, he crossed over to Canada, and was one of the earliest settlers of Amherst Island. It was here during the Rebellion of 1837, that he and his

family suffered great hardships. Both he and his six sons took an active part in quelling the Rebellion. Their home was plundered by rebels and father and sons seriously wounded, indeed narrowly escaped with their lives. He left Amherst Island in 1854 and settled with his son James at Manvers Twp. where he lived until his death. His wife died here aged 84 in 1866. He joined the Orange Lodge No. 2 in 1796 and was the oldest Orangeman in America. He leaves a large connexion. (Ed. note - Isaac Preston 75 and his wife Sarah 70 are listed in the 1851 Census of Amherst Island; he is a farmer, belonging to the Church of England)

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lulu and Phyllis Strain on Wed. Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. The meeting was opened by the president Mrs. Georgie Allison with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect

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followed by O Canada. Correspondence and the financial statement were read by the sec.-treas. Mrs. Phyllis Strain The officers' conference in Waterloo is to be held May 3, 4 and 5, and Mrs. Phyllis Strain was chosen to attend as a delegate from the branch. The branch also gave a donation to the Boy Scout fund in Alberta.

A brown bag auction is planned for the March meeting. Everyone brings something in a bag to be auctioned. We discussed a donation to the Napanee Museum and will donate later.

Mrs. Marian Glenn gave an account of the executive meeting she attended in Napanee in the Memorial Building on Feb. 9. The area convention will be held in Frontenac County again at the Ambassador hotel in the fall. The District Annual will be held in Selby this year and is being catered by the Maple Ridge Branch.

We also discussed the Napanee Fair display which has three topics to choose from "How W.I. Helps" "Results of W.I. Work" or "W.I. Needs You". The Institute has been asked to cater for a School Reunion banquet on Sat. July 23 at the school. The menu was discussed and would be presented to the committee by the President. More plans will be discussed later.

The program convenor for World Affairs, Mrs. Jane Miller told us some very interesting things about Canada's Immigration Act. She read about the

new Immigration Act which began in 1978 (the previous one began in 1952). Then she told us the problems she and her husband and family had before they could come to the country to live from the United States, which interested everyone.

Each member was to bring a homemade Valentine.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jane Miller on Wed. March 16 at 8 p.m. The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen. Each member brought a bit of pink lunch to share for Valentine's Day, which everyone enjoyed.

Kids' Softball

- Brian Ward

I know that March seems early to be thinking about softball, but now is the time for coaches to be thinking of players and teams. Upon listing our Island players in age groups, it looks like we should strive to have three teams in 1983.

1) Age 5-8 Grasshopper - we should have 11 to 13 kids

2) Age 9-10 Mite - we would have 11 to 13 kids

3) Age 11-12 Squirt - we would have 11 kids plus two overage 13 yr olds for whom I will try to get permission from the league for them to play.

This means that we are going to require extra coaches mainly for the Grasshopper team. It should be quite a challenge as only three of the thirteen have played before. I will continue to coach the other two teams with the ample help that I have had in the past few years.

If anyone is interested in coaching the Grasshopper team or helping with Mite or Squirt, please let me know as soon as possible. Any kids that have not played in past years and wish to play this year should also give me a call. If you played last year but do not want to play this year, please call me to let me know that as well. Brian Ward 389-5767

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our wonderful family, relatives, friends and neighbours who made our 25th Anniversary such a memorable occasion. A special thanks goes to Lucille Brown who made such a beautiful job decorating our cake, Jack Forester, who arranged so efficiently providing us with our "liquid refreshments", our bartenders Doug Wilson and Art Hitchins for a "job well done", Beth Forester for suggesting such a super disc jockey, Marian Glenn, Barbara Reid, Anne-Marie Hitchins and Lois

McCormick for being a tremendous help to Janice, Doug Shurtliffe for setting up tables and decorating on Friday afternoon, all the ladies who worked in the kitchen making tea and coffee and arranging the food. Thanks also to all those wonderful people who brought food, also for lovely gifts, cards and money. We enjoyed our evening very much as we hope everyone who turned out on such a cold night did also. Thank you all for just being who you are.

Sincerely, Eldon and Elsie Willard.

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Council Report for April 5, 1983
- Jacqueline Sylvester

The regular session of council was already underway at 7:54 when this reporter entered the chambers. Possibly the early start was made because of the delegations to be heard, but no advance warning was given to the public (I had been next door in the library since about 7:40).

Council first heard from Mr. Gordon Ogilvie, our Regional Assessment Commissioner on the Section 86 Reassessment Program. This program reassesses properties so that similar properties of similar value (i.e. 'market value') are placed on an equal footing for local tax purposes. This program makes adjustments only within each property class (i.e. residential, farm, commercial) it does not change the proportion of the total tax burden that each class pays. Under this program the objective is to bring in a new assessment role every 4 years.

I understood that each municipality can choose whether to adopt this program or to maintain their old assessment roles. Mr. Ogilvie offered council 4 options:

1. A preliminary overview of what our assessment looks like now could be undertaken and completed by June.
2. A tax impact study - breaks the overview into identifiable areas to show what percentage of assessments would change. - This could be completed by this fall.
3. A complete reassessment - where individual properties are reassessed. - It was stated that in most municipalities approximately 33% of the

assessments go up, 33% go down, and the remainder stay the same.
4. Council may opt for no change.

Mr. Ogilvie stated that the reassessment program gives each ratepayer a better chance at understanding and possibly attacking their assessment.

Later in the meeting, council made a motion to have a preliminary study undertaken (Option 1). This

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reporter's concern, after talks with other people, is the effect a re-assessment may have on our share of the County levy, since our "market values" in relation to other municipalities may go up. The program will not affect the total amount of tax collected for use within the municipality.

The second delegation was Mr. Doug Martin, manager of Auxiliary Services, L & A County Board of Education, to talk on the use of propane to fuel the school bus. Council has already given approval to the refueling tank at the school if it is fenced in. Council was informed that several ministries are asking municipalities to include refueling tanks in their zoning by-law. Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation to council for keeping our roads open in winter for the school bus.

The third delegation was Lloyd Clare who inquired of council the provisions he would need to follow to sever and rezone his wayside pit to operate as a permanent quarry.

Ed Chadband was hired as our new building inspector. He reported that 5 building permits have been taken out this year involving capital expenditures of \$58,070. A severance request from Mr. Barnes will require rezoning. Council is going to look into the legality of making a survey a condition of severance. After a Committee of the Whole, council reported they were tabling the matter of a stop work order on Mr. Edward Filson.

Committee Reports

Ferry - Union intends to bargain for amendments to the current collective agreement. Council stated it must involve non-monetary issues, but will wait until more information is obtained.

- a motion to have the building at the dock renovated was defeated (2 in favour, 2 against). Renovations will not cost as much as relocating the

electrical connection required for the Wolfe Islander. We do not know what our stand-by ferry is to be. When this is resolved, the question will be brought up again.

Roads - McFarland wants a 20 cents a yard surcharge on gravel from Am-Isle farms. Lloyd Clare expressed a desire to sell gravel to the municipality at a fair market value. Council has refused to discuss the matter further until they can gain legal title and access to the gravel.

- a \$87,200 road budget was adopted,
- council wants to widen and pave the Stella crossroads on the south-west corner to permit easier turning for large vehicles.
- A resolution and by-law were passed to place additional road signs up.
- Esdon Ltd. is to be retained to undertake a survey of a portion of the Development Road.
- Council passed a resolution to formalize land agreements re the Development Road.
- a letter from Irene Glenn re the dust problem on the Stella 40-foot will probably be resolved by buying an extra load of calcium chloride or, if the Development Road is paved, we will have extra available compared to last year.

Fire - Council will look into increased coverage (i.e. Workmen's Compensation) for our Volunteer Firefighters.

- Council increased the amount given for the "training session" to \$250.00.

Sanitation - a container for scrap metal is to be placed at the dump by KIMCO on a trial basis, if KIMCO considers this worth while, they will pay the municipality for the metal received.

- The Waste Management Program has ended; the actual amount spent was \$2,314.38 of which \$2,000 will be reimbursed. The program continued longer than was originally intended.

Finance - our County levy is down \$604.00 and school levy is down \$204.00.

- the Working Budget - an approved working budget has been in existence

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since February, but our final budget may not be approved until June since we have only just received our County and School levies, and we do not yet know finalized details on all the grants we hope to receive. At present the public does not know the details of this budget.

- Councillor Ian Murray would like to make this budget public as he does not see how council can make daily decisions for half the working year on a document that is not publicly available.
- the other councillors say it has never been released in the past, that people may become confused or have misconceptions about it, and people do not realize that a "Working Budget" can and generally does have changes made in it before it becomes finalized.
- why don't you let your favourite councillor know your feelings on whether you think the Working Budget should be available to the public upon demand.

Under other new business, council agreed to allow a school trip of handicapped children to the Island to travel on the ferry free. Control of liquor in the community centre was discussed and signs are to be printed to be posted whenever liquor is being served. A Rabies Clinic is to be held at the Fire Hall April 15, 6:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

The Municipal Drain was discussed in a Committee of the Whole on which no report was given after. The County Planning Committee is hiring a Consultant to report on the effects of the County Official Plan on the involved municipalities. They want to know the positive and negative effects of the plan, its implications to the municipalities, the estimated cost to the county as greater demands are made on their resources, and what alternatives to the County Official Plan might be available to them.

The long, rambling council meeting finally ended near midnight.

Notice- Anti-Rabies Clinic

An anti-rabies vaccination clinic will be held at the Amherst Island Fire Hall on Friday, April 15th from 6:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

This service is being offered at cost - \$3.00 per animal - by your local Health Unit, the Township and the County.

You are urged to protect yourself and your family by bringing your pet to the clinic.

Proper Use of Dump Site

As users of the dump, most people will be aware that some clean-up work has taken place at the site over the past few weeks. The work was done with the assistance of the Ministry of the Environment who have been putting some pressure on Council to keep the site in a more orderly fashion. The alternative would be to close the site and require that the Township make arrangements for off-island garbage disposal.

Council has arranged for a large bin to be placed at the site for disposal of metal objects including old appliances, fence wire (No Posts) etc. Please co-operate by using the bin for that purpose. Every resident can help keep the site tidy by following a few simple rules:

1. Normal household waste should be properly bagged
2. All garbage should be thrown off the side of the ramp, Not On The Ramp.
3. Large items and bulky waste such as old lumber, brush, etc. should be disposed of in such a way that it will not interfere with normal dumping.

Every dollar spent on the dump is paid for by the property owners of Amherst Island and increased costs result in an increase in your tax bill. Please remember that the dump is the responsibility of all of us.

Building Regulations

Diane Pearce - Clerk-treasurer

It has been brought to the attention of Council that construction is taking place that has not been covered by a building permit. The following information is being reprinted as a reminder to

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property-owners of their obligation to obtain a building permit when undertaking a “construction” project as interpreted by the Ontario Building Code.

A Reminder to Property Owners and Tenants

The Act to provide for an Ontario Building Code specifies among other things:

Interpretation: 1 (e) “Construct” means to do anything in the erection, installation or extension or material alteration or repair of a building and includes the installation of a building unit fabricated or moved from elsewhere, and “Construction” has a corresponding meaning:

(f) “Demolition” means the doing of anything in the removal of a building or any part thereof;

Building Permits 5 (1) No person shall construct or demolish a building in a municipality unless a permit therefor has been issued by the chief official. (2) The council of a municipality may pass by-laws and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations applicable in the area in which the municipality or Ontario, respectively, has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act.

- (a) prescribing classes of permits for the purposes of subsection 1, including permits in respect of any stage of construction or demolition;
- (b) providing for applications for permits and requiring the applications to be accompanied by such plans, specifications, documents and other information as is prescribed;
- (c) requiring the payment of fees on applications for and issuance of permits and prescribing the amounts thereof;
- (d) providing for the refunding of fees under such circumstances as are prescribed;
- (e) prescribing the time within which notices required by the regulations must be given to the chief official or an inspector;
- (f) prescribing forms respecting permits and applications for permits and providing for their use.

Issue of Permits 6 (1) The chief official shall issue a permit except where

- (a) the proposed building or the proposed construction or demolition will not comply with this Act or the building code or will contravene any other applicable law; or
- (b) the application therefor is incomplete or any fees due are unpaid.

Notice of Change 6 (3) An applicant for a permit shall inform the chief official of any change in any information contained in the application.

The Zoning By-Law for the Township of Amherst Island also states Sect. 17, Subsection (6) Violations and Penalties

“Every person who uses any lot, or erects, alters or uses any building or structure or any part of any lot, building or structure in a manner contrary to any requirement of this By-law, or who causes or permits such use, alteration or erection, or who violates any provision of this By-Law or causes or permits a violation, shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction therefor, shall forfeit and pay a penalty, at the discretion of the

convicting judge or court, not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) exclusive of costs, for each such offence, and every such penalty shall be recoverable under the Municipal Act and The Provincial Of fences Act. Each day of violation shall constitute an offence.”

If you wish further information or clarification, please contact either the Township Office or the undersigned at 389-3546.

Ed. Chadband,
Building Inspector

Notice re Avon Representative

- Wendy Shurtliffe

I would like to let the ladies and gentlemen know that we have another Avon representative. I will put books in the store and either the people can phone me, or just call and I will be glad to come to you.

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School News

- Steven Willard, Donnie Miller

This past month has been a busy one for the students of Amherst Island school.

First with the seniors having exams and the other two rooms working just as hard. But soon the March break came up and everyone got a rest.

Just recently, though, we had our Spring Carnival. Due to our lack of winter weather in the winter, Students' Council decided to have a Spring Carnival instead.

This included such activities as a Spelling Bee, Hobby Day, Nucum Ball (Volley Ball) Tournament and a Treasure Hunt. All played well and had fun.

Since April 1 was a PD day, school was out and April Fool's Day couldn't be celebrated. Instead, it was held on Wednesday the 30th, and it was the scene of much mischief.

In the days to come much rehearsing and studying is going to be done to bring forth a well performed operetta done by the students. This will happen during Education Week - all people invited.

The Monkey's Paw

- Steven V.

This is a story about a family who met a man named Sgt. Major Ross. The old man was telling them about the times he had and the places he has been. Then their neighbour tells them that Mr. Ross has a Monkey's Paw. The family gathers around to see and Sgt. Ross tells them how it works and how he got it. When he was finished he threw it upon the fire. Then Mr. White picked it out of the fire. Then Mr. White wished for 200 pounds. He had his wish granted. That same day his son, Herbert, was mutilated in machinery. Ten days later they wished for him to come back and he did. Then Mr. White wished for him to go away and he did just as Mrs. White opened the door.

Book Report for March

Name - Trudy Strain

Name of Novel - Pegeen and The Pilgrim

Name of Author - Lyn Cook

Summary

This novel was about a young Irish girl who helped her mother run a boarding house. Pegeen had always been a bit of a tomboy and a person very interested in acting. One day when she was delivering newspapers for her neighbour, she met a new girl. Pegeen later became a wonderful friend with "Andy". Ever since June when school was let out, Pegeen has wanted a beautiful blue dress for her mother. When she finally gets the money and buys it, her mother says she just can't take it and asks Pegeen to take it back. Pegeen, who decides to run away, meets a man in front of the dress shop and becomes a "house mate" as well as a great friend with Mr. B. Pegeen happened to live in Stratford just like Shakespeare, except in Ontario and this year they have decided to hold a festival in honour of Shakespeare. Pegeen instantly becomes interested in Shakespeare and Mr. B., who lives in a world of Shakespeare, helps her to understand the writings. The story goes on to tell of the happenings at the festival and how Pegeen meets Garrick Hagon, an actor in the Festival. Then it ends when Pegeen's world stops spinning when Mr. B., Garrick and Miss Snell (her wonderful English teacher) leave. But life must and does go on for Pegeen O'Hara until next year's festival.

Main Characters

Pegeen O'Hara was a young friendly girl who became a friend of William Shakespeare's for life.

Mr. B. - a warm good-hearted man who (as I said before) lives in a world of Shakespeare.

Andy was a fun out-going person with a great personality.

Opinion

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. It was a story with great movement from scene to scene and a wonderful plot. The author used words which really expressed what she wanted. This is a story I would strongly suggest to readers.

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Why It Is Good To Keep A Promise

- Julie Forester

When you keep a promise, you are being loyal and trustful. If you break a promise, you are being dishonest and you won't be trusted by your friends. Sometimes, you can make false promises without knowing. We should be like God when making promises; be sure we are going to keep them before we make them. In Numbers 14:40, it says that wherever we go when you deace, it is where the Lord has promised. We should try and make Ourselves in God's image, trusting and true to our word. Sometimes people lose friends when they don't keep a promise. Others will not be trusted for keeping a promise again in the future. Here is an example when it is good when a promise isn't made or kept. Someone tells you that he will pay you 5 dollars if you help him cheat on a test. If you don't make the promise you are ensuring yourself that he was conning you into a promise and that its just as good for him if the promise isn't made or kept. Keeping promises is part of forming someone's character and personality. A promise is like a vow - you pledge to keep it. A broken vow is a promise given away.

Promises

- Steven Willard

Promises should be generally kept as long as it doesn't end in someone's destruction or death.

I will agree though that a promise should be kept and it should be as strong as steel. Many times though a promise must be broken. I have an example; suppose you saw a vandal doing damage and he saw you; he then made you promise not to tell. Anyways, he keeps doing it, and your friend

is accused of it. Do you tell? Of course you would. If you were a true friend you would tell.

But as I stated before, you should always keep your promise as long as it won't hurt someone.

Paramount Pictures Presents - Star Wreck - The Motion Picture

- Steven Ward

"There's a message coming in from the planet below" said communications officer Uhorta. "Put it on the bridge speaker" said Captain Jerk. "Beware travellers of the starship Enterwreck, unless you leave orbit you will be plunged into our atmosphere with our tractor beam" said the president of the planet. "Cut him off, Uhorta," said Captain Jerk. Captain Jerk! Sensors show that 500 men are beaming aboard the ship," said science officer, Shmuck. "Come with me Shmuck, Lieutenant Lulu, you have the conn," said Jerk as he tripped over Uhorta's high heel on the way to the door.

Jerk and Shmuck arrived in the transporter room in time to see chief engineer Snotty at gunpoint. Jerk and Shmuck's weapons were stripped off of them. "What are you going to do with the Enterwreck?" asked Jerk. "We came here to warn you that you only have two hours to leave orbit." said the president. Now if you'll kindly beam us back down we will be able to prepare to plunge you into the atmosphere. We outnumber your crew 500 to 430 you know, so you need not create any form of violence." He said, "Very well, Snotty beam them back down," said Jerk. "Aye, Sir," replied Snotty. "Captain, you just can't let them get away." said a confused Shmuck. "Shut up or you'll ruin everything, you thick headed, half-human Vulcan," exclaimed Jerk. Just as the men were getting on the transporter platform, Jerk said. "Snotty, I want to talk to you before you beam them down," said Jerk. "Sure, cap'tain," said Snotty. "Snotty, after you energize, don't let them materialize on the planet, after they disappear, trap them in the transporter, do you think you can do that?", asked Jerk. "Sure, Captain," replied Snotty. "That's a dirty trick, Captain Jerk," whispered Shmuck. "That's the whole idea you green-blooded Vulcan replied Jerk!" The Intruders shimmered out of existence and immediately Jerk asked, "Did you get them, Snotty?" "Aye, Sir, I've got them all snug and warm in the transporter," replied Snott. "Good, I will be on the bridge if you need me, come along

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Shmuck,” said Jerk.

Jerk and Shmuck entered the bridge out of the elevator and Jerk screamed, “What did you do to the Enterwreck, Lulu?” “I wanted to get a closer look at the surface and our scanners weren’t working, so I ordered checkup to take us into the atmosphere, but something weird happened, we didn’t blow up, and I can see the surface,” said Lulu. “How could you have been so dumb? We didn’t blow up because we went into the atmosphere on impulse power. It takes ways two to blow up a ship in an atmosphere,” said Jerk. “Oh”, replied Lulu. “Captain, we are trapped in this planet’s atmosphere, because Snotty pressed the destruct button on accident, and the engines went Ka Boom!” said Shinuck. “Of all the crews in Star-fleece I had to get the absent minded one!” cried Jerk. “Captain, a message is coming in from the planet, “ said Uhorta. “Woops, I hit the cut button!” said Uhorta. “Well, try to get it back!” said Jerk, whose anger was beginning to grow fast. “I got it back, captain. “Ouch,” said Uhorta. “What’s wrong Uhorta?” asked Jerk. “I broke my longest fingernail,” cried Uhorta. “Well, play the message!” said Jerk. “Here it is Captain,” said Uhorta. “We cannot destroy, you know, without destroying our planet, you are free to go as soon as you wish. Oh, do you know where the president is?” asked the Vice-President. “No, not a clue. Enterprise out.” said Jerk. “Lets leave this planet,” said Jerk. “We now can because Mr. Snott has repaired the damage done to the engines, when he accidentally destroyed them,” said Shmuck. “Bridge to transporter,” said Jerk into the intercom. “Transporter room here,” said the man. “Let the president go,” said Jerk. “Ahhh, I was having fun bouncing them around in the transporter,” said the young lieutenant. “You were what? Well, never mind. It might have done them some good. But now will you please follow my order,” said Kirk. “Aye, aye Sir, Transporter room out,” he said. “Bridge out” said Jerk. Just as the Enterwreck began to move, Jerk shimmered out of existence. “Captain Jerk I can’t see you, did my contact lenses fall out again?” asked Shmuck. “No the captain’s gone,” cried Uhorta. “Open a frequency with the planet,” ordered Shmuck. “Here’s the message Sir,” said Uhorta. “Yes, what would you like Mr. Shmuck?” asked the president. “Give us Captain Jerk!” said Shmuck. “Your who? asked the president. “I don’t need my contact lenses to know that you took the captain,” said Shinuck. “Oh, yes we took him by our transporter because of the dirty trick you pulled on us with your transporter,” said the president. Then Shmuck heard Jerk’s voice in the background. It said, “Beam me back up fast or you won’t get any Christmas bonuses.” The Shmuck said, “Ah, you can have him, because if the Captain is gone, I am in command,” said Shmuck. McCrotch

entered the bridge and immediately threw a temper tantrum over this and also because of the small part he had in this show. “You can’t do that to Jerk,” said McCrotch. “Oh, yea, well just try and stop me,” said Shmuck. At that instant McCrotch stabbed Shmuck with a tranquilizer. “That should put him out for days! I think he needs the rest, that green stuff in his veins which he calls blood is finally starting to affect him,” said McCrotch. Just as he was dragging Shmuck into the elevator, he saw Lulu heading for the command chair. He said, “Oh no, you don’t Lulu, as Lieutenant Commander I am putting Uhorta in command until Snotty gets here,” said McCrotch, and then the elevator doors shut before he could say another word. Uhorta yelled, “Yaa-hooo! Let’s have a party, I have had a forty ounce in my computer for months until I could get the conn.” “Well, I guess losing the conn isn’t that bad afterwards.” said Lulu as he gulped down a glass.

Down on the planet Jerk was running for the communications booth. He picked up the microphone and yelled, “Jerk to Enterwreck” “Enterwreck here, Snott speak in, “ “Beam me up fast and go to warp one and a

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half as soon as I’m there,” said Jerk. “Aye, sir,” said a drunk Snott.”

In the transporter room, Jerk put on a viewer and saw that the planet was behind them and starting to look like a star. Jerk walked on the bridge and sat down. He started to say, “Where is Mr. Shmuck” but was interrupted by a loud burp that came from Uhorta. “I beg your pardon, Uhorta,” said Jerk. “Excuse, burp, me,” and then he collapsed. “What the heck is going on?” said Jerk. “We got drunk, Sir, after McCrotch made Shmuck a burp tenant,” said Snott as he collapsed. “Lulu, you have the conn,” said Jerk as he disappeared behind the elevator doors. After he was out of sight Uhorta and Snotty got up and ran for their glasses, burping all of the way.

Jerk entered sickbay full of confusion. He said, “McCrotch, what is going on with Shmuck?” asked Jerk. “I lowered him to Lieutenant because he nearly killed you.” “Well let me tell you this, you are out of the chain of command for what you did! You never assault a superior officer.” “That doesn’t make sense!” said McCrotch. “What does anymore on this show?” said Jerk as he walked out the door.

Amherst Island Women’s Institute

- Thelma Howard

The March meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jane Miller on Mar. 16 at 8 p.m. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Georgia Allison in the usual manner with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The financial report was given by Mrs. Phyllis Strain who also read the correspondence. The results of the euchre for the Heart Fund amounted to \$225. A Mother's Day buffet dinner was planned for Sat. May 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. The committee in charge is Mrs. Marian Glenn, Mrs. Georgia Allison, Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, Mrs. Diane Gavlas and Mrs. Randi Kennedy. Tickets are to be sold in advance so, if interested, please contact any Institute member. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 yr. We hope you will all help to make our dinner a success.

Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, convenor of Consumer Affairs, showed an interesting film on "Women and Advertising" and afterwards much discussion went on about the subject. A brown bag auction took place which made the society a bit of money. Each member brought something in a brown bag and it was auctioned.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen after which a nice lunch was served. The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn on April 6 at 8 p.m. At this meeting will be the election of officers for 1983-4 and payment of fees.

From onto Sheep Assoc. Newsletter

In 1896 William Jennings Bryan said it best, "Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow on every city street in the country."

As long as the North American farmer can supply our food at a price that allows us to spend the greatest part of our income for our cars and TV's and recreational items, our high standards of living can continue. But when our farmers can no longer produce our low cost food, or when they have no economic incentive or ability to produce food -- truly again "the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."

Notices

Topsy Farms Ltd., on Amherst Island, invites you to visit our lambing

operation on Sundays, April 17 and April 24 from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. For further information, or to make special arrangements, call Sally at 389-3444 or Randi at 389-0554.

Neil Reynolds, Leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada, will speak at a public meeting in Kingston on Monday, April 18. Place: The Lisbon Room, the Ambassador Hotel. Time: 8 P.M. Topic: The Libertarian Alternative.

Amherst Island Women's Institute is sponsoring a euchre in the public School on Saturday, April 16, 1983, at 8 P.M. Proceeds given to Canadian Cancer Society. Freewill donations accepted. Receipts given.

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May Council Meeting
- Christopher Kennedy

This is the reporter's account and opinions of the meeting. The official minutes can be seen at the Township office.

All the councillors were present. The meeting started with a presentation by Mr. Bickerton, from Bickerton Insurance Agency, reviewing the Township's insurance policy and giving suggestions where it might be updated. The Township appears to be insured against almost every problem imaginable. It is insured for: death or dismemberment of fire-fighters at a fire; dishonest township employees, including councillors; the township's safe being cracked and other mysterious disappearance, robbery, theft, larceny, pilferage, fire, flood, explosion, wind, water damage, riot, negligence, and hold-up of township securities; township vehicles; almost any damage caused by any action or lack of action, or wrongful act by the township; and all township property. The recommendations were mainly to increase the levels of coverage in some categories. Council decided to study the whole insurance area including Mr. Bickerton's recommendations.

The building inspector, Ed. Chadband made his report. Three building permits were issued in April: to Lawrence Baker for renovations; to Calvin Thornhill for alterations and repairs; and to Mr. Ilchyna for a new residence. There was a discussion of the cost of building permits. It was decided to base the cost for the new residence on a value of \$40 / sq. ft.

Council decided that priority on the ferry should be given to police,

medical doctors, ambulances and veterinarians when they are on emergency trips.

Council has decided to go ahead with putting blacktop on the development road and are to discuss the best system to use the money available.

The dump clean-up project is finished. Some people have been pleased with it while others say there is nothing worth scavenging. Peter McCormick has pushed the garbage back off the ramp with his new machine. A couple of days after this

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was done, Larry Fleming who is in charge of the dump, was annoyed to find a heap of garbage right in the middle of the road. Please dump off to the side.

The working budget was presented. This may be seen in detail at the township office. It can't be finished until the School Board completes their budget. They have only had five months to discuss it. Our township's major expense is the ferry, but 92.5% of that is paid by M.T.C. The road budget is \$87,000 with a \$61,000 subsidy. Other costs include: Fire Dept. \$5000; salaries \$5000; professional fees \$4,500; interest and bank service charges \$5000; council honoraria \$4,250. The development road budget is \$94,737 with a \$90,000 subsidy.

This is still a working budget and can be changed.

Council decided it was not its business to help finance an N.D.S.S. band trip to Calgary. It appears the drainage referee wants to proceed with the hearing on the Drain at the beginning of June. Because of this the next council will be held on May 31. All please note. (later information has it that the Drainage Referee hearing will begin on June 1st at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse in Napanee. Pub. note)

Concern Grows for Future of Amherst Island Public School
- Ian Murray

There have been several rumours recently about the future of our school "It's going to be closed" "The senior students are going to be sent to NDSS" "The senior students are going to be sent to Bath Public School" I called two of our school board trustees to discuss these rumours. Both Ken

Campbell and Jane Scott said that many alternatives have been discussed, by the Long Range Planning Committee, no recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Board. Ken Campbell said he was very concerned about the high educational costs in the local school - 50% higher than the county average. He hopes that these costs can be reduced to a more acceptable level without significantly affecting the quality of education. Jane Scott also wishes the costs to be lowered but strongly expressed her support for both keeping the school open and for keeping all the students on the Island.

My conversation with Mrs. Scott made me realize the immense difficulties under which the trustees must make decisions. The "Board" is under considerable pressure to maintain educational quality while trying to balance rising costs pressure (mainly from a powerful teachers' union) against the financial concerns of an increasingly over-taxed public.

I got the impression that both Jane Scott and Ken Campbell are competent and hard-working trustees trying to do a difficult job as best they can.

Participation

- Chester Tugwell, Chairman Recreation Committee

Today we are hearing and seeing many advertisements on attempting to keep the body fit and the mind alert through various kinds of exercises. For the last six years we have had the gymnasium at the school and it seems to me that full advantage has not been taken of this facility. Therefore I am writing this hoping for your input so that a proper program may be planned before next fall and winter.

As long as one can move about under his or her own steam, volleyball is very interesting and not too energetic. Badminton, although requiring a little more mobility is an excellent game for a little bit younger set. For those who are no longer capable of bouncing around after a ball or a bird, perhaps euchre or five hundred would suffice to bring them out for a games night.

Therefore, within the next few weeks, would you please give me any ideas you have along these lines together with your enthusiasm for such a program.

Financial Statement Twp of Amherst Is

The 1982 Financial Statement for the Township of Amherst Island is

available for anyone who cares to examine it at the Township office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Canada Week Committee

Mr. Ian Murray

The Beacon

Stella, Amherst Island Ontario.

Dear Mr. Murray:

Bath is again busy getting ready for their annual Canada Day Parade to be held on 1st July 1983.

It would be appreciated if you could mention this in your newspaper. We would like to invite the residents of Amherst Island to take part in our parade. We would welcome marchers, floats, bands. or anything else they would like to enter.

Anyone wishing to take part should contact Kym Fairfax, Chairman, 352-3397 or Alison Turcotte, 352-7886. We would also appreciate it, if we can again send you copies of our Agenda to be attached to your newspaper.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alison Turcotte

Canada Week Committee

Bath, Ontario

A.C.W. Strawberry Social and Bake Sale

Reserve Saturday, July 2nd, 7-9 p.m. for our rejuvenated Strawberry Social. This will be held in the Amherst Island Public School. \$1.50 will buy cake with strawberry and cream topping plus a choice of beverages. Visit our ever-popular bake table for an assortment of holiday weekend goodies.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

The family of Gordon and Ada Filson of Lansdowne, formerly of Amherst Island, invite their friends, relatives and neighbours to a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sunday, May 29th from 2-5 p.m. at the Community Hall, Lansdowne. Best Wishes only.

(Take Highway 401 to Reynolds Road turnoff.)

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends, relatives, neighbours and the ferry crews, the Women's Institute and the A.C.W. for the cards, flowers, visits and telephone calls while in the hospital and since I came home.

Darrell Miller

Spring Dance

Sponsored by Amherst Island Recreation Committee.

Saturday, May 21, 1983.

Dinner 7 - 8 p.m. Dancing to 1 a.m.

Music by Red Rose Express

Tickets \$12 per couple (available from Committee members - only a few left.)

A Mother's Day Wish

She's the woman who carried me inside her womb. She's the woman who fed me, changed my diapers, rocked me in her arms, dried my tears, shared my joys and sorrows, and raised me into adulthood. I was dependent upon her from the moment of birth till the time of her death. Now she's gone. I feel devastated. She loved me and I loved her. I shall miss her an eternity. No one could replace my mother. Her memory will comfort me in my grief. Wherever you are, mom.

. . . Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Sandra

Widow's Sunset

- Sandra Haggett

Everytime she sees a sunset
Her mind wanders to that deathly place
Monuments and flowers all around
Flash in her mind's space.

Her love. . . her breath of life

Walks the graveyard at sunset
With outstretched arms, calling her name;
His need for her causing him unrest.

When the golden sun goes down,
Does he wander about lonely in the night
Searching for his only love
Unable to sleep unless she's all right?

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The beauty of a sunset
Reminds her of his death.
And while the shadows grow long
She misses her love, her breath.

Now, when the sun sets once more
And I'm standing all alone,
I'll think of mom and dad
And the day God called them home.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to those who sent cards, flowers or verbally sympathized with us during this time of great loss of our beloved mother, Evelyn Haggett. Special thanks to Norma Collins for helping out at home. She was a real "Godsend." Also we wish to convey our deepest gratitude to Shirley Belmont for all her hours of labouring over food preparations and for her quiet understanding.

Bill and Sandra

Readers will note that the Beacon is printed on both front and back of each sheet. Thicker paper has to be used and the process is a little more difficult and time-consuming to print, but only half as much paper is needed and therefore cuts down on the cost of printing. Because of rising costs of paper, ink and stencils, the Beacon is just barely able to break even.

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History Project Organizer Appeals For Data For Own Historical Research

With the arrival of warm weather come fond memories of my work last summer on Amherst Island with the Oral History Project. This summer I am doing some more historical research only on my own time. In particular, I'm reconstructing life as it was in the 1880's on the Island. So far the material I've found indicates that it was a prosperous decade, a time when profits from the barley trade enabled Islanders to purchase improved farm equipment, to expand their acreage, and to redecorate their homes. I've found bits of information pertaining to the Island life between 1880 and 1891 in the archives and libraries in Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph, Napanee, and Kingston, but there are still aspects of local life that remain elusive. Like last summer, I'm turning again to the residents of the Emerald Isle for help. If, during your spring cleaning, you come across anything pertaining to the 1880's or if you think you have old school attendance books, fire insurance records, diaries, letters, ledgers or minute books stuffed away somewhere, I would certainly appreciate being allowed to look at them. Feel free to call me anytime at 542-7795

Thanks

Cathy Wilson

Meeting Re School Future To Be Held

On Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Amherst Island Public School lunch room, there will be a community meeting to explain the

Lennox and Addington County Board of Education policy for school closure and consolidation. I would strongly urge community members to attend, ask questions and express opinions on the matter.

Principal Mike Flanigan

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Women's Institute

- Lulu Strain

The May meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute was held at the home of Diane Gavlas with eight members attending. The president, Georgie Allison conducted the meeting and the secretary-treasurer, Phyllis Strain read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the financial report.

The proceeds from the Mother's Day Buffet were very gratifying and our thanks to those who attended. Special mention was made of the help given us by Randi Kennedy.

It was decided to help the CNIB in October and to contribute \$20.00 to the Lennox and Addington County Museum for the time being. Some unfinished business from the annual meeting was completed. Plans were made for preparing food for the Recreation Club dance to be held May 21st.

Phyllis Strain gave her report of the Officers' Conference held in Waterloo which she attended in early May. W.I.'s are to study and take action on the increase in aggressive pornography; on pensions for women; on the use of computers; on censorship; on Human Rights and several other subjects.

A letter of protest was to be written concerning a "Chuckle" in Agri News.

The June meeting is to be held in Genevieve Fleming's home on June 15th at 8:00 p.m. when the Dairy Princess will be our guest.

Do You Know

The Amherst Island Women's Institute has been active in this community for over 83 years. It is part of a worldwide non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-racial organization with its aim to make the community a

better place to live and to promote a happy, wholesome life for all concerned.

Social and economic problems confront women everywhere, with the ensuing difficulties of harmonizing community and family life, in both urban and rural settings, and these problems are the basic concerns of our own Branch.

Our meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Visitors are welcome and we invite women of all ages to join with us in carrying out our aims and purposes.

If you are interested in learning more about us please get in touch with Mrs. Lloyd Strain, Secretary-Treasurer (389-0641), Mrs. Norman Allison, President (389-3546) or Mrs. Lulu Strain, Public Relations Officer (389-0641).

Strawberry Social and Bake Sale

Sponsored by A.C.W

When - Saturday July 2, 1983

Where - Amherst Island School

Price - \$1.50 for Cake, Ice Cream, Fresh Strawberries and a Choice of Beverages

Join your friends for after supper dessert and beverage served by the ladies of the Anglican Church Women.

Patronize the bake table for an assortment of holiday week-end goodies.

Win a draw for a delicious strawberry cheese cake for only 25¢.

Donations of baked goods from other ladies of the Anglican Church Parish would be greatly appreciated.

Notice to Destroy Weeds

- Attention residents of Amherst Island

Under the provisions of the weed control Act of Ontario, Public Notice is hereby given to all owners and occupants of subdivided lands or lots not in excess of (10) ten acres within the Township of Amherst Island, that unless noxious weeds or weed seeds are destroyed in any such subdivided lands or lots not in excess of ten (10) acres in the Township of Amherst Island are destroyed by the 20th day of June, 1983, the Council of the Township of Amherst Island has directed the Weed Inspector for the County of Lennox and Addington, to cause the said noxious weeds or weed seeds to be destroyed in such a manner as he may deem proper and that the

expenses incurred by the said Inspector in the discharge of his duty shall be placed in the Collector Roll against the respective parcel contained that such amounts shall be collected in the same manner as taxes under the Municipal Act. Dated at Amherst Island this 3rd day of June, 1983. Diane Pearce, Clerk, Percy McCaugherty, County Weed Inspector R.R.3 Napanee, Ont. 354-4414

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Cards of Thanks

Thank you for your warm thoughts and kind wishes during my recent illness.

And I do hope and pray Annie Miller will soon be feeling much better.

Sincerely,

Iva Eves

The Amherst Island Recreation Committee wishes to thank everyone who attended our May 21st dance and helped make it such a success.

A special thanks is extended to Les and Irene Glenn who supplied the meat and bar mix at cost, and also sliced the meat. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Wedding

On Saturday, May 28th at four p.m. Lillie Marlene Reynolds and Leslie James Strain were married in St.

Albans the Martyr Anglican Church,

Adolphustown, by Rev. David Kirby.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, Don and Doris Reynolds, was attended by her sisters, Pearl Davy and Dorothy Reynolds. The grooms attendants were his brothers Lloyd and Barry Strain.

A dinner and reception were held in the Masonic Hall, Bath, followed by a dance.

The bride and groom spent a week-long honeymoon in Florida and are now residing in Amherstview at 103 Amherst Drive.

A News Flash from Amherst Island P.S.

June being the last month of school involves a lot of activities. We the students have completed many of these activities but have many more to complete. Please read on and enjoy this write up.

Because of late arrival to the Beacon publishers there was no AIPS write up for May so I'll inform you now. On May 17th the students travelled to Odessa for a Musical. We sang "The Lord's Prayer", "Grandma's Feather Bed" and a medley from our recent operetta.

Then on May 24th we travelled to the marsh. This was an interesting day. A thank-you goes out to A. Bruce Caughey for opening his marsh land to us.

On June 1st AIPS held our track and field meet. This was a fun and enjoyable day. We wish to thank Marjorie Brown, Betty Wemp and Liz Silver for helping with the events.

June 2nd was a day set aside for our school trip. The primary classes went to Kingston General Hospital and the firehall in Kingston. Grades 3 to 8 went to Old Fort Henry, the Marine Museum and Bellevue House. Both trips were equally enjoyable.

Friday the 3rd was a Professional Development Day so there were no classes.

On the 6th of June we travelled to Napanee for a trip to see the Amherst Island exhibit in the County Museum and the cross-country run in the Napanee Fair grounds. The County relay was to be held that day but it was raining too hard.

On the 15th of June we are to travel to Napanee for the track and field meet. This should hold to an exciting day.

On June 14th as many people probably know, the school is holding a Walk-Pick-A-Thon. The Senior grades will be walking and picking from Emerald to Stella and grades 1 to 5 will be walking from the South Shore to Stella. Thank-you to all the sponsors of this event.

The week of June 19-25 is set aside for Senior Citizens Week in Ontario. So on June 23rd the students of AIPS will be holding a tea for these people. If you are a senior citizen, would like to join in the fun, and haven't received an invitation as yet please contact the school for you are most welcome.

As every year, we are holding our Graduation. This year it will be held on the 27th of June. All are welcome to attend. On the 28th of June (the last day of school) we are holding our school picnic. As of yet we are not sure where it will be held.

There, I think that's all we have to do this month. I hope you enjoyed

reading this write up because I enjoyed writing it.

Thank you and a happy summer holidays.

Trudy Strain and Penny Thornhill and the Staff
and Students of AIPS

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1983 Softball for the Kids

- Brian Ward

The 1983 season for our three kids' teams has started or is soon to start. The team schedules are included in this Beacon if you wish to watch some of the games.

The grasshopper team is coached by Rick Bedford and includes ages 5 to 8 The players are:

Amy Caughey

Lori Caughey

Jamie Silver

Jason Silver

Tracy Hitchins

Ricky Bedford

Jason Fleming

Kevin McCormick

Sarah deHann

Douglas Gavlas

Gordon Thornhill

The Mite team is coached by Brian Ward and includes ages 9 and 10

The players are:

Jeff deHann

Hugh Filson

Mike Strain

Reg Hitchins

Sherry Ward

Peter Horth

Richard Dodds

Laura Wemp

Jeff Forester

Jamie Thornhill

Mike Horth

Connie Fabian

This team has started the year with two wins; a very good start!

The Squirt team is coached by Brian Ward and includes ages 11 and 12.

The players are:

Ricky McGinn

Kirk Collins

Steven Ward

Rick Welbanks

Julie Forester

Trudy Strain

Donnie Miller

Teddy Bienes

Tessa Fabian

Jamie Miller

Penny Thornhill

Sandra Wilson

This team tied their first game and have an exciting season ahead.

If anyone is interested in helping umpire some of the home games of these teams, please contact me as we sure need the help.

Brian Ward

Street Dance

The fifth Annual Firemen's Association Street Dance is coming soon.

Saturday July 9, 1983

Disc Jockey, Draws for great prizes

Dancing, etc.

Lots of fun for everyone -- young and old alike.

Y'all come!!

1983 - Softball Schedules - Amherst Island Grasshopper - Coach Rick Bedford

Tuesday Nights Games start at 7:00 p.m.

Home team is 2nd team

June 14 North Fred (1) vs Amherst Is

June 21 Amherst Is vs Selby 5:00 Boat

June 28 Amherst Is vs South Fred 6:00 Boat

July 5 Amherst Is vs North Fred (1) 6:00 Boat

July 12 No game

July 19 Amherst Is vs North Fred (2) 6:00 Boat

July 26 South Fred vs Amherst Is

Aug 2 Selby vs Amherst Is

Aug 9 North Fred (2) vs Amherst Is

Mite- Coach Brian Ward, Bob Horth

Thursday Nights

June 2 Deseronto vs Amherst Is

June 9 Amherst Is vs North Fred (1) 6:00 Boat

June 16 Deseronto vs Amherst Is

June 23 Selby vs Amherst Is

June 30 Amherst Is vs South Fred 6:00 Boat

July 7 Amherst Is vs North Fred (2)

July 14 Amherst Is vs North Fred (3)

July 21 Amherst Is vs Deseronto 5:00 Boat

July 28 North Fred (1) vs Amherst Is

Squirt- Coach Brian Ward

Monday Nights

June 6 Deseronto (3) vs Amherst Is

June 13 Amherst Is vs North Fred (3) 6:00 Boat

June 20 Deseronto (2) vs Amherst Is

June 27 Amherst Is vs North Fred (2) 6:00 Boat

July 4 Deseronto (1) vs Amherst Is

July 11 Amherst Is vs Selby (1) 5:00 Boat

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Council Report for Regular Meeting May 31
- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. Heather Boyle, from the Lennox and Addington Volunteer Bureau, made a presentation, asking if we wanted a branch of the Bureau here, but Council felt that the Island took care of its own problems without an organization. In the Building Inspector's report, Council decided to ask the owner of the old store in Emerald, Mr. Metcalfe, to either repair or demolish it.

The ferry crews are being offered a pay raise within the guidelines of the 6 & 5 restraint program. There was a discussion on providing washroom facilities either on the dock or the ferry.

Tenders for the hot mix on the new road will be opened on June 17th. The work is due to be completed by the end of August. The budget for 1983 has finally been approved and the mill rate set and the by-laws passed. Details at the township office.

The Recreation Committee is going to post notices at dances about the drinking regulations, and keep close eye on the whole situation. There was a brief discussion about council members attending the drainage hearing.

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Report on Regular Council Meeting July 5, 1983

- Chris Kennedy

All the councillors attended.

Two representatives from the Ministry of Revenue reported on the preliminary study of assessment on the Island. This survey studied how many of the properties on the Island were over-assessed and how many under-assessed. They had a lot of statistics. To summarize them, it seems that 54% of the properties are within 25% over or under their correct value. The rest are further out of line, with the odd one or two wildly inaccurate. Council asked the Ministry to study the effect of correcting the assessed values in the tax base for the Island.

Ed Chadband asked about the rental of portable toilets for ball games at the school.

Five building permits were granted in June; for the Chippendale property an addition; for Foley a boathouse; for Frontini a barn; for Gavlas an addition; for Wolfreys a porch deck. Ed Chadband asked for a permit to demolish the former MacArthur property in the village. There was discussion concerning the Ed Filson property front porch in the village and he will be asked to submit the matter to the committee of adjustment.

Council is still discussing berth age fees with Transport Canada. Council thinks that according to the regulations, we should be exempted and Transport Canada disagrees. The letters are becoming firmer about demands for money. The Township lawyer will take the matter up again.

It was decided that the Ferry crew could take holidays between

Christmas and New Year but they would have to arrange their own relief from among the regular crew or the reliefs.

There was a report from the surveyor about his work for the Development Road.

The Ministry of the Environment has allocated \$2000 to the Township to cover the entire dump site with fill and to grade and level it.

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Council thought that \$2000 was totally inadequate for the job and decided to point this out to the Ministry representatives.

There was an enquiry as to whether the township park could be used as a trailer park during the ball tournaments. Council was not keen, but said that if the ball players could form a group to be responsible and the clean-up afterwards, they would consider it.

A.R.D.A. asked for a reduced assessment on some of its properties where they have demolished buildings. Council discussed the tariffs and procedures for rezoning or amending the zoning by-law. Heather Welbanks, Jackie Sylvester and David Vrooman were appointed to the Committee of Adjustment.

After dealing with the correspondence, Council adjourned.

A.I.P.S. Reunion

- Beth Forester

The reunion committee met again recently to finalize plans for the coming Reunion Week-end. Response has been good from the some 190 invitations sent out.

The Friday night function will be the only one open to the public. We hope to arrange suitable seating to be able to "pack" the auditorium for the presentation of the play "Look Out Lizzie!" to begin at 8 p.m. All of the original cast will be replaying the parts with the exception of the part played by Arah (Cochrane) Wilson, which Nina (Wemp) Churchill has kindly filled in. The other players are Allan Glenn, Eleanor (McGinn) Taggart, Elsie (Reid) Willard, Barbara (Adams) Little, Ron Miller, Stuart Miller, and Peter Coulson. We appreciate the efforts that these people are putting into this. After the performance, you will be welcome to visit and enjoy coffee, tea and cold drinks. Ladies are asked to contribute cookies,

squares, or small cakes to be served at this time also.

We felt that the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon functions were already reaching numbers that would not warrant opening these to the public. However, we hope that Friday night and Saturday might be used for visiting with people and renewing old acquaintances.

If you have any old photos that might be of interest to have on display at the school, we would appreciate getting them in advance.

If anyone is interested in volunteering their services for the week-end to help in any way; i.e. setting up chairs, serving food, etc we would be only too glad to hear from you.

Call Dale Filson - 384-1080 or Beth Forester - 389-5582

Women's Institute

- Lulu Strain

The Lennox and Addington Dairy Princess for 1983, Pam Harker, was the special guest at the June meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute held at the home of Genevieve Fleming on June 15th. Introduced by Ena Baker, Pam gave a very interesting talk on the Dairy Princess Competition in Ontario.

A delicious lunch prepared by Anna Hitchins and Leslie Gavlas was very much enjoyed. A business meeting followed with Georgie Allison president, presiding. She welcomed some of the senior members who had not been able to attend over the winter months and also a welcome new member.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Phyllis Strain, read the minutes and financial report.

Marion Glenn, District Director gave a good report on the District Annual which she attended at Selby in May.

A donation of \$25.00 was voted to the Grasshopper Ball Team. The July meeting is to be an open meeting in the school, July 20th at 8 o'clock concerning "Water Purification". The meeting closed with Grace and the "Queen."

Dedication and Confirmation

On Sunday, July 10th, Bishop Allan Read of the Diocese of Ontario visited St. Albans Anglican Church for the morning service. He dedicated a clock in memory of Charlotte Elizabeth Adair Willard given by her daughter, Mrs. Annie Clyde. Several of the Willard family were present.

Nine candidates were prepared

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for Confirmation by Rev. Clarence Babcock, rector of St. Albans, Amherst Island and St. John's, Bath. Those from Amherst Island were Paula and Kirk Collins, Trudy Strain and Steven Ward; from Bath, Vicki and Carolyn Armstrong, Angela Dixon, Mark Schaub, and Connie Simpkins.

A pot luck lunch and social time were enjoyed in the school gym following the service.

The Bishop and Mrs. Read are entertaining the class at dinner in their home on Tuesday evening, July 12th.

Open House

The family of Royce and Marilyn Eves cordially invite all their friends, neighbours and families to Open House from 2-4 p.m. on July 23, 1983 at their Island home, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Open Meeting

The Amherst Island Women's Institute invites everyone to attend a meeting on Safe Water. Mr. Peter Nilley from Environment Canada will be at the school on Wednesday, July 20th at 8 p.m. to give a talk and answer your questions.

Come and find out about:

- water sampling
- Test results
- well water and lake water
- purification systems.

Everyone welcome.

Refreshments provided.

St. Paul's Garden Party

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Annual Garden Party will be held on Saturday, July 30, on the Church grounds.

Take note of change of time 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Afternoon Tea will be served as well as all other usual booths.

Thank You

The Anglican Church Women would like to thank all those who helped make our recent Strawberry Social and Bake Sale such a success. A special "Thank You" to Mrs. Jean Harcourt of Bloomfield for her very kind donation of the price of the strawberries.

For Sale

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1 Brown 30" Propane Gas Kitchen Range, in good condition. Please, call 389-4076.

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Council Report for Regular Meeting August 2, 1983

- Chris Kennedy

All the councillors were present. It was decided that farmers will be required to obtain building permits and will be charged for them at the normal rate.

Portable toilets were meant to have been installed at both ferry docks by the time Council met, and Council is to investigate why this has not been done. In order to prevent mix-ups and line-jumping at Millhaven dock, temporary help will be hired to supervise line-ups at peak periods.

It was decided to make the crossroads in Stella a four-way stop. According to the O.P.P. at a four-way stop, if two cars arrive together at right angles to each other, the driver on the Left has the right of way.

Council was concerned about the dry weeds on the lots in the village and the danger of fire. With this in mind they are enquiring about the ownership of the fairground and will try to get people to keep their lots cut.

Township has received a complaint about a dog running loose in the village and decided to take no drastic action but to notify the owner.

Having no further business, Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m. This was the shortest regular meeting of the year.

Quote of the Week

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing.

- Jean Baptiste Colbert, a 17th century minister in France, on taxation

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Contractor Expresses Appreciation for Island Co-operation

July 29, 1983

Dear Council:

We would like to express our appreciation of the co-operation we received from all concerned and especially the Captains and crew of the Amherst Islander.

The importance of the meeting held in June between ourselves and the representatives of Amherst Island became apparent at the start of the job, as everyone including the residents of Amherst Island were aware of any problems which might occur, and as a result all scheduling conflicts were avoided.

Once again, thank you for the co-operation received.

Yours truly,

McGinnis and O'Connor Ltd.

A.C. Allison, General Manager

Parents' Softball Game

Sunday, September 4, 1983, 1:00 p.m.

This is where we give the kids the chance to run the game as coaches and umpires and spectators.

Coaches: Team 1 - Ricky Welbanks, Hugh Filson,

Jason Silver

Team 2:- Donnie Miller, Jeff deHann,

Amy Caughey

Score Keepers: Team 1 - Trudy Strain, Laura Wemp

Team 2: - Julie Forester, Sherry Ward

The coaches will pick their teams before the game from the parents that show up to play. Come on parents! Borrow the kids' gloves and come on out and show the kids how to play.

Kids are to wear their sweaters and hats so we can get pictures. Parents, bring your cameras.

In the event of rain, we will try to play on Monday the 5th at the same

time.

Kids Softball 1983

- Brian Ward

Mites:

The Mites finished the season in first place winning 7 games, losing 1. and tying 1 for 15 points. They were shocked in their one game elimination by a good Selby team which beat them 5 to 4.

It was a good season for the team and they have a trophy for first place for the season. The trophy and the crests will be presented on Sunday Sept. 4 during the parents softball game. This trophy will be on display in the school showcase next year.

Squirts:

The Squirts finished the season in 5th place with 3 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie for 7 points. This was very deceiving because the team, lost quite a few 1-run and 2-run games. They had a very good season.

They met the first place team in their one game elimination and gave a very good showing before losing to the stronger team.

The team will get their crests on Sunday Sept. 4 during the parents' softball game.

Grasshoppers:

The Grasshoppers finished the season in last place but we know that this young team learned quite a bit this year. Their coach says that they improved 100% over the season and this is going to pay dividends in future ball games.

I wish to thank a list of people for our successful 1983 season. First I would like to thank our financial sponsors for the year:

- 1) The Island Legion
- 2) Dick Dodds
- 3) Betty Bedford for the Ball Caps
- 4) The Recreation Committee for helping the Grasshoppers get started
- 5) The Women's Institute

I would like to thank the individuals who did the umpiring for us. They were: Noel McCormick, Mark Wemp, Doug Shurtcliffe, Dick Dodds, Dave

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I would also like to thank the parents who helped drive the kids to the games, helped umpire the bases and coach the kids.

Thank you all,
Brian Ward

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our children, our families, and all the friends, neighbours and relatives who came to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary, also for all the beautiful gifts and lovely cards we received.

Thank you again,
Royce and Marilyn Eves

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Note:

Jack and Madlyn Kerr, publishers of the Beacon, expect to be away on a trip for most of the month of September. If there is anyone who would volunteer to publish the Beacon for September, would you please call us at 389-0386

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We've News For You

The ships of yesteryear
Amherst Islander (I) ...

Built in 1929 at Collingwood, Ont. by the Dotty Engineering Co. for the Township of Amherst Island at a cost of \$20,000. She was constructed of oak planking over steel ribs and was powered by a 2-cylinder; 2-cycle Bolinger 200 hp diesel motor made in Sweden. "Amherst Islander" was 75 feet in length with a beam of 24 feet and could carry five automobiles. She made three trips daily between Stella and Millhaven and twice weekly to Kingston. In December, 1947, she was replaced by a converted Second World War landing craft. In 1948 she was sold to Henry Hill of Kingston. "Amherst Islander" was moored at the west end of Howe Island where she eventually sank, and still lies. Photo and information courtesy of Maurice Hogeboom of Stella, Amherst Island. (Editor's Note: Kingston Marine Society is looking for photos of "Waubic" and "Britannic". Contact Nels Wilson, 22 Grange street, Kingston.)

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40 Foot T.V. Tower, colour head and rotor. \$100.00. Phone 389-0214

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Editorial Comments,
By Allan Glenn

John and Madlyn Kerr are currently vacationing in Britain and, as guest editor of this month's paper, I will exercise this privilege and make a few random cheers and jeers.

Cheers and congratulations to Beth Forester and her many helpers, for

the organization of the Reunion. Judging from the numerous, positive comments I heard, everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the events.

Cheers to John and Madlyn Kerr and a few regular contributors for the continuance of the Beacon but Jeers to many of us who could contribute and don't.

Jeers to any thought of closing the Island school. Commuting is very taxing for adults let alone subjecting young children to a lengthy day. And for what? A better education? A few dollars less? No, on both counts. Conversely, Cheers to David and Karen Fleming and any others who are, or plan to, keep the student population of the Island such that the school will always be needed. Perhaps this thought will receive some effort by Ted Welbanks, Phil Silver, Rick Bedford, Keith Miller, Vince Aiken, Captain Bulch, or any citizen who wishes to see the school population grow and teachers employed. Your best efforts will be appreciated.

Lastly, Cheers to Reeve Allison and council, for your many accomplishments such as the paved front road. Toilet facilities at both docks is also a good idea now that long waiting periods are often sustained. Good financial management is also indicated by the accompanying letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Reeve N.J. Allison and Council
Township of Amherst Island
Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0

Dear Reeve Allison and Council:

We have recently reviewed your 1982 Financial Report and updated this information by contact with your office. You and your staff are to be congratulated
a job well done.

The effort and success in reducing your tax arrears is a case in point. Also, it is apparent that you are aware of the positive effect of a good reserve for working funds on cash flow management.

It is always a pleasure to serve the Township of Amherst Island and to work with your staff.

Yours truly,
Spencer A. Hope
Manager
Field Services Branch Kingston

Council Report for September 6th, 1983

Chris Kennedy

All council members attended. Council adopted the minutes of the August meeting. At a special meeting on August 18th, council had started the work necessary to proceed with the Municipal Drain, as the Drainage Referee had dismissed all the appeals. However, since then, the appellants have appealed the Referee's decision to the Divisional court, so the drain cannot proceed until that appeal has been decided.

Council asked the Beacon to publish a notice saying that cars moved on to the ferry by the crew at the owner's request are at the owner's risk; also requesting that cars that are left on the other side to be brought over later are parked in the parking area, not the loading zone. The crew put on the cars as a favour to people; they are not required to do this as part of their job.

Council reviewed the township's spending up to August 30th, and it seems that they are well under the projected budget. Council are negotiating with Bruce Caughey about purchasing rock for crushing from his quarry. The dump will be pushed back again. People are still leaving garbage all over the ramp. The Gibson lot in Emerald has been sold, subject to approval for water and sewage systems. Council discussed the dilapidated buildings on the island, and are to invite the owner of the old store in Emerald to discuss the matter with them.

Four building permits Were issued during

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the last month; a garage for Alan Kidd, a granary for Albert Henderson, a garage for Mr. Bailey and a garden shed for Warren Kilpatrick.

Finally, various pieces of correspondence were studied and thrown away.

A correction. I fear that my accent must have confused the O.P.P. officer I called about the correct procedure at a 4-way stop. The correct answer, according to the Ministry of Transportation - Driver Education Centre is that the vehicle on the right goes first. The person on the left always yields to the person on the right. If you are turning you yield to oncoming traffic as well as observing right of way.

Notice Re Amherst Island Ferry

Township Council deems it necessary to advise the travelling public

that:

- a) Cars moved on to the ferry by the crew at the owner's request are moved at the owner's risk
- b) Cars left behind will not necessarily be brought over on the next trip, and
- c) Cars left on the other side to be brought over later are to be parked in the parking areas, not in the loading zone.

Please be reminded that the crew brings over cars as a courtesy to the public. Please give them your full co-operation.

N.J. Allison

Ferry Manager

Quote of the Week

- From the Expositor, June 11, 1983

"Regional government - A sinister form of government that is blamed for red tape, high taxes, lack of industry, rainy weekends, early frost and water in the basement."

Dear Editors

I thought the following might interest the Islanders.

The ashes of the late Mrs. Walter McCree were interred in the Union Cemetery at Westmeath, Ontario, beside those of the late Rt. Reverend Doctor Walter McCree M.A.D.D. who was one time minister of St. Paul's Church, Amherst Island and later moderator of the General Assembly. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Keith Earls and attended by Mr. Hugh McCree, his sons and a group of friends.

Yours truly,

R. Keith Earls

Noteworthy Appointments

In recent years two well known "Part time" residents of our Island Community have received appointments to duties that are worthy of note.

On July 15th last the minister of Tourism and Recreation, Hon. Reuben Baetz, announced the appointment of Syl Apps, former M.L.A. for Kingston and the Islands and a cabinet minister in the Provincial

Government and a well known N.H.L. hockey great while Captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs to a responsible position in the distribution of \$10 million which is provided annually by Queen's Park to Ontario Sport.

At present 79 sports share this amount and the government is insisting that a single body handle distribution and accounting of same. The portion of this money allocated to hockey promotion will be one of Mr. Apps' greatest concerns in the way of resolving disagreements within the various associations as to the proper

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distribution of these government funds.

Mr. Apps has until September 30th next to complete his task.

On July 18th last the appointment of J. Roderick Barr, Q.C. as Judge of the Supreme Court of

Ontario was made by the Federal Minister of Justice in Ottawa.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Barr was sworn in on Tuesday, August 30th last in Courtroom No. 1 Osgoode Hall, Toronto by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario and in the presence of a large gathering of Judges of the Supreme Court as well as representatives of the Judiciary on the Federal level.

In attendance at the colourful ceremony from this area were The Honourable Justice Wm. J. Henderson of Amherstview, Mr. & Mrs. A. Bruce Caughey, Mrs. Harold R. Marshall and Mr. H. Allen Caughey of Amherst Island.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Judges' Dining Room, Osgoode Hall, following which Judge and Mrs. Barr entertained their family and friends at a dinner party at "Winstons".

Hon. Justice Barr has until his appointment, been the senior partner in a large law firm in the City of St. Catharines over a period of 32 years.

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To The Reunion Committee
(Typical appreciations)
Thank You

Hi Everyone,

Just a sincere thanks to all of you for a most successful weekend. We

thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and I know all of you worked very hard for it to be a success, but the end result made it worthwhile. All who took part in the play had a barrel of fun, we grumbled about learning the parts, but just the same we had a grand time.

Once again thanks for a lovely memory of seeing all our school friends.

Love

{name not clear}

July 29, 1983

Dear AICS Reunion Committee

Thank you for a super organized reunion. Your hard work in planning the event was evident in all the activities.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely

Pat Eves Johnson

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Council Report for the Regular October Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

All of the Council were present. The minutes of the September meetings were read. At a meeting on Sept. 19 a severance was approved for Bill Hedges, and M.T.C. was asked to prepare tenders for gravel crushing. The owner of the old Emerald store could not be at the meeting to discuss its condition, but hopes to appear next month. Three building permits were issued in September, to Ben Wemp for a garage, to Sychra for a storage shed, and to Reid's for an addition to the barn.

Council is also still arguing about the berthage fees with the Federal Government. The Amherst Islander should not have to go into dock this year. There is a new spare ferry in Kingston and a crew is being trained in its use. The Captains Mates and Engineers on the ferry are now being required to take a Marine Emergency Duties course. Council received a letter from Mr. G.A. Nickolson thanking Eldon Willard and his crew for an emergency run of the ferry when his wife's mother had a heart attack in the middle of the night.

Council was happy with the ditching work the road crew has been doing this fall. They still hope to crush rock this year. Ed Chadband was granted a tax reduction for the house he demolished in the village.

The Township lawyer has been asked to deal as fast as possible with the new appeal of the Miller drain to the Divisional Court. The extra one-third grant that was due to expire in March of 1984 has now been extended for a year, but this may not be enough, considering how long legal proceedings

can drag on.

The Ministry of Revenue is preparing an exhibit on 200 years of Property Tax and Assessment, and has asked Council for copies of interesting documents it might have.

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources about the gravel that the Nut Island Shooting Club removed from the beach out past Wemps. Apparently the law states that to remove beach gravel for commercial purposes a licence is required

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from the Ministry whether the beach is publicly or privately owned. If the gravel is for private use only no licence is required, but the written consent of the local municipal council is required. This is to protect the public interest and the environment. The Club had not obtained permission. Council felt that the Ministry was not taking the matter seriously enough, and neither was it happy with the state of the road to the beach after the trucks had used it.

Council hopes to save about \$800 a year by changing the computer company that sends out its tax bills.

There is a public forum on Waste Management coming up. Apparently the provincial government is still hassling the township about the dump. The Reeve and Clerk are preparing a brief and hope to present it at the forum. An Official Landfill Site requires special machinery, fencing, a full-time attendant present whenever the site is open, a locked gate and no scavenging. An Official Dump Site is approximately what we have now with more maintenance. The Province wants us to have an Official Landfill Site, but the cost to the township is obviously prohibitive. Similar municipalities, such as Howe Island have Dump Sites. Council then adjourned.

I see from the Board of Education September meeting minutes, that Amherst Island Public School is no longer under consideration for closing, but there still seems to be talk of moving the senior grades to the mainland.

Social and Recreation

In a previous Beacon I mentioned that the Recreation Committee would welcome the opportunity to arrange some type of games night at the school

for our adults of all ages. It was explained that for the less active, card games would be acceptable. Your input was requested but to date this has been almost nil.

Please think it over! In the meantime the committee is trying to find couples or single persons over 21 to play volley ball. If you have any ideas or interest in any of this, please contact Heather Welbanks, Jack Forester or myself.

Chester Tugwell

Chairman, Recreation Committee

School News

- Steven Ward and Donnie Miller

Due to a mix-up last month, the school didn't have any news in the Beacon. However we are back for a new year in school with a new teacher, Mrs. Barbara McDonald. The students were all eager to go back to work on Sept. 6. Here are the grades that the students are in.

Grades K, 1 and 2 taught by Mrs. Forester

K- Heidi Hitchins, Kevin McCormick, Jason Fleming

1- Ricky Bedford, Douglas Gavlas, Jamie Silver, Sarah deHaan, Gordon Thornhill

2- Lorie Caughey, Jason Silver

Grades 3,4 and 5 taught by Mrs. McDonald

3- Amy Caughey, Chad Miller, Tracey Hitchins

4- Laura Wemp, Sarah McDonald, Robert Eves, Mike Horth, Jeff Forester

5- Sherry Ward, Mike Strain, Hugh Filson, Jeff deHaan, Jamie Thornhill, Peter Horth, Reginald Hitchins

Grades 6,7 and 8 taught by Mr. Flannigan Principal

6- Shannon Eves, Jamie Miller, Kirk Collins, Adam Miller

7- Steven Ward, Trudy Strain, Donnie Miller, Nick McGinn, Fred Brett, Penny Thornhill, Ricky Welbanks

8- Julie Forester, Leah Murray, John Eves, Paula Collins, Steven Willard, David Brown

Over the last 2 months many things have happened. A new students' Council was elected, consisting of
Julie Forester - Headperson

Penny Thornhill - Headperson

Steven Ward - Senior Room Rep.

Hugh Filson - Junior Room Rep.

Jason Silver- Primary Room Rep.

The students who competed for head-persons were Julie Forester, Penny Thornhill, Steven Ward, Trudy Strain, and

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Steven Willard. It was very close and so close that either Julie or Penny won by "1" vote!

On Wednesday, October 12, the Senior Room students will travel to Tamworth for the annual Soccer Tournament. They hope to bring home a trophy.

There will be more news next month.

Women's Institute

- Lulu Strain PRO

The August meeting was held at the home of Leslie Gavlas with eleven members and two visitors present. Georgie Allison, president, conducted the meeting. The minutes and financial report were read by Lulu Strain in the absence of Phyllis Strain. Several items of business were discussed. Ena Baker, convenor of Canadian Industries, gave an informative talk on the making of glass and a contest on kinds of glass was won by Louise Seaman and Genevieve Fleming. Lunch prepared by Reta Miller and Jackie Sylvester was enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with the Queen.

Evelyne Coulson opened her home on September 21st for the monthly meeting of the W.I. The roll call, "A Freedom Guaranteed By Our New Charter of Rights." was answered by nine members and two visitors.. Reports were given by Phyllis Strain concerning the 4H Club and by Marion Glenn on her visit to Selby's 50th anniversary celebration. The upcoming Senior Citizens Christmas party and the pot luck dinner and visit of the District President, were discussed. The euchre to aid the C.N.I.B. is to be held in the school, Oct. 14th. Susan Luety, our Home Economist, was our special guest and gave an interesting talk on "Fabrics". A delicious lunch was served by Jane Miller and Phyllis Strain.

Reminder

A euchre for C.N.I.B. was held on October 14, 1983. Donations will be accepted by Institute members, or at Glenn's store for same until October 31, 1983. Receipts issued.

Thank You,
Amherst Island W.I.

Card of Thanks

I wish to say a special Thanks to Anne-Marie and Garry Hitchins and family for having such a wonderful surprise birthday supper and to all relatives, neighbours and old neighbours who joined in to make my 70th birthday such a happy occasion and many thanks for the lovely barometer presented to me by all. Thank you one and all.

Charles Howard

Glee Club to Be Revived

The Glee Club is to be revived with a Sing-a-Long on Monday evening, October 24th at the School. Anyone, 16 or over, is welcome to come along and join in for some fun and music. It is hoped that all the (former) members as well as new ones will come out. Any questions? Phone Beth Forester or Jack Kerr.

Coming Events

Hallowe'en Masquerade

The Legion is holding a Hallowe'en Masquerade on Friday, October 28, beginning at 8 p.m.

Adults: \$3.00

Public School Children: \$1.00

Prizes

Unmasking at 9:30 p.m.

Turkey Supper

The Anglican Church Women will be holding their Annual Turkey Supper and Sale at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, November 5th, 1983, starting at 5:00 p.m. The ticket prices this year are:

Adults: \$6.00

Children 5 to 12 years - \$3.00

At this time there will be the draw for a ceramic Christmas Tree.

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Raffle tickets may be obtained from A.C.W. members at 50¢ each or 3/\$1.

Come one, come all! Enjoy a delicious supper with your friends. Pick up some baked goods for the week-end. Let the children visit the fish pond with its many surprises. See you there.

Christmas Tea and Craft Sale

The Presbyterian Church Women are holding a Christmas Tea and Craft Sale on Saturday, November 26th from 2-4 p.m. in the school. Also available will be a special assortment of tempting home baked items to suit your Christmas needs. A fine opportunity to enjoy Afternoon Tea and at the same time do some Christmas shopping.

Wanted

Tractor with loader and mower in good condition at a reasonable price.

Riding Lawn Mower

Call Bill Stoker at 389-4680

For Sale

(1) Portable 2 speaker radio-stereo-tape deck combination. \$30.00

(2) Large electric griddle \$25.00

(3) Folding bed \$40.00

Please call 389-2647

Fridge and stove for sale at property of F.S. Neilson. Items may be seen at the old Neilson home. Contact Jim at 389-3013.

A white enamel wood annex stove in good condition. Phone 389-5769

Stove Wood - Ash - for sale
Phone 389-1081

Pork for freezer - ready now.
Phone 389-1081.

Advertisements

Fresh lamb is available from Topsy Farms: \$2.25/lb. for a whole lamb cut, wrapped and frozen; \$3.75/lb. for legs and loins only; and \$0.80/lb. live. Call Randi at 389-0554. Free delivery on the Island.

Upholstery - Give Diane Gavlas a call at 389-3199.

George Gavlas Repair Shop open for mechanical business. Anything from tea kettles to combines. Will accept barter, especially firewood. 389-3199

If it's Rawleigh Products you need
Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Home baking- All occasion cakes for sale.
Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.
Carmelle Horth 389-2916

Latest Police Bulletins

Last night several wigs were stolen from a store window. Police are combing the district.

Ten dogs were stolen from a local kennel. So far police haven't got a lead.

While all the officers were out investigating a robbery, someone stole

all the toilet seats from the police station. The police admit they haven't a thing to go on.

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Tall Ships to Visit Lake Ontario for 1984 Celebrations

Tall ships from around the world have been invited by civic, state and provincial officials to visit Lake Ontario in 1984 to help residents on both the New York and Ontario shores relive their exciting maritime past and celebrate important anniversaries.

Plans for the visit and Molson Ontario Breweries Ltd. sponsorship were announced at media conferences in Toronto and Kingston, Ontario, and Rochester, New York. Representatives of the American Sail Training Association attended each conference to explain plans for an official race between Toronto and Rochester.

The visit is being organized by a joint Co-ordinating Committee made up of representatives from the cities of Toronto and Rochester which are celebrating their 150th birthdays and the Province of Ontario which is marking its Bicentennial and the City of Kingston which is incorporating the visit into its Provincial Bicentennial celebrations. Representatives from Harbourfront which is acting as co-hosts for the visit also sit on the committee.

Mayors of the participating cities will serve as Honourary Fleet Captains for the visit. Premier William Davis will be the Honourary Commodore for the Ontario events. Mayor Arthur Eggleton said the Sesquicentennial Board has dedicated July to water activities as a way to draw public attention to Toronto's historic past as a seaway port and the modern transformation of the waterfront as a recreational resource without equal in North America.

Present plans for the Tall Ships Rendez-vous will see the ships in Toronto from July 6 to 11th, Rochester from July 12 to 16th and Kingston from July 17 to 21st.

For further information contact:

Toronto: Vince Devitt 1-416-965-7680

Kingston: Ed Leeman 1-613-546-4291

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Hallowe'en Dance Is Great Fun

- Sandra Thornhill

This year's Hallowe'en dance was another success, if not in a monetary way, then just from the treasure of pleasure and laughter we all shared in.

Evident this year were Miss Piggy, a visitor from the Orient, a headless man, a space robot, Annie, a few women with extended figures, a "Grizzly Adams" type character, various monsters, a chamber pot duo, and many more imaginative characters.

The best Child's Costume was won by Jamie Thornhill dressed as a space robot.

Betty Wemp again took first prize for the adult's 'Best Costume'.

The 'Funniest Costume' prize was given to Barb McDonald dressed as Miss Piggy.

Adam Miller also won a prize.

This year I put rollers in my hair a face pack on my face, a pillow was used as my stomach, a bathrobe over it all, and I enjoyed myself immensely walking around portraying the typical pregnant housewife. I'm sure many women could not remember being quite that bad during pregnancy, but I'll bet some men were cringing in memory of what it was really like.

While I was dancing around on the dance floor I found myself being set upon by a 'Grizzly Adams' type person. I turned away a number of times but found he was still in hot pursuit. Heaven only knows what memories I evoked in 'his' mind. I decided to sit out a few dances. This old man again followed me and parked himself on the chair beside me. He then proceeded to pat my knee as well as my extended stomach. I couldn't help laughing but his persistence started to worry me. So once more I fled to the dance floor and he was right beside me again, bestowing affectionate pats to my

derriere. Finally I stared into his one eye. I couldn't see any trace of make-up. Maybe this guy was really a man instead of a woman as I had believed at first. In a voice above the music I said, "When you take off that mask you had better be a woman!" You can't imagine my relief when the old man with the kinky walk and the wandering hands turned out to be none other than Betty Wemp.

All in all the evening was great fun. There were countless Hallowe'en affairs going on all over but our Island dance was very special because all our children were able to attend.

We all have a bit of child in us. So some of us dressed up like children, cavorted amongst them and had a fantastic time.

Our Hallowe'en Children
- Sandra Haggett

Dressed in costumes of ghostly ghouls
The children haunt the rooms at school

Shrieking and laughing aloud with glee
There's Orphan Annie; who could that be?

With blinking lights and honking noises
Robot wins first, of children's choices.

An elderly lady leaning on her cane
Ambles past in arthritic pain.

And wasn't that a wolfman lurking near
Such a fearful face that causes fear.

Dashing and dancing about the place
With paints and masks upon their face,

Just another night in our children's day
If only a child they'd forever stay.

Lennox & Addington County Library News

Lennox and Addington County Library is sponsoring "Loyalist Diary" a

dramatic presentation by Mr. R. Waller (Prof. of Drama, Queen's University) on Apr. 30, 1984 at 8 p.m. at Amherst Is. Public School. This is an event planned as part of the bicentennial celebrations in 1984.

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Council Report
- Chris Kennedy

The Reeve and Council were all present on Nov. 1st for the regular meeting. Mr. Metcalfe, who owns the old granary and store in Emerald, attended at the request of Council. He said that the buildings had been boarded up and the damage had been caused by vandals. He speculated that the granary might become a heritage building of some sort, but Council did not seem very enthusiastic. Mr. Metcalfe agreed to board up the buildings again and make it safe.

The building inspector had issued only one building permit the previous month, a garage for Caughey's. The Council discussed in committee the pass system for the ferry. They decided that a pass covers the pass holder and the vehicle in which the pass holder is riding or driving. In 1984 an extra pass for a full-time student or extra family member will be \$50 for someone with an individual pass.

Negotiations are still under way for the gravel crushing tender. Council will ask MTC for supplementary financial help with the cost of the gravel. Some of Council were upset with the removal of the new Stop signs at Hallowe'en. It is a criminal offence to damage or remove road signs. Council mentioned that several people have been observed making very rapid stops at the crossroads. I did, however, see two vehicles go through the crossroads without stopping, immediately after the Council meeting -- but I'm sure they weren't Council members?

The Reeve and Clerk have presented a brief at the waste management seminar in Kingston. The building inspector got a 5% pay raise. It appears that under the Inflation Restraint Board, Council are required to give themselves a 5% pay raise as well, but Council thought they could manage without it.

Council had previously discussed the Tax Impact Study. This was a review to correct inequities in the property tax values that have crept in over twenty years since the last major review. They decided that the new assessment values should be accepted. This means that some people's taxes will go up and some will go down. There will be an opportunity to appeal

the new values at a special meeting in December, when the new tax rolls are out.

Council has retained a Toronto law firm to handle the drainage appeal, as Mr. Radley can't act in the Divisional Court.

Council then adjourned.

Change in Library Hours

Effective Dec. 3, 1983, Lennox and Addington County Library is changing library opening hours at Stella Public Library on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hours will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We hope this will be convenient for our patrons. Library will be open as usual Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

Warning

Council wishes to advise the public that persons removing or damaging traffic signs could face criminal charges for mischief or wilful damage as well as a fairly severe penalty. More importantly, such vandalism could result in serious injury to another person and the possibility of the offender facing a civil suit.

Glenn's Store and Post Office

We wish our loyal patrons to know that Glenn's Store will continue to carry on business as usual.

Irene Glenn has recently been appointed Amherst Island Postmistress and will maintain regular business hours.

We wish to thank all our Island and non-Island customers for their patronage in the past, and hope to continue doing business with you in future.

Thank you,

Irene Glenn Dale Filson Annette Phillips

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Cards of Thanks

Irene Glenn and family wish to extend our sincere thanks to the people

of Amherst Island for their kindness and support during the loss of a treasured husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, John Leslie Glenn.

We are most grateful to each and every member of the Ferry Crew, not only for their help over the past few weeks, but over the past couple of years.

Many thanks as well to Mary Hall for the use of her home, and to Dale Filson for keeping the store running smoothly.

Special thanks also to Marion Glenn and the Presbyterian Church Women for donating their time to prepare and serve a meal after the funeral.

Finally, our many thanks to all our good friends and neighbours for their gifts, cards, donations, flowers and food. We appreciate and gratefully accept your kindness.

Sincerely,

Irene Glenn and Family

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the expressions of sympathy and kindness of our friends and neighbours during our brother Leslie's illness and funeral.

For the delicious food sent to the apartment on Wednesday and for the service and food generously provided by the girls of the P.C.W. in our home on the day of the funeral, we are deeply grateful.

Thanks,

Mary and John Hall

On behalf of the family and myself I wish to thank the people of Amherst Island for their many kindnesses when Ed. died. We are very grateful for the beautiful cards, the many expressions of sympathy, the offers of help, especially with cleaning, baby sitting, and accommodations for members. I would like to express special thanks for the many gifts of food which greatly simplified things during those hectic days. Thanks also to those who sent flowers and made donations in memory of Ed.

I was most grateful to Rev. Mr. Babcock, the pallbearers, and the members of the Legion for their part in the funeral service, and to those who helped in the kitchen, especially the Eves ladies, Grace, Sheila and Marianne.

Ed and I both felt we were coming home when we moved back to the

Island, and the tremendous response of all our friends and neighbours in this time of trouble has certainly shown that we were right.

Sincerely,
Leslie Gavlas

We would like to express our appreciation to our many friends for their kindness and support in the loss of our father and grandpa.

A special thanks for all the delicious baked goods, cards, and help all Islanders always bring at such times showing how much they care.

Sincerely,
George, Diane, Douglas and Jessica

Gaol News - Lennox & Addington Co. Museum
War Exhibit Opens November

The War Work of Lennox and Addington a display examining war-related events and activities in Lennox and Addington during 1914-18 and 1939-45, will be officially opened Sunday Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

The largest floor exhibit room has been designed so that the display forms will create an atmosphere appropriate to the subject. Corrugated steel sections topped with sandbags are used to separate grey coloured panels and cases in the First War section. Rough pine boards

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have been laid in this part. A model trench has been constructed so that the visitor can step onto the fire step and look over the sandbags into 'no man's land'. Sound and lighting effects are also incorporated into the design. A section of the display space has been partitioned off and a small film theatre has been created using carpet covered tiered benches.

Through the use of actual World War I posters, photographs, uniforms and accessories, armouries sign, German machine gun, domestic costume, maps, flags, corvette bell, airfield plans and certificates of appreciation, the part Lennox and Addington played in two world wars is told.

In 1922, W.S. Herrington, K.C. and Rev. A.J. Wilson B.A., published a volume under the auspices of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society, The War Work of Lennox and Addington. The purpose of the volume was to place on record 'the achievements of the people of Lennox and Addington in the Great War. No event in the history of the county

stirred them to such depths or called forth such prolonged and united efforts'. The 1983 museum display re-examines the war work of the County in two wars.

Through the use of films, the home front will be set in the context of world events. Four films will be used: Canada in World War I; World War II; Fields of Sacrifice; and For Your Tomorrow.

The exhibit will be open to the schools beginning November 1, 1983. It will be open to the public Nov.

6. The display will remain into 1984. 1984 celebrates 200 years of Ontario history, in particular the settlement of the United Empire Loyalists. It is interesting that one of the main themes appearing in local newspapers of the war years was that 'the old County of Lennox and Addington, the home of the United Empire Loyalists, would do her share'.

When the first world war broke, Lennox and Addington harked back to the theme of the Loyalists, 'Unity of the Empire'. Great Britain was at war. She needed sacrifice and support from her loyal subjects. It was the county's duty to respond. She sent her men to fight and die. Those remaining at home raised money and sent supplies to fight the war and care for the wounded. Thus this exhibition expresses Loyalist heritage and fits well within the framework of the Bicentennial of our County and of the Province.

Advertisements

For sale: A man's black leather car coat. Size 40 tall. Excellent condition. Please call 389-4874

For sale: Christmas Fruit Cake. Various sizes, \$5.50 per lb. Carmelle 389-2916

Home Baking: All occasion cakes for sale. Fancy sandwiches and special orders taken. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

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Fresh lamb is available from Topsy Farms \$2.25/lb. for a whole lamb cut, wrapped and frozen; \$3.75/lb for legs and loins only; and \$0.80/lb. live. Call Randi at 389-0554. Free delivery on the Island.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Lulu Strain PRO

The Amherst Island Branch of the Women's Institute entertained Mrs. Maysell Morgan, District President and the Roblin Branch at a pot luck dinner on Oct. 14th.

Georgie Allison welcomed the visitor's who supplied the programme. Mrs. Morgan gave a very interesting talk, and readings and contests completed the entertainment.

Following the programme the business meeting was held. Phyllis Strain read the minutes of the previous meeting, gave the financial report and read letters

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and communications. The members were very pleased to receive a letter offering a very generous donation to the Senior Citizens' Dinner from Burleigh Orange Lodge. Other items of business were discussed and the meeting closed with "The Queen"

The November meeting is to be held at the home of Lulu Strain on November 16th.

News from A.I.P.S.

- Steven Willard, Julie Forester

November has arrived at A.I.P.S. along with every other place! The Seniors are into first term exams. At the end of October we had a Hallowe'en party. The "Haunted House" was a real treat. We also put out our paper, "Hot Off The Press." On Wednesday, we will be having a "Pizza Sale."

Recently we have been working on Remembrance Day poems and essays.

Here is a poem submitted by Jamie Miller:

For those who fought and for those who died,
I wear a poppy to remind,
Sometimes I sit and think what its like
To have left my name to go and fight.
My grandfather and uncles did this long ago,

So our country could be free and I could grow.

A Reminder

Don't forget the Christmas Tea and Craft sale on Saturday November 26 at the school 2-4 p.m. sponsored by the Presbyterian church Women.

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Council Report For the Regular Meeting
Dec. 6, 1983
- Chris Kennedy

All the members of Council were present. The minutes of the previous meetings were passed. The new ferry rates are published elsewhere in the Beacon. Hans deHaan asked that Council approve the money for the installation of a new steering box in the fire truck as the steering is very bad.

Two building permits were issued in November. Clinton Kilpatrick is putting an addition to his barn and Mr. Wiley is building a boat mooring , using dynamite mostly it appears. The township is applying to become eligible for Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (R.R.A.P.) Grants. These are apparently like the Ontario Home Renewal Program (O.H.R.P.) grants but for people with higher incomes. There is still money available in the O.H.R.P.

There was a discussion about providing sand for the deck of the ferry. Council also discussed people leaving their engines running on the ferry as the fumes can go into the car behind and also into the engine room. Diane reported that only 5.6% of the 1983 taxes had not been paid. This is a very good record, as the usual figure for a rural municipality is about 20%. The new tax assessment values will be published soon. The dates and times for the Open House when people can discuss the new values with the assessment officers are as follows:

Thursday January 12... 1 pm to 7 pm
Friday January 13... 1 pm to 7 pm
Saturday January 14... 10 am to 4 pm

Tax arrears for 1984 will be charged 15% per annum or 1 1/4% monthly interest.

Tenders have been sent out to several local contractors for work on the dump. The Recreation Committee is to build a movable stage on the west wall of the gymnasium.

After dealing with correspondence Council adjourned.

Latest Census Shows Our Island Is 357 Strong
Following are some pertinent figures

Age Group	Total	Male	Female
0 - 4	14	4	10
5 - 19	78	44	34
20 - 65	207	107	100
66 - up	58	31	27
Totals	357	186	171

Shake It Up

On Tuesday Evening, January 10, 1984 at 8 pm in the School, your Recreation Committee is holding a Volleyball get together for anyone 21 years or over.

Play More In 84
Talent Optimal
Chester Tugwell, Chairman

Library News
- Diane Gavlas

December 28 will be Helen Bulch's last day as branch librarian as Helen has decided to retire.

Coffee and cake will be served at your library that day from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please drop in and say good-bye to Helen after ten years service in the library.

Retirement and Christmas Party

Miss M.A. Evans, County Librarian held a pot luck Christmas dinner for the County Library staff at her home in Napanee on December 2, 1983. Mrs. Helen Bulch was surprised with the news that she was the guest of honour, when presented with a corsage by Mrs. Judy Pollard of the Library staff. County Warden, Harold Chatson, presented Helen with a County pin for ten years service in our County branch library, a book of Historical Glimpses of Lennox and Addington and a commemorative plate depicting the County Court House.

The chairman of the Lennox and Addington County Library Committee, Mr. Doug Stevenson, presented Helen with a beautiful book, The Best of James Harriot. Mrs. Marion Waitson then presented Mrs. Bulch with a print from the County Library staff; Florence Bousschaert's 'Tug Edmond at Chaffey's Lock'.

Helen was totally surprised and very touched by all the warm wishes and thoughtful gifts from her friends and co-workers.

Notice Re New Years Eve Dance

Doors and bar open at 6:30 pm

Supper at 7:30 pm

Dancing at 9:00 pm

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours, St. Alban's A.C.W. and the Amherst Island Women's Institute for the cards of sympathy after the loss of my father.

Also thanks to all the ladies who brought lunch and to those who helped serve.

All these kind acts were very much appreciated.

Garnet and Gene

I would like to thank my family, neighbours and friends for their visits, cards, flowers and fruit, and the many kindnesses shown to me while I was a patient at K.G.H.

A special thanks to Rev. Babcock, Rev. MacIntyre and Mr. Allison for their faithful visits and prayers.

Harry Fleming

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Public Notice

Please note the following changes in rates for the Amherst Islander and in ferry pass policy. 1984 Ferry Passes are available now at the Municipal Office.

The Corporation Of The Township Of Amherst Island

By-Law #19-83

Being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island to set the rate structure and certain policies regarding rates for the Motorship Amherst Island effective January 1, 1984.

1. Ferry Passes	Individual	With Spouse	Student
Annual	\$157.50	\$210.00	\$50.00
Apr. 1 - Dec. 31	126.00	168.00	40.00
July 1 - Dec. 31	84.00	115.00	26.50
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	42.00	63.00	14.00

2. Individual Rates

Automobile and driver... 1.50

Passenger... 0.25

Car and trailer... 3.00

Motorcycle and Driver... 0.75

Heavy single-axle Truck... 2.75

Heavy double-axle Truck... 3.00

Farm Tractor... 1.50

Farm Tractor with implement... 3.00

The above list not intended to be all inclusive; the pursers and the captain on duty are authorized to set the rate for vehicles and/or other objects not listed at a figure commensurate with the number of spaces occupied.

Policy re Ferry Passes

1. A ferry pass covers the pass holder and the vehicle in which he or she is driving or riding (vehicle subject to one space limit)
2. Pass coverage is limited to vehicles that occupy only one space (cars, light trucks, vans, motorcycles)
3. An additional charge will be made for occupying more than one space.
4. There is no residency requirement for the purchase of a ferry pass.
5. In the future, an individual ferry pass will be granted to all ferry crew members who retire at age 65 or in good standing after a minimum of 20 years service.

This By-law rescinds By-law #14-81

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of December, 1983.

Norman J. Allison, Reeve

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

Notice To All Drivers Re Parking Of Vehicles On Ferry

Your attention is drawn to the posted notice that requires all engines to be stopped when cars are parked. This is to insure that poisonous exhaust

fumes do not percolate into other parked cars, which might cause discomfort and sickness. If you are cold there is a heated cabin on the top deck for your comfort.

N.J. Allison, Ferry Manager.

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Santa In Recession

by Sandra Haggett

Well Santa was scratching
With last year's itch;
Woollen underwear again,
What a son of a b----.

His hat was all holey
And the colour had faded.
His red overcoat
Was becoming outdated.

Time for a change
Before foul weather.
Must give it his best
And pull it together.

His black belt was worn
And falling apart.
So he purchased another
At Miracle Mart.

His socks were all darned,
Not worth throwing away;

And so off to Woolco's
"Dollar Forty-Four Day".

Santa's buckle had tarnished
While set in its case.
So he tripped on to K-Mart
And checked their displays.

For a new pair of boots
Came the "Sally-Ann",
Who'd even outfit
Your Uncle Sam.

Then to the "Harbour Light"
For a free cooked meal.
Now Santa was ready
From head to heel.

Thus all decked out
For his Christmas run
Feeling new and alive
And ready for fun.

But when on Christmas Eve
Santa leaves real quick
It's probably his underwear
Making him itch.

A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year
to all our readers from the staff of the Beacon.

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Council Report For January 1984

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Duncan Marshall who lives Just beyond Vince Aitken, presented an application to sever three lots. This was approved in principle later in the meeting. The building inspector presented his annual summary. Permits were issued for \$155,350 worth of buildings in the township in 1983. This is the lowest figure for some years (1982 \$232,300; 1981 \$185,740; 1983 \$302,755).

The Reeve had asked if the spare ferry M.V. Charlevoix, would be available during the summer to ease the overcrowding, but MTC said it would be very difficult to arrange the docking.

Council discussed various complaints about the new ferry changes. People are asked to bring their constructive suggestions to the next Council meeting. A student pass (\$50) is an additional pass only sold when the family has already purchased a full pass.

A notice will go up shortly on the Stella dock asking people to start the ferry line up south of the turn-off to Bob Tugwell's. This is to make room for the school bus and other vehicles to turn on the dock.

The gravel crusher is now meant to come in the spring. Council decided to spend up to \$4000 on a sander. There will probably not be another ice storm now for several years.

The grant of \$2000 available from the Ministry of the Environment for the dump improvement has now expired. No contractor was prepared to

make a bid. The money is now available for a site development plan and the outline of a maintenance programme.

The committee chairmen were asked to submit their budgets for 1984. Marjorie Tooke is resigning as assistant to the Township Clerk. Council expressed its thanks and appreciation for the work she did. The advertisement for a replacement has already been sent out. The Clerk will now be employed for five days a week to keep up with the continually increasing paper work.

The Drain appeal progresses very slowly. The lawyer is still waiting

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for the transcripts. Council dealt with the rest of the correspondence and then adjourned.

Notice

In response to the controversy surrounding changes in the ferry pass policy, Council is inviting interested parties to present alternative proposals to Council at the next regular Council meeting, Tuesday February 7th at 8:00 p.m.

Written briefs received prior to the meeting will be circulated to the members of Council for their consideration.

We welcome your suggestions.

Diane Pearce,

Clerk- treasurer

Valentine Dance

Your Legion is planning a dance for Saturday, February 11th at the school. Hitherto we have sponsored the Masquerade Dance primarily for the young with little financial return to keep our general fund healthy enough to meet our community commitments.

Therefore we are asking your support for the Valentine venture and perhaps some gentle persuasion could be applied to off-Island relatives and friends. Music for all eyes will be provided by the "Ambassadors", a buffet lunch in a sort of eat-as-you- dance fashion will be served from 10 p.m. Tickets for two will be \$15. The doors and bar will be open at 7:30 and

dancing will be from 8:15 to 12:15 at least.

All Legion members will have tickets for pre-sale. See you on the 11th.

Chester Tugwell

President, Branch 539

During Winter Months - Watch for the Flashing Blue Light

- submitted by Norman Allison

Don't go 'out of control' this winter. Drive with extra care, be alert and always look ahead. Winter driving demands patience and common sense, particularly when following a snow plow.

Ron Martin, freeway foreman for MTC's patrol 642 in Toronto, says one of the major concerns his operators have when plowing is traffic following too close or overtaking plows on the left or right. "Drivers don't realize it's much safer to ride behind the plows and be a little late for their appointment than try to take the risk of passing" he says.

This is especially true on a freeway where tandem plowing takes place. As many as four plows follow each other, spaced about 15 metres (50 ft) apart.

There just isn't enough room between plows for a car to safely pass. A driver passing between the plows can hit the windrow from the head plow and cause the vehicle to spin out of control.

In addition, some plows have a wing extending out as much as 3 m or more (10 ft) to the right of the vehicle. And, this might be obscured by blowing snow.

Every year there are accidents involving snow plows. In 1982, there were 32, up 17 from the previous year.

MTC has tried to make the plows as visible as possible. Each is equipped with a flashing blue light which can be seen at 150 m (500 ft), a light prohibited at all other times and on all other vehicles.

And the vehicles are also painted yellow and black with yellow and black checkered tailgates. Because blowing snow sometimes obscures them every vehicle is also equipped with flashing lights of blue and amber in addition to normal running lights.

With all these safety features, drivers should use a little more common sense, drive with a little more patience and stay well back of every snow plow.

Many people are rather blasé about winter survival. The idea that they could be stranded in cars in a snow storm hardly ever crosses their minds. Consequently, many of us are never prepared for winter. Every year there

are reports of motorists freezing to death in their vehicles even within city limits.

So prepare yourself for winter driving, don't wait and think: It'll

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never happen to me! You prepare your vehicle for winter, so why not do yourself a favour. Any basic survival kit should include the items below.

Remember too, alcohol is not a good survival item. It causes the blood vessels close to the skin to expand and speeds up the loss of body heat. It also makes you drowsy, and you could freeze to death while asleep.

Of course, if you become stranded pull the car off the road as far as possible. Should it get stuck and you try to free it, don't over-exert yourself. And keep in mind that your vehicle is the best protection against the weather. So, stay there and wait for help.

If you're running the motor for heat, open a window for ventilation and make sure that the tailpipe isn't clogged with snow. In station wagons don't open the back window, it tends to draw the exhaust into the car. Carbon monoxide is tasteless, odorless and deadly.

Take these simple precautions and do yourself a favour.

Equipment: Scraper, brush, shovel, booster cables, salt or kitty litter, traction pads or pieces of old carpeting, first aid kit, flashlight, flares, extra fuses, radiator hoses and fan belts, blankets or sleeping bags, extra winter clothing, tow line or chain, a supply of non-perishable foods such as chocolate bars, instant soup, tea or coffee, a tin can and matches or lighter and candles for melting snow (never use unmelted snow as a substitute for drinking water, plus a single candle can warm an empty full-sized sealed car by 4.5 degrees C), sand.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

I have taken over as librarian at your branch library, and am looking forward to helping you with all the services provided by the County Library System.

The Lennox and Addington County Libraries are pleased to announce the upcoming programme for your branch library

Monday, April 30, 1984 Stella Public Library (at Stella Public School)

Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Cards of Thanks

The family of the late Charles Densem would like to thank all those who showed interest and concern with cards, letters, and telephone calls during his long illness. Your sympathy at the time of his death was greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Thelma Howard who was much more than a visiting homemaker to the family.

We appreciate the way in which the service was conducted by Rev. Norman Allison and Rev. Babcock. Thanks also to the road crew for creating such a spacious parking area, and to all those who joined the family after the service.

Sincerely

Elsie Densem

Many thanks to my family and friends, the Women's Institute, the P.C.W., and the Legion for their thoughtful cards, gifts and visits during my recent stay in hospital and since returning home. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Jack Kerr

Wacky Wordies

Think of a common expression to fit each of the following. Answers will appear next month

{a puzzle table appeared which cannot be reproduced}

Birthday

Evelyn Taylor celebrated her 75th birthday on Dec.18 with family and friends at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Leigh and Doris Wemp in Odessa.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Lulu Strain

The November meeting was held at the home of Lulu Strain with Brian Ward as the guest speaker. Brian has been employed by the Empire Life

Insurance Company of Kingston for the past seventeen years as an operator and supervisor in the computer department. His talk was very informative and interesting and we are sorry that more members were not able to attend. A donation was made to the Salvation Army in memory of the late Leslie Glenn and Edward Gavlas, and also a donation to "Safe Water".

A delicious lunch was provided by Phyllis Strain and Marion Glenn

Anna Hitchins was hostess to the Christmas meeting on December 19th.

A business meeting was held, with Jackie Sylvester presiding in the absence of the president. An enjoyable programme was conducted by Diane Gavlas, Marion Glenn and Phyllis Strain. Louise Seaman played the piano for the singing of Christmas carols and an exchange of gifts took place. An interesting and tasty lunch was served by Thelma Howard, Jackie Sylvester and Georgie Allison. The meeting closed with the 'Queen'.

Senior Citizens Dinner

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner was held in the school gym on December 3rd with most of the Island seniors attending. A very delicious turkey dinner was served by the Women's Institute with generous financial aid provided by the Canadian Legion and the Orange Lodge.

Entertainment was provided by a Senior Citizens group from Newburgh and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Much credit is due to the capable and hard-working W.I. Committee, other members of the W.I. and to those ladies of the community who assisted so ably. Many of the guests have been heard to say "It was the best one yet".

Public School News

-Trudy Strain and John Eves

Classes resumed on Jan 2. after a terrific Christmas break. Prior to Christmas the student Council held a festive party. The activities included creative writing, games and art. The lunch afterward was a great success and thanks goes out to all the mothers who sent the delicious treats.

The Island Branch of the Canadian Legion once again sponsored the Remembrance Day poem and Essay contest. The prizes were given out the night of the Christmas concert. The winners in the poem contest were Shannon Eves, Jamie Miller, Adam Miller, Trudy Strain, Steven Ward and Leah Murray. The winners in the essay contest were Sherry Ward, Jamie Thornhill, Robert Eves, Steven Ward, Julie Forester and David Brown.

Thank you too, 539 Legion for sponsoring these contests.

The Christmas concert was held on Dec. 14 and was once again a huge success. Four plays were performed and quite a few nice piano pieces. From what we've heard most people thought we did a fine job.

We would also like to thank the I.S.L.E. committee for donating a wonderful item to the school -- a computer. Believe me it's being put to use and thoroughly enjoyed.

And from the students and staff of A.I.P.S. a wish for all the best in 1983.

4-H News

We will be starting a new club soon and are needing an assistant leader. The project is Fitness Fare about taking care of our bodies and eating properly. Anyone interested in helping six girls to learn some simple recipes and exercise please contact Phyllis Strain 389-1135.

Recent Deaths

Iva Eves - November 17, 1983

George Willard - December 3, 1983

Eva Glenn - December 22, 1983

Charles Densem - December 27, 1983

Helen Farrington - January 5, 1984

Births

Shannon Maureen Baker Nov. 23 to James and Marjorie

Joseph Christopher Nourry Nov. 28 to Ray and Colleen

Kyle Leith Murray Nov 29 to Ian & Sally

Marie Londry Dec 16 to Arsene & Nancy

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Seven More Weeks of Winter

- Sandra Haggett

Here it is 1984 and I am (still) here, experiencing my second winter on the island.

About a week ago I said to my husband, "Well only seven or eight weeks left of winter!" I always was an optimist about short winters, no

matter whether the groundhog saw his shadow or not on February the second.

"How the heck do you come up with only seven or eight more weeks?" came his disgusted reply. "It is January the tenth now. That leaves approximately three weeks left in January and the four weeks in February.

"Three and four make seven," was my reply. Really it was very simple. How obtuse could he be. I never was a math wizard, but I certainly could add three plus four.

"You are forgetting conveniently one important thing."

"What?"

"March!"

"I haven't forgotten March at all. March is when it usually rains a lot and the temperatures rise a little. Occasional freak snowstorms occur during March, but I don't really consider it winter still.

"I think you've got your months all mixed up April is relegated to the month of showers."

"So," I began, "what is wrong with wishing the winter away. Anyway, it's not that I really want winter to end so badly. It's just that I'm dreading the ice freezing over."

"Don't worry about it. You always worry about nothing," he said as he turned to walk away.

Huh! Nothing!

Meanwhile there are large barriers of frigid steam stretching across the lake marking the ferry's encumbered path, where great chunks of ravaged ice dare the ferry's slow approach. In the ferry's wake scurry mocking fragments of frozen water. The sun shines down upon the immense stretches of surface ice dusted with a snowy blanket. The world is cold and frozen.

Winter, the incubus of my dreams.

Oh but such beauty as I gaze out upon the frozen water to be mesmerized by a million sparkling glints of silver.

Beautiful or not beautiful, I am certainly glad there are only five or six weeks of winter left.

Holiday Visitors

- Lyn Fleming

Amherst Island was a busy place over the holidays. A few visitors to the area were:

Reeve of Wood River #74, Saskatchewan, Maurice Filson and wife

Shirley visited with Harry and Barb Filson and family and friends. Mr. Filson also took a tour of the island dump, he has read so much about, to see how things were progressing. He was happy to report that things seemed to be shaping up quite nicely.

Art and Kay Wolfreys and daughter Gail and grandsons Scott and Todd of Orlando, Florida spent Christmas on Amherst Island with Mabel Wolfreys, Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys, Larry and Lynn Fleming, Ellis and Marylou Wolfreys and families.

Howard Wolfreys of Winnipeg, Man. spent 10 days in the area with Mabel Wolfreys and family and friends.

Diane and John Pollock and daughter Sara of Calgary, Alta. were home for Christmas at Albert and Phyllis Henderson's.

Paul and Carol Glenn headed south from Sudbury to spend the holidays with Irene Glenn, Bill, Annette and Shawna Phillips, John Glenn, Bob and Ann Cox and families and friends.

Rosie Chambers and children Gary, Diane and Jason were home to Keith and Shirley Miller's from Lindsay Ont. They spent time catching up with many family and friends.

Tom and Elaine Tooke and daughter Janet of Hamilton spent Christmas with Marjorie Tooke.

There were many more families and friends together on Amherst Island that helped make a festive happy holiday for everyone.

Happy New Year!

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Welcome to a late holiday visitor, Melinda "Mindy" Deborah Fleming, born to David and Karen Fleming on January 12, 1984. Happy sisters are Angela and Wendy Fleming.

I.S.L.E.

Are you tired of picking your good coat up off the floor after dances and other social functions at the school? I.S.L.E. is looking for volunteers to:

- donate materials
- donate their skills
- make suggestions

and otherwise make a decent coat rack for the school. If you're interested in helping, contact any I.S.L.E. member. All ideas and help will be appreciated. Members are

Dale Filson

Lynn Fleming

Ann Hitchins

Bob Horth

Debbie Bedford

Barb McDonald

Mike Flanigan

Gertrude Maud

Ed Chadband

Doug Shurtliffe

I.S.L.E. will hold their annual Ham Dinner on Wed. Feb. 8, 1984 from 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. Advance tickets available from any I.S.L.E. member.

Some Changes in the 1983 Tax Forms
- Courtesy H&R Block - Leslie Gavlas

P.1 line 05 - the Employment Expense Deduction is 20% of earned income to a maximum of \$500 (last year it was 3%)

P.1 line 915 - Indexed Security Investment Plan- ISIP. This went into effect Oct. 1, 1983 and provides tax exemptions for the inflationary portion of capital gains on publicly traded common shares of Canadian companies. Note that interest on money borrowed to invest in an ISIP is not deductible and dividends and capital gains are not eligible for the \$1000 investment income deduction. For further information contact a stock broker.

The Income Tax Act introduced and defined a new term - 'Supporting Person'. A supporting person of an eligible child may be a parent of the child, the taxpayer's spouse, or an individual who claimed a dependent's exemption for the child. Usually this will be a common-law spouse. The definition applies to claims for Child Care Expenses (Schedule 5) and Child Tax Credits (Schedule 10).

Page 2 line 37- Child Care Expenses. Study the revised Schedule 5 carefully. Child Care Expenses must now be claimed by the spouse or supporting person with the lower income unless the lower income person was a student, invalided, or separated.

The amounts claimable have been increased - for example, to a

maximum of \$2,000 per child. (Compare with \$1,000 in 1982)

Page 2 line 917 - only applies if a taxpayer used the forward averaging provision in 1982 and is drawing some out in 1983.

Page 2 - Personal Exemptions

Basic personal \$3700.00

Age Exemption (born 1918 or earlier) \$2360.00

Married Exemption (spouse's net income not over \$570.00) \$3300.00

Wholly Dependent Children Born 1966 or later (with net income not over \$2450.00) \$710.00

Born 1965 or earlier (with net income not over (\$2570) \$1300.00

A partial exemption may be claimed if the child's net income is below \$3870.00

Remember that a son or daughter supported for only part of the year may still be eligible if the net in less than \$3870.00.

Page 2 line 47 - The Standard \$100.00 deduction is still available despite rumours to the contrary. Starting in 1984 all claims for medical and charitable donations will require receipts. (No more Standard \$100.00)

Page 2 line 53 - Deduction for Blind persons or persons confined to bed or a wheelchair is \$2310.00. Note on Schedule 3- Deductions Transferred from Spouse - the CNIB Registration Number must be entered if applicable.

Page 4 line 922 - Share Purchase Tax Credit relates to the purchase of certain shares of Canadian Private or Public Corporations and is designed to

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attract investments in new equity shares. If you are interested, contact a stock broker.

Page 4 line 78 - Child Tax Credit, Schedule 10. The revised form should be studied carefully. The net income of a supporting person must be reported in the same manner as the net income of a spouse. The family income ceiling for the full tax credit is \$26330.00. In this connection the Minister of National Revenue is empowered to collect, with interest, any

overpayment of the Child Tax Credit later determined to be in excess of the credit to which the taxpayer is entitled.

Are you interested in trying to reduce your tax payable this year? If you have some excess cash it is not too late to invest in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan - RRSP. The deadline is Feb.29, 1984 for the 1983 tax year. For information on these plans, shop among the investment outlets advertising in the newspapers, etc.

Should you have any questions regarding tax matters, feel free to telephone me at home - 384-2807 -- or the H & R Block offices. There is no charge for answers to tax questions, and no obligation.

Advertisements

For sale; Home baking

All occasion cakes, fancy sandwiches and special orders taken.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh products you need

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Upholstery: Give Diane Gavlas a call at 389-3199

Fresh lamb is available from Topsy Farms 2.25/lb for a whole lamb cut, wrapped and frozen; 3.75/lb for legs and loins only; and 0.80/lb live. Call Ranch at 389-0554. Free delivery on the Island.

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Council Report for Regular February Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

All councillors were present. Judy Miller is the new assistant in the township office. The building inspector is going to a seminar on the revised building code. No building permits were issued last month.

In response to Council's appeal for comments on the ferry charges, only one person turned up to hear what other people had to say. Council tried to sort out various minor problems that have arisen. A pass is available to a student only if a parent or guardian has a pass. Council wishes to point out that damage under \$2,500 to vehicles on the ferry is not covered by insurance, but is paid out of township funds i.e. our pockets. The discussion over the wharfage fees payable to the Federal government continues. Council is thinking of billing the federal government for back taxes on the ferry dock buildings. Dock alterations are being discussed to accommodate the spare ferry, the Charlevoix.

The road budget was discussed. Wages have gone up and there is a big bill for gravel and a sander this year, but the government input has only raised 1.7%, and it is very hard to get money out of them. Council has to decide where to get the extra money without cutting the care of the roads.

Diane Gavlas, the new librarian, wrote to Council because the library is too small. Council is investigating various ways out of the problem. Council received a letter from Ducks Unlimited about the Big Marsh, asking if they could study it. Council is pursuing the matter.

The Owner of the old granary in Emerald asked that Council designate it a Heritage Building. Council asked for a lot more information before making a decision.

Lloyd dare asked for and got approval in principle to sever his home from his workshop and the rest of the farm.

Council discussed the question of people driving the ice. They felt it was not their job to bar people from the ice, but that they should not bush the road either as long as the ferry is running well.

After various minor matters, Council adjourned.

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Notices

World Day of Prayer

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be hosted by the Anglican Church Women on Friday, March 2, 1984 at 2:00 P.M. in St. Alban's Church, Stella. An invitation is extended to all the ladies of Amherst Island to attend this service. The organist requests the support of the local choir members on this occasion.

The next meeting of the Anglican Church Women will be held at the home of Elsie Willard on Wednesday, April 11th, 1984, at 8:00 P.M.

Leslie Gavlas,

Secretary, A.C.W.

The Heart Fund

February is Heart Month and on behalf of the Heart Fund, donations will be accepted at Glenn's Store or by any Institute member. Official receipts will be issued. Remember, Someday Your Heart May Need Us As Much As We Need You.

Thank you for your support.

The Women's Institute

The Heart Fund

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank my family for being so attentive to me while I was in the hospital, Marjorie for driving me in and Maureen for bringing me home.

I also want to thank the Legion for the lovely basket of fruit and the A.C.W. for the beautiful plant, and the visiting committee for her visit and “goodies”.

I also wish to thank my good neighbours for looking after my mother so well.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Wemp

Doris and I would like to express our many thanks to all our friends, neighbours and relatives for their kind acts and thoughtfulness during the loss of a Mother and dear Aunt. It was all greatly appreciated.

Barbara Filson

Jim Bell-Smith and Caroline Yull would like to thank all our new neighbours for the warm welcome to the Island they've given us, and for all the help and support during the fixing up of our wayward septic system. Thanks particularly to the Gavlas (Jr. and Sr.), Neilson, and McCormick families - their friendliness and help (i.e., hard dirty cold work) got us through a very difficult first experience with the joys of owning a septic system!

Library News

The Lennox and Addington County Libraries are pleased to announce the upcoming programmes for Branch Libraries.

Sat. Mar. 10/84 - 2:00 p.m. - Napanee Public Library - Harry The Dirty Dog - Erewhon Theatre

Thurs. Mar. 22/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Yarker Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary.

Tues. Mar. 27/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Amherstview Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Thurs. Mar. 29/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Bath Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Wed. Apr.4/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Enterprise Public Library (School Gym) - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Thurs. Apr.5/84 - 7:30 - Newburgh Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Thurs. Apr. 5/84 - 2:00 p.m. - Odessa Public Library - Pruning Trees & Shrubs by Royal Botanical Gardens

Tues. Apr. 10/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Odessa Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Thurs. Apr. 12/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Sandhurst Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Wed. Apr. 18/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Tamworth Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

* Mon. Apr. 30/84 - 8:00 p.m. - Stella Public Library (Stella Pub. School) - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary

Thurs. May 3/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Napanee Public Library - Ontario Wild Flowers

Thurs. Sept. 6/84 - 7:30 p.m. - Napanee Public Library - Russ Waller - Loyalist Diary.

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Advertisements:

Mature man, clean driving record, class “C” or “D” license, will do driving jobs. If you want the job done safely and well, call Jim Bell-Smith at 389-4071, or drop by at the old Neilson house in Stella.

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For Sale: a 30 inch avocado electric range in good condition. Call 542-8313

For sale: 1977 Royal Monarch Dodge 4 door, V-8 Automatic. Power Steering, Power Brakes, Air Conditioning, New Tires, New Rad. 64,000 kilometres,

Price negotiable. Phone 389-3411

St. John's Ambulance First Aid

Anyone interested in taking either Standard First Aid or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), please contact Rick Tait (389-3444) for more information. Course dates will be set when minimum enrolment can be met.

First Aid (minimum 15 people 16 years and over)

CPR (minimum 6 people 18 years and over)

Courses will be held at the school.

Social Note

Howard and Noreen Welbanks, Raymond and Linda Wemp and Bill and Olive Hogan attended the Annual Ontario Commercial Fisheries Convention in London, Ontario, January 15th to January 19th. On Monday afternoon they were joined by Beverly who is attending College in Guelph.

Both Beverly and Olive were two of the lucky people winning prizes at the Banquet on Tuesday evening.

Quote of the Week:

In a survey of Grade 8 and 9 students conducted by an Ontario Newspaper, one student expressed the following view of the role of municipalities:

“Municipal governments deal with bylaws, stop signs, parks, Christmas decorations, property tax and other small meaningless things like that.”

Some Commonly Asked Tax Questions with Answers, as supplied by H&R Block

Leslie Gavlas

Q. I am an employee and I have to travel 20 miles to and from work every day. I pay \$25.00 per week for transportation. Am I allowed to deduct the cost of transportation to and from work on my tax return?

A. No, you may not. However, every employee is entitled to deduct an employment expense deduction. The deduction is 20% of employment income and has a maximum of \$500.00.

Q. Our child was born at the end of December of last year. How do I calculate my deduction for him on my tax return?

A. You may claim the full exemption for a child born before the end of the year. Also, the full refundable Child Tax Credit of \$343.00 is available if the combined net income of both you and your spouse (or the supporting individual) does not exceed the base amount for the year.

Q. I did not make enough money to have to pay income tax. But my employer withheld tax and Canada Pension Plan contributions from my paycheques. How do I get my money back?

A. You should file a tax return to receive a complete refund of all tax deducted. In addition, you may be entitled to a reimbursement of all or part of the CPP contribution.

Q. My son, a senior in high school next term, worked during the summer months. His net income was \$2700.00. Since this is over the \$2570.00

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(\$1300.00 — (\$2700 — \$2570) = \$1170.00) As long as your child is wholly dependent upon you for support and is either under 21 years of age, or a full time student, you may claim an exemption for him if his net income is less than \$3870.00. Remember to deduct such items as tuition fees from his gross income to arrive at his net income.

Q. Last year I took a night school course. Can I deduct the tuition on my tax return?

A. Yes, tuition fees for night school courses may be claimed as a tax deduction provided the courses were taken at a recognized school or university or a school registered by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (for example the H&R Block tax Training School) and the fees were in excess of \$100.00. You should ask the school or university for official tax receipts and attach these to your tax return.

Q. I am a housewife and I earn extra money by baby-sitting while mothers are working. Do I have to file a tax return to report my baby-sitting fees?

A. If you have tax payable for the year you are obliged to file a return. Even if you are not taxable your net income in excess of \$570.00 would be used to decrease your exemption on your husband's tax return.

I would be happy to answer any tax questions that may be troubling readers of the Beacon. You can contact me at 549-8800, local 231, or at 384-2807.

Leslie Gavlas

Winter Visitors to Amherst Island

- Michael Mason - member of Kingston Field Naturalists

Amherst Island is experiencing its periodic invasion by hawks and owls. They come, of course, for the food; and, 60,000 mice a month in December and January (based on a census of bird numbers and what the birds eat) seem to be the kind of supply they are willing to stay around for.

Of these raptors, the hawks and some owls hunt by day. From November to April the rough-legged hawks are down from the high Arctic. Eighty to a hundred of them were on the island in December and January, eating up the rodents. The red-tailed hawks which nest here, numbered between ten and fifteen. A few marsh hawks or harriers have also been

seen, but the very cold weather drives them away. There are kestrels, of course; and one golden eagle was seen in January.

Owls are more charismatic than the hawks. At any rate they seem to bring in the visiting naturalists from the States. In winter, species of owl come to Amherst Island which breed much farther north. The boreal owl is one, but it is small, roosts high in the cedars, and is hard to find. Two were seen in December, but only one in January. Their cousins the saw-whets are more common, or at least more easily seen. Up to eight of them were spotted at the east end of the island in a single woodlot, in which long-eared and short-eared owls have also been seen. Up to thirty of these were short-eared.

The same woods have sheltered great horned owls and a barred owl, and, for a weekend at least, a great grey owl. Great greys are being seen on the mainland in the Kingston-Moscow area, but few on Amherst Island so far. In fact, like the boreal, the great grey owl is a very rare visitor in Eastern Ontario, one in five years or more being its usual rate of appearance around here. We should not forget to mention the Snowy owls. About twelve of these have been seen in the open fields on the island.

By the time this article appears, some of these migrant raptors may have moved on. This tends to happen with changes in the availability of food. If melting snow floods the mice's tunnels, the mice dig deeper, or they may drown; and if heavy crusts of ice form on the snow, they cannot be reached at all, though the birds may be able to hear them moving around. An owl does not have to be able to see the prey before pouncing

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on it successfully, but it cannot pounce through ice.

Amherst Islanders are sympathetic towards the protection of all these rodent-eaters, as are most of the visitors to the Island. People have come this winter from many parts of the United States to see this conclave of owls. New York, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Florida, and California have all been represented, called in by word of mouth reports among naturalists, including rare-bird telephone alerts from centres in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere. We all know that people can cause damage and littering, and hope that this has not occurred on Amherst. No word has been received of any harm to the birds themselves. (Flashes on cameras, by the way, can disturb them somewhat.) So we hope that, in a general atmosphere of live and let live, all these seasonal visitors, human and non-human, as well as the residents,

will pass a pleasant winter.

Michael Mason

(Michael Mason is a member of the Kingston Field Naturalists.)

Wacky Wordies

Answers to January puzzles

1. Just between you and me
2. Hitting below the belt
3. Head over heels in love
4. Cry over spilt milk
5. Lie in wait
6. Unfinished symphony

Think of a common expression to fit each of the following. Answers next month.

{There follows a puzzle which cannot be reproduced}

Road Report

- Ian Murray

The hard-surfacing of the development road with asphalt completed this project that was started several years ago. This new road should serve us well for many years. However the rest of the island road system was of necessity, somewhat neglected over the past few years.

Last summer the road crew once again began to improve the safety and structure of the island's gravel roads. Despite a severe shortage of gravel, I believe that some significant improvements were made.

This year a good quantity of gravel should be available to give the roads a good layer. A new sander has been ordered for the back of the newer dump truck. Enough liquid calcium chloride will be applied to control dust. The quarry by-pass will be completed and as many other improvements completed as available money allows.

Roads Expenses for 1983

Project 1983

Bridges And Culverts

1727.98

Roadside Maintenance

Grass mowing	685.53	
Brushing etc.	2510.74	
Ditching	8927.51	
Debris cleanup	129.44	12253.22
Hardtop Maintenance		
Patching	291.16	
Cleaning	75.6	
Resurfacing	3763.88	4130.64
Loosetop Maintenance		
Grading & scarify	6681.91	
Dust layer	8920.01	
Gravel resurfacing	17327.23	32929.15
Winter Control		5894.63
Safety Devices		772.07
Total Maintenance Costs		57707.69
New Construction	1080.12	
Capital Purchases	0	
Other (Surveying)	1678.1	
Overhead	29835.93	32594.15
Total Road Costs		90301.84
Money from Development Road		2018.93
MTC Grant		61000.00
Budget		87200.00
Budget minus Actual Costs		-1082.91

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Regular Council Meeting - March 6th
- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. Ed Chadband, the building inspector, reported to Council on a seminar he attended on the new building code, in Ottawa. Several changes apply to renovations. Ed Chadband has the details if people need them. The Reeve reported on the meetings and functions connected with the County he attended in the previous months. He keeps busy with a long list of committees, several of which I had never heard. The County Council's work seems to extend into many different areas, all run by committees.

There was considerable discussion about finding a larger room for the Public Library. Diane Gavlas joined in. The County Library Board and the School Board are negotiating about using space in the school. Diane was wondering if old people would find the school too far from the village. Anybody with an opinion should contact Diane or a member of Council.

Council is still discussing with the Federal Government about the dock, payment for and alterations to and so on. So far the Federal Government have sent a man to look at it.

Council received and filed several letters about driving the ice, and also a copy of the coroner's report on the recent accident near Wolfe Island.

There is a hold up in the plans for crushing gravel as McKendry's cannot move their equipment now until, the beginning of May because of half-loading on roads. They have said they will supply gravel from elsewhere until they crush.

The report on the dump has been finished. If the township wishes to continue using the dump, the report recommends that a tall fence to catch blowing refuse be put along the east side; that the large pond on the south side be removed; that the old automobiles and stoves etc. be removed and no more put in, (incidentally old cars have been banned for several years); that a proper system for covering the garbage be

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introduced; and that any run-off should be checked to make sure it is not polluting. If the dump is not improved, we are liable to have some extremely expensive solution imposed on us from outside.

Council has received enquiries about the St. John's Ambulance Resuscitation course (CPR). Council said they would pay if some members of the fire crew wanted to take the course and the Workmen's Compensation Board would not pay. People interested should contact Rick Tait at 389-3444.

The Council is trying to find the best way to put washrooms in the Municipal building. One possibility is to turn it into a Heritage Building, when all sorts of grants become available for improvements. The first step is to commission an architect's report, which they did.

The Solicitor-General is very keen that municipalities organize for Emergency Planning for major disasters. Some of Council wondered how relevant this was to Amherst Island, so they decided to contact other local councils, to see what they are doing, if anything.

The Provincial Government wants to honour 1984 people this year with a Bicentennial medal for volunteerism and community service. Nominations are invited from each municipal council, Indian Band and local service board. People are invited to put forward names (plus reasons) for consideration to Council.

Council decided to send most of the old council records to the County Archives, where they will be open for study. Diane Pearce is to prepare a list of papers to go.

Council decided that Ducks Unlimited should be asked not to survey the Big Marsh until the Drainage matter is resolved. They have written to the Toronto lawyer handling the drainage appeal to ask him to speed up matters if possible, but the case will probably not be heard before fall.

Birdwatchers have paid about \$2000 in ferry fees this year. It would be

interesting to know how many times we have pushed them out of the ditches.

A Rabies Clinic is planned for April 13th, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the fire hall. Cost should be \$2.00 per animal. You are urged to bring your pets.

After receiving various pieces of correspondence, Council adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Reeve Allison Represents Warden at L&a County Museum on Heritage Day Feb. 20, 1984.

In designating the L&A County Museum to be the official Regional Repository for papers relating to the County, Reeve Allison said:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to represent our Warden this Heritage Day and to have a part in the paper elephant activities which have been organized by our Museum staff led by Jane Foster.

It is my pleasant duty to officially designate the Lennox and Addington Museum as the official Regional Repository for papers, documents, etc. relating to the County.

Not only do we have a building well equipped to fulfill this function, as it has light, temperature, and humidity controls as well as smoke and intrusion alarms, but we have an up-to-date computer and competent staff to undertake this new work, as you may have discovered. As you look round the facilities here today you may be surprised at the quantity and quality of the donations already made.

One advantage of a regional repository is that old papers don't get thrown away or fall into careless hands. A few years ago when some old shipyard offices were being demolished in Kingston, an early minute book of the Kingston St. Andrew's society, of the time Sir John A. MacDonald was president of the Society, was found in the rafters of the condemned building. Fortunately the importance of the minute book was recognized by the finder and returned to the society. I might add these old minutes still make interesting reading today. So it is not difficult to see the advantage of having a regional repository where private citizens and all

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kinds of businesses or other organizations can deposit their old records with confidence, in a safe and secure place from which they can readily be

made available to researchers and other interested persons who otherwise would not know that they exist. In this way local history can be preserved and promoted among the younger generations.

Some time ago the Neilson family of Amherst Island donated the ledgers from their now defunct general store which had existed for 100 years, and more recently the village of Newburgh has transferred their pre-1930 records to the care of our new repository. We trust many others will follow these examples.

In conclusion let me say that I feel that the County can be very proud of having an institution of this size and quality within its bounds.

The Tax Preparer Asa Consultant
- courtesy H&R Block by Leslie Gavlas

As an H&R Block Tax Preparer I find myself fielding these questions regularly.

Q. I only have a small bank account and did not receive a bank slip to tell me what interest I received. Must I report my interest.

A. By law the answer is Yes. This year most banks are issuing slips (T5's) for interest amounts of \$100 or more. You can calculate your interest from your bank book. Interest amounts are reported on line 15 and interest amounts of \$1000 or less are deductible from taxable income on line 51.

Q. Can I split my interest with my wife to reduce my taxable income?

A. By law the interest must be reported by the person who provided the money on which the interest was earned. Interest from a joint bank account in which all the money deposited came from one spouse only must be reported by that spouse.

Q. I have some stocks and receive so much money as dividends. Why must I report 1½ times that amount as income?

A. The answer is that there is a tax deduction for dividend income, and the government requires the "gross-up" for this reason. If the amount reported as income on line 14, added to the interest on line 15 is \$1000 or less the amount is deductible from taxable income. Also by using the detailed tax calculation on Schedule 1 a tax deduction of 22 2/3% of the gross-up amount is deductible from Federal tax payable. A further reduction of 48% of the Federal tax deductible is deductible from your provincial tax payable.

Q. What is the difference between the General Return and the Special Return?

A. The Special Return is mailed by the government to people who reported only certain types of income and certain deductions in the previous year. The General Return has extra lines for reporting other types of income (such as self-employment) and other types of deductions (such as R.R.S.P., R.H.O.S.P., Child Care).

Q. My girl friend and I are living common law. Can I claim her as a dependent?

A. No. However if you are supporting her children, you may claim them as dependents. To do so you must also report the Family Allowance she received as income. One of the children (it is usually best to report the youngest) can be claimed as "equivalent to marriage" exemption by completing Schedule 6.

Q. Who should claim the children as dependents?

A. Usually the spouse with the higher income because that person will get a bigger tax break.

Q. Can I claim the Child Tax Credit?

A. The Child Tax Credit must be claimed by the person whose name is on the Family Allowance cheque (usually the mother).

Q. I am a pensioner. Do I need to file an income tax return?

A. If you are not taxable you do not need to file unless you are reporting income from a rental or self-employment. A single pensioner with income from Old Age Pension, Canada Pension and a private pension and interest to \$1000 will not be taxable unless the total income is greater than \$10030. A married couple with joint income from the same sources could have twice that much.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Lulu Strain P.R.O.

The January meeting was held at the home of Georgie Allison in the form of a pot luck supper. After a delicious meal a short business meeting was held at which we decided to take donations for the Heart Fund at the

ham dinner providing the ISLE Committee was agreeable, and to donate the 4-H Club and the ISLE Committee hot lunch fund for the school children. A game of Trivial Pursuit followed which was much enjoyed by those present.

On February 15th Phyllis Strain was hostess and nine members and one guest were present. Mrs. Allison, president, opened the meeting with the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and Oh Canada. The minutes were read and financial statement given by Phyllis Strain, secretary-treasurer. A very good amount of money was collected for the Heart Fund and thanks to the many who donated so generously. Marion Glenn, District Director, gave a report of the meeting she recently attended in Napanee. The roll call was "Ways (new) that a family's life may be strengthened" and many ways were suggested. The Family Affairs Convenor, Jacquie Sylvester showed a movie based on family and quite a lively discussion followed. Lunch was served by Genevieve Fleming and Lulu Strain.

To all Institute members:

The next meeting will be Monday March 19, 1984 at Jane Miller's at 8:00 p.m. instead of Wednesday. Remember we're all to bring a little green lunch.

You Know You Are on Amherst Island When:

- Your birthday is June 23rd and you are the New Year's baby
- you get a wag of the tail from every dog you meet for you know them all by name
- you go out jogging and every car that you meet stops and offers you a ride.
- you have a flat tire on the South Shore and the news gets back to the village before you do.
- you see cars by the side of the road from Florida, Alabama, Alaska, New York, etc. and the owners are out looking for Gray Owls

SharingOver a Cup of Tea

- Sandra Haggett

Since my arrival on Amherst Island I have had many new experiences. I never knew country life could be so rewarding as well as hectic. One experience I would like to share with the residents of Amherst Island is my

exciting new position at the Heritage Newspaper.

Last month to my utter ecstasy, the Heritage editor offered me my own column at his newspaper. Tentatively I submitted my first column, then my second. I was quite surprised by the great response I received.

My column appearing in the Heritage is called The View: From the Island.

Weekly I share my humour, frustrations, experiences, accomplishments and failures. In short ... I share a bit of myself with the readers.

I would be pleased if the islanders would support my passion for writing by reading my column at least once, over a cup of tea.

Card of Thanks

Ross and I would like to express a big "Thank You" to the people of Stella for making us so happy to be new residents of the Island. Moving to Stella from Toronto was a bit frightening at first but not for long. You have all been so patient in answering our questions - and I know we've asked a lot of them - I'm surprised you don't hide when you see us coming.

We would like to say a special thank you to our neighbours, Harry and Barbara Filson. Without their help we would be 'lost'.

We hope to return your kindness in years to come.

Ross and Lois Evans

Announcement

Amherst Island Bed and Breakfast

Daily and Weekly Rates

Hosts - Bob and Dianne Marshall 389-4070

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Notice to Residents of Amherst Island

Please be advised that there is a Township Resolution that prohibits the dumping of old cars in the Township Dump.

The reasons are obvious - old wrecks take up valuable dumping space, do not easily disintegrate and, therefore, eventually have to be removed. Such removal is costly and becomes a burden to all taxpayers.

The Sanitation Committee proposes to either set aside a specific area for the dumping of other metal objects or prohibit the dumping of such things

as old appliances, fence wire, etc. Fence wire, as you can imagine, is a major problem in the dump because it tends to get tangled up in equipment used to tidy the site.

The Ministry of the Environment has been fairly lenient with our community up until now but does have the authority to close a site that is not being used properly. If such a situation occurred, the Township would be forced to have household garbage dumped into containers and removed from the island to an authorized landfill site on the mainland. This would be a very costly venture and would be paid for directly by Township residents. The Township Dump is every resident's responsibility. Careless dumping means extra costs that must be shared by all property owners. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

Notice re Bicentennial Medal

The Provincial Government, in co-operation with local governments, community organizations and individuals in Ontario, would like to honour 1984 people this year for their volunteerism and community service by awarding them the Bicentennial Medal. Each Council is entitled to make one nomination. For this purpose, Council is soliciting nominations for this award from members of the public. Each nomination should be accompanied by a statement of why the award is deserved with particular reference to community service and volunteerism. Because there are so many people in our community who deserve special recognition, Council would appreciate your assistance in choosing an award winner.

Please submit your nomination to Council before May 1st, 1984.

For Sale

Are you interested in knitted sweaters, suits, dresses (machine or hand knit) at a reasonable price? Come in and see what is available for yourself or for gifts!

Available now:

Nordic (Ladies size medium) heavy sweater.

Ladies white cable (angora type medium)

Ladies dress (machine knit - Large)

(lace) colour-burgundy

Girls (round yoke) hand knit, Size 12 (gold and multi color)

Lacy summer shells - blue, white, etc.

Pink summer suit - size (small).

Chris Glenn, 389-2647

A 30" Range. Old but workable - \$50

Call 389-4636.

An 11 H.P. "Roper" Garden Tractor with Lawn mower attachment and 1-22 inch Lawn Boy Lawnmower.

Phone Jim Neilson at 389-3013.

- portable Cement Mixer
- Reel to Reel tape recorder
- 302 Ford Motor
- Ford Automatic Transmission
- Air Conditioner
- '73 Nova for parts
- 14' Fibreglass boat with 40 H.P. Outboard
- 800 lb. Tilt Trailer, Water Skis, etc.

All prices negotiable.

please call Rick Bedford at 389-8434

Wendy Shurtliffe is proud to let all the residents of the island know that she is the Avon representative. If you would like to look at an Avon book you can either pick one up at the store or else please give me a call at 399-5782 and I will be more than pleased to come to you with a book. Thank you.

Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Servicing all your property insurance needs. Specializing in Home Owners and Farm Owners policies.

Agent - W. Bruce Caughey 389-2012

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For Sale: Home baking. All occasion cakes, fancy sandwiches and special orders taken. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh Products you need

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Upholstery: Give Diane Gavlas a call at 389-3199

Fresh lamb is available from Topsy Farms - \$2.25/lb for a whole lamb cut, wrapped and frozen; \$3.75/lb for legs and loins only; and \$0.80/lb live.

Call Randi at 389-0554. Free delivery on the Island.

Annual Euchre - Bingo Family Night

Sponsored by I.S.L.E.

Thurs. March 22, 1984 at the School

7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Children and Grown-ups of all ages welcome

Euchre 50¢

Bingo 10¢ a card

Wacky Wordies

Answers to February puzzles

1. shrinking violets
2. Bermuda Triangle
3. a mixed bag
4. pineapple upside down cake
5. you're under arrest
6. split second timing

Think of a common expression to fit each of the following.

Answers next month.

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Council Report for April 3rd, 1984

All members of council attended. The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of last month's meeting adopted. On March 14th council had met in special session to meet with the petitioners for the Miller drain who were concerned about the delay in the appeal. To summarize, the costs are charged usually to the loser or the party that withdraws. The case can be taken to the next higher court if one party appeals. No new evidence can be introduced at the appeal. It is merely a review of previously presented evidence. The probable reason for the delay is that the courts are clogged, but every effort will be made to expedite matters. More details can be seen in the minutes at the Township office.

Rick Bedford asked for agreement in principle to sever part of his property. The portion retained will be very much smaller than that allowed by the zoning by-law. In a recorded vote, Larry Fleming, Chester Tugwell and Ian Murray were in favour of the severance, Norman Allison and Ted Welbanks against.

The building inspector presented his report. The Reeve pointed out to Ed Chadband that the Reeve would not look at the plans for a residence until the Health Department had approved a septic system permit. Three permits were granted, to Topsy Farms for a workshop, to M.T.C. for an extension to the compression building on the Stella dock, and to Bruce Caughey St. for some siding.

The Reeve outlined his activities for the past month. He had attended three drainage meetings. He had met the School Board to try to reduce the

School Board levy. Part of the high cost is that the provincial grants to the School Board are only paid when the income tax is collected so in the first part of the year, \$100,000 in interest has to be paid on bridging loans. Teachers are a major expense for the School Board.

The township is still fighting over berthage fees for the ferry. I forget which round this is. The council starts negotiations with the union on May 2nd for a new contract. The Reeve, Ted Welbanks and Diane Pearce will represent the township.

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Present wages range from a Captain at \$25,000 to a Deckhand at \$15,800, with temporary help at \$8.60 per hour. Toilets will be placed on the docks again, and an attempt made to keep them cleaner.

Under roads, the Road Superintendent's salary was paired to that of a senior deckhand.

Diane Gavlas attended while the moving of the library was discussed. The Library Board is not in favour of it, as it does not fit in with their policy guidelines. People may use the Council Chambers as a reading room when the council isn't/ using them, but it may not be heated. Council said they would consider the library when improvements to the Council building are decided on.

There will be a short Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) course held on Friday evening, May 11th, and a longer session the next day. Interested people should contact Rick Tait at 389-3444. Council will pay for firemen to attend if the Workmen's Compensation Board won't.

Council decided to erect a garbage proof fence along the east side of the dump. The Recreation Committee will hold the annual spring dance on May 19th. Tickets - \$15.00 per couple. Because alcohol will be served, minors cannot attend.

The changes in the electoral boundaries for provincial elections were considered. We will be joined to Prince Edward County. There will be a discussion of the matter at the Kingston Court House on May 7th if anyone is interested in attending.

Repairs and alterations to the streetlights in Stella are to be done.

Council then went into closed session to discuss, among other things, the council's position for the upcoming ferry union negotiations. They also decided to ask the Township solicitor to send a letter to W. Neill about his

apparent violation of the building code. When council is in closed session, the press (me) is not allowed to attend, but council announces to the public its conclusions and resolutions at the end of the closed session.

Shortly after 11 p.m., council adjourned.

Council Appointments to Committees Update - April 12, 1984

Cemetery

Henry Hitchins
A. Bruce Caughey, Secretary
W. Bruce Caughey
Earle Tugwell
James Neilson
Brian Ward
Chester Tugwell

Sheep Evaluators

Ralph Wemp
Christopher Kennedy
Neil Babcock (substitute)

Committee of Adjustment

David Vrooman
Heather Welbanks
Jacqueline Sylvester

Ferry Committee

Eldon Willard
Ted Welbanks
Diane Pearce
Norman Allison, Manager

Roads

Ian Murray
Chester Tugwell

Finance

Ted Welbanks
Ian Murray

Recreation

Chester Tugwell
Heather Welbanks, Sec.
Elizabeth Silver
Barbara Wemp
Betty Wemp
Jack Forester
Darrell Miller
Richard Bedford
Larry Fleming
Jack Kerr
Doug Shurtliffe

Fence Viewers

Art Ackerman
Lloyd Clare
Garry Hitchins

Pound Keepers

Topsy Farms

O.H.R.P.

John Hall
Jack Kerr

Sanitation Parks & Property

Larry Fleming
Chester Tugwell

Fire Protection

Larry Fleming
Ted Welbanks

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Amherst Island Public School News

March-April

Leah Murray, Donnie Miller

The month of March was really busy, and April promises to be even

more so. March 5-9 was exam week for the Senior room. The entire week of March 12-19 was the Spring Break. We all had fun.

Unfortunately, April Fool's Day occurred on a Sunday, so no tricks were played at school. Watch out, 1985!

On March 19th, Mr. Flanigan broke his left leg playing hockey. He has a lengthy cast and is recovering rapidly.

The Student's Council held a rummage sale on March 27th. They raised \$21.48 which will be donated to the Kidney Foundation.

On the 27th, Kit Chubb, owner of the Avian Care Research Foundation (A "Bird Hospital") visited the island. She brought along a snowy owl which she banded and released. Then the junior room took apart pellets (the indigestible parts of an owl's diet). The seniors saw a film about the Foundation. Thanks for a great day, Kit! (By the way, the event was even worthy of a column in the Whig!)

After school, Rick Tait and Mrs. McDonald are holding classes for the senior room. Last term we did soccer, volleyball and basketball, while we are currently doing gymnastics. It's lots of fun and good practice. Thank you, Rick and Mrs. McDonald!

Education Week is approaching. We're not sure exactly what is planned, but we've already learned the Song!

Check next month's report for more details on Education Week.

I.S.L.E. Annual "Fun Night"

Thanks to the many people of all ages who turned, out for an evening of Euchre and Bingo at I.S.L.E.'s now annual "Fun Night".

Here is a list of our many winners:

Euchre:

1st Place- Men's - David Horth

1st Place for ladies was a tie between Karen McGinn and Mrs. Minerva Drumgoole. Mrs. Drumgoole won the tie breaking draw.

Consolation prizes for lowest scores went to Bill Bustard for the men and Mrs. Myrtle Veech for the ladies.

Bingo prizes went to:

Game #1 - Steven Viau

2 - Steven Ward and Bill Neill

3 - Rick Welbanks

4 - Jamie Miller

5 - Monte Neill

6 - Steven Ward and Tom Miller

7 - Beatrice Wemp

8 - Diane Gavlas

9 - Steven Ward

10 - Jamie Miller

11 - Jesse Yule

12 - Noreen Welbanks

13 - Jean Tugwell

14 - Steven Viau

Thanks again to everyone who came out!

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

A reminder of the Loyalist Diary by Russell Waller on April 30th, 8 P.M. at the School.

Acting in period dress as a great-great-great-great grandfather (Sam Wyatt), Mr. Waller reads the diary of his daughter tracing family experiences during bitter days in 1783.

Some comments are: "It's a simple tale beautifully told" "It's a sad and tragic tale of heroic proportions about humble folk".

Mr. Waller's acting career dates back 35 years. This 40 minute presentation is well worth coming out for and I hops to see many faces as I'm sure Mr. Waller will too.

Some Library patrons have asked for a Book Deposit Box to be installed. I regret to say we can not have one for fire standards make its price excessive.

Mr. Allison has informed me more room for the Library will be put on a back burner until the washroom is installed, for the Municipal Office. Hopefully, I can rearrange some books to make more room temporarily. We also have new Library members. We are glad to welcome them and hope they are enjoying the selection available from L. & A. County Library System.

At the Museum

- Randi Kennedy

The Loyal Americans, a bicentennial exhibition assembled and circulated by the Canadian War Museum to commemorate the contribution of the military Loyalists to Canada, will be at the County Museum (97

Thomas Street, Napanee) during the month of April.

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The Loyal Americans were those men and women who supported the royal cause. Some did so because they had been taught to “Fear God and Honour the King.” Others were motivated by a genuine belief in the superiority of British institutions and the wisdom of preserving the “Unity of the Empire”. Still others were persuaded to follow charismatic Loyalist leaders like Sir John Johnson in the Mohawk Valley of Upper New York.”

“.....Although raised initially for local defence, the demands of war soon necessitated their use in areas far from home. The British recognized that “the assistance of the loyal inhabitants (was) essential to the success of all operations within the land.

(Jane says this exhibit has some excellent, very early pieces and although it will go to Kingston and Belleville later, this is a good opportunity to see it. R.K.)

Bath - from Loyalist Beginnings
opening Sunday, April 15 1 - 4:30 pm
All Welcome

Using photographs and artifacts, the exhibition highlights the village’s “increase in buildings, inhabitants and business” over the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Developments featured include the building of St. John’s and the Academy, the launching of the steamer Frontenac, proclamation of the village as a port of entry, the first Masonic lodge, the experimental Freeholder’s banking venture, the establishment of Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic Churches, the business sector, Bay View Ville and nineteenth century tourism and the Contribution of loyal Bath in the First World War. The exhibition will remain until June 17th. A modified version will be transferred to the village of Bath for installation in the Bath Museum.

(from Gaol News)

Paper Elephant Buttons

During 1983, the Museum raised over \$3700 towards the Bicentennial Heritage Project. Despite this response, we are still short of our goal. We

would greatly appreciate your help to meet our commitment. Make a mail donation of \$2 or more and we will send you a Paper Elephant Button with our logo, “An Archive Never Forgets”

(Gaol News)

Re: Bicentennial Project

Those of you who attended the Amherst Island exhibition last year at the County Museum can affirm that the staff produces an exceptional quality of displays, photographic work, historical documentation and restoration. Those of you who have met or worked with Jane Foster or Sue Madsen and the rest of the staff, know how interested they are in Amherst Island, and how keen they have been to involve the Island people in the Museum. Their presentation of Daniel Fowler and Shirley Miller, two Island artists, along with the quilts of Amherst Island, was beautifully executed and many people went back two or three times to see it.

This Museum is extremely valuable to us all whether we’ve lived here all our lives or are just passing through. I urge everyone to support the Museum by visiting it and donating to the Bicentennial project.

Museum Hours

Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Closed weekends November through March

Closed holidays October through April

Open Barn

Topsy Farms is having an “Open Barn” on Sunday April 15, April 22 and April 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at our barn at the west end of the Front Road. The spring lambing flock consists of over 300 ewes so there should be lots of lambs to see.

To All Institute Members - New and Old

Our next meeting will be April 25, 1984 at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn at 8:00 p.m.. It is the annual meeting so please plan to attend.

Euchre for Cancer

April is Cancer Fund month and as part of our effort to prove "Cancer Can Be Beaten" the Amherst Island W.I. will be sponsoring a euchre April 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the school. At this time donations will be accepted toward the Cancer Fund with receipts issued. Please plan to attend for a friendly game of cards, lunch and prizes. Donations will be accepted at the Glens Store for the month of April and receipts issued.

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A Time to Share... Learn... Help Others Have Fun... with New Songs and Good Friends

The Community Sunday School will begin on Sunday morning May 6th at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the school, and will meet each Sunday in May and June concluding with a church visit and annual Sunday School Picnic on Sunday June 24th.

After the summer recess, Sunday School will continue on Sept. 9th and meet each Sunday, closing the year with a Christmas Gathering on Dec. 16th.

In addition to Sunday School classes a youth group is being organized; combining Bible Study, Sports, Food, Fellowship for ages 12 to 15 years old. You will be hearing more about this soon.

The Sunday School can always use teachers and helpers - if you would care to volunteer or have any questions please phone Susan Caughey, S.S. Supt. at 389-2012.

Need a Gift for a Special Occasion?

Remember that the "Island Treasures" Cookbook is on sale at Glenn's Store at \$9.50 a copy.

(Project of the Presbyterian Church Women)

Some Tips to Speed the Processing of Your Tax Returns

Courtesy H&R Block

- Leslie Gavlas

1. If you did not receive a personalized form, copies of the T1 General can be obtained from the post office or the Regional Tax Office at 385 princess St. Kingston.

2. Check the heading on Page 1 of the tax return. Be sure your name, present address, social insurance number birth date and marital status are completed and correct. If you have moved or changed your name during the year, show the changes using the boxes provided.

3. If the government sent you a T1 Special (this has a grey band at the top of page one) be certain you do not need a T1 General this year. Some types of income and some deductions cannot be reported on the T1 Special Income that cannot be reported on a T1 Special:

- dividends
- rental income
- capital gains or losses
- ISIP capital gains or losses
- self employment of any type

Deductions that cannot be reported

- Canada Pension on self employment income
- registered retirement savings plans
- registered home ownership savings plan
- child care expenses
- allowable business investment losses
- additional personal exemptions (especially important to single parents supporting children)
- medical expenses
- deductions transferred from spouse
- gifts to Canada or a province
- unemployment benefits repayable
- non-capital or capital losses of other years

4. Be certain your information is reported on the correct lines (refer to your guide). Lines on which the numbers are circled by a solid black dot are computer pick-up points. Information received from your employer, bank, etc. will be in the computer when your return is received. The person processing your return compares the information, line by line, with the information in the computer. If this does not agree your return will be set aside to be hand processed at a later date.

5. The deadline for filing is April 30. If you owe money, interest will be added to what you owe starting May 1. If the government owes you money, the deadline is less important.

6. If you owe money to the government, send a cheque or money order made out to the Receiver- General. Be sure to enter the amount sent on the line for this purpose.

7. Sign and date your return before mailing

8. Mail only one return to an envelope. This is especially important if you are sending a cheque or money order.

9. Individuals who do not have taxable income are not required to file unless they have rental income, income from self employment, or receive a letter from the government requesting them to file.

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10. If you have a tax problem after April 30th I would be pleased to help if I can. The H&R Block office at 40 Princess St. is open year round with a staff of highly qualified people, and help is also available there. There is no charge for advice nor any obligation.

Cards of Thanks

A very sincere thank you to my relatives, friends and neighbours who have sent cards, visited me and brought treats while in hospital and since returning home. I have greatly appreciated the visits from the ACW, the PCW and the help and company from my Red Cross Homemaker, Thelma Howard.

Nessie Welbanks

A sincere thank you to all the firemen who came so quickly after a call for help. Thank you also to our friends and neighbours and to Dale, Irene, and Barbara who alerted the firemen.

Genevieve Fleming

I would like to express my thanks to the firemen and our neighbours who responded so quickly to my grass fire on April the second.

Syke Fleming

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our family, friends and neighbours for visits, cards and gifts to our new son Brennan Kilpatrick. Your thoughtfulness was gratefully appreciated.

Laurene and Warren

The family of the late Lulu May Strain wish to express a very sincere thank you to all the relatives, friends and neighbours who sent flowers, cards, food and memorial donations to various charities at her passing. A special thank you to Rev. E. Carne and Rev. C. Babcock for conducting the service, to Barbara Reid, Dorothy Kilpatrick, Rita Miller, Gayle Willard, Jean Tugwell, Dorothy and Karen McGinn and all the ladies who helped with and provided the lovely lunch; to her nephews Garry Ross and Arthur Hitchins and James, Kevin and Stephen Glenn for acting as pallbearers. Our sincere appreciation to the ambulance attendants and Napanee OPP officer who answered our call for their help and consideration, and to Graham A Stein for his guidance.

It has been comforting to realize that our Mother was so well liked and thought of by the island. All this kindness and thoughtfulness has eased a very trying time.

Thank you.

The Strain Family

I wish to express my thanks to the many friends for their cards and expressions of sympathy at the time of Lulu's death.

Anna Hitchins

The Island Beacon would like to express its appreciation for the work of the late Lulu Strain as treasurer and a very dedicated volunteer.

Lyn Fleming has volunteered to take over the treasurer duties as well as continue to process subscriptions.

Staff

Business

Don't forget.. Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company for Your Insurance Needs Agent

W. Bruce Caughey

Fresh Maple Syrup for Sale

Excellent Quality - Product of Amherst Island.

Call Judy at 389-2459 or Shirley at 389-2588

For Sale - 1 54" kitchen sink cupboard 4 doors, 2 drawers, complete with counter top, single stainless steel sink, taps etc. Phone 389-0417

For sale - 30" electric kitchen range Avocado colour. Phone 542-8313

For sale - 120 bass Accordion Accordiana Excelsior - Excellent condition \$300.00 Phone 389-0386

For sale: Home baking. All occasion cakes. Fancy Sandwiches and special orders taken. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh Products you need please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Upholstery: Give Diane Gavlas a call 389-3199

Fresh Lamb - Topsy Farms - 389-0554
Whole lamb, cut, wrapped, frozen 2.25/lb
Legs & loins only 3.75/lb. Live .80/lb.

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Electric Fencing

We, at Topsy Farms, are now dealers for the New Zealand type power fencing systems made by Speedrite. The main advantage of this fencing system over regular electric fence is that it is almost impossible to short out. If the old electric fence was a model T Ford, this is the 1984 Cadillac without the price tag. The fence charger puts out a very short (300 millionth of a second) very high energy pulse, so even with grass and twigs resting on the fence most of the pulse will still get through. We put up 1 1/3 miles of fencing for our sheep with the bottom charged wire only 6

inches from the ground. When the grass is wet in the early morning the voltage drops to about 4,000 volts, but then builds back up to about 4,500 volts as the grass dries. This pulse is quite sufficient to shock sheep through their wool, but the pulse is so short that there is not enough electricity to injure people or animals.

The fence uses high tensile heavily galvanized plain wire for a long life, and is put up in much the same way as suspension fencing. Different sized chargers are available; the most powerful is designed for up to 50 miles of fence. Both battery and main powered chargers are available.

A two wire fence is adequate for most cattle. A mile of fence costs about \$825. (Page wire would be about \$2500) This includes all the parts, wire, insulators, an electric gate and four corners. The charger is extra, the cost depending on the size you need. Renfrew Community Pastures uses a lot of this fence.

Anyone interested in knowing more is welcome to call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Wacky Wordies

Answers for March puzzles

1. nothing on TV
2. fly by night
3. raising a stink
4. at the point of no turning back
5. the inside dope
6. long underwear

{a puzzle diagram appeared in this space but cannot be reproduced}

Think of a common expression to fit each of the above. Answers next month.

Good Friday Church Service

A community Good Friday Church Service will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island, on Friday April 20th at 11:00 a.m. Choirs and congregations from Trinity, Amherstview and Strathcona Pres. churches will participate. Everyone welcome of all faiths.

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Council News

Our Council reporter regrets that he was not able to report this month due to illness. He promises two reports for next month.

A Juicy Bit of History

One of the truly great figures in Ontario agriculture who came to upper Canada in 1796 was not really interested in settling here at all.

No, he was pursuing the woman he loved. We owe a great debt to Dolly Irwin because she had won the heart of John McIntosh.

McIntosh discovered 20 small apple trees when clearing his property in Dundas County, started a nursery and, with his son, established a product from one of these trees that has become a world-famous staple of Ontario agriculture. In fact, in 1912, fruit growers in the region built a monument to the original tree, which had died that year.

Tips and Timesavers

1. Rub black heel marks off your linoleum floors with a pencil eraser.
2. Blow dust off pleated lampshades with a hand held blow dryer.
3. Grass won't stick to lawn mower blades if you spray them with vegetable oil.
4. Shampoo Stretcher: Mix 1 cup shampoo and 1 cup of water plus 1 tbsp.

plain gelatin (used to remove tangles). Add ½ tsp. lemon juice for the shine.

5. Homemade Bubble Bath: 2 cups vegetable oil, 10 drops of perfume, 3 tbsp. liquid shampoo. Beat in a blender for 3 minutes.

Motivation to lose weight:

Poke two eye holes in a paper bag, slip it over your head and take a good look at your body in the mirror.

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Kids' Softball - Amherst Island

- Brian Ward

It is time to start our 1984 softball season and it is a year of change. The ages of our kids have forced some changes in the teams that we will have this year as compared to last year.

The teams we will have this year are a Peewee Team, a Squirt Team and a Grasshopper Team. Some of the kids will be playing in a division higher than their age normally would, but it is the only way we can set it up. Lists of the teams are attached and schedules should be ready by next week end, the 19th of May. Most teams will start the last week in May.

If there are any other kids on the Island who haven't played here before please contact either Brian Ward at 389-5767 or Rick Bedford at 389-8434 before the season gets started.

As usual we will need all the help we can get both as umpires for home games and in transporting our teams to the games away.

Peewee

Nicky McGinn

Kirk Collins

Steven Ward

Ricky Welbanks

Julie Forester

Trudy Strain

Tessa Fabian

Donnie Miller

Teddy Bienas
Jamie Miller
Jake Lewis
Jim Belsmith
Sandra Wilson

Squirt

Jeff deHaan
Hugh Filson
Peter Horth
Sherry Ward
Mike Strain
Reginald Hitchins
Jamie Thornhill
Jeff Forester
Laura Wemp
Mike Horth
Chad Miller
Jessie Yull
Richard Dodds

Grasshopper

Amy Caughey
Tracey Hitchins
Jason Silver
Lori Caughey
Gordon Thornhill
Ricky Bedford
Jamie Silver
Douglas Gavlas
Sarah deHaan
Kevin McCormick
Jason Fleming
Heidi Hitchins *
Jason Hutchison
Crystal Bedford *
Angela Fleming
* maybe

Township of Amherst Island Notices

Bicentennial Medal

Council has decided to extend the deadline for nominations for the Bicentennial Medal.

Please submit your nominations by May 31st, 1984 accompanied by a detailed statement of why the award is deserved with particular reference to community service and volunteerism.

Property Owners - Destroy Weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1980 Section 4, 14 and 21, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Township of Amherst Island are destroyed throughout the season, the Municipality may have the Weed Inspector enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes, as set out in the Act.

The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Abram Reddekopp - County Weed Inspector

Diane Pearce Municipal Clerk

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Thank you to all who turned out and enjoyed Mr. Russ Waller and the Loyalist Diary. Mr. Waller and I were pleased at the numbers for such a stormy night.

A reminder that 150 books will be changed on May 22nd, so if you have not, been finding what you want on hand, perhaps some will come with this rotation.

Lyn and I are always available for interloan requests. If there is anything you would like please let us know and we will try to get what you would like.

The Library also has 8mm and 16mm films that are available for a small fee. If you or a group want to send for films, just come in and select from the lists at the Library.

{this page consists of a series of diagrams which are not reproduced but which are referred to in the article "Can You Guess The Songs Titles"}

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Wacky Wordies

Answers to last month's puzzles

1. Adding insult to injury
2. Railroad crossing
3. A person after my (own) heart
4. Ostrich with its head in ground
5. Lucky break
6. Corner the market

{here appears a puzzle diagram, which cannot be reproduced, for the following instructions}

Think of a common expression to fit each of the above. Answers next month.

Can You Guess the Song Titles

- S. A. Miller

In art classes at school we have been quite interested in cartoons. A contest resulted in which each student was to think of a song title and then draw an illustration of it. Then we numbered them and put them up on display. We had only 22 illustrations as many students were home with chicken pox.

Each student had a ballot and the contest was to see who could guess the most song titles. There was a lot of "you tell me yours and I'll tell you mine" going on but after the counting was all done Penny Thornhill was the only one with all the titles correct.

#8 Puff the Magic Dragon by Julie Forester was the illustration most often guessed correctly

#6 Eat It by Mike Strain

#10 Stairway to Heaven by Ricky Welbanks and # 17 Eye of the Tiger by Kirk Collins tied for 2nd place

#4 Billie Jean by Shannon Eves

#9 I Love Rock and Roll by Peter Dinklage and #15 Islands In the Stream by Nick McGinn tied for third place

#13 Bud the Spud by David Brown was the least often guessed. Either we have few Stompin' Tom fans or else David was very secretive. A good

illustration regardless!

I hope you enjoyed guessing. I enjoyed the time with the kids. They worked very hard and had many good ideas.

Recipe - Strawberry Ribbon Cake

(Recipe may be doubled)

Crust:

1/3 cup sugar

1 1/4 cup graham wafers

1/3 cup butter

Combine sugar and wafer crumbs with melted butter and combine thoroughly. Press into 9" x 9" Pyrex dish and cook in 350 oven for 10 minutes. Chill.

Red Layer:

1 - 3 oz. Strawberry gelatin

1/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. lemon juice

1 1/4 cups boiling water

1 - 10 oz. package of strawberries

Combine gelatin powder and hot water and stir. Add frozen strawberries and lemon juice; chill until softly set.

White (Cheese) Layer:

1 1/4 cup commercial whipped topping (suggest 2 pkg. dream whip for whipped topping)

1/4 tsp. salt

1 - 8 oz. package of soft cream cheese

1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 cup icing sugar

Beat whipped topping until stiff. Cream the cheese, beat in the icing sugar, salt, vanilla, and part of cream. Then add the rest of the Dream Whip.

To assemble:

Put one layer of the cheese on the chilled crust, add part of the red strawberry layer, then the remaining cheese layer and complete with a cover of the remaining red layer. Refrigerate.

A Touch of Humour

“I hope you believe in life after death,” the boss said. “Why?” Joe asked.

“Because the day you took off to go to your grandmother’s funeral,” the boss said, “she came in looking for you!”

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From the “Ontario Bicentennial March Update”

Some area events planned:

Cherry Valley - Bicentennial Ball of Athol Township at Hayloft on Salmon Point Rd. July 21

Demorestville - Homecoming August 24-26 will feature a dance at Demorestville Hall, crowning of Miss Sofilasburg, and on Aug 25 a one-day fair in the conservation area near Demorestville Dam. An Ecumenical service and competitive swim will be held on the 26th.

Adolphustown United Loyalist Day picnic June 16

Bath - Village celebrates July 2nd, 200th anniversary of land grants made to UEL settlers.

Cherry Valley - Athol Township Days Aug 18, 19 will bring a township fair and a special appearance of Rogers Rangers re-enacting the UEL landings.

Kingston - Arrival June 21st of Durham Boat

Picton - South Marysburg Township has plans for celebrations July 21, 22 with activities on the Millford millpond, dancing, and an old-fashioned supper at South Bay Church. There also will be a Mariner’s Service and a fish fry at Mariners’ Park Museum.

South Fredericksburg - King’s Royal Yorkers in mock battle, July 14, 15. Also a barbeque and quilts competition.

From Goal News - Lennox and Addington County Museum

The Loyal Americans, a bicentennial exhibition assembled and circulated by the Canadian War Museum to commemorate the contribution of the military Loyalists of Canada, was at the County Museum during the month of April.

The County Museum’s hours have been revised to read:

Open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed weekends November through March.

Closed holidays October through April.

During 1983 the Museum raised over \$3700 toward the Bicentennial Heritage Project. Despite this response we are still short of our goal. We would greatly appreciate your help to meet our commitment. Mail a donation of \$2 or more and we will send you a Paper Elephant Button with our logo “An Archive Never Forgets”

From the Consumer

Store Kerosine In Blue Conta {missing word(s)} Prevent Error

Now that kerosine heaters are a popular method of providing supplemental heat, there have been several incidents of improper use reported. The most common error is using an improper fuel.

A kerosine heater is designed to burn only K1 quality kerosine. If gasoline, naphtha or other fuel is used the heater’s behaviour can be completely unpredictable. It may initially run satisfactorily, but a small change such as a draught or even turning the heater off could cause it to explode or flare up in a “fireball”.

The incidents reported to CSA have, resulted in both personal injury and property loss. Improper fueling has occurred both accidentally and deliberately. Improper fueling often occurs when the wrong fuel container - containing fuel other than kerosine is accidentally used, or if the kerosine fuel container is mistakenly filled with the wrong fuel at a bulk fuel station.

Some people have deliberately used an alternate fuel if they run out of kerosine.

To avoid dangerous situations the following guidelines are suggested:

- never use an alternate fuel. Use only K1 kerosine. Check that it is still clear. Kerosine that is yellowish has deteriorated and should not be used
- clearly identify your kerosine fuel container. Blue containers are available on the market and CSA’s pending standard recommends blue as the proper colour for kerosine fuel containers.
- check the contents of your fuel container every time you refuel your kerosine heater. That will ensure that someone else has not put another fuel into the container.
- never use a kerosine heater near inflammable vapours such as paint thinner or gasoline. The open flame could cause an explosion or fire.
- before using the kerosine heater read the manufacturer’s instructions.

Each heater has specific instructions to follow for safety.

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{word(s) missing} 1984 the Shell Station {word(s) missing} was opened under the new man {word(s) missing} of Bert Nesbitt.

Since the purchase of their farm in March 1980, Bert and his wife May were seasonal residents of the Island. With the acquisition of Bud Peter's Shell, Bert will be living on the Island full time and will be joined soon by his wife and daughter.

Bert plans to keep the station's previous employees as well as maintaining the same quality service and reliability of the past.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express a sincere thank you to Judy Miller, Annette Phillips, Betty Wemp, Marie Ward, Tena Tugwell, Lucille Brown, Sandra and Kim Filson, Beatrice Wemp, Helen Miller and all friends and relatives who helped serve and provide the lovely lunch following the funeral of our Uncle Fred Neilson.

A special thanks to Tom Tooke, Donald Miller, Chester Tugwell and Marjorie Brown. We also wish to thank Marg Stevenson for playing the organ and the ladies who sang in the choir.

Earle and Jean Tugwell

Ain't It The Truth

Caution: Do not ask for advice. You may get it.

A lot of trouble in this world is caused by combining a narrow mind with a wide mouth.

The trouble with being punctual is that no one notices it when you are.

Faults are the easiest things to find in others.

Don't be a character - have it.

After the doctor checked the patient over, the physician asked, "Have you been leading a normal life?"

"Yes Doctor."

"Well you'll have to cut it out for a while."

Business

Auto repairs and Service.

Bert's Shell Service and Car Wash offers special attention to Islanders.

Pick-up and delivery can be arranged.

Towing also available.

Please call Bert Nesbitt at home 389-1731 or at Bath 352-3444

Don't forget - Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company for Your Insurance Needs. Agent Bruce Caughey

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Council News

- Lois Evans

All members of Council were in attendance. The meeting was called to order and the minutes of last month's meeting were adopted.

Our regular Council reporter was not available for the meeting and was replaced by a virtual "newcomer" Lois Evans. Should you require more detail please contact Diane Pearce at the Township Municipal Office.

Gordon Bell presented a proposal to have a Bicentennial Directory produced which would include pictures and telephone numbers of all Island residents. The proposed "Family Album" would prove a suitable gift for residents leaving the Island or new residents - to make them feel at home and welcome. As the Bicentennial committee is to meet to discuss a project, Council motioned that funds be made available to the committee for that purpose.

Alan Bickerton reported regarding a "Save and Hold Harmless" clause which could be incorporated in passengers ferry tickets relieving the Township and/or Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications from all liability of injury, loss, damage or expense to vehicles or passengers.

It was suggested to contact a "scrap dealer" to remove large appliances from the dump. Details to follow at a later date.

Union Settlement

- Ian Murray

The Ontario Public Service Employee Union and the Township of Amherst Island have ratified a one-year agreement, beginning June 1, 1984. Each unionized employee receives a 5% increase in wages plus a \$30 allowance toward the cost of purchasing safety boots. The employee is now required

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to wear safety footwear. The full agreement may be read at the Township Office.

The signed agreement must be sent to the Inflation Restraint Board where it may or may not receive blessing.

Following are the new hourly rates for union employees: Engineer (Sr) \$12.76;

Engineer 2, \$12.36;

Engineer 1 \$11.99;

Mate \$10.61;

Purser, \$9.45;

Deckhand 2, \$9.30;

Deckhand 1, \$9.03;

Roads 2, \$7.99;

Roads 1, \$6.65.

The non-union Township employees have also been given a 5% pay raise. The following annual rates have been approved:

Captain \$26,289.53 (the Senior Captain also receives a yearly allowance of \$600);

Roads Superintendent \$17,152.80,

Clerk-treasurer \$17,692.50;

Assistant Clerk-treasurer \$6. 30/hr.

Roads Report

I hope that by the time you read this article that our order of calcium chloride solution has all been applied and that the dust clouds have been greatly reduced. For effective application, the "calcium" should be applied to freshly graded moist gravel on a hot day. It is also important that the

next few days be hot and dry. The past week has seen the only weather this spring during which there appeared to be a reasonable chance to apply the "calcium" effectively. Our four loads of "calcium" cost about \$8000 (yes \$8000) so Stuart is understandably cautious in placing the order.

Early last fall, tenders were sent out to supply the Township with 10,000 cu. yd. of gravel. Even though this seemed like a 'lot' of gravel to us, W. J. McKendry & Sons Ltd. was the only contractor to submit a bid. Council accepted McKendry's cu. yd. price of \$3.98 for 5/8" and \$3.78 for 2". The company's representative expected that work would commence either in December or late winter. We are still waiting with the most recent time mentioned being the second week in July. It is fortunate that 1300 Cu. yd. of gravel was available from Lloyd Clare's quarry or the roads would have been in even worse shape.

Council has adopted a new policy regarding excavations within the road allowance by private individuals. Permission to dig across a road to install a water line or to place a shore well within the road allowance must now be approved by the chairman of the Road's Committee (me, at this time). Each excavation must be properly backfilled, and if necessary the asphalt repaired at the excavator's expense. The previous policy of supplying a free load of gravel is inappropriate when one considers the excavation on paved road. It is the Council's expressed intent to treat all residents and ratepayers as equally as possible. In this case the intention is to insure that all costs relating to a private excavation of a public road be paid for by the person(s) benefiting from the work.

Council Report for May 1984

- Chris Kennedy

All the members of Council were present. Ron Heany, from Thorne Riddell and Co. presented the financial audit from last year. Details are available at the Township Office. In general, the Township is in good financial shape, and Council seems to keep a tight grip on the purse strings so that taxes stay as low as possible.

The 1984 budget estimate was presented. This is also available at the Township Office for inspection, and gives the calculations for determining the mill rate for this year. \$42,644 is required to be raised from taxes. In the budget, the ferry is the major expense, \$665,000, but \$611,600 comes as a subsidy from the, Provincial Government. Roads are the next biggest item, \$99,200, with a \$62,700 subsidy. The ferry revenue should bring in \$53,200. The rest of the revenue comes from smaller grants, fees, etc.

Other expenditures are as follows:

Council Honouraria \$4,700;
Salaries \$5,300;
material and supplies \$3,500;
Hydro Maintenance \$2,500;
Travel allowances \$400;
Insurance \$400;
Professional Fees \$5,000;
Interest and Bank Charges \$1,000;
Fire \$5,300;
Sanitation \$4,500;
Street Lighting \$3,500;
Planning \$1,000;
Building Inspection \$1,500;
Parks and Recreation \$500.

Then Billie Neill discussed the

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state of his building with Council. He will meet with the Building Inspector to find out what improvements are needed. The Building Inspector presented his report. D. and K. McGinn were given a permit for a residence, and have said that they intend to pull down their old house when the new one is ready. Mr. Woods was given a permit for a residence on the South Shore near Welbanks.

The Reeve said that in the previous month he had attended five meetings on behalf of the Township, two for the County, and five on the Health Unit. He would be pleased to explain the details to anyone interested.

The Reeve is to present a brief asking that the Island stay in the riding of Kingston and the Islands for Provincial elections, rather than be transferred to Prince Edward County.

Plans are continuing for improved docking facilities for the Charlevoix. Council finally decided to pay the long disputed berthage fees, as this may speed up dock improvements. Council has expressed its gratitude to Howard Welbanks and Doug Wilson for assistance to the broken-down ferry on April 15th.

Negotiations for the gravel crushing are continuing. Meanwhile the Township managed to complete arrangements for purchasing Lloyd Clare's gravel. A sign will go up at the Dump saying what may not be dumped

there. A fence will go up along the east side shortly.

After several other matters of routine business and a discussion in the committees of the nominations for the bicentennial medal, Council adjourned.

Council Announces Nominee for Bicentennial Award

In response to the appeal in the Beacon, Council received two excellent nominations for the Bicentennial Medal which will be awarded by the Province in late summer. Our congratulations are extended to the people honoured in the nominations, Irene Glenn (and Les Glenn posthumously) and Francis Welbanks. The winning nomination goes to Irene Glenn.

Both nominees were well-deserving of the award but, unfortunately, Council could choose only one recipient. However, as a tribute to both people, we are printing the nominations in their entirety.

To Irene - special congratulations and thanks for your many kindnesses through the years!!

Nomination for the Bicentennial Award

The Bicentennial Medal has been earned by many people in our community. But in my mind, and I'm sure many others, there has never been a couple more deserving than Leslie and Irene Glenn. They have touched all of our lives at some time or another.

As a community, we mourned the passing of Les last November after a long battle with cancer. Even through that very trying time, they were able to laugh with us and continued to tend to business as usual with little evidence of the weight they carried and, in so doing, were an inspiration to all of us.

But if this medal can only be awarded to one person, I would like to nominate Irene Glenn, born Irene Welbanks at South Marysburgh Township, Prince Edward County in 1919 to Elburn and Beatrice Welbanks. The family moved to Amherst Island in 1924. She attended S.S.No.2 and the Continuation School here.

Irene's father was an avid commercial fisherman. Her two brothers, Howard and Francis also fished commercially.

Les and Irene were married in 1940. They had two children, Paul and Leslie Ann. She has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Raised in the United Church, she has attended the Presbyterian Church since her marriage and was the treasurer of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for

nineteen years. She joined the Presbyterian Church Women about 1940 and continues to be a valued member. In recent years, she joined the Women's Institute. She is now our Post-Mistress after taking over from Les.

As long as I have lived here, Irene has always been the store-keeper at Glenn's Store - but that's not the only hat she wears. In case of emergency, fire, sickness, whatever, Irene is as near as the phone and she will dispatch whatever action is necessary. One day, years ago, I went into the store feeling under the weather. She grabbed her purse, told

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whoever was there to mind the store and then proceeded to take me to the hospital where I was admitted with pneumonia.

Her advice, if asked for, is always practical.

Her sympathy, sincere and bolstering.

Her criticism, when she cares enough to give it, is always to your face and bears paying attention to.

Her understanding of and compassion for the people she serves is beautiful. She will quietly gather clothing for a family that needs it and, if you happen to be the one in need, she'll make you feel you're doing her a favour by accepting her help.

Every community group has relied on Irene to spread word of upcoming events, sell tickets, order the supplies needed; she'll slice the meat - even cook the turkey at times. Then she'll turn up to help out and make it all work.

She collects for the heart fund and the C.N.I.B.

She carries grocery bills for many of us. They must, I'm sure, compare to the national debt by times.

I cannot count the number of times I have come out of that Store feeling so much better than when I went in - just by unloading my problems on her.

She is often taken for granted but I have never heard anyone say they didn't like and respect her.

I cannot imagine our community without Irene but, if that time should ever come, I hope God has another guardian angel ready to replace her. Thank you, Irene, for letting us share life so closely with you.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Miller.

Amherst Island Council,

I suggest you consider Les (posthumously) and Irene. Glenn for the Bicentennial Medal. Besides their involvement in church, school, Women's Institute, Legion etc. for many years, Les and Irene have given a helping hand to Islanders and visitors far above and beyond what one would expect in a store or post office. Their service to the people of this community never ceases to amaze me.

Gertrude Maude.

Nominee for Bicentennial Medal

- Mr. Francis Welbanks

Francis Welbanks was born in Bright Ontario, August 10th, 1910 to Elburn and Beatrice Welbanks. (The Welbanks family leads back to an ancestor who emigrated to Canada with the United Loyalists under Sir John Johnston.)

He lived his early years at South Bay, Ontario with his summers being spent on Main Duck Islands. The family which now included sister Irene and brother Howard moved to Amherst Island in 1924. Francis then came into partnership with his father in the family Commercial Fishing business. Later, brother Howard joined this enterprise. In 1936 he went to Sudbury to work in the mines. On his return in 1937 he married Nessie Glenn.

The untimely death of Amherst Island Reeve, David Caughey in April 1938 saw Fred Neilson fill this chair. This created an opening on the Municipal Council and Francis Welbanks was nominated to assume this position, which he held until 1946. In December of 1944 the Clerk, John Filson announced that he wished to retire. On January 1st, 1945 Francis Welbanks became Township Clerk. Remuneration for the first year was \$150, of which \$50 was paid to the former Clerk for advice. During the next three decades the Clerk's office operated from the Welbanks' home. With the able assistance of his wife, Nessie, regular Municipal business was kept up to date, tax forms were prepared, budgets struck, assessment rolls updated, jurors selected and elections conducted. Francis often became the liaison between the public and the various other Municipal offices, such as School Boards, County Council, and the Provincial Government. His long association with Fred Neilson, Treasurer, provided a team that created continuity for many years as countless Councillors and Reeves alike came and went from Office.

In 1943 a son Eric was born into the Welbanks family and in 1946, a son Ted was born. Ted is today a member of the Municipal Council. In 1949 Francis bought a farm on the South Shore of the Island and divided his efforts between farming and fishing.

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In 1945, Francis was selected to travel to Newfoundland to view war surplus ships to replace the deteriorated wooden ferry that was then in service. Eventually one was acquired and served for several years. In the early 1950's Francis was part of a driving force of concerned citizens who pressured the provincial government into further upgrading the Island ferry system. In 1955 these efforts bore fruit when a magnificent new ferry came into service. This vessel still operates exceptionally well today.

In April of 1974, Francis decided to retire from the expanding job of Clerk and on May 7th, 1974 Diane Pearce assumed the position of Clerk-Treasurer. Francis remained as an adviser to Diane until December 31st, 1974 and received a payment of \$1,000 during his last year in Office.

During the years Francis Welbanks still found time for friends and community alike. He is a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. His achievements in the Masonic fraternity are notable being a Past Master of Maple Leaf Lodge and a Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He is also a 32 Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. His vivid recollections and memories of early maritime life in the area have made him a valuable source of information to several historians and authors in recent years.

Francis is now enjoying semi-retirement at the family home on the south shore of Amherst Island where he can still view the waters of Lake Ontario and the Main Duck Islands that he loves so much. He enjoys his life time hobby of reading and nothing makes him happier than to debate the most controversial issues of the day.

His family and friends would be pleased if he receives this Award.

Submitted by: Norman J. Allison

Notice:

Public Meeting Wednesday, July 11th, 1984 8:00 p.m.

Amherst Island public School

Proposed Agenda:

1. Royal Visit - effect on ferry service, traffic on Hwys. #33 and #133
- emergency service available during tie-up
2. Dump - proposals for specific dumping areas
3. Budget - presentation of 1984 figures with comparison of last year
4. Proposed Bicentennial Directory
5. Question and Answer period

6. Coffee and Doughnuts (or whatever)

Regarding Hunting and Fishing Licences

Harry and Barbara Filson would like to thank our many customers in the past for purchasing hunting and fishing licences from us.

Sorry, but we no longer handle these.

From Amherst Island School

- Jamie Miller, David Brown

All the children at Amherst Island School are jumping for joy that this is the last month of school. But the scene here isn't too relaxed because on Wed. the 13th we started our exams. Our Grade Eights are most eager to finish the exams and move on, but with moving on they leave behind memories and impressions on other students. The teachers also have their own impressions of these departing students, those of which we won't reveal, "all good, I assure you." From the staff and students of Amherst Island school - Have a Great summer!

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

School is just about over and I'll miss the kids who come regularly from school. The library will be, having a reading club again this summer so if you can make it, come and join for ages (5) 6 to 12. We'll have a puppet show again, June 29th, 2:00 p.m. Last but not least is the book rotation coming up again on the 18th so if you haven't been finding what you want, come in and browse or ask for a book through interloan. It's your community library so use it as your own.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The W.I. held its Annual Meeting in April at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. The election and installation of officers was as follows:

President - Mrs. Jackie Sylvester

1st Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Ena Baker

2nd Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Jane Miller

Sec-Treas. - Mrs. Phyllis Strain

Public Relations Officer - Mrs. Diane Gavlas

District Director - Mrs. Marian Glenn

Alternate Dist. Director - Mrs. Irene Glenn

Good Cheer Convenor - Mrs. Thelma Howard

Pianist- Mrs. Georgie Allison

Auditors - Mrs. Leslie Gavlas, Mrs. Jane Miller

Agriculture & Can. Industries - Mrs. Caroline Yull

Citizenship & World Affairs - Mrs. Anna Hitchens

Education & Cultural Activities - Mrs. Ena Baker

Family & Consumer Affairs - Mrs. Diane Gavlas

Resolutions - Mrs. Irene Glenn

Tweedsmuir Curator - Mrs. Genevieve Fleming

In May the annual Officers Conference was held at Waterloo and I was given the opportunity to go. Three days of lectures all informative and full of enthusiasm for the W.I. to continue its way in the communities not just here but in the world. I gained a lot of knowledge about the W.I., about people, about community, and friendship and purpose to keep W.I. an active organization. It's not the blue rinse generation or a catering service or, any of a number of misunderstandings people have. W.I. is for Home & Country. W.I. is an organization to help communities through programs - 4H, or any number of educational means. Programs are provided at each monthly meeting on various subjects. Hopefully, some of you would like to hear these programs. Come to our meetings, learn what the W.I. is and does for the members, community, all the way to the 9 million world members.

The May Meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Marion Glenn. The reports for the Officers Conference and District Annual meeting were on the agenda for the night. Mrs. Cora Reid from the Historical Society also was at this meeting to give us guidelines on keeping records of our homes, farms, families. House logs to be started now and kept updated to provide historical records for future generations to know their past. If you are interested in any house log for your own home, give a W.I. member or Mrs. C. Reid a call, and we can give you an outline to start one too.

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on June 20th at 8 p.m. at Mrs. Jane Miller's with the Dairy Princess there to give a presentation. Feel free to

join this meeting or any in the future. We are looking for new members with enthusiasm to carry on the W.I. What can you do for your community, what can your community do for you?

Following is a list of some of the things the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario were instrumental in helping to accomplish:

- Having bread wrapped
- Having white line painted on the centre of provincial highways
- Having red stripes removed from bacon w{letters missing}
- Getting fluorescent paint used on sides of railway cars
- Getting garments labeled as to quality
- Putting music on the school curriculum
- "Stop" signs being placed at railway crossings
- Having fowl graded for sale
- Getting the legal marriage age sixteen years with parents' consent
- Requiring car owners to purchase liability insurance before getting a licence
- Making the law mandatory for traffic to stop when school bus is stopped (1962)
- Making available hot lunches in schools
- Establishing the International Peace Gardens on the border between Manitoba and North Dakota
- Requiring breathalyzer and blood tests for motorists
- Hospital benefits for all nursing homes
- Making it necessary for all persons handling food to have "T.B." tests
- Teaching sex education in schools

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- Enacting legislation on dimming car light's when meeting
 - Having staples abolished on packaged food products
 - Having poison containers marked clearly
 - Banning the sale of mineral-based detergents
 - Establishing a course in household science at MacDonald Institute
 - Requiring the pasteurization of milk
 - Dental and medical inspections in schools
 - Establishing the MacDonald Institute, University of Guelph (Adelaide Hoodless)
 - Encouraging War Memorials and war services
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Social Notices

Street Dance

The sixth Annual Street Dance is coming soon, Saturday, July 14th, 8:00 p.m.

Disc Jockey

Food Wagon

Draws for Prizes

Dancing

Prizes for this year include

1. Fishing Rod and Reel from Roy's Bait and Tackle
2. Tackle Box from Roy's Bait & Tackle
3. Fire Extinguisher
4. 40 oz. Fire Extinguisher
5. 26 oz. Fire Extinguisher

Lots of Fun for Everyone Sponsored by the Amherst Island Fire Department See You There

- Warren Kilpatrick

Strawberry Social and Bake Sale

The Anglican Church Women are holding a strawberry social and bake sale at the Amherst Island School on Saturday June 30th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cake topped with ice-cream and strawberries plus beverage available for \$1.50. The bake table will have a selection of goodies for your holiday week-end and eating. Hope to see you all there.

Leslie Gavlas, Sec.-Treas

Smiles

Ten year old boy to friend: Nobody has more hang-ups than my mother 'hang up your jacket' 'hang up your pants' 'hang up the phone'.

Advertisements

House for private sale. Amherst Island North Shore. 3 miles from village. Spacious five bedroom home, new double garage, attractive lot, 225 feet clean waterfront, Asking \$55,000.

Call 389-1736 or 389-3901

For sale - Viking wringer, washer, like new. Asking \$50.00 Call 389-1736 or 389-3901

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If it's Rawleigh Products you need please call Barbara Reid 389-0675

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Answers to Last Month's Wacky Wordies

1. world without end
2. the wrong way
3. word to the wise
4. hole in one
5. down to earth
6. three ring circus

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Trivia Test (Answers at end of page)

1. What was the hometown in "Casey At Bat"?
2. Who created Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde?

3. When did Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon?
4. What was the name of Our Gang's dog?
5. Which Wright brother first flew at Kitty Hawk?
6. Who was Dr. Kildare's boss?
7. What did Dr. John Pemberton of Atlanta, Ga. invent in 1886?
9. How high is the basket in a basketball game?
10. What is the first word of the Declaration of Independence?

All About Al

Fill in the missing letters

1. Letters of a language AL _ _ _ _ _
2. Yearly chart _ AL _ _ _ _ _
3. Dinner hour _ _ AL _ _ _ _
4. Make uniform _ _ _ AL _ _ _
5. Make a shrill noise _ _ _ _ AL _
6. Diamond game _ _ _ _ _ AL _
7. Airport building _ _ _ _ _ AL

Minimal Maxims

Can you figure out the proverbs below just from the first letter of each word? For example A.S.I.T.S.N. is 'A stitch in time saves nine'

1. D.P.A.Y.E.I.O.B.
2. T.H.A.B.T.O.
3. H.L.B.W.L.L.
4. K.Y.N.T.T.G.
5. D.L.G.G.U.Y.F.

Ain't It The Truth

Children hold a marriage together. They give you someone to yell at besides each other.

Bicentennial Celebration Planned

A Bicentennial Committee has been formed and plans are being made to celebrate on Saturday, August 11th. We hope to include a parade, barbeque supper and dance. Please start thinking about attending the celebration and entering the parade now. Perhaps you have a good idea for

a float. Anyone wishing further information please call Jackie Sylvester,
Chairperson of the committee at 389-1320.

Delicious Summer Recipe

Florence's Cheese Cake

1. Mix together 2 cups Graham Cracker crumbs and 1/4 cup of margarine. Pat into the bottom of a pan and place in fridge.
2. Mix 1 small box lemon jello with 1 cup boiling water. Let cool
3. Mix 1 large package cream cheese with 1 cup white sugar, 1 can (10 oz.) crushed pineapple (drained)
4. Prepare 2 packages Dream Whip with 1 cup cool milk, 3 tbsp. fruit sugar, and 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix prepared dream whip with jello and cheese mixture. Pour over crumbs. If you wish you can save some of the crumbs to sprinkle on top. Keep in freezer.

Answers to Trivia Test

1. Mudville
2. Robert Louis Stevenson
3. July 20, 1969
4. Pete
5. Wilbur
6. Dr. Gillespie
7. Coca Cola
9. 10 feet
10. When

All About Al

1. Alphabet
2. Calendar
3. Mealtime
4. Equalize
5. Squealed
6. Baseball
7. Terminal

Minimal Maxims

1. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
2. Two heads are better than one.
3. He laughs best who laughs last.
4. Keep your nose to the grindstone.
5. Don't let grass grow under your feet.

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Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

The regular monthly meeting was held on July 3rd. All of Council were present. Diane Pearce was on holiday so Judy Miller was acting as clerk-treasurer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The building inspector presented his report. Four permits were issued last month, to Glenn's store for siding, and a new wall; to Spence for a sundeck; to Hinch for an addition; and to Richards for some siding. The Reeve made his report on his activities in the previous month. He attended six meetings on behalf of the Township, six for the county, including four for the Health Unit, and four meetings about Loyalist celebrations.

Plans are proceeding to improve docking facilities for the Charlevoix. Council discussed the problems of putting toilets on the ferry and the Stella dock. There are numerous health regulations to be complied with. Nothing has been decided and don't hold your breath waiting for toilets to appear; these matters progress very slowly.

There was a short discussion on Liability Insurance on the ferry. A decision will be made at a later meeting. Council reiterated the policy that empty cars will not be loaded by the ferry crew until all cars with passengers have been accommodated, even if the empty car is left in the line-up. There was a discussion about health examinations for the captains and crew of the ferry. The clerk is to enquire from the coast guard what regulations and guidelines there are about medical standards.

Roads. The crushing equipment is eagerly awaited. The Ministry of the Environment is giving the township a \$2000 grant for site upgrading at the dump, so we should see some improvement shortly. The Recreation Committee gave \$100 to the Bicentennial Committee and \$100 to the Grasshopper softball team. Council received a letter about the bridge over the creek in the village being blocked. Ian, in charge of roads, is to discuss the matter with the road crew. Council is to ask the township solicitor what can be done about Billy Neill's apparent failure to comply with the building regulations and the Reeve and Building Inspector will proceed with the matter. Jackie Sylvester is chairperson of the Bicentennial Committee. Council will turn over \$500 available to the committee.

Various pieces of correspondence were received and filed in the township records or elsewhere. There was then a in-camera discussion of township non-union wages. All future wage agreement will run from June 1 to May 31. Casual road employees will receive a 5% raise June 1 to \$5.25/hr. Council honoraria will remain unchanged and the mileage rate will be 20¢/km. Then Council adj'd.

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Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank our relatives, friends and neighbours for their support during the loss of a dear wife and mother.

Thanks to all for the lovely flowers, cards and donations to charities.

Thanks to all for the generous supply of food. A special thanks to Uncle Ed and Aunt Helen for the use of their home; also to Rev. McIntyre and to Graham A Stein Funeral Home for their kind and courteous service we received.

Sincerely,

Avery and Reta Brown

We would like to thank our friends and neighbours for their kindness and support at the time of Annie's death. We greatly appreciate the calls at the funeral home, the flowers, donations to the Heart Fund, cards, food and the generous help of all the ladies at our house after the funeral. Special

thanks to Vernon McGinn for taking Edward's shift on such short notice.

Sincerely,

Edward, Helen & Family

I wish to congratulate my sister Irene on being chosen to receive the Bicentennial Medal, also to thank Norman Allison for my nomination. There are a great number of people who have served this Island Community in a great many ways. Perhaps they all deserve a pat on the back.

Sincerely,

Francis Welbanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, friends and neighbours who have sent cards, flowers visited me and brought treats while in hospital and since returning home. A special thanks to Anne-Marie Hitchins for looking after my flowers and visiting Gordon while I was away. I greatly appreciated my visit from Rev. McIntyre and the PCW and my get-well wishes from the Women's Institute. The help and company each day from my Red Cross Homemakers, Lucille Brown and Carol Kirby is appreciated more than words can express. God Bless you all.

Georgia Reid

Notices

Glenn's Store now has Fishing and Hunting Licences for sale.

Irene Glenn

Township of Amherst Island

Summary of Assessment Information Bulletin June 1984

A new program "Disabled and Seniors In the Community" administered by Ontario's Regional Assessment offices is now in effect.

Its purpose is to aid handicapped and senior citizens to stay in their own homes as well as to encourage other property owners to provide residential accommodation to these citizens who would otherwise require institutional care.

Under this program any alterations, improvements or additions to properties, commencing after May 15, 1984, and for the above purposes only, will be exempt from property taxation for as long as the disabled or senior citizen continues to reside there.

For more information contact the Township Office.

Effective May 16, 1984 the ceiling which allows property owners to make repairs and modest improvements to their homes without incurring increases to their assessments (and subsequently, their tax bills) will be raised. The \$2500 ceiling established in 1971, will now be increased to \$5000.

Giant Lawn Sale July 21, 22, 23

Furniture, clothing, toys, crafts, household items, many odds and ends.

Bob and Carmelle Horth.

Old Emerald Cheese Factory

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

First, thank you for such a good turnout for the puppet show in June. July 11th is Children's Hour at the library at 2:00 p.m. By the time you see this it will be over and I hope you enjoyed the programs. There will be another Children's Hour August 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the library again, so let's see lots of faces at this one too! The large type books

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and cassette tapes have changed and our regular book change is on the 16th of July. I hope you are finding what you like and if not please don't hesitate to send for what you want on interloans.

Don't let the kids forget the summer reading club, so come on in and join. See you at the library.

Cards of Thanks

I wish, to thank Branch 539 Legion members and the boat crews for the lovely fruit baskets. I also wish to thank all my friends and neighbours and

family members for all their help and thoughtfulness. Your visits have been greatly appreciated too, and have helped to pass the time. I am feeling much better and hope to be back to work soon. Thank you all.

Bill Bulch

I wish to thank our neighbours and relatives and friends for visitations, cards, gifts and well wishes while I was in K.G.H. and since my return home. Jean adds her thanks for help she received from neighbours, relatives and friends.

Earle Tugwell

Riddles

(Answers next month)

1. Borne on the wind, I fly like a bird.
Canyons and mountains are where I am heard.
A natural sound or truly man-made.
I sing twice, perhaps thrice,
And away I do fade.
What am I?

2. I measure time with antique grace
You cannot tell the hour
Have strength to change the path of seas,
And still support a flower.
I've spanned vast continents; flown the skies,
At home in castle or in cave.
I turn and in turn, see your eyes
Though eyes to me God never gave.
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Food For Thought

There is the fable of the old man sitting outside a town, being approached by a stranger.

“What are they like in this town?” asked the stranger.

“What were they like in your last town?” replied the old man.

“They were delightful people. I was happy there. They were kind, generous and would always help you in trouble.”

“You will find them very much like that in this town.”

The old man was approached by another stranger. “What are the people like in this town?” asked the second stranger.

“What were they like in your last town?” replied the old man.

“It was an awful place. They were mean, unkind. Nobody would ever help anybody.”

“I'm afraid you'll find it very much the same here,” said the old man.

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Regular Council Meeting August 7

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. There were also about 25 other people there. Some were people whose land is being assessed for the municipal drain; some were other Island residents, and there were several people from the mainland.

At Lance Eves' request, Council first dealt with, several matters of routine business, to give everyone a chance to arrive. Four building permits were issued last month; to Belmont for a garage, to Luscombe for siding, to Topsy Farms for a barn addition and to Plank for a garage and two additional bathrooms. Council looked at plans for improving parking for the ferry on the Millhaven side, and for the installation of a toilet. Bell Telephone will not install a telephone on the dock unless there are 10 to 15 calls a day from the phone.

The Reeve reported that he had been to thirteen additional meetings for the township, and three for the county. Several meetings concerning alterations to the dock for the Charlevoix were held. No decision has been made about how best to proceed. If the present dock is used for end loading, it may not be strong enough to hold the ferry in a high wind.

At the property tax assessment review hearing there were twelve applications for a reduction. Three were withdrawn, seven assessments were reduced and two were not changed.

Then the drain was considered. The Beacon has intentionally avoided

the arguments about the drain, not wishing to become involved in what has become a very serious fight on the Island. Other local papers have given people every opportunity to air their views in numerous articles and letters to the Editor. What follows is intended to be a neutral report of the arguments put forward by both sides, which probably means that no one who was there will agree with it.

At the Divisional Court hearing on July 12th the appeal against the drain was dismissed with costs awarded to the appellants. Council was therefore considering the third reading of the Bylaw for the Municipal Drain. This authorizes the drainage work and lists the assessments which have been revised now that the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement has expired.

The Reeve asked if the delegation could appoint two spokesmen, but it was explained, that there were several

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delegations, and about six people spoke at different times. Lance Eves asked Council members if they understood how the assessments were arrived at, because it was not clear to him. Members of Council were unclear on how the calculations were made, not expecting that this would be brought up. They asked Lance why he was bringing this matter up at so late a date in the proceedings. Lance said that he had brought it up several times before but had never obtained a satisfactory answer. Council said that, although previous Councils may have considered the matter, it was the first time it had been brought to this Council's attention in the twenty months they have served, and asked why Lance had delayed so long. Ian Murray said that as a member of Council, he did not feel competent to pass an assessment until he understood how the figures were produced, and wanted expert advice on the drainage law before making a decision.

Grace Eves deplored the damage the dispute was doing to the community. Dave Feraday asked that Council not pass something that they did not understand, particularly given the large assessment to his family. Council again asked why the matter had not been brought to them before. George Gavlas asked why he was being assessed when the drain was no closer than half a mile to his property, and that he could not afford it. Clinton Kilpatrick objected to the drain because any future drain joining this one would have to be a drain designed by an engineer, which he said

will be expensive. A gentleman from the mainland commented on the cost of a municipal as opposed to a private drain, in his, township. Other people feared that other Municipal Drains will follow this one, and they will all be too expensive. Geoff Matthews said that Council had, the option of defeating the bylaw. Council thought that the appellants have had their day in court and lost and further delays would not help. It was time to get on with the drain. They therefore passed the bylaw 4-1. The delegations expressed their anger and disappointment and departed. Later in the meeting Council considered a letter from Imants Ameriks, and will if anything can be done to help with his assessment. This had been accidentally omitted in the heat of the argument.

Council are required by their insurance agents to put a clause on the ferry tickets disclaiming all responsibility for everything that happens on the ferry. This is largely meaningless, and a letter elsewhere in the Beacon will explain this.

The gravel crusher is due at the end of the month. McKendry's have been held up in Sydenham township with a larger order than expected, but will come as soon as they are finished there. Council cannot get too fierce with McKendry's as they are the only firm that replied to the tender. Council is to ask Totten Sims Hubicki to prepare a plan for rebuilding a bridge on the third concession.

Council is sending a letter to the Amherst Island Agricultural Society asking what, if anything, they are doing, particularly with regard to the Fairground, which is tax exempt.

The next Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 5th. so as not to coincide with the election. Council then adjourned.

Important Notice re Bicentennial Photo Album.

This Is the Last Reminder to Anyone Who Missed Being Contacted or Has Not Yet Made an Appointment to Have Their Family Photo Taken to Be Included in The Community Album, as Explained in A Notice Included with Your Tax Bill. Some Appointment Slots Are Still Available. If You Wish to Participate, Contact Anna Hitchins (389-0482) or Madlyn Kerr (389-0386).

Those Who Have Made Appointments, Please Check Your Date and Time So You Won't Forget.

The Township of Amherst Island will receive applications for the

position of Relief Deckhand.

Applications will be welcomed from any individual (male or female) who would be interested in temporary employment as deckhand on the Amherst

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Islander but who would also be willing to fill in as purser if required. Please apply in writing stating age and qualifications prior to August 31, 1984.

N.J. Allison

Ferry Manager

Amherst Island Women's Institute

The June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jane Miller with 11 members and 2 guests. Program for the evening was agriculture and the Dairy Princess was our guest speaker. Roll call was to name an agricultural method from another country not normally practised in Canada.

The Dairy Princess, Miss Kim Copeland, gave an interesting history of ice cream. Ice cream has been made for 2,000 years. In the year 1660, ice cream was first made available to the common man. 1766 was the date of the first ads and in 1851 ice cream was sold at a large scale for 60¢ a quart. In 1874 the price was up to \$1.25 a quart. Miss Copeland and her mother then served homemade ice cream and gave out recipes.

The W.I. served tea at the McPherson House on June 13th and displayed our Tweedsmuir Book.

The July meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Diane Gavlas with 9 members present. Program for the evening was consumer affairs. Roll Call was concerning packaging - what you didn't like and suggest improvements. Some complaints were, too much wrapping, packages not full dyeing of meat, bright lights over meat, pins in mens' shirts, cardboard labels sewn on clothes that tear cloth when taken off, toy packages toys cannot be stored in. An information guide to consumer packaging and labelling acts and regulations was distributed and looked over as a group. There was also a short film "Why Do You Buy?"

The W.I. was also to serve tea at the Napanee Fair on Aug. 4. Plans were made for the Bicentennial on Aug. 11th.

The next meeting of the W.I. is to be held at the home of Mrs. Georgie Allison, Aug. 15th at 6 p.m. Program will be citizenship. Roll Call: If you had to leave Canada, which country would you go to and why?

The Women's Institute would like to thank Stratton, Jim, and Barbara Reid for their generosity in providing a tractor, wagon and driver for the W.I. to use for their float. Help from members of the community is always appreciated and make the efforts of the W.I. enjoyable.

Amherst Island Women's Institute invites you to come to our meetings, join the programmes, learn more about us, and join a worthwhile organization for enjoyment, education and to help others. In your community and elsewhere, attitude not aptitude determine your altitude.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Once again there will be a rotation of books on Aug. 20th. Come on in and check them out or send for your book on interloan.

Thank you for those who could make it to the children's hour. I hope you enjoyed the puppets, films, and story.

If people are interested and tell me so, the library would like to show films this winter. Give me a call or come to the library and look through the film list to see what's available. If enough people show interest, I'll report in the Beacon the date and place of the films.

Age

Age is a quality of mind,
If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitions' fires are dead-
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,
If love you hold:
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly-
You are not old.

To all who put such a tremendous effort on parade entries: on behalf of the Amherst Island Bicentennial Committee, I want to thank you for making such a great parade. You are to be congratulated on your creativity and enthusiasm. You really looked great out there. We may be small but we sure can have fun. Thanks again. Carolyn Yull (Parents of non-reading children who participated, please read this to your children)

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Cards of Thanks

The Amherst Island Bicentennial Committee would like to thank those organizations who helped financially and with other support for the bicentennial celebration.

Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Anglican Church Women

Driving Club

Firemen's Association

I.S.L.E.

Legion Branch 539

Orange Lodge

Recreation Committee

Women's Institute

We would also like to thank all the individuals who helped out in numerous ways, particularly George Gavlas for building the barbecue, Thelma and Charlie Howard for providing the stage, Chester Tugwell for providing the P.A. system, and all those who participated in the parade and the rest of the celebrations and made the day enjoyable for everyone.

I would like to thank the committee who planned the celebration and the telephone directory.

Elsie Willard, Secretary

Warren Kilpatrick, Treasurer

Caroline Yull, Parade Mistress, Entertainment.

Jeff Pearce, Children's Races

Leigh Miller, Children's Races

Debbie Bedford, Barbecue

Rick Bedford, Dance
Anna Hitchins, Telephone Directory Chairwoman
Madlyn Kerr, Telephone Directory
Jean McIntyre, Telephone Directory
Norm Allison, Reeve
 Jacqueline Sylvester,
 Chairwoman, Bicentennial Committee

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Vernon and Karen for the celebration held in honour of our 25th wedding anniversary. Thanks to all who helped in so many ways with the evening preparations and the ladies who helped provide lunch. Many thanks to Lucille Brown and Sherry Eve for their cake decorating skills. Also thanks to Doug Wilson for bartending. A special thanks to each and everyone for their attendance and for the generous cards and gifts we received.

 Kaye & Dorothy McGinn

Business:

I would like to introduce to the residents of the island, to offer to do ladies, gentlemen and children's hair on the weekends. I will do manicures, perms, scalp massages or whatever you would prefer for a different and better looking you.

 Please contact Wendy Shurtliffe at 389-5782

For Sale

2 Radial Tires HR70 - 14"
1 Truck Radial Snow Tire (good tread) LR78 - 15"
1 Nylon Tire on rim or off F78 - 15"
1 Tire - white wall A78 - 13"
Outside windows
1 - 39 1/2" X 32 1/4"
2 - 63" X 36"
1 - 58 1/2" X 30 1/2"
1 - 63 1/2" X 36"
1 - 64 1/2" X 38 3/4"

1 - 65 1/2" X 37 1/4"
Call Garnet McDonald 369-1081

Topsy Farms is available to do custom haying - round and square baling, cutting, raking. 389-3444, 369-0554 or 389-3802 and Topsy Farms sells a complete line of New Zealand electric fence. We also are a dealer for Canada Farm Supply tractor and implement parts, hydraulic fittings, etc.

For Sale - Home baking, all occasion cakes and fancy sandwiches. Special orders. Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh products you need please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

Fresh Maple Syrup for sale. Excellent quality. Product of Amherst Island.
Call Judy 389-2459 or Shirley 389-2588

Answers to Last Month's Quiz 0.00 rg-170.82oo86iaBi i80 0. rr00 -26.00 0.00 0.00 rg-2n

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Council Report For September 5, 1984

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the previous meetings were adopted. Two building permits were issue in August, to Forester for an inground swimming pool, and to Evans for siding. Imants Ameriks asked if any progress had been made on his application for assistance with his drainage assessment. Council showed him a letter from their lawyer stating that it would be difficult to help. Council have received letters from the Eves family and from Feraday's stating their intention to apply to the Drainage Referee to have the third reading of the drainage by-law quashed. They have three months to present their grounds for challenging the by-law. Until then nothing can be done about the drain.

The Reeve reported to Council on his activities for the month. Most regular meetings had been cancelled. He attended three meetings about the ferry docking facilities. The Ministry of Transport is looking ahead some years in its plans, for the time when we have a larger ferry. The Amherst Islander is going in for its yearly check-up. The Queen is due in Amherstview on Sept. 27th. The final arrangements are still being worked out.

The ferry has been a lot busier this year than last. Up to the end of July

last year 53,595 vehicles had been carried. This year the total is 56,899. April was low this year, otherwise there has been an increase each month over the previous year. Tenders have gone out for building toilets on the docks.

The road crew can do little to repair the roads until there is gravel to put on them. McKendry's report that they just blew the engine in their crusher and that the equipment probably won't fit on the Charlevoix anyway. The township has received an extra subsidy to help pay for this famous gravel.

Council, as usual, discussed the dump. Some progress is being made with the berm and the fencing. There

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was a discussion on going to pickup system, with the dump only being open a few days each week.

The barbecue used for the Bicentennial party has been given to the Recreation Committee to be borrowed if required. Billy Neill has not made very much progress on bringing his house/garage up to building code standards. Council's patience is running short, and they have instructed their lawyer to proceed. George Mygind has been asked to move his pigs from a residential zone. Annie Clyde had a severance approved in principle, but the land will have to be rezoned. Bernice Gould sent a letter to Council outlining her plans for Victoria Hall.

Amherst Island Agricultural Society may try to hold a meeting to decide what to do with the fairgrounds. The Bicentennial Committee has disbanded. Council then adjourned.

Ferry Insurance Clarified

Township Council has received the following letter from the insurers of the ferry Osborne & Lange Inc. Montreal.

We acknowledge receipt of the various correspondence between the Township, their Counsel and the Ministry. We are somewhat surprised by the furor our request for a "Save and Hold Harmless" Clause has generated.

Firstly let us state that our request is no more than is normally required by other P and I insurers, including Lloyd's, London Mutual Clubs, and major American insurers. Secondly it is no more than what is found in

passenger tickets issued by all major ferry operations that we are aware of. These include La Lociete des Traversiers du Quebec, CN Marine, Northumberland Ferries, B.C. Ferries as well as numerous smaller operations. In many of these the ferry is the only way to join a populated island to the mainland. This is certainly the case with Prince Edward Island, and so the situation for the residents of Amherst Island would be no more onerous than which exists for the entire province of P.E.I.

As regards the reasoning behind the inclusion of such wording in passenger tickets, let us state that it is not solely to discourage frivolous claims although it certainly has that effect. Furthermore, the wording has a limited value in a court of law, where no doubt a passenger injured as a result of important negligence on the part of the Assured or his agents, would receive a favourable decision regardless of the existence of a clause, especially one written in small print on the back of a ticket which a passenger is forced to accept.

The true value of such a clause is only to make the passenger realize that he is assuming some of the risks of passage himself and that the ferry owner, manager and crew owe him only a reasonable standard of care. At least it would prevent the sort of injuries that even though having occurred on the vessel were not due to the negligence of those persons responsible for the vessel.

As such, the important factor is not what reasonable claims may be denied due to the inclusion of the wording but rather what unreasonable claims thereof, especially in light of the fact that the standard of the "industry" is such as to have the wording as a normal part of the passenger ticket.

We trust this explains our rationale in requiring the wording and if the Township still feels our request too onerous, we will agree to cancel the policy on a pro rata basis so as to allow you to place it elsewhere should you be able to find a market that would not require the wording.

Resolution #1427

Being a resolution of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island under the date August 7, 1984
Moved by Councillor Welbanks
Seconded by Councillor Fleming
That the letter from Osborne and Lange re "Save and Hold Harmless" clause for ferry tickets be received, filed, and printed in the Beacon.

Resolution #1428

Being a resolution of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island under the date of August 7, 1984

Moved by Councillor Murray

Seconded by Councillor Tugwell

That the "Save and Hold Harmless" clause

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be included on the ferry tickets as long as it is preceded by the statement that it is printed as a requirement of the insurer.

Carried

Normal Allison, Reeve

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

Possible Disruption Of Ferry Service Due To The Royal Visit

While the Millhaven ferry dock has been chosen as an alternative embarkation point for Her Majesty the decision whether the Amherst floating dock or the Millhaven dock will be used will not likely be made until the morning of Thursday, September 27th.

If the Queen embarks from Millhaven, the possibility is that ferry service will be shut down from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the ferry being tied up at Stella during that time.

Notices will be posted at the Municipal Office and at Glenn's Store when final instructions are received.

Easter Region Bicentennial Celebrations, September To December

Sept 15... Napanee - Applefest (Allan MacPherson House)

Sept 23... Bath - 125th anniversary of incorporation as village, plaque unveiling and reception

Sept 27... Amherstview - Visit by Royal couple to mark Ontario's bicentennial

Sept 29... Napanee - Bicentennial reflections - a look at the Bicentennial through photographs (Lennox & Addington Museum)

Oct 2-4... Napanee - Ontario's Bicentennial 200 years of land and water montage display of Ontario's natural resource history (at local Natural Resources office)

Oct 13... Napanee - visit by children's author Lyn Cook, whose book Secret of Willow Castle is set in Napanee (Lennox & Addington County

Public Library)

Nov 3... Napanee - Bicentennial Arts and Crafts Fair (Allan MacPherson House)

Dec 2-8... Napanee - Christmas at the Lairds (Allan MacPherson House)

Dec 10... Napanee - Lennox Guild of Fine Arts Christmas Social

Frontenac County

Sept 15... Olden Twp. - Bicentennial Family Day hot air balloon, dance, supper, antique cars and engines (Community Centre) and Township Ball Park, Mountain Grove)

Sept 15... Kingston - Kingston Humane Society Centennial: open house and mutt show

Sept 19... Kingston - Bicentennial Costume Ball (Ambassador Motel)

Sept 28... Kingston - Kingston Humane Society Centennial: bingo (Kingston Bingo Palace)

Kids Softball 1984 Squirt & Pee wee Teams

Our 1984 kids softball season is over once again as we finished the season on Sunday Sept. 9th with our parent's softball game. I bet we had quite a few parents with sore muscles on Monday. The kids enjoyed coke and chips and laughed at the parents.

The Squirt team ended the regular season tied for second place with a 7 wins and 3 losses record. They then played South Fred. in their one game elimination round and won that game quite easily. In the next round they met Desoronto, the first place team and lost 2 straight games to the older and stronger Desoronto team.

The Pee wee team ended the regular season in 6th place with a 3 wins and 6 losses record. They played North Fred. in their one game elimination and gave the strong North Fred. team a good run but lost 17-16. This team also went to the tournament in Selby on Aug. 18th and gave a very good showing for themselves.

It was a very good season for the kids on both of the above teams.

I would like to thank the following people and organizations.

The umpires who helped so much by calling the games for me and putting up with our complaining - Mark Wemp, Doug Shurliffe, Bill Haggett, Dick Dodds.

The patents who helped drive to our away games and the people who helped umpire and coach those away games. Special thanks to Leigh Miller who I asked to travel away with us and umpire the bases.

Special thanks to the organizations and individuals who helped sponsor the teams this year - the Island Legion, Conservation Club, Dick Dodds.

Thanks again to all.

Brian Ward

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P.S. Congratulations to our Grasshopper team coached by Rick Bedford as they finished first for the season and then won the playoffs.

Family Album & Phone Directory

Please call Anna Hitchins at 389-0482 or Madlyn Kerr at 389-0386 by Saturday, September 22nd, if you wish to order a Family Album and Phone Directory.

School News

- Penny Thornhill & Donnie Miller

This school year has got off to a very good start. Several new children have started school on the island and we'd like to welcome them and wish them good luck at their new school. Amherst Island Public School now has a grand total of 50 kids, soon to be 53.

The month of September is a very hectic month for the students and teachers at school. Settling into the old routine of waking up and getting into the old school routine takes a lot of willpower after sleeping in until ten o'clock over the summer. Also in September, the Students' Council is elected. The people who ran for head persons were Trudy Strain, Shannon Eves, Steven Ward and Penny Thornhill. The two people elected were Steven Ward and Penny Thornhill.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Monday, Sept. 17th is rotation day again so there will be a different selection of books again. Oct. 2 will be new large type and cassettes.

Feel free to ask for interloans at any time. For those of you who end up working away on Library days, please feel free to drop your books off at my house.

Dr. Seuss

You ought to be thankful a whole heapin' lot
For the places and people your lucky your not

Cards Of Thanks

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours, also the church ladies for all their acts of kindness during my recent illness. It was very much appreciated.

Barbara Filson

The family of the late Ellen McGinn wish to express their heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the loss of a dear mother and grandmother. The floral tributes, food donations and cards of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged. A special thanks to Donna Willard and Thelma Howard for preparing the tea at Kaye and Dorothy's home. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Voters (and others) of Amherst Island

Thank you very much for your support in the recent election. I can well appreciate the electorate's desire to give the Progressive Conservatives a chance to govern. Flora McDonald has been a hard-working MP and I wish her well.

Ian Murray

For Sale

Girl's bicycle. Very reasonable.

Phone 389-2647

A roll of carpet approximately 11' x 19' green/gold in colour, jute back.

Rubber padding to go with it. Phone 389-5769

Lamb from Topsy Farms, \$2.25/lb. Cut wrapped and frozen (free delivery

on Island) Legs, loins only \$3.85/lb. Live lamb \$75 each, your pick.

Member of Ontario Freezer Meat Assoc.

Home baking, all occasion cakes and fancy sandwiches. Special orders.

Carmelle Horth 389-2916

If it's Rawleigh Products you need

Please call Barbara Reid. 389-0675

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Topsy Farms - Phone 389-3444 sells a complete line of New Zealand electric fence. We also are a dealer for Canada Farm Supply tractor and implement parts, hydraulic fittings, etc.

Fresh maple syrup for sale. Excellent quality. Product of Amherst Island.

Call Judy 389-2459 or Shirley 389-2588

On The Lighter Side

This exercise does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words and certainly not your mathematical ability. It will, however, give you some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity. In the three years since we developed the test, we have found few people who could solve more than half of the 26 questions on the first try. Many, however, reported getting answers long after the test has been set aside, particularly at unexpected moments when their minds are relaxed, and some reported solving the questions over a period of several days. Take this as your personal challenge.

Instructions: Each question contains the initials of the missing words. Find the missing words.

The secret is in the NUMBER associated with number in your mind with the first that occurs to you. Refer to the example.

Example: 16 o. in a P.

16 ounces in a pound.

1. 26 L of the A.
2. 7 W. of the W.
3. 1001 A. N.
4. 12 S. of the z.
5. 54 C. In a D. (with the J.)
6. 9 P. In the S.S.
7. 88 P.K.
8. 13 S. on the A.F.
9. 32 D.F. at which W.F.
10. 18 H. on a G.C.
11. 90 D. in a R.A.
12. 200 D. for P.G. in M.
13. 8 S. On a S.S.
14. 3 B.M. (S.H.R.R.)
15. 4 Q. in a G.
16. 24 H. in a D.
17. 1 W. on a U.
18. 5 D. in a Z.C.
19. 57 H.V.
20. 11 P. On a F.T.
21. 1 P. is a W. a 1000 W.
22. 29 D. in F. in a L.Y.
23. 64 S. on a C.B.
24. 40 D. and N. of the G.F.
25. 7 D. in a T.N.
26. 3 S. of 3 N. in a S.I.N.

Because this is a American made up test, some of the questions are associated with the U.S.A.

Answers next month.

To Give Away

An affectionate house or barn cat, white with black and tan markings, female, good mouser. Will deliver. Phone 389-0386

Riddle

When I leave home, I'm put to work
 Do Double duty when I can
 Though to boy or girl I have no worth

I'm indispensable to man.

I can change the face of mountains

Though first in might am I

I have no part of frost or fire

Wind or ocean, land or sky.

What am I?

Trivia

1. What does the M stand for in Roman Numerals?
2. What do the M's stand for in M-G-M?
3. Who is James Bond's M?
4. What does the M stand for in M*A*S*H?
5. Without counting is M the 12th, 13th, 14th, or 15th letter of the alphabet?
6. A baseball Hall of Famer, once called "The Commerce Comet" has the initials M.M. Who is he?
7. What does the M stand for in AM-PM?
8. What does the M stand for in George M. Cohen?

Answers next month.

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Council Report For October

- Chris Kennedy

Before the regular Council meeting there was a special meeting to consider a revision to the Zoning By-law. The Reeve and councillors Tugwell and Fleming were present, as well as Syl Apps, Duncan Marshall and the County planning officer. Syl Apps and Duncan Marshall want to sever three building lots and have them zoned Rural Residential. The County planning officer explained that these would be very close to the farm buildings on the property, so he thought that the farm buildings should be zoned Rural Residential also, and if the land was used for farming, new buildings could be put up on the other side of the road.

Later at the regular meeting the matter was discussed, and Council decided to grant two severances, but not the third closest to the farm buildings which would be left as rural.

Ted Welbanks then arrived for the regular Council meeting. Ian Murray was away working in Huntsville. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The building inspector wants to attend a Seminar on the Revisions to the Residential Building Code and Plumbing Regulations. Council will pay his expenses. The Reeve reported that he had been to 12 extra meetings in September. He discussed the bridge on the Third with Totten-Simms-Hubicki. There were several meetings about the ferry, which is repaired, until it hits another log. The new gearbox was about \$35,000 and the new front light \$600. Norman is going to run for Warden of Lennox and

Addington, and the election is in December.

Jim Bell-Smith and George Gavlas will be hired as additional relief crew for the ferry. All the ferry crew will have medical examinations during the next few weeks. These will take place during the working day. Work will start on the toilets on the ferry docks at a cost of about \$10,000. Steve Tooley got the job for a little under \$10,000. His tender was just \$200 under Turvy's bid.

Totten-Simms-Hubicki have been studying the new bridge on the Third Concession. It will cost about \$30,000. Council is to check that it will not conflict with the Miller Drain. (cont'd last page)

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Notice Re Sample By-law

The following by-law has been circulated to Council for consideration. It is suggested that it should be printed in the Beacon with the hope that comments on such a by-law would be forwarded to Council by the readers. If you have an opinion on the implementation of such a bylaw to regulate public festivals, etc., we would appreciate your comments.

Diane Pearce - Clerk-Treasurer

The Corporation of the Township of _____ By-law No. _____

Whereas the Council of the Township of _____ deems it expedient to license and regulate the holding of certain public entertainments, parades and festivals within the Township of _____ and Whereas the authority for so doing is contained in the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970, Chapter 284, Section 383 (6), 383 (7) and section 242:

Now Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of _____ Enacts the Following:

1. In this By-law:

A public entertainment, parade or festival held for a "charitable purpose" means a public entertainment, parade or festival held for, or if its proceeds are used for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (i) The relief of poverty
- (ii) The advancement of education
- (iii) The advancement of religion
- (iv) Any purpose beneficial to the community not falling under the

foregoing heads, providing such purposes are in the interests of social welfare and are for the public benefit.

2. Before any person, corporation, organization or association may hold a public entertainment, parade or festival within the limits of the Township of _____, which public entertainment, parade or festival is not for a charitable purpose, the said person, corporation, organization or association shall:

- (a) obtain a license under this bylaw from the Clerk of the Township authorizing the holding of such public entertainment, parade or festival.
- (b) deposit with the Clerk of the Township an amount of money estimated by the Chief of Police of the Township as sufficient to provide for the cost of adequate police protection during the period of the said entertainment, parade or festival, or any or all of them during which such police protection shall, in the opinion of the said officer, be necessary.
- (c) deposit with the Clerk of the Township a security in an amount and of the kind fixed by the Council of the Township of _____ the amount of which shall not exceed the amount of public liability and property damage insurance carried by the said Township and the security shall provide for the indemnification of the said Township against damage to public and private property as well as indemnification to the said Township for public liability.
- (d) deposit with the Clerk of the Township an amount of money to be fixed by the relevant authority where the said public entertainment, parade or festival is held, sufficient to repair anticipated minor damage and the cleaning of grounds and buildings after the conclusion of such public entertainment, parade or festival, so that such buildings and grounds may be restored to their previous state without cost to the Township or the Board or body responsible for the administration of such buildings or grounds.
- (e) deposit with the Clerk of the Township a certificate in writing from the Director of the _____ Health Unit, that all health and sanitation requirements for the said public entertainment, parade or festival have been provided.
- (f) pay the Clerk of the Township the license fee hereinafter provided.

3. No license shall be issued by the Clerk of the Township for such public entertainment, parade or festival which is not being held for a charitable purpose, until the provisions of Section 2 above have been complied with in full.

4. The fee for a license under this

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By-law shall be \$100.00 per day or part thereof.

5. Every person, organization or association who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law shall be subject to a penalty of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) excluding costs, recoverable under the provisions of the Summary Convictions Act, all of the provisions of which are to apply

6. The provisions of Part XXI of the Municipal Act R.S.O., Chapter 284, as amended, shall apply to the provisions of this by-law.

7. This By-law shall come into force and have effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

Turkey Supper and Sale

The Anglican Church Women are holding their Annual Turkey Supper and Sale on Saturday, October 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Charges:

Adults \$6.00,

Children (5-12) \$3.00.

Everybody Welcome

Legion Events

Our annual Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance will be held at the school on Friday, October 26th commencing at 7:00 p.m. This customary event is primarily for the young fry and is about a break-even venture. However many adults have contributed greatly to its success in the past and we hope this will continue. Complete details are posted at Glenn's Store. See you at the unmasking.

This year Remembrance Day falls on Sunday and it is hoped that a joint church service can be arranged although details have not been completed. Our Zone Headquarters has declared the 3rd of November as official Poppy Day. Therefore our members will try to visit your homes on that Saturday. A Poppy Box will also be placed in Glenn's Store.

Chester Tugwell

Pres. Branch 53 9

School News October 1984

- Steven Ward & Trudy Strain

The students have now settled in for another year of hard work and some fun. Because of this there isn't much news except the following:

In late September the Junior room went on a field trip just below Stella. The main objective of the trip was to identify plants and some small animals. The students really enjoyed the trip.

On Oct. 1st, representatives from the senior and junior rooms travelled to Tamworth Public School for a soccer tournament. The team won one game 1-0 but lost the two others 2-1 and 3-2. The team played very well against the much larger schools and just finished a bit short of the finals.

The students' council had a small rummage sale Oct. 2nd and raised \$13.00 for school use.

The Council is also planning a Halloween party and dance for Oct. 30th. Some money for the school will also be raised then.

The new Students' Council for 1984-5 consists of:

Steven Ward - Head person

Penny Thornhill - Head person

Rick Welbanks - Senior representative

Mike Strain - Junior representative

Jason Silver - Primary representative

Lori Caughey - Primary representative

On Oct. 10 the school held its Fall Open House. It was a very informative and interesting night. If you missed it we hope to see you at the Spring one.

That's about all there is this month at A.I.P.S.

Try This Test On Yourself

Answers Last Page

1 Write down four adjectives you would use to describe your pet

2 Write down 4 adjectives to describe your favourite. colour

3 Write down 4 adjectives to describe a dark room

4 Write down 4 adjectives to describe the ocean

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(Council report continued)

The Township has received another grant of \$2000 from the Ministry of the Environment for the dump. This is to "assist" the local municipality in

upgrading its waste disposal site in accordance with the provincial legislation."

A budget update was presented, to Sept. 17th. Unlike the Federal Government, the Township manages to work within its budget. Details are available at the township office. The Recreation Committee wants to start volleyball again in January. There were a number of pieces of correspondence dealt with, and Council then adjourned.

Answers to Last Month's Quiz

1. 26 Letters of the Alphabet

2. 7 Wonders of the World

3. 1001 Arabian Nights

4. 12 Signs of the Zodiac

5. 54 Cards in a Deck (with the Joker)

6. 9 Planets in the Solar System.

7. 88 Piano Keys

8. 13 Stripes on the American Flag.

9. 32 Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes.

10. 18 Holes on a Golf Course.

11. 90 Degrees in a Right Angle.

12. 200 Dollars for Passing Go in Monopoly.

13. 8 Sides on a Stop Sign.

14. 3 Blind Mice (See How They Run)

15. 4 Quarts in a Gallon.

16. 24 Hours in a Day.

17. 1 Wheel on a Unicycle.

18. 5 Digits in a Zip Code.

19. 57 Heinz Variety.

20. 11 Players on a Football Team.

21. 1 Picture is Worth a 1,000 Words.

22. 29 Days in February in a Leap Year.

23. 64 Squares on a Checker Board.

24. 40 Days and Nights of the Great Flood.

25. 7 Digits in a Telephone Number.

26. 3 Sets of 3 Numbers in a Social Insurance Number.

Notice to Members of the Recreation Committee

All members are requested to make a special effort to attend this

month's meeting on October 17th at 8 p.m. in the Township Office Building.

Answers to Last Month's Trivia

1. M stands for 1000 in Roman Numerals
2. M-G-M Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
3. James Bond's M - Sir Miles Messervy
4. M*A*S*H Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
5. M is the 13th letter of the alphabet
6. Mickey Mantle
7. AM ante meridiem PM post meridiem
8. George Michael Cohen

Answers To Test Yourself

1. These adjectives are how you see yourself
2. These are how others see you
3. These are how you see death
4. These describe your sex life

Answer to Last Month's Riddle

The letter M

Wanted - Someone with tractor and plough to plough garden on the island.

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Lamb from Topsy Farms, \$2.35/lb. cut and wrapped and frozen. Free delivery on the Island. Legs, loin only \$3.85/lb. Live lamb \$75 each, your pick. Member of Ontario Freezer Meet Assoc.

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