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This Issue

- Ian Murray

Madlyn and Jack Kerr have moved to Belleville for the winter and have left the production of the Beacon to myself and my various friends until they return to the Island in the spring.

The Kerrs have published the Beacon for the past 81 issues except for the occasional period when Kathy and Alan Glenn did the job.

Putting out this issue of the Beacon has been somewhat of a challenge. The Gestetner 360 is a fiendish device.

Helping to produce this issue: Sally Bowen, Christopher Kennedy, Randi Kennedy, Ian Murray, Leah Murray, Lorna Seaman and Don Tubb.

The woodcut above is courtesy of Camden House Publishing Company where Randi has been working for the past few months.

In the next few weeks, more Gestetner stencils, ink and paper will have to be ordered. This will give me a chance to see if the price of the beacon must be increased or not.

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Council Report For Nov 13th 1984

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of council were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. These include a ferry committee meeting dealing mainly with details for the medical examinations. Geoff Matthews discussed with council the different resolutions applying to building permits for farmers. In order to clarify matters council is drafting a resolution making it completely clear that all farm buildings require permits and they must all be paid for. Two building permits were issued last month: to Bruce Caughey St., for work on the barn in Stella and to K. Hogeboom for a garage.

The Reeve had a busy month. In addition to the regular county meetings and two banquets, he attended

a four day meeting of the association of Municipalities of Ontario in Orillia, five days on Emergency Planning in Arnprior, a three day workshop in Gananoque, campaigned for Warden, and went to Oakville for the birth of his grandchild.

Work is progressing on the toilets at the docks. Council received an engineer's recommendations for replacing the bridge on the 3rd concession road. A single steel arch set in concrete, costing about \$32,500 is suggested. If approved, MTC will pay the total cost. Council looked at the picture in the Napanee Beaver of the collapsed bridge up Highway 133 and decided to contact MTC to find out how to get our bridges checked for load limits.

The Township grader (with driver) can be rented, at the discretion of the Reeve or the Roads Chairman, for \$50/hr., with a minimum charge of \$50.

Chester Tugwell has been looking at other local Township dumps. There is an article elsewhere in the Beacon describing the results of his visits.

The Recreation committee bought two volleyballs and two basketballs.

Council discussed a letter from Betty and David Wemp about ownership of the beach south of Art McGinn's. The Nut Island Shooting Club claims it, but it may be public property. The clerk will investigate the matter.

Council is calling tenders for the Miller Municipal Drain. No grounds were filed for appealing the 3rd reading of the by-law within the required time, so it appears that it can proceed. The Island Agricultural Society had a meeting on Nov. 1. Council is asking to be kept informed of what is happening so that the status of the fair ground can be resolved. Bruce Caughey, Jr., is the secretary and Harry Filson is President. Billy Neil is still trying to sell his property, and council gave him another month to sell or comply with the zoning by-law. Syl Apps has written to council concerning vandalism to his property. The damage was apparently caused by people not from the Island, but Mr. Apps was annoyed and upset that this stupid action could happen on the Island.

Several members of council have received negative comments on the entertainment by-law published in last month's Beacon, so the matter will be shelved. A possible plan for renovations to the municipal building was studied. Council was concerned about the costs.

A lot of other reports, letters, guidelines, recommendations and so on, come into the township office, mostly from other branches of government. They are all very important to somebody, no doubt, but

council only has time to glance at them, or the meeting would never end.

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Social Notes

-Annette Phillips

The past couple of months have been overshadowed by the illness and loss of several Island friends and neighbours. To the families of Madeleine Glenn, Gordon Reid, Brian and Marie Ward, and David and Betty Wemp: condolences and sympathy.

Though our paths may be rough and stony,
Or dark and dreary the road
The fact that God has made it so
Should help us bear the load.

T. N. Graham

As neighbours are being remembered, a welcome should be extended to the new families who have given up the city for the pleasure of Amherst Island and the twice-daily panic to catch the boat. The Wood and Scott families have both taken up residences on the South Shore this month, while earlier in the school year we were joined by the Cunninghams on the Front Road and the Studsruuds in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kemp and family have also moved to the ranks of permanent Islanders.

Rick Tait has 'swooped' down on the Island again following a four-month sojourn to the barren north. After a full summer studying the feeding habits of birds - if there are any up there - Rick has flown south to Topsy Farms to hibernate and play basketball.

And although not a full-fledged resident of Amherst Island, a very special welcome to Elise-Marie Allison Walsh, born November 5 in Oakville, Ontario, weighing 6 lbs 12 ozs. Parents are David and Margaret Walsh. Elise is a second grandchild for Reeve and Mrs. Norman Allison.

Our world travellers this fall have been, among others, David and Betty Wemp who spent a week in Florida. Also Ralph and Bea Wemp, who left sometime ago for Florida - or so they said - and haven't been heard from since. And of course Heather Welbanks, who returned just last week from her yearly pilgrimage to Flinton. This is a big event for Heather, and is planned to coincide with the larger yearly pilgrimage to Calabogie.

In closing, for those who follow the deer reports, this year's score was as follows: Paul Glenn, 1; Eric Welbanks, 1 and Ronnie Miller 1 (by accident).

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank all those who brought food to our home and the many acts of kindness in the recent loss of a loving mother and grandmother. A Special thank you to Warren Kilpatrick and Steven Brown for helping with chores and milking. And to Shirley Miller for looking after the bus. Your help was very much appreciated.

Thank you all again.

Stratton, Barbara & Jim Reid

Gordon Reid and family wish to extend our sincere thanks to our dear friends, neighbours and for their kindness and support during the loss of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Georgia Reid.

Special thanks to Madelyn Kerr and the Presbyterian Church Women for donating their time to prepare and serve such a delicious lunch after the funeral. We are very grateful for the beautiful cards, flowers, donations to St Paul's Memorial Fund and Heart Foundation. Thanks to Mrs. Beth Forester and choir for such beautiful music during the funeral.

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We express a very special thanks for the many gifts of food which kept arriving at our door-steps.

We really can't put into words our true appreciation, and we will be forever grateful to each and everyone of you.

Gordon Reid and Family

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our good neighbours, dear friends and relatives for the many kindnesses shown to us at the time of Mother's death. A special thanks to all those people who brought such delicious food to our door, and for the beautiful. Sympathy cards we have received. It is a real comfort to know there are so many caring people who are always there in time of need.

Sincerely, Elsie, Eldon and Doug Willard

We wish to express our thanks to all our relatives and friends and neighbours for your welcome visits to the funeral home at the time of our loss of a dear father and grandfather Harold Ward. Your thoughtfulness and kindness was greatly appreciated.

David & Betty, Robbie & Laurie Wemp
Brian & Marie, Steven & Sherry Ward

A very sincere thank you to my relatives, friends and neighbours who have sent cards, visited me, brought treats and helped in many ways, while in hospital for knee surgery, and since returning home.

Nessie Welbanks.

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbours, and relatives for their cards, flowers, donations to the Heart Fund, and donations of food, during the loss of our brother Stirling. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered.

John & Mary Hall

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

First a thank you to those who came to the Euchre for the CNIB on Nov. 3. My apologies for not getting the date in the last Beacon.

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Georgie Allison. The program for the evening was citizenship. Roll call: If you had to leave Canada which country would you move to and why? Mr. Norman Allison told of the oil fields in the Middle East while he was there as an engineer.

The Sept. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Fleming. Program was Canadian industries with a guest speaker, Mrs. Debbie Collins from the Child Care Resource Centre. Mrs. Collins spoke on child day care.

Negotiations were initiated to move the Minute Books from the W.I. to Napanee Museum so they can be properly preserved.

In October there was no meeting.

November meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Anna Hitchins on Nov. 21st at 8:00 p.m. Program will be education with a guest speaker on China. Roll call: M most interesting reading during the past year.

Dec. 5th will be the Senior Citizens Dinner this year and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Women's Institute is sponsoring a course in rug braiding, chair pad making and placemats.

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Seafood Special

- Sarah McDonald, Grade 5

Ingredients:

1 cup frog brains

1 cricket

3 flies

Sprinkle of fish eyes

Hi! Today I am cooking a special recipe. If you would like to have this recipe, feel free to ask me for it. Mix one cup of frog brains with one cup of crushed crickets. Then boil them for 2 hours. Leave them for ten minutes. After ten minutes, get 3 flies and put them in. Then sprinkle in some fish eyes. Steam the fish eyes first. After you have steamed them, put them into the mixture. Build a bonfire and saute for 2 days. Baste with soya sauce.

Everybody Needs A Rock

- Laurie Wemp, Grade 5

A rock is nice.

My rook hates mice,

And it will listen to me

And it will see

My problem.

I like my rocks.

For it won't knock

me over.

I found it in the clover

When I took a walk.

It's a very odd shape

I will make him a cape

And keep him forever.

Tax Notice

The School Support list for direction of educational taxes is available to the public at the municipal office during regular office hours. The last day to file an application for change of school support is Monday, December 17, 1984.

An Island Doctor

- Sally Bowen

Amherst Islanders are fortunate to have a resident doctor who plans to build a practice on the Island.

Dr. Alex Scott and his wife Janet moved here in October with their five children, Alex and Kathy (who commute to Frontenac High School) and Jamie, Sarah and Ruth (who attend the Island public school). They live in the former Coulson house.

The family has had contact with the Island for several years. Janet first visited the home they now live in, 15 years ago. Her Father, Rev. Ritchie, was a temporary minister at St. Paul's Church in the winter of 1976. Janet and Alex are keen bird watchers, and have

visited the island for years. When they had to leave their rented Kingston home, our Island was they place they wanted to live.

Dr. Scott was a resident of KGH and Hotel Dieu, then started a practice in Kingston. After several years, he and Janet decided that home and family were more important than working all the time. Janet no longer worked at her job, a teacher for slow learners. Alex cut his costs by closing his office and became that rarity today, a house-call doctor.

At present, Dr. Scott is at home Tuesdays, Thursdays, every other Friday, and most evenings and weekends. He welcomes new patients.

To reach Dr. Scott, call his home number 389-4608. If he is out leave a message with his 24-hour answering service, 389-1337. He will see you at your home or, if you prefer, at his home.

For Island residents, he will make no surcharge over the OHIP payment.

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Anyone interested in forming a class please call Elsie Densem, 389-2874.

Public School

Hallowe'en Dance & Party

- Ricky Welbanks & Shannon Eves

On October 29 the Student's Council of Amherst Island Public School had a Hallowe'en dance for grades 4-8.

It had an admission price of \$1.25. They sold chips and pop.

Although it took a few minutes to get the students dancing but soon everyone was dancing.

The Student's Council made \$25. It will go to a trip at the end of the year.

On Wednesday October 31, the primary students had a Hallowe'en creative centre. Other primary classes joined them. They all did many cut and paste activities. The students from Yarker left on the 3:00 p.m. boat.

'D-Day'

-David Alex Cunningham

In the month of May,
many great soldiers went away,
and on the beaches of Normandy
they will stay.

Many soldiers died that day
putting up their life in their own way

trying to save the country scene,
in their olive drab and dirty dark green.
Today we remember them in our unique way,
and get our respect on Remembrance Day
but they are dead and nothing we say
will bring them back to the light of day.

Everybody Needs A Rock

- Chad Miller, Grade 4

My rock is a friend

My rock has some bends.

My rock is very nice and neat.

I wish my rock had some feet.

I hope my rock won't leave

I'm glad it's not make believe.

Deep Fish Pizza

- Sherry Marie Ward

Ingredients:

1 cup of flour (red roses would be nice)

2 tsp of milkweed seeds

3 mice tails

4 dandelion stems

2 cans of blood from a lizard

4 fish eyes (perch or rock bass)

a package of 20 day old cheese

3 grasshopper legs

2 cups of wormy apples

Preparation:

Put all in one bowl please

Now you are ready to stir and put together.

Put the petals from the red roses in the bowl.

Now put the milkweed seeds in the bowl.

Now it is time to add the mice tails,

Stir. Put in the dandelion stems with juices and all.

Add the blood, pour in slowly.

The 4 fish eyes go in now.

Wait to spread the cheese on the crust.

Add the grasshopper legs and core the apples.

Put the rest of the apple in a food processor. Make sure none of the parts of the worms get out.

Pour in and let sit for half and hour.

Oh! turn on the oven to 325 degrees for 20 minutes.

Serve and enjoy!

Announcements

Anyone who wishes to participate in the annual
Amherst Island Pheasant Shoot on Sunday, December

16 at the Nut Island Shooting Club, call David Trussler at 389-8603.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Women are holding their annual Christmas Craft Tea and Sale in the Public School gymnasium on Saturday, November 24th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be tables of handmade crafts and articles idea for Christmas giving, as well as a home baking and candy table. Enjoy a cup of tea and light refreshments with friends.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Tracy Hitchins won the draw for the reading club this summer so she received an autographed book from Lyn Cook, "The Secret of Willow Castle". Mrs. Cook presented the book to Tracy and to kids from other county libraries at Napanee Public Library on October 13th. There was a small party including Highland dancers and Mrs. Cook told of her books and herself. There were refreshments.

November 19th will be regular rotation at the library for new books again. There is also a selection of Christmas books until after Christmas.

December 2nd brings "A Pocketful of Puppets" to council chambers for "The Forgetful Santa Claus". I hope to see lots of kids and parents at 2:00 p.m.

December 2nd.

For Sale

Heavy Duty Frigidaire Stove.

Good working order. \$50 389-2515

200 Gallon Used Oil Tanks. Best Offer.

Dry Firewood. \$80 a cord. You pick up. George

Mygind 389-4669 after 7 p.m.

2 Female, 1 Male Canaries

2 Old Cages

Gravel, Feed and Tonic on hand.

Sell or trade

Helen Bulch 389-3411

Pure bred Black Lab, 5 year old female, not spayed.

Has retriever instincts. Free to Island home after end of Nov.

David Trussler 389-8603 after dark.

New Dumping Procedures

Under strong direction from the Senior Environment Officer of the Abatement Section, your Sanitation Committee is trying to improve our dump to pass government inspections. In order to do this the full cooperation of all users will be necessary. Failure could result in the hiring of an attendant, placement of a chain or gate at the entrance and restricted use.

The sketch below, which is a take off from the Sheffield Dump north of Tamworth, is self-explanatory. The principle is to separate the refuse into smaller, separate areas so that burning will be more effective. Another concept is to keep all dumpings as far back as possible and, of course, the ramp and turn area will have to be kept clear at all times. New gravel will be placed on the ramp and turn area to lessen the risk of tire damage from glass and nails.

It is requested that all papers be placed in tied garbage bags to keep paper dry to assist in fuelling regular burnings.

Rough signs will be placed to guide users in the beginning and your observance of these is a must if the project is to work. Our dump is one of the last in the area that can be used daily without restrictions. Failure to clean up our act now to government satisfaction can only result in one thing - higher taxes for an increased sanitation budget.

Submitted by Chester Tugwell on behalf of the Sanitation Committee

{There is a diagram accompanying this article}

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- Staff

A lot of time has been spent trying to improve the
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in January. The accounts were paid. The cemetery committee is short of money. The committee had not paid the wages of the maintenance man for some months. Council immediately paid the money owed and asked that the cemetery treasurer report be presented before December 31st.

Grace, Lance and Vince Eves had written to council requesting a public hearing before debentures were issued for the Miller Drain. It is apparently up to the Ontario Municipal Board and not council to decide whether a public hearing is called. The closing date for tenders for the drain is December 17th, 1984. They will be opened at a meeting open to the public at 8 p.m. on December 17th.

Billy Neill said he would move out of his cottage (garage) by the end of December. Council received a letter from W Bruce Caughey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Amherst Island Agricultural Society, outlining their recent activities.

Council decided to postpone discussing a report on open meetings and access to information to a later date, as it was already after 11 p.m. and time to adjourn.

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Notice

The next Council Meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 1985.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

First a thank-you to those who could make it to the puppet show. We had a good time with a turn out of 36 people. Your continued support of the library for these programmes and for using it to the best advantage including asking for interloans is making our library a viable concern for the community.

Second news is that Lyn Fleming is leaving the library and Donna Willard will be taking up the job of relief help.

Our regular rotation of books will be here on Tuesday, December 18th, and the large type will be changing on January 4th.

We will also be selling copies of Smiling Wilderness, the new county history, for \$24.95 each.

Library will be closed on December 25th, December 26th and January 1st. for the holidays.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Social Notes

- Annette Philips

As a special tribute to those who have served their communities, the Province of Ontario took Sunday, December 9, to pay tribute to 1,984 people across the province.

As reported in, earlier Beacons, Amherst Island's nominee was Irene Glenn. Mrs. Glenn, along with approximately 90 others from the Kingston area, were presented with a gold-on-nickle Bicentennial Medal. The medal was awarded by the Attorney General, Roy McMurtry, and MPP Keith Norton. The ceremony at City Hall was followed by a luncheon at the Harbour Restaurant, courtesy of Reeve and Mrs. Norman Allison.

Following lunch, Barb McDonald and Diane Pearce made a rather quick trip to pick up the first decent Christmas tree they could find. Both families are celebrating Christmas early as they will all be away over the holidays. Barb and Sarah leave next week for Singapore; Jeff and Jennifer will be travelling to Florida, and Diane is going on a skiing holiday - south of the border, I believe.

Many new residents have come to Amherst Island again this month. Steve Spence has moved permanently to the South Shore; Alice Pitt and M. J. Wass have rented Louise Seaman's house; and Marguerite Tennier, a weekend resident, bought Evelyn Taylor's house in the village. Harold and Shirley Belmonte have also taken up residence on the Island, up the front road. With the new influx of Islanders, there are always those moving to the mainland for the colder months. Sam Reid and Jennie McCormick have joined this group, moving to Millhaven to stay with Wilda Willard.

The Women's Institute held their annual Senior Citizen's Dinner Saturday December 8. A success as usual, most Islanders and many non-Islanders turned out for a delicious meal and some outstanding entertainment. Among those attending from off the Island were Arnold Smith, Kathleen Wemp, Madge Robinson, Reta Miller and Gordon Glenn.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Glenn's Store wishes to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers. Our many thanks for your patronage over the past year. We look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

We will be closed for business Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New

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Year's Day.

Our thanks,

Irene, Annette, John, Tracey and Shawna

Are there Islanders who play musical instruments who might be interested in getting together for jam sessions? Call Ellis Wolfrey at 389-2904.

For Sale

1 Uniroyal H78-15 snow tire.
Phone 389-5980.

1 set of plywood stock racks, with top, for half ton chev truck.
Phone 389-5980

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to friends and neighbours for your visits to the funeral home and funeral. For flowers, donations to the heart fund and all the sympathy cards.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

Madeline Glenn

Proposed Building By-law

The following is a draft by-law to provide for the issue of Building Permits in the Township of Amherst Island. It is being printed in the Beacon for two reasons: a) to bring to the attention of property owners that such a by-law is being considered by Council; b) to give interested parties an opportunity to review the draft by-law and to make any comments and suggestions they might have. Please pass your comments on to Council in writing, if possible.

You will note that this draft does not address the issue of action to be taken by Council for lack of compliance to the by-law, e.g. fines for not obtaining a permit. Perhaps that question will be covered by another by-law at a future date.

By-Law #... (Draft)

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island to provide for the issue of Building Permits

Whereas Subsection 2 of Section 5 of the Building Code Act, R.S.O. 1980, empowers municipal councils to pass by-laws and regulations respecting building permits;

Now Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island enacts as follows:
Section 1 Short Title

1.1. The By-law may be cited as "The Building By-law".

Section 2 Permits

2. 1. Classes of Permits

2. 1. 1. Classes of permits with respect to the construction and demolition of buildings shall be as set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

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2.2 Application for Permit

2.2.1. To obtain a permit, the owner or his authorized agent shall file an application, in writing by completing the prescribed forms available at the offices of the municipality.

2.2.2. Except as otherwise permitted by the chief official every application shall

a) identify and describe in detail the work and occupancy to be covered by the permit for which application is made;

b) describe the land on which the work is to be done, by a description that will readily identify and locate the building lot;

c) be accompanied by complete plans and specifications as described in Subsection 2.3;

d) state the valuation of the proposed work and be accompanied by the required fee;

e) state the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owner, architect, engineer or other designer and constructor;

f) be accompanied, where applicable, by a written, acknowledgment of the owner that he has retained the architect or professional engineer to carry out the field review of the construction, as described in Section 2.5 of the Regulations, and;

g) be signed by the owner or his authorized agent who shall certify the truth of the contents of the application.

2. 2. 3. An application for a permit may be deemed to have been abandoned and cancelled 6 months after the date of filing, unless such application is being seriously proceeded with.

2.3. Plans, Specifications and Information

2.3.1. Sufficient information shall be submitted with each application for a permit to enable the chief official to determine whether or not the proposed work will conform with the Act, the Regulations thereunder and any other applicable law.

2.3.2. Plans shall be drawn, to scale, legible and clearly understandable, upon paper or other durable material.

2.33. Plans, specifications and information furnished with the application shall be in numbers as prescribed by the municipality.

2.3.4. Unless otherwise permitted by the chief official, site plans shall be referenced to a current plan:

of survey, certified by a registered Ontario Land Surveyor, and a copy of such survey shall be submitted.

2.4. Approval in Part

2.4.1. When, in order to expedite work, a permit for a portion of the building is desired prior to the issuance of a permit for the whole project, application shall be made and fees paid for the complete project, and complete plans and specifications covering the portion of work for which immediate approval is desired shall be filed

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with the chief official.

2. 4. 2. Should a permit be issued for part of a building, the holder of such permit may proceed but the municipality gives no assurances that permits required for the remainder of the project will be granted.

Section 3

3.1. Fees for a required permit shall be in accordance with Schedule "A" to this By-law.

3. 2. Where the fees are based on the cost or valuation of the proposed work, such valuation shall mean the total cost of all work regulated by the permit including cost of professional and related services.

3.3. The prescribed fee as set out in Schedule "A" shall be paid before the issue of the permit.

3. 4. In the case of the non-commencement of the project and upon written request, the chief official shall determine the amount of refund of permit fees, if any, that may be returned to the permit holder, in accordance with Schedule "B" to this By-law.

Section 4 Notifications

4. 1. The owner or his authorized agent shall notify the chief official at least two (2) business days in advance of the stages of construction, specified in Section 2.9.1. of the Regulations.

Schedule 'A'

Classes of Permits and Permit Fees

Class of Permits	Permit Fees
1. To construct a dwelling (based on C.M.H.C. rate for construction, i.e. \$40 per square foot or \$400 per square metre)	\$5.00 plus \$2.00 per \$1,000 value of work
2. To construct a building, including a non-residential farm purpose building	\$5.00 plus \$2.00 per \$1,000 value of work
3. Renovations (including	

the installation of siding) to residential, commercial and farm buildings, including garages

\$5.00 plus \$2.00 per \$1,000 value of work

4.To demolish a building, other than on a farm

\$10.00

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5. To authorize occupancy of a building prior to its completion

\$10.00.

Buildings constructed for Township purposes do not require a building permit.

* Proof of Health Unit approval for septic system or holding tank is required before a building permit for a residential unit will be issued.

Schedule 'B'

Refund of Permit Fees

A. The fees that may be refunded shall be a percentage of the fees payable under this by-law, as follows. i) 80 per cent if administrative functions only have been performed; ii) 70 per cent if administrative and zoning functions only have been performed; iii) 45 per cent if administrative, zoning and plan examination functions have been performed; iv) 35 per cent if the permit has been issued and no field inspections have been performed subsequent to permit issuance; v) 5 per cent shall additionally be deducted for each field inspection that has been performed after the permit has been issued.

B. Notwithstanding paragraph A above, no refund shall be made of an amount less than \$10.00.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace. Wishing all a Joyous Christmas and the blessing of health and happiness in 1985

Norman and Georgie Allison

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The History Book Committee Of The Council Of The County of Lennox and Addington Requests the Honour of Your Presence At A Reception To Launch

The Smiling Wilderness
An Illustrated History of Lennox & Addington County
By Frank B. Edwards
Published by Camden House Publishing Company
Publishers of Harrowsmith and Equinox Magazines
To Be Held At The County Court House 97 Thomas
Street East, Napanee Wednesday, December 19, 1984
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Special Guests Will Be Frank B. Edwards Author of
"The Smiling Wilderness" & James Lawrence Editor &
Publisher, Camden House
Refreshments Will Be Served
{Editor's Note: This is the book that Randi Kennedy
went all over the County to collect photographs for.}

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Dump Ramblings

If your dump were animated and could communicate, I'm sure that it would be sending thanks and Seasons Greetings to those 95% of users who are trying to improve its usefulness. It undoubtedly would also say to the other 5 per cent, "Please have a heart, give me a break and treat me right".

A few days ago, John Firth, the Senior Environment Officer from the Abatement Section, visited the site and was more than pleased. He even took photos from a positive rather than a negative angle for possibly the first time. He passed on his thanks to you, diluted a little perhaps, with the wish that the fine co-operation would continue.

One cannot spend several days voluntarily dabbling in the work of a dump attendant without coming up with different ideas and impressions. Although it is frustrating to find garbage in the wrong area, it sometimes has a humorous side. For example, it was noted that a normal bag of garbage had been wrongly returned to the Metals and Furniture Department and in this bag with a split side could be seen a Pamper box and two empty Bacardi Rum bottles. My crazy reflections ranged from - "What a kid" to "Mother and baby doing well".

In the past when we have had to hire Peter and his not-too-big bulldozer, half the entire area of the dump had to be cleared. This was always done professionally and at a fee far less than an outside contractor would have charged. Unfortunately, in a few days after bulldozing, most of the cleared area would be receiving garbage, with preference near the entrance or on the ramp. The new concept is to consolidate the different types of garbage into small areas far from the entrance and to burn as much as possible. Bulldozing will still be required but less frequently and for smaller areas.

From fooling around at the dump, I concluded that anyone with a determined purpose, with a good wheelbarrow, with a barn fork, with some diesel oil and of course matches could, in eight hours a week, keep the dump in a satisfactory condition. This was recommended to Council and it was decided to implement the idea on a trial basis. Vaughn McMullen has agreed to give this a shot and his weekly wage will be equivalent to the cost of one hour of bulldozing. Seemingly, it will be more effective if the eight hours were broken into four hours on Wednesday and four hours on Saturday, depending on winter weather.

Here, and this should have been done in the beginning, I want to thank Stuart and his road crew for their quick response to the request for preparation of the turn area. It all happened in a matter of hours. This willingness to get on with it is quite amazing because over the years many of their efforts to help improve the dump have been exercises in futility because of uncaring users. There is the story that a few years ago the crew erected a strip of snow fence at the dump only to have it vanish in thin air - or did it fall on the sides of a duck blind?

During snow storms and icy conditions the dump road, ramp and turn area will receive last priority from our road crew. However, they will attend to it in due course. The prudent dumper should keep his garbage until tomorrow or even later in order to save a wasted trip or possible mishap when such conditions prevail.

As it becomes available, Stuart will stockpile earth near the turn area. When the burnt refuse reaches the level of the turn area on the south side, it will be covered with earth. Over a period of time, this will make the turn area larger and the throw area steeper and higher. Gravel will be added as required after the earth becomes stable enough to support private vehicles.

Many Township Dumps do not have pest control. Apparently, regular and complete burnings tend to keep the rats under control. We pay Burtons \$60.00 for one quick trip a month to the dump
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Dump Ramblings (continued)

or \$720. annually. John Firth is checking with the appropriate department to find out what correct action can be taken to decrease or eliminate this charge with a view to directing any savings towards the wages of our part-time worker. You will be kept advised.

Simple as it may seem, there is a right and wrong way to burn the dump. First it must be prepared. All strays and mavericks must be placed on the main pile, the higher the better for the most intense heat to burn

wet garbage. During burning, the burner will have to encourage fringe areas with a splash or two of diesel oil. When properly done, very little except ca

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Council Report for January 7th 1985
- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council attended. The minutes of the previous meetings were read. At a special meeting on Dec. 17th the tenders for the Miller Drain were opened. The lowest bid, by Morven Construction for \$126,962.70, was accepted subject to the approval of the drainage engineer. [This approval has now been received.]

Don Tubb addressed council on the new building by-law. He had written a letter to Council outlining various concerns. Geoff Mathews spoke to Council about the ownership of the Township Dump. There appears to be confusion over the various deeds and descriptions concerning it. Later in the meeting Council decided to ask Peter Hopkins Ontario Land Surveyor, to produce a survey of the dump. A survey includes researching all the various bits of paper dealing with ownership, so that the matter will be clarified. In 1977 the township lawyer had recommended a survey, but the Council of that time had not felt that its cost was justified.

The Reeve reported on his activities for the month. This year he is on the County Executive Committee, the County Library Committee and the Board of the Lennox and Addington County Hospital.

Larry Shea again asked for priority on the ferry for his milk truck. This will be considered at a Ferry Committee meeting. The insurance for the ferry was renewed.

Plans are continuing for replacing the bridge on the third concession. Plans have been sent to M.T.C. for approval. M.T.C. has not yet said they will pay for it, but Council is optimistic that they will.

The Ministry of the Environment

is finally pleased with the condition of the dump. Council decided to cancel the agreement with Burton's Sanitation for rat control, because no rats have been

seen since the dump was cleaned up. This will save \$60 per month.

Council discussed a much reduced plan for modifying the township office, and approved the plans. Tender documents will be drawn up and three local bidders asked to bid on the work. Ian Murray declared conflict of interest and left the room while this subject was discussed.

Council is to try to get help to straighten up the cemeteries under a summer works project. Council passed the regular borrowing by-law for 1985. The 1985 budget is to be drawn up shortly.

The new building by-law was discussed briefly. An ad hoc committee (Ian Murray, chairman, Chester Tugwell, Ted Welbanks) was set up to consider the by-law. The draft by-law states that a building permit will be required for almost any work done on a building, except painting it, with numerous inspections, permits, drawings etc. being required. Anyone concerned about this should contact a committee member as soon as possible.

Additional funding is being requested for the Miller Drain, as the delays have led to an increase in cost. The Eves family had requested that the calculations for the drainage assessments be made public. Allison stated that there had been ample opportunity for this at the numerous court hearings, and to do this now would not be in the public interest, as it would increase the cost of the drain and would delay it further. In a recorded vote, Murray and Welbanks dissenting, Council decided not to release the assessment calculations.

Council referred the procedural by-law to the ad hoc by-law committee. This by-law, like the building by-law, is long and involved, but is worth looking at because it will affect many of our future dealings with Council. It has been suggested that anyone who wants to address Council must tell Council before the agenda is circulated and provide Council with a written brief beforehand.

The Ministry of the Environment is offering assistance for small municipal water supplies, and Council is to see whether it could benefit the Island. Council endorsed a resolution to the Ontario Government from Adjala Township that farmers continue to have the right to kill dogs straying on property where livestock is kept. This came into question in a recent court case where a dog was shot as it left a field after attacking a sheep flock (not on Amherst Island).

Council then, adjourned.

Income Tax Notes 1984

- Leslie Gavlas, courtesy H&R Black
(Leslie's phone... 384-2807)

Having received favourable response to my tax notes for 1983, I am encouraged to write a few notes again this year. If anyone has a specific problem they would like me to deal with, please let me know.

First a few changes in the 1984 tax return. Most obvious is the change in the numbering of the lines, which will probably confuse professional tax preparers more than individuals:

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1. Exemptions for 1984:

Basic Personal Exemption... \$3960

Age exemption (born 1919 or earlier)... \$2480

Married exemption (spousal net income not above \$490)... \$3470

Wholly dependent children

- born 1967 or later with net income not above \$2540... \$ 710

- born 1966 or earlier with net income not above \$2600... \$1360

Disability deduction... \$2480

Child tax credit if net family income not above \$26,330... \$367/child

2. A change in alimony or child support deductions - P.2. line 222

As always, only amounts covered by court order or written agreement can be covered. A written agreement signed after December 31, 1984 may stipulate, retroactively, the deduction of outlays for:

- a) purchase or improvement of the recipients residence to a limit of 20% of the original cost of such property
- b) tangible property on account of a medical or educational expense.

Normally, if funds are withdrawn, from a spousal RRSP the person who contributed the funds must claim the interest on funds contributed during the past 3 years in the spouse's names. In the year of separation or divorce, this rule does not apply.

3. On the sale of farm property a full time farmer may make a contribution to an RRSP equal to the lesser of the taxable capital gain, or \$10000 for each year of full time farming between 1972 and 1983 inclusive. This would result in a considerable tax shelter.

4. Additional medical expenses are permitted for expenses incurred in travelling to and from a school and for residence expenses while learning to handle dogs trained to lead and assist blind or deaf persons. Dog

food and training lessons for the dog are also deductible.

5. Only charitable deductions supported by receipts are deductible - the standard \$100 deduction has been discontinued.

6. The disability deduction for the blind may be claimed if a person was blind at any time in 1984. Persons confined to a wheelchair or bed, and persons who would be confined to a wheelchair or bed were it not for the use of a mechanical device, can claim the deduction if a doctor certifies the disability will persist for a 12 month period. Previously the deduction was only allowed after a period of twelve months of such a disability.

7. If you have not filed back taxes and are eligible for a refund the limit to filing is now 3 years instead of 4. 1982 returns for refunds can still be filed until 1986.

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8. On P. 4 of the tax return, line 468, there is a box whereby an individual's tax refunds may now be transferred to a spouse who owes tax. Note, however, the effective date of the transfer is the date the return, is assessed. A note requesting this transfer should be included.

9. Some of the supporting schedules have been, renumbered. A new sheet has been included with the schedules describing "Investment Income Choices - Methods of Reporting Interest" on the reverse side of which is a form for reporting Compound Interest on Canada Savings Bonds on the Accrual Method.

At H&R Block we recommend that individuals who invest in Canada Savings Bonds and long term GIC's report the interest from these sources on the accrual basis (that is, interest carried but not paid in the year) rather than, waiting to report the interest on a lump sum basis when finally received. This often results in more of the interest being tax free as the \$1000 Interest, Dividend and Capital Gain Deduction on, line 238 can be more fully used. Anyone with money invested in Canada Savings Bonds should also be aware that, because of high interest rates in past years, some of the Interest may be reported as a Capital Gains only half of which is taxable. This applies to regular Canada Savings Bond Series 32 - 35 Issued 1977 - 80.

10. I have not seen the 1984 T4's on which employment income will be reported, but I understand it has been drastically changed with new boxes for extra information.

There have been a couple of changes at H&R Block this year. Our office at 40 Princess St. is now open - as it is all year. Our offices at Sears and LaSalle Park Plaza are opening early - Monday, January 14th. This year all three offices will offer our Cash Back Service in addition to our Regular Service. Appointments are available if requested.

Social Notes

- Annette Phillips

With the Christmas Season now past and a measure of normalcy returned to most households, there seems to be little to look forward to besides cold, snow and the eventual freezing of the lake.

But take heart! For something warm to do next month, try the I.S.L.E. committee's annual ham dinner. It will be held Wednesday, February 6 at the school. Neither rain nor sleet nor snow will stop the committee from cooking up their yearly feast, and they are expecting a good turnout again this year.

Perhaps the biggest news for January is the 25th wedding anniversary of Vaughn and Margaret McMullen. Sponsored by their children an open house will be held at the school Saturday, January 12 at 8 p.m. Actually it will be over by the time this is read, so, many congratulations and very best wishes to Vaughan and Margaret.

On the darker side, many of us have mourned the passing of Louise, infamous canine on the corner and longtime pet of Doug Wilson. Louise was unfortunately put to sleep a few weeks before Christmas, having suffered from an illness her vet said may have been cancer. In her place we welcome Cara, Doug's two-year-old Doberman. Fully registered,

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Cara is an excellent watchdog when she moves from her side of the bed.

The New Year's party was apparently a big success again, this year with some unexpected entertainment supplied. After-hours activities were either very limited or those taking part were reluctant to give details.

There are 301 shopping days until Christmas.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

A new rotation will be arriving on Jan 21st. New large tapes and cassettes are already in.

Interloans have slowed down, so please feel free to ask Donna or myself for any reading materials or films and we will gladly do our best to get these books etc for

you or your group.

March 10th at 2:00 pm at the school will be the Festival Brass. This is free admission and a good way to get out for an afternoon so I'm hoping to see lots and lots of faces of all ages.

Valentine Dance

Country and Western, music by Houston, will be featured at this year's Valentine Dance, sponsored by A.I. Legion Branch 539.

The Dance will be held at the school, Saturday Feb 9. Doors open at 7:15 with dancing from 8:15 to 12:15. Tickets are \$15 a couple. Buffet lunch will be served from 9 pm on.

Tickets are on sale from the following Legion members - Chester Tugwell, Tom Miller and John Glenn.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

On January 19th, the Women's Institute is having its Family Night Dinner at the home of Caroline Yull. The winners of the essay contest were Trudy Strain, "Water for a Thirsty World", and Penny Thornhill, "My Dream of Peace".

Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

[Apologies: the Beacon computer swallowed last month's W.I. submission. We are reprinting it here, in full (a month late).]

The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Hitchins. Role call was the most interesting book read in the last year. Senior Citizen's dinner was held on December 8th with a good turnout, not only of guests but, thankfully, a good number of volunteers to help out. Thank you all for pitching in to help with the kitchen and serving. The Women's Institute works for the community but it is so greatly appreciated when you from the community come out and pitch in to help the Amherst Island Women's Institute. It makes it all worthwhile. Thank you to those who helped financially too. Without your help the dinner would not be possible. Thank you to the Legion Branch 539, the Burleigh L.O.L. and various guests at the Senior Citizen's Day. If we can't get you to join and be a member yet, we thank you for supporting our projects. {The information announcing the December meeting is omitted in this reprint.}

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us.

4-H News

- Phyllis Strain

Join 4-H in February to learn to "bake from scratch"
- a skill that still everyone should learn.

4-H Basic Baking is the next club. You get first
hand experience in making pies, cakes and tea biscuits.

You must be 12 to 21 years by January 1, 1985 to
join.

Please contact Mrs. Phyllis Strain (389-1736) if
interested.

Help! I need someone to help lead. Please contact me if
interested. Mrs. Phyllis Strain (389-1736).

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Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

- Rick Tait

There will be a CPR course held on Amherst Island
in February. Dates have yet to be set, but will be posted
at the store as soon as possible.

Everyone who took the CPR course at the school
last year must re-certify to keep their certificate current.

For more information please contact Rick Tait at
389-3444 or 389-3802.

Ontario Heart And Stroke Fund News

- The Amherst Island W.I.

February is the month we canvass for funds. In co-
operation with I.S.L.E. we will again be accepting
donations for the Ontario Heart and Stroke Fund at the
Ham Dinner on February 6, 1985. Please come and
enjoy dinner and help two worthy organizations.
Receipts given. Donations also accepted at the store.
Thank you.

Cards of Thanks

I'm taking this opportunity to thank my family,
friends, relatives and neighbours for cards, phone calls,
gifts and visits I received while in hospital and since
returning home. A special thanks to the visiting
committees of the A.C.W. and the P.C.W. for their
"goodies", also my fellow ferry crew workers for the
lovely picture they gave me. It was nice to be
remembered by so many nice people. Thanks again.

Eldon Willard

We wish to thank our friends, neighbours and
relatives for the lovely cards and gifts given to us on the
occasion of our 40th wedding anniversary. Also a
special thanks to Bobby and Valerie for the nice dinner

they put on for us. Thanks to each and everyone.

Thelma and Charlie Howard

We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank-
you to everyone who stopped in to see Tommy
and to those who sent Get Well cards, flowers, gifts and
Christmas cards. We appreciate your thoughts and
concerns. We would also like to thank the boat crew
who waited for the Ambulance.

Tommy is coming along fairly well and should be
home before too long.

David, Marj and Shirley Brown

P. S. Thank you Santa Claus for the envelope.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our
friends, relatives and neighbours for visits to the funeral
home, sympathy cards and expressions of sympathy at
the time of our loss of a devoted loving mother and
Grandmother.

A special thank you to the boat crews for the floral
tribute.

Thank you to those who brought gifts of food to our
home.

Your thoughtfulness has been comforting and is
greatly appreciated.

Wm and Helen Bulch and family

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends and
relatives for their kindness and concern during the loss
of a dear father and grandfather, Walter Wilson.

Your thoughtfulness and the comfort you've given
will always be remembered.

Dons and Judy Miller and family

Janet and Alex Scott and their family would like to
thank the residents of Amherst Island for making them
welcome on the Island.

Please be advised that Dr. Scott's office number is
384-1337 (not 389-1337) as previously reported.

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Wanted

Debby Bedford and children need a place to live.
Does anyone know of a place that might be available
from the end of March until, at least, the end of June?
Please call her at 384-4338.

For Sale

2 aluminum storm windows, size 47" x 29 1/2" each
price \$25.00 each, or best offer

Marshal Glenn phone 389-5769

Local Government Week

Township of Amherst Island

In recognition of Local Government Week, January 14-19th, 1985, a series of information, bulletins have been forwarded to all local municipalities. One or more of these releases will be printed in the Beacon each month for your interest and information:

Municipal Trivia

Local Government Representation

Good Fences Make Good Neighbours

Municipal Social Services

Your Building Official

Municipal Trivia

Questions (Answers on Page 9)

1. Which Ontario municipality was the capital of Upper Canada?
2. Which Ontario municipality was the first capital of Canada?
3. Which Ontario townships were named after Lady Simcoe's dogs.
4. When did property taxation begin in Ontario?
5. Name eight Ontario municipalities which are named after world capitals?
6. Which Ontario town attributes its founding to the discovery of silver?
7. Which Ontario town is the birthplace of Sir Frederick Banting, the discoverer of insulin?
8. Which Ontario village is the birth place of world – famous economist, John Kenneth Galbraith?
9. Which two Ontario cities are linked by the Rideau Canal?
10. Which Ontario city had the first electric streetcar system in North America?
11. In which Ontario municipality can you find the golf course that holds the Canadian Opens?
12. What is Ontario's most southerly municipality?
13. Name Ontario's most northerly municipality.
14. Which Ontario town is famous for the Canadian Old Time Fiddlers Contest?
15. In which Ontario village was North America's first oil well established?
16. Which Ontario city has a giant nickel as its well known landmark?
17. Which Ontario village was moved to allow the dredging of the St. Lawrence Seaway?
18. Which Ontario city is home to the largest continuing

Shakespearean Festival in Canada?

19. Name two reasons why Brantford, Ontario is famous.

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20. Where in Ontario is the Terry Fox monument located?

21. Where in Ontario is the largest lift-lock in the world located?

22. Where can Ontario's last remaining covered bridge be found?

23. Which Ontario city is the birthplace of Colonel John McCrae, who wrote "In Flanders Fields"?

24. Which Ontario lake is named after the Indian word meaning "submerged land"?

25. Which Ontario town is named after the Indian word meaning "green sparkling water"?

26. What is the name of the oldest municipality in Ontario?

27. Name Ontario's largest municipality, in terms of population.

28. Name Ontario's smallest municipality in terms of population.

29. Which Ontario municipality has the highest per capita income?

30. What is the date of Ontario's next municipal elections?

We were shocked by the serious car accident that happened after midnight Friday. We offer our concern and support to Kirk Collins, Susan McGinn, Marion Collins, Jimmy Reid and their families. Marion, is at KGH and the others are at The Hotel Dieu.

Ferry Tickets

- Ian Murray

The statement on the ferry tickets to the effect that neither the Township nor MTC is responsible "for Damage, Injury and/or expenses to vehicles and/or passengers and/or cargo" is there at the insistence of Bickerton Brokers Ltd, the Township's insurance agent. This statement is intended to discourage people from making claims, just or unjust. I believe it has no real validity - legal or moral.

If you, your car, or your goods have been damaged on the ferry and you believe that some liability should be assumed by the Township, as operators of the ferry, I think that you would be wise to bring the matter to Council's attention, regardless of words on the ticket.

For example, if you are backing your car under the direction of a crew member and your car is scratched by

a projecting truck mirror, I think you would have a good claim. However, if you disregarded the crew member's directions then, I doubt very much that you would have a valid claim.

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Municipal Trivia

Answers

1. Niagara-on-the-Lake.
2. Kingston.
3. Flos, Tay and Tiny (all in the County of Simcoe).
4. 1793.
5. London, Kingston, Paris, Athens, Vienna, Hamilton., Perth.
6. Cobalt.
7. Alliston.
8. Dutton.
9. Ottawa and Kingston.
10. St. Catharines.
11. Oakville.
12. Township of Pelee.
13. Township of Pickle Lake.
14. Shelburne.
15. Oil Springs (in the County of Lambton).
16. Sudbury.
17. Morrisburg.
18. Stratford.
19. It is the location of the first telephone call and it's Wayne Gretzky's birthplace.
20. Thunder Bay.
21. Peterborough.
22. West Montrose (over the Grand River).
23. Guelph.
24. Lake Scugog.
25. Washago.
26. Moosonee.
27. Metropolitan Toronto (2,140,347).
28. Cockburn Island - 2 (Manitoulin).
29. Markham.
30. November 12, 1985.

A Library Presentation

The Festival Brass

Send In The Clowns

How do you make a conch shell yell, a trumpet cry, a French horn call and a trombone slide? Let the members of this energetic trio show you. Their innovative concerts stimulate the listening skills of younger children through illustrative music, names, and a musical story....

Wait till you see Johanna, Randi and Susan as clowns.

This group offers a very enjoyable family concert. They offer something for every age to enjoy.

March 10, 1985 at 2:00 pm

Free Admission

Amherst Island Public School

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Editor:

During the past summer, I was completely "disgusted" to witness the "rash" of vandalism of our village of Stella, ranging from the throwing of bicycles over the dock, to the flattening of tires on our ferry crew's vehicles, the breaking of windows in nearby barns and dock buildings, stealing of gasoline and groceries from parked vehicles and possibly other instances of which I am not aware.

There seemed to have been a lull in such activities until last evening (Saturday, January 12th) when, as a great majority of our Island residents, joined with Margaret and Vaughn McMullen, in their celebration of their 25th wedding Anniversary at the Amherst Island Community Centre, a systematic vandalism of mail boxes was carried out on the third concession. Such senseless and unnecessary deeds of vandalism lead one to a revolting anger and a determination to adequately punish those responsible. One such mail box installation, which was of unique design was not only vandalized but a portion of it was removed and presumably stolen.

Investigation by police officers are an exercise in futility unless there is assistance provided by local residents and we must all become "watchdogs" of strange vehicles and strange actions by their drivers. When such actions are observed, it is usually comparatively easy to jot down the licence number, which usually is a good lead to be used by police officers.

Members of our ferry crews are also in an excellent position to observe "vehicles and their passengers" in transit on the Amherst Islander and to observe untoward behaviour which leads to suspicion. Many times, in the past, crew members have been accessory to the apprehension of thieves, who unfortunately have indulged in a "no good reason" for visiting Amherst Island.

Recently I heard of a crewman's clever carrying out of some "watchdog" activity.

As the Amherst Islander lay at the Stella dock, after having discharged the load of cars, a new line of cars was forming, the first car in the line up drove down on, to the dock and a lady stepped out with a large bag of garbage, which she deposited at the dockside and got

back in the car, whereupon, the crewman, taking a note pad, stepped out on the dock and standing in front of the car recorded the license number, no sooner had he returned to the boat when, the same lady hastily climbed out of the car, grabbed her bag of garbage and replaced it in the car - I suppose to try the same method of disposal somewhere else, to litter the countryside.

Let us all resolve to be alert and observant it is the only way to eliminate such undesirable activities in our community.

“Anonymous” {name withheld at request}

Editor, “Island Beacon”
Dear Sir:

The columns of our “Island Beacon” seems to offer a means of communication with our community and I am going to use these channels to express my opinion concerning a matter that I feel should have consideration by our Municipal Council.

Each time that I attend an event at our Amherst Island Community Centre I become increasingly aware of the congestion that exists in the parking area in connection therewith, not only congestion., but also the hazards of damages to vehicles in getting in and out of the parking area.

I feel very strongly that consideration should be given to an

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enlargement of the parking area, which would eliminate the necessity of vehicles being parked on the roadside, particularly in winter time when icy conditions prevail and older people find difficulty in making the long trek from their cars to the hall and return.

When purchase of this approximately five acre area was made in 1946, by the Board of Trustees of the Township School Area of Amherst Island from Clarence R. Hogeboom, it seemed to us that we had provided very adequately, not only for our immediate needs, but for future projections of use. We have, in the intervening 38 years, seen unanticipated development of use of this area until it has now become a much used centre of our Community Life - I doubt if any similar public facility, within the bounds of our County, is more widely used, and certainly exemplifies the wise expenditure of public moneys as well as generous contributions by private groups and individuals.

Getting back to my proposal of extending the parking area, I am not sure how this should be undertaken but cannot help but feel that the initiatory steps should be taken by Municipal Council. Since the inception of County Boards of Education, we have to a

considerable degree lost our local autonomy and an approach would have to be made to representatives of the L.&A. County Board of Education, (since we have no longer a local representative on the Board) to work out a mutual agreement regarding such area being attached to the present school grounds. I would strongly suggest that the purchase of the required area should be made by Council rather than negotiating the same through Board channels. I am sure that the owner of the adjacent farm, James Neilson, would be very co-operative in the purchase and I, for one, would be only too pleased, to contribute my recently received and uncashed cheque, covering refund of previously paid for building permits, to this project.

We as a municipality, have at our disposal, the equipment, the availability of the necessary fill, crushed stone etc. which would make it possible to adequately drain, fill and suitably surface an increased area of sufficient size in order to provide for a substantial number of parking spaces.

May I hear further expressions on this proposal from interested residents.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. Bruce Caughey.

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Masthead
- Ian Murray

The drawing on our masthead is an original drawing by Shirley Miller. The scene is on the 3rd Concession road in front of Donald and Judy Miller's, looking west. I asked her to comment on her sketch and she replied:

A Beacon warns. A Beacon welcomes.
A Beacon warms. It is reassuring.
These trees stand here year after year.
Always the same but never the same.
Never presenting quite the same image.
Totally dependent on the light.

Contributions...

are wanted and needed. The Beacon is only as good as the material put into it .

There area lot of events and happenings in our community that should be mentioned in the Beacon but aren't because nobody took the time to record them. Please remember that, for some people, the Beacon is their only link to the Island. Also, in years to come, our paper may form a part of your own memories.

It really helps the staff work load if we can get submissions by the 10th of the month.

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Council Report for Feb. 5, 1985
- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The building inspector, Ed Chadband, presented his annual report. There were three fewer building permits issued last year than in 1983, but the Estimated Capital Investment was almost doubled, at \$288,815. There were 2 residences,

5 garages, 4 additions, 8 for siding, and miscellaneous others including a Twp privy and an in-ground swimming pool. Council had a report on the increased costs to the Miller Drain due to the delay from July 1982 to August 1985 (projected completion). Interest was \$22,506.14, and legal costs, \$5,188.

Council tabled until the next meeting the revised (and much simplified) building by-law. The reeve reported on this month's activities. He attended five meetings on behalf of the township, and four county meetings. The county councillors also raised their salaries and expense allowances for meetings.

Stuart Miller, the road superintendent, discussed the roads with council. The grader and dump truck are getting older. He says they work well, but may become unreliable and need expensive repairs sometime soon. Council discussed briefly the road over Charlie Howard's hill where the recent accident took place. The plans for the replacement of the bridge on the third concession have been completed. We won't hear if money is available from the province until April or May.

The surveyors have not yet finished work on the dump. Three tenders were requested for the work on the Municipal Building. Only one was received from Turvy General Contracting, so they were awarded the job, and have already started work. The Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Course is coming up again on March 30th and 31st. Council is willing to pay for fire crew members to attend. The new stage in the school is finished, Council passed a vote of thanks to Rick Bedford, Jack Forester and others for a very fine job.

There will be a budget meeting February 31st was suggested as a date. It was fixed for February 25th. Council then discussed briefly, and then passed, a by-law to correct the drainage by-law. Diane noticed a short time ago, that the figures for assessment in the drainage by-law had not been changed after the Court of Revision corrections, though they had been changed in the Appendix A attached to the original by-law. The new by-law corrects this oversight. The contract for the drain has been signed with Morven Construction. Council decided they did not need a drainage superintendant. Council has received a letter from the township solicitor recommending that the revised assessments be reviewed by all parties involved (with an engineer from Graham Engineering present) to ensure there are no gross errors. He also said that the completion of the drain and the review of the figures for assessment are two independent items. Council therefore is requesting from Graham Engineering a cost estimate for reviewing the assessment figures.

Council discussed increasing the parking lot at the school for community functions. They will investigate the problem. Council will meet to discuss the procedural by-law, which will cover matters to be included in the minutes, delegations and availability of information.

Council is to meet with the Ministry of the Environment to discuss improvements to private water and sewage systems in the village. Then Council dealt with various pieces of correspondence, and adjourned.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette & Staff

The Island community was saddened by the death of our friend and neighbour, Harry Fleming, on February 8th. Our sympathy to Syke, his children, grandchildren, parents and sisters.

The Legion spring dance was a success again this year. Visitors attending from off-Island included Mimi Regimbal, Mike Martel, Jim Rollo, all of Coppercliff.

Debbie Bedford & family are moving to Odessa on April 1. Brian & Roberta Riel are moving back into their house.

The Wilfred Miller family was together this Christmas for the first time since they left home: Tom, Keith, Rosemary, Claire and Harold.

Congratulations to Karen McGinn and Bob Seeley who are to be married Saturday, February 23rd.

Welcome to the Island, Sarah Matthews.
Congratulations to Marnie and Geoff and to sister Grace.

Next week is reading week for university students. If anyone is inclined to observe what a real preppie does on holidays, they might like to watch Maureen pumping gas at Bert's Shell in Bath. She's a real pro.

Notice

A new permanent resident on the Island, Steve Spence, can obtain safety films. Any Island groups and organizations wishing to view safety films on such topics as

- Industrial

- Recreational

- Winter/Snowmobile

should contact Steve at 389-6555.

Notice

Anyone interested in the Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation course to be given on March 30th and 31st should contact Rick Tait at 389-3444 before

March 15th.

Investments and Income Tax

- Leslie Gavlas,

(Courtesy H&R Block)

Earnings from money invested by taxpayers are treated by the income tax act in many different ways. One should be aware of this when, investing excess funds.

1. Your home is one of the best investments because if it is later sold at a profit you do not need to report the profit and are not taxed on the profit. However, if your home sits on a large lot (usually more than an acre) you may need to pay tax on an increase in the value of the land. When, buying or selling real estate it is advisable to get a break-down showing the amount of the sale price relating to the land, the house and any other buildings which may be on the property.

2. The most common investments are bank accounts. You are required to declare any interest earned on your bank account whether or not the bank sends a form to advise you (a T-5). Banks do not normally send out forms if the amount is less than \$100.00 but you can determine the actual amount from your pass book.

First accounts set up for children using the family allowance are considered to be the child's money and interest earned on these accounts do not need to be reported by the parents. Marty couples hold bank accounts and other investments jointly in both names. People often ask me how these amounts should be split. According to law the interest should be claimed by the person who supplied the funds; so a split of interest is only possible if both parties contribute to the account or other investment.

Interest in amounts less than \$1000.00 is not taxable as it can be deducted on line 238, "Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains Deduction. However it may be wise to establish a pattern of splitting the interest between 2 eligible taxpayers even when the amounts are very small. Actually, I personally

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believe it is advantageous for working couples to keep their savings separately.

3. Some other popular investments are Canada Savings Bonds and G. I. C.'s. Last month I made some mention of the desirability of reporting interest from these on the accrual basis. Again, when jointly held by 2 parties the interest can be split according to the share contributed by each person.

4. Stocks are a good investment for tax purposes. The dividends received by the taxpayer provide a tax credit

which reduces the actual amount of tax payable. Also, the income from the dividends are not taxable if the total of interest, dividends and Capital Gains is \$1000.00 or less. (Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains Deduction line 238). There are many low risk stocks on the market but one should seek expert advice before buying stocks.

When stocks or bonds are sold at a profit, or when a bonus is issued when a Canada Savings Bond is cashed, the gains are called Capital Gains and only one half of the amount is taxable. Capital Gains arising from these sources are also deductible at line 238 as part of the Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains Deduction.

5. There are two investments that qualify as "Tax Shelters". These are the Registered Home Ownership Savings Plan - RHOSP - and the Registered Retirement Savings Plan - RRSP. Money invested in either of these plans reduces the taxable income in the year of the investment and no tax is paid on interest earned while the money is in the plan. The RHOSP was designed for people who do not own their own homes. A maximum of \$1000.00 can be invested each year to a total maximum of \$10,000.00. If the funds are withdrawn to purchase your own, home (and, sometimes, furnishings) the money remains tax free. According to a recent CBC radio program this plan may be discontinued. The RRSP is a good way to save money for retirement. The funds can accumulate until the year of the taxpayer's 71st birthday. The money is taxable when withdrawn from the plans but the tax can be spread over a period of years by using the funds to purchase suitable pension plans.

RRSP's are not a good investment if the taxpayer can foresee a need for the funds in the near future unless the taxpayers income is certain to drop at the same time. RHOSP funds must be invested within the calendar tax year. However it is still possible to invest in RRSP's for 1984 - the deadline is March 1, 1985.

I would be pleased to answer any tax question my readers may have. My telephone numbers:
H&R Block 549-8800 local 227
Home 384-2807.

1985 Kids Softball
- Brian Ward

I know that February is early to be thinking of softball but to get organized we must start now. As you will see from the following lists of kids that could participate we may end up with four teams this year:

Peewee Ages 13 & 14 (Mixed)

Squirt Ages 11 & 12 (Mixed)

Mite Ages 9 & 10 (Mixed)

Grasshopper Ages 5 to 8 (Mixed)

This year I am only going to coach one team probably the Peewee or the Squirt team. Rick Bedford may coach one team so we are going to need coaches for the other two teams. If anyone is interested please give me a call and sometime in March I feel that we should all get together and have a meeting.

You will notice that some of the kids listed are younger than the required ages for the Division where they are listed. This is due to the fact that I was trying to balance

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the numbers on the teams. At our meeting in March we could discuss alternative ways of doing this if we feel that these lists won't work.

Kids! if your name is on the list and you are not going to play please call me and let me know. If you want to play and your name is not on the list please call me. Phone 389-5767.

If we do go with the above four teams we are going to require new sweaters, probably for the Peewee team. We could use our blue sweaters for the Mite team and our black sweaters for the Squirt team. In that case, we will need more financial help than other years to help buy these sweaters. Any organization who is willing to help sponsor our kids softball would be greatly appreciated.

I hope we can get some coaching help for these teams or the kids will not be able to play this year. Also we must know as soon as possible what kids are planning to play or we cannot make any further plans.

Peewee Team

Steve Ward

Rick Welbanks

Donnie Miller

Kirk Collins

Julie Forester

Nicky McGinn

Trudy Strain

Jamie Miller

Jim Belsmith

Sandra Wilson

Jake Lewis

Tessa Fabian

David Cunningham

Penny Thornihill

Laurie Trausdale

Teddy Bienais

Squirt Team

Hugh Filson

Mike Strain

Jeff deHaan

Jeff Forester
Sherry Ward
Laura Wemp
Reg Hitchins
Peter Horth
Mike Horth
Richard Dodds
Jamie Thornhill
Jamie Scott
Karen Studstrud

Mite Team

Chad Miller
Jessie Yull
Amy Caughey
Tracy Hitchins
Jason Silver
Jamie Silver
Gordon Trausdale
Lori Caughey
Sarah Scott
Ricky Bedford
Gordon Thornhill
Ruth Scott
Sarah deHaan

Grasshopper Team

Kevin McCormick
Jason Fleming
Crystal Bedford
Heidi Hitchins
Angela Fleming
Jason Hitchins
Douglas Gavlas
Jessica Gavlas
Adam Studstrud
Sarah deHaan
Billy Cunningham
Jill Caughey
Tyler Hutchings

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Thank you for the support on the Heart Fund. A
total of \$230 was c

Hitchins for all their efforts that night and to Aunt Elsie for waiting at hospital to bring me home.

Again I say thank you to anyone that helped me or Mom and Dad in any way.

- Jim Reid

We wish to thank our relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and gifts for our 25th anniversary. A Special thanks to Bruce Caughey Sr. and Bruce Caughey Jr and Doug Wilson and the ladies of P.C.W. Thanks to Helen and Bruce for the lovely supper we had on our anniversary. Thanks to each and everyone.

- Vaughan & Margaret McMullen

I would like to thank all friends and relatives for flowers, cards and visits received while I was a patient at Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Special thanks to Kirk Collins, Jim Reid, Garry Hitchins and Phil Silver, to Margaret and Vaughan McMullen. Your kindness will always be remembered.

- Susan McGinn

We wish to thank the residents of Amherst Island who kindly donated clothing etc. to our family after our recent loss of possessions in a house fire.

- Raymond and Jean Kay

Mr. Rick Bedford

Mr. Jack Forester

Dear Rick and Jack,

Council has asked me to express their thanks for the excellent job you did in the construction of the permanent stage for the community centre/gymnasium. All of us who attend various functions at the school can appreciate the need for a proper stage and I'm sure your efforts will assist in many years of enjoyment for the community.

Please extend Council's thanks to anyone else who helped you with this project.

Yours very truly, Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer

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[The Beacon Staff Apologizes for Losing this Letter for 2 Issues. If anyone notices that we've missed something or made a mistake, please let us know.]

I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, gifts, flowers and the many phone calls received while I was in hospital and after I returned home.

Many thanks to the ladies who brought me "goodies" after I returned home. " Bob also appreciated them."

Thanks again to you all.

- Emily Tugwell

Lost

Wednesday, January 31 between Glenn's Store and the 9 am boat: a baby comforter covered in blue-patterned cotton material. Fell off sleigh in mad dash for boat. Please call Caroline Yull 384-4071 or drop off at house - (used to be Fred Neilson's). Thanks.

I.S.L.E. Committee

- Annette

The I.S.L.E. Committee wishes to extend a sincere thank-you to the many Islanders who have helped us out over the past couple of months.

First, to the local service groups for their financial support in building a new coat rack. Doug Wilson and Ed Chadband did a wonderful job at building and installing it at the school.

Our Ham Dinner was a success again this year and many thanks to all those who took time to help out: Thelma Howard, Irene Glenn, Steven Viau, Susie Caughey, Lyn Fleming and the volleyball teams.

We are looking for donations of used cups, dishes and cutlery to aid us in our hot lunch program for the students. Many mothers have been kind enough to prepare and serve the lunches each Wednesday. Thanks to Pam McCormick, Marie Ward, Deb Bedford, Steven Viau, Anne-Marie Hitchins, Diane Gavlas and Hazel deHaan. Thanks also to Irene Glenn for providing food at a reasonable cost.

I.S.L.E. has a portable stage for sale, 16 feet by 8 feet. We will take best offer. Call Bob at 389-2916.

from The Building Inspector's Annual Report

Year Estimated Capital Investment

1979 \$209,000

1980 302,755

1981 185,740

1982 232,300

1983 155,350

1984 288,815

Definitions

- Ambrose Bierce

Aborigines, n. Persons of little worth found cumbering the soil of a newly discovered country. They soon cease to cumber; they fertilize.

Acquaintance, n. A person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to. A degree of friendship called slight when its object is poor or obscure, and intimate when he is rich and famous.

Bore, n. A person who talks when you wish him to listen.

A simpleton farmer named Brown
Once planted his crops upside down
The plants began growing
But the roots were all showing
So he pulled up his roots and left town.

An Islander was driving to Kingston when he saw a young man running along the side of the road with 6 dogs hard on his heels. He slammed on the brakes and shouted "Quick get in!"

"Thanks", panted the young man "Most people won't give me a ride when they see that I have 6 dogs."

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Thank You ...

- Staff

Thanks to everyone who made a special effort to get articles and other submissions to us by the 10th.

Yes, it is alright to send us material after the 10th if something comes up after that date.

We'll also take information over the phone if necessary.

Subscriptions

- Lyn Fleming

There are present 134 subscribers to The Beacon. Our paper goes to various points in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, California, Florida, Indiana, and Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Denys Cadman of Austin, Texas, Mrs. Annie Hughes of Kingston and Mr F. Glenn of Gary, Indiana, were our original subscribers and are still with us.

Price

-Ian Murray

The reality of production costs has forced me to increase the price from the traditional 15 cents to 25 cents. A mailed subscription of 12 issues is now \$7.00.

Council Report for March 5th

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the February meetings were adopted. In addition to the regular meeting, some members of council met with Graham Engineering and Morven Construction about the drain. There was a meeting with John Firth from the Ministry of the Environment.

The Ministry will conduct a survey of water quality in the village this spring. There was also a By-law Committee meeting, to consider a draft Procedural By-law, and a Finance Committee meeting.

Geoff Mathews addressed Council on the subject of drainage assessment calculations, showing council some hydrological design sheets from the Ministry of Agriculture which he suggested could be used for the drainage assessment information. The Reeve reported that he attended six meetings for the Township, and five for the County, last month. A new Mental Health Unit is being planned for Lennox and Addington. Stuart Miller reported that the road crew ploughed a lot of snow last month. The dump truck is burning a lot of oil, but he hopes it will last until spring before an overhaul. Council is planning a reserve fund for new machinery purchases.

The Municipal Dump has been surveyed. As suspected, its actual position, and the position shown on the deed, do not coincide, though the area is about right. It appears that the mistake was made when A.R.D.A. conveyed the land to the Township and when Lance and Vince Eves bought the land from A.R.D.A. neither party had the land surveyed, but rnerely used the same, incorrect, description. Council directed its solicitor to approach the Eves about quit-claims to sort out the mess.

The renovations to the Municipal Building are in progress. Council straightened out several details. Council decided that after a fire a building permit is required for repairs if there is any structural damage. The extent of the damage should determine whether repairs are to be considered new construction or renovation. The building inspector, Ed Chadband and Councillor Chester Tugwell will inspect Lawrence Baker's damage and make a decision.

The 1985 budget is being prepared. There were no building permits issued last month. The new Procedural By-law will take some months to complete. In the interim, Council decided to conduct all meetings using Roberts' Rules. Also, for delegations and deputations, each person will only be allowed to speak once on a topic (but may answer questions from Council), may not speak for more than 5 minutes, and only two people may speak for the same side of any topic. Written briefs would be appreciated, but are not essential.

At the recent Recreation Committee meeting it was decided to hold the Spring Dance on May 18th and a Youth Dance on the 23rd of March.

Various letters about the drain were received and

filed. Council has received a letter from Graham Engineering stating that it will cast \$1800 to prepare and release the drainage assessment calculation, and that they would not release the figures without their engineer present to explain their rationale. Council is therefore writing to Eves to ask if they wish to have the figures released, given the cost.

Council went into a committee of the whole. It was decided to ask Radley to address councillors on the legal niceties of their office. There was some debate about whether the public could also hear his words of wisdom, since we will be paying for it.

Council then adjourned.

Island Notes

- Annette

The Island Recreation Committee, a long-time sponsor of many successful community events, is trying something different this month. The committee is holding a dance March 23rd, which they hope will attract families, rather than just a select few.

Like the Legion's Masquerade Dance (which, due to lack of Island

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support, was nothing short of a disgrace) there will be no bar. That, however, does not necessarily mean there will be no fun. The Recreation Committee is trying to do something the younger kids can join in on. It would be a shame to ruin an entire evening because adults refuse to attend a dance where liquor is not sold. Keep Friday, March 23 open - \$3 for adults, \$1 for children. Music is by a top disc jockey and refreshments will be sold.

A welcome home is in order for Helen Bulch, who spent most of the last two weeks in hospital. Also to Myrtle Veech who, thankfully, received a clean bill of health.

Condolences to Bonnie and Lawrence Baker, Connie and Tessa, who lost most of their home and possessions in a fire a few weeks ago. Thanks to the kindness of newcomer Marguerite Tennier, the Baker's have a place to stay until their home is rebuilt.

While most people have spent the past months digging themselves in and out of snowbanks, several neighbours have escaped to warmer climes, or simply takers refuge in the city. Among these has been Vera Hogeboom, who at least missed last week's snowstorm while visiting Arlene Earls in Kingston. Word is that Art Ackerman and Caroline Morrison are finally considering a return to the north after spending the winter in Mexico. We'll probably be seeing them

sometime in April.

Paul Eves and Cindy Crampton are planning to be married April 23 in Brampton. Best Wishes.

A spelling gremlin entered the Beacon's computer last month, erroneously reporting Wilfred Miller's children as Harold, Tom, Keith Rosemary and Claire. As most everyone knows, Claire goes by the alias Elaine Wolfreys. Sorry Elaine, and a wish for a speedy recovery following your surgery.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The Library would like to give a special thank-you to Mrs. Randi Kennedy for the slide show for the community. Her time is greatly appreciated.

Thank-you to all who came out for the Festival Brass and Slides of L & A County History. It is good to see people out and enjoying what the library can provide.

Once again the Amherst Island Women's Institute has shown itself community minded by providing the squares and cookies for your coffee break. Thank-you to all those members from the library and members of the community.

March 18th will bring a new rotation of books to the library again so come in and see if what you want is here and if it isn't please feel free to ask for any books you care for on interloan.

I'm sure most of you have noticed an enlargement in the library. I apologize for any dust and inconvenience but it will be well worth it when we get reorganized.

Thank-you to our local Council, Reeve and Municipal Clerk for the enlargement and putting up with my questions and requests. I'm sure most of the library patrons agree with me and I hope they are telling you they like the renovations.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jean McIntyre. Our guest speaker (in his own home) gave us not only an informative but interesting history of Ireland and some slides from their trip there.

The March meeting will be a week early at Mrs. Phyllis Strain's. Tweedsmuir History is the programme and everyone is to bring a small antique and its story. A St. Patrick's Day card and something green for lunch is also requested.

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A Tribute to Neighbours

- S.A. Miller

Neighbours are very much a part of Island life. During the past month or so two of our neighbours have been especially on my mind.

On January 22, A. Bruce Caughey celebrated his 75th birthday. Soon after I heard he will retire as president of the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He will remain as a director but he has been president for 22 years, vice president for 13 years and has served the company for 46 years in all. Often at great expense of time and energy with little reward except for the keen, interest he has in the company and people everywhere.

For more years than many of us can remember Bruce has been a very admirable ambassador for our Island and a very capable leader in many community endeavors. Far too often we have taken him for granted.

He has a remarkable ability to remember names and events. He also has the ability to relate the past in, an orderly and colourful manner.

The quality of our present time is enhanced by remembering the past. We get a sense of security and long term purpose when we remember all the people and events that have made this community a very special place to live.

On behalf of all your friends and neighbours - Congratulations Bruce and thank you for all you have done and all you will do in the many years ahead that we hope to share with you.

Please Mr. Caughey never grow old.
Keep telling those tales that need to be told.
Keep on reminding us of our past
until we begin to remember at last.

Your service and caring have not been in, vain.
This community owes a great deal to your name.
Indeed you are known, both near and afar
by many who know the great man that you are.

As you retire as president of the MFIC
You pass on to us a true legacy
of long years of service and diligent care
In fact without you. I doubt t'would be there.

I know of the sadness you must feel in your heart
to see all the changes that time doth impart
to see the new faces, bid farewell to the old.
But

taking such excellent care of Jason, and Stephanie for several days and nights. It made things a bit easier to know the kids were well taken care of and were happy. Its nice to have so many good friends.

Thanks again to everyone!

- Larry, Lyn, Jason and Stephanie Fleming

I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls and visits while I was a patient in K.G.H. Your thoughtfulness was certainly deeply appreciated.

Sincerely

Elaine Wolfreys

The family of the late Harry Fleming wishes to say thank you to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the love and sympathy extended to us in our time of bereavement. Thanks to the Amherst Island Ferry crews and ambulance attendants; the Graham A. Stein Funeral Home for their kindness and care, to Mrs. Turpin for the quiet music; Reverend Lindsay McIntyre for his message and prayers; Shirley Miller for the beautiful poem she composed on hearing of Harry's death; Winnifred and Ray Jamieson who hosted our family and friends after the Funeral and Shirley Saunders, Shirley Donovan and Eileen Lyman who prepared and served the lunch so graciously and to all who sent food and came to visit Harry during his illness. Special Thanks to Reverend Norman Allison for his visits and to all who called at the Funeral Home, for the beautiful floral tributes and the many friends who made donations to the Cancer Fund; to all who phoned from far away places and to all who sent cards and have shown in so many ways that they cared. Your deeds of love and kindness meant so much to us and will always be remembered.

The Fleming Family

Notice Re Rabies Clinic

Location: Amherst Island Fire Hall

Date: Saturday, April 20th, 1985

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Fee: \$4.00 per animal.

Dogs must be on a leash and cats either caged or restrained in some other suitable manner.

On a bumper sticker seen in Los Angeles last summer:
Keep The Foreigners Out Of The Olympics!

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Silver Anniversary

To the friends and neighbours of Ellis and Marylou Wolfreys; you are cordially invited to an open house to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. It will be held by their children at the Golden Links Hall, Harrowsmith on Saturday, March 30, 1985 from 1-3 pm. Your attendance would be a cherished gift.

Advertisements

(This section is open to anyone who wishes to advertise goods or services. There is no charge at this time.)

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Quinte Pasture Annual Report - 1984

- Ian Murray

There were 633 head of cattle on the Quinte Community Pasture in 1984. There were 2 deaths, 39 cases of pink eye and 89 treatments for hoof rot. Horseflies continue to be problem. Soil samples indicate that soil phosphorous levels have improved due to fertilizer applications. However, despite considerable calcium top-dressing, there is still a pH problem.

The 4 farmers on the 1985 Management Committee are: Rolf Haan, Marysville; Robert Watson, Yarker; Grant Huyck, Bath; and, Keith Burris, Consecon. The 3 OMAF representatives are Garnet Mills, Chris Goody and Tom Droppo. The Pasture Manager continues to be

Gary Duyzer of RR1 Picton.

On a cash flow basis the pasture had a net return of \$4200 in 1984 (no capital or interest costs).

Wil Hermans of OMAF said that, due to the increased cost of the Miller Drain, there would likely be no surplus left in the Capital Development Fund.

In an effort to increase the carrying capacity of the pasture, plans have been made to increase the number of fields with New Zealand electric fence.

I.S.L.E.

- Annette

Card sharks and bingo buffs, this is your chance. The I.S.L.E. Committee will hold its Annual Bingo and Euchre night Wednesday, March 20 at the school. Admission is free; 10 cents per card for Bingo and 50 cents for all the Euchre you can play. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available.

Coming up in April is Education Week. Amherst Island Public School will sponsor a number of programs, including a workshop on computers. Look for more information on this, it will be open to anyone who wants to try their hand on the school's new computers. Other activities that week will include a performance by a brass quartet, with an instrumental workshop afterwards, and as usual, Open House will be held April 24.

I.S.L.E. is still looking for used dishes and cutlery for the students to use on hot lunch days. The committee has been getting tremendous support this year from community members who donate food.

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milk and their time to prepare and serve the meals. Thanks this month to Phyllis Strain, Bob Horth, Janet Scott, Debbie Bedford, Karen Fleming, Barbara McDonald, Audrey Miller, Syke Fleming and Anna Hitchins.

With much regret, the I.S.L.E. committee is saying good-bye to Debbie Bedford this month. Debbie has been instrumental in organizing most I.S.L.E. functions over the past several years, and has held most offices, including Chairman. Thanks, Deb.

I.S.L.E. still has a portable stage for sale, 16' x 18'. Call Bob Horth, 389-2916.

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Editorial Policy

- Ian Murray

We, the Beacon Staff, do not alter material submitted to the Beacon without asking the writer's permission. Obvious spelling mistakes are (hopefully) corrected but no changes are made to grammar.

Council Report for April 2

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present, Bhowani Harbann, the Napanee Beaver reporter, was also there. The minutes of the previous meetings were adopted. In addition to the regular meeting there was a Bylaw Committee meeting on March 11, a Roads Committee meeting on March 25, and Council met with Mr. Radley, the township solicitor, on March 25. No building permits were issued in March. Stuart Miller said that a lot of gravel will go on the roads in the next month. The dump truck is having a rebuilt engine and rebuilt clutch. Several new culverts are planned.

The Reeve reported on his activities. There have been several County Council meetings concerning the budget. The Province is giving the County less money in real terms, and the County Council has been pruning expenses everywhere they can to keep our taxes down. They have been particularly severe on the Health Unit's requested increase and on the welfare budget. The Planning Department has been closed. The Township Council commended the County Council for its efforts to keep down taxes.

Council has been negotiating with M.T.C. for a larger ferry. The

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has now reached the desk of the deputy minister. The ferry crew is to continue with their medical examinations.

The Township has received \$66,500 from M.T.C. as

the regular road grant allocation. The Township is asking for more money for a culvert made necessary by the Miller Municipal Drain. The Township has received estimates for two-way radios for the Township vehicles, and will ask Kingston Communications to install them. First a license has to be obtained. The School Board has been approached to see if they want one in the school bus as well. The Township was concerned that steel tracked vehicles for The Drain might be moved along the paved road. The Council passed a Bylaw stating that all steel tracked vehicles must be moved on rubber-tired vehicles, or planked under the supervision of the Road Superintendent when on the Township roads.

Council is going to advertise for a part time ferry hand. Kees Kort has been hired to help the Township in negotiations with the ferry crew's union. The Reeve, Chester Tugwell and Ted Welbanks will be on the negotiating committee.

Council considered the 1985 budget estimate. This is available at the council office in detail. The overall increase has been kept to 4.01%, thanks to hard work on the part of the Finance Committee, headed by Ted Welbanks. The fire budget and road budget have been increased to pay for the radios. The Cemetery Committee asked for \$1,500. Council is to discuss a detailed budget with the Cemetery Committee.

The new Building Bylaw received its first and second reading with the third reading expected at the next regular meeting. Anyone interested should attend. The Recreation Committee minutes were adopted. They are giving the men's ball team \$500 and the Squirt and Pee-Wees teams \$100 each.

The Procedural Bylaw is nearly finished, and the final draft will be considered at the next regular meeting.

The Grace Eves family has said that it does not think that Graham Engineering is justified in charging \$1800 to prepare and explain the figures on drainage assessments, and the Eves do not want Council to pay Graham for the assessment calculations. The Hydrologic Design Sheets that Geoff Matthews presented at the last council meeting have been sent to Graham Engineering for comment.

The Council endorsed a letter from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture condemning the Ministry of Natural Resources' attempts to protect wetlands in the Province without compensating the owners of the wetlands. The Township insurance agents sent the Township disturbing news on liability insurance. Apparently the Township is liable for damages for almost everything that happens in the Township for many years after the event and for vast amounts of

money. This will obviously be reflected in insurance notes. The Chatham-Kent Flood Disaster Committee sent a letter asking for money from our township. Our township does not give taxpayers money for this type of request, but individual donations may be sent.

Ian Murray, Norman Allison and Diane Pearce are to attend, at the taxpayers expense, a seminar on effectiveness in meetings. Larry Fleming and Ted Welbanks did not approve of this expenditure.

Council then adjourned.

Fine Feelings

- Shirley Miller

Because it was close to Easter, I started to think about the Easter story with all the terrible pain and sorrow. Then the Resurrection and all the joy, hope and the legacy for all of us of love and forgiveness no matter how great our sins.

The story has always been the same but I have heard it with

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different "ears" at various stages of my life.

As a child it was all mixed up with pink and mauve, white lilies and new clothes. Easter bunnies chocolate eggs and hot crossed buns. I didn't hear the part about the suffering. The part about forgiveness I did not hear because I didn't need it ... yet.

Easter is a promise of new beginning for "fine feelings".

What do I mean by "fine feelings"? How about warm bread and fresh jam or cozy corners to sit and visit in - time given with love - friends, etc.

By painting what I see around me, the beautiful places and beautiful faces I have tried to capture some "fine feelings".

If we want to grow "fine feelings" we must be careful to get good seed. We should attend as many meetings on the care and culture of "fine feelings" as possible. It will help us to recognize an enemy that could wipe out our entire crop or leave our fruit bitter and twisted.

The seed from a crop of "bad feelings" will spread far and wide. They don't need care or cultivation. "Bad feelings" will try to grow on every path we travel through life.

About 2000 years ago an association was started for the propagation, preservation and appreciation of "fine feelings". Due to lack of dedication and misinterpretation of the "growers manual" the meetings are sometimes poorly attended and quite often reduced to innocuous social gatherings.

Why? Because in our society nearly all our failures are subsidized and if our conscience should bother us we soothe it by doling out a bit of money. There really is little demand for conscientious growers of "fine feelings".

We are in danger of losing our ability to feel fine. We don't always appreciate being tired and sore after a job well done. Too often we only notice those who get paid more and don't have to work as hard.

If we had a good supply of "fine feelings" we would glow with pride, satisfaction and thankfulness that we were able to do a good job.

The more we cry for help, the more helpless we feel and the price we pay for that help is often our pride. That must be why God has offered to help us help ourselves. So we can keep one of our "fine feelings".

"Fine feelings" spread slowly but surely and are such fun to share. On the Island "fine feelings" grow everywhere. There are big ones, little ones, some are so fine they bring tears to my eyes. Some have been very delicate but through time have become my most precious possessions.

Like all crops they have bad seasons when seeds are slow to germinate and "fine feelings" must be kept inside for fear of inclemency.

Deeds grow from feelings. Let's keep them fine.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Large Type and Cassettes have changed on the 2nd of April. The 15th will be regular rotation again so come on in or send for your interloans. We have new paint and measurements and estimates have been sent for new shelves for the future.

A Creative Writing Contest for ages 15 to 24 is being sponsored by the Commissioner of Official Languages for International Youth Year, 1985. Contest topic is your thoughts about living in a country with two official languages English and French. Write a fiction, or short story or poem, play, comic strip or a TV, Radio, film or video script. Best entries will be published and authors receive \$500.00 for publication rights. More information at the library for all you young enthusiastic writers.

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Letter from

- A. Bruce Caughey

May I again use your columns for lines of communications?

I would first of all like to compliment Chris Kennedy

on his "council reports", you seem to be able to give our readers a very good coverage of what goes on in Council - this is a service that has been undertaken by several people, ever since the "Beacon" was first published, an idea conceived by Glenn Shiel, then Principal of Amherst Island Public School and I remember the contributions made by Marj. Aitken in an effort to keep people informed of Council decisions as her husband Vinc. occupied the "Reeve's Chair", followed by the Sylvesters who diligently and conscientiously attended Council meeting. Of course we all have the privilege of attending meetings of Council to list

other piece of equipment could be used. In years gone by we have resorted to the use of large "Michigan" loaders, on a custom operated basis to clear corners etc. where the visibility was nil. I also remember persuading my father, when he was Reeve of the Municipality, to try erecting snowfence in areas that were subject to severe drifting - this worked very satisfactorily in preventing the formation of huge banks, but of course necessitated the erection of it every Fall and the removal of it every Spring, plus the storage of it during summer months. This programme was eventually discontinued and the materials loaned or stolen? What I have been trying to say concerning snow removal simply leads me more convincingly than ever to the desirability of blower equipment, by which the snow is blown into adjoining fields and there-by is not the cause of accumulations along the roadside which gathers the drifting snow each time the winds blow - one has only to see the result, on the front road, of a built up road level combined with surfacing, which prevents any significant accumulation from the plowing operation.

Of course those of us who have I lived for some four generations on the "back concessions" cannot ever hope to enjoy the above advantages and can only hope for some improvement in snow removal programmes and equipment.

I have been very interested, in recently appearing ads, in farm periodicals of a new 200 series tractor produced by Versatile, a Canadian Company, based in Winnipeg, Manitoba - this series is available in an 85 H.P. or 100 H.P. model, it is four wheel drives with the same size tire equipment front and rear and is advertised as very "versatile", in that it operates at the same road speeds, either frontward or backward, with excellent visibility by the operator. In ads, during winter issues, it has been featured, showing snow blowing

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equipment in use. I first was aware of the existence of this Company some 17 years ago when on a trip to Western Canada and was much impressed with many of the Company's engineering features. When considering purchase of new equipment, I think it would be well worth investigation. In my opinion, in the past, there has been too many mistakes made in purchase of equipment for specific purposes, eg.: a weed-control program was introduced many years ago, which resulted in the purchase of a fairly expensive piece of sprayer equipment, which was used for a few years, then left to freeze-up and became unusable and eventually disappeared - this was followed by a large rotary type mower, of offset mounting type, for use with the Case tractor - a few more years of use and it disappeared to

be replaced by a sickle blade mower, use of which manages to keep a swath of perhaps some 3 feet in width cut, on a semi-annual basis, while our roadsides revert to a deplorable condition with brush, trees and weeds. A year or two ago I saw an excellent piece of equipment in use in the Township of Kingston on a very moderate size tractor, being of the offset flail type, it was clearing the roadside right up to the fence lines. I certainly do not mean to be over-critical, but I am very concerned that we the tax-payers of Amherst Island get the highest possible value for our dollars expended, and what produces more complaints today than road conditions - Have you ever heard the question "Why don't they do so or such"?

Reply to Mr. Caughey's Letter
- Ian Murray, Road's Chairman

Mr. Caughey has pointed out several errors that he believes have been made over the past decades in the purchase of road equipment. This may be true, but perhaps he'll agree that the major purchases - the road grader and the 2 dump trucks - have proven to be sound investments.

I think that Mr. Caughey has made a sound observation when he speaks of the value of blowing snow away from the road. However, I find it unlikely that a municipality of our limited resources could justify spending \$60,000 on a tractor to blow snow. A possible solution might be for an owner of one of the very large farm tractors to buy a large snow blower and then contract with the Township to clear snow.

The Township now owns enough gravel to last through 1986. This will provide the next Council with the opportunity to make significant progress in ditching and brushing the roadside. A good brush clearing machine of the type described by Mr. Caughey might be worth buying at that time.

I think that there is a tendency by Islanders to compare our roads with those that they travel on to Kingston or to Napanee. Why not try some of the back-roads? My own observation is that our roads are about the same as country roads everywhere, some are better and some are worse. When I consider the quality of work that our road crew does, in all seasons, considering the resources available to them, I am well pleased.

To those who say "Why don't they do so or such?", I say that it is very easy to criticize, it is harder to understand and to improve.

To those who sincerely want to help improve the municipality, there is a municipal election next fall in which there will be 5 positions to be filled.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Eric and Janice McGinn and Ryan, and to the Vrooman family on the birth of their sons this month.

Congratulations also to Ellis and Marylou Wolfreys, who celebrated their 25th anniversary recently. An open house and party were held in

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Harrowsmith for Ellis and Marylou, with Ellis' brothers as surprise guests. Many Islanders turned out as well to help celebrate.

Another success was the Recreation Club's dry dance, held last month. Thanks to the support of the Island, particularly the young people, the Rec. Committee even managed to come out ahead. It was good to see some Island spirit for a change.

Coming up this month is the Institute Ham Dinner, Saturday, May 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. Children under 6 will be admitted free of charge.

The Island will be losing another familiar face this month as Joan Neill prepares to move away, but take heart! Looks like Phil Silver is planning to move back again to the village this time.

And speaking of hot air - or winds, rather, aside from causing an almost unprecedented amount of seasickness last Saturday, winds tore Ross and Lois Evans' satellite dish out of the ground.

John Glenn won a 24" color TV at National Grocers last week. He was also appointed to the Fire Department.

School News for March & April

- Trudy Strain & Ricky Welbanks

Classes resumed on March 18 after a much needed March Break. Much needed because the senior and junior rooms were writing exams and giving speeches the week before. Gordon Trousdale gave a very funny speech on his sister and was victorious. Penny Thornhill presented an "eye-opening" speech on the "Struggles of Life" and was runner-up. Other contestants were: Steven Ward, Jake Lewis, Trudy Strain, Donnie Miller, Shannon Eves, Sherry Ward, Michael Strain, Amy Caughey, Chad Miller and Jeff Forester.

On March 27th pictures were taken by Mr. Ralph Kingston.

We received our report cards on March 29th.

Education Week will be from April 22 to 27. The theme is Education - it's you and L'education - c'est toi et moi. We are now in the process of learning

the theme song.

During the course of March and early April our school had to say goodbye to 3 students. They were Gordon Trousdale, Ricky and Crystal Bedford. We wish them the best of luck in their new schools.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas, Public Relations

This month is the beginning of the year for the W. I. New members are desperately needed to keep a worthwhile community-oriented organization helpful functional and actively involved.

The April meeting at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn is the election of officers and reports from convenors. I hope to see new members join us this year.

Mother's Day will be here soon so we'll look forward to your support at the Ham Dinner.

Thank-you for the financial support from other groups and volunteer helpers at the senior citizen's dinner again this past year. We look forward to a good year as a community organization.

Coming Events

- Phyllis Strain

Come one, come all to the Amherst Island Women's Institute Mother's Day Ham Buffet Supper. It is being held Saturday, May 11, 1985 from 5 - 7 pm in Amherst Island Public School. Tickets are by advance sale only and they are \$5.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children 6 - 12 and free for under 6. Tickets available at Glenn's Store or from any institute member.

The Institute would be most appreciative of your support.

April is Cancer Month and

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therefore the Amherst Island Women's Institute on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society will be asking for your support either by a canvass or a fund-raising event to be decided upon. Remember "Cancer can be beaten" with your support.

Thank you. The Amherst Island Women's Institute

Annual Meeting

The Amherst Island Women's Institute will be having their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers April 17, 1985 at Mrs. Irene Glenn's. All old and new members are urged to attend as we will be making plans

for the Ham Buffet Supper and the Cancer Fund-Raise.

World Without War Conference
- from a letter received by Council

A conference entitled "World Without War" will be held Saturday, April 20, 1983 at the Bridge Street United Church, Belleville.

"The biggest threat to our survival is not the Russians - it is the weapons systems themselves.' So say a growing number of experts who know the facts about the nuclear issue. Bring your family and friends to share a day doing something positive about the world's most pressing issue." ...

Among the features of the conference are a talk and panel of speakers on "Star Wars" in the morning and a talk and question period about "Planning for Peace" in the afternoon.

Call the Beacon Office, 389-3444, for more details.

Notice - Amherst Island Ferry

Please be advised that

1. Cars moved onto the ferry by the crew at the owner's request are moved at the owner's risk
2. Cars left to be brought over when space permits are not to be parked in the loading lanes
3. Vehicles with drivers will be loaded before vehicles without drivers

Remember - The crew brings over cars as a courtesy. Please give them your co-operation.

Give Your Old Eyeglasses New Life
- Coralie Marshall

Operation Eyesight Universal requests glasses to supply people in many parts of the world. The need for used glasses is even greater following the Bhopal Disaster last December. If you have any glasses not in use they would be greatly appreciated. There is a box at the store for this purpose. Many Thanks.

Advertisements

Need a babysitter? Phone Trudy Strain (389-1736). 2 years experience, age 13, reasonable rates, and a graduate of the St. John's Ambulance short course ("Life Saver"). All day Saturday and Sunday, from 4 to 11 school nights. Age is no problem, I like all kinds of children!

For Sale - One Winnebago Truck cap for full box 1/2 ton truck. \$125.00. Brian Ward: 389-5767

Boys Junior Hustler 10 speed bicycle, in good condition. Asking \$50.00. If interested, please call 389-5767

Four-seater French Provincial sofa. Excellent condition. \$300.00. Phone 389-5828

Kenmore washer, spin dryer in excellent condition. 24 inch electric range, white, practically new. Call Elsie Willard at 389-4874

Cool-Fire Heat Pumps: Heat & air condition your home, using you existing duct work system.

The heat pump extracts heat from the outside air, down to 17 degrees F and is 98% efficient.

Can be installed anywhere on Propane gas, natural gas, wherever it

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is available.

For more information call Ellis Wolfreys 389-2904

Thank You Letters

The members of Bath Co-operative Nursery School would like to thank all the people on Amherst Island who contributed in any way to the success of our recent dance in South Fredericksburgh. Hopefully, this may become an annual event. Thanks to the support of you and all the others who turned out to help us celebrate the beginning of Spring, we are assured of having enough money to be able to keep our school going for another year.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Phil Silver, who tended bar the entire evening free of charge.

The support of all of you is greatly appreciated by all of the students and their parents. Thanks.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Relatives, Friends and Neighbors for their many acts of kindness and consideration when I was in the hospital again in early March.

Thanks for the flowers, treats, cards, phone calls and visits at the hospital and at our home. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Helen Bulch

To all the wonderful people of Amherst Island.

Mary Lou & I would like to thank you all very much for the lovely gifts and cards that we received at our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Also many thanks to those who visited in the afternoon, and attended the dance in the evening. We really did enjoy & appreciate your company, and hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

We would also like to thank our children, Roberta and Ernie Rider, Mark Wolfreys and Fiance - Patti Pennell, Danny Wolfreys, Jacqueline and Jim Potter, and Philip Wolfreys, for making that special day, and will always be remembered by us both.

We'll see you all at our 50th

God bless you all.

Thank you, Mary Lou & Ellis Wolfreys

Food For Thought

Some of us are at that wonderful middle age:
Somewhere between "Hot Stuff" and "Cold Stiff"

People who think they know everything really annoy those of us who do!!!

Ellis

25th Wedding Celebration

On Sat. March 30th. 1985, Ellis and Mary Lou Wolfreys, Amherst Island, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary (3 days early) with many friends and family from near and far! They started their special day with an open house at the Golden Links Hall, Harrowsmith. Many of their good friends and neighbours from Camden East to Desert Lake to Sydenham area and from Napanee to Kingston, dropped in as well as their friends and neighbours from the Island. They were then treated to dinner by their children in Verona with about 40 family members and friends. Then it was back to the Hall for an evening of dancing, visiting, and a cold buffet. There were many old friendships renewed, and many relations getting reacquainted. Ellis and Mary Lou's mothers, Mrs. Mabel Wolfreys and Mrs. Edna Montgomery, both of Toronto, arrived during the afternoon. Among the surprises planned for the day were the secret arrival a few days earlier of Ellis' brother Art and his wife Kay of Orlando, Florida; and brother- Howard of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Although Ellis had heard rumours that Art was here, he never actually saw him until Saturday at the hall. He had no idea Howard was here until he met him on the road on the way to the open house.

Ellis' other brothers Don (and Ethel), Fenelon Falls; Ernie (and

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Betty), Toronto; Lloyd (and Elaine), Amherst Island and Leonard (and Doreen), Millhaven along with Mary Lou's brother Charles Montgomery of Toronto and sister Joan Sikora of Toronto made it in for the big day. Many nieces, nephews and their kids, from Toronto, Lindsay, Richmond Hill and Amherst Island also attended.

Some special out-of-town guests were Mary Lou's maid of honour Linda McGuffin and her husband and daughters Lori and Lisa of Newmarket, who after losing touch for years arrived to surprise Mary Lou; Ellis' aunts Elsie Jeffries, Cobourg, Hettie Bunting, Toronto, Lili Webb, Toronto, and Uncle Bert and Aunt Bertha Webb, cousin Ronnie Webb with his wife Lynn, and daughter Cathy, all of Toronto. Son-in-law Jim's parents, Rev. & Mrs. Dave Potter, Orillia. Probably the most special guest of the day (and the one who threatened to steal the show!) was their first grandchild Jocelyn Potter, daughter of Jim and Jacque of Pettawawa.

The special day was planned and arranged by Ellis and Mary Lou's kids - Roberta and husband Ernie Rider; Mark and fiance Patti Pennell; Danny; Jacque and husband Jim Potter; and Philip. A super day they'll always remember!

I.S.L.E.

- Annette

With next week Education Week, the I.S.L.E. committee has been helping the school organize some unique programs and presentations.

Though there will be many activities for April 22 to 26, Wed., April 24 will be an open house day. From 9.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m., computer workshops will be held. These work shops are open to anyone and include an hour of hands-on experience on the schools computers. Anyone interested should contact the school as soon as possible. Classrooms will be open during the afternoon as long as teachers are given prior notice.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, a Brass Quintet from Kingston will perform at the school auditorium. There will be other presentations and refreshments will be served.

Thanks to all the mothers and fathers who have helped us out with the hot lunch program again this month; Shirley Miller, Betty Wemp, Lyn Fleming, Marjorie Baker, Bob Horth, Wenn Studsrud, Susie Caughey and Janet Scott.

Thanks also to those who helped make our bingo/euchre night a success. Congratulations to all the

winners, too numerous to mention.

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As winter wears out his welcome,
earth awaits the arrival of spring.
As the sun melts the last snow drift,
the robins return to sing.
The winds become balmy breezes
that herald the new season begun.
All life is filled with new meaning
in the warmth from the beckoning sun.
Tulips and daffodils crouch 'neath the ground
awaiting their cue to spring through.
The shepherd is watching his flock with great care
to welcome each life that is new.
Seeds will be planted to beat the spring rains
Lovers will walk hand in hand.
Old hearts will be filled with new purpose.
Thank God for spring and this wonderful land.
- Shirley Miller

Council Report for May 7
- Christopher Kennedy

The minutes of the April meetings were approved. There was a budget meeting on April 2nd, in addition to the regular meeting. The Negotiating Committee met on April 15 to discuss the upcoming union negotiations. Council met on April 6 with the Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee, and the Pd Hoc Procedural By-law Committee met on May 2 to review the Procedural Bylaw.

The first hour of the meeting was taken up by Ron Heaney from the accountants, Thorne Riddell, reviewing the financial statements for 1984. The complete statement is open for inspection at the township office. The Township came in \$2,864 under budget for 1984. Also included was a six year financial

review and the Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee financial statement. The Road budget was high because three year's gravel was purchased.

Stuart Miller reported that the road crew is preparing the roads for the calcium, and they hope for suitable weather. He said the road crew could do the necessary work to enlarge the parking lot at the school, if this is approved by the Board of Education. The Building Inspector made his report. He attended a workshop at Centreville last month. It appears that the term "By-law Enforcement Officer" is now obsolete, and that "Provincial Offences Officer" is now correct, and, according to the Provincial Law, he is expected to be a type of part-time policeman. Ed Chadband was very doubtful that this was what either he, the Council or anyone else on the island wanted. There was a discussion about dogs running at large in the village, and complaints about barking at night. Council urged people to be considerate of others when keeping dogs. The police are the only people who can act on complaints.

M.T.C. sent the Council a long document discussing various problems about future transportation to the Island. Council decided that the Reeve should represent the Township in future discussions.

Phyllis Strain and Jackie Sylvester came to Council asking for money for the 4 H programme. The County Council has cut out all grants to all organizations. The matter was referred by Council to the Recreation Committee for attention.

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has said it will pay one half of the \$48,000 costs for the bridge on the 3rd. The Roads Committee will meet to discuss if, and from where, Council can get the other half. Council wishes to remind people that dead animals may not be taken to the dump. The lawyers are preparing the quit claim deeds so the ownership of the dump will finally be settled. The Reeve and Clerk are to proceed with the holding tanks for the township offices. The County Librarian is to be billed for the library share of the heat and light (\$78.25 this year). Council discussed giving to the library the desk in the council chamber being used by the Beacon reporter, but this idea was wisely dropped.

The Firefighters' annual street dance in aid of the Fire Department is on July 13. The street will be cleared from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Council considered the working budget for 1985. The Lennox and Addington School Board has exercised some restraint. Full details are available at the township office. There will be a 3.9% increase in the residential mill rate and a 4.1% increase in the commercial this year.

Council finally passed the new Building By-law. This is available at the township office for inspection. The Procedural By-law has been sent to the lawyer for approval before the final reading.

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The hydrologic assessment sheets that Geoff Matthews had presented to Council for the drainage assessments had been sent to Graham Engineering. Graham Engineering returned them as not being suitable for outlining the assessment calculations. Excavation is due to start again in mid-May. The Township has received the usual notice from the county weed inspector about the destruction of noxious weeds. Council then adjourned.

School News

- Steve Ward, Penni Thornhill

This last month has been hectic and busy for the students and teachers of A.I.P.S. There have been several events in the past month such as: Open House, several Education Week activities and many other activities.

The Student Council and Mrs. Forester are planning a Flea Market for Saturday, June 8. Several events are being planned such as: a school bake table, and hopefully several other people in the community will rent tables and sell their rummage. We are hoping for a big turnout, so come out and join the fun.

The school year is almost over now, and several events are being planned like, track and field, several field trips and many others.

On closing, we would like to share with you some of the students' work.

Bats

- Sarah Scott, grade 3

Bats are black and sometimes brown. People say they are good luck and some people say that they fly in your hair. But they don't. They can only see at night. They can find things in the daytime by their echo.

A New Person

- Kevin McCormick, grade 1

On Monday a new person came to school. His name is Ben. He is in grade 3. I think that he is the 2nd or 3rd oldest in grade 3. He is my 5th best friend. I really like his bike, it has handle brakes! Ben is 8 year's old. He has brown curly hair and he also has brown eyes.

Mark your calendars now!! The annual A.C.W. Strawberry Social is only 45 days away, on June 29th, from 7 to 9 p.m. \$1.50 per person. Take some goodies home from the bake sale table. Bring a friend??

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- I.M.P. Diane Gavlas

The May meeting will be held on the 15th at 8:00 at Mrs. Marion Glenn's. May is family unity month so the family is programme open for discussion with a film. All you prospective new members are welcome to join in this 85th year of the Amherst Island Branch.

Thank-you all for patronizing the Ham Dinner again this year, and for donations received for the Cancer Society.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The new rotation of books will be on Tues. this month the 21st of May due to the holiday week-end.

Interloans are always welcomed and no problem to send but I must apologize to those of you who haven't been able to get what you wanted, especially the younger ones. Hopefully we have been getting most that are requested so feel free to ask for your particular reading interests.

What's Happening at the Amherst Island Community Sunday School?

- Susan Caughey

On Sunday May 5, the Senior Sunday School Class and helpers of the Sunday School traveled to Napanee to visit folks at Lenadco and Senior Citizens Apts. Some of "the Islanders" that we visited included; Mrs. Kathleen Wemp, Herb & Jean Wires, Bertha Beaubien and

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Evelyne Coulson - and also talked to many, many others throughout our visit.

On Mother's Day, the entire Sunday School will be participating in the church service at St. Pauls.

Reserve June 16 on your calender for the Annual Sunday School Picnic. Potluck dinner beginning at 12:30.

We thank all the children for their enthusiasm and wonderful collections that have been received for the Slumber- Kits for Sleeping Children around the world.

This project will continue for several more weeks.

Remember that the Community Sunday School is a non-denominational organization that welcomes all children ages 3 and up. We meet on Sunday mornings 9:30 - 10:30 at the school.

Come Join Us?

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Adam Miller had his appendix out on the weekend, and is now recovering well.

Sandra Clarke had a baby boy last night. He was born in the hospital in Napanee. He was a healthy 12 lbs 9 oz! Welcome.

I am going on holidays to Welland for two weeks.

Give Your Old Eyeglasses New Life

- Coralie Marshall

Many thanks for your response to our request for used eyeglasses. They will bring new hope to many people. I will continue to collect them. Please call me at 389-5031.

Thank You Letters

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our neighbours, friends and relatives for their kindness and support during the sudden loss of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Claude Willard.

A very special thanks for the food, beautiful cards, floral tributes and donations to the Heart Fund.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Eldon & Elsie Willard & Family

Heartfelt thanks to Island friends for cards and expressions of sympathy received at the time of my father's death in Edmonton, at Easter-time.

Georgie Allison

Welton

Thanks to all her island friends and old neighbours for their caring, letters, flowers and gifts over the past 3 years, it had meant so much to her keeping in touch, her heart was always on Amherst Island.

I would like to extend my personal thanks for cards, flowers and generous donations made at the time of her passing away.

Special thanks to ... ALL.

Love, Sharon and family

Advertisements

Wanted: To buy - 1 picnic table in good condition. Phone 389-3546 (evenings).

Thinking of buying or selling? For all your Real Estate needs, please feel free to call (anytime) Tracey McGinn. Sales rep. for W.D. Snider. Home 372-2975, Office 546-3251

One problem with living in a small town is that your house is always known by the name of the people who lived there before.

Public Notice To The Ratepayers Of The Township Of Amherst Island

- Diane Pearce, Clerk Treasurer

Pleased be advised that the "Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 1984" and the "1985 Budget" are available for viewing at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

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Notice to Property Owners - Destroy Weeds

- Diane Pearce

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with The Weeds Control Act, R.S.O. 1980, Sections 4, 14 and 21, that unless noxious weed 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 388-2384 (collect).

Help Wanted

- Diane Pearce. Clerk-treasurer

The Township of Amherst Island is accepting applications for the position of Temporary Part Time Deckhand for the Amherst Islander.

Please apply in writing to the municipal office on or before 4:00 p.m, Thursday May 30th, 1985.

Services Available On Amherst Island

- Staff

Building:

Rick Bedford, 389-8434;

Turvy... . Ltd, 389-3444.

Propane Appliances:

Ellis Wolfreys, 389-2904.

Electric Fence:

Topsy Farms, 389-3444 or 389-0554.

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Council Meeting for June 4 - Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The Minutes of last month's meetings were read. In addition to the regular meeting, there was a meeting on May 13 to discuss what action to take in response to the Petition to Cabinet on behalf of Grace Eves and others to overturn the Ontario Municipal Board's decision not to hold a public hearing on the Drainage Bylaw. There was also a Ferry Committee meeting on May 29th.

There were no building permits issued in May. Ed Chadband asked what could be done about an abandoned skidoo on the side of the road to Long Point. Anyone who knows anything about it should contact Ed. Stuart Miller said the road crew will be cutting the roadsides and then will start ditching.

Alan Bickerton then reviewed the Council's insurance policy. In the last few years the courts have been awarding enormous amounts in damages in liability cases. He recommended that Council have \$10 million coverage, up from \$5 million. The rates have increased as well, resulting in an overall 42% increase in premiums. Council dropped the coverage for spray damage, since it is years since they sprayed the roadsides. Mr. Bickerton suggested staying with the same insurance company, which is well established and funded. Premiums might be a little lower elsewhere, but several insurance companies are on shaky financial ground at the moment.

The Reeve reported he had been to 11 township and 5 county meetings last month. Some concerned the Petition

to Cabinet about the Drain. The Petition was rejected and there will not be an O.M.B. hearing. The digging of the Drain continues.

The requests for estimates for the plumbing in the Municipal Building have been sent to five contractors.

The new ferry union contract has been negotiated and was ratified by Council. It gives a 3% across the board increase, with a cash bonus, giving a total of about 4%. Council considered the applications for temporary deckhand. John Glenn was selected.

Council decided to go ahead with the replacement of the bridge on the third. M.T.C. has offered to pay half this year, and, subject to O.M.B. approval, the rest of the payment can be deferred to next year when, hopefully, M.T.C. will come up with the rest of the money. Council was worried that if they rejected the money offered this year, they would get none at all next year, and the bridge has needed to be replaced for years.

Council discussed the dump. On the whole it is working quite well, but some people are putting the wrong stuff in the dump. It was suggested that a by-law be passed to give some teeth to the dump regulations if the problem continues. Larry Fleming raised the possibility of the fire department acquiring a vehicle extrication kit, but this was deferred until next year.

The non-union township employees, and council members were awarded a 4% pay increase, to match the union increase. The Reeve is going west for a week to his son's wedding, and Ted Welbanks, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, will co-sign cheques in his absence. An agreement has been reached between the Cemetery Committee and Council whereby the Clerk-treasurer will be responsible for keeping the financial records. The Recreation Committee gave \$100 to 4-H. Bert Nesbitt's severance was approved in principle, subject to a zoning change. The Reeve will discuss with the O.P.P. whether we will be better covered by the Amherstview or the Napanee detachment. Council then adjourned.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

A warm welcome to newcomers Bill and Marianne Tonn & family (living at the former Gordon Reid place); to Mr. Downey (at the former Charles & Iva Eves place). Welcome back to David Willard who is moving to the former Silver's house with his wife. Also welcome to Jean Johnstone who is spending the summer at the old Fowler House.

Best wishes to Vera Hogeboom who, after surgery 2 weeks ago, is now recuperating at St. Lawrence Place in Kingston. She is expected home in a few weeks.

Condolences to Doug Wilson & Cora who are nursing baby Max. It seems an operation to trim his tail

was not as successful as it could have been and resulted in Max losing a lot of blood. Max was expected to get home Thursday from hospital.

Congratulation to our friendly bankers. Both Janice and Darlene are expecting some time in November. A happy first birthday to Ryan Nesbitt, grandson of Bert and May. His first birthday will be held Saturday in Toronto.

Liz, Jason and Janice Silver are off later this month for a few weeks in England. Hope it's not the rainy season.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to wish my parents, Paul & Carol Glenn, a very happy anniversary. They will be celebrating their 25th on July 1st.

Strawberry Social

Only 14 days until the Annual ACU Strawberry Social, June 29, 5 to 7 pm. \$1.50/person at Amherst Island Public School.

Visit our bake goods table.

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Analysis of Expenditures and Revenue 1985

- Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

[see last page for table]

School News

- Steve Ward, Tessa Fabien

The past month has been a busy one for the students and staff of A.I.P.S.

On June 3rd, the grade eight students went to Napanee District Secondary School for orientation. They spent the morning there and attended several grade nine classes.

On June 4th, the school had it's annual track and field meet. The students competed against each other in several races and pit jumps.

On June 5th, some of the students went to Napanee to compete with other schools in the cross-country and relay races.

On Saturday, June 8th, the Student's Council held a highly successful Flea Market at the school. Jean Tugwell won the draw for the sheepskin rug, Beth Forrester won the Harrowsmith Magazine subscription and Steve Ward won the Equinox Magazine subscription. We would like to thank the community for supporting this highly profitable event for the school.

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On the week of June 12th to the 19th, the senior students will be having their final exams.

On June 17th, many of the students will travel to N.D.S.S. to compete in the annual Lennox and Addington County Track and Field meet.

On June 24th, the Grade Eight and Kindergarten graduation will be held at the school. The ceremonies will begin at one o'clock, and will be followed by several plays being put on by the students, and refreshments. The Grade Eight graduates will be: Steve Ward, Penni Thornhill, Rick Welbanks, Donnie Miller, Trudy Strain, Nick McGinn and David Cunningham. The Kindergarten graduates are Kelly Baker, Jason Hutchings, Jessica Gavlas and Angela Flemming.

June 25th will be the last day of school for this year. To end up the year, the students and teachers will travel to Pam McCormick's for the annual school picnic. School will then be dismissed for the summer.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Another month brings another rotation of books on the 17th of June.

Biographies changed on the 10th of June so we have a good change in reading materials.

We have new Junior Encyclopaedias and Growing Up with Science reference books. For the adults a new set of Academic American Encyclopaedia.

Interloans for what is not here is not problem. Just ask Donna or myself.

The library is open Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and Saturday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

-I.M.P.

The June Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas June 19th at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be to discuss our own branch of the Women's Institute. New members are invited to attend and hear what we will be doing in the future.

The W.I. is this month serving a dinner to the Blind Friendship Club on June 15th.

Hoping to see new faces for our meetings.

Family Names

- Bert Glenn

"Family Surnames" who resided on Amherst Island over the years; some have moved away and many have passed away, leaving these Family names no longer on the Island.

Bilkey
Bray
Brooks
Bierma
Burleigh
Beaubien
Beggs
Coulson
Cooper
Chown
Cole
Cochrane
Connors
Clute
Corke
Cumberland
Cronkite
Dennee
Durham
Earls
Farrington
Fowler
Flanigan
Finlay
Finnigan
Gibson
Girvin
Holden
Hefford
Hamilton
Hill
Hounslow
Instant
Kearney
Kennedy
Kyle
Lawson
La Voie
Lowery
Leavens
Mulders
Moutray
Morris
McKee
Montgomery
Munroe
McMaster
McFern
McQuoid
Mills
McGinnis
Morrow
McVeen
McCaugherty

McGratton
McCormac
Mahood
McHardy
McMath
Neilson
Nightingale
O'Connor
Orchard
Peterson
Patterson
Preston
Pringle
Polly
Press
Richards
Saunders
Speirs
Stevenson
Sutherland
Sudds
Taite
Wilkinson
White
Westwood
Wires

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Public Notices
- Diane Pearce

Council has given First and Second Reading to the Procedural Bylaw, being a by-law to establish rules and procedures for the orderly conduct of meetings.

Because the by-law is quite lengthy, it is not being printed in the Beacon. However, copies are available on request from the Municipal office.

Illegal Dumping

Reg. 309 of the Environmental Protection Act prohibits the dumping of dead animals or parts thereof in a landfill site. Because such dumping creates a health hazard, please dispose of carcasses in the proper manner.

Street Dance - Restricted Traffic

The Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association has received Council's approval to hold the Annual Street Dance on July 13th, 1985, on the main street in Stella.

Please be advised that Main Street will be closed to

regular through traffic from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

For Sale

1 grease-trap, never used, paid \$125.00 for it 7 or 8 years ago. Sale \$100.00

E. Tugwell 389-4636

2 pair beige livingroom drapes with a variety of brown weave throughout, lined, 8' wide by 6 1/2' long. Like new. \$50 a pair.

1 pair olive green brocade pattern, laminated back, size 14' wide by 5' long. Like new. \$45 a pair.

Brother portable sewing machine. Like new, \$75.

1 pair of lilac bedroom drapes, size 8' wide by 4' long, \$10.

Black & Decker rechargeable grass trimmer, \$15.

Call 389-0641.

A 5 1/2 hp Johnson outboard motor + tank..

Call Harry Filson, 389-5871.

Student seeking summer employment. 15 year old boy just moved to the Island looking for summer work. Call Chris at 3890641 or at former Gordon Reid house on the 2nd Concession Road.

Thinking of buying or selling? For all your Real Estate needs, please feel free to call (anytime).

Tracey McGinn. Home 372-2975, Office 546-3251.

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	Revenue		Expenditure	
	Budget	to May 31	Budget	to May 31
Ferry Subsidy	660,630	277,600	722,000	286,144
Ferry Revenue	61,370	30,359		
Roads (General Operation)	66,500	20,000	120,000	46,006
Roads (Culvert Replacement)	47,316	0	47,316	3,987
Telephone Taxation	1,473	0		
General Support	3,505	1,725		
Resource Equalization	15,180	7,472		
Per Household Grant	6,990	3,460		
Permits and Fees	600	72		
Interest Income	3,000	252		
Sundry Revenue	500	139		
Penalty on Tax Arrears	2,000	1,157		
Surplus	2,864	0		
Transfer from Working Cap.	23,392	0		
Council Honoraria			4,000	3,019
Election			2,000	0
Salaries			3,500	2,299
Materials, Supplies			3,000	1,063
Hydro Maintenance			1,500	142
Municipal Bldg. Renovations			4,050	1,807
Travel Allowances			800	142
Insurance			400	0
Interest			1,000	696
Street Lighting			2,500	148
Parks and Recreation			500	40
Fire			6,300	1,195
Sanitation			4,000	1,144
Planning			1,000	3
Building inspection			1,500	412
Cemeteries			6,508	6,158
Professional Fees			5,300	3,287
	895,320	342,216	939,174	357,692

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Council Report for July 2, 1985

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. There was only the regular meeting in June. The minutes were approved.

The only building permit was for a machine shed for Fleming's farm. Ed Chadband has commented on how little building is going on at the moment. There have been only six permits issued in this year.

The road crew has been ditching and working on the curve at Caughey's quarry. As soon as the tender for the bridge on the third is accepted the road crew will start putting in the by-pass. Tenders have been called for the bridge on the Third. Tenders are to be opened July 15. The O.M.B. has approved postponing half the cost until next year.

The Reeve reported that he had been to few extra meetings last month, in part, because the Provincial Government has been changing hands. Presumably the bureaucracy will get busy again soon.

The insurance for the ferry has been increased.

The lowest bid, \$7985, on the plumbing job for the Municipal Building was submitted by Reg Jaynes of Newburgh.

The survey of water systems in the village is now in progress. Council considered the interim financial statement for the first half of 1985.

The Recreation Committee report was considered. The next Rec. Committee meeting will be on the third Wednesday in September.

The Procedural By-law received its third and final reading. It

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gives the orders for running Council meetings, limits the business that Council can consider in secret, and lays down what information is available to the public. It is, in effect, the Township's Freedom of Information Act.

The drain is being dug, and should be finished on time. Council considered, in camera, letters of complaint from Mr. Feraday and Geoff Matthews about the lack of an impoundment area in the drain. Council asked that the township's lawyer write a letter to them stating that in Council's view no action should be taken.

Council read various letters and papers from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Solicitor General, the Ministry of Health and others. The M.N.R. is still trying to draw up guidelines on wetlands.

This was one of the shortest meetings this council has held.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

It had been my intention to pen a few comments for the last issue of "The Island Beacon" but unfortunately I was not able to accomplish this, however, as I forward this, hopefully, for inclusion in the July issue, what I have to offer will be perhaps more applicable or appropriate than if it had been contained in June's issue.

We are now in the first week of July, haying operations among the few remaining Island farmers is well in progress - the haylage has been safely stored in silos and the first crop alfalfa, trefoil and other clovers having been cut in excellent time, now the fields are showing tremendous lush toward a second crop, either for, purposes of hay or else to be harvested for seed.

Farmers, down through the years, have consistently and laughingly been criticized by our urban cousins for persistently grumbling as to the weather conditions if it rains, "it rains too much", if dry conditions prevail, "everything is burned to a crisp", in other words who can satisfy a farmer? If you have been a farmer all your life, you have acquired an uncanny ability to predict the weather and thereby govern your farm operations accordingly.

Here on Amherst Island, we have, in the past months, experienced an exceptionally favourable weather pattern - the early disappearance of what we thought of as a winter of "heavy snowfall", developed in to an April and May for seedtime that was most favourable, planting of crops was accomplished in record time and within a period that my father always considered an "excellent seedtime, the last week of April and the first week in May". Some despaired of seed germination due to the extremely cool temperatures which seemed to be persistently below normal but I am always reminded of the opinion of the late William Scott, a long time, very successful island farmer, who always said that you had to have a cool weather for the

development of a "good" grain crop.

As we view our crops today, what at one point of time looked like a rather sparse crop of hay has developed into a bountiful one, not in years have we had such favourable prospects of a wonderful grain crop, most of the grain fields are out in head and with the moisture level prevailing, we look for those heads to fill with a good quality of grain before harvest time in a month's time. The lush growth of the corn crop is so evident, and we hope and pray that favourable, weather conditions may result in its development into another bounteous crop of both silage and grain corn. These crop conditions recall to my mind the old adage of island farmers - "A dry May and a leaky June make the farmers whistle a merry tune."

Weather conditions affect many aspects of our lives. Many folk grumble of the constant growth

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necessitating continuous "grass cutting", the weed growth requires constant care and in spite of all this, I am delighted with the condition of our Cemeteries maintenance which is so conscientiously taken care of by Vaughan McMullen.

I am also noticing the excellent results of our road department's "dust control program", which, in my opinion, is proving itself particularly effective, due to the frequent showers since the application of the calcium treatment. I hope we soon see evidence of a start on the bridge spanning "Fleming's Creek", which I understand has received Ministry approval and appropriation of the necessary funds. In my opinion, an excellent time for construction is right now, when, due to the digging of the "Miller Drain", the creek bed is dry and such conditions, I understand, will be maintained by pumping operation, until completion of the drain - these conditions would lend themselves excellently to the provision, temporarily, of a detour, while actual construction of the new bridge is carried out. My childhood memories are of our driving through the creek bed, while the present bridge was constructed - I think some 70 years ago.

Dorothy Wemp Anderson
- A. Bruce Caughey

Word has been received by Island relatives in the past weeks of the passing of another island native, at her home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the person of Dorothy Anderson, who passed away on June 13th last.

Dorothy was the youngest member of the John Wemp family and his wife Mary Quintell, born in 1903 and her mother passing away at the time of her birth

leaving a son, 10 years of age and three daughters, 7, 4, and 2 years respectively. This was a tragic circumstance and Dorothy's aunt, her father's sister, Ellen, Mrs. Alex Reid, assumed responsibility for her up-bringing, she was raised in a good home, receiving tender and loving care, which in her adult years, she gave great appreciation of. Following her schooling in the Amherst Island School System, she entered the Kingston General Hospital School of Nursing from which she graduated as a Registered Nurse - like many other Canadian young people she sought employment in the U.S. at higher wage scales where she met and married her husband Walter in New Jersey. During vacation periods, each summer, the Andersons returned to the Island to visit friends and relatives and for many summers were residents of one of the "Cole Cottages" on Long Point.

Following Walter's retirement, they moved to Florida, locating at Fort Lauderdale from which they continued to drive back to Amherst Island, enjoying a month of holidaying here among friends. The untimely passing of their only daughter Marilyn was a severe and saddening blow to this fine couple.

Her husband Walter survives as well as one sister Marion, Mrs. Howard Richards who is confined to hospital in Kingston.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539
- Caroline Yull

At the regular Legion meeting held on May 16, the following officers were elected for a two-year term:

President ... Chester Tugwell
Vice President ... Irene Glenn
Secretary-Treas ... Earle Tugwell
Chaplain ... Norman Allison
Service Officer ... Audrey Miller
P. Relations Officer ... Caroline Yull

For those wishing to join the Legion, Tom Miller remains the membership chairman, so give him a call.

Anyone wishing to order Diamond Jubilee tulip bulbs from any Legion member may still do so - they are \$25.84 for a hundred, although you can order less. Branch 539 is very

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proud of our record in this campaign.

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, July 13, at the Bath Legion Hall (actually located in Millhaven). After the official swearing-in of the elected officers, presided over by our Zone Commander, Don

Woods, who had been unable to attend our election meeting to swear them in, and the conducting of the ordinary business of the meeting, a social evening was held. This has become a popular annual event, with Chinese food, games of pool, darts and shuffleboard, and just a good chance to get out for a fun night without travelling all the way to town. Due to a particularly abundant Chinese food order, we were able to play host to the Bath Branch members who were in the other room of the hall, and I think even the children of some members ate Chinese the next day! A good time was had by all, and most were away home on the 11:30 boat.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The summer reading club is from June 29th to August 31st for ages 6 to 12. Reading lifts you up, up and away. Read books about other countries, fiction or non-fiction or other books of fiction or non-fiction. The reading club is not a competition but is to encourage the enjoyment of reading.

All club members who read 6 or more books will be mailed a reading achievement certificate. All members who read 10 or more will be entered in a county book award draw.

July 2nd is the changing of the Large Type books and Cassettes again. July 15th will be rotation of other books in all categories.

Hope to see and hear you kids in the reading club.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

A cheer for the Fire Department who put on another great street dance this weekend. It was not only run well, the firemen had the whole mess cleaned up by noon Sunday. Big prize winners were Ralph Wemp who won the gas barbeque and Marius Schuetz who won the floating arm chair.

Congratulations to another member of the Fire Department. Warren and Laurene Kilpatrick are parents for the second time - a baby girl weighing more than 9 lb. Both ladies are doing fine and expected home Tuesday.

Welcome home as well to Vera Hogeboom who has spent the last several weeks at St. Lawrence Place recovering from surgery.

Our sympathy to Mr. Sychra and his family on the loss of their wife and mother, Gisela, last week.

As a special note this month, many congratulations to Jeff Pierce who graduated grade 13 at Napanee District High School this June with the distinction of

Ontario Scholar.

Garden Party

St. Paul's Annual Garden Party will be on Saturday, July 27, starting at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the bake tables, white elephant sale, used clothing boutique, post office, candy, pie and ice cream and more. Donations before or on the 27th are welcome,

Math Contest

A recent article in the Napanee Beaver described a math contest that was held in Lennox and Addington County. One hundred and forty students from Grades 7 and 8 participated.

We are proud to point out that Shannon Eves, Amherst Island Public School, won second place for grade 7 students. Congratulations!

Lost

(Actually, foolishly mislaid) one battered aluminum pot (my macaroni pot!) in the kitchen at the school. I went back and it was

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gone. If you know where it is, please call Caroline at 384-4071.

Businesses And Services On Amherst Island

We thought a fairly complete listing might be of assistance to summer residents and new arrivals to the Island. Can anyone tell us of any services or businesses we are missing? We will include them in next month's Beacon.

Clint's Repair Shop - Clinton Kilpatrick repairs cars, tractors and farm equipment. Call 389-2375.

Gavlas Farm Maintenance - any machine repaired. Call George at 389-3199.

Bert's Shell Station in Bath - A special service is offered to islanders. Call Bert at home, 389-1731, or at the station, 352-3444. Bert can pick your car up at home and deliver it, repaired the same day. He can also take portable propane tanks to the station to be filled and returned.

Rick Bedford and Son Contracting - 389-8434.

Turvy General Contracting and Engineering Ltd - 389-3444.

Ed McCormick does back-hoe work, septic systems and gravel hauling - 389-5172.

Peter McCormick does bulldozer work - 389-8767.

Propane Appliances - Ellis Wolfreys - 389-2904.

Topsy Farms sells Speedrite Electric Fence - 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Topsy Farms' fresh frozen lamb can now be ordered, either whole or half lambs, or gourmet packs of the most tender cuts. The lamb will be available from late August through Christmas. Delivery can be arranged to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto as well as Kingston and Amherst Island. Call 389-0554 or 389-3444.

Glenn's Store is open 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday. Fresh produce arrives on Thursday afternoons. Many unexpected items: if you don't see what you want, just ask. Call 389-0417.

Stella Post Office at Glenn's Store is open 8 am to 12 noon, 2 pm to 5 pm, Monday to Friday; 8 am to 12 noon Saturdays.

Anyone interested in subscribing to the Kingston Whig Standard, please contact Jamie Miller at 389-8519. Free Delivery in the village or box pickup at Glenn's Store.

Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company serving the community since 1892. Your agent - W. Bruce Caughey, 389-2012.

Glenwood House is a warm and relaxing bed and breakfast house next door to the Township Hall. Rates \$24 single, \$34 double. Call

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Philip Wood at 389-5348.

"Poplar Dell" is a farm vacation home and bed and breakfast accommodation. Call 389-2012. Bruce and Susan Caughey and daughters.

"Mayflowers and Gifts", two miles west from the ferry on the Front Road, offers cards, gift wrap, gift items and plants. Special orders taken for flowers and plants. Call May Nesbitt 389-1731 or visit the shop in the barn by the roadside.

Tina Tugwell does custom sewing - drapes, bedspreads, valences etc. Free estimates. Call 389-5569.

Marion Glenn does quilting. Call 389-5769.

Liz Silver has been available to do house cleaning. Contact her at 389-8434 after July 21st.

Dr. Scott, G.P., has a medical practice on the Island. Call his answering service, 384-1337 or his home, 389-4609. He will do house calls. Services are available to Island residents or visitors.

Home baking, fancy sandwiches, cakes and special orders taken. Carmel Horth 389-2916.

Wendy Shurtliffe has now successfully completed extensive hairstyling and cosmetology training at Marvel Beauty School, Kingston. She is welcoming customers, both male and female of all ages. Cuts \$5. For prices of perms, colouring etc. just call 389-5782.

Various ceramic items can be made to order. Call Myrtle Veech at 389-5782.

Amherst Island Treasures Cookbook - copies are still available at Glenn's Store for \$9.50 each. A project of St. Paul's Presbytery Church Women.

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Stella holds services on the first Sunday of the month at 9 am, other Sundays at 11 am. Rev. C. Babcock.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on the Stella Fortyfoot holds services at 11 am every Sunday. There will be communion service on July 21st. Rev. C.L. McIntyre.

The Stella Public Library is located in the Township Hall. It is open Tuesday evenings 7 - 9 pm, Wednesday and Saturdays, 1 - 3 pm. Diane Gavlas and Donna Willard, librarians.

Township of Amherst Island office hours are 9 - noon, 1 - 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Township records are available, also applications for birth certificates etc. A xerox machine may be used.

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Diane Pierce, Town Clerk, Judy Miller, Assistant Clerk.

Township Council meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Council chambers, Township Hall, starting at 8 pm.

Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department - call 389-0417 or Harry Filson (Deputy Chief) 389-5871, or Fire Hall 384-\$579, or Hans deHaan (Chief) 389-4327.

In Emergency, to contact the ferry, call 1-657-3147 (Cardinal Coast Guard Station).

Island Graduates

These students successfully completed grade 8 in Amherst Island Public School: David Cunningham, Nickie McGinn, Donnie Miller, Trudy Strain, Penni Thornhill, Steven Ward, and Ricky Welbanks.

3rd Concession Culvert

- Ian Murray

Tenders for the replacement of the bridge on the 3rd Concession with an arch-culvert were opened on July 15. The lowest price was submitted by Charles Dietrich Const. Ltd. of RR2 Perth Road. Peter Smith of Totten Sims Hubicki, the engineering consultants for the

project, stated that there may be a delay in starting the job due to the difficulty of obtaining large culverts at this time of year. Once a firm delivery date is determined, it is expected that construction should be completed in approximately one month.

Woman's Institute
- Diane Gavlas

The Amherst Island Woman's Institute would like to cordially invite the residents of Amherst Island to help them celebrate their 85th anniversary. A tea will be held at the Community Centre on Sept. 7 with opening comments at 2 pm.

Please mark on your calendar.

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Council Report for August 6, 1985
- C. J. Kennedy

All members of Council were present. In addition to the regular July meeting there were two meetings connected with the contract for the culvert on the 3rd Concession, and a meeting concerning some fencing and a reduction in cost for the Drain. All the minutes were approved.

There were no building permits issued in July. Ed Chadband will attend an afternoon seminar in Kingston. Stuart Miller reported that Charles Dietrich Construction, who have been awarded the contract for the culvert on the Third, will start on August 7th and should be finished September 6th. The road crew have put in the by-pass. The road crew will continue ditching.

Jimmy Neilson, the previous Reeve, spoke to Council at Norman Allison's request. He was responsible for the last ferry agreement negotiations, five years ago. At that time he found the Ministry very tough, but fair, to negotiate with. The Ministry had not been interested in taking over the ferry.

The Reeve reported he had been to only one County meeting last month, the regular meeting. At that meeting the Welfare department reported they had cut off 30 Welfare recipients, and that 30 had appealed the ruling and that one had been reinstated. John Uliane, the county planner, received a \$30,000 golden handshake when his department was closed. Thirteen municipalities in the County are to be given the basic "Jaws-of-Life" equipment by the province. The Reeve met with Napanee O.P.P. about some complaints received from the Island. The O.P.P. cannot bring charges unless formal complaints are lodged and people are prepared to be witnesses in court. A consultant is being picked to study the long-term needs for the ferry systems. The report is to be presented in the fall. The

Reeve announced that he will be standing again in the municipal election this fall.

Hans deHaan, the Fire Chief, asked about pumping water with the fire truck for filling cisterns. Council decided that no private cisterns will be filled by the fire truck. Rick Bedford spoke to Council about obtaining the "Jaws-of- Life" for the township fire department.

New regulations are being brought in for moving hazardous materials on the ferry. Council discussed briefly Ted Welbanks' draft proposal for the ferry. It was decided to discuss the complicated subject at a committee-of-the-whole meeting on Wednesday, August 14.

Council requested that people do not shoot the cats at the dump. They are very important for controlling the rats. Council said they were pleased with the maintenance of the privies on the docks. The deadline for the completion of the drain was extended to allow time for the changes to be approved by the tribunal. Two rezoning applications were approved in principle, for Bert Nesbitt and for the land between John Hall's place and Stuart Miller's. The Municipal Office will have a bulletin board outside for posting notices. Three disaster fund appeals were turned down. They are open for private donations. Ian Murray asked for a "Municipal Campaign Primers", and Norman asked to borrow it. It will be available in the Township Office. Council then adjourned.

Report Council Meeting, Wednesday August 14
- Chris Kennedy

This was a committee-of-the whole meeting, open to the public, to consider the draft brief proposing that M.T.C. take over the ferry. About 45 Islanders attended. The Reeve said that the job of the committee was to consider three questions. How would a free ferry improve service, how would it

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benefit the users, and is it in the interest of all Islanders?

Ms. Magda Majeska, Municipal Policies and Procedures Engineer, M.T.C. Toronto, spoke. She said that it was not M.T.C. policy to run a ferry unless it connected with a King's highway, or possibly a county road, as with the Glenora and Wolfe Island ferries.

Wm. E. Blum, District Municipal Engineer and Chairman of Amherst Island Ferry Service Review Steering Committee, M.T.C. Kingston, said that most other municipal ferries in the province were 80% funded by M.T.C. (We are 91 1/2% M.T.C. funded.) He also

said that if M.T.C. took over our ferry there is no guarantee that the present crews will be retained. Other M.T.C. employees could be used, and brought in from outside. Any Islanders hired could be required to work elsewhere in this district by M.T.C. management.

Lance Eves queried the figures Norman Allison had presented in reply to Ted Welbanks draft brief. Norman and the Township Clerk explained that in recent years excess ferry revenue had been subsidizing the rest of the Township budget. Geoff Matthews wondered if members of council were going to make money out of keeping the ferry management in Island hands. The Ferry manager, at present Norman, is paid \$125 a month for his work, and council members receive a \$25 honorarium for each meeting they attend. Ian Murray told Geoff that he would still run for council without any honorarium.

John Hall asked for more financial information on the effects of an M.T.C. takeover. Ted Welbanks agreed it was needed. Ted said his main concern was that with rising costs the Township would not be able to afford the ferry without a substantial fare increase, but there were not enough figures available to decide this. The Council asked Diane to draw up budgets to show the effects on the Island finances of the ferry, and any possible savings.

Bruce Caughey Sr. said how much the ferry service had improved over the years, and how pleased he was with the present service. Ray Feraday asked why he had to pay for access to his house. Mr. Blum tried to explain to him what a King's highway was, and that Amherst Islanders receive a very high level of subsidy on their transportation needs already.

Council will reconsider the matter when Diane has produced the required figures.

Letter to Beacon

- A. Bruce Caughey

From time to time, especially during the summer months, folks from miles away, journey to the Island, in some cases to visit and re-establish friendships of long ago, in other cases to trace family backgrounds, search out our cemeteries to identify the burial locations of long-departed fore-fathers and in some cases just to enjoy the beauty of our Island and the friendships of our residents.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackburn of Streetsville, Ontario called at "Poplar Dell" for lunch, while on a visit to the Island, they were accompanied by their two grandchildren and were directed to our home by my daughter-in-law, Susan, as they were in search of family history.

Mr. Blackburn introduced himself to us by saying

that his wife was a daughter of Harry Gibson's and the visit that we enjoyed for the next hour or two was all too short. Certainly, mention of Harry Gibson sparked my memory into action as I recalled the late Royal A. Gibson referring to him as his cousin.

Henry (Harry) Gibson was a son born in 1878 of Alexander Gibson and his wife who lived on the 50 acre farm at the corner of the North Shore road and the lower forty-foot road, evidence of the foundation of

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their residence still exists and I think the home was destroyed by fire. This 50 acre farm was later purchased by Robert Saunders and added to his 30 acre farm and is presently owned by Dr. George Scott.

Harry Gibson taught in S.S.#1 in 1894 (Mrs. Gertrude Maude's property) prior to his entering Queens School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1903. Following the example of so many Island Young People, he "went west" to what was then the North West Territories, locating in Calgary. When he attempted to establish a medical practice there, he found that a registration fee of \$50 was required before doing so, and he did not have this much money, so reverted to a teacher's job until he was able to accumulate the necessary fee, after which he established a general practitioners medical practice, which he carried on well in to his 80's.

For many of these year's, he and his family enjoyed close associations with the family of another Island native, Dr. Fred Girvin, also a graduate of Queens in medicine, who moved his practice to Calgary.

While at our home, Mrs. Blackburn was able to renew acquaintance, by telephone, with Evangeline Girvin Caster in Kingston and later, on their return to the mainland to meet with Evangeline and her husband at Millhaven for a visit and a promise that they would not again allow their lines of communication to lengthen so long and so far.

Dr. Harry Gibson died in 1978 at the advanced age of 100 and it is interesting to hear his son-in-law relate, that in the declining years of his life, one topic of conversation that never failed to arouse his interest was the mention of Amherst Island. His sister, Jennie Alexandria lived and died in Calgary at the age of 107 years. Such is the undieing and lifelong interest in their birthplace and family roots, of Islanders.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

Having received a number of complimentary expressions on my contribution to your last issue, under

the heading of "Comments", I am tempted to try again, in the way of making expression of my personal feeling regarding things that go on around us in our everyday lives in our Island Community.

(1) I am a very infrequent visitor to our township's dump, but when I do happen to go there I am so pleased with what I see and the tremendous improvement in the operation of the dump that has occurred over the past term of municipal council. The improvement has not come easily but rather a result of combined efforts. Our Township Council has been under constant pressure from the Ministry of the Environment toward improvement of "dump conditions" and those of us who attended the Public Meeting in the Amherst Island School at which a representative of that Ministry was present were pleased with that representative's attitude - as he stated he was not there to "exert force" but rather to assist and help in the solving of a recognized problem.

I think we have to give credit to the initiative of a few people who took the matter in hand and improvement that has resulted is so apparent. I recognize particularly the efforts of Councillor Chester Tugwell, who having time to spare has done a tremendous job and along with the engaging of Vaughn McMullen as a part time caretaker has resulted in a much more orderly handling of our garbage. Councillor Tugwell conceived the idea of creating "areas" for certain types of refuse, made signs identifying them, and along with our "Roads" dept. has succeeded in maintaining an excellent "turn around" entrance and parking area while one disposes of the never ending accumulation of garbage in today's way of life. I

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sincerely hope that the continued co-operation of our citizens and the bi-weekly burning of the flammable materials will continue to allow us a very necessary facility, without having to introduce a garbage pickup system, which would be both costly, as well as an inconvenience in many ways.

While commenting on "garbage", how many are concerned, as I am, with observing the carelessness that exists along our roadsides and many other areas with the disposal of beer and soft drink cans and bottles, the "litter" has only started and continuations of the present practice can result in costly methods of maintenance as well as the possibility of tragic injuries. Of course the density of "fast food outlets" is the great contributing factor, where their policy of packaging creates the eventual throw-away refuse. As I waited in the line-up at the Island dock recently, I was inclined to be critical of the lack of weed care in the much used parking area

there, but further investigation showed me that the disposal of "junk refuse" made it almost impossible to maintain this area in a respectable condition.

Just like the operation of the dump, co-operative effort is necessary, so please let us all endeavour to correct our careless habits, in the interest of a finer Island.

(2) My highest compliments to our Road Supt. and his men for their establishing of such a fine "Detour Road" while construction of the new Third Concession Bridge is being carried out. All that is required is the exercise of common sense and caution while this project is under way and no accidents will occur. I also observe the very well timed finalization of the "Miller Drain" in this area, which makes available, on the spot at least a portion of the necessary stone-fill for the much improved bridge, which I intend to comment further through your columns in future editions.

(3) My compliments to the Lennox and Addington County Board OF Education, through the office of the Supervisor of Maintenance, for the excellent paint job which has been carried out on the Amherst Island Public School. The outside painting of the school, in which I have a long-time interest, has restored the building to it's original beauty and when such improvements are made along with the undertaking of new projects, such as the extension to the parking area, one is less grudging of the ever increasing tax burden.

Recent news items in the Kingston paper indicate up-coming changes in the composition of the L. & A. County Board of Education, I am lead to comment that with the recognized and increasing friction and disagreement within our municipality over "some" issues such as "drainage" and "insurance coverages", it would only be wishful thinking to hope for a successful candidature by an island resident for a seat on the new "make-up" of the next County Board of Education.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome to our newest summer resident, Matthew Yarmoluk, born Friday, July 26 at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. At 7 lbs. 12 ozs, Matthew is the first son for David and Marie Yarmoluk (nee Feraday), and the third grandson for Ray and Betty Feraday. Congratulations.

Sincerest Sympathy to Bill and Helen Bulch and family, and to Denny Bulch and her children on the loss of their son, father and brother, Dick Bulch. Funeral services were held at James Reid Funeral Home, Friday, August 9. Burial was on Amherst Island.

Our very best thoughts and wishes are with the Cadmans this month as well. Mr and Mrs. Cadman

were forced to return to Texas earlier this summer due to Mrs. Cadman's illness and impending

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surgery.

On the lighter side, commendations are in order for my brother John who, risking life and limb (his legs in particular), helped with the successful rescue of Reta Miller, Florence McCormac and Ella Brown after an accident landed their car in the lake at the dock. John was first on the scene, completing a perfect dive from the dock, running through the water at top speed and helping rescue the ladies from the car. All three ladies are fine, although a bit shaken up at the time. As for John, judging by the injuries to his knees, he'll probably check the depth of the water next time - before he dives. Also helping in the rescue were Phil Silver, "A" Crew, and no doubt several others who haven't been mentioned.

An update on Doug Wilson's dogs has been requested, and I have found them both to be in extremely good health this month. They are, however, quite literally eating Doug out of house and home. Their favorite midnite snack is currently the living room furniture.

In closing this month, I would like to thank all those who helped make my parents' 25th Anniversary Party a success. In particular, thank you to everyone who donated food and who helped in the kitchen. Thanks to Doug Wilson, Phil Silver and Debbie Bedford for taking care of the bar, and a special thanks to all the friends and relatives who came from near and far to help celebrate with them.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Please remember to join us on Sept. 7 at 2.00 pm at the Community Centre to help us celebrate our 85th anniversary. Opening remarks are at 2.00 pm.

The August Meeting is Agriculture at Mrs Reta Miller's, 175 Park Street, Apt #103. Roll Call: A funny story from your family past, related to farming.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

We are having another puppet show so I hope you'll mark it on the calendar right now so you won't forget August 28 at 11.00 am. I hope to see lots and lots of faces again.

Twelve kids are avidly reading their way through the reading club this year.

A new rotation of books will be here again on August 19 so we'll see you then for a look about or interloans if we don't have what you are looking for.

For Sale

Custom built aluminum boat, 18' by 6', 45 hp motor. Call 389-2145.

1975 Lionel hard-top tent trailer complete with stove, sink, ice box. Good condition. Call 386-3276.

To Buy

A single iron and brass bed - in any condition. Phone Warren Kilpatrick, 389-4078 or Dorothy Kilpatrick, 354-2009 collect.

Thank You

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped us in any way, on July 27. We started up in the lineup for the boat when the accelerator in the car stuck, and we went over the embankment into the water. Special thanks to the men who rescued us and who got the car out and looked after us.

Ella Brown, Florence McCormac and Reta Miller

Apology

- Staff

Rick Bedford is the Deputy Fire-Chief not Harry Filson as we incorrectly stated in the July Beacon. Rick's phone number is 389-8434.

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{there is a map on the front page with the following notes concerning the ferry included below}

The Ferry Boat Leaves Millhaven Every Hour On The Hour From 6:20 a.m. Until 1:30 a.m.
The Ferry Boat Leaves Amherst Island Every Hour On The Hour From 6:00 a.m. Until 1:00 a.m. "Daily"
Allow Lots Of Time In Case You Miss A Boat As It Is Very Busy On Weekends Especially In The Summer.

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Council Report for Sept. 1985
- Christopher Kennedy

Before the regular meeting at 8:00 pm there were two extra meetings. The first was to consider a rezoning application by Bert and May Nesbitt to allow them to sever a lot. This was approved. Then there was a closed meeting on vandalism.

The minutes of the previous month's meetings were adopted.

Six building permits were issued in August : - Ted Welbanks, for a sundeck, Donny Miller and Albert Henderson for grain silos, R. Brown and F. Bailey for house additions, and V. Ellis for a sundeck.

Stuart Miller reported that the bridge on the Third Concession is proceeding well, and that the road crew is working on the culvert on the Second.

The Amherst Islander is due for dry dock on Sept. 23rd, and the Charlevoix will be filling in.

The Reeve attended four County meetings last month. The extension on the hospital in Napanee has been finally paid for, and they have a good new surgeon there. Amherst Island and Bath will now elect one trustee to the school board, rather than sharing five with Ernestown.

M.T.C. is still concerned about dangerous cargoes on the ferry, hence the 'No Smoking' signs. The Coast Guard has inspected the Amherst Islander for loading

arrangements. Totten, Sims, Hubicki have been appointed as consultants to study future requirements for ferry service. They have been doing surveys on the ferry and will send questionnaires to all residents. The report is due in mid-January.

Ted Welbanks withdrew his draft brief on the proposed M.T.C. takeover of the ferry. He said it was only causing dissension on the Island and wasting taxpayers money. He proposed that there should be a question on the ballot at the municipal election on whether the island should request an M.T.C. takeover. The exact wording and details are to be sorted out. M.T.C. wants to start negotiating, and have selected Magda Majeska and Bill Blum to meet with Council. Council appointed Ted Welbanks, Ian Murray, the Reeve and Diane Pearce, as Clerk, to negotiate for the Township. The next Council, not this one, will finally sign the agreement with M.T.C. Tom Sylvester wrote to Council expressing his views on the ferry.

Plans are continuing to put 2- way radios in Township road vehicles, the fire truck and the school bus.

It was pointed out to the Beacon reporter that the Recreation Committee was responsible for the enlarged parking lot at the school. It raised the money and did a lot of work for this needed extension. The School Board merely gave permission for it to be done. I apologize for not giving the credit where it was due. The Recreation Committee has received a Municipal Recreation Grant from the province for \$1,475. This grant is designed to give financial assistance to smaller communities.

The Drainage Tribunal provisionally approved two changes to the Miller Municipal Drain, giving 14 days for appeals. Two letters were received: one from Grace Eves and family plus others and another from George Gavlas. These letters were forwarded to the Drainage Tribunal for its consideration. Plans were discussed for inspections at the drain in future years. The drain should be finished by Sept. 13th. It then has to be approved and inspected by the landowners and engineers.

Council considered an interim financial statement up to Aug. 31st. There were no problems evident.

After a few minor matters Council adjourned.

The Neighbourhood
- Irene Glenn and Staff

Bruce Caughey Sr. has suffered a very bad break of the femur. He

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is at Kingston General Hospital, Victory 392. He was in traction for about 3 weeks, and will be in the hospital for some time yet.

Leslie Gavlas is learning French on a 3 week educational holiday in France. Bonne chance!

George Mygind's sister and brother-in-law have been visiting from Denmark. After a week on the Island, they will visit relatives in the U. S. before returning home.

Amherst Island Public School

- Adam

As you may know the horror day came for most children ... school started. So parents get prepared for that old familiar line: "I don't feel so good. Maybe I shouldn't go to school today."

Well we are all settled in. I think the first day I brought home eight books for homework. Maybe I am exaggerating.

I'll tell you about what's new in the school this year. We have a new teacher for grades 4, 5, 6. Her name is Miss Connie McRae. Mrs. Donna Willard is our Teacher's Aid. The school has 45 students.

The students are:

Kindergarten ...

Tyler Hutchings

Jill Caughey

Daniel Cunningham

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Grade 1...

Kelly Baker

Angela Fleming

Jessica Gavlas

Jason Hutchings

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Grade 2 ...

Kevin McCormick

Douglas Gavlas

Sarah deHaan

Jason Fleming

Heidi Hitchins

Adam Studsrud

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Grade 3 ...

Ruth Scott

Jamie Silver

Gordon Thornhill

Billy Cunningham

**

Grade 4 ...

Lori Caughey

Sarah Scott

Jason Silver

**

Grade 5 ...

Amy Caughey

Trace Hitchins

Chad Miller

Jesse Yull

**

Grade 6 ...

Robert Eves

Jeffrey Forrester

Michael Horth

Sarah McDonald

Laura Wemp

Connie Fabian

**

Grade 7...

Jeff deHaan

Hugh Filson

Reginald Hitchings

Peter Horth

Jamie Scott

Michael Strain

Karen Studsrud

Jamie Thornhill

Sherry Ward

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Grade 8 ...

Kirk Collins

Shannon Eves

Tessa Fabian

Adam Miller

Jamie Miller

Jake Lewis

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

As you all probably know, we now have the new shelves in the library. The Library Committee for the county is having their meeting here on Sept. 12th to see the new shelves.

Library Week is Sept 23rd to 28th. To those who

wish.

The summer reading club is over and the kids were really great and I hope enjoyed it. Ruth Scott won the draw for here and all names will be forwarded for a chance at the county draw.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Thank you to those who turned out to help celebrate our 85th anniversary.

Mrs. Thelma Howard was given a life membership and badge for her 39 years in the W.I. Mrs Marion Glenn was absent but will receive her badge and life membership for 33 years service and Mrs. Anna Hitchins was also presented a badge and life membership for 27 years in the W.I. Mrs. Knapp, a Board member from the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, was there to present the badges and corsages.

Mrs. Lyle Smith, the District President, was also a guest. From the F.W.I.O. Miss Poole the 1st Vice was also there. Other guests included Mr. Ken Keyes, MPP for Mingston and the Islands; Mr. Doug Stevenson, County Warden; and Mr. Norman Allison, Reeve of Amherst Island.

There is no meeting in September, but Mrs. Ena Baker is arranging a trip for educational program for those members who can go.

The October meeting is at Mrs Genevieve Fleming's on Oct. 30th, 8 pm. Program is Citizenship. Roll call: What makes a Good Citizen? Mrs Anna Hitchins is convenor.

New members are welcome to come and join.

The Women's Institute will be canvassing for the CNIB door to door from mid-September to early Oct. Your kind response will be appreciated.

October 2 - a Tweedsmuir workshop, Napanee Museum, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

October 23 - 'Ontario Foods in the Microwave', at Trinity United Church, Napanee. 7:30 pm.

Notices

St Alban's Anglican Church Annual Turkey Supper is on October 19th at 5:00 pm. Bake table, fish pond. All welcome.

Ontario Public Library Week, Sept. 23-29, 1985

Whereas, it is understood that information is essential to the community for personal growth and education and industrial expansion, and

Whereas, the public library provides the resources to access all types of information and

Whereas, it is recognized that the Board and Staff of Stella Public Library provide an essential and vital service to our community,

Therefore, I, Norman Allison, Reeve of the Township of Amherst Island, proclaim September 23-29, 1985, to be Ontario Public Library Week in Stella and encourage every person to call or visit our local library this week and throughout the year.

Please be advised that the gasoline trip normally scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at 6:20 a.m. will be changed to Monday, September 23rd at 6:20 am due to the opening of duck hunting season.

The change is for the specified week only.

Norman Allison, Ferry Manager

Does anyone have extra garden produce to share? Urban families on low incomes are often unable to stretch their limited budgets to include fresh fruit and vegetables, especially at the end of the month. The Community Support Program for Single Parents would appreciate food

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donations, if you have extra apples, tomatoes, squash or whatever, would you please deliver them to 157 Queen Street (at Montreal Street). If you prefer that people come and pick, please call Joanne at 549-7641 or Sally at 389-3444.

Thank You Notes

We, the family of the late Richard Bulch would like to express our deepest appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, floral tributes and donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thanks for the contributions of food and a special thank you to Leslie Gavlas, Irene Glenn, Tena Tugwell, Lyn Fleming and Donna Willard for preparing and serving lunch after the service.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way. The warmth and kindness you showed to us on our sudden loss of a loving husband, father, son and brother was very supportive and will always be remembered.

Bill and Helen

Virginia, Kimberly, Jason, Jennifer

Chuck and Marie and family

Dorothy and Tony and family

Pauli and Rob

{the following names should have been included in

this list: "Dave and Louise" which is corrected in the next issue}

We would like to thank all who sent cards, brought food and showed love and caring when we lost a dear brother and uncle. All the Island is too caring for words and we're glad to have such friends.

George, Diane, Douglas, Jessica

I would like to thank the ladies of the churches, our friends, neighbours, and family for all their acts of kindness during my recent illness.

Barb Filson

Advertisements

Water pumps and pressure systems repaired. Call George Gavlas at 389-3199.

Topsy Farms' lamb, cut wrapped and frozen for \$2.40/lb. Free delivery on Amherst Island. Phone 389-0554 or 389-3444.

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Our sincere apologies to the Bulch family for omitting the names "Dave and Louise" from the family list on the Thank You Note in the September Beacon.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The October meeting will be on Oct 30 at the home of Genevieve Fleming. Mrs Anna Hitchins had program on Citizenship. Roll call is What makes a good citizen?

A meeting on Foods in the Microwave will be held in Napanee at 7:30 Trinity United Church on Oct 23.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Georgie Allison. Program will be an address by our District President Mrs Lyle Smith. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 November 20.

We'd like to thank all those people who were so generous when we canvassed for the cancer fund.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The large type has been changed as of Oct. 1st and the regular rotation will be on Oct. 21st.

Donna Willard, I'm sad to say, no longer has enough time after the 12th to stay on at the library. She is occupied with children at the school. I will miss her but welcome my new help when he or she had been selected.

Cookbooks for sale from L. & A. County Library: \$4.00 before Nov.1st and \$5.00 after Nov 1st.

School News

- Shannon Eves & Reg Hitchins

In September the students council election was held. Jeff Forester, Hugh Filson, Sarah McDonald & Jamie Miller were nominated for head persons.

Jamie Miller and Hugh Filson were elected as the

new head persons.

Ruth Scott was elected Primary representative, Jeff Forester Junior representative and Shannon Eves was elected Senior representative.

The students council are planning on having several trips throughout the year.

On Sept. 30 some of the junior and senior students participated in a soccer tournament at Tamworth. We'd like to say we won all our games but the truth is we tied 1 and lost 2.

On behalf of the students who attended Reg and I would like to thank Miss McRae for coming with us.

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The Sinking Of The Wolfe Islander

- Shannon Eves

Sadness filled the captain's eyes,
As he watched his ship go down,
He watched the great, black bow
With its patches of rusty brown.
Now as the sun slowly sinks,
He thinks...

He thinks of his beloved ship,
That fate has taken away,
For he knows that nothing,
On this earth, is ever here to stay.

The Wolfe Islander II

- Mike Strain

One grey morning she sat there with boats surrounding
People thinking of her pounding.

They lowered the ramp
Soon she was damp
People had to cry
They didn't want the boat to die

Some were sad
But others were mad
Some were mad as a wild boar
But I'm glad it's gone because it was an eyesore
Now divers go down and come back up
They say it is happy as a new born pup
I'm glad it's happy.

Council Report

- Don Tubb

Chris Kennedy was not able to attend this month's Council meeting. For some unknown reason, I volunteered to take his place. Mercifully the meeting

was relatively short and there were no contentious issues.

All members of Council were present along with the Road Superintendent and the Building Inspector. The

minutes of the September 3rd meeting were adopted and the agenda with its undertaker were also adopted with no additions or alterations.

Councillor Murray declared a conflict of interest concerning a resolution to Graham Engineering for some fencing work on the A.R.D.A. property.

The next item on the agenda was the Building Inspector's report which was brief as there no permits issued over the last month and there was no trouble with any previously issued permits. The Road Superintendent's report was then delivered. The road crew has been mainly working on the 3rd Concession culvert which is now operable but the guard rails have

engineering firm for the standard of work carried out in the installation of the new bridge over the Third Concession creek, which is now practically completed. I do hear some questions as to the height of same, but have patience, when money and material is available, the grade level will be reduced by completion of same on the East to Tom Miller's gate and West to the former road allowance. Installation of guard rails will no doubt also be completed.

I am particularly pleased that no unfortunate accident occurred, during this extensive construction, this was due to the excellent detour road which was provided and the extensive marking system that warned of the approach to construction work.

We realize that this has been a very expensive project, but fortunately has been covered by the very generous subsidization provided by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. We also remember that it was the recognition of the need for this bridge that was one of

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the reasons that MTC favoured the designation of the Third Concession Road for use of the Development Road Grant in 1979, a decision, which was reversed by Municipal Council and realized to the Front Road by that body.

(2) I wonder how many Amherst Island folk experienced a feeling of sadness as the Wolfe Islander II was scuttled and sent to the bottom of the St. Lawrence to provide entertainment for a scuba diving club, on Saturday Sept. 21st last. Her final plunge, resembled in my mind, the description given us, in book form of the sinking of the "Titanic", April 14th, 1912, as she made her final plunge to the ocean floor, bow down and her stern raised high. As the stern of the Wolfe Islander disappeared in a matter of seconds, her name "Wolfe Islander of Kingston" stood out so clearly and ironically the last vestige of the noble old ferry to vanish from sight was the after flag staff with the Canadian flag fluttering from the same. To me this symbolized the original purpose of this ship, constructed in Collingwood as part of the Canadian War Effort in World War II, for use as a coastal freighter in the China Sea.

The demise of Wolfe Islander II brought many memories and sympathetic understanding on my part for the residents of Wolfe Island who had such a struggle to obtain this boat in 1946 for use as a ferry. We "Sister Islands" shared the same problem at the close of World War II, both of our ferries were antiquated and inadequate, wooden boats, which had served their purpose and it was the hope of we Islanders that

somewhere in the "left—overs" of our war effort would be found hulls, suitable for conversion to ferry uses. Every effort was made to research such possibilities but the political intricacies of our War Assets Disposal Corporation combined with an unfavourable feeling, on the part of the then Minister of Highways (Hon. George Doucette, M.L.A. from Lanark) toward subsidization for ferry service to our Islands created a momentous problem.

The Wolfe Islander I had been condemned for further use and Reeve John Keyes and his Council were struggling desperately to find an alternative service. As a very inadequate substitute, "someone" came up with two "troop landing craft" for improvised ferry service. I will never forget being at the Clarence St. dock in Kingston when one of these crafts came in, loaded with Island people, I could not but wonder, how long before a tragedy would happen, if use of these "punts" was continued. Information had come through of the existence of four partially completed coastal freighters at the Collingwood Shipyards and the possibilities of conversion of one of these into an automobile ferry. The Wolfe Island Council were keen on an arrangement of this kind but could not receive assurance of payment of subsidy by the Ministry on such a proposal, with the Island tax-payers being obligated for the balance of cost.

I am not completely acquainted with the political manoeuvrings of that era, but I always understood that the Premier of the Province found it necessary to "go over his Minister's head" and grant approval of payment of the required subsidy in order for the construction work to proceed.

I am amused when I think of the acquaintanceship and friendship that I later enjoyed with the late Hon. George Doucette, through Mutual Insurance circles, before his sudden and untimely death. In conversation, George never failed to relate to me how "he" had given this boat to the Wolfe Island people. At any rate I remember vividly, of a summer day, watching anxiously with binoculars for the passage of the new Wolfe Islander down the bay, after her trip from Georgian Bay, under command of Capt. James Haylock, to be

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arriving at a predetermined hour in Kingston for commissioning. One could only gain a bird's-eye view of the new ship but I remember a slight twinge of envy as one compared her broad deck space with our Amherst Islander of the time which carried 5 to 7 cars.

In more recent years, when the late Wolfe Islander II became our "back-up" boat, how delighted we were to see her approach, as our Amherst Islander had sailed

away for dry-docking for repair's etc. so necessary in maintaining a boat. True, there were problems in maintaining a schedule, in the first of these experiences, due to the fact that her steering mechanism made her a rather "cantankerous old cuss" to handle at docks, but once our ferry crews became acquainted with these intricacies, maintaining a schedule presented little problem and we appreciated her additional carrying capacity, as well as the fact that she was so readily available. Can one ever forget those days and years that we endured without such a back-up service?

(3) During the past week, my friend Hugh Kerr of Newburg, made his annual trip to the "Big Marsh" to pick cranberries. Hugh reports that the cranberry crop is practically nil and over the past three years there has been substantial deterioration in the crop due to the "taking-over" of the previous spacious cranberry bog by tag alders, wire grass and ferns.

This is probably due to the marsh never having been "burned off" in many years which seemed to account for a continuous propagation of the cranberry crop. Oh for our old friend, the late George N. Willard.

Hugh also reports that he never experienced less water in the marsh during his many years of picking cranberries there. This is somewhat astonishing to me, in view of the fact that water in the marsh has been damned back during the construction of The Miller Municipal Drain, since last summer.

(4) It was with sincere regret that we saw the Hereford Herd of Vince and Marg Aitken, "Tante Hereford Farms", leaving the Island, for dispersal at an auction facility at Lindsay.

Since the organization of this farm operation some 20 years ago, the Aitken have specialized in the breeding of top quality herefords and their cow calf operation had been highly successful as well as providing Amherst Island with a real "show place" for the farming industry. While we understand their future plans are not completely definite and are more or less of an "experimental" nature, they do propose to sample life through the winter months in Florida, Arizona, and California.

The Aitkens' efforts, since becoming Amherst Island residents, have not been confined wholly to the operation of their farm project. Vince served this Township as Reeve very capably for 5 years and in 1972 served the County of Lennox and Addington in the Warden's chair. Marg was a very interested member of the Amherst Island Women's Institute.

May I express, through your columns, my deepest appreciation for the wonderful kindnesses that have been shown me during the past weeks since I suffered the fracture of my left femur.

It is only since I suffered this unfortunate accident that I have a full appreciation of the many services available and for the good people who maintain them.

To the member's of the crew of the Amherst Islander, who are so co-operative and efficient, to the Ambulance attendants who displayed such care and competency and to the many doctors, nurses and staff of K.G.H. who made my stay there as pleasant as possible but particularly to my many, many friends who

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called on me, sent cards of well wishes and brought me so many treats, both while in hospital and since my return home.

Experiences of this kind give one a completely different perspective of life and really make one truly appreciative of one's neighbours and friends.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Steve Spence and Lorna Wright (south shore) are set to take the plunge next month. They will be married November 16 in Perth. Laurene Kilpatrick will be Lorna's matron of honour and Steve is having a friend stand up with him. The rest of the wedding party will be comprised of Lorna's three sisters and Steve's three brothers.

In other marriage related news, Tony and Penny deHaan managed to survive their first year effective the end of September. Many congratulations.

Best wishes to Gordon Glenn, recovering from illness in Kingston General Hospital. Also to Kathleen Wemp who spent several days in Napanee Hospital earlier this month. Mrs Wemp is now recovering at Lenadco, and may even make it to the Island for holidays at Thanksgiving.

More news in the Wemp family - Neilson Wemp of British Columbia and his daughter, Brenda, of Ottawa, will be visiting with family here over Thanksgiving.

And finally in the Wemp family, Ralph and Bea are off to the sunny south later this fall. They will be spending several weeks in Florida.

Due to a mix-up over last month's column, I neglected to write about George Mygind's prize-winning cabbage. Mr Mygind was given an honorable mention for his 10-pound red cabbage by the Kingston Horticultural Society in late August. Congratulations.

Parents are reminded that all girls aged 6 to 12 are invited to come out and join Girl Guides and Brownies. Janet Scott and myself meet with both groups at the school Mondays, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For all the exercise conscious (or unconscious),

Winn Studsrud is trying to find an instructor to come to the Island to teach a Jazzercise class. For those who did aerobics last year, this ssc 2 Td(di)TTj did8.1634-13.(n ins't, j18.226.8Td(tr)Tjie)Tjo tfailedi

Anglican Rectory. Her family's ownership of the Island gradually dwindled through the years and ended with the sale of Farnham to Syl Apps.

Did you know that Amherst Island was once won in an Irish card game?

My father-in-law's address:

W. H. Murphy
110 Faraday St.
Ottawa, K1Y 3M4

If I can be of any further help, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Sheila D. Murphy,
Goulais River,
ON P0S 1E0

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank our friends and relatives for the beautiful cards and gifts that we received on the occasion of our fortieth wedding anniversary.

Henry and Anna Hitchins

I would like to thank the Amherst Island Women's Institute for presenting me with a life membership pin and corsage at our 85th anniversary tea and I am very pleased to have been a member for thirty nine years. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and also with the ones who have passed on. Although our membership is getting smaller we hope we will be able to keep on going for many years and it is really an honour for our organization to celebrate their 85th anniversary. Thanks again,

Thelma Howard

Notices

For Sale: LeClerc "Inca" Counter Balance Floor Loom, 36" - 4 harnesses \$325.00

Georgina Allison

Phone: 389-3546

Wendy Shurtliffe has successfully passed her hairdressing exams and is making appointments to do men, womens and childrens hair. Give her a call any time.

Thank you

Wendy Shurtliffe would like to let everyone know she is once again selling Avon.

Thank you

Turkey Supper - sponsored by the Anglican Church Women at the Amherst Island School on Saturday, October 19, 1985 at 5:00 pm.

Tickets-

Adults \$6.00

Children under 12 \$3.00

Everyone welcome.

Would some group or individual be interested in organizing a meet-the-candidates night for those seeking election to the Township Council and to the School Board? I organized and paid for the past 2 meetings but, as I am seeking re-election to Council, I do not feel that it is appropriate for me to arrange this political meeting.

Ian Murray

Lost - Chev-Nova hub cap. Call 389-1569.

For Sale - Honey by the pail. Call 389-1569.

Topsy Farms' freezer lamb.

Call 389-0554 or 389-3444.

The Township Building Inspector, Ed Chadband, has agreed to check wood stove heating systems. There is no charge for this service. Ed's phone number is 389-8838.

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have been \$7.50}

Council Report For Nov. 5th, 1985
- Christopher Kennedy

Before the regular council meeting there was an application to rezone as residential part of Lot 15, North Shore Concession. This was passed without protest.

Only the Reeve, Chester Tugwell, Ian Murray and the Clerk were at the regular meeting. Ted Welbanks and Larry Fleming were otherwise engaged. Ted sent a letter thanking Council and Diane, in particular, for an interesting and enjoyable term in office.

The minutes of the previous meetings were adopted. At a special meeting in October it was planned to install four two-way radios, two for the road crew and two for the fire department. They will experiment to see if a base station is needed. Three building permits were issued in October, to Thornhills for a garden shed, to F. Welbanks for an addition to a machine shed, and to the Presbyterian Church for repairs. Council rescinded the latter building permit as it was felt that the work did not warrant a permit. The Road Superintendent was deer hunting and there were no delegations.

The Reeve reported on his activities for the month. The County Council has reduced the size of many of the committees. He also attended the Napanee Hospital Board meeting, and the Warden's banquet, which unfortunately ran dry rather early in the evening.

Council discussed the damage to the dock caused by the Charlevoix, which is apparently not too serious. One claim for damages to a vehicle on the ferry was rejected, and one honoured. Council ordered that no parking be allowed on the east side of the Stella dock to allow for snow plowing and the school bus turning. Tommy Miller was congratulated for obtaining his 3rd Class Engineer's papers.

A survey done on the bridges on the Island showed that the bridge in Stella is in rough shape, and work

should be done on it next year. The Recreation Committee is planning to start volley ball on the first Tuesday in January. The accounts were approved. No great increase in ferry expenses is expected for next year. The Drain is almost finished, just some tidying up needs doing. A resolution from Sidney Township on the Gypsy Moth problem will be considered by the next council.

Council adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Council Appointment - Volunteers Needed
- Diane Pearce, Clerk

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in any of the following positions for the upcoming 3 year term of Council, please call the Municipal Office at 384-3393 or any member of Council: Recreation Committee Member, Fence Viewer,

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Pound Keeper, Committee of Adjustment Member.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Diane Gavlas

Thank-you again for the generous response to the canvass for the C.N.I.B. Total donations were \$527.05.

The Nov. meeting, Wed. Nov. 20th will be held at the home of Mrs. Georgie Allison. Pot Luck dinner at 6:00 pm. The District President Mrs. Lyle Smith will give an address to our branch.

Hay Bay W.I. will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with a tea on Nov. 29th from 2-4 pm.

Once again we will be pleased to host the Senior Citizens Dinner on Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm.

Library News
- Diane Gavlas

The week of Nov. 18th to 23rd will be a survey week of public library use by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. Please bear with me if there is a number of people in and I start counting you all at once.

The new rotation will be in Nov. 18th and we have a selection of Christmas books in now, including carols, crafts and Christmas stories.

Interloans are no problem so feel free to ask and we will try our best to get the book or books you would like.

Books-By-Mail is available free to shut-ins and

county residents unable to use their branch library. For further information write to:

Lennox and Addington County Public Library
Books By Mail Service
37 Dundas St. West, Napanee, Ont. K7R 1Z5, or
telephone 354-2585. There are over 50,000 volumes of
fiction and non-fiction available for your reading
pleasure.

The library also has a Polaroid Sun Camera free for
loan to people over 18. Ask at the library for details.

More Cook Books Pot Luck are on order \$5.00 per
copy at your library.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

As mentioned last month, the Jazzercise class will be
starting fairly soon, probably within a month. Details
are still not finalized. However, everyone who signed
the list at the store will be contacted by phone.

In other sports, adult mixed volleyball will be
starting the first Tuesday after New Years. Volleyball
will continue every Tuesday at 8 pm. through until
spring. Age is 20 plus.

Tickets are on sale now for the New Year's Party.
They are available from Al Caughey, Harry Filson and
Jack Forester. A reminder also about the Baseball
Dance November 23.

Best wishes to Kenneth Miller, recovering from
surgery at Friendship Manor in Kingston. Kenneth is
doing very well according to reports, and is expected
home in a few weeks. Best wishes also to Kathleen
Wemp, still at Lenadco and feeling quite a bit better
lately.

Congratulations (?) to the Miller hunting party who
managed to land one 90 lb buck on their annual hunt.
The honour goes to Paul Glenn, who also saw and
missed one other. Condolences to all the wives who
were just itching to cook all that good venison. Better
luck next year.

After taking second prize in the dog show last
month, Max appears to be getting too big for his
sweater. While Doug was kind enough to help Glenn's
Store while our truck was out of commission, Max did
him the pleasure of chewing up his air hose. Later, in an
attempt to escape Doug's wrath, Max chewed apart the
fence surrounding his yard. Tune in next month to see if
Max is still alive or if he has met an

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unpleasant end.

Many thanks to Doug from the staff of Glenn's
Store for all his help over the past few weeks.

Legion Branch 539

A very successful Hallowe'en Masquerade was held
Friday, October 25. Prize winners were:

Best children's costume: Jeff Forester and Chad Miller -
a 2-hole out house

Funniest costume: George Gavlas - a barrel, boot's and
not much else

Best Hallowe'en Costume: Marie Ward - a terrible
witch

Best Overall Costume Costume : Betty Wemp - Pizza
Pie-Man.

All manner of outrageous spooks were seen to say
nothing of the dozen or so Rambo look-alikes.

Poppy Day on Saturday, November 2, was a great
success. Branch 539 would like to thank all Island
residents who contributed so generously again this year.
This money, our Poppy Fund, allows us to give prizes
in our annual essays and poems contest, to provide
comforts for ill veterans in hospital, and to contribute to
disaster-relief funds for communities stricken by
unforseen troubles, among other things.

Sunday, November 10 was the Ecumenical Church
Service for Remembrance Day. Although it was a dirty
day out, quite a number of people came out to hear
some timely words on the pressing need for a personal
commitment to keeping the peace on the part of each of
us, and on the meaning of the deaths of so many fine
young men during the wars. Many thanks to Rev.
Lindsay MacIntyre, Rev. Clarence Babcock, and our
own Pastor, Rev. Norman Allison.

Next meeting will also be our Christmas Party, at
the home of Norman & Georgie Allison, on December
12.

Letter of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends, neighbours,
relatives, the A.C.W., P.C.W., Amherst Island W.I.,
Branch 539 R.C.L. for cards, gifts, flowers and visits
after my recent accident. A very special thanks to Doug
Wilson for the use of his truck to keep our business
going.

Irene Glenn.

Notices

The Amherst Island Driving Club New Year's Eve
Dance tickets are now on sale for \$35, from Harry

Filson, Al Caughey or Jack Forester. Dinner is at 7 pm.

The Amherst Island Men's Baseball Team has a Fund Raising Dance on Nov. 23. \$10.00 per couple. Buffet. Dancing 8 to 1. Contact Jack Forrester.

There will be a Magic Show at the Public Library on Nov. 23 at 10 am. (Diane says Put It On Your Calendar.)

Election Results

- Diane Pearce, Clerk

For Trustee, Lennox and Addington County Board of Education -

Candidate	Votes
Hehn, Denise Kenny	84 Elected
Thaxter, Ronald	46

Ferry Question - "Are you in favour of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island requesting the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to assume total responsibility for the operation of the Amherst Island Ferry?"

Number of votes for Yes	48
Number of votes for No	87
Total number of eligible voters:	
Resident	281
Non-resident	222
Total	503
Total number of votes cast	135.

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Election Notes

- Staff

Congratulations to Denise Kenny Hehn. We are fortunate that 2 people cared enough to contest the Trustee position.

The voter turn-out was unusually low on the Island. This is probably due to the acclamation of the 1985-1988 Council. Norman Allison is serving a second term as Reeve. Chester Tugwell and Ian Murray are back again as Councillors. Beth Forester will serve for the first time and Keith Miller is back on Council after 14 years.

Public School

From Nov. 25 to Dec. 6 there will be milk sold at the

school during lunch hour to the students.

On Oct 30 Student's Council rented some movies for the students, we all got a free pop and a bag of popcorn and they sold the rest of it for 50 cents each.

The Young Reader

The books I read are little books,
But as I grow my books will grow
The size for quite small laddies,
To great big ones like Daddy's.

School Report

- Adam Miller

The 11th of the month was Remembrance Day: which is when we give a thought to the men, women and children that lost their lives to war.

This year at the school the children followed Mr. and Mr's. Tugwell to the cairn where we took time to remember the dead.

Afterwards the Tugwells shared some stories from the war.

The week of the 11th to the 15th was exams for some of the students at Amherst Island Public School.

How To improve Your Looks

- Jamie Miller

A piglets nose and doggies toes
Helps you wear better clothes.

A pickel aged for twenty years
Makes some really cool ears.

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Sing some spooky songs
Phantoms are walking around
Out of the bushes
Out of the ground
Kate is seared and so am I.
You will think of spooky things.

Acrostic
- Sarah Scott, Grade 4
Banging on all the doors,
Acting like a ghost,
Tapping on the windows,
Saying squeek!

Why We Wear A Poppy
- Jason Fleming
We wear poppys to remember the dead. I remember my
Grandpa Wolfreys. He fought in the World War I and
II. He left me one of his bombshells and cannon balls
too.

Why We Wear A Poppy
- Kevin McCormick
We wear poppies to remember the soldiers who died in
the war. Poppies grew in Flanders Fields. We are lucky
we have freedom, to do what ever we want to - like
education, speech, and jobs, instead of the Government
telling us what to do and what to wear, and where to go.

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if somebody you know died in a war you could go to the
grave on Remembrance Day.

Why We Wear A Poppy
- Douglas Gavlas
We wear a poppy to remember the people who fought in
World War I and World War II. My Grandpas fought
in the two World Wars. We wear a poppy to remember
the people who died in the World Wars. The World
Wars went from 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. The first
war was short.

What A Poppy Reminds Me Of
- Mike Strain
A poppy reminds me of all the brave men that fought
for us in our wars. These men were very brave,
probably more brave than anyone else that ever lived.
Can you imagine yourself in a muddy and dark tunnel
with only a gun to protect yourself? Can you think of

giving up your family to go to battle? How would you
act if you had hundreds of dead bodies around you?
Well, these men were brave and protected us. This is
why we wear poppies.

A poppy is a good symbol because the men who died
for us are buried around them, It reminds me of the
freedom they gave us. It reminds me of the brave men
who saved our country and our rights. The red of the
poppy is a good colour because it is the colour of our
country's flag.

Another good reason to wear a poppy is to honour
those wives and children who gave up their men so that
we could be free. The families of the dead must be
proud as well as sad that their men were killed
protecting our country.

I am sure that all the veterans, great ones at that,
must feel proud just to sit down and think about how
many lives they saved. I also think they must be happy
to sit down and tell their wives and children how happy
they are just to be with them.

I think the major reason to wear a poppy on
Remembrance Day is to remember all of our great
veterans dead or alive. Putting a poppy on our coat or in
your hat doesn't take much time, so do it and be proud:
I am!

Is Remembrance Day Necessary
- Hugh Filson
Today is a day to Remember
All the people that died.
And to remember why they died.
Well they died for our freedom.
There were many people who died
In many bloody battles
They were wounded or killed standing up for our
Country
And in my mind and heart they will always be honored
Today is set aside for these great people.
We remember them today
But we also should remember them every time we see
our Canadian flag waving high and free.
So is Remembrance Day necessary?
Yes it is,
But a bit of everyday should be saved for
Remembrance.

What a Poppy Means To Me
- Shannon Eves
The red of the poppy is the blood soldiers shed,
The black a blanket of gloom
These are the colours
We remember those brave men by.

Each day the war continued
Their hearts sank in despair.
Yet they pushed on day after day.
With the thoughts of their loved ones far, far away.

Some never made it home
But are always remembered.
On November 11th we honour these men
Who kept us free,
Who kept us safe.

Remembrance Day

- Jason Silver, Grade 4

On November 11 we remember the soldiers that fought
for our freedom. 114,000 lives were lost. The first
world war started in 1914 and ended

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in 1918. The second started in 1939 and ended in 1945.
If the soldiers didn't fight for our freedom you would
not be able to do much. Not only men died, women did
too. I hope there will not be a world war three because
so many lives were lost from the fighting. If we had a
war here in Canada and it was still going on we would
not even be allowed to go outside and plus many more
lives would be lost. That's why I don't want another
war. On Remembrance Day, we have two minutes of
silence to remember the soldiers. Outside our school we
have a cenotaph. Many people are on it. One way we
remember the people who fought for our freedom is by
wearing poppies.

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Inaugural Council Meeting, Dec. 3/85
- Christopher Kennedy

This was the first meeting of the new Council. Norman Allison remains Reeve, Chester Tugwell and Ian Murray remain from the previous Council, and Beth Forrester and Keith Miller are the new Councillors. They all read the Declarations of Office, promising to be honest, and an oath of allegiance. Rev. McIntyre then said several prayers. Altogether it made an impressive launching for the new Council.

Council considered the list of appointments to committees and other positions. This will be included later in the Beacon when everything is completed. Mr. Radley will continue as the Township Solicitor and Thorne Riddell as the Auditor. The Building Inspector, Ed Chadband, listed three permits issued; one to Hitchins for a cattle shelter, to Strain for an addition and to Raymond for a garage. The Road Superintendent, Stuart Miller, said the crew was busy preparing for winter. Two mobile radios have been installed, in the dump truck and the grader, and a base station will be put in the Township shed. The Volunteer Fire Fighters Association have given one unit to the fire brigade and the fire budget supplied another.

Bert Nesbitt was given agreement in principle to sever the field to the east of his present house. The Reeve discussed his activities in the last month. He had been to several meetings, including one with the Ferry Review Steering Committee for an update on the report on the long term plans for the Ferry. The County is still arguing with the local health unit about their increased demand for money.

The regulations for transporting dangerous goods on the ferry have been tightened up. The research on the right-of-way along the beach by McGimms continues. The Ministry of the Environment sent a letter to Council praising the condition of the Township dump. Council briefly discussed the possibility of having this letter Framed. Volleyball starts on Tuesday, January 7th.

The Clerk, Diane Pearce, presented the most recent

budget figures. Details may be seen at the Township Office. Both the Ferry and the roads expenses are under budget at the moment, but Ferry revenue is less than expected as well.

Council discussed hiring a drainage inspector, but put it off until one was needed. Then they looked at the rest of the correspondence. This included a resolution from Durham asking the government to ban teachers' strikes and to send the disputes to arbitration. This was supported. There were several letters pro and con the new spills bill, and a discussion of the recent increases in insurance rates. These increases are caused in part by some

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of the enormous liability awards made recently. Some municipalities in the States have been unable to obtain liability insurance.

Council adjourned at about 11 pm.

Beacon News
- Staff

We are grateful to Lyn Fleming for handling the subscriptions as well as acting as our Treasurer for the past few years. Good luck in the South, Lyn.

Les Gavlas has agreed to take over from Lyn.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Diane Gavlas

The Senior Citizen Dinner on December 7th was well attended again this year. To those of you who couldn't make it we hope to see you next year.

A special thank-you to the Amherst Island Youth Group for doing an excellent job of serving and cleaning up for the dinner. The teenagers of Amherst Island need special thanks for they are appreciated for the general good cheer and behaviour and willingness to pitch in and help others.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 and Burleigh LOL 482 again were very generous helping the W.I. financially in sponsoring the Senior Citizens Dinner. A number of private donations were also received and with a continuous support such as this we feel the Amherst Island Women's Institute can keep up its objective of helping the home and community.

The December meeting has been moved ahead to December 17th at the home of Mrs. Anna Hitchins. Roll Call will be an exchange of gifts.

Any people wishing to join the W.I. should tell any

member and they will be glad to give you a ride to a meeting and tell you the aims and objectives of all Women's Institute members World Wide, Nationally and at home.

Once again the year is past and the Amherst Island Women's Institute wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Phyllis Strain has been hired as the new assistant for the library by the Lennox and Addington Library Committee.

Interloans have been slow coming monthly due to the mail slow down for Christmas and any new ones will likely be quite some time in coming. My apologies if this is inconvenient for anyone.

Another rotation of books will arrive on December 16th and new large types and cassettes early in January. We have a block of childrens and adult Christmas books in the library now for the month.

Pot Luck books on sale for \$5.00 at the library. Library Will Be Closed DEC. 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st, so books are being stamped due on the 28th of December and January 4th until the holidays are over.

Last but not least, Phyllis and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Amherst Island Youth Group Report

- Steven Ward

The Youth Group met for the first time this fall on September 30, 1985. Judy Miller is once again the group's leader and Rita Brown is her assistant. Julie Forester was elected as the group's president, and Steven Ward was elected as the secretary for the group.

The Youth Group is quite a bit larger this term than it has been in the past, and we have twenty-one members that attend regularly. We meet every Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00 at Amherst Island Public School. Each meeting is started with a bible study which is done by Rev. Babcock and Rev. McIntyre.

The Youth Group is working on making itself more visible to the

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community this fall. We attended the Anglican Church on November 17th, and we will be helping the Women's Institute with their Senior Citizens Dinner on December 7th at the school.

We have also done several events at our regular

meetings. One of these events was tie-dying which Tracey Filson most patiently showed us how to do. Another event was that we had a cooking night during which we cooked ravioli. We also attended a dance in Kingston which was sponsored by the Kingscourt Youth Group. Suzie Caughey attended our meeting on November 7th, because Judy was unable to be there. We attended a volleyball tournament at Queens University on November 23rd. We won 3 out of 11 games and made it to the "B" division championships.

We would also like to inform the community that we will be placing a box at the back of each of the churches on the Island, which you may put your Christmas cards for fellow islanders in, and the Youth Group will deliver them for you for free. This will save you the amount of money that most people spend on postage stamps at Christmas.

Inclosing, we would like to thank the community for the support that they have given us in the past, and we will continue to try to help out in the community whenever we can in the future.

Thank You Notes

Belated thank you - The Anglican Church Women wish to thank the members of the parish and of the community who assisted in making our Annual Turkey Supper a real success.

Leslie Gavlas, Secretary A.C.W.

To the Electors of Amherst Island:

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to represent you as trustee to The Lennox and Addington County Board of Education.

I have a great deal to learn in the coming months and look forward to that as well as to serving you to the best of my ability.

Please do not hesitate to telephone me if you have concerns to share or questions to ask. I will be pleased to hear from you at any time. The number is 355-7456.

Denise Kenny Hehn

I would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours for calls and cards. P.C.W. and A.C.W. for visits and gifts.

Special thanks to Dr. Alex Scott for care and concern. Thanks to Barbara and Helen for staying with me. To Rev. L. McIntyre and Mr. N. Allison for visits.

Special thanks to Barbara and Stratton for having the lunch and ladies that helped after service.

In passing of a friend, the late Sam Reid.

Jennie McCormick

I wish to express my sincere thanks to; Nessie Welbanks, Lucille Brown and Helen Miller for their tremendous efforts, and in aiding me with their topics of discussion for my presentation, in class, at St. Lawrence College, on 19 November 1985. You were all really great!

Donna Chadband

Notices

To Firemen:

Please note that the monthly fire meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month, rather than Monday nights. This includes January, February and March (no December meeting will be held). Regular Monday night meetings will resume in April.

Occasional babysitting in my home, anytime 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Friday beginning January 1986.

Please call Helen at 389-5175.

Thank you.

Helen McCormick

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

It is with much regret that we say goodbye to Lyn and Larry, Jason and Stephanie. They will be greatly missed by all of us. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the surprise party Saturday night.

Thank you to the kind friends, neighbours and staff who helped out when Irene was taken to hospital. Special thanks to Bill and Helen Bulch, Maureen Nesbitt, Rev. McIntyre, Betty Wemp, Heather and Tracey and Helen McCormick. Irene had a badly bruised hip and will be home by the beginning of the week.

Congratulations to Rick Tate and Suzanne Bullock who were married in Kingston at the bride's home. They are currently honeymooning in Denbigh.

Aerobics class will begin Monday January 6. Classes will be held from 8 to 8:45 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. No registration is required. Fee is \$1 per class. Please bring a good-sized towel.

In order to solve his dilemma with Max and save his

furniture, Doug Wilson has purchased a muzzle. This was a last resort after Max ate both the welding hose and part of the new bedroom carpet. The muzzle lasted approximately two days until Doug went out for the evening and Max ate the muzzle. Doug says he can't even find the buckles.

The Following Space Is Provided For Christmas Messages, Interesting (But Unprintable) Gossip, And For The Article That You Meant To Write But Didn't.

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Council Report for January 7th, 1986
- Christopher Kennedy

Before the regular meeting Council met and approved the rezoning of Bert Nesbitt's land. Keith Miller was away at the Dairy Herd Improvement Association Annual Meeting, as he is the Director for Lennox and Addington. The minutes of the Dec. 3rd and Dec. 20th meetings were approved. At the Dec. 20th meeting this year's ferry rates were decided. The rates are mainly unchanged, but the spouse's pass has been abolished.

The Building Inspector reported that one permit was issued in December, for Dave Willard to build a sheep shed. Only 19 building permits were issued in 1985, down from 26 in 1984. The capital investment figure was way down, partly because no houses were built on the Island last year. Stuart Miller reported that the road crew had ploughed snow for most of December. It was the worst December he could remember. Fortunately there had been no major breakdowns (famous last words!) The radio telephones in the vehicles have been a great help.

Dr. Osborne approached Council to enquire about rezoning his waterfront property (next to Bruce Caughey's). Bruce Caughey Jr. spoke to Council about the ferry pass system. He suggested that economies could be made by reducing the crew to four and giving more administrative responsibility to the captains. We thought that the Island residents should pay one fee and visitors another.

The Reeve had been to two county meetings, one to elect committees and the other to hear from the employees at Venture Trans at Millhaven about saving their jobs.

The Ferry Negotiating Committee had two meetings with M.T.C. about the new ferry agreement. The negotiations continue, but it looks as though the agreement will be generally similar to the present one. It would run for four years, with the Township paying a slightly higher percentage of the costs, going to 10% by

1989 (from 91.5% in 1985).

The Coast Guard is still working on the regulations for dangerous cargoes. The Township lawyer is to work on the right-of-way along the beach by Art McGinns. The Future Needs Study Steering Committee on the ferry is continuing its deliberations.

The Council received information on Bill 309, concerning waste oil disposal. This bill says that if you produce waste engine oil, even from your own vehicles, you must either licence your facility as a generator of liquid waste and all material must be manifested off your property, or have a written agreement with a licensed Part V hauler. I'm sure that everyone on the Island will be rushing out to comply with

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this.

The Sanitation Committee will try to get more money to continue improving the dump. Assessment notices will be going out soon. Council discussed the parking problems on the Stella dock, so the snow plough and school bus can have room to turn. After a few more minor matters, Council adjourned.

Council Meeting, December 20, 1985
- Tom Sylvester

Council met in special session to consider the existing ferry rate structure, ferry use and 1987 ferry Revenue shortfalls.

The M.T.C. ferry subsidy rate will drop to 90.5% for 1987 from 91.5% in 1986. This 1% drop is significant when the size of the ferry deficit is considered. There may be dramatic changes to the ferry rate structure for 1987 to cover the Township's share of the projected deficit.

The pass system will be under review. Once again the ferry use increased while revenue actually decreased in 1985.

There were slight changes in ferry pass policy:

1. The pass holder must be driving the vehicle unless "incapacitated."
2. Passes apply to only one vehicle space; an additional charge will apply if a pass holder with, say, a trailer behind his vehicle prevents another vehicle from boarding the ferry.
3. A student pass can only be issued for a full time student and if the student's parent or guardian has a pass. The name of the institution must be specified.

Council will welcome suggestions for the Revision of the ferry Rate Structure for 1987.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Lorna Seaman and Jim Barbro, who were married at the bride's house just after Christmas. Very best wishes.

Welcome to Jennie McCormick, a new addition to the village. Jennie moved last week to the trailer across from Glenn's Store.

And Bon Voyage to Jack and Madlyn Kerr, who left last week for a few months in sunny Florida. Also to John and Mary Hall, who are heading south the end of January.

A reminder that Winn's Aerobics classes are now underway, every Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the school. Men in leotards welcome.

And as for Max ... Most of us were sure Max was going to another home after eating the Driver's seat belt out of Doug's truck just before Christmas. However, Doug softened and instead of selling Max (or paying someone to take him) a large wire cage was installed in the dining room, where Max now spends a good deal of his time. And since Max's owner suggested more exercise for the dog, Doug has now taken to jogging him along beside his truck on a leash. Aside from eating the carpeted floor of his cage, the exercise seems to have calmed him down some.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

New large type are in the library again and a regular rotation change will be Jan. 20th.

Fines are changing. The new rate is 10 cents per book per library day (open) with a maximum, fine of \$2.00 per book. This may seem like a lot but there are thousands of dollars of overdue books in our own county alone.

Interloans are no problem so if there is a specific book you want please feel free to ask on interloan.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting will be on January 15th at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Phyllis Strain is our hostess.

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Mrs Anna Hitchins is on program with world affairs. Roll call is "An Event in the World Today".

New members are still welcome to join. Hope to see some soon.

Random Notes

- Ian Murray

Chris and Randi Kennedy have both seen Halley's Comet in the past week.

The Island received excellent service from Pringle's of Napanee when the transmission disintegrated on the dump truck that has the snow plow mounted on it. The damage occurred on a Thursday morning and by evening two of Pringle's men had returned from Thomasburg with a transmission from a wrecked truck. On Friday the transmission and drive shaft were replaced and by evening the truck was plowing snow.

The road crew have just acquired a snow blower and they report that it works very well.

When you hear of something related to Council business that may affect you, why not contact the Clerk or one of members of Council to find out what is actually happening? Also, don't forget that Council Meetings - regular, special and committee - are open to the public. The only exceptions are meetings, or parts of meetings, that deal with personnel matters, labour relations and negotiations, property purchases, litigation and contract information. This does not mean that Council is going to include you in any discussions, although the Chairman may allow you to address Council, but you do have the right to hear what is being discussed.

I continue to be amazed at some of the rumors that circulate within this community. The inventiveness of some and the gullibility of others always surprises me. I sometimes think that I should print a separate page of The Beacon, containing the monthly supply of rumors, silly and sane, together with all the gossip, malicious and otherwise. The main reason that I do not do so is that I hate the thought of dignifying the drivel that is passed around the Island as "information". I would also be ashamed for someone from "off-Island" to read some of the things that are repeated over here.

I am not against rumors, it is a good way to hear what is going on. What I am against is the mindless acceptance and repetition of nonsense.

I am also not against gossip. Discussing the doings of our neighbours and friends is one way in which community norms are formed and perhaps altered. It is also one way in which children can learn what their parents and other adults consider to be acceptable and unacceptable behavior. What I am against is the needless arid irresponsible character assassination that some people take such obvious pleasure in spreading.

Notices

If you need a babysitter for children ages 3 and up, call Sherry Ward at 389-5767. I am twelve years old.

The I.S.L.E. Ham Dinner will be on Wednesday January 29 at 12 noon at the school. The cost is \$3.75 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

A note to all girls and boys who played on the Mite baseball team. Please return sweaters either to the store or to me as soon as possible. Thanks.

Reta

Thank You Notes

Many thanks to the Amherst Island Youth Group for delivering our Island Christmas Cards to our doors along with their own cheery "Season's Greetings". Your presence, helping hands and cheerful faces add a real bright spot in our community.

Best wishes to your group for

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1986!

Jean Tugwell

Once again, I would like to say thanks for all the nice cards, phone calls and visitations when I was in hospital and after I came home. The Women's Institute, P.C.W., A.C.W. and Legion represent a lot of good wishes.

Thanks a million.

Earle Tugwell

My sincere thanks to the senior men's baseball club for the award recently presented to me. I have enjoyed working with the team and hope to continue doing so.

Doug Wilson

On behalf of all of us who use the Island roads, I would like to congratulate the snow removal crew for their excellent work. They have cleared the roads under the worst weather conditions, worked long hours and rescued stranded vehicles in the process. It must be very difficult to keep going through the night in a blizzard especially with old and worn-out equipment. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Randi Kennedy

We would like to thank all of our good friends, family and neighbours for the cards, money and especially the great going away party!! It was so unexpected and a total surprise. Special thanks to Pam, Annette, Phil and Debbie, and anyone else who was involved in the conspiracy!! Thank you also to the A.C.W. for the beautiful earrings, the A.I. Men's Ball Club for the great desk set, and to Mrs. Forrester and the primary room for Jason's going away party. Everything was deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.

The weather has been cool at night since we arrived in Orlando - but always sunny and warm through the day. We hear youth weather has been a bit cooler and whiter! We're easing into city life - it's a big change from Amherst Island! The biggest problem so far has been resisting the urge to wave to every car you meet on the road!!

Thank you all again. Happy New Year to you all.

Larry, Lyn, Jason and Stephanie Fleming.

Amherst Island Community Sunday School
- Susan Caughey

The boys and girls of the community Sunday School have been busy supporting an international project known as "Sleeping Children around the World." The idea, founded by Murray Dryden (Ken and Dave's dad) has been in effect since 1972. The non-profit organization is run by nearly 80 year old Mr. Dryden and volunteers from the Dryden home in Islington, Ontario. A cheque has recently been sent from the Amherst Island children to purchase three slumber kits. Kits include an air mattress, pillow, sheets, pyjamas, and blankets or mosquito netting where needed. They are delivered personally to the children in India, Pakistan, Haiti, the Philippines, and Jamaica by volunteers from Ontario. Everyone who contributes a kit receives a colour photograph of the child receiving the kit. The mother and child who receive the kit also receive a photograph. Mr. Dryden says it may be the only photograph the mother has of her child.

People have asked the Drydens "why bedding, why not food?". "Have you involuntarily ever been without a bed for a period of time? We feel that a comfortable bed for a few hours each night takes the mind off a child's problems, such as hunger and it conserves energy for the challenges of the next day. There is no one else with such a program," says Mr. Dryden.

We all had an interesting and productive Sunday School year which concluded with the Sunday School concert on December 22nd. Classes

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will resume in March. We all thank the congregation of St. Albans and St. Pauls for their guidance and support and the many community members that have helped out. We always welcome new teachers and work toward having two teachers per class. If you would be interested in getting involved with the Sunday School please phone me soon, as we are beginning to organize for the next term. We meet at the school on Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It is a non-denominational group and we warmly welcome all Island children and friends.

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Council Meeting for February 4th

- Christopher Kennedy

Ian Murray was away with the flu. The building inspector was not present. Brian Osborne talked to Council about the severance he wants for his property. Council asked him to come back with more complete plans. The road superintendant has been working on the road budget, as well as ploughing snow. He is considering the possibility of replacing the bridge in the village. The Reeve reported on his activities for the month. He had been to four county meetings. At the regular County Council there was a presentation on the Gypsy Moth. They are also arguing about the Health Unit Budget.

There was a meeting of the Ferry Review Steering Committee. In a verbal report the possibility of rebuilding or relocating the ferry docks was discussed. The final report may be ready by March. The ferry subsidy agreement is being checked by the lawyers.

The notice board for the Township office is finished. The Township lawyer, Mr. Radley, has not replied to the enquiries about right of way along the McGinn beach. Council discussed the possibility of a phone on the Millhaven dock, but decided the danger of vandalism was too great. The berthage fees for the ferry have been increased, although no work has been done to the docks for fifteen years.

The Recreation Committee is planning a family dance for March 7th. Council is working on a new Recreation By-law, containing the rules and regulations governing the Community Centre and the park. Now the by-law has to go to the Recreation Committee. A request for money from 4-H was referred to the Recreation Committee.

Council adjourned after a few minor matters were discussed.

Special Council Meeting On Jan. 21st

- Christopher Kennedy

This special meeting was to consider compensation to Morven Construction for differences between the contract as bid, for the Miller Municipal Drain, and the actual work done. Norman Allison moved that the meeting be closed, but in a recorded vote this was defeated: Keith Miller, Chester Tugwell and Ian Murray voted to keep it open. Keith then declared conflict of interest and took no part in the meeting.

Brian Boyd, from Graham Engineering, said that the amount of rock to be excavated had changed because the engineering plans were wrong and because the Drainage Tribunal agreed that all the rock on Clare's land did not need to come out. This substantially changed the nature of the work Morven had to do. Graham Engineering recommended paying Morven \$4,240 in compensation.

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Morven thought they deserved more, but Council agreed with Graham Engineering.

The other change was to the fencing, much of which the landowners did not want, although it was specified in the plans. Morven had already started the work when the change was made. Mr Boyd recommended \$500 in compensation, which Council approved.

Council then adjourned.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Joining the many Islanders seeking solace in sunny Florida are Eldon and Elsie Willard. They are on a tour and should be back sometime next week.

Our now resident Floridians, Lyn and Larry Fleming, have been keeping in constant touch. They have recently moved to a new home where they are very happy.

As I don't have any amount of real news to give this month, and on the suggestion of my co-workers, I will fill the next inch or so with news about myself. This should also answer many unanswered questions and save me many future answers.

While on a holiday weekend in Welland about a week ago, I fell in a hole (a small hole) in a driveway. I sprained my ankle and pulled some ligaments and have consequently been using a cane. I wish to thank all our customers for their concern and would like to announce formally, at this time, for the last time. I didn't drink a drop before I fell.

As for Max and Cara, since their new exercise

program began, they seem to have calmed down considerably. I even see Doug leaving home without them from time to time.

I.S.L.E.

- Annette

Thank you to those who participated in I.S.L.E.'s annual Ham Dinner. Although the turnout was not nearly as enthusiastic as in other years, we appreciate those who supported us. Special thanks to Irene Glenn for preparing much of the food, and to Thelma Howard, Janet Scott, Caroline Yull and the senior students for their help. Also to Susan Caughey and Betty Wemp for donations.

As well as hot lunches, I.S.L.E. has instituted a milk program at the school this year to supply fresh milk to students four days a week. Thanks to Judy Miller for keeping track of the mess.

Our appreciation to the following people for their help with hot lunches - Winn and Karen Studsrud, Tessa Fabian, Anne Marie Hitchins, Judy Miller, Tracy Hitchins and Amy Caughey.

I.S.L.E.'s Annual Bingo and Euchre Night will be held Thursday, March 6 at 8 pm, Amherst Island Public School.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

A reminder that fines are now 10 cents per book per library day to a maximum of \$2.00 per library book.

New rotation of books again on Feb 17th. If there are interloan requests please let us know and we will try to get what you want. Interloans are no problem.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Thank-you for the generous donations received for the Heart Fund. Anyone wishing to leave donations may still do so at the store.

The February Meeting is Feb. 19th at 8:00 pm at the home of Mrs Jean McIntyre. Program is Canadian Industries.

Napanee Museum is having a St Patrick's Day Display on March 17th and in April a display of quilts.

Women's Institute: Women Involved!

Taken From Home and Country Mag. Vol 52 Fall '85

The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario gave \$5,000.00 in 1985 to aid a new provincial leadership

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program aimed at preparing rural leaders to meet changes. A proposal was put forward to donate another \$5,000.00 in 1986 to AALP (Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program). This program needed approx. \$200,000.00 to be raised from rural organizations. The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario was the first group to be approached.

"A lot of people perceive the W.I. today as being behind the times, but their support to a project like this shows the W.I. is in fact, very much in tune with and even a little ahead of the times."

Thank You Note

I wish to thank those people who helped me last Friday night; to the passerby who helped me out of the icy water, to the Amherst Island ferry crew for the dry clothes, coffee and warm place to stay, to Bobby Marshall for his help, to my bother Eric for making phone calls, Marshall and Marion Glenn for bringing me home, to Pat Rogers Towing and to the driver. Thanks to those whom I have not mentioned who helped me in any way. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Leon McGinn

Notices

Volunteers needed to co-teach Sunday School Classes and help in planning and leading youth group activities. If you can help, please phone; Susan Caughey, 389-2012 (Sunday School) Judy Miller 389-2459 (Youth Group).

Recreation Club Dance, March 7 at the Community Centre. Disc Jockey from 8 to midnight.

Milk Quality Certificates

- Staff

Two Island farms received milk quality certificates at the Annual Meeting of the Lennox and Addington Milk Committee in Selby last week.

The quality certificates were awarded to Keith and Don Miller and Fleming Isle Farms for outstanding milk quality throughout 1985. In order to receive this award milk producers are monitored throughout the year for plate loope count, somatic cell count plus their premises must pass a yearly inspection by the Dairy Inspection

Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and come up with a score of 90+.

Income Tax Information

- Leslie Gavlas

Courtesy H&R Block

February, and time to consider changes in the Income Tax forms for 1985. This year there are not many changes but a few are worth noting.

(1) First, the good news - exemptions are increased: Basic Personal Exemption \$4140.

Age Exemption (born 1920 or earlier) \$2590.

Married Exemption (Spouse's income \$510 or less) \$3630.

Dependent Children's Exemption:

Born 1968 or later (net income \$2720 or less) \$710.

Born 1967 or earlier (net income \$2720 or less) \$1420.

Born 1963 or earlier and infirm or in full time attendance at school or university and with net income \$2720 or less \$1420.

Please note: dependants with income between \$2720 and \$4140 are eligible for a partial exemption.

Deduction for blind or confined to bed or a wheelchair \$2590

Child Tax Credit per child (net family income \$26330 or less) \$384.

(2) And now the bad news - individuals with taxable income (on line 260 of the tax form) as low as \$1430 must now pay tax. Until this year "taxable" incomes of \$1800 or less were not taxable. This lowering of the tax "sill" will affect many low income individuals, many of them seniors, who have not

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needed to file tax returns for the past few years. If you are one of these may I suggest you check your status for 1985.

Also note the unused portion of the Spouse's Federal Tax Reduction (line 403) has been reduced to a maximum of \$100.

(3) Holders of Compound Canada Savings Bonds, Series 37 (purchased in 1982) must report the interest earned to date on these bonds even though bonds have not been cashed (unless you have been reporting the interest on these bonds on the Annual Accrual Method.) Please refer to the page titled "Investment Income Choices - Methods of Reporting Interest" in your tax forms.

Individuals who have cashed Canada Savings Bonds and received bonus interest, reported on a form T600C, report only 1/2 of this amount on a special line added to Schedule 4 of the tax return.

(4) Charitable Donations - do you have receipts for 1984 which were not used for some reason? It is now possible to use these as new rules permits charitable donations to be carried forward up to 5 years. If you do not have taxable income this year your receipts for charitable donations can now be held until a future taxable year.

(5) The Registered Home Ownership Savings Plan (RHOSP) has been discontinued. Contributions to such a plan made prior to May 23/85 are still deductible. Withdrawals from an RHOSP plan prior to May 23/85 are tax exempt to the extent they are used to acquire an owner occupied home within 3 years. Withdrawals subsequent to May 22/85 are tax free, but income earned in an RHOSP plan after Dec. 31/85 will be taxed.

(6) In certain circumstances 2 individuals may be able to claim for the same dependant child. In these cases both individual's must claim a portion of the family allowance received for that child. In the past each individual could claim a full dependant's exemption. For 1985, however, a single dependant's exemption must be split between the two individual's.

(7) For 1985 the first \$10000 of net taxable capital gain is tax exempt, and the exemption is to be increased annually to a lifetime "Cumulative Gains Limit" of \$250,000. To take advantage of the exemption the taxable capital gain must be calculated in the normal fashion and a special Revenue Canada form, T-657, completed. At date of writing I have not yet seen this form.

(8) A Surtax has been imposed on High Income Earning. This takes the form of 2 1/2% of federal tax payable in excess of \$6000 and a further 2 1/2% (for a total of 5%) of federal tax in excess of \$15000.

May I again take the opportunity to invite you, without obligation, to telephone me, or any H&R Block office with your tax questions. My telephone numbers: Home 384-2807, Work 549-8800 local 139 (Sears at Kingston Shopping Centre)

The Space Shuttle

- Lyn Fleming

After we saw our first Shuttle launch a few weeks ago I thought of writing something for the "Beacon". Although I'm not a writer (as you'll soon find out!), I wanted to share some of the excitement with our friends and family. Larry told me that I should send something, (and to make sure I told David Wemp just what he missed last year). Unfortunately, before I got this finished, there was another launch which, as everyone knows, didn't end as well. We saw it too. So I've added a second part to this story. I hope I've been able to get

some of our feelings, good and bad, across.

On Friday January 3rd, 1986 we left my parents house in Orlando, Florida, at 5:40 a.m., for the 45 minute drive to the east coast and "front row seats" to see a space shuttle take off. We sat on the beach and looked across the water to Cape Kennedy and the launch pad with

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the space shuttle "Columbia" all lit up and prepared to go. We had waited a long time to see this. We had planned last year's vacation around a scheduled launch, but because of delays, we missed it. This particular launch had been postponed several times from December launch dates. Now it looked as if it was going to go at 7:05 a.m. But again the launch time was set back several times, and then at 8:45 a.m. it was scrubbed altogether. It was scheduled for other days, but delayed again and again. Finally, on Sunday January 12/86, we got up again at 5:30 a.m. and checked the weather - it looked good! So we filled the thermos, grabbed the cameras, binoculars and radio and headed for the coast again. We got there with 15 minutes to spare before the 7 a.m. scheduled launch. This time the countdown continued without interruption and we joined hundreds of others counting down the last 10 seconds. And then it was Lift Off! The sun hadn't yet broken over the horizon, but the shuttle rose, lighting up the whole sky, reflecting off the ocean and leaving a thick, fluffy contrail in it's wake. Everyone cheered and clapped. We watched the rocket boosters separate and tumble slowly back to the ocean, then watched for several minutes until the shuttle was out of sight. I'm not a morning person, but this was well worth rising before the sun and birds! We couldn't wait for the next launch later in the month.

The next launch was to be the shuttle "Challenger", on January 27th. Because it was scheduled later in the morning on a school day, we decided not to take Jason out of school, but to watch instead from the front yard, at home.

This shuttle was to carry the first "average" person - a schoolteacher - into space. So all the schools here had special days planned, including watching the launch from the school yard. But again the launch was postponed till the next day, January 28th. It was delayed several times through the morning, because of unusually cold weather. I was out with my sister and our two youngest children at a friend's flower shop, when it was announced that the shuttle would take off in one minute - 11:38 a.m. My sister had seen so many shuttles take off that she never even batted an eye, but I took the kids out to watch. Then there it was, rising so

slowly over the trees on a straight pillar of vapour trail. I looked around, and couldn't believe everyone going on about their everyday business, cars zoomed along the expressway, people glanced up, but kept going. This was so exciting for us to see but to most of these people it was just "another shuttle going up." I stood with kids waiting for the rumble to reach us, when there was this tremendous burst of orange and then smoke, two large objects could be seen shooting out at a crazy angle, and then the shower of debris. I'd only seen one shuttle before, and wasn't sure what was right and what wasn't. But I felt something was wrong. It never occurred to me that the shuttle had blown up. Maybe, like other's, I just blocked that idea from my mind. (There was probably a logical explanation to what had just happened!) I went back inside to phone Larry and see if he'd seen it. He said "something's wrong. I think it just blew up". As I hung up, someone came in the store and said that the radio had just announced that the shuttle had blown up. There was an awful silence as we all stood looking at each other and then we went back outside. We hurried home and sat down in front of the T.V., where we stayed till late that night. We prayed that somehow the shuttle had escaped the explosion and that anytime they'd announce that the crew was safe. But deep down we knew.

Throughout the afternoon, when we looked out the front window, all

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that could be seen in the blue, cloudless Florida sky, were the wispy remains of the shuttle's contrail - still visible up to 4 hours after. All of the U.S. takes pride in their space program, but the people of central Florida share a special, personal interest and immense grief. People all over the United States and the World sent their sympathies and reached out to the families of those seven brave crew members. All we can hope, is that the crew never knew or felt what was about to happen. A few weeks ago we saw one of the most exciting things when we saw our first space shuttle take off, this week we saw one of the most awful.

My dad has lived here for 17 years and has never missed seeing a manned launch. He missed this one, they were on the road in Georgia, on their way home from Canada. He says he will always stop everything for a few minutes to watch a launch. When you think of what a miracle it is every time one of these rockets lifts off a launch pad and then returns again, it's kind of hard to take it lightly! We're sure there will be another shuttle launch - in time - and we will be out to see it.

For Sale

Sony Betamax2 VCR. \$200

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Norman Allison, 389-3546.

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Council Report For March 6th, 1988
- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the regular meeting on Feb. 5th, and a Roads Committee meeting on Feb. 21st were approved. The proposed road budget for 1986 is \$158,000, including \$24,000 for the balance of the culvert on the 3rd. The Committee also recommended applying for additional subsidies from the provincial government for a new snow plow/dump truck (\$75,000) and culvert replacement in the village (\$4,000). It is also time to get gravel crushed again.

The Building Inspector and the Road Superintendent made their reports. Ed Chadband, the Building Inspector, will attend two courses. The Reeve reported on his activities for the month. The County Council is again this year giving no grants at all to county organizations. County Council is also discussing the Gypsy Moth problem and the Health Unit budget. The Reeve discussed plans with M.T.C. for repairs to the Stella dock. Steel pilings will be inserted during the summer as reinforcement. Different arrangements must be made for docking the ferry while the work is in progress.

Council approved, in principle, plans submitted by Brian Osborne to create three lots on his north shore property.

The final meeting of the Ferry Survey Committee has been postponed until March 18th. Council will review the report, which will contain recommendations from M.T.C., at the next Council meeting in April. A public meeting to discuss it is planned for April 21st. A final decision will be left until the May council meeting. Apparently a bridge has already been written off as being vastly too expensive. Council received a petition requesting a public meeting on the ferry question before any decisions are made.

Council discussed for some time whether Township employees should be charged for ferry trips while working. The pursers will be instructed to charge all

adults except the road crew when traveling on Township business. [The only other exceptions are OPP, ambulance, hearse and VON.]

The Finance Committee is to meet to finish the budget for this year. The new Recreation By-law was passed.

The By-law Enforcement Officer, Ed Chadband, had received a letter of complaint about dogs running at large in the village. Council decided to find out what other people in the Township felt about the matter before taking action. (See separate article in the Beacon.) The Local Health unit is organizing a Rabies vaccination clinic on April 19th at the Fire Hall. Lennox and Addington County is now included in the area requiring compulsory vaccination

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of all dogs and cats by June 2nd of this year, so if you have an animal requiring vaccination, mark April 19th on your calendar.

Ian Murray reported on a meeting about the Amherst Island Wetland Project he attended. The Kingston Field Naturalists, with help from Habitat Wildlife Canada, have bought the south east part of the foot of the Island. They will leave it much as it is as a wildlife reserve. It is apparently a great area for birds.

A by-law giving the final changes to the Drainage By-law was passed. The assessments will be sent out by March 14th.

After a short private meeting Council adjourned.

Dog Control

- Ian Murray Chairman of the By-law Committee

The Township Council plans to make a decision at the April regular meeting on whether to pass a dog control by-law or not.

Our community presently has a 'live and let live' situation as far as dogs are concerned. This will change dramatically if a by-law is passed. A by-law would:

- A) require that each dog wear a license on a collar.
- B) provide for the impoundment of a dog found wandering at large (i.e. not on the owner's premises and not under the control of a person).
- C) set the amount of fine (up to \$50) to be paid before a dog is released from the pound.
- D) provide for the disposal of dogs whose owner has not paid the fine.

Most likely a dog control officer from the mainland would be retained. This officer would act on complaints as well as making random checks. The pound would be

on the mainland.

If you have opinions on this matter, one way or the other, please let your Council know before the April 1 meeting. A written letter to the Clerk is the preferred method. However, you might prefer a note, a phone call or a face-to-face talk to one or more member's of Council.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Both winter and natural causes have taken their toll on Islanders this past few weeks, leaving a trail of injury and suffering throughout the community. Bruce Caughey, thankfully, is recovering at home from his second operation in only a few months, while Jack Forrester, Genevieve Fleming, Lois Evans and Bernard Downey are all in hospital at this time recovering from an assortment of illnesses. And of course the flu bug has grounded a number of our neighbours, including Marj Brown, who was taken to hospital as a result. Best wishes to all those who have been afflicted, as well as to those who will be.

Welcome home to Marjorie Tooke and Kathleen Wemp, both visiting the Island this week. Welcome also to the LaFrance, Dunn and Desrosiers families, all newcomers to the Island. The LaFrance and Dunn families have moved into the old Wilbert Willard house, while the Desrosiers are living in Rick Bedford's former place.

Rick, meanwhile, has purchased a new home, formerly owned by Bert and May Nesbitt. Bert and May will be missed by their neighbours, but will not be forgotten. They have recently moved to a new home not far away in Adolphustown.

The infamous Max will be competing in a dog show this weekend. Doug isn't sure where the show is this time, but he is hoping Max will be spotted, recognized and taken home by some nice family. Perhaps Max jumping the fence and running in a panic around the village last week had something to do with Doug's decision. We hope Max earns his first places ribbon (last time he

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came second), and finds himself a first-rate family, preferably one with no furniture, carpets or small animals.

Condolences

- Staff

Condolences to Shirley Miller and her family

regarding the recent death of Shirley's father, Collin Pettifer, who died recently following an operation in Florida.

Reminder

- Reeve Norman Allison

It is illegal to dispose of animal carcasses in the dump. The Township is prepared to assist in the prosecution of anyone found violating this law.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Family night dinner on March 22 at Mrs. Caroline Yull's. Hopefully the weather will be good so more members will be able to make it this year.

April is the end of the year for W.I. so it will be election of officers at Mrs. Irene Glenn's on April 16th at 8:00 pm. Of course we will be waiting for you new members to start the year off with us.

Victoria II Women's Institute is celebrating its 50th anniversary on April 16th at 7:30 pm.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Large Type and Cassettes will be changed on April 1st so don't be fooled and come in to the Library.

Regular rotation changes again on March 17th but if your choice of book is not here please feel free to ask Phyllis or myself for what you want in inter-library loan and we will try to get what you want as fast as we can.

Amherst Island Community Sunday School

- Susan Caughey

If anyone has child-sized folding table and folding chairs that you would care to donate or loan to the Sunday School, please contact Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

We are anxious for Sunday School to resume on Sunday, April 6. Remember that we meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the school. It is a non-denominational Sunday School, everyone welcome, and there's no age limit. See you there!

Tax Tips

- Leslie Gavlas

Courtesy H & R Block

This month I shall try to clarify some basic areas of confusion and misconceptions regarding tax returns.

1. Taxpayers often ask if they can deduct expenses for

traveling to and from work and/or clothing for employment.

For an employee these expenses are covered by the employment expense deduction of 20% of earned income to a maximum of \$500. This deduction is at line 108 of the tax return.

Self employed individuals do not receive this employment expense deduction. They deduct their expenses to earn income directly from their gross income using special forms.

2. Banks and other financial institutions do not provide T slips for earned interest in amounts less than \$100.

However, taxpayers are required by law to report these amounts, which can be calculated from bank books and other records, such as cheque stubs.

3. On line 130 one reports other income. By law taxpayers are required to report all other income including such things as gambling wins and proceeds of criminal activities.

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People who earn small amounts from a hobby type activity may deduct all their expenses relating to such income.

4. Income earned in one tax year must be reported that year. It cannot be held over to be reported in the following year!

5. Only the student may deduct tuition fees regardless of who paid them - many parents are dismayed at this ruling! However, if the student had part-time income the tuition fees will reduce the student's net income at line 224 thus improving the parent's claim for the student as an exemption. (Students with net incomes below \$4140. can be claimed - refer to your tax guides.)

6. Common-law situations create many confusions.

I) A common-law spouse cannot be claimed as a spouse.

II) A child by a common-law union can be claimed. If the taxpayer is single, widowed, separated or divorced and supports the child in a home he/she provides one child may be claimed as "equivalent to married" by completing schedule 6.

7. Medical expenses must total more than 3% of the net income (line 224) in order to give a claim. These can be reported by either spouse as long as they relate to an individual claimed, or eligible to be claimed, as a dependent. There is no claim allowed for medicine expenses re-imbursed by a medical plan, or OHIP payments. Payments for private plans, such as Blue Cross, can be deducted.

8. Receipts for charitable donations totalling up to 20% of net income are deductible. These must have a charitable donation registration number. If your receipts

total above 20% of net income retain the extra receipts to use next year.

9. Students in full time attendance at a post secondary institution receive an educational deduction (form T2202 or T2202A) allowing a deduction of \$50 per month's attendance. If the student does not need to use this deduction to reduce his taxable income to zero the education deduction (in full or in part) may be transferred to a supporting parent or spouse. The T2202 must be signed on the reverse side (reverse the carbon before signing) and one copy is submitted by the student, the other copy by the supporting individual.

10. Regarding the Tax Payable.

I) The unused portion of the Spouse's Federal Tax Reduction (max \$100) applies if your spouses's taxable income is \$1430 or less. The amount can be determined from the tax tables. This tax reduction is due to be phased out next year.

II) The Child Tax Credit must be claimed by the individuals receiving the family allowance cheques. In a common-law situation the net income of a "supporting person" must be reported along with the name, social insurance number and signature of the supporting person. A "supporting person" is defined as a common-law partner who lives with the mother and is the father of the child. Anyone else who is claiming a personal exemption for the child is also a "supporting person".

III) Young people without dependents and small part-time jobs, and possibly unemployment insurance, often expect a refund of all the income tax deducted. If your income from these sources totals \$6100 or more you probably have taxable income and not all the tax deducted at source will be refunded.

11. Ontario Tax Credits.

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I) The Property Tax Credit can be claimed by any individual aged 16-64, resident in Ontario on Dec 31 of the tax year, and who paid rent or taxes on a permanent housing unit. An income tax form must be filed to claim this credit. Taxpayers who pay room and board may claim this credit only on the "room" portion. Where 2 or more unmarried individuals share accommodation they may each claim a portion of the rent or taxes. For married couples living together the Property Tax Credit must be claimed by the spouse with the higher taxable income.

II) For individuals aged 65 or older the Property Tax Credit is replaced by a Property Tax Grant which is paid directly by the Ontario Government in 2 installments during the year. (Application forms are included with Old Age Pension cheques). In the case of married couples, with one spouse aged 65 or over, this

spouse received the Tax Grant and the younger spouse cannot file for the Property Tax Credit. No income tax form needs to be filed for the Property Tax Grant.

I would like to mention that our family of 3 H&R Block Offices has grown to 4 with the opening of a new office in the Simpsons store at the Catarauqui Center. Feel free to approach any of our offices with your tax questions - there is no charge for answering questions.

Leslie Gavlas - home 384-2807

work 549-8800 local 139

Amherst Island Purchase

- Kingston Field Naturalists

Another small piece of land has escaped development and joined the list of places preserved for birds and animals. The Kingston Field Naturalists (KFN) have purchased 100 hectares (about 250 acres) at the extreme southeast tip of Amherst Island, Lots 20, 21 and 22 east of the public road. The land contains both a cattail and sedge-grass marsh as well as a gravel bar stretching into Lake Ontario. The reasons for the interest in what seems like a wasteland to some people is that this area is a traditional staging area for migrating sandpipers, other shorebirds and some waterfowl. These migrants feed and rest along the wet, muddy and rocky shoreline and in the grassy fields. There are no other known locations in Canada east of Presqu'ile Provincial Park along Lake Ontario or the St. Lawrence River where the shorebirds pause and rest in such numbers and variety.

As marshes are drained and cities grow, less and less habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl remain in Ontario. This small staging area is an important feeding site for waders on their lengthy annual migration between their breeding grounds in Canada's Arctic and their wintering coasts of eastern and western South America all the way south to Patagonia in Argentina. The rare Buff-breasted Sandpiper occurs each August on these fields and one or two Snowy Owls set up winter territory almost annually. Among the breeding birds occurring on these KFN lands are the Henslow's Sparrow, threatened in Ontario, and Wilson's Phalaropes, the 10-15 pairs of which constitute the largest known breeding colony of this prairie species east of Rainy River, Ontario.

The lands were purchased with 75% of the funds supplied by Wildlife Habitat Canada and 25% by the KFN. Wildlife Habitat Canada is a national, private and non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation, restoration and

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enhancement of habitat in order to retain the diversity,

distribution and abundance of wildlife in Canada.

Township Of Amherst Island: Notice
Public Township Council Meeting in Community
Center on Monday, April 21st, 1986 at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Report on Amherst Island Ferry Service Review and
Recommendations

- Review of 1986 Proposed Budget

- Question and Answer Period on Other Matters

- Deputations or Delegations will be heard after

Question and Answer Period

Refreshments Served

A Fun Day At Amherst Island School

- Laura Wemp

On Friday, March 7 the students of our school had a jump event for the Heart And Stroke Foundation Of Ontario. It was called Jump Rope For Heart. All of the students participated quite energetically. The students split up into many teams, and skipped many different ways for two hours. Everybody started out with normal skipping ropes, then went to long ropes with the help of some mothers and teachers turning. Lots of thanks to Mrs Judy Miller, Mrs Betty Wemp, Mrs Suzie Caughey, Mrs Diane Gavlas. I definitely think the mothers enjoyed the skipping as much as the students did. Especially when the mothers turned and taught us double dutch. Wow lots of fun. Three cheers for all the teachers who made it possible for us to do this. Thanks to Mr. Flanigan, Mrs Forester, Miss McRae, Mrs Willard and the two student teachers who were at our school at the time. For participating everybody got real nice badges. After skipping for two hours everybody was well ready to sit down and watch a movie (Bed Knobs And Broom Sticks). For refreshments we got lemonade and a good variety of cookies. Lots of thanks to Mrs Phillis Strain, and Mrs Karen Fleming who were in the kitchen all day with refreshments. The students will likely be around to collect the money through the March break. This money helps to fund the research and education programs of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We the skippers and the sponsors should feel that we have made a valuable contribution to the heart health in our community.

Rabies

- Randi Kennedy

There have been two confirmed cases of rabies on the Island this week (March 10): a dog belonging to Lance Eves and a fox found dead on the 3rd Concession. The

source of the disease in the dog is unknown. It had been vaccinated and was kept in confinement except when working. The fox may have been an isolated case and could have wandered here from the mainland.

Although there is no cause for panic, there are reasonable precautionary measures to take. The vet I contacted at Health of Animals says that one concern in isolated communities such as ours is the number of unvaccinated strays or homeless dogs and cats. All dogs and cats must now be vaccinated once a year. We are provided with a rabies clinic; it's little trouble, cheap and effective. Those dogs and cats not vaccinated will be destroyed if found.

Rabies is a virus that is transmitted directly by bites or scratches from an infected animal. It can also be transmitted, rarely, by infected saliva entering a cut or an eye. The incubation period ranges from about 15 days to as many as 9 months. The virus may be present in the saliva and be transmitted several days prior to the onset of clinical signs.

All warm-blooded animals are susceptible to rabies and all show roughly the same clinical signs. Wild animals lose all caution and

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fear of natural enemies. Any wild animal behaving in a strange manner, appearing friendly and not running away should be presumed rabid. Animals usually stop eating and drinking and seek solitude. Some animals will attack any moving object. Sheep may stagger or appear to be blind. Cattle assume an alert expression, stop giving milk and bellow loudly. Noise and movement attract rabid animals which is why so many cases are reported in school yards. There is paralysis of the throat muscles which results in salivation and the inability to swallow, hence the "foaming at the mouth". Death from rabies is the result of progressive paralysis and usually occurs within 10 days of symptoms.

Animals that have been shot that might have rabies should not be handled. The incident must be reported to the Kingston Health of Animals Office. Compensation is provided for farm animals such as cattle and sheep.

If a pet or farm animal bites a human or another animal and there is a possibility of rabies, confine the offending animal but do not destroy it. A vaccinated pet is not necessarily destroyed after being bitten by a rabid animal. It may be quarantined at home and if no clinical signs of rabies appear within a specified amount of time, the animal is judged to be free of the disease.

When children are taught about rabies it is important to give them the facts but it should be done in such a way that they do not become terrified of every wild animal or stray dog that they see. (Information provided

by Health of Animals, Kingston.)

More On Rabies

- Ian Murray

On Monday, March 10, Lance Eves and Russell McGinn were bitten by a dog that turned out to be rabid. They are both presently taking anti-rabies shots. Lance says that the shots are now given in the arm on the first, third, seventh, fourteenth and twenty-eighth days from the time of the contact.

For Sale

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Notice

Turvy General Contracting And Engineering Ltd. is discontinuing activity.

Michael Braun will continue contracting locally.

For your building needs, contact Michael at 389-4786 until April 10th - and at his home 389-2338 thereafter.

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Editorial

- Ian Murray

When I first moved to the Island 16 years ago, several things about the community impressed me. The lack of vandalism was remarkable: houses abandoned for several years still had all windows intact. Many residents, permanent and seasonal, never locked a door - on building or vehicle.

This has changed over the years. Windows are smashed, cars are willfully damaged, street signs are defaced, and individuals are harassed on one pretext or another. There have been break-ins to seasonal residences over the past few months with alcohol and other goods stolen.

These doings are not unique to Amherst Island. For a host of reasons, there is an epidemic of petty (and not so petty) lawlessness in our society. Having said that, I will say that the vandalism, the thefts and the bullying are a disgrace to this community.

Last fall, Council requested police action to halt certain actions in the village. Things did quiet down - perhaps as much due to the cold weather as anything - and most people, I suspect, were relieved. However the only way that the property and personal rights will be safe in the long run is for each of us to act as responsible citizens. If you see wrong doing, do something about it: call the police, or the Reeve, if necessary. Be a witness - don't turn away.

Council Report For April 1, 1986

- Christopher Kennedy

The minutes of the meetings in March were adopted. In addition to the regular meeting, there was a Finance Committee meeting on March 18, followed by a special council meeting on the budget, and a meeting of the Ferry Agreement Negotiating Committee on March 20.

The Building Inspector said no permits were issued in March.

Bill Blum, Municipal Engineer for M.T.C. reported

on the Ferry Transportation Study. A long report has been issued, which will be condensed before the public meeting. He explained that M.T.C. has commissioned the report because the docks require extensive repair and they wished to examine the alternatives before spending a lot of money. Totten, Sims, Hubicki, a Kingston engineering firm, prepared the study. They recommended leaving the location of the docks unchanged, but replacing the Amherst Islander with an end loader when the Amherst Islander retires in about 15 years. A bridge was prohibitively expensive. The study said that there would be no great increase in usage in the next few years. The study cost about \$20,000. Council talked about the possibility of using the Charlevoix during the summer, but it is a very much heavier boat and may seriously damage the docks.

The Reeve reported on his activities

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for the month. At County Council the High School teachers came to put their case, but had met a somewhat frosty reception. The Gypsy Moth spraying programme has started, using Bacillus Thuringerrius, not the chemical Sevin. County Council is trying to keep the budget increase below 4%. The Council Councillors are still unhappy with the way the Health Unity is being run.

The Ferry Subsidy Agreement was finally passed, though Council is still arguing with M.T.C. about whether the lawyer hired for labour negotiations is an allowable expense. The Ferry manager has discussed the issue of overtime scheduling with the Union rep., Doug Shurtliffe.

The Roads Committee has applied for some supplementary subsidies. Council wants more information about the auto extrication programme (jaws of life) which are meant to be available.

Council admitted that it has no right to prevent the dumping of fence wire or large appliances at the dump. The fence wire must have all parts removed, be rolled up and placed in the right area. Old cars and dead animals, or parts of cars or animals, may not be dumped.

Morven Construction is still not happy about the payment for the drain. Graham Engineering has no replied to the letters sent on to them.

Council has received four letters on dog control, however, kept its tail firmly between its legs and decided to wait for more input before making a decision. Perhaps people will express their opinions at the open meeting on April 21st. Ian will draw up a

possible by-law, and find out the costs of hiring a dog catcher.

There were various resolutions before Council. They decided not to support cost benefit analysis for drains, supported protecting agriculture against trade, and decided not to boost the N.D.S.S. band. Before they adjourned, they sensibly decided that a school bus full of kids has priority on the ferry.

Comment

- Ian Murray

I realize that Chris is only poking fun at Council for not making a quicker decision on dog control. In Council's (and my own) defence, I will say that we are very reluctant to pass any by-law that is as restrictive as a dog control by-law must be. To proceed from the present situation in which a by-law enforcement officer is empowered to not only catch a dog, but to kill it if he is unable to catch it, should require a lot of deliberation.

I believe that dogs should be controlled but I am hesitant to vote in such a by-law. I suspect that the members of Council hope that dog owners will voluntarily keep their dogs on their own property so that the problem will go away. Otherwise, I think that we have to proceed with a by-law.

4-H News

- Julie Forester

The theme of this session of 4-H Homemaking was "Milk Makes It". Our leaders were Phyllis Strain and Marion Glenn. Members included Trudi Strain, Shannon Eves, Sarah McDonald, Sherry Ward, Leah Murray and myself.

Our main purpose was to discover different ways to prepare and serve dairy products and why our body needs them.

Our club began this session in late February, and will conclude it on this Thursday in Napanee at Achievement Night. On this occasion, we will set up a display board on "From the Cow to You - the Journey Along the Milky Way". A commentary

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will be presented on how milk gets from the cow to the dairy store.

Our thanks are extended with heartfelt appreciation to the Women's Institute for their financial assistance for the session, and all others!

4-H is for anyone between 12 and 21. Come and join 4-h - the rewards are limitless!

Jump - Rope - For - Heart

- Beth Forester

Do you remember March 7th? It was blustery, snowy winter day on which you welcomed home from school, your youngster - and welcomed the beginning of March Break! For 120 minutes that afternoon, 39 of the school children were very actively participating in a skip-a-thon. It was a most successful event. The students at the school raised \$728.00, which has been given to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Contributors of \$5.00 and above should have received receipts. A special thank you to the skippers, the sponsors who gave generously, the mothers who came to help with the event, and to those who contributed cookies and juice. Your willingness and co-operation is appreciated.

Dairy Princess' Visit

The following is a co-operative story written by the students of the Primary class following a visit of the Lennox and Addington, and the Ontario Dairy Princess':

"Caroline Kelderman is the Dairy Princess for Lennox and Addington. Allison Hagerman is Dairy Princess for Ontario. We learned that after a heifer has a baby, it can give milk. They told us the names of cattle. A baby girl is called a calf. A baby boy is called a bull calf. Teenagers are 1 and 2 year olds. They are called heifers. There are many kinds of cattle. There are Holsteins, Jerseys, Gurnseys, and Ayrshires.

The Dairy Princess' eat good food. They live on a Dairy farm. They had to milk a cow to be a Dairy princess. They wear sash and a tierra. They are pretty. They like their job."

"Dairy Days" are held on this Saturday - April 19th - at three different farms in our county.

Public Speaking

- Hugh Filson and Jamie Scott

On March 21st, Amherst Island Public School held the finals for speeches. The finalists from the junior room were Jeff Forester who did his speech on Airplanes. Amy Caughey who did hers on Halley's Comet. Lori Caughey who talked about milk. Chad Miller who did his speech on Sayings and Laura Wemp who spoke about First Aid.

From the senior room the finalists were Hugh Filson with a speech on Motorcycles, Adam Miller with the Marysberg Triangle, Sherry Ward who did here speech on Alcoholism, Jamie Miller with a speech on Orangutans and Shannon Eves who did a speech on Babysitting.

The judges had a hard time deciding on the winners

because all the speeches were very well written and presented. Finally the judges made their decision. Chad Miller would advance on to Napanee and Adam Miller was chosen as runner-up.

Summer Help

- Staff

The Beacon will, over the next few months, publish the names of those people looking for summer work. Please provide us with your name, age, phone number, type(s) of work that you are interested in, and your work experience.

Perhaps those looking for help will write in as well.

I.S.L.E.

- Annette

The I.S.L.E. Committee wishes to thank all the mothers who have so

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kindly helped us with our hot lunch program this year.

We wish to convey special thanks to Judy Miller for her record-keeping and her tremendous assistance with the milk program.

In upcoming events: I.S.L.E.'s Bingo and Euchre night has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 1, 7:30 to 9:30.

Also, keep Wednesday, April 30 clear, for Amherst Island Public School will be have Open House as part fo Education Week.

The students of Amherst Island are currently preparing for a Giant Garage Sale, Saturday, April 26 at Henderson Arena. Any donations of baking, crafts or collectibles would be greatly appreciated.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Wayne Fleming and Karen Gilbert, the first couple to lead off the procession of weddings this summer. Wayne and Karen are to be married April 19 at St. Paul's. Best wishes also to Sandra Bernier and Scott Topping, who have an August wedding date, and to John Glenn (believe it or not) and Maureen Nesbitt who are planing on September 20.

Our sympathy to Mary Robinson on the loss of her husband and to Vera Hogeboom, whose sister recently passed away.

It appears all our winter sun-seekers have arrived back, well and all accounted for. Welcome home to Ray and Ethel Duncan, John and Mary Hall, Jack and

Madlyn Kerr, Vince and Marg Aitken and also to Jean Johnstone who wasn't away south, but didn't dare spend the winter on Amherst Island. Welcome back also to Mr. Downey who spent a brief time in hospital.

A reminder that the Recreation Committee's Annual Spring Dance is coming up May 17. Music by Houston: tickets will be on sale shortly from Annette (at the store) and Betty Wemp.

Amherst Island has seen some good dogs and some bad dogs, but seldom have we seen a more noteworthy dog than Max. He will long be remembered for eating Doug's house and home; for eating the seat belt out of Doug's brand-new truck; for eating his way through the fence. We shall all remember Max for the many months of entertainment he gave us through this column, and well we should, for Max is no more. Max has gone to live with a nice family in the country; one with no small children and one with cast-iron furniture. Good-bye Max, its been nice knowing you. (Anyone with suggestions to fill this space contact me immediately.)

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Large Types and Cassettes have changes and a new rotation will arrive on April 21st.

Magazines (1985) are now on sale at the library. Pot Luch Cookbooks on sale for \$5.00.

Come in and browse or ask for an interloan. Your library is for you to use and enjoy.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The Amherst Island W.I. is again collecting for the Cancer Society. This is being done door-to-door in the month of April. Your support will be appreciated.

Highlights form the W.I.'s past year: An 85th Anniversary was celebrated with a Tea. Three members were presented with life membership badges for their continued support and work. They are Mrs. Marion Glenn, Mrs. Anna Hitchings and Mrs. Thelma Howard.

Fund-raising included a raffle for an afghan and a Ham Dinner on Mother's Day.

We served a diner to the Blind Friendship Club, and were pleased to once again have the Christmas Party for Senior Citizens.

The District President was invited

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to a meeting and we had a pot luck supper. The W.I. was also asked to canvass for the Blind, Heart and Cancer Societies. Thank you again for your support in

these.

Two 4-H clubs were sponsored and a donation given to the ball teams.

The April meeting is on the 16th of April, 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Irene Glenn's. This is our annual meeting and election of officers. New members are invited to join now or anytime throughout the year.

The May meeting will be on May 21st, 8 p.m. at Mrs. Marion Glenn's. Roll Call is How to improve communications in a family.

Thank you for your continued support at Women's Institute functions. We hope to have another good year with our community.

Girl Guides And Brownies

On Monday April 7th, parents and friends were invited to our International Night.

Special guest was Mrs. Bernice Watson, our Divisional Commissioner who presented badges to the following girls:

Brownies:

Jill Caughey - Golden Bar, Skier, World Friendship
Angela Fleming - Golden Bar, Skier, World Friendship
Jessica Gavlas - Golden Bar, Skier, World Friendship
Heidi Hitchins - Golden Bar, Skier, World Friendship
Ruth Scott - Golden Bar, Skier

Guides:

Amy Caughey - Hostess, World Trefoil Skier, Cook's Badge

Lori Caughey - Dairy Worker, World Trefoil Skier and Collector

Tracy Hitchins - World Trefoil Skier, Cook's Badge
Sarah Scott - Dancer on Ice, World Trefoil Skier, Cook's Badge

An international meal was served afterwards. Special thanks to all those mothers who helped clean up afterwards.

Please remember we'll be selling Girl Guide cookies at the end of April and the early part of May at \$2.00 a box. Give your orders to any Guide or Brownie or leave your name at the store. A carton contains 12 boxes.

For Sale

- Ian Murray

A considerable amount of this Island is for sale. There are For Sale signs and Sorry Its Sold signs in some abundance. To satisfy my curiosity I contacted the real estate companies on the listed properties to see what the asking prices are on some of the properties.

A) A water-front lot on the front road owned by Bert Nesbit and listed by Royal LePage: \$44,900, 7.2 acres,

604' of water frontage.

B) A water-front lot east of Stella listed by Bowes & Cox: \$25,900, 229' of water frontage with a partially blasted rock slip.

C) A block of land at the south-east corner of the Island list by Bowes & Cox: \$350/acre (\$192,500).

D) A water-front lot west of Stella owned by Albert Emericks listed by Omni (Tracy Mangan): \$50,000, with 10.4 acres, 550' water-frontage with a house and barn.

E) Vacant lot on the south side of the road to "D": \$30,000, 92 acres, 550' road frontage.

F) A water-front lot on the 3rd Concession looking across to Nut Island, owned by Albert Emericks and listed by Omni (Tracy Mangan): \$30,000, 7 acres, 600' water frontage.

G) Property west of Stella on the front road owned by Bill Neil and listed by Pratt & Murray: \$49,500, 105 acres south of the road and 6 acres with a garage on the water side, 800' road frontage (more than 800' water frontage).

H) The former store and grain elevator in Emerald listed by Snider (Tracy McGinn): \$35,000, a water-lot is included with the elevator.

I) A lot at the south end of the Stella Forty Foot listed by Snider (Tracy McGinn): \$23,900.

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Thank You Notes

I would like to say thanks to all those people especially my relatives and family who helped may my birthday on becoming a senior citizen such a memorable occasion and special thanks to Juanita and Marion Glenn for sponsoring it. We sure all enjoyed the pot luck dinner and thanks to Gordon and Juanita also for opening their home for the occasion and thanks everyone for all the nice gifts and cards I received. Thank you one and all. Also thanks to my neighbours Anne-Marie, Garry and family, Reginald, Tracy and Heidi for dropping in one evening with a lovely birthday cake and we all enjoyed the cake and ice cream.

Thelma Howard

I wish to extend many thanks to my kind friends and neighbours for their food and cards during my recent illness.

Special thanks to Tom Miller, Lloyd Wolfreys and ferry crew for coming to the house. Also to Caroline Yull and Wendy Shurtliffe who stayed with me until Shirley got home. Thanks also to the ambulance attendants.

Marjorie Brown

A special thank you to those people concerned in making a rush trip to Kingston General Hospital for emergency treatment Sunday evening, March 9th.

First to my thoughtful and caring neighbours, Henry and Barbara Filson, to my husband Ross, for taking super care of me and keeping his 'head on straight' over the past year, and finally to the crew on duty that evening making sure the trip to the city was carried out at utmost speed and concern for my comfort.

To the ladies of the Church and the Women's Institute for their good wishes, and a special thank you to Mr. Allison who always seemed to be at hand when you needed him.

To other ~~individuals~~ ~~etc~~

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Council Report For May 6, 1986
- C J Kennedy

Council met for its regular meeting. Before the council meeting there was a Ferry Committee meeting. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were adopted.

First Council heard from Jim Kimmett, Clerk/treasurer of Richmond Township, who is in charge of dog control in Lennox and Addington. Seven municipalities in L & A have joined together and have the same dog control by-law, have built a pound and employ a dog catcher, who also attended the meeting. A per capita levy is charged as well as fines and licence fees, to pay for this service. Last year 545 dogs were picked up, but only 21 were redeemed. Jim Kimmett suggested we could contract for the whole service, or just use their pound and use our own dog catcher. Later in the meeting Chester Tugwell and Beth Forester were appointed to form a committee to bring recommendations to Council on what would suit Amherst Island. Council felt that some action on dogs was necessary, as the majority at the open meeting on April 21st had asked for a dog by-law. Any dog control by-law should be effective and enforced as well.

The Building Inspector and the Road Superintendent made their reports. The road crew has been hauling gravel and grading, prior to spreading calcium. The tender for the new dump truck is to be sent out. There is a disagreement with Bruce Caughey {the younger} over exchanging land to open the new by-pass at the quarry.

There were 7 building permits issued in April: Wm. Stoker, \$40,000, dwelling addition; Art Ackerman, \$6,000, dwelling addition; Clint Kilpatrick, \$3,000, grain silo; Syke Fleming, \$15,000, dwelling addition; E. Apps, \$80,000, new residence; Phil Silver, swimming pool, \$1,500; and, Tom Sylvester, addition - sun deck, \$1,000.

The Reeve had attended a very short County Council meeting, at which the Gypsy Moth control programme was discussed.

The Ferry Committee recommendations were considered. These included reducing the ferry crew to four. A quick turnaround schedule will be tried for the morning and evening rush hour periods. The Reeve will be on the ferry the first few days to see how it works. We are unlikely to get the Charlevoix on a regular basis in the summer as the docks are not strong enough to take the heavier boat. The ferry union negotiations come up later this month. Letters from Ed Chadband, Kelvin and Sandra Thornhill, Glenn Miller and Caroline Yull about the study on the future of the ferry were forwarded to the steering committee.

There will be no street dance to help the fire department this year because of the problem of liability

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insurance. Council suggested a dance be held instead at the school.

The Board of Education finally produced its budget request for this year.

Morven Construction has finished the last cleanup around the drain. A. Ameriks and Clinton Kilpatrick had queries about the drain assessments, but Council felt the time for these had passed.

The Township received the bill for the insurance premium this year. In 1984 it was \$4,400, but has gone up to \$9,029 this year. Keith Miller will talk to Bickerton's, the insurance agent, to see if this can be reduced by raising the deductibles. Only one other firm supplies municipal insurance in Ontario, and Council felt little was to be gained by changing firms.

Council then adjourned.

I attended a meeting on May 8th between, Doug Shurtliff (ferry crew union rep.), other crew members, and all members of Council except Chester Tugwell. They discussed the proposed reduction of the ferry crew to four by eliminating the position of deckhand. It appears the legal minimum crew is three, captain, mate and engineer. Doug Shurtliff argued persuasively that, although four might be adequate for normal running, in any emergency, the fifth crew member could easily make the difference between an accident and a disaster. He said in bad weather, storms and fog, the extra member was essential. He was particularly concerned about being shorthanded if there was a fire on board, as at least two people are needed to handle a fire hose, the captain and engineer have to remain at their posts and one person is needed to look after the passengers. Other crew members and Captain Bulch pointed out that they

have the responsibility for the safety of the ferry.

Council agreed to reconsider reducing the crew to four, and the Reeve said he would consult with the Coast Guard.

Board Of Education Budget

- Ian Murray

The 1986 budget is up 2.88% (\$802,292) from 1985. This consists of \$15,019,824 for elementary and \$13,615,581 for secondary. Amherst Island's share of the elementary requisition is \$56,222 and \$56,301 for the secondary requisition.

The strike by the secondary school teachers resulted in an overall saving of \$110,273 (\$1,257 for Amherst Island).

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

My apologies for two oversights right off the bat this month. First to Margaret Blenkinsop, whom I neglected to mention was the late Reg Robinson's sister.

Second, in last month's current listing of the famous and infamous couples preparing to enter the untamed world of marital bliss, I slighted one of our former residents. Many congratulations to Kevin Kilpatrick and Suzanne Gosselin. Kevin and Suzanne will be married August 23 at St. Joseph's in Kingston. And as I am so late writing about this wedding, I would be most happy to supplement the readers with any further details Kevin sees fit to confide.

Congratulations also to Myers, Cheryl, Jason and Tyler Hutchings on their new baby boy. Cory was born about three weeks ago.

Welcome to Ernest and Paulette Apps, our newest permanent residents. Mr. and Mrs. Apps are staying at Farnham until construction of their new home is completed. Welcome also to Marc Clancy, who apparently has moved into Steve and Lorna Spence's home.

Steve and Lorna have moved to Kingston. They will be missed by many friends and neighbours.

Internment ceremonies were held recently at Glenwood Cemetery for

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Jim Couvell. Lunch was served for friends and family by Barbara Filson.

A reminder that the Recreation Committee's Spring Dance is this Saturday (May 17). There are still a few tickets available - contact Annette or Betty. Music by Houston. Tickets \$15.00 per couple.

Annual Assessment Report for 1985

- Ian Murray

Some statistics:

Area of Municipality: 16,675 acres.

Population: 388 in 1985 (347 in 1982).

Properties: 378.

Households: 236.

Assessable units: 407 in 1985 (397 in 1984).

Severances: 14 (5 in 1984).

Valid Sales: 39 (42 in 1984).

Resident electors: 281.

Non-resident electors: 234.

Population aged:

0 to 4 years, 27

5 to 19 years, 77

20 to 65 years, 224

over 66 years, 60.

Estimate of 1984 market value of assessable property; \$12.6 million.

Taxpayers attending assessment open house, Dec. 6, 1985: 4.

This report is available at the Municipal Office.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

This month's rotation will be a week early on May 12. Biographies will be changing on June 9th.

If what you want is not available here, feel free to ask for an interlibrary loan for your reading favorites.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Thank you for your support of the Mother's Day Ham Dinner again this year. Support from the community keeps Amherst Island W.I. a going concern.

The Cancer Fund Canvass was very successful with a total of \$667 collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

May is Family Unity Month. Our next meeting is May 21st at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Marion Glenn's. We will be having a guest speaker, Mr. Timmons, to talk about communication in the family and foster parenting.

April was our election month and we have a new shuffle of officers, President, Mrs. Anna Hitchins, Secretary, Mrs. Marian Glenn, Treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Strain and convenors for numerous programmes.

The June meeting will be June 18th at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Leslie Gavlas' with the Dairy Princess as our guest for this month.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

It was interesting to me that such a representative gathering of residents were present at the Public Meeting, held in the Amherst Island School on Monday evening, April 21st, last, sponsored and arranged by the Reeve and Council of the Island.

Furthermore, it was very gratifying to hear the well expressed opinions concerning the various matters brought before this meeting for discussion in which a great diversity of opinions existed. From some of these opinions expressed and questions asked, I found myself formulating different thoughts concerning what has already gone on regarding an improvement in transportation. In many of these matters I was inclined to feel that, like so many other cases, we are putting the "cart before the horse" due to a lack of communications. I realize that it may be many months, in fact years before anything of a major nature may develop to solve our problems. Since the initiation of Ferry service in 1929, I have seen so many instances where a lack of co-ordination has resulted in the implementation of certain progress which could have well been redirected with longer and greater benefits

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resulting.

The most recent of these, as I mentioned at the meeting, was the laying of the "Bubble System" some ten years ago. A serious consideration by our Provincial Government of establishing a new docking facility at the end of Kerr's Point, would have resulted in several things; (1) a much reduced cost of installation due to the substantial reduction of distance (I contend a reduction of one third, as per my measurements, made some years ago, in my truck, by ice.). (2) A very substantial reduction in costs relating to the necessary installation, of a 3 phase electrical service between the under-water cable at the shore end of Kerr's Forty-foot and the Island dock in Stella, in order to serve the compressors there. (3) The reduction of the length of crossing time could have led to a revised time table, particularly at peak seasons of traffic, morning and afternoon, and especially week-end schedules, with the return run being accomplished at half hour intervals, rather than at present.

I can immediately hear the criticisms raised and the questions asked - How could you get a right of way down, through the Point? What would the cost of a new docking facility be? In answer to the first question, I have, in past, discussed this proposal with my friend Dennis Cadman and his response to my questions certainly was that he would have been co-operative and

I am sure receptive to such consideration. To the second question, I would only ask you to turn back your memories to our sister Island Wolfe, when their council I was struggling to gain all year round ferry crossing and such was effected by establishing a shorter crossing point at Griffith's Point and the original docking facility used by the Wolfe Islander II was an unused Barge, filled with stone and sunk to serve as a dock. (There are still some such barges in the now closed Canadian Dredge and Dock Kingston which will no doubt be cut up and shipped to overseas scrap yards along with the continuing flow of ships from our Great Lakes Fleets.) What came through to me very strongly at the meeting was the composition of the referred to "Steering Committee", a pitifully small representation of Island residents and recommendations conjured up by a highly paid consulting firm of engineers. Much better that these studies should have been made with input from people who have lived their life-times on Amherst Island and have had first-hand experiences with many different situations and problems.

The presentation of Mr. Chadband was made after countless hours of research and much study of proposals, his sincerity of intention was praise-worthy, whether any of his proposals receive serious consideration, by those dealing with this matter, is questionable. Mr. Chadband's projections of a "Dying Island" without any vestige of farm operation by 1995 were very depressing - the farming industry is, as he said, rapidly disappearing as urban sprawl gobbles up our rural areas and the clout of the Agricultural vote is not seriously considered by ours various levels of government anymore, in spite of some of the gestures made.

May I quote from one of the farm papers that we receive: under the heading of "Farmer Victim of Urban Justice"? "Two years ago the food conglomerate McCain's Food Ltd. was hauled before a New Brunswick court for polluting the Saint John river. It was found guilty on eight counts and fined \$1. For each offence, a total of \$8. Then last November, New Brunswick hog producer Terry Sullivan was found guilty on a nuisance charge of polluting the air near his livestock enterprise! The case was brought by non-farming neighbours, and Mr. Justice Ronald Stevenson ordered Sullivan to pay his neighbours \$33,875. in

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compensation."

"No Gas Tax Pushed" "Permitting the use of tax-free gasoline in farm commercial vehicles will be the purpose of a private member's bill in the coming Provincial Legislature System. Stormont, Dundas and

Glengary M.P.P. Noble Villeneuve intends to argue that lower farm input costs will benefit producer and consumer alike by allowing farmers to be more competitive with cheap imports.”

“Middlesex Fair Closes Doors” “Lack of interest, high insurance premiums and a \$2000. deficit were among the reasons given for closing the Middlesex County Mt. Brydges Fall Fair. Competition from London’s Western Fair is said to have contributed to the Fall Fair’s demise. It has also been plagued by bad weather and rural fairs can no longer depend on old fashioned displays.”

Entertaining The Grandparents

- Louise Seaman

On Thursday, May 1st, at 12:30 p.m. in the Amherst Island Public School, the students of the school entertained their grandparents and many of the Island seniors at a delicious luncheon and program. It was an outstanding success - a splendid part of Education Week in Ontario.

As we came in to the school building a line-up of younger boys politely offered to take our coats and in efficient assembly-line style said coats were passed from boy to boy until they reached the coat rack where they were carefully hung up.

In the auditorium where tables were attractively set-up, we were ushered to our places by several of the intermediate and senior students. In a very short time we were served a splendid meal of roast turkey with all the “fixings” accompanied by tomato juice and followed by a delicious dessert of cake and ice cream with tea or coffee. Our young waiters were most attentive and polite - very prompt in their service. Both boys and girls served.

After this thoroughly enjoyed meal we were invited to move into the rows of chairs placed facing the platform. The school principal, Mr. Flanigan, gave us a cordial welcome and introduced the first item on the program. The youngest student started it by reading to us from small placards a few of their ideas about grandparents etc. This was much appreciated as evidenced by frequent chuckles from the grandparents present. Following this we heard the intermediates give their views individually and finally in choral statement they summed up what grandfathers and grandmothers are really like. Again bursts of laughter showed how some of the statements really “hit home”! Chad Miller gave his award winning speech which won him first place in the local public speaking competition. This was well-done and well-received. The senior students next gave us a skit on the schools of eighty years ago with dunce-caps, “pointers” and a severe-looking teacher

who used her pointer for ways other than pointing to a blackboard.

Finally we heard choruses from the whole school who sang about grandparents and their place in the scheme of things. The audience was much pleased with this.

All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyed occasion and a credit to the children and their teachers - and parents. Mr. Flanigan, Mrs. Forester and Miss MacRae are to be greatly commended for the training they are giving our grandchildren and for the gracious way in which they spoke to us and conducted the whole affair.

Mr. Bruce Caughey expressed for us all our appreciation and thanks for the delicious luncheon and excellent entertainment.

Further Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

As an Amherst Island “Senior”

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as well as a grandparent, who enjoyed the hospitality of the pupils of the Amherst Island School on May 1st last, I would like to express appreciation and a few words of commendation to the staff and pupils of the school who served such a delicious dinner in such a fine way on Thursday last.

As everyone is aware, last week was “Education Week” in the Province of Ontario and in recognition of this, each school arranged special events of a great variety. Our pupils of the Amherst Island School chose, as one of their programmes, the entertaining of their Grandparents and the Island’s Seniors at a full course dinner, followed by entertainment, wherein they paid tribute to their guests in poetry and song.

Under the supervision of their teachers and assisted by some of their parents, the children prepared much of the food which was served. In my observation it was most impressive and such a joy to see such a well organized group of children, carrying out their various duties with such dignity and ability.

From the moment of arrival at the school when you were met and welcomed by the children, escorted to your table and so well taken care of by the pupils designated to serve the food, made to feel very comfortable throughout the meal and the entertainment, until we left for home, the whole afternoon was a great joy. Lets keep up the good work teachers and children, you are our pride and joy.

Return To The Island

- Louise Seaman

As a comparatively recent resident of Amherst Island (since 1976) I would like to say through the Island Beacon how pleased I am to be returning as a full-time Island dweller. The friends made here during the past ten years are very much valued and their hospitality and friendship greatly appreciated.

The fine Women's Institute, the church women's groups, ISLE, the Amherst Island Beacon, the Youth organizations with their hard-working leaders, the young people themselves, the school, the churches and interdenominational Sunday School and many other facets of Island life, all indicate the quality of the people who live here. We have an active township council and township officers who do their work efficiently and well. All in all my family here at Prospect House consider ourselves fortunate and privileged to be a part of the Amherst Island community.

Long may the community flourish!

Summer Swim Program

- Diane Pearce

The Recreation Committee is considering offering a Red Cross swimming program this summer. A minimum of 20 is required, and a fee will be charged for each child for the 3 week program. All levels of Red Cr

Trudy Strain

Are you having guests this summer, need extra help during haying or just want a break from cleaning and cooking? I'll handle the meals and housework while you do what ever you want. You supply the materials and I'll do the work. Phone Trudy Strain at 389-1736.

Congratulations

Keith, Shirley and Adam Miller went to the Perth Festival of the Maple for the 4-H maple syrup competition. Maple Dene Farms, Keith and Don, Miller and families entered the light and medium syrup classes, in which they received a 4th and 2nd respectively, with 35 organizations competing. All the other finalists were large producers who tapped over 2000 trees with pipe line and electricity.

Well done!

Editorial

- Ian Murray

After reading through the above articles concerning our life here on Amherst Island, I wish to challenge the viewpoint that this is a dying community.

This is a small community but it has vitality. I think that an off-islander reading this issue, especially the two articles by Louise Seaman and "Further Comments" by Bruce Caughey, would conclude that this was a pretty good community to live in.

Driving around the Township and seeing the extent of the spring

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field work, I find it impossible to accept the opinion that all farming activity on this Island will disappear in the next decade -- or in succeeding decades.

There will certainly be many changes in the next decade, just as are in every decade, but that does not mean that all the changes will be bad for this community. People of all ages will, I believe, continue to find this a good place to live. This will include parents who are willing to tolerate the inconveniences of Island life as a small price to pay for raising their children in a small, friendly community.

This is the one hundredth edition of the Beacon since it was reactivated. I am grateful that the community has continued to support this little paper. Each month about 140 issues are bought (more in the summer). Each

month enough people contribute articles and effort to help keep the Beacon going.

I hereby thank everyone who has contributed to the first 100 issues; the contributors, without their articles there would be nothing to print; Lulu Strain, Lyn Fleming and Les Gavlas who have looked after the money and the subscriptions; and Glenn's Store for providing space for the paper. A special thank you to Jack and Madlyn Kerr for the heroic efforts they made to publish the Beacon using an old typewriter and a cranky gestetner. And a special thank you to my extended family here at the Head for the typing, proof-reading, printing, collating, stapling (Jacob and Kyle are mighty staplers), and, above all for the encouragement.

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Council Report for June 3, 1986

- Chris Kennedy

All Council members were present.

No building permits were issued in May.

Stuart Miller reported that the calcium was on the roads, and that the road crew was going to start ditching and clearing the roadsides soon. Three tenders were received for the new dump truck. An International was the lowest tender and Stuart recommended it for Council's approval. Later in the meeting Council agreed to accept the tender for \$65,000. The full cost will be paid by MTC over the next 2 years. It is not known when we can expect delivery - it may be quite a few months.

Robert Stewart, the President of the Ontario Naturalists, addressed Council on the merits of wetlands.

The Reeve reported that he had attended four meetings for the County: about the museum; about the Gypsy Moth spraying programme; discussing the Health Unit Budget; and, the opening of a new senior citizens villa in Napanee.

Letters about reducing the size of the ferry crew were received from Ted Welbanks and George Gavlas. Beth Forester and Chester Tugwell thought that George's should be returned to him, as he had expressed himself a little more freely than Council was accustomed to.

The Reeve has talked with Canadian Transport and MTC about increasing fire safety on the ferry. Council is to meet with the four ferry captains to discuss the safety aspects of reducing the crew size. Council decided to continue with the extra trips in the evening, and to start them on June 23rd in the mornings as well, at least until the next Council meeting. A regular schedule for departures from Stella is to be published. The extra trip costs about \$17 in fuel.

Council was shown various estimates for a bridge to the mainland. The cheapest version was \$33,000,000

(without approach work). Councillors are considering the latest version of the ferry future study report. These are available at the Township Office. [There are actually only five copies, one for each member of Council.]

Council is applying for extra money from the Province to repair the road at the Sand Beach (in front of Matthews' farm).

The Cemetery Committee minutes were adopted. A new lawnmower is

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being bought (\$2000).

The increase in the tax rate for this year is 6.59%.

Keith Miller has met with the Township insurance agent, but it appears Council can do little to lower the premium, which has roughly doubled since 1984, with some decrease in coverage.

Topsy Farms is resigning as pound keepers.

Council decided to postpone considering the Union Negotiating Committee Report until a later date, as it was past 11 pm.

The next regular meeting of Council will be on Wed., July 2.

Present and Future Needs Study

Transportation to Amherst Island by Totten Sims
Hijbicki Associates

"Draft" as received by Reeve & Council of Amherst Island, June 3, 1986

- Ian Murray

Unfortunately Council was supplied with only 5 copies: one for each Councillor and one for the Reeve. I am willing to loan my copy for a few days to anyone who wants to see it - make a copy if you wish. I expect that other members of Council will do the same.

For those who are not interested in reading the report, here is my summation of Chapter 7 entitled Conclusions and Recommendations.

Docking Locations (7. 1). It is recommended that the existing docking locations be retained. It is recommended that the existing wharves be reconstructed generally in conformance with the improvements proposed in the Public Works Canada Report (dated October 1985) "Millhaven Ontario, Stella Ontario,, Ferry Wharf Improvements". This report can be seen in the Township Office. It is also recommended that remedial work be done to the wharves in the near future to provide adequate docking for both the Amherst Islander and the Charlevoix. This should not be

confused with the emergency repairs to the docks that is planned for this summer. This work is only intended to hold the wharves together until something more permanent can be done.

It is recommended that each dock be provided with a paved parking area for a minimum of 20 vehicles.

It is recommended that a "ride share program be initiated". It is suggested that the desirability of providing public transit be reviewed regularly.

Ferry Vessel (7.2). It is recommended that the Amherst Islander be replaced by a vessel with the following characteristics: minimum 30 vehicles {I assume cars and pickup trucks; minimum licenced passenger capacity of 100 to 140; end loading (both ends); cruising speed to provide dock to dock crossing time of 20 minutes; minimum width of loading ramp of 4.6 m, and; absolute minimum vertical clearance of 4.1 m. It is recommended that such a vessel be put into service between 1990 A. D. and 2000 A. D. It is recommended that the trans-channel traffic be monitored to determine when the new ferry would be required. It is recommended that the Charlevoix be used in the summer {after the docks are improved} until the new ferry is made available.

Ferry Schedule (7.3). It is recommended that the present schedule of ferry departures be retained. {This was written before the "quick-turn-around" schedule was tried.}

I hope that I have done justice to the report's conclusions and recommendations. At this time, June 13, the recommendations are those of the consulting company only. The steering committee has not approved the report. The Township Council of Amherst Island has not approved the report. Reeve Norman Allison has served notice that he intends to move acceptance of the report's recommendations at the July 2 meeting of Council.

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A.I. Transportation Needs Committee
- Ed Chadband - Resident

Recently, I had the opportunity and the privilege of speaking with a majority of Island Residents, concerning the lack of community interest and involvement in Township Affairs. Most individuals, with whom I spoke, had a basic understanding of the more immediate problems concerning the ferry service; such as: "quick-turn around" and the "four-man crews".

However; there is a more serious problem which affects all the permanent residents; and only a few know what this problem means.

I respectfully submit; for all the Island Residents,

why this problem has developed, and what it means! As a result of the "survey" conducted by Totten Sims and Hubicki Associates under contract to MTC, the final results state that a new and larger (end-loading) ferry be purchased. This has been approved by MTC and the Township Council; and, apparently, it will go into effect in 1988/89. Also, new wharfs will be built, and placed in the present positions between Stella and Millhaven. The problem is; we (the ferry users) cannot afford the costs of the present ferry because the Township is cutting back on ferry crews (through attrition); and, continuing to raise the fares of the ferry. The commuters, who buy the yearly passes, have had a 300% increase in the last five years, and a 33% increase since last year. The Reeve, has indicated that "passes" might be cut out completely and that general fares will increase more next year. The ferry is full during the early morning hours and late afternoon trips, this (possibly) we can live with; but, we are having difficulty when the Seasonal Residents arrive. Even the occasional ferry user must wait for long periods, until the ferry returns. The "quick-turn-around" is an experiment to try and solve this problem. By having the new wharfs located in the present location, will mean that the ferry will still take one hour to return.

A new ferry, in the present location, will not improve the ferry service.

When, the "survey" was being conducted, there was political pressure applied to the Engineering Consultants, to a study area between Kerr's Point and Preston Cove. A 'Steering committee' comprised of four MTC employees and only one Island Resident decided what they thought best for all Island Residents. The 'survey' is also in question because not all Island Residents responded to this important analysis. Some people didn't even receive the all important questionnaire! It is interesting to note that, not one Councilor, depends on the ferry for commuting purposes.

This problem doesn't just affect the commuter, it affects everyone who lives on the Island. The present ferry would be quite adequate, if it could be placed in a shorter crossing location, for the remainder of its life-span. Many people, each have their own idea where this should be; but, if the 'survey' and 'study area' were to be re-opened and expanded, the engineering consultants might be able to determine this for the good of everyone. The key, is simply "economics"! What can we get for the cheapest price, and will it be sufficient? If, each individual Island Resident doesn't help, by contributing their ideas, in writing, to the Township Office (or, your M.P.P.) you will be stuck with exactly, what you didn't ask for.

Response To Ed Chadband

- Ian Murray

I would have asked Reeve Norman Allison to reply to Ed Chadband's article but he is not expected back on the Island until after the Beacon should be printed. Although not as knowledgeable about the matter as Mr. Allison, I will respond to the

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article rather than, leaving the subject until the next Beacon.

Mr. Chadband brings up several points which I think should be considered further.

1) The "survey" formed only part of the data which made up the report. I expect that the various cost analyses and the slow change in the number of permanent residents were at least as important as the survey.

2) The report has not yet been approved by the Steering Committee, or by Township Council, or by MTC. The conclusions and recommendations from the report are, at present, those of the consulting company, Totteni Sims Hubicki Associates (1981) Limited.

3) Mr. Chadband says that "we (the ferry users) cannot afford the costs of the present ferry because the Township is cutting back on ferry crews...." I really fail to see any logic in this statement. Is he saying that an attempt to reduce operating expenses somehow will cost the user more? Perhaps more explanation is needed from Mr. Chadband.

4) I seriously doubt that anyone who can afford to drive a vehicle can claim that he or she cannot afford, at the most, \$1.50 for a round-trip ferry crossing.

Here is a breakdown of the ferry user costs over the past 6 years.

Year	Ticket	Season Pass	Spouse Pass
1981	\$1.25	\$100.00	\$ 0.00 (*)
1982	\$1.25	\$150.00	\$ 50.00
1983	\$1.25	\$150.00	\$ 50.00
1984	\$1.50	\$157.50	\$ 52.50
1985	\$1.50	\$157.50	\$ 52.50
1986	\$1.50	\$157.50	\$157.50 (+)

(* spouse pass included with season pass)

(+ spouse pass discontinued)

The increase in user charges were due to the increase in the Township's share of the operating costs at the same time as the operating expenses were increasing.

I believe that when Mr. Chadband speaks of a 300% increase in season passes over the past 5 years he is referring only to the season pass plus spouse pass: \$315.00 in 1986 compared with \$100.00 in 1981. How big a burden is this for a commuting couple? If 2

commuter-spouses each drove a vehicle for 49 weeks in 1986 (3 weeks holiday), 5 days a week, and only travelled on the ferry to and from work, then there would be 490 round trips at \$0.65 a day. Now I suppose that a \$0.65 a day is pretty steep if one considers that in 1981, with both spouses working, a round trip would only cost \$0.20. On the other hand, one could say that a pass is still a very good deal. Without passes, the commuting couple would pay \$3.00.

5) My understanding is that, after the first few days, that the ferry has been able to make 4 trips from 4 pm to 7 pm (not including the 7 pm trip). Despite Mr. Chadband's contention, this is less than one hour to return.

6) I cannot understand why Mr. Chadband says that a new ferry in the present location will not improve the ferry service. Is he saying that an end-loading ferry able to carry 30 cars and pick-up trucks would not be an improvement?

7) Mr. Chadband says that there was "political pressure" applied to the consultants. Can he prove this allegation? Were the politicians involved from the Amherst Island Council? Was it our MPP, Ken Keyes? Was it our MP, Flora MacDonald? Is he suggesting that there is a conspiracy?

I suspect that Mr. Chadband believes that the consultants were told by MTC or the Steering Committee not to consider relocating the wharves to the Foot of the Island nor to consider a bridge. I doubt that this happened. My guess is that the consultants just never thought of considering either case. Perhaps they should have and perhaps they have by now.

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8) It is true that no Councillor is a commuter, but Beth Forester's husband is, Keith Miller's sister is, Norman Allison's wife has been a commuter, and we all have outspoken friends that are commuters. I doubt very much if the present Council would vote differently on ferry issues if each of us was a commuter.

9) One point that I do agree with Mr. Chadband is: if you disagree with the recommendations put forward by the consulting firm then you had better let your wishes be known very soon. I suspect that only a very strong show of support for a particular proposal will have a real chance of influencing MTC.

Although I disagree with much of what Ed Chadband had to say in his article, I respect him for making the effort to awake public opinion. I believe that the community benefits when issues are brought out in the open for discussion.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome home to Bert Glenn and Hellen Caughey (temporarily staying at her sister's in Kingston) both of whom are recovering from surgery, and to Lucille Brown who is now home on weekends.

Best wishes to Bernard Downey and Chester Tugwell, still in hospital recovering from illness. Special thoughts also to Susan Caughey, who is apparently recovering from a run-in with her truck.

Friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Cadman will be sorry to hear that they will not be returning to the Island this summer due to Mrs. Cadman's illness.

Many Islanders will be sorry to see Kevin and Lois Millen leaving the end of this month. Friends of Kevin and Lois are holding an open-house party and dance at the school, Friday, June 20, from 8 to 12:30. Everyone is welcome - ladies are asked to donate a salad. Congratulations are also in order for Lois and Kevin - they were married last Friday in Napanee.

Two members of the Amherst Island Fire Department recently attended Fire School in Kingston Township. David Fleming appeared to be a little disappointed that he spent a whole week in classroom, and was not given the opportunity to leap about burning buildings, as was John Glenn. John apparently learned many useful tricks, such as how to scale a six-story burning building. Hopefully for John, none of our skyscrapers ever burn down.

While on the topic of schools, the Glenn family wishes to express our thanks to Mac and Eleanor Freeman for their donation of the Les Glenn Award to Amherst Island Public School. The Les Glenn award will be given each year to a boy and girl who have demonstrated an outstanding level of community spirit.

A reminder that Kitsy's Aerobics Class is still on Monday and Wednesday at the school, 8 p.m. Fee is \$1.50 per class. In Kitsy's words - "if it hurts, don't do it". My warning from experience, - It's going to hurt - believe me!

Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

Heads up! Backs straight! Tummy's Taut!! Chins up! Smile! Such are the instructions waivered from our instructor - Kitsy McMullen. Several months have passed since she agreed to try to put some real oxygen into our lungs. Obviously - Kitsy enjoys every moment of the aerobics class - allowing our moans to go relatively unnoticed. Excessive groaning has been known to be met by directions of "double-time for you". Recently, our group, consisting of young people 3 years of age and up, teenagers, mothers and grandmothers,

welcomed our first male participant. Each Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m., the music starts and the warm-up begins. The

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pace gradually increases while heartbeats are elevated and maintained - then slowly lowered to their original rate. Flanked by comments such as "Yes ma'am!, Sure, one more time, easy for you to say", Kitsy jokingly continues to encourage us through our routine. It is obvious that our instructor is truly interested in her endeavour and has a thorough understanding of what she is doing. It is rewarding to watch our group grow in numbers as new members join in and original ones continue to return. Keep up the good work Kitsy - we're having a ball.

Everyone welcome to join in Monday and Wednesday night 8 pm at the school.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Summer Reading Club for you kids from 6 to 12 years of age. The club season is June 10th to August 30th.

Read 6 books and enter for a prize draw at our library. Read 10 books and be in a draw with the county.

June 9th was a change of all the biographies so there are approximately 400 new volumes there.

June 19th will be regular rotation again. Interloans are slow sometimes on popular books so if you've had to wait don't give up. Phyllis or I will send anytime for your reading favorites.

The library sponsored a musical presentation of the Canadian Encyclopaedia with Mr. James Gordon doing a one-man show with many different instruments. I hope it was enjoyed by those there.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The June meeting will be at 8:00 pm at Leslie Gavlas's home. Program is Agriculture and the Dairy Princess will be our guest this month. Feel free to come to the meeting, absorb some W.I. ideas and join in.

On July 14th the Blind Friendship Club is coming for a dinner sponsored by the W.I.

July meeting is hosted by Diane Gavlas on the 16th at 8:00 p.m. The program is Consumer Affairs.

To All Beacon Readers

- A. Bruce Caughey

The following has come to my attention this a.m.: I understand that during the trial period, presently in effect, of a revised p.m. ferry schedule in an effort to relieve congestion and long waiting periods, in order to board the Amherst Islander, the Manager posted a sheet in the pilot house of the Amherst Islander on which the public could register their complaints or suggestions, rather than expressing same to senior crew members. Among those expressions made, which were required to be signed, was one which stated "place the crew on 1926 wage scale and require them to work 24 hours per day, ABC" - Since these are my initials and it may be coincidental?, as there may be many people with the same initials, I would like to inform the Public that it was not me who wrote this comment nor did I have anything to do with the proposed change in number of crew members on the Amherst Islander, which has caused so many "scowling" countenances as well as outbursts of profanity and criticisms, following consideration of this matter by municipal Council. I have not enjoyed the privilege of being in the pilot house of the Amherst Islander since previous to my accident on August 21st, 1985.

Since someone has raised the question of 1926 salaries and work load of crew members, it might make an interesting subject for comparison, as in that period we were served by the Steamer Brockville, then the coming of the Amherst Islander 1 in 1929. Like many other phases of the work place, there would certainly be an interesting comparison - Thanks somebody for suggesting it!

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Auditors' Report

- Thorne Riddell

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island as at December 31, 1985 and the consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island as at December 31, 1985 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies prescribed for municipalities in Ontario applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

[There are two other letters saying much the same regarding the "trust funds" and the balance sheet for the Glenwood and Pentland Cemetery Committee.]

More on the Auditor's Report

- Ian Murray

You can see the Township's Financial Statements for 1985 at the Township Office.

I think that the finances of this Township continue to be quite sound. There is a healthy capital reserve and, with the (usually) prompt payment of our ferry and road subsidies, our borrowing costs have remained low.

In, 1985, the Township spent \$1,084,771:

Current Operations

General Government... \$20,336

Fire... 5,099

Protective inspections... 1,931

Roadways... 111,225

Street lighting... 591

Ferry... 702,725

Garbage disposal... 3,632

Cemeteries... 3,859

Parks and recreation... 2,989

Planning and zoning... 1,144

Capital operations

General government... 3,975

Fire... 1,687

Roadways... 52,326

Ferry... 10,888

Miller Drain... 161,524

Recreation... 840

Note that the costs shown for the Miller Drain will be recovered, including interest, from assessed property.

Here's where the money came from.

Property taxes... \$45,778

Ferry revenue... 64,732

Grants... 953,112

Investment income... 7,867

Interest and tax penalties... 3,394

Special charges... 12,533.

Also, \$104,731 went to the School Boards and \$9,737 to the County.

Baseball

- Sally Bowen

Amherst Island is fielding two baseball teams this summer, the Peewee team (13-14 year olds) and Mites (8-10 year olds).

The Mites have played two games so far, winning one against Selby 22 - 18 and losing one to North Fredericksburg 14 - 13. Their next three games will be at home, June 18, July 3 and to-be-decided. Watch for a

schedule at the store, and do come and enjoy the games.

At "press time", I was unable to reach anyone who could report on the Peewee's success.

Would anyone volunteer to be sport's reporter?

Sunday School Picnic

- Sally Bowen

A most successful Sunday School picnic was held at the Presbyterian Church on June 8. Kids raced, hopped, struggled on 3 legs, popped balls in boxes, tugged on ropes, and generally had a wonderful time.

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Ribbons flapped on proud chests everywhere. A very generous potluck luncheon was more than adequate to meet the competitors' appetites.

The church was then filled to capacity to watch the entertainment. The Trinity Theatre Company, with director Alan Richardson came from Toronto. The three skits were informative and clever and fun. The children made enthusiastic animal noises during the story of Noah, pulled for the good with the skit on David, and all appreciated the history of Amherst Island presentation.

Thanks to Susie Caughey and all the other organizers.

Notes from Outside

- Dale C. Jones

I read with interest the various points of view on the viability/quality of life of the Amherst Island community. The Island has been a part of my family since my grandfather, George Bilkey, settled on Long Point in the mid 1920's. My family, the Jones still enjoy the atmosphere of Amherst and still spend considerable time at the cottage originally built by my grandfather as a home when he was fishing commercially. The rest of the year, his family, which included my mother, Helen Jones, resided in Napanee.

I've seen dramatic changes over the past 25 years I can remember. The Island community has changed greatly with the loss of population, the decrease in agricultural activity and the almost disappearance of the commercial fishing industry.

I remember the Welbanks bringing in 1200 lb of whitefish at a rip when I was young. I'd rush down to the dock on Long Point every day to see the catch, especially the odd ones like the rare sturgeon whose primitive form always excited my imagination. On occasion I would spend a day "getting in the way" when Howard would allow me to go out on the Lake with

them. I've never lost my great respect for the sheer bravery of fishermen who challenged the Lake's often unpredictable storms.

My mother could never understand my attraction to this - she gets seasick on the Ferry and abhors fish!

Stella has contracted visibly - I recall visits to the Cheese Factory, Neilson's store, and many stops at Glenns' where Les and Irene would serve my young self with such patience as I spent a whole dime.

In, spite all of the differences, the essence of the Island remains in the close-knit quality of the community and the more relaxed pace of life. I may live in a large urban area (Mississauga, pop. 500,000) but my personal values reflect the 17 summers on Long Point. Thank you, Amherst Island.

Dear Beacon Editor

In regards to last month's issue, I, like most people am interested in knowing who has applied for a building permit and for what purpose. However, I don't believe we need to advertise to the general public just how much the permit was for. The builder should be allowed some privacy.

Thank you.

Dianne Marshall

Dianne:

Chris Kennedy and I have discussed this and agree with you.

Thank you for your comment.

Beacon Editor.

Thank You

To my Family, Relatives, Friends, L.O.L. members, Clergy, Church ladies, neighbors and Boat Pals. I express my gratitude for your visits, cards, treats and phone calls while in Hospital and at home.

Special thanks to Grace and Vincent Eves for responding quickly to a call for help when I got home.

What would you or I do without Friends or loved ones?

Bert Glenn

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To the Beacon Staff:

Congratulations on surpassing the 100th edition mark!

The Beacon has become part of our community and, as such, is probably somewhat taken for granted. Please

know how much we look forward to and enjoy each edition. With the many commitments you have to home, work and whatever else, each issue is a tribute to your perseverance and dedication to the cause. Thank you for the contribution The Beacon, makes to our community.

Diane Pearce

Strawberry Social:

The Anglican Church Women are holding their Annual Strawberry Social at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, June 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission \$2.00.

Everyone Welcome.

Notice:

The Township of Amherst Island requires the services of a Poundkeeper.

If you are interested in providing this service for the Township, please submit your application to the Township in the care of the Municipal Office.

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer.

June 13, 1986

Graduation for Kindergarten and Grade 8: A.I.P. School, Monday, June 23. Short program and presentation of awards.

The Garden Party will take place once again on the last Saturday of July - July 25. As well as the usual attractions, there will be an auction of valuable items at 4 p.m. Donations of articles or of used clothing may be made to Irene at the store.

A.I. School Operetta

- Beth Forester

An invitation is extended to everyone in the Community to join us this Thursday evening, June 19, 7.30 p.m, in the school gymnasium. The Primary and Junior Classes will be performing the Operetta entitled "The Early Bird Catches the Worm".

If this time is not suitable for you, you would be welcome to join, a class from Central Public School for the dress rehearsal at 11 a.m., Thursday - or two classes from Bath Public School on Friday morning at 11.

The students have worked hard on this production and I know you'll find their efforts rewarding.

A free will offering will be taken.

For Sale

1 Child's Lifejacket

Excellent Condition

30-60 lbs \$15.00

Diane Gavlas 389-3199

Notice:

Yard Sale

Bake Sale

Old Emerald Cheese Factory

Front Road 4 miles west of Stella

June 21-22 10 a.m.

Custom haying: Topsy Farms. Call Chris at 389-0554.

Electric Fence: Topsy Farms. Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

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Council Report for July 2, 1986

- C. J. Kennedy

The Council Chamber was full for this meeting with nineteen visitors, two reporters and Council. Chester Tugwell was not there, and later in the meeting his resignation for health reasons was accepted with regret by the rest of Council.

The minutes of the meetings on June 3rd and June 9th (Union Negotiations) were approved.

Then Rudy Wycliffe, District Engineer for MTC, spoke to Council. He outlined the origin of the Ferry Needs Study, and some of the main conclusions. It started because the Amherst Islander will be retired in ten year's time and MTC wanted a long-term report on the best plan for replacement. The Steering Committee in general approved of the report prepared by Totten Sims Hubicki. In brief, this recommended retaining the Stella-Millhaven route, improving the docking so it can handle an end-loader, improving vehicle storage at Millhaven, improving parking, promoting ride-sharing, and eventually replacing the Amherst Islander with a larger end-loader when it wears out. The Charlevoix has to stay as a backup, as it is also a backup for the Wolfe Islander.

Also attending the meeting was Ted Lane, MTC bridge expert, who said that even the cheapest bridge was much more expensive than any ferry. Even a causeway to the end of the Brothers would cost \$3 million, before the bridge was even started. The only possible alternative was moving the Stella dock to Fish Point (Kerr's Point). This would increase the cost by about 30%. Reeve Norman Allison reviewed some of the reasons why he was in favour of retaining the dock at Stella. He pointed out that the savings in time would be minimal, that the road out to Fish Point plugs badly in winter, and that there could be no foot traffic to functions in the village, further increasing ferry traffic.

The next delegation was Jeanne Harrison, from the Concerned Parents Coalition of Lennox and Addington. She wants the County Council to provide 20% of the

cost of day care for underprivileged children. The Federal Government provides the other 80% of the money.

Lance Eves spoke to Council about the decision to reduce the crew size to four people. He said that Council had made the decision too hastily, and thought that the crew should remain at five for safety reasons. He also was concerned about the study on water and sewage in Stella. People in the village were not clear on what was happening.

Geoff Matthews wanted Council to know that he thought that the road near the Sand Beach was quite adequate and did not need repairing.

Steve Hart addressed Council, suggesting a referendum on the Ferry Future Needs Program.

Council then went into Committee of the Whole to discuss and confirm the union negotiations, and other personal matters. The crew has about a 5% pay and benefits increase. The union has agreed to the crew reduction, provided that the Coastguard and MTC approve, that there are safety equipment changes, and that the captains and crew are consulted before the change is implemented. For the moment the fifth position will be filled by temporary help.

The quick-turn-around service will continue until, at the earliest, Labour Day. Beth Forester conducted an informal survey, and found that most commuters approved of it. Keith Miller said that many other users found the changing times confusing and inconvenient, and voted against continuing the quick-turn-around service.

The Caughey by-pass will be completed as soon as possible.

Council discussed the water quality and sewage survey, answering the concerns expressed by Lance Eves. Council has not yet received the report on the water quality, and does not know what its recommendations are. Council needs much more information before any discussion can take place or any decision is made. Council wondered if a professional engineer was required, having in the past found them expensive and not always entirely satisfactory.

The last item of business was finding a replacement Councillor for Chester Tugwell. Council can either pick one themselves, or hold an election. An election will be held: the dates are published elsewhere in the Beacon. This will cost about \$700. Now all the people who criticize council have a chance to put forward their own candidate.

Council then adjourned the meeting, as it was after 11 p.m.

Council Meeting: part 2, July 9

- George Gavlas

On the evening of July 9 I quite innocently attended a Council meeting and as I walked through the door all eyes turned on me and I was informed that the press was not present and would I be so kind as to ? etc.

In the absence of any cracks in the floor of sufficient dimension in which to conceal myself I rallied to the call and here you have your report on the continuation of the regular meeting of July 2.

But first in way of explanation. Since I quit council myself I have made it a habit to attend meetings only when I felt I had a specific axe to grind, as was the case on this occasion. Consequently since I had not seen the agenda and pertinent correspondence as Chris and Annette always have prior to the meeting I didn't have the first idea what they were talking about most of the time. None the less I took notes and have tried to make some sense of them after the fact.

At the risk of sounding like a 5 year old explaining the income tax act, I'll begin.

The first item was a request by the road super to build a compound to protect roads equipment from continued vandalism. I looked around to see if I had gotten in the wrong meeting by mistake, but no, I hadn't. Evidently, this is a recurring problem over here. Anyhow, the

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Agricultural Society, from whom this land is leased until years after it concerns any of us, agreed and Council instructed Stuart to have the compound built to that end.

On the occasion of a burning lawn mower at the home of one of the Island's newer residents, it was discovered that some of the volunteer fire department did not have keys to the Fire Hall. Councillor Miller has assured us that sufficient keys are now available.

In response, I presume to a complaint about an earlier article in the Beacon divulging information about building permits, and in, answer to a question by Ed Chadband, our building inspector, the Township solicitor was consulted. In his opinion, the information on the permit application is confidential. Since the building inspector is expected as part of his job to be familiar with the building code, Council resolved to expect him to exercise his own judgement within his understanding of the code as part of the job. It was agreed that when problems arise, knowledgeable

sources would be consulted.

We have been asked if we are interested in sharing the services of a professional building inspector with certain of the other townships. Council quickly concluded that the one we have is quite adequate at present but let's leave the door open to the future.

In his capacity as by-law enforcement officer, Mr. Chadband sent a letter asking advice on the matter of a neighbour's pigs eating up another neighbour's door yard. Suspecting unseen legal problems with the solutions offered, Council instructed the Clerk to research laws pertaining to animal confinement.

A request by Ed Chadband that a docking facility be erected in the Township for the pleasure boat trade under the "Youth Employment Grant" was considered. Council agreed that the idea has merit but that neither funds nor supervisor is available at this time.

Despite the fact that most of the dogs in the village have either passed on or undergone corrective surgery, the dog by-law committee has been stirred back to action following a lull brought about by the resignation of Councillor Tugwell.

As anyone who has ever sat on the board of any organization knows, it is not uncommon to be called away for several hours from something you might better be doing, to attend to organization business. It was in light of this that Council spent some time trying to determine what was considered a meeting, and consequently what were you entitled to be paid for? There are statutes governing this but having heard them read I must also admit they are vague and contradictory. The Township does, it seems, have the right to establish a policy. It was agreed that when the Chairman of a Committee was required to attend, he be paid mileage and his expenses plus honoraria. The same to apply to others requested to attend.

Problems continue to arise with the Miller Drain. There appears to have been a poor job done of the bank seeding. Council is hiring a Drainage Superintendent. He will be instructed to inspect the Drain for inadequacies and to make recommendations.

Council received a letter praising the quick turnaround on the ferry and a request to transfer a ferry pass from one person to another. Council agreed to making the pass transferable from one individual to another, at their own discretion, should circumstances warrant it.

In order to meet staffing requirements Council has instructed the Ferry Manager to hire one more relief person.

With the completion of the drain, Ducks Unlimited has once again requested permission to evaluate the big marsh as to wild life

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and conservation potential, to which Council has agreed.

At this point Council went into closed session. I did not have an agenda so I don't know if there was any more open business but since my axe had not yet been ground I suspect there was. In any case I left at that time. I do hope that in future, if not at present, Council reserve closed sessions for one or the other extreme end of the meeting.

Editor's Note - Thank you very much, George, for a job well done. I will also ask the Clerk if it is possible to have an extra copy of the agenda and other documents available for the general public to pass around during Council meetings.

Acclamation

- Ian Murray

Tom Sylvester was the only person to file a nomination paper for the vacant Council position.

Congratulations Tom and thank you for being prepared to contest an election.

Considering all the negative comments directed at Council in the previous 4 years and particularly in the past few months, I am astounded that several people did not jump at the opportunity to improve the Municipal Council with their presence.

I know that Tom has many times been critical of Council but he has always made positive criticisms. That is, he states what he thinks to be wrong and always offers suggestions for alternative action. I expect that he will do a good job as a Councillor.

Resignation

- Ian Murray

I am very sorry that Chester Tugwell has been forced to resign because of health problems.

Over the past 3 1/2 years, I came to particularly value Chester's understanding of what would and what would not work in this community. I was, for example, positive that a secure fence with a locked gate was necessary if there was to be any real improvement at the dump. Chester said that he believed that if things were set up right, the community would co-operate and help keep the dump in a reasonably orderly fashion. Time has proved him right.

He was also instrumental in getting this municipality its first procedural by-law.

I will miss his knowledge of the Island and his

conciliatory manner when tempers got a little rough around the Council table.

Chester, I hope that your health rapidly improves. Our community needs people like yourself - people who try to improve the Island through word and work.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

In the June Issue of the Beacon, under "Council Report" I note that council is 'applying for extra money from the Province to repair the road at the Sand Beach.' This interested me very much as I have, during the greater part of my lifetime, witnessed the periodic "washing out" of this stretch of road, due to cycles of high and low water levels combined with a strong South Wind which did the damage. I was always told that the water level in Lake Ontario cycled every fifteen years (from 'high' back to 'high' again.) In succeeding paragraphs, I will take our readers back with me in memory and attempt to recount some facts regarding this particular road.

One must recognize that some 40 - 50 years ago there were seven family farm operations dependent on this stretch of road for transportation, a large group of children walked daily from here to attend school at S.S. No. 5, while from time to time other pupils traveled daily, by horse drawn conveyance, to attend Stella Continuation

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School in Stella. I remember, in that period, when a strong southerly wind combined with a high water level "washed out" a section of this road as well as uprooting some trees that grew between the road and the lake. The late William S. Glenn was at that time Road Supt. (Father of Mrs. Henry Hitchins). He visited the damaged site and promptly made assessment of the damage and in, a very short time planned a system of repair. He called in a few men with teams and lumber wagons, axes and cross cut saws and in a very short time had trimmed the trees, placing the log sections of same so as to form a break wall, large stones were hauled in, the larger ones with a team and chain from the adjacent farms and soon a very good "break-wall" had been constructed, which stood the ravages of time - it had been Mr. Glenn's plan, with the availability of money, to continue this road fill westerly around the danger area, but unfortunately Mr. Glenn was taken, by death, at an early age, in September 1940.

Concern was expressed by the farmers as to continuing this boulder break-wall westerly because of their use of the lake front, summer and winter to water

their cattle, also there were three commercial fishing operations in this stretch of road as well as the fact that, when, the ice was in the lake, the usual practice was to drive on it, when, possible, rather than the road, where drifting occurred.

Today, the logs, which helped to form the protecting wall have rotted or washed away, but the large boulders are still there firmly embedded in the sand and gravel of the shore line. The family farms, with dairy herds and horses are long since gone, as well as the commercial fishing enterprises. Amherst Island Road Supts. have likewise come and gone but what still remains are boulders, large and small on adjoining farms, perhaps in substantially larger numbers, due to the eliminations of fence rows to provide for the use of larger farm equipment. Today school buses, large pieces of industrial equipment of all tonnages, heavy farm equipment, to say nothing of the vehicles of tourists and bird watchers, traverse this road and depend upon, its usability. A continuance of the program, which William Glenn initiated so many years ago, in a simple decision would have presented what is recurring with each cycle of high water levels, with a very minimum of cost to either levels of government.

Following the initiation of the program which I have outlined, strong consideration was given by succeeding councils to the possibility of moving or acquiring a "new road allowance" north of the farm buildings and following a line, identical to that followed by the present hydro pole line in that area. This proposal met with mixed reaction from the property owners in the area, but I think it almost reached the point of being undertaken, when it was eventually decided to try to retain and maintain the still existent roadway, all possibilities having been considered. The original road west of the present Matthews Farm went around the South side of the little point on the present ARDA farm, known as the Joseph Willard farm. To eliminate the damage here, Mr. Willard, at the urgency of his neighbours, very graciously agreed to move his fences back and allowed construction of the road, as it presently exists. You see the overcoming of difficulties, in that era, while usually creating some heated discussion, was solved in a simple forthright manner.

Today, I can visualize what will happen if Council's request for subsidization meets with favourable consideration by the Provincial level of government - a consulting firm will be engaged to make an engineering study, prepare plans and submit same to various committees

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etc. for consideration. Favourable consideration having

been agreed upon, a firm of surveyors will be called in to establish lot lines etc. and doubtless a controversy will result. By the time, every title of paper work has been sorted out and every legislative detail satisfied we will likely find ourselves in another cycle of "high water".

I strongly suggest that with the calibre of equipment to be found in this little municipality today as well as the availability of materials, a simple and very minimal cost solution could be found for this problem, at the same time retaining the beauty afforded by our roads which presently follow our shore lines to a great degree.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The reading club, "The Great Connection" is running til Aug. 30th this year. For children 6 to 12 years of age. It is not a competition or pressure but to encourage reading and to have fun with books.

The large type books and cassettes changed on July 2nd and our regular rotation change is on July 21st this month.

Feel free to ask for that book you've been wanting on inter-library loan.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The July meeting is at the home of Diane Gavlas. Program will be Consumer Affairs and a film called the Market will be shown. Date is July 16, 1:00 p.m. New members welcome!

August 24th will be a family picnic for W.I. members at Jackie Sylvester's at 1:00 p.m.

Sports News

Amherst Island Mites

- Reta Brown

Coaches - Pam McCormick

Reta Brown

Players	Positions
Jason Silver	Pitch or Centre
Jamie Silver	Centre or Second
Kevin McCormick	Pitch or Second
Jesse Yull	First or Rt Field
Amy Caughey	Second
Lori Caughey	Third
Tracy Hitchins	Catcher
Richard Grace	First
Gordor Thornhill	Centre
Douglas Gavlas	Left field

Sarah Scott Right field
Ruth Scott Short-stop
Crystal Bedford Right field
Ricky Bedford Left field

The teams we have played this far are as follows.

1. Selby 1 - we won
2. N. Fred. 1 - we lost
3. N. Fred. 2 - a tie
4. S. Fred. 1 - we won
5. N. Fred. 1 - we lost
6. Selby 2 - we won

Our July 10 game has no set date yet. The last two games will be July 15 at Selby and July 24 at N. Fred.

“Hi Sports Fans”

- Tracy Hitchins

I am happy to report that the Island ball teams are doing very well.

On, July 18 on the Island the Pee Wees were playing North Fred. #2 and our team won the game 2 to 0. It was a very good clean, game with only one home run - by Jeff deHann.

Again on June 25 the Amherst Island Pee Wees played here on the Island. This time they played North Fred. #1 and once again our team won 13 to 1. I will not report all the runs as you can see our team had lots.

Once again July 2 the Pee Wees played on the Island and won again.. They played North Fred. #3 and won 16 to 3. I am sorry but I can not report all the home runs unless the score is low. “Sorry guys.”

The Pee Wee guys have played six games so far and won them all. “Good going Pee Wees” and good luck.

Here are the players:

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Pitcher... Jeff deHann
Catcher... Reg Hitchins
First base... Don Miller
Second... Hugh Filson
Third... Jeff Forester
Third... Richard Dodds
Short stop... Mike Strain
Right field... Jamie Scott
Right field... Jake Lewis
Left field... Jamie Miller
Left field... Jamie Thornhill
Centre field... Rick Welbanks.

The Early Bird Catches The Worm
- Janet Scott

On June 19th, our community was treated to an enjoyable evening of music presented by the Primary and Junior classes of Amherst Island Public School. We are certainly grateful for the amount of work that had obviously been done by Mrs. Forester, Miss McRae, Mrs. Willard and all those willing students. Congratulations an a job well done.

The story took place in the barnyard and I hope you noticed the scenery and hay bales just to get you in the right atmosphere. You probably didn't expect the chickens to have a President and First Lady played ably by Ruth Scott and Amy Caughey. Lori Caughey played the part of Goosie Waddles, the funny clown, who later saves the day and is the hero of the operetta.

Every play must have its villains and these were played by Jeff Forester as the sneaky fox and his partner in crime the Pirate Chicken Hawk played so well by Chad Miller. They were helped by the little foxes played by Kevin McCormick and Gordon Thornhill.

I'm sure you enjoyed the many musical numbers sung by the chorus such as “The Prettiest Place We've Seen” and “A Fowl Is the Grandest Thing” or the delightful solos such as “I have no Feathers” sung by the sad little egg-plant played by Sarah deHaan, or “Here, Chicky, Chicky!” sung by Laura Wemp as the Farmer's Wife.

Perhaps the surprise to this farming community was the hatching on stage, and live of five baby chicks from one large egg. The Quintuplets were played by Angela Fleming, Sarah Scott, Jessica Gavlas, Tyler Hutchings and Jill Caughey and were medically taken care of by Dr. Quack played by Jesse Yull.

My congratulations to the students who made up for small numbers by flipping on and off stage in a variety of costumes and playing one or more parts without breaking the continuity of the story. These actors didn't even stop for an intermission or a commercial break!

Thanks to all who took part; all you hens, roosters and that wiggly wiggly worm. We liked your performance and hope you'll do one again.

Note by Sally - Janet Scott spent hours creating the wonderful costumes that contributed to making the production such a success.

Guides and Brownies

- Janet Scott

The Girl Guides and Brownies closed out their regular meetings with a Pot Luck on June 9th. Our sincere thanks to Gary and Anne Marie Hitchins for making their home and pool available to us for this

event.

Badges for the girls' recent work were presented and Ruth Scott was flown up to Guides.

On June 24th, Jill Caughey, Angela Fleming, Heidi Hitchins, Jessica Gavlas and Ruth Scott attended Brownie Camp and earned their Pack Holiday badge. They returned on June 26th.

Amy Caughey, Lori Caughey, Tracy Hitchins, Ruth Scott and Sarah Scott attended Kingston Division Camp held from July 6th to July 12th.

My sincere thanks to Annette Philips who has brought her wealth of experience and her enthusiasm to the group and make my part so much easier.

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Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

I am pleased to see that our Township Council in co-operation with our Township Road Engineer are now proceeding with the completion of a very necessary "By-Pass" across Lot 10 of the North Shore Road in order to eliminate a "Blind Corner", where there have been numerous accidents some of them of a very serious nature. This By-Pass was due to have been opened last November when a "stop-work" order was issued by Council as a result of a determined effort to over rule the decision made by a previous Council in an Amicable manner so that a distinct improvement could be made without strict adherence to the legalities surrounding the situation. There have been many road changes accomplished in like manner, down through the years, in like manner and the exercise of common sense. I might recount a few of these for interested readers.

History tells us that there existed a road, along the North Shore of the Island, which followed the shore-line very closely and where there were 50 houses between the Village and the foot of the Island. In the particular area which I have mentioned above the road passed between "Poplar-Dell" (The Preston Home) and the shore line. I cannot identify the year that the present road was put in place but in the year 1853, the Preston family carried out what they termed "turned the House around", in other words, the front of the house, the North side, became the back of the house and the South side of the house became the front, so as to face on to the newly established road, stone fence and gate pillars were erected as well as a new verandah completely along the "new front" of the dwelling, architectural features of the house bear strong evidence of what changes were made at that time.

Moving farther West along the North Shore of the Island, the year was 1947, a cycle of high water was being experienced, the new Amherst Island School was

under construction, the ferry dock was under water and foot passengers boarding the ferry wore rubber boots or else walked a plank "cat-walk" in order to do so -the creek or drainage channel through what was then the William Scott Farm (presently the Eves Farm) was flooding the road in front of this farm (see pictures taken by the late Maurice W. Hogeboom of this Area at that time) an amicable arrangement was made with Mr. Scott and an undesirable situation was corrected. Moving still farther West on the front road, and I am not going to attempt to identify the year, the Emerald Cheese Factory was in operation and milk produced West of the Village of Emerald was for the most part hauled in by horse drawn conveyance. Flooding in the area of "Topsy Farms", through the "Drumgoole Pond", where it was at that time possible for Commercial fishermen to shelter their boats, extending West-ward past the McMullen properties and the then known "Morrow Farm" where the road followed the shore line, passing in front of what was then known as the Tom Morrow farm house, (since destroyed by fire and replaced by Mr. Mayman), up to the now Densem Home. I remember very distinctly, my friends and neighbours, the late Robert J. Brown and Donald E. Miller, who were at that time members of Council, were delegated to come up with a solution for this problem and a possible re-routing of the road. Messrs. Brown and Miller visited the area, met with the late Mr. John Eves, his son, the late Mr. James Eves and together they laid out the plan for a new road which is the one presently in use. In doing so they took into consideration, the location of the well established dairy operation of the Eves family, circuted the Drumgoole Pond in

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front of the present "Prospect House", again circuted the unique stone fence and heritage home owned by Robert McMullen and proceeded West of the property owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs James Eves where a completely new road was established and built, eliminating that section along the shore of the "Morrow Farm". I further recall very vividly Bob and Donald recapping their experience in this mission, of how they had approached the task with fear of a confrontation and how they had found Mr. Eves so co-operative to deal with and how he had emphatically stated "Boys we have to have a road".

Remembering Gene McDonald

- Madlyn Kerr

Gene was born on the McMaster Farm on Amherst

Island, (now the George Gavlas' home). She had two sisters - Dorothy Kilpatrick and Helen Smith (Helen owns the cottage which was once the McMaster homestead, west of the Gavlas').

After she and Garnet were married, they lived a short while with his parents then moved next door to the farm they have owned since.

Gene was a very busy and involved woman. She was active in the Women's Institute serving as President several times, and in other capacities. She also worked diligently for the A.C.W., holding the Presidency and several other offices. Gene always kept a large and productive garden.

Several years ago, she underwent surgery, then suffered a stroke. She struggled hard to regain her mobility. Gene's courage and determination were evident to all who knew her as she continued to do her share to the best of her ability.

Gene leaves her husband, Garnet, a daughter, Carol Langwald, and two grandchildren, Tammy and Joey.

Islanders shall miss her.

The Family of the Late Gene McDonald would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy and flowers. A special thank you to all the ladies who provided and helped with the lunch afterwards. Thanks also to the ferry crew for their help.

Garnet and Family

St. Paul's Garden Party

Amherst Island Caps and Sweatshirts will be for sale on Saturday, July 26 at St. Paul's Garden Party. Concessions open at 1:00 on the church lawn. Sweatshirts are available in adult sizes s-m-l-xl and come in assorted colors (\$18 each). These are excellent quality sweatshirts - crested with a sketch of the Amherst Islander and printed "Amherst Island, Ontario". Caps are available in many colors and sell for \$6.00 each.

On behalf of the Amherst Island Mite Baseball Team, we would like to thank Marius Scheutz (Phoenix House Farms) for our new shirts and caps. We would also like to thank the Women's Institute for their donation and extend a very special thank you to our "anonymous donor" who made the completion of the uniforms possible. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness of everyone involved with the uniforms. Thank you again.

Pam McCormick & Reta Brown

Quinte Pasture

- Ian Murray

On Sunday, July 6, over 25 people toured the Quinte Pasture on the 2nd Concession. This summer there are 624 head of cattle pasturing on what were weed infested fields when I came to the Island 17 years ago. The operation has improved each year and is now self-supporting. In 1979, there was 59,000 pounds of gain whereas in 1985 the gain was 134,500 pounds.

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Stats On Rats

- A. C. Dubock (NZF)

Portion of growing crops eaten or spoiled by rats each year: 20%.

Amount of food eaten by one rat in a year: 26 pounds.

Amount of food spoiled by one rat in a year: 47 pounds.

Number of droppings by one rat in a year: 25,000.

Amount of urine by one rat in a year: 125 imp. fl. oz.

Number of potential descendents from one pair of rats in 3 years: 20 million

Ratio of rats to humans worldwide: 1:1.

Length of train to haul the grain rats in India eat in a year: 2500 miles.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Sarah McDonald and Chad Miller, who came away winners in the county track meet. Sarah placed 1st in the 800m run and Chad took 5th in the 200m.

Although our weather hasn't been the warmest yet this year, our regular summer residents seem to be straggling in regardless. Welcome back to Mr and Mrs Hinch; Kathy Sylvester and the Albertini family. Eeva, Vic and Joan Ellis manage to catch a weekend here and there. Bev. and Mrs Houslander are also here part time.

As for new permanent residents, Mr and Mrs Ray Koenders have decided to give Island life a try. And former Islander Anthony Henderson and his wife have moved into the family home recently.

On the other side of the coin, Bill and Marianne Tonn and family have left the Island for Newmarket..

Best wishes to Garnet McDonald and family.

Friends will sadly miss a good neighbour, Mrs Gene McDonald.

Congratulations to Mark Wemp and Leigh Miller upon completion of Grade 13 as Ontario Scholars.

Would anyone with sentimental attachment to Ball Trophies from at least 10 years ago please report to the store. We seem to have an over abundance of trophies awarded to Island teams in the late 60's and early 70's. They're great mantle decorations, unfortunately none of us has a mantle. Thanks.

Report On Public Meeting, July 15th

- Chris Kennedy

This meeting was to consider the Draft Report on the Present and Future Needs Study - Transportation to Amherst Island. About 80 people attended. In the first part of the meeting Bill Blum, MTC, outlined the conclusions in the draft report. In brief, this means improving the Stella and Millhaven docks to take a new and larger end loading ferry when the Amherst Islander eventually wears out. The draft report should be available in about four weeks time.

The second half of the meeting was a discussion on the merits of the only reasonable alternative, moving the Stella dock to Fish Point (Kerr's Point). This would cut about five minutes off the trip and cost about \$486,000 more than rebuilding Stella dock (30% increase). Norman Allison outlined some of the disadvantages of Fish Point. Norman has a resolution coming up at the next regular council meeting supporting Stella as the docking site. Several people said that this was pushing the decision, and wanted more information. It was decided at the end of the meeting that if people want a more detailed comparison of Stella v. Fish Point as the docking site they should write to council before the next regular meeting regarding it.

Whatever the final decision these plans are very long term. The Stella dock will be patched up this summer, and that is probably all the action we will see for several years.

Ask Keith Miller the difference between an Elephant and a Camaro.

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Tax Freedom Day - June 27, 1986

- from a Libertarian Handout

Taxes are worse every year. Almost 49% of everything you earn is taken away from you by governments through 51 different kinds of taxes. You work from New Year's to June 27th for governments. In 1983 in Ontario, we worked until June 21 to pay our taxes. In 1984 it was June 22; and by 1985 it was June

24. Every year we have to work harder to support a growing army of non-producers. Recent figures show that Canadians pay the Third-highest taxes in the world, after Sweden and Norway.

Island Families & Their Old World Ancestors

- Cathy Wilson

Are you interested in knowing where your family came from? Maybe I can help.

Many of you may remember me as a member of the Oral History Project (1982) that employed Pauli Bulch, Bev Wemp, Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson. Since then, I've been studying at Queen's, and continuing my research on the history of Amherst Island in the 1800's.

Beginning this October, I will be living in Ireland for a year and spending a lot of time studying Island ancestors. I am particularly interested in finding out who the first settlers were for each family name and where they came from. So far, I've found out from old tombstones, obituaries, diaries and correspondence that the Armstrongs, Morrows, and Hoppers came from County Tyrone, Ireland. The Kerrs and some of the Browns came from Co. Antrim, and that the McGrattons came from Fermanagh. Several other families, - McKees, Costellos, Gormleys and the Prestons seem to have come from Co. Roscommon.

Of particular interest to me are the numerous emigrants from Co. Down. It was no accident that one of the Island hotels, that operated for decades, was called the County Down Inn. The majority of these Down emigrants came to Amherst Island in the 1830's and 1840's under the direction of Lord Mountcashell, the Island landlord. They had been inhabitants of a peninsula just east of Belfast known as The Ards. Like Amherst Island, it had a coastal economy of farming, fishing, sailing and boat-building. Some of their names should sound very familiar:

Glenns- from Ballywalter

Pentlands- from Ballymullen

Boyd, Reid- from Portavogie

Hendersons- from Cloughey

Finigans- from Cloughey

Mcmaths- from Cloughey

Reids- from Ballyhalbert

Mckees, Millers- from Ballyhalbert

Findlays- from Kircubbin.

There are others, like the Filsons, Flemings, Kilpatricks and McCormicks, who came from Co. Down but I don't know the parish.

Even if your ancestors were not part of the Irish influx, I am interested in them. The Howards, Hitching, Richards, Wemps and McGinns arrived on A. I. long before the Irish. There is also a Quebec settlement of

people that I know very little about - the Beaubiens, Dennees, Emneaus and Christies.

Making the connection between, A.I. and the Old Country is difficult, slow and sometimes simply impossible. In order to have any luck at all, I need to know as much about the early immigrants as possible. If you have any old family bibles, old letters to and from the homeland, genealogical information, photographs or old leases from the 1800's, I would be delighted to get a call from you. We might be able to help each other.

I can be reached at: 542-7795 or you can write me this summer and throughout 1986/87 at:

#2 - 198 Queen St. Kingston, K7K 1B3

[Editor's Note: Cathy included a sketch of Ireland but we are unable to include it.]

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Public Documents?

- Ian Murray

I have been asked by several people since the last Council meeting: As a member of the public, what documents am I allowed to see that are being considered by Council?

By-law 10-85, the Procedural By-law, provides that: The agenda and addendum and appended material... to be considered at a meeting of Council or a Committee of Council, including a Committee of the Whole, shall be made available to the public for inspection prior to the meeting at the Municipal Office during regular hours.

Exceptions are documents referring to:

- (a) personnel matters involving one or more identifiable employees or prospective employees;
- (b) matters affecting labour relations and contract negotiations with employees;
- (c) exploratory discussions respecting a future development within, the municipality, except where such development has been discussed at an open meeting of Council;
- (d) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, including matters before administrative tribunals;
- (e) any matter required by any provincial or federal statute or regulation thereto to be discussed at a meeting closed to the public;
- (f) any matter involving the security of the property of the municipality;
- (g) any matter respecting the investigation of a possible contravention of a municipal by-law or provincial statute;
- (h) bids, quotations or tenders submitted to the

municipality for any contracted works, services or equipment before acceptance by Council.

I believe that most people would agree with these exceptions.

A problem can arise when a person, chooses to address Council about a document that is on the agenda but has not yet been considered by Council. This occurred at the Council meeting of July 2 and caused some confusion at the time. However, I believe that some confusion now and then is preferable to keeping all documents secret until after consideration by Council.

Garden Party

Saturday July 26

Auction at 4. Lucky tickets will be drawn for a crocheted afghan and a painting by Shirley Miller.

Wanted: 1 dog house for what will be a large dog.

Preferably insulated and not too expensive. Please call 389-0480 before noon any day.

Hildegard Dorosh wishes to announce that she is now an agent of Prudential for life, health and group insurance as well as financial services. Call 546-1173 or 352-9972 (home).

Notes On This Issue

- Ian Murray

This is the largest Beacon in a long time and maybe the largest ever. I intend to run off 200 copies. The usual run is about 165. If you know of anyone off the Island who might like a copy, why not buy them one? There seems to have been an increased interest in the Beacon lately - certainly there have been more articles. One of the factors operating here is Sally Bowen who has taken the time to ask people to submit articles. She also typed most of this issue and is a demon proof-reader. Don Tubb also typed and proof-read. I will prepare the stencils and run the Gestetner. Whoever is around will probably help collate and staple.

Haying has made this issue late. Our apologies.

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Announcements

The people of the Anglican Parish of Amherst Island will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary with an Anniversary Service to be held in St Alban's Church on Sunday Sept. 14th, at 11 a.m., followed by a pot luck dinner at the Amherst Island School. Following the dinner, entertainment will be supplied by the Youth Group, the Community Sunday School, and the Salvation Army Band, presenting an open air band concert, weather permitting, if not it will be held in the auditorium. Everyone welcome to join us in our festivities! Bring your lawn chairs!

4-H News

A new club will be starting in September 1986 called "Etiquette for the 80's". If you want to learn about putting people at ease - the essence of good manners - please contact Mrs Marion Glenn (389-5769) or Mrs Phyllis Strain (389-1736). All members must be between 12-21 as of July 1, 1986.

Girl Guides & Brownies

Please note that Girl Guides and Brownies will start again in, September. Brownies are girls 6 years to 9 years in age and Girl Guides are 9 years to 11 years in age. Registration fee is \$15 per girl. If you would like to join, or wish more information please contact Annette at the store, 389-0417, or Janet, 389-4608.

Aerobics

Aerobics is changing to Mondays and Thursdays starting in September.

Position Available

The Township of Amherst Island is requesting applications for the position of Roads Worker (1),

machinery operator / labourer. Wages are \$7.30/hour.

Interested parties should apply in writing on or before 4 pm, September 2, 1986, stating qualifications.

Diane Pearce
Clerk/treasurer

Council Report

- C. J. Kennedy

Before the regular meeting, there was a Road's Committee meeting, and a meeting that approved the creation of three lots on Gary Osborne's property on the North Shore Concession. The Road's Committee accepted Charles Eve's resignation from the road crew, and the gravel crushing tender was considered.

Then Tom Sylvester was sworn in as the new Council member. He was

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appointed to the Finance Committee, the Sanitation, Park and Property Committee, the Fire Committee and the Recreation Committee.

Jim Donnan, the Drainage Inspector, reported on complaints concerning the condition of the drain. He had walked it with the Drainage Review Board. They found that in several places the seeding did not appear to have taken, and that the rip-rap was inadequate. In his opinion, this was the fault of the contractor, and that Graham Engineering should have dealt with the matter. The Drainage Review Board will provide a report with recommendations and guidelines as to what should be done.

Stuart Miller reported on the opening of the quarry by-pass. He intends to do more ditching this month.

Helen Bulch presented a petition, signed by 279 people, in favour of retaining the dock at Stella. Later, Council, in a recorded vote, recommended upgrading the Stella and Millhaven docks. Keith Miller voted against it.

Council decided to ask for an Annual Performance Report on each member of the Ferry crews, to be filled in by the Captain and signed by the employee. The Ferry Manager will fill in the report for each Captain. Council discussed briefly the fire at the Catholic Church. It is assumed it was caused by lightning, but no report has yet been received from the Fire Chief.

Helen Bulch was appointed to the Committee of Adjustment. This Committee considers exceptions to the Zoning By-law. Council is requesting the Committee to consider the possible placement of a garage on Ray Duncan's property.

Council will continue to work on the Dog Control By-law. Dianne Marshall had written a letter prodding them into action again. Tom Sylvester, Ian Murray and Beth Forester are the ad hoc Committee.

The Township has finally received a copy of the Well Water Quality Survey prepared by the Ministry of Environment. Twenty permanent houses were surveyed, nine had water unfit for drinking. For the Ministry to give a grant for improvements, an engineer's survey and report is required (approx. \$25,000). The Township would have to pay 15% of this (\$3000). If further funding was approved, each eligible homeowner would be responsible for 15% of costs. Council will take no action unless it is requested to do so by people in the Village.

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs congratulating Council, and the Clerk, on the Township's financial records and sound management.

A modified Trailer By-law was passed, to bring it into line with the Municipal Act. An extension phone is to be placed in the library.

Council then, went into Committee of the Whole to consider personnel matters. These included a review of salaries for non-union workers, and an extended leave of absence for Captain Bulch.

Committee of the Whole

- Ian Murray

In addition to what Chris said above:

- 1) It was decided not to fill the Roads 2 position at this time. A second Roads 1 worker will be hired with the position, advertised locally.
- 2) Brent Wolfreys and John Glenn were hired to bring all ferry crews up to 5 members.

Sports Report

- Tracy Hitchins

Hi! All you sports fans. This month the PeeWee team is doing great! They played Wednesday, July 9th, against Newburgh and they won 18 to 2. Next game was Wednesday, July 16th, when they played against Selby and again they won,, this time

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14 to 3. The next game was Wednesday, July 23, they played against Deseronto and it was a sad game as we lost 0 to 6. The next game was on Wednesday, July 30, against North Fred #2. We won it 5 to 0.

We are into the finals now. The first game was won against North Fred #2, the score was 20 to 0.

Tickets Vs. Passes

- Dianne Marshall

On July 28th a Ferry Committee Meeting was held to discuss the possibility of changing over from passes to some sort of ticket system. The primary reason for this move appeared to be the necessity of maintaining control of those using the boat and the number of tickets passed out.

Reeve Allison used the example of \$1.50 per ticket per round trip with a discount being given for buying a book of 50 or 100 tickets. If under this proposed system, my family which uses the ferry at least 9 trips per week, 468 trips per year, would pay \$702. 00 per year. Ever, if the ticket was \$1.00 per trip the cost would be \$468.00 per year. A substantial increase from the present \$315.50.

I understand some people have the feeling 'user pays', however, living here, I also contribute by way of taxes to everyone else's use of the road and school systems and all else that our taxes pay for.

I believe raising the ferry fare would discourage any new commuting homebuilders and buyers to the Island and would make things more costly for present commuters.

Now, is the time to let the Ferry Committee (Reeve Allison, Beth Forester, Ian, Murray) and Council know your feelings.

A Ferry Committee meeting is scheduled for the near future.

Chester Tugwell

- Annette

One of our Island's prominent politicians has officially retired from public life, due to an extended illness.

Halfway through his second term as councillor, Chester Tugwell has given up his public commitment, and intends to enjoy more leisurely pursuits such as golf and fishing.

Before returning to Amherst Island to settle permanently, Chester spent 25 years in the Armed Forces and was a pilot in WWII. He retired from the Air Force in 1965 and was then involved with real estate in Ontario and Quebec for the next 13 years. Other than three years he lived in Bath, he has been a full time resident of Amherst Island since 1972.

Chester's most recent work on council has been as chairman of the recreation, and sanitation committees. Through his hard work, we have seen, the dump rebuilt, cleaned up and maintained. Chester credits much of this work to the roads crew.

During his term as Reeve, in 1975-76, Chester was instrumental in getting our community centre built at the school, "with a good council and a lot of Island help," he said. It was hard to convince people at the time that a combination gym and social hall was needed on the Island, "but it was the first time our kids were given the opportunity to play basketball, volleyball, and some other sports."

Other issues that cropped up during his tenure on council back then, included the free ferry idea, which Chester describes as being "very much in vogue at the time," (10 years ago). Council accepted a 'trade-off' with MTC, gaining instead the fourth ferry crew and, consequently, the 6 a.m. and late-night ferry trips. "It was ironic," Chester noted, "at that time, some people thought we would never use the 6 a.m. trip - it was too early."

Chester has not only been involved with council over the years, but has been one of the mainstays behind the Amherst Island Legion Branch 539. He gives up his term as

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Legion president this year also.

Looking back over the years, Chester feels Amherst Island has not really changed all that much. "What we call newcomers are not here too long until they have the Island philosophy and I don't think we're ever going to change very much."

Chester's hopes for the Island's future include a strong desire for the community rift and disagreements over the Miller drain and other political issues to be healed.

Amherst Island Playgroup

- Laurene Kilpatrick

We are a group of moms with preschool children, who get together once a week through the summer. Each mom takes a turn, hosting the group once. Everyone brings their own lunch, and whoever is hosting the group serves beverages. It starts around 10:30 am until 1:00 or 1:30 pm. I'm sure I speak for all the mothers when I say, it's a wonderful social activity to participate in, for both moms and children. First of all its free, its an outing, its great to meet other moms who have children, the same or close to the same age as your own. The children love to play together, and wouldn't it be nice for them to start school already knowing everyone in their class. Us moms get to brag about our children, and give or get advice. Mostly we just visit and talk about everything and anything. This playgroup has been on going for it's second year now,

and although I've only started going this year I look forward to every one of the get togethers. Special thanks goes to Sally Bowen for setting the playgroup up, and for getting in touch with everyone each summer to keep it going. This Island needs more people like Sally, who can see a need for something and act upon it.

I must admit we are getting better at setting up activities, sticking with them, and benefitting from them. Our Island exercise class is a good example. It started small and after a few months our instructor left the Island. Now that would have been, the end of that if it hadn't been for Tena Tugwell. She took it upon herself to phone everyone and get us all to promise to come to class. Also I think Tena was the one to get Kitsy McMullen, as our instructor. She couldn't have picked a nicer person to teach us our aerobics. She's both knowledgeable and fun to be with. Its not surprising our class has doubled. So thanks also to Tena for taking that extra step for all of us, and to Kitsy for keeping us coming. I guess that's what it all boils down to. People willing to take things one step further to benefit the community. Its happening more and more. People are coming out to meetings, getting involved, our Island isn't dying as I've heard some say. Why? Because its people are decent, hardworking, friendly, and most of all, we all seem to be trying to take that extra step to make everything work.

P.S. I'm glad my children are growing up on Amherst Island.

From Ministry of Community Affairs

Dear Reeve Allison and Council:

We have reviewed your 1985 Financial Statements and commend you for a job well done once again.

We note in particular the significant decreases of taxes receivable. In real terms, these receivables have dropped by 32% over the last year and as a percentage of current levy, represents only 6.18%. This level is much lower than the average for Townships of a similar size in both Southern Ontario and in our Eastern area. Keep up the excellent work.

In addition, good financial management is reflected in: (1) the high level of reserve for working funds; (2) the continued elimination of borrowing costs; and (3) the

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short-term interest revenue earned in 1985.

It is always a pleasure to serve the Township of Amherst Island and to work with your Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Pearce.

Yours truly,

Spencer A. Hope

Manager

Field Services Branch (Kingston)

Remuneration of Township Employees
- Staff

Wages of Non-Union Employees

	1985 / 1986	1986 / 1987
Ferry Captains	\$27,341.23	\$28,562.63
Senior Captain	\$27,941.23	\$29,162.63
Road Superintendent	\$17,838.83	\$19,000.00
Casual Road Employees	\$5.50/hour	\$6.00/hour
Clerk-treasurer	\$18,400.32	\$22,000.00
Assistant	\$6.55/hour	\$7.50/hour
Building Inspector	\$6.30/hour	\$7.00/hour

Wages of Union Employees

	1985 / 1986	1986 / 1987
Engineer (Sr.)	\$24,232.16	\$25,061.40
Engineer 2	\$23,476.64	\$24,305.87
Engineer 1	\$22,757.96	\$23,587.20
Mate	\$20,141.26	\$20,970.50
Purser	\$17,948.38	\$18,777.62
Deckhand 2	\$17,653.54	\$18,482.78
Deckhand 1	\$17,156.00	\$17,985.24
Roads 2	\$8.23/hour	\$8.68/hour
Roads 1	\$6.85/hour	\$7.30/hour

Note: employees in all classifications, except Road Superintendent and Clerk/treasurer, receive overtime.

Note: Council forgot to set a new wage rate for temporary ferry employees.

St. Bartholemew's
- Catherine McMullen
[The building that was St. Bartholemew's, the Island's Catholic Church, was apparently struck by lightning on July 17. The volunteer fire department put out the fire but the damage is quite severe. The Beacon asked Catherine McMullen, a long-time summer resident, to write an article on the history of this building. She has given more than that: an article incorporating the coming of Catholics to the Island, some history of Catholics here, the building of the church and personal

remembrances.]

My knowledge of the early Catholic Community here is tied to the McMullen family history as researched by Elizabeth McMullen Schiller, and to my memory of it only, as I have no documentation with me. If you will bear with me, I will share with you what I know and what I have discovered in the last few weeks.

My primary source of information has been Built on a Rock, the story of the Roman Catholic Church in Kingston, by Lt. Col. L. J. Flynn.

There has been a Catholic Community on Amherst

Island from the beginning of its settlement in 1793.

Shortly before the outbreak of

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the American Revolution, John Johnson made a trip to the British Isles and was knighted by King George III. He returned to upstate New York with a sizable contingent of Highland Scotch Papists to be tenant farmers on his vast land holdings. As this group made its way north from New York City to the Mohawk Valley, they were viewed with both suspicion, and hostility by other settlers who saw them primarily as a private militia for the Johnson faction. When Sir John Johnson ended up in this area some of his tenants on Amherst Island came from this group. The land on the north shore starting from the head was divided into 100 acre tracts and offered for rent with an option to buy. Among those who accepted this offer was John McMullen and his 5 sons and daughter, Jane McMullen Denee.

In, the 1851 census, Catholics are listed but when they first arrived here there was no priest to provide for their spiritual needs and so we find records of them in the Ernestown Registry of the Anglican Church by the Reverend John Langhorn. However, the marriage of Neil McMullen and Bridget McAuley in 1823 is found in the Catholic registry. These were Robert McMullen's great grandparents and they built the stone house on Lot 3. The stone house on Lot 1, now owned by Elsie Densem, was built by Jane and Antoine Denee.

In 1804 when Father Alexander Macdonnell, another Highland Scotch Papist, arrived in Upper Canada there were two other priests in the whole territory, one of whom spoke French only. A description of Father Macdonnell's ministry is given in Flynn's book, "With the sacred vessels and objects necessary for divine services strapped to his back, he walked through the woods, slept under the stars and endured great hardship and privation. As he attempted to visit all parts of his charge once a year, he lived with Indians and impoverished settlers". Can we not assume that in making his rounds, he came to Amherst Island? Family tradition holds that before the church was built, Mass was said in the old stone McMullen house when a priest came to the Island.

After 1820 when Alexander Macdonnell had been consecrated first bishop of Kingston he sent letters reporting progress to the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome. Between 1823 and 1835, Isle of Tanti is listed among the missions attached to St. Joseph's Church which had been built in Kingston between 1808 and 1812. The Reverend John McDonough and the Reverend John Cannon were in

charge.

By 1839, responsibility for Catholics on Amherst Island had been transferred to St. Patrick's Church, Railton. The vast extent of this mission is shown in this entry quoted from Flynn's book, "A registry of the marriages of the mission of Loughborough, Camden, Mill Creek, Isle Tanti, Portland and Sheffield as performed by me, James Pendergast, a missionary, 1844."

As the general population increased, so did the number of Catholic families: most of them coming from Ireland, with a few families of French descent arriving front Lower Canada. The Catholic Cemetery had been, donated by Alexander {Aneas II} McMullen on Lot 5 and had probably been in use from the eighteenth century. Alexander's {Aneas'} son, Aneas {III}, married Catherine Wemp and they were the grandparents of the Drumgooles - Art, Lena, Kate, Hugh and Rachel - of Henry McGinn and Mrs David Kearney, of Charlie and Ed McMullen, Rose Glen and Mrs. Jimmy Gibson and perhaps others I don't know.

In 1851, according to the Amherst Island census, there were 340 Catholics made up of 46 families and 24 individuals. There were five families of McMullens, four families of Dennis (Denee), two families of McKentys, two O'Drain, families, two Gormanly, two Higgins families, two

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McGeon (McGinn?) families, and two McGinnis families. The names of single Catholic families were Murray, Mulvena, Black, Crow or Crowe (John Crowe, the stone mason), Costello, Danby, Saunders, Trudell, Calahan, McGratton, Amnell, Beaubien, Dunn, Gordon, Carey, McAlister, McCormack, Little, McLeutic, Roberts, Emnion, Christy, McTaggart, Neily and Cantell.

The church community on Amherst Island had grown to the point where it needed a church building. During the pastorate of the Reverend John Quirk, St Bartholemew's Church was built in 1860 on land donated by John McCormack. Subsequent priests who served the mission were the Reverend T. C. McMahon 1862-68, M. O. O'Donahue 1869-74, and Charles McWilliams 1874-97. From 1897 to 1910, St. Patrick's Church and its missions of Odessa, Bath and Amherst Island, were served by a congregation of French missionary priests, Sociates Maria de Montfort, commonly called the Marist Fathers. Through these years the priests made their rounds on horseback or with a horse and buggy. After 1910 St. Bartholemew and St. Linus missions became the responsibility of St. Mary's Cathedral for many years. Modernity began to

of the population of Amherst Island, the Beacon has asked that well known arbiter of Island manners and customs, Ms Know-It-All, to provide answers to our readers problems on "how to conduct oneself impeccably in Island social situations".]

Dear Ms. K-I-A: Being a relative newcomer to this fair community I am somewhat unsure of how to respond to the waves from almost every car I meet. I am sure that I haven't even met half of these people, and I certainly don't recognize many of them. Should I wave to all these strangers, ignore the waves, or what?
Signed: New and Confused.

Dear N&C: You may not have met the wavers but it is likely that they do know who you are, where you work, where you used to live, how much money you make, your dog's name, and so on. Therefore, many wavers are prepared to forgive you for having the good fortune to be a fourth generation Islander. Others do not know who you are, do not care who you are, are not prepared to forgive you for not being a fourth generation Islander, but wave to everyone out of habit.

It is correct and proper to wave to everybody. If nothing else, people will then recognize that you are not a mainland snob.

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Not waving indicates that you are either a mainland snob or are deliberately ignoring the existence of the person(s) not waved to.

Dear Ms. K-I-A: I am a fourth generation Islander who is hurt and confused. A longtime friend and classmate no longer waves to me. We were on different sides of a local dispute that got blown out of all proportion. I still consider myself a friend to this person, but should I continue to smile and wave when this person has ceased to return my wave?

Signed: Hurt and Confused.

Dear H&C: Do continue to smile and wave. If this person is still your friend at heart, then eventually friendship will return. If not, smiling and waving can at least help you to feel mature and forgiving. (Think of it as a character building experience.) There is also a good chance that it might really bother the other person to be continually reminded of his (or her) immaturity as you cheerfully wave every time you meet.

Do you sometimes wonder what is acceptable behaviour? Well, ask Ms Know-It-All for free advice to guide you through any traumatic social crisis.

Thanks for Remembering

Your visits, cards, phone calls and other questions about my health are very much appreciated. Coming back seems to be a slow process.

With thanks,

Chester Tugwell

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Council Report for September 2/86
- C. J. Kennedy

This was one of the shorter Council meetings of the year.

Council first discussed the Drainage Inspector's report. The main problem is with erosion of the banks. The recommendation is that the problem areas should be repaired. Some of these, Council decided, are the responsibility of the Drainage Contractor under Contractor's Warranty, and some should be repaired by the local landowners. Council will contact the Contractor to discuss this.

The Ferry Committee recommended several appointments and promotions, and these were confirmed by Council. Lloyd Wolfreys is the new captain, to replace Captain Bulch, who is on leave of absence for medical reasons. Brent Wolfreys and John Glenn are the new deckhands. Darrell Miller is the new purser and Ben Wemp is the new mate.

The work on the ferry dock is meant to be completed by Sept. 15.

McKendry's was the only tender sent in for gravel crushing, so it was accepted. Phil Silvers has been hired on to the road crew.

Council reviewed the wages of the non-union Township employees. The dump attendant, the cemetery caretaker and the municipal building caretaker all received wage increases.

The work is continuing on the Dog Control By-law.

Council is investigating the possibility of getting a pound-keeper from the mainland to deal with large animals wandering at large as no one on the Island is willing to act.

The Reeve proposed several changes to the Procedural By-law. These included the possibility of two full meetings a month, fewer committee meetings, and that committee meetings can be held in private. The latter recommendation is, unfortunately, allowed by the Municipal Act.

Council then adjourned at a very reasonable hour.

Horse Racing

- Ben Wemp and Sally Bowen

There have always been race-horse people on Amherst Island. It is a fine tradition that continues to be very active today.

The Island Fairs that were so crowded for so many years had all varieties of horse racing. The drivers used the track behind what is now the municipal garage. Art Drumgoole was a true blue racehorse man. He and Moutrie Wemp would follow the races wherever they went.

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Others who were very involved in harness horse racing at the time were Gordon Tugwell, Art's brother Hugh Drumgoole, Wallace Hefford, Harris Filson, Seaver and Hugh Wemp and Cecil Richards. Bert Wemp was 14 when he drove his first race at the fair.

We have all heard how the young fellows, perhaps after a visit to the hotels, would make a sometimes dangerous nuisance of themselves, racing horses down the main street in Stella. Perhaps more popular with other Islanders was the winter harness horse racing on the ice. We haven't had these for the last three years because the ice conditions have to be just right. Hopefully, they will start again this winter.

Nowadays, the standard-bred horses are raced in a regional circuit that includes Belleville, Kingston and Ottawa. Belleville is a seasonal track, May to September, with small purses Kingston is a good year-round track with fairly small purses. Ottawa is also year-round with much larger purses.

The money is allotted to the first five horses to cross the finish line. The winner gets 50% of the purse, the second place finisher gets 25%, the third gets 12%, the fourth gets 8% and the fifth gets 5%. There are usually 8 to 9 horses in a race.

Ross Hitchins, Ben and Hugh Wemp, Gary Filson and Allen Caughey have been full-time racers for periods of time, making their living solely from racing. They would augment their racing income by taking in paying boarders to train.

It is possible to make money on the trotters. One horse that Ben sold two years ago, Hustlin' Hoss, made about \$56,000 in the United States last year.

But is it not just a question of money. Donald Hudson went with Ben to a sale, where they purchased a horse, Earl E., that was destined for the factory. With careful work, the horse is doing nicely as a trotter. Her

commitment to the one horse got her so involved that Donaldda has now bought a half interest in all Ben's horses (eight at present). She is applying for her trainer's licence.

There are many other Islanders presently involved in racing. Bob Tugwell, Harold, Bill, and Bob Marshall, Avery Brown, Melville and Hugh Filson, Harry and Gary Filson, Leigh and Edward Wemp, Wilbert, Earl and Elmer Willard, Hugh and Ben Wemp, Stuart Miller and Charlie Howard. Allen Caughey presently has 4 horses, Bruce Caughey has 3, and Jack Forrester has 5.

Al Caughey is a presiding judge for horse racing all over Ontario. Bert says any horseman that he talks to say that Al is very fair and understanding.

They are all maintaining a much-valued Island tradition.

(We hope that we have not left anyone out, if so, we are very sorry.)

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

It's amazing what some people can do in the name of fun. Take last Friday night, for example. Someone stole a tractor, hot-wired it apparently, and instead of taking it for a harmless joy ride, they drove it out to the 2nd concession, through a fence and across a field. Not caring to stop at that, they then drove the tractor over several active bee hives belonging to Shane's Apiaries, destroying many of them. Mr. Shane was not happy, to say nothing of his bees. Like I said, some people have strange interpretations of how to have fun.

Another case in point is the home of Dr. George Scott. It was apparently broken into over the weekend for the umpteenth time this year. Makes you wonder if Amherst Island is as safe as we all like to believe.

Another strange occurrence over the past few weeks has been the

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appearance of a cabin cruiser, washed up on the south shore.

Around the same time this boat appeared, Howard Welbanks was called to rescue another boat in distress.. Howard towed them to a marina where the boat was repaired. About a week after the rescue, Howard heard that the same boat was in trouble again, this time calling for help from the American coast guard. Turned out they had run out of gas that time. Hope they made it home.

Congratulations to Roy and Norma Larocque (Collins) on the birth of their baby daughter last week.

Welcome Tom Payne, our new school principal. We

hope his stay here is pleasant.

Very best wishes to Jill Caughey. We all hope she gets better as fast as possible. Also to Jennie McCormick, who has been down and out with a flu bug recently.

And last, but far from least, best of luck (and I really mean that) to Maureen and John who are now on the last 5-day countdown to wedding bells. John has managed to keep himself calm by making outlandish purchases. Mo, on the other hand, looks about ready to go quite out of her mind. They will be honeymooning in Quebec City, but don't tell anyone; they don't want tag-alongs. Congratulations Bert and May, Mom and Dad. Good luck Mo.

More Neighbourhood

- Staff

The boat that ran aground August 26 just east of Clinton Baker's is a 38-foot Viking cruiser owned by Steve Jacobs of Syracuse. Jim & Lawrence Baker helped rescue the occupants: the owner, the helmsman and the owner's 2 young sons. Lawrence also provided them with a place to stay for a few days.

Clinton says that D.S. Yacht Sales of Odessa has been working on the boat during the past week. They have had some trouble jacking the boat because of the waves but it's up in the air now and the patching should be done fairly soon.

Island resident and hedonist, Tom Sylvester, received an excellent review of his booklet in last week's Whig Standard Magazine. Tom's "Cycling Tours Of The Kingston Area" is the first publication of this type to cover this area. He did not include a tour of Amherst Island because of the lack of paved roads.

Anniversary Celebration

- Sally Bowen

"One Hundred and fifty years of continuous worship an this site is an accomplishment to be proud of." Archdeacon Caswell was addressing a capacity crowd in St. Alban's Anglican church on Sunday, September 14th. The congregation from Bath came to share the occasion. Guest organist Mr. Bill Caldwell and guest soloist Mr. Peter Schaub made the 150 year anniversary service beautiful with their music. Mr. Victor Simkins, Mr. Albert Simkins, Rev. Carne and Stephen Ward read to the congregation.

After the service, a delicious potluck luncheon in the community hall was ample for the crowd of perhaps 300 people. After lunch, the youth group performed a skit, telling the history of the Island churches and the many families involved. They were supported by songs

from the Sunday School children. The groups then joined in a rousing version of "Celebrate, celebrate, the church's special day". Beth Forester and Judy Miller did a wonderful job writing skits and songs, and preparing the students.

The Salvation Army band arrived and filled the hall with its fine music, celebrating God and our continuing strong Island community.

Legion Branch 539

- Irene Glenn, Vice-Pres.

The week of Sept. 21-28 is Legion Week. This is the week the Legion Branches of the Ontario Command try to show the public our great pride in our Royal Canadian

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Legion, its Branches and members. The passionate love cherished by all for our community, country and Sovereign. Branch 539 Amherst Island, being a very small branch, does not plan any special events for this week. However, throughout the year we endeavour to help in the community with such things as Essays in the school, Financial support to the ball teams, Seniors Christmas dinner and the Hallowe'en dance (Oct. 30/86) especially for children. Our only fund-raising is our Valentine dance. We do canvas for the Poppy Fund but that money is held in a trust account for specified purposes.

Eligible new members are always welcome - meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys garage.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Sept. 15 will be regular rotation of books again. Interloans are no problem. Just ask Phyllis or myself.

School kids will be again coming this month but it won't coincide with regular hours.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

August was a family picnic day. We all had a good time despite the rain and as usual a supper beyond compare.

September meeting is the 17th in, Kingston at Mrs. Reta Miller's. Program will be our Tweedsmuir History Book and each one is to bring a clipping or an item pertaining to the Island.

The October meeting is changed to Wednesday the

15th. Mr. Payne, our new principal will host us and show us computers and their use in the school. So we will see you at the school. I'm sure we would be glad to be joined by others so let us know if prospective new members or just visitors are coming along.

Thanks Editor & Staff

- Chris Glenn

Once more we would like to pay tribute to the editor of the "Beacon" and his many helpers, for the perseverance and good work they do, in keeping our Island newspaper going.

I am sure none of us have any idea of the many hours that are put into getting this little paper out to all the interested readers.

But, as the editor says "It takes input from all of us, to make it interesting", so come on Islanders, with articles, criticism or whatever.

One thing I would like to comment on!!

Is there nothing that can be done about the weeds on the island farms that are not in use?

We drove down the Marshall 40 foot lately and were shocked to see the vast fields of wild carrot, that are being let go to seed and will eventually seed and pollute all the good farmland. The worst culprit is the Osborne property which was used last year and is now just thick with weeds. It is not only on the fields, but our roadsides are also being taken, over by this hard-to-kill weed. Is there no spraying programme that could be put into action by the council to overcome this threat to our good farmland?

We had some western farmers visiting us lately and they couldn't believe what they saw in this eastern farm area, where there seems to be no control as far as weeds are concerned.

Their land is so clean and well kept in the west, for the most part, it surely was an eye opener for them.

Anyone else got anything to say on this question??

This is an important topic and will be considered in some depth in the next Beacon.

Ian, editor

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Township Budget to August 31, 1986
 - Diane Pearce, Clerk/treasurer

Revenue	Budget (for 1986)	Actual (to Aug 31)
Ferry Subsidy	684,420	479,801
Ferry Revenue	63,580	49,837
Roads (General Operation,)	69,300	56,000
Roads (Culvert Replacement)	24,000	0
Telephone Taxation	1,666	0
General Support Grant	3,872	1,797
Resource Equalization Grant	14,988	7,598
Per Household Grant	7,080	7,080
Permits and Fees	500	812
Interest Income	2,000	1,453
Sundry Revenue	600	314
Penalty on Arrears	2,000	879
Surplus *	24,389	
	898,395	605,571
Expenditures		
Ferry	748,000	494,807
Roads (General Operation)	134,000	100,660
Roads (Culvert Replacement)	24,000	27,027
Genu. Gov't -	5,000	3,767
Salaries, Payroll, etc.	6,000	3,884
Materials, Supplies, Services	3,000	1,951
Hydro, Maintenance	1,000	729
Travel Allowances	500	263
Insurance	650	553
Interest	1,000	1,272
Street Lighting	750	457
Parks, Recreation	500	145
Fire	7,400	5,880
Sanitation	3,500	1,447

Building Inspection	1,500	1,103
Cemeteries	3,000	2,085
Professional Fees	5,400	4,577
Survey, etc..	2,000	256
Amount to be raised	48,000	

Total 1986 taxes receivable... \$167,215 [This includes school taxes.]

Total received to August 31... \$112,283 (67%).

Amherst Island Public School

- Primary Class

Our first week of school was:

Fun because we had a muffin day.

Fantastic because Mrs. Forester took it easy on us the first day!

Good because we played a muffin muncher game.

Wonderful because we made muffin man hats.

Super because we got to do lots of fun stuff?

Short because we were busy.

- Thoughts from the Junior Room

We started school on September 2nd. We received all our books the second day of school. We are already studying the gypsy moth. At recess, when we were playing football, Jill fell off of the bridge and broke her arm. But other than that, it was a good week!

My first week at school was - Exciting - Great - Fun.

I enjoyed the first week of school because

- I was with all my friends

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- it was interesting

- it was fun

- it was exciting and went so fast

I enjoyed the first day of school because

- we had no homework.

Monday, September 8, 1986

- Mike Strain

The first week of school was interesting with all the changes. I believe the changes will be for the better. I think the resource center is in better shape and is well organized. I expect to do very well this year. I expect learning will be fun. We have already done some interesting things and we'll do more. I liked it when, we pointed out our three main objectives and the ones we

picked were great. I predict that this year we will have fun and learn both at the same time. Mr. Payne has improved the school in many different ways and I believe it will be to our benefit.

Monday, September 8, 1986

- Sarah McDonald

The first week of school was when we had math. Friday we had gym. We had lots of fun. The teachers like to be neat. That means no more messy work. We don't get homework on the weekend. So far, I like school.

Monday, September 8, 1986

- Reg Hitchins

The first week of school was okay it was kind of fun. I think Mr. Payne has improved the resource centre in many different ways. He has also improved our room a lot from what it was. Such as he has the computers in our room. He has also explains things much better than, Mr. Flanigan like in math. I think Mr. Payne is a good teacher.

Monday, September 8, 1986

- Peter Horth

The first week of school was easy because we didn't do much work. In the past week we didn't have much homework either. The school was changed around alot. That is better so we don't have to look at the same thing year after year. I hope learning will be more fun. I hope to go on fieldtrips and do writing assignments outdoors.

Class List 1986-87

Mrs. Forester

Kindergarten

Fleming, Wendy

Marshall, Scott

McCormick, Mark
Murray, Jacob
Grade One
Caughey, Jill
Hutchings, Tyler
Grade Two
Baker, Kelly
Bedford, Crystal
Fleming, Angela
Gavlas, Jessica
Hutchinigs, Jason
Grade Three
deHaan, Sarah
Gavlas, Douglas
Hitchins, Heidi
McCormick, Kevin

Miss Mrae
Grade Four
Bedford, Ricky
Scott, Ruth
Silver, Jamie
Thornhill, Gordon
Grade Five
Caughey, Lori
Scott, Sarah
Silver, Jason,
Grade Six
Caughey, Amy
Hitchins, Tracy
Miller, Chad

Mr. Payne
Grade Seven
Fabian, Connie
Forester, Jeffrey
Horth, Michael
McDonald, Sarah
Wemp, Laura
Grade Eight
deHaan, Jeff
Filson, Hugh
Hitchins, Reginald
Horth, Peter
Scott, Jamie
Strain, Michael
Thornhill, Jamie
Ward, Sherry

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Island Etiquette
- Ms Know It All

Dear Ms K-I-A:

Like most Islanders I share a party line with several other people. I do try to limit myself to 15 minutes, maximum, for a call. When I hear someone pick up the phone, I try to get off the line as soon, as possible.

However, one of my neighbours, a teenaged girl, stays an the phone for hours at a time. Sometimes when I pick up the phone she's not even talking but evidently practicing the silent treatment on her boyfriend. It is bad enough not being able to call out, but no one can call in either. Many people have complained that they cannot reach me and I sometimes feel completely abandoned when a promised call never comes! I'll pick up the receiver to see if it's working, and sure enough, I get asked to please hang up. I cannot afford a private line. What action do you suggest?

Phone Phrantic

Dear Phranitic:

Rude and insensitive neighbours are a cross that some of us must bear. I assume that, like most Islanders, you are shy of confronting your neighbours. I doubt if it would do much good, anyway. Call Bell Canada, explain the problem and ask to be put on another party line. On the other hand you could join in their conversation, drop the receiver accidentally (several times), plead an emergency, get on the phone first and stay there all night for a week (or until she complains that you are hogging the phone).

Because there is no charge for short distance calls, there will always be a few people who will abuse the phone.

Dear Ms K-I-A:

Shortly after eating at a national fast-food restaurant (not to McMention names), I feel nauseous and must sit down. I don't know what to do. Is there something wrong with me?

Tired Of Getting McSick

Dear McTired:

You have a McAllergy.. McEat somewhere else, maybe a restaurant where they serve good food - with fewer McChemicals.

Dear Ms K-I-A:

I recently awoke to discover that some gas had apparently been syphoned from my car. This has happened two other times. How do I deal with it?

Tired of Being Hosed

Dear Hosed:

After reporting it to the police, you have to protect

yourself. Buying locking gas caps or stuffing a ball of chicken, wire down the filler pipe are two ways of keeping your gas. Sitting up with a shotgun and waiting is a good way to lose a lot of sleep and to get a long vacation across the channel. If you do want to sit up, take a camera with you.

High School Report

- JJP, Jr.

Gosh its good to be back at school. My teachers are all great and the courses are so interesting. I am sure that all my class-mates feel the same.

The latest fad is to rip up your clothes. Not too badly - just the odd rip and tear here and there. It's really cool, especially as we get into the fall.

I really enjoyed initiating the Grade 9's. Did they ever look silly with shaving cream and molasses all over them. It was a lot more fun than when, those dumb bullies picked on me a few years ago.

Keep looking for the elevator.

Polo's going out, Lacoste is coming in. Long hair's coming back in.

You need a gas mask to survive the Polo cologne pollution down DS hallway.

Notices

Sunday School

The Community Sunday School resumes on Sept. 14 and will meet every

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Sunday at the school from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All children are welcome and any teens or adults that could find time to help out would be welcome. Anyone interested in teaching part time, please phone Susan Caughey at 389-2012.

Thinking of your Christmas shopping? There is still time to order A.I. sweatshirts - good quality - many colours. Please place orders at Glenn's Store before the end of Sept. This is a project of the Presbyterian Church Women.

Turkey Supper

Sponsored by the Anglican Women at the Amherst Island School on Saturday, October 18, 1986. Commencing at 5:00 pm. Everyone Welcome!

Members of the community who wish to honour Rev. and Mrs. J.M. Ritchie on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary are invited to drop in at the school on October 11th between 8 and 10 pm. Best Wishes only please.

A challenge for all yuppies, burpees, over 40's, under 40's and fun loving people to go to the masquerade. Costume that is.

Diane Gavlas

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all my relatives, friend and neighbours for all the nice cards, phone calls, gifts and flowers I received while in KGH. Thanks to Reta for her daily visits in her noon hour. To the ACW and PCW ladies for their visits and gifts. The McMullen family and Bulch family for their kindness. It has all meant so much to me.

Lucille Brown

Thanks to everyone for being so kind to me when I broke my arm.

Love Jill Caughey

We would like to thank all of our Island friends for their concern and best wishes for our dad, Ray Feraday. It's always comforting to know that so many people care. Special thanks are extended to Charlette, Charlene, and Shannon Eves for their help, and also just for being there. Thank you again.

The Feradays

Thank you for all the cards, presents, and visits to Douglas when he was off his hip. He certainly appreciated all the extra goodies and attention.

Gavlas Family

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Chris Glenn

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Garage Sale at "Old Fowler Place" on Sunday Sept
21st 1 - 4 pm.

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3251. W.D Snyder Real Estate

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Council Report for October 7th, 1986

- C. J. Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes were adopted. The building inspector will get an allowance for hard hat and safety boots. Stuart Miller said it had been a discouraging month, as the weather had been too wet to put in culverts or do any ditching. The new dump truck is due in November.

There was a discussion on limiting tractor-trailer units on the ferry, after a couple have been stuck this summer. The Reeve proposed that the ferry charges next year should remain largely unchanged, with a little streamlining, and all vehicles over 17 feet would pay extra as they take up more than one space. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

Council decided not to repair the road where it washed out near the Sand Beach, as the amount of money available from the province is not enough to do a proper job.

The Reeve is going on vacation for the rest of October to inspect a new grandson, so Ian Murray will sign township cheques in his absence. A by-law was passed to finance unpaid drain assessments.

Council was told that even minimal air conditioning in the school gymnasium would cost \$20,000.

A draft Dog Control By-law has finally emerged. This will be published elsewhere in the Beacon, and will be checked out by the lawyer.

Council decided to make no major changes to the procedural bylaw.

The next item on the agenda was Ian Murray's resolution to pay the temporary full-time deckhands the same benefits as the permanent full-time deckhands. Norman questioned Ian's motives for putting forward the resolution, and he said the matter concerned the union agreement, and ruled the matter out of order. Norman then said that if Ian wished to challenge his ruling, Norman would consider it a vote of non-confidence and resign as Reeve. After a brief discussion, Ian let the matter drop. Council then went

into closed session to consider litigation on another matter that is coming up, and then adjourned.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome home to Audrey Miller after extensive surgery to replace her hip. Audrey is recovering quickly, using only a walker to get around.

Welcome home also to Margaret

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McMullen, who has been away at her sister's for a few weeks. Chester Tugwell has also been home overnight from the hospital a couple of times.

David and Betty Wemp have been burning up the beaches in sunny Nassau over the past week - they should really appreciate coming home to a good supply of cold air and frost.

For those who requested a follow-up on "the wedding of the month" - yes, John and Maureen did really get married (at least she's calling herself Glenn now). They had a wonderful honeymoon in Quebec City, and will continue to reside in their estate high on the cliff overlooking Stella Bay.

At the risk of sermonizing - which it is not my intention to do - I would like to reiterate one of Ian's earlier editorials. In his column several months ago, Ian talked about rumors and the rapidity with which they spread. People in this community stick together as a rule, although it never ceases to amaze me how we can turn so quickly against one of our own when rumor has it they have done something wrong. Perhaps many of us are cleaning up our own back yards by throwing sticks and stones into somebody else's.

To Council (August 27, 1986):

- Kitsy McMullen

I was saddened to hear that Charles Eves has resigned from the road crew. I always felt secure and well taken care of knowing Charles was keeping an eye on things during both winter blizzards or inclement weather of other seasons. Last winter he (and other crew members) tried their hardest to clear the western end of the Front Road when it had drifted in and a number of us were unable to reach our homes. At the same time they ensured that no other roads drifted in. I'm sure councilors Murray and Miller and Reeve Allison remember the incident. On a more recent occasion at around 7:30 pm after a vigorous

thunderstorm I found the road blocked near Jean Johnson's by a downed tree. I had seen Charles as I'd passed his garage and dock, so I returned there - even though I could have gotten by, it would have been dangerous to someone travelling faster in dimmer light. When I mentioned it to Charles he said, "Oh, I have my chainsaw over here, I'll take care of it!" By the time I returned after 9 pm, it was difficult to recognize where the debris had been.

Now you might think I was writing this to return the consideration from a neighbor, but I never felt I got any special treatment - instead, knowing he didn't cater to any particular needs, made me less skeptical and more trusting of his priorities and choices when working in the capacity of a public employee. I hope his replacement will prove to be as fair while remaining as considerate as Charles Eves.

An Early Tax Tip

- Leslie Gavlas, Coutesy H&R Block

At the H & R Block office we are receiving many requests for information regarding this year's Child Tax Credit.

The good news is that cheques will be sent out in November for \$300 per child for qualified families. The bad news is that the family's net income (as reported on the 1985 tax return, schedule 10) must have been less than \$15,000 in order to receive the cheques in November. The "family net income" is the net income of the spouse, or of any other person considered to be a supporter of the child.

The cheques will be mailed separately from the family allowance and a T-form will be enclosed which must be retained as a 1986 tax return and must be filed to claim the balance of the Child Tax Credit. This year the total Child Tax Credit per child will be \$454.

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Response To Chris Glenn

- Chris Kennedy

Chris Glenn wrote to the Beacon last month to ask if there is anything that can be done about the derelict land on the Island. Some people might be interested in the reasons why so much land is going back to weeds and scrub.

It is, unfortunately, no longer a paying proposition to grow crops on this land. Over the last ten years the price of a farmer's inputs to his business, such as machinery, fuel, fertilizer, agricultural sprays and so on have increased much faster than the price the farmer receives for his product. To illustrate, in 1975 we

received \$0.65 per pound live weight for lamb, and paid about \$0.65 for a gallon of gas. In 1985 we got about \$1.00 per pound for lamb, but paid \$2.00 for a gallon of gas. In 1975 we paid \$4,400 for a new pickup truck, and in 1985 the same truck would have cost about \$14,000, but we received the same price for wool in 1985 as we received in 1975.

The main reason for low commodity prices for the farmer is over-production by other countries, stimulated by the government supporting the prices paid to farmers in these countries. For example, the world price for barley is about \$100 a tonne, but in Europe the farmer receives about \$200, the European Economic Community paying the difference with money collected in taxes. The U.S. has long artificially raised the price paid to farmers for grain, and the New Zealand government, with a scheme called Supplementary Minimum Prices, about doubled the price that N.Z. farmers received for their lamb.

These high prices for their product meant that farmers have flooded the world markets with food. Twenty years ago England imported 60% of its food, but now it is self sufficient. Europe has become an exporter of grain. New Zealand has increased its sheep population from 50 million to 70 million in the last 10 years. Canadian farmers do not receive these high government subsidies, and so land is going out of production, and Amherst Island is covered with Queen Anne's Lace.

One of the stupider parts of this problem is that, even with the food mountains stored around the world, the poorer countries cannot afford to pay for it, or, for political reasons refuse to take it, and their people starve. In Europe the politicians want to start feeding butter back to cows to get rid of it and are thinking of burning surplus grain because they cannot afford to store it, yet people in the Sudan are starving. Aren't politicians wonderful?

More

- Ian Murray

I agree with all that Christopher says. However, I have a few comments that may be of interest:

1) As it is unlikely that anyone is going to farm all the weed-producing land on Amherst Island, is there any other way to clean up the land? For the County Weed Inspector to act, someone must make a complaint. There are certainly sprays that will destroy most of the weeds. However, there might be a problem finding someone to take equipment over the heavily rutted properties that are producing most of the weeds. Aerial spraying would certainly work, but perhaps there would be objections from neighbours. The cost of spraying, if

done, would be put on the land-owner's tax bill.

Another alternative would be to plant trees. However, this requires a lot of work to control weeds. Water is also required for young trees to survive a drought. As with growing crops, the effort is not financially worth it.

2) Farming, in common with many other small businesses, provides independence in exchange for hard and often dangerous work, long hours, and a low return on

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investment. What makes farming unique is that so many people are eager to farm and will struggle to do so as long as they are able to.

In a rational world - the mythical world of economists - people will leave a business when they can make a better living doing something else. However, most farmers believe that farming is more than a way to earn a living; it is a way to live. Their place of business is also their home.

This quite reasonable (to me) attitude means that there are many uneconomic farming units that continue to produce food at a loss. This makes it that much harder for other farmers to develop viable farms. This is particularly true for those sectors of agriculture that are not controlled by marketing boards.

3) There is not, I believe, a simple answer as to why there are weedy fields on Amherst Island. Nor is there a simple solution as to how to clean up these weedy fields or even how to prevent more. The questions are just too complicated.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Library Week is Oct 19th to Oct 25th. Dorothy McGinn has kindly consented to do a ceramics display and maybe sale for Wed Oct 22nd from 1-3. There will also be coffee and goodies to munch. I hope the county librarian will be here too so if you have any requests or complaints as to library service this will be the time to see her. I'm hoping for a good turn-out.

Large type and cassettes changed on Oct 1st and regular rotation will be on Oct 20th. Interloans are no problem so feel free to ask Phyllis or myself for your reading favorites.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Mr Thomas Payne was good enough to give an

informative talk and demonstration on computers in the school for our October meeting at the school. Thank-you Mr Payne for taking the time to participate on the Island.

November meeting is the 19th, 8:00 pm at Mrs Phyllis Strain's. World Affairs is program with the Roll Call: What does living in Canada offer you that living in another country would not.

4-H News

- by Trudy Strain

Once again our bi-annual 4-H Club has started. This time the subject is Etiquette, s

this fellows and thanks Mark for taking the guys to the hospital. The next game our team won against North Fred. #3, 13 to 8, good game. The next game was against Selby #3 and our team won 13 to 1, very good. The last game our team won against North Fred. #4, 12 to 1. The Pee Wee team were the B Champs for the tournament. Well Done!

We would like to thank all the parents for driving them to the games and all their support. A big thanks to a wonderful and great coach, Mark Wemp. Mark put a lot of time and effort into the Pee Wee team and was always there when the team needed him. Thanks again Mark!

Some of the other kids went to an Amherstview ball team. They were Sherry Ward, Laura Wemp, Sarah McDonald. They played against Bath and another Amherstview team. They won 5 games, tied 1 and lost 3. They came in second place, Bath came in first place and the other Amherstview team came in third. Way to go girls!

Aerobics

- Kitsy McMullen

Every Monday and Thursday 8 pm - 9 pm at Amherst Island Public School. The cost is a very reasonable \$10.00 per month. We must have at least 12 people sign up at the beginning of each month. Come for the exercise. Come for the fun.

Turkey Supper

The A.C.W. of the Anglican Parish of Amherst Island will be holding their Annual Turkey Supper and Sale on Saturday, October 18th, 1986 starting at 5:00 pm.

Admission:

Adults \$6.00;

Children (5-12) \$3.00.

Everyone welcome.

Masquerade Dance

Doors open at 7 pm. Judging starts at 9. 10 different prizes will be awarded. Music by D.J. Costumes preferred. Sponsored by Legion 539.

Lost ???

Would the person or persons who borrowed (?) my yellow reflectors from the top of the roadway kindly return them as the fall rainy nights are quite dark!

Thank you.

Elaine Wolfreys

Thank You

To The Beacon Staff:

Thank you kindly for past services provided. We could not have managed it without you. Sincerely,

MB & ML Downey.

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their phone calls, many visits, and acts of kindness since I left work because of illness. A special thank you to the boat crew for the lovely basket of fruit and goodies, the large picture of the Amherst Islander ferry and also the retirement card with rocking chair (which unfortunately I can't fit into). Your thoughtfulness and concern is greatly appreciated.

Bill Bulch

I would like to thank my neighbors and friends and especially Teresa Glenn for coming to my rescue once more. Thank you Earl and Jean for being there when ever I called, and most of all thank you to Margaret Blenkinsop for being a friend in deed. Thanks also to the girls from aerobics. It is at times like these you appreciate living on Amherst Island. Thanks again.

Tena Tugwell.

Thank you Michael Braun and Kevin Kilpatrick for the excellent job on our shop.

Keith, Shirley & Adam Miller

For Sale

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Tom Miller, 389-0105

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Lamb for the freezer, \$2.50/lb.

Electric Fence supplies:

10% off on in-stock items.

Amherst Island

- Smith's Canadian Gazetteer 1846

An Island in Lake Ontario, situated opposite the township of Ernestown, so called from the Earl of Amherst; the name originally given it by the French, being "Isle Of Tanti." It was originally granted by the Crown to Sir John Johnston, for military services. The upper portion of it 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. Amherst Island forms a township of Midland District; 13,387 acres of land are taken up in the island, 5030 of which are under cultivation. 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 ship-builders, five tailors, seven shoemakers, five carpenters, twelve weavers, two blacksmiths. Population, 1104.

Ratable property, 11,185 British pounds.

Public School

- Staff

There was an open house at the school on the evening of October 9.

Several of the recent graduates of the school commented that the atmosphere and the room set-ups are improved.

The Island is fortunate that there always seems to be teachers here that put in the extra effort that makes such a difference to our children's education.

MS Know It All

Dear Ms K I A:

I have a friend who consistently invites me for dinner a day or two before her dinner party. Nine times out of ten I have to refuse because of other engagements or my work schedule. She always sounds or appears 'slighted' that I am unable to come. How can I tell her to give me more warning? She is an excellent cook and I would like to attend these functions.

Signed Hungry

P.S. I understand she does this to other friends.

Dear Hungry:

The best method is usually the most direct: "I must have more time."

If that is too blunt, drop a hint when refusing the invitation, "If you'd called a couple days ago,

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I would have been delighted to come but I told my boss I'd work tonight.

Or try sending her a present of a daily planner or a book on giving dinner parties, anonymously if necessary.

Or you could sink to pure infantile behaviour by inviting her at the last minute to one of your parties.

Dear Ms K I A:

I live in an area where there is no dog control. I ride a bicycle back and forth to school. I have trouble with one particular dog which is tied or enclosed most of the time, however on occasion he is loose. That is when I have trouble.

How should I conquer the fear of 'teeth' wrapped around my leg or crashing due to the dog 'tripping' me up? Should I approach the owner who doesn't particularly like children and hates bicycles? Should I have my mother approach the owner? Or should I just shoot the dog and say nothing?

Please help! I really like dogs.

Signed 'Bow-wow'

Dear Bow-wow:

Dogs chasing children makes my blood boil. Dogs love to chase and it is doggone hard to out run a dog. One solution is to turn the tables on the dog. Before you get to where you meet the dog, grab a handful of gravel. When the dog comes out to 'greet' you, stop the bicycle, get off, yell "Go Home" as loud as you can and reinforce it if necessary with the gravel. The dog should be startled at least and in a few days you should have him trained.

Carrying a rifle to school would probably give your teachers pause to think, so I would not recommend this.

The Township Council has given first reading to a

Dog Control Bylaw. Later this fall you should be able to complain to the By-law Enforcement Officer who should be able to handle the problem.

Dog owners are, of course, liable for any injuries caused by their pets. There have been several large settlements made in favour of bike riders injured by dogs.

Dear Ms K I A:

I have just been informed that there is an outrageous and farfetched rumor of a highly personal nature, about me, running rampant. There is absolutely no truth in the rumor but I am so embarrassed I hardly want to show my face. What can I do?

Signed Embarrassed and Disgusted

Dear Embarrassed and Disgusted:

This is a good time to learn who your real friends are. A real friend will first gently bring up the subject to see if you are aware of the rumor. A real friend will believe your innocence or accept your guilt. A real friend, if convinced of your innocence, will tell others.

There is, of course, no way to stop a rumor. Enough people prefer to believe the worst to insure that a rumor will spread rapidly - often with added details. Denial, by the innocent or the guilty, will not stop or slow down a rumor. The best way to combat it is to show no outward embarrassment while going about your usual routine. The rumor will run its course fair by quickly and be replaced by another. You could help this process along by starting nine or more rumors of your own. The 'rumor spreading public', like a juggler, can only handle so many rumors at one time and some of the attention you are getting will be absorbed by the other rumors.

On a philosophical note, you can always be comforted by the thought that, in the long run, people in this community will judge you by how you act in the long run.

Chin, up!

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Notes On Dog Control By-law

- Ian Murray

The Dog Control By-law that is included in this Beacon, has received first reading. The Bylaw will not be enforced until it has successfully received 3 readings.

Section 3 (1) should read: A designated by-law enforcement officer in the employ of the Township of Amherst Island may, in his discretion...

We decided to eliminate the whole licensing aspect of dog control because it seems unfair to have all dog

owners pay for the control of only a few dogs. If it turns out that there is actually a significant problem then licensing can always be added. It is Council's intention that the by-law enforcement officer only act upon a complaint.

Complaints will be confidential unless there is court action requiring the appearance of the complainant.

The Township lawyer has been asked to comment on the proposed by-law. If you have a comment, please send it to the Clerk or talk to a member of Council.

Congratulations

- Staff

The coveted Imelda Marcos Golden Slipper Award has been won by Township resident L R Murray.

High School News

- Mort I. Moore

Boy did I ever get a shock last Tuesday. There I was holding hands with the friendliest girl in my class when someone bellowed "Cut It Out" right in my ear. It was that teacher with the big hairy nose. She yelled: "You are not allowed to hold hands like that! If you Must hold her hand, hold it as if she is a small child that you are helping across a street." She went on for several more minutes about how lustful hand holding led to teenage pregnancy, drug dependence and varicose veins. Sure was embarrassing.

More On Ferry Wages & Work

- Ian Murray

1) There are 7 statutory holidays plus 2 others. If a crew member works on one of these holidays, he is paid 2.5 times his regular pay. If a crew member works the holiday but later takes a day off, then he is paid 1.5 times his regular pay. If a crew member does not work he is paid his regular pay for the day, just as if he had worked a regular day. This payment is in accord with provincial requirements.

2) The day shift is 10.25 hours long. The night shift is 10 hours. Each crew member works on a 28 day schedule as follows: 4 day shifts, 2 days off, 3 night shifts, 2 days off, 3 day shifts, 2 days off, 4 night shifts, 8 days off. This amounts to 7 - 10. 5 hour day shifts, 7 - 10 hour night shifts and 14 days off.

3) Each crew member has 10 paid holidays a year. After 10 years there is an extra day for each year up to a maximum of 15 days.

4) There are up to 3 paid bereavement days each year.

5) Each crew member receives \$40 annually for safety boots.

6) The Township also pays 75% of a crew member's OHIP premiums. The maximum amount is \$535. 56.

7) The Township also pays 100% of each crew member's premiums for a Life Insurance and Long-term Liability policy. The maximum amount is \$600.

I'll leave it to the interested reader to figure out a dollar value on the above.

All this must seem pretty luxurious to the average farmer but it is probably below the average for union workers in this province.

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Tentative Dog By-law

Being a by-law to provide for the control of dogs the Township of Amherst Island.

Whereas Council is authorized to pass a by-law pursuant to the Dog Licensing and Livestock and Poultry Protection Act. R.S.O. 1980, c. 123;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island Enacts as follows:

1. In this By-law:

- (a) "dog" means a male or female dog;
- (b) "owner" of a dog includes a person, who possesses or harbours a dog, and "owns" and "owned" have a corresponding meaning;
- (c) the use of the male pronoun is for convenience only.

2. No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to run at large in the Township of Amherst Island. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of any person and not engaged in hunting coyotes, foxes or raccoons.

3. (1) A designated by-law enforcement officer in the Township of Amherst Island may, in his discretion,

- (a) seize and impound any dog found running at large; and
- (b) restore possession of the dog to the owner thereof where,

(i) the owner pays to the by-law enforcement officer expenses incurred by the Township in capturing and caring for and feeding the dog.

(2) Where the owner of a dog has not claimed the dog within a reasonable time after its seizure under subsection, (1), the by-law enforcement officer may have the dog transported to an official Pound where the owner may redeem the dog by paying the fine levied by the Pound.

(3) Where, in, the opinion of the by-law enforcement officer, a dog seized under subsection (1) is injured or should be destroyed without delay for humane reasons

or for reasons of safety to persons, the by-law enforcement officer

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may kill the dog as soon after seizure as he thinks fit and no damages or compensation shall be recovered on account of its killing. R S. 0. 1970, Reg. 226, s. 4, revised.

4. (1) Where a by-law enforcement officer is unable to seize a dog that is running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law, he may kill the dog, if he believes that the dog is a danger to person or property.

(2) Where a by-law enforcement officer finds a dog running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law and he believes that before he can seize the dog it may attack a human being, he may kill the dog.

(3) Where any persons finds a dog running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law and the dog is in the act of attacking or threatening to attack a human being, he may kill the dog.

(4) No damage or compensation shall be recovered for the killing of a dog under this section. R.S.O. 1970, Reg. 226, s. 5, revised.

5. Any fine for an offence under paragraph 4 and subsection 4(3) of The Dog Licensing and Livestock and Poultry Protection, Act, R. S.O. 1980, c. 123 shall be recoverable under The Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 400.

6. Any by-law in conflict with the above is hereby repealed.

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Council Report for November 1986

- C. J. Kennedy

Keith Miller was deer hunting, so missed the November meeting. This was a short and largely uneventful meeting. Only two building permits were issued in October, to Lance Eves for a grain silo and a mill shed.

The Reeve put forward the idea that the Township should have the Stella Forty Foot designated a development road. It would be widened and paved and some of the hills leveled out. The provincial government has a programme to improve the tourist industry in this area, and road improvements qualify.

The repairs to the ferry dock are finished. Council then discussed the ferry rates for next year. The Reeve put forward a resolution that the rates should remain the same as last year. The vote was tied, and a tied vote is lost, so the new ferry rate has not been set.

The old 1964 dump truck is to be sold when the new one arrives. Some rock will be put along the road near the Sand Beach, when McKendry comes to crush gravel. The crusher is meant to be here this year.

Caroline Yull had written to council urging on the Dog Control By-law, but the township lawyer has been in Greece and has not yet commented on the proposed by-law.

Council adjourned after a few other routine items.

Interview

- Annette

In an interview following last week's Council meeting, Reeve Norman Allison confirmed he is prepared to resign if Councillors don't start pulling together to get certain issues solved.

Norm will be putting two main ideas before Council at their next meeting, and if a satisfactory conclusion is not reached, Norm said he will be resigning.

Notice of motion has already been served on the issue of a new development road, which would run from

the ferry dock to the south shore. Norm said a high-grade road here would be of benefit to most Islanders, and would open the door to further development.

According to Norm, now is the time to start looking towards our new ferry, and since the dock will have to be enlarged and redesigned, he feels a good place to start would be with a new road, improving all intersections and cutting down the three big hills.

Norm also pointed out that a

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new development road might be of advantage should the County take over our roads. The County has already been contacted by Council in this regard, and has told Council if they did take over our roads, they would also want to assume responsibility for the ferry.

Another item Norm will be putting before Council concerns ferry personnel. Instead of phasing out the deckhands on the Amherst Islander, Norm will suggest the pursers be edged out instead. Pursers are the actual money collectors, Norm says, and since they are being paid more money than they bring in, they are not necessary. Pursers are actually being subsidized, he said, and that is not fair to the ratepayers. He would therefore like to see the pursers demoted to deckhand positions and the deckhands let go as soon, as possible, preferably by the beginning of next year.

If Councillors will not agree to phasing out ferry personnel, Norm will suggest that the ferry operations be turned over to either the County, or to MTC.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Leigh Miller, who has been awarded the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation (OSSTF) Teaching Scholarship for District 52. This award is presented to the student who has the highest total of marks in six grade 13 subjects and who is enrolled in a post-secondary program that will lead to a career in teaching. Leigh also won the Dr. C. G. McGreer Scholarship. Congratulations to other local NDSS award winners: Mark Wemp, the Senior English Award; Mark Kilpatrick, the Don Scott OSSTF Award; Julie Forester, the D. E. Thompson Music Award; and, Tracey Filson, the Mary Anne Murphy Senior Accountancy Award.

Congratulations also to Sarah Scott, who placed second in the Cataraqui District Girl Guides' Peace Button Contest. Sarah was invited to Kingston City Hall to assist in presenting the winning buttons to the

Mayor and City Council.

More congratulations - this one to my mother, Carol Glenn, who was recently presented with the Ontario Award for outstanding service to the Girl Guide movement. This award was presented by the Provincial Council for Girl Guides at a ceremony in Sudbury. Incidentally, one of the other two recipients of this award was my mother-in-law, Arlene Jackson.

Best wishes to Ralph Wemp, quickly recovering at home from surgery. Best wishes also to Beth Forester who, in keeping with recent Caughey traditions, sprained her ankle a couple of weeks ago. Let's hope 1987 is a more fortunate year for the Caughey families.

We have again suffered the loss of some former Island residents. Condolences to the families of Alice Compeau, Moutrey Wemp and Carrie Cadman. Mrs. Cadman passed away November 5 after a lengthy illness.

A grand-son of Bob and Catherine McMullen, Robbie McMullen, was hit by a car near his home in Maryland on October 25 and died on October 28. He was 12 years old.

Due to the number of break-ins and the vandalism taking place over here lately, I will no longer be writing about anyone who has moved for the winter, or anyone who has gone on, or will be going on vacation.

The Miller Hunt Camp's only deer was shot by Ronnie Miller.

And finally - Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy 40th Birthday Dear Ted Welbanks and Leslie Anne Cox, Happy Birthday to you.

Miscellaneous

- from Garnet MacDonald

Did you know that you had to have a license (\$200) to have a radio in your house up till sometime

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after 1946. There was a radio inspector to ensure compliance.

The Auditor's Report of the Township for 1926 had the following:

rent of Stella scales, \$1.50;
collection on Emerald scales, \$6.40;
W. P. Scott, sheep valuator, \$5.00;
H. Westwood, ditching, \$25.00;
T. Cochrane, bush road, \$4. 00;
R. Instant, bush road, \$4.00;
R. Smith, gravel, \$4.85;
Ed. McMullen, bridges, \$10.00;
Ed. Reid, culvert and gravel, \$2.60;

Sick Children's Hospital, \$5.00;
W. Munro, lighting lamps, \$16.00;
S. Miller, wood, \$5.50;
H. Glenn, gas for lamps, \$3.25;
W. J. Beaubien, mail service, \$5.25;
Ben Wemp, sheep killed, \$44.00;
Thos. Hill, rebate statutory labor, \$0.75;
C. E. Gibson, selecting Jurors, \$3.00.

The treasurers were:

D. H. Filson, S.S. No. 1 and S. Con. School;
R. Marshall, S.S. No. 2;
Jos. Hogeboon, S. S. No. 3;
E. C. McDonald, S.S. No. 4;
Thos. Glenn, S.S. No. 5; and
L. H. Neilson, Township.

John Glenn and Randall Richards were the auditors.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

My apologies for the small number of large type books but that has been rectified as of this week. We borrowed some from Ottawa.

Next regular rotation is on Nov 17 and, of course, just ask for interloans and we will try our best.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

November 19th 8:00 pm by Mrs Phyllis Strain. Program will be world affairs.

December 6th will be the Senior Citizen's Dinner at 6:00 pm at the Community Centre. We are looking forward to this along with the Seniors of our community.

December 17th is the Christmas Party. Hostess will be Mrs Anna Hitchins and Roll Call is an exchange of gifts.

In Defence Of Queen Anne's Lace

- Dale C. Jones, Resident-On-Occasion

I've been reading with some interest the recent spate of letters whose authors decry the "overpopulation" of such plants as Queen Anne's Lace an the Island. I do agree that the sight of agricultural land being taken out of production is a distressing symptom of a global problem. I would, however, offer the opinion that the reappearance of "weeds" is not entirely as disastrous as has been suggested.

In part the weeds signify nature's amazing drive to regenerate, to regain "lost ground", to waste not (unlike we humans). The value of any particular species of plant cannot be simply measured by the economic loss

of the crops which used to/could've been produced on the ground occupied. Nature's balance sheet is far more comprehensive than Man's. Diversity of species, both plant and animal, is an essential part of our planet's health. Our attempts to "manufacture" nature have been failures every one. No further proof is necessary than to participate first hand in growing monocultures - be they suburban lawns of the "right" grass or fields of corn. The total energy we expend on our "single crop" systems is far greater than the net energy gain realized. We operate on a deficit budget and the best we can hope for is to minimize the deficit.

Please understand that I'm not advocating some return to an ideal past economic system - the good old days weren't. What I am advocating is that we develop a total system awareness of the relationships between human activities and the earth. The attitude that is betrayed by the desire to destroy all plants that do not fit our scheme and by the measure of the value of a plant in strictly dollar terms must change if we as a species are to survive at least as long as the "weeds" we seek to eliminate.

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Besides Queen Anne's Lace is a beautiful plant. Must not beauty count for something?

Distinguished Service Award

- Staff

Summer resident Dick Dodds, director of education with the East York School Board is the first recipient of a special Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of School Administrators. Mr. Dodds served as president of this association from 1981 to 1982.

He has previously received the Andre Lecuyer Award for contributions to professional development activities as well as a lifetime membership with the Ontario Home and School Association.

Policy

- Ian Murray

The Beacon received an unsigned note regarding an incident of vandalism in the village. It is the Beacon's policy to not put in unsigned items unless there is a very good reason and never if the author is unknown to the Staff.

If you witness an act of vandalism please report it to the police as soon as possible.

Alice Compeau

- Staff

Alice Compeau, 75, died recently following a three-month illness. She was buried at Glenhaven, Memorial Gardens following cremation.

She was born on Amherst Island, a daughter of the late Jack Taylor and his wife the former Margaret Montgomery.

She is survived by a son, Bruce Taylor of Ompah, and five grandchildren as well as several great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Lindsay McIntyre. Pallbearers were Albert Henderson, Avery Brown, Edward McCormick, Eldon Willard, Les Esford and George Compton.

Notices

School Support List

In accordance with Section 14 of the Assessment Act, R. S. O. 1980, the school support list for the Township of Amherst Island is open for inspection at the Municipal Office during office hours.

Applications to make changes to the roll are to be made in writing to the assessment commissioner or his agent or by attending the Assessment Office Open House at Municipal Office on Friday, December 5th, 1986 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Women will hold their annual Christmas tea and sale at the school on Saturday, Nov. 29th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Admission \$1.50.

Thank You Notes & Congratulations

The family of Myrtle and Lorne Veech would like to extend congratulations to their parents on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary celebrated November 8, 1986.

Thank you for cards and expressions of sympathy to my parents and to me on the death of Robbie McMullen.

Kitsy McMullen

Seeing that all our relatives in Florida get our "Beacon", we just want to thank them all again for their hospitality and for making our holiday so enjoyable.

Thank you.

Lloyd & Elaine Wolfreys

I'd like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for all their calls, visits, flowers, etc. while I was in hospital and since coming home. I would also like to thank the Legion for the lovely box of goodies and the ladies of the P.C.W. for the visit and baking.

Ralph Wemp

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We wish to thank all friends of the late Alice Compeau for their sincere kindness in sharing our loss of a dear Mother, Grandmother, Great- Grandmother and Friend. Special thanks to Rev. McIntyre for his memorable service. (Time has a way of slipping by but loving memories never die).

Bruce Taylor and Family

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RR#3 Bath 352-7583

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Tom Miller, 389-0105

For information on garbage collection on the Island, please call Deb or Phil at 389-3188

From Topsy Farms:

Honey, \$1.35/lb.

Lamb for the freezer, \$2.50/lb.

Electric Fence supplies:

10% off on in-stock items.

If you are interested in ordering freshly-made pizzas,

which you can freeze and use at any time, contact Julie at 389-5582 any time after 6. Packages of 12 individually wrapped pizzas cost \$10. Proceeds go to N. D. S. S. Band Boosters - Great for an after school snack or days when there isn't time to cook a meal!

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I accept the blame for some of the problems in this Council. In the previous Council I found that an informal atmosphere produced quick and excellent results. Since then, however, two things have occurred.

First, we have a three-year term of office which many Councillors in the County now feel to be too long a period to which to commit themselves. Sometime this gives rise to irritation and frustrations.

Secondly, the Provincial government has required that all Councils have a Procedural By-law. This has resulted in nearly all municipalities having different procedures in force and all different to the County Procedural By-law. In some cases the people involved adopt a very legalistic attitude.

Each of you Councillors has an expertise all of your own, and I am grateful to have such a variety of skills to draw from. I assure you of my cooperation in working out problems and hope that, in return, I can have your cooperation in working for the overall good of Amherst Island in the future. If we work together the Township Council can become a more pleasant place in which to conduct our business.

Comment

- Ian Murray, Councillor

I will limit my comment to this: the Reeve read this prepared statement to Council less than 2 hours before he read a later statement attacking me for supporting a by-law that he disagreed with.

Editorial Policy

- Staff

Now that this dispute between the Reeve and some of the Councillors has reached the Whig, the Beacon will no longer comment on it nor will it be a forum for comment by the Reeve, any of the Councillors or the public. As we did during the long dispute over the Miller Drain, we will again try for the Governor

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General's Award (Blandness Category).

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Though it may be the season to be jolly, it certainly isn't the season for news.

Helen Bulch is recovering at home from unexpected eye surgery. She didn't expect to have surgery until the New Year, but thanks to a cancellation, she managed to have it done in time for Christmas.

Condolences to Annie-Marie Hitchins and family on the death of her father after a lengthy illness.

For lack of arty further earth-shaking news, a Merry Christmas to everyone who reads the Beacon and thanks to all those who faithfully read this column.

By the way, if anyone out there has an extra Christmas card, please send one to Bill Bustard, c/c Mr and Mrs Ben Wemp, Stella. He hasn't received anything so far this year.

Letter

- Leslie Gavlas

As a citizen, not actively involved in the Amherst Island Public School, I wish to express my concern that our own Reeve is the one to publically raise again the spectre of a possible closing of our island school.

The fact that some parents of the Catholic persuasion are prepared to put forth considerable time and effort to send their children to a separate school class does not alter the situation for the rest of the island parents.

There are several obvious disadvantages which would result from the closure of A. I. P. S. Our youngest students would be faced with a school day longer by about two hours. Because these students are too young to travel unsupervised on the ferry we would lose 2 spaces to the school bus on runs that are often overfull. The closing of the school would also close our only community meeting place, which would be a tremendous loss to us all.

The less obvious disadvantage would be the rupture of the close ties presently binding the community at large with our school. As a parent whose children were educated in a variety of schools in several different school systems I firmly believe this would be the biggest loss. My experience has been that the best schools for the overall development of students are the smaller schools where the community is encouraged to visit and provides its special input. Larger consolidated schools tend to alienate children who feel lost among so many strangers. In a small community oriented school, such as A. I. P. S., there are more opportunities for contacts between parents and teachers; and for the one-on-one help from volunteers which is offered to students who require it. Such programs have been encouraged here during the years since I've been a returned resident. I have certainly been very favourably impressed by the atmosphere at A.I.P.S.

Finally, when one considers the on-going record of many students who started their educational career here at A.I. P. S. I think everyone will agree we have here an institution well worth fighting for.

Letter

- Larry, Lyn, Jason and Stephanie Fleming

Season's Greetings from the sunny south, to all of our friends, family and old neighbors on Amherst Island! Well, we finish up our 1st year in Orlando this month - it doesn't seem possible it could be a year already! We've really enjoyed and appreciated all the letters and especially the Beacon, this last year. We've already had some company from the Island. Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Elaine (Wolfreys) surprised us in March, just in time for Easter, and were the first to visit us

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after we were settled here. Although they stayed with mom and dad, we managed to see lots of them. Pam McCormick and sons Kevin and Mark arrived the end of July. We spent the next 2 1/2 weeks seeing and doing as much as we could possibly squeeze into that time. We also spent quite a few days at the ocean - it was the only place to be when the temperatures hit the mid to high 90's! In late October, Larry's mom and sister (Syke and Debbie Fleming) arrived at our house, just two days after Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Elaine arrived at mom and dad's for their Fall visit. We had an Island reunion for Halloween! There was so much we wanted Larry's mom and sister to see that we kept their schedule pretty full and busy too. I'm sure that they (and Pam and the boys) needed a week to rest up after their vacations. Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Elaine left for home, nursing some pretty, pink sunburns after our day at the beach. We enjoyed all our company this year, and look forward to seeing more Islanders down, here!

Until then, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Happy Christmas to all my friend and aunts and uncles and especially Angie and Wendy and Mindy and everyone else on Amherst Island. I love you.

from Stephanie Fleming

~~Merry Christmas To All My Good~~

Merry Christmas to all my good friends on Amherst Island and especially to Mrs. Forester. ~~imi~~ I miss you.

from Jason Fleming

[Lyn asked us to print it the way it came.]

Dear Sirs:

Could I please have a copy of Genevieve Fleming's articles an the Cheese Factories. Nov 18th 1971.

I am particularly interested in the Cheese Factory operated by Arthur Phippent of S. Fredricksburgh Twntp., the information needed is for genealogy, as I'm a descendent of William Phippen of the Bay of Quinte.

If there is a charge or donation required please bill be accordingly.

Yours truly

Mrs Phoebe M. Matsan

2817 Ridgeway St.

Thunder Bay, Ont.

P7E 5K4

- Staff

We are attempting to locate this article for Mrs Matsan but if any of our readers can contribute any more information, we have printed her address.

Notices

Amherst Island Driving Club New Years Eve Ball.

Doors open at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm.

The dance is already sold out.

Everyone is welcome at the Community Carol Service at St. Paul's 7:30 pm Sunday December 21st with both the Senior and Junior Choirs.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

First of all I would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 and the Burleigh Loyal Orange Lodge 482 for their generous donations towards the annual Senior Citizens' Dinner. We were again, given numerous individual donations for which we are grateful too.

The Women's Institute is always pleased to work in their community to make life better for all. Pleased to see so many smiling faces.

Our December meeting is at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs Anna Hitchins on December 18th an exchange of Christmas gifts is the

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roll call.

January meeting is 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs Caroline Yull. Program is Canadian Industries - How Can Canadian Industries become competitive in the world market?

All the members of Amherst Island Women's Institute wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy

Healthy New Year!

Library

- Diane Gavlas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

December 15th will be a new rotation of books again. January will be a change of large type books. Interloans are slower due to Christmas mail but I'm pleased to send for any of your reading requests.

Thank You Notes & Messages

I would like to thank Geoff Matthews for helping me out the day my car quit on the Upper Forty Foot. Thank You Again.

Margaret McMullen

Many thanks to family, friends, P.C.W. and A.C.W. for all your thoughtfulness, visits, gifts and flowers during my recent stay in hospital and afterwards at home.

Also thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #539 for the lovely flowers.

A very special thank you, to Tom, Debbie and Karen for always being there with your love and support when I need you. Thank you Ted for taking Tom's place on the boat that night, you are very kind.

Sincerely

Audrey Miller

The A.C.W of the Parish of Amherst Island have directed me to thank all the members of parish, and others, who contributed to the success of our Annual Turkey Supper with donations of money, food and their help. We really appreciated all of these.

Leslie Gavlas

Secretary

To all Amherst Islanders -

Our sincere good wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy year in 1987.

Norman and Georgie Allison

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers and to those who both get and give Beacon subscriptions for Christmas (subtle hint).

The staff of Glenn's Store would like to wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you in the New Year.

A very special thanks to all the ferry crews who go out of their way to help us out.

Merry Christmas

Irene, Annette, Heather, Tracey and Shawna

Merry Christmas to all my friends at school.

Jacob Murray

Merry Christmas to everyone, especially to the kids on the school bus who have been so kind to me.

Kyle Murray

Sally Bowen is awarded the coveted Foot-In-Mouth Award.

Phone rings.

Sally: Hello

Caller: Is Leah there?

Sally: Is this Ryan? Oops ... I mean who is this?

Caller: (pause) It's John. (Chomp hard Sal!)

Comments

- Beacon Subscriptions Letters

I enjoy reading the Island News every month. I only wish I knew more of the people that I read about.

Ruth Lawson

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It is most interesting reading to an old Islander! Keep up the good work.

Hazel Reynolds

I enjoy reading it and it helps keep me up to date with life on, the Island.

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and the fine job you do.

Denise Kenny Hehn

Ms Know it All

Dear Ms KIA

I am taking Driver Education at school and am learning the rules of the road. I have noticed that some drivers on the Island do not obey the four way stop in

Stella. Are there different rules over here?

Signed 'Every Which Way But Legal'

Dear 'Every Which Way But Legal'

In theory the 'rules of the road' are the same on the Mainland and on the Island. However, with the absence of any authority (ie police), some drivers take a more interpretative attitude towards the rules which sometimes resemble a 'free fire zone' (like in Vietnam where anything that moved was an enemy and could be hit). Stop signs seem to mean 'Slow down and look'; Yield signs seem to mean, 'look for other traffic if you want while proceeding at normal speed'; Unmarked corners seem to mean 'proceed as if there is no intersection'; and an open road seems to mean 'proceed as fast as possible ignoring all other traffic'.

Of course you should obey the rules that you have been taught! Knowing that others are careless drivers, you must drive both correctly and defensively. There are many situations where you will bear some of the responsibility for an accident even, if you think you are obeying the law. I have heard it said that the only time you will not bear any responsibility for an accident is: you are stopped at a red light and you are hit from behind. Even if you have the right-of-way, you cannot deliberately run into someone rolling through a stop sign (as satisfying as that might be).

Greetings

- Ian Murray

Along with our daily quota of unsolicited mail from Farley Mowat, Ed Broadbent, and Margaret Atwood came a Christmas card from The Peterson Family. A nice family photo and signatures of mom, dad and the kids. Our Premier took the time to send a season's greetings to me, a Councillor on what must be just about the smallest municipality in a very large province. And the whole family wrote their names on it! I am impressed. The kids must have spent weeks signing their names (I hope that they didn't get in trouble for missing school). Some sceptic has just suggested to me that the signatures are copied, but I find this just too lacking in faith. So...

Seasons greetings to The Peterson Family.

Amherst Island Sports Report

- Chad, Sherry & Staff

Recently there were school volleyball tournaments, one for the boys, one for the girls - grades 6-8 at North Addington Education Centre, Cloyne.

Ten boys from our school played eleven games. Sandhurst won the third game in the best of three series. Amherst Island defeated Centreville, two games to one.

In the playoffs, A.I.P.S. won three straight games against Newburgh. Sandhurst beat us in the finals, with scores of 15-13 and 15-10. Two very good games.

Six girls from the Island competed, borrowing two girls from Newburgh to make up a team. They

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lost two very close games to Centreville, then played Enterprise, Newburgh and Sandhurst.

Our team won the last game against Sandhurst.

Sunday School Concert

- Staff

The Sunday School people hosted a joyful Christmas concert December 14.

Ruth Scott welcomed the audience, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The primary class presented a pantomime of the Christmas story and sang and acted 'Away in a Manger'.

The intermediate class acted the "Littlest Fir Tree", demonstrating beautifully how the littlest can also have a very special role to play.

The seniors movingly portrayed the story of the little mute boy who got his voice back when he visited the baby Jesus.

A special Christmas message was recited by Jeff Forester, Lori and Amy Caughey, and Tracy Hitchins.

Susan Caughey told us all about the slumber kits that were purchased last year and will be buying more with the contributions from the Sunday School. Amherst Island children are helping other more needy children throughout the world.

Beth Forester's music throughout, enthusiastic audience support and participation, and a message and prayer from Rev. McIntyre completed the afternoon.

High School News

- H. Bangor

Many of my fellow teens have been asking: How do I get to be a 'prep'?

After devoting many hours of study to this problem, as well as conducting a national opinion poll, I have come up with the following suggestions:

- 1) start with rich and doting parents,
- 2) get a large mirror,
- 3) wear only the latest styles with the proper brand name, regardless of cost or comfort,
- 4) do not associate with lower forms of life (that is, non-preps),
- 5) do not permit yourself to sweat, Ever.

Workers' Compensation 1987 Rates

- Staff

Some assessment rates per \$100 of payroll:

Accountants... \$0.09
Explosives... 1.32
Restaurants... 1.90
Fishing... 3.06
General Farming... 5.90
Trucking... 6.41
Abattoirs... 6.44
Sawmills... 6.96
Uranium Mining... 8.96
General Construction... 9.91
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Tom Miller, 389-0105.

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Laws Of Random Perversity

1) Cleanliness is next to impossible.

4) If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

5) If it's green or wriggles, it's biology.

If it stinks, it's chemistry.

If it doesn't work, it's physics.

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Community Calendar

Dec 17, A. I. P. S. Christmas Concert, 7.30 pm.

Dec 18, Women's Institute at Anna Hitchins'.

Dec 21, Community Carol Service at St. Paul's, 7.30.

Dec 31, New Year's Eve Ball

Jan 6, Regular Meeting of Township Council.

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This Issue
- Staff

We have decided to work harder at making the Beacon a better newspaper. A list of potential items of interest has been started and stares at us from the bulletin board.

People were asked to write specific articles and the response has been wonderful.

This is perhaps the fattest Beacon ever. It is also the most expensive. We will be looking at the costs of production in the next few months in hope that 30 cents per issue is enough to cover expenses.

Council Report for January 6th
- Christopher Kennedy

Norman Allison was indisposed, and so Ian Murray was elected as chairman for the meeting. With a little discrete guidance from Diane Pearce, he managed a short and peaceful meeting. Several items were tabled until the Reeve returned. The minutes of the December meetings were approved. Apart from the regular meeting the only extra meeting was the Finance Committee, where the ferry rate was confirmed as the same as 1986.

The Building Inspector's report for 1986 was submitted. Thirty-two permits were issued in 1986, far an assessed value of \$356,000, a large increase over 1985. Two new houses added a lot to the total. The only building permit in December was issued to Ed Chadband, for a greenhouse. Ed reported no problems with the construction.

Stuart Miller reported on the roads, saying that the lack of snow had been a plus, but the ice storm had caused problems. They used as much sand during that one storm as in the whole of last winter. The freezing and thawing is doing the roads no good at all, producing pot holes everywhere.

Council is asking M.T.C. to pay the rest of the road

and ferry subsidy for 1986. The Reeve has talked with Bill Blum about the proposed development road. From a letter sent to Council it seems unlikely that funding will be provided.

The Ministry of the Environment is complaining about our dump again. Council will fill in some required paperwork, but the M. of E. also wants an attendant on duty whenever the dump is open and appears deaf to comments on how unreasonable this is in a small township.

Rick Bedford has resigned as Deputy Fire Chief. Council will

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find a replacement and then re-publish an Emergency Number Card.

The Dog By-law has been passed. Full details are available at the Township Office, but to summarize it: if you have a problem with a dog running at large, call the By-law Enforcement Officer (Ed Chadband) and he will catch the dog. The owner has to pay a fine to get it back. A dog is running at large when found any place other than the premises of its owner and not under control and is not hunting coyotes, foxes or racoons with a hunter. Dogs attacking a person may be killed.

Council is enquiring whether the insurance on the Township Hall covers the Catholics when they use it for services (in case a higher power does not).

Council adjourned before 10 pm.

The Neighbourhood
- Annette

Condolences to the Bulch family on the loss of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie Kay. Also to Louise Downey and her family on the loss of one of our friends and neighbours, Bernard Downey.

I forgot to mention last Beacon that adult volleyball is again underway for the winter. Volleyball is opens to anyone, 19 and over, Tuesday nights at 8 p.m.

Unfortunately, Phil and Debbie have had to stop their garbage pickup service due to lack of response. It's too bad, as those of us who had the service found it tremendously beneficial.

Remember Max? The lovable dog-next-door who ate Doug Wilson's house and home (and truck and yard). Well, Doug paid Max a Christmas visit this year. Doug found Max well, although very skinny. His owners, in fact, have to force feed him (far be it for us to suggest feeding him furniture or carpeting, or maybe a nice seat belt). Anyway Max is again heading for a new home -

this time in Halifax, N.S. Doug says Max still knows him too - maybe this means Doug will have to start making an annual trip down east?

Mrs Donna Willard has been promoted from a Half-Time N. T. A. at Selby Public School to a Full-Time N. T. A. (Speech) at various locations as required, effective December 15th, 1986.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Large types and cassettes have changed as of January 5th. Regular rotation is changing again on January 19th.

Interlibrary loans are no problem so if you have a favorite author let me know and I will try to get what you want far reading materials.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

I must first apologize to Reg Hitchins and Mike Strain for missing thanking you and all the 4H Girls for your excellent help serving at the Senior Citizen's Dinner. Young people on Amherst Island are special and should be treated so. Please accept my apologies for not giving due credit in last month's Beacon.

January meeting is at Mrs Caroline Yull's on January 21st at 8:00. Roll Call: How to have healthy growth and development in the family. Hopefully we will have a guest speaker.

New members are still welcome. Better late than never.

A.I.P.S.

My Christmas Holiday

- Heidi Hitchins

My Christmas holidays were excitingly fun. On my holidays I played and played with my Popple. Then I got tired of playing. I thought about school a lot. I skated with my brother and sister. My family went to Elsie's house. I took my Popple.

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My Christmas Holiday

- Jessica Gavlas

My Christmas holidays were great because my family got lots of presents and had fun. We had a good Christmas dinner too.

Holidays

- Kelly Baker

My Christmas holidays were nice. Do you know why? Because I did millions of things! I went to Grandma's.

On My Holidays

- Angela Fleming

My Christmas holidays were happy because people came for dinner. It was beautiful because my Mom decorated my house. It was fun because I got to go places.

The Snow

- Kevin McCormick

I am very glad the snow is here because now I can have lots of fun skiing and crashing into my sandbox, which now is my snowbox. Mark and I can make lots of things in the snow. We can even make chairs out of snowballs. There hasn't been too much snow this year. If there was 7 feet of snow I could make an underground fort. It would be really neat! So let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Winter!

- Ruth Scott

Winter fun is here,
In the snow we play,
Nice nice Winter is nice,
Toboggans are fun, to slide on,
Every year there's usually snow,
Right Right yes that's right
there's usually snow oh don't you know!

My X-Mas

- Jamie Silver

My Christmas was wonderful! It was fantastic! My whole family was there, and we had a great time. We opened the presents first, then we played with them and we went to my Uncle's place for lunch. I had a terrific Christmas! I wish it was Christmas everyday.

Snow

- Jason Silver

Please God Make It Snow

I hope it hurries up and snows. Please God make it snow. I won't ask for anything else in my whole life so please God make it snow. Oh my gosh! I think I just saw a snowflake! I did! Thank you God. Ten Hours

Later

Please God make it stop snowing! It's five meters high! Please God make it stop snowing.

Spruce Goose

- Lori Caughey

My name is Spruce and I'm a little goose,
Spruce is a weird name for a goose...

Don't you agree?

I'd like to change my name to Bruce!

But... My mother said "Spruce is simply an ordinary name for a goose, and that's all there is to it."

So my name is still Spruce!

I live on Amherst Island.

Im staying for winter this year.

I heard the weather would be good

So far it's been clear!

And... my name is still Spruce.

My mother is leaving without me she said "it just won't be the same without you about me!"

So she left me a lunch and a letter.

Spruce - Be Good

And please, please Don't change your name to Bruce.

Love - Mommy

[Sorry Lori, we can't put in, your drawing of a lunch basket: Staff.]

Planes

- Jeff Forester

Swiftly flying through the air,

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the pilots guide the planes through rain or fog. The pilot is the most important person, or persons, on the plane.

On a passenger plane there are three pilots, and on a single plane there is only one.

There is another kind of plane it is a helicopter. They are really neat! I really like planes and so should you!

Snow

- Chad Miller

The crisp winds blow

The falling snow

to form a fluffy drift

Many children will play

In the drift every day

They know it is God's gift

The whistling breeze

slides through the trees

And makes a joyful call

Come join the fun

it's for everyone

Because it's winter after all.

Goose

- Amy Caughey

I am a Canada goose,

I love the warm

But to my surprise,

Amherst Island had a storm!

To get down south

Is a long long way

So I decided

What the heck, I'll stay!

In the harbour I stayed

The lake did not freeze.

Then summer came,

And I flew off in the breeze.

The nice warm summer breeze.

If I Were A Goose

- Sarah Scott

If I were a goose I wouldn't be cold,
because there's not much snow, I would have been told.

I'd be very surprised that there wasn't much snow,
and up I'd fly, up, up and go.

I'd scan the whole island to see if it was true, and
sure enough the water was still blue.

So I think I'll stay here in this nest of mine,

Then I'll leave when I think it's time.

Snow

- Tracy Hitchins

The way the snow falls

Just catches my eye.

So soft and light

On the ground

Hurrah!

Catching snowflakes

on your tongue Mm... mm... mm

That's my favorite

So let's go get some.

The snow is here

I hope it will stay
Now let's wish
and pray!

What The Blue Jay Has To Say

- Laura Wemp
One winter day,
The Blue Jays did say,
Snow snow I want snow.
I want a storm, but I don't want the wind to blow.
I want to see the skiers ski,
Way down that steep hill you see.
And that's why the Blue Jays say,
I want it to snow today.

Winter

- Mike Horth
I like snow,
It makes my insides glow,
It is so white,
It reminds me of night.

In the winter

All of the house tops are white,
All of the houses in sight,
Are white.

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It is as white as a white Persian cat,
And that is white,
So bright,
When the sun shines on it.

Mouse

- Connie Fabian
I had a mouse
Who lived in my house
It was on an autumn day,
When he moved out, he ran away.

Cars

- Mike Strain
I hate my little car
Because it's so tiny.
I can't wait until I'm a star
So I can have a nice big shiny car.

Love

- Sherry Ward

Peace is a 5 letter word,
That some people say is absurd
A lot of people ignore the facts,
And other people know the impact.

The Treasure

- Reg
One day I was walking and I saw a piece of paper. I ran to get it. The map turned out to be a treasure map. I followed the instructions. When I reached the spot where the treasure was supposed to be, I ran home at once to get a shovel and pick. When I reached the spot where the treasure was I started to shovel away at the spot. Then all of a sudden clunk! it was the treasure I was so happy. When I touched it I passed out, it was unbelievable. Then I woke up to find it was all a big dream.

Superbowl

- Hugh M. Filson
On Jan. 25 the Superbowl will be held in Pasadena again. This year the two N.F.L. teams are the New York Giants, led by Phil Simms and the short but powerful Running Back Joe Morris and of course the big blue wrecking crew, the Giant defence, who has held San Fran. and Washington to a combined 3 points. This is New York's first Superbowl. On the other hand you have Denver led by the strong armed, great scrambler, John Elway. The Broncos beat the favoured Browns by a field goal in overtime to get into the Superbowl. The odds are that the Giants will beat the Broncos by 8 points but I think the Giants will beat the Broncos by at least 10 points.

Field Trip To Napanee

- Peter Horth
On December 5 our school went to Napanee. Our first stop was at the bank as Mrs. Forester, the primary teacher, had to get money out to pay for our trip. Then we were off again. We then arrived at the Ault Shop. We all went in and listened to a man talk to us. He told us mainly how cheese was made, where it was shipped and lots more. They also handed out cheese samples. When we were done there we walked to the Board Office. We got tours around the building. Mr. Chambers showed us around and told us about the computers there. Then we walked to MacPherson House. We were split into groups and got toured around, being told a little about each room. We had apple cider and cookies. We then went to the Ault Shop

and got ice cream. The trip was not bad. The part of the day I liked best was when Mr. Chambers showed us the computers.

Field Trip To Kingston

- Sherry Ward

On Thursday, December 11, the students of A.I.P.S. and staff went on a field trip to Kingston. We all went on, the 10:00 boat.

Our first stop was at the Catarauqui Town Centre where the Primaries saw a puppet show and visited Santa Claus while the Juniors and Seniors were busy doing various activities. At about 12 noon we met at the food counters and ate in various places. By this time everyone was almost

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ready to leave, but a few of us just had to go into 501 Video and spend some money.

Then we got on the bus and were off to see Sleeping Beauty at the Grand Theatre. This was beautifully acted out and was great for the Primaries. The Seniors and older Juniors looked at the technical aspects of the performance while the Primaries looked at the story. Then we caught the 3:30 ferry home and were all very pleased with how the day turned out.

A.I.P.S. Christmas Concert, 1986

- Diane Marshall (for All the Proud Parents and Friends)

The school hall was filled with sounds of last minute set arrangements, whispers and giggles of excited actors and actresses and the scraping of chairs as the audience found their places.

The A. I. P. S. Annual Christmas Concert was about to begin. Weeks and weeks of dedicated rehearsing and hard work had gone into making this an evening that all would remember.

The variety of student's talents was about to be displayed and all had something special to contribute.

The Primary Class delighted us with their acting and dancing in the play "Christmas In the City", complete with mouse tails and ears. They also gave a hearty rendition of "It must be Santa."

We enjoyed a variety of excellent piano recitals by: Amy Caughey, Kevin McCormick, Laura Wemp, Crystal Bedford, Sarah McDonald, Sherry Ward, Chad Miller, Jamie Silver, Ruth Scott, Jason Silver, Angela Fleming, Gordon Thornhill, Sarah Scott.

Lori Caughey's violin, recital proved that all her hard work was time well spent.

The Junior Class proved their writing and acting skills in a play "Children, at the Orphanage".

The Primary French Class sang the "Little Drummer Boy" followed by the Intermediate French Students doing "Les Images de Noel".

The Intermediate Students' excellent contribution was the well known, play "A Christmas Carol".

Last but not least was the entertaining play "The First Christmas" written and produced by the Junior class students.

To all the students and teachers who worked so hard to bring us this memorable evening, we thank you.

Weather & So On

- Staff

This has certainly been a strange winter. Farmers had difficulty getting fall plowing done because of wetness. Then the fields froze solid. Then the weather turned mild, but not enough to thaw the fields evenly. Some land has yet to be plowed - one farmer plowed on Christmas Day.

We have had only 2 snows of any depth and the last one is disappearing rapidly today (Jan. 15). There is no ice on the channel.

There are very few rodents for the predators to eat. At least one coyote has turned to a diet of sheep.

New Year's Eve Party

- Jean Tugwell

And what a happy New Year's Eve of merrymaking it was! A well organized dinner and dance sponsored by the Amherst Island Driving Club at the Amherst Island Recreation Hall. As approximately 200 hungry Amherst Islanders and friends lined up, exclamations of "Does that roast beef ever smell good", "So glad you got a ticket after all", "That looks lovely", and "I got it for Christmas", filled the air. The lineup moved quickly along and plates were piled high with delicious roast beef (anyway you like it), baked potatoes, hot vegetables, salad and all the trimmings. By nine o'clock the music "Risky Business" with Deiter

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Boehme began and toes started tapping as couples took their places on the floor. As in years past this social event again renewed and strengthened the traditional "One Big Family" feeling of the Amherst Island Community. When the countdown at midnight came - the hats passed around - arms crossed and a circle formed, Auld Lang Syne began and Islanders and pre-Islanders shared again happy and sad memories of the

old year and extended good wishes for 1987.

When writing this I thought it might be fun to re-call how New Years Eve used to be celebrated on Amherst Island about 50 or 60 years ago. The dance was held in the Victoria Hall sponsored by the Canadian Order of Foresters. The Glenn Orchestra provided the music and a delicious lunch was prepared by the ladies - consisting of sandwiches and beautifully decorated home-made cakes - including Christmas cake. In later years the celebration was organized by the Orange Lodge and a lovely buffet supper was served. Many of us remember the sleigh ride to the village - sleigh bells ringing and the sleighs from each road filled to overflowing. The horses were tied in the sheds and carefully blanketed - everyone stamping the snow from their feet as they entered the hall and getting warm by the old box stove. Ladies filing upstairs to the dressing room where many little ones slept on a pile of coats while the music played. Running up and down stairs and sliding on the waxed floor before the dancing began was great fun for the children. This was truly a family night. The style of dancing was very different - Paul Jones, good old square dances, fox trots and real waltzes were the order of the day. I always enjoyed watching couples gracefully dance the rye waltz and the oxford. No bars in those days but a few refreshments on the side - well refrigerated in the woodpile or a convenient snow bank. The dancing often continued until three or four in the morning. The Island orchestra no matter how weary always willing to play one more selection.

New Years - a happy time with family and friends wherever we may spend it and a brand new year to try and make others happier as well.

Volleyball

- Betty Wemp

It's that time again. Time for all us adults to get out and get some exercise along with bench-side conversation. Our weekly night of volleyball started last week (Tuesday, Jan. 7) with a fairly good turnout. We were not too bad for being away from it for so many months. It's sometimes hard to make yourself leave your warm home and yet out this time of year, but give yourself a push and you will enjoy yourself and feel good about it. We're all just a bunch of amateurs having fun with no strict rules but lots of laughs. So come on out to the school on Tuesday nights from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock. Everyone over 19 is welcome (if you're not to good, ha! ha!).

Emerald Cheese Factory (From Nov 15, 1971, Beacon.)
- Genevieve Fleming

A meeting of all those people interested in establishing a cheese factory at Emerald was held on February 13th 1895. The meeting was addressed at some length by Edward and Arthur Phippen of Conway. Arthur announced that he was prepared to build and equip a factory at his own expense if the people would support him and deliver milk to the factory. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the meeting pledge its support and the farmers would deliver the milk. Mr. Phippen began construction and the factory was ready for operation on May 1. Cheese was produced at 1 1/4 cents per pound for a three year term. The first year of operation

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was considered quite successful and at the annual meeting in 1896 each old patron contributed \$1.00 and each new patron \$0.50 for operating expenses for the coming year. After three successful years Mr. Phippen offered to make cheese for the year 1898 at 1 1/8 cents per pound. The cheese was insured for \$1000.00 and a teamster was engaged to transport the cheese to Emerald wharf at 1/2 cent per box. By this time all patrons were contributing 50 cents per year for operating expenses. In 1899 Mr. Phippen sold out to Mr. R. A. Fowler who agreed to produce cheese at 1 cent per pound, the cheesemaker being his son Charles Fowler.

In 1907 Mr. Fowler sold the business to Reginald Instant who agreed to make at the same rate as the previous year - 1 1/16 cents per pound, that he would begin operation on April 8th, also that he would make cheese on Saturday nights during the hot weather if patrons would protect him from the "Lord's Day Act". Patrons promised that in case of fines, they would pay them. The industry was carried on under Mr. Instant's management until the time of his death in 1937. His daughter Estella Sharpe continued the business until 1946 when she sold to Gordon Tugwell who had purchased the Stella factory also. It was becoming more difficult each year to find capable men to do a good job of making cheese and by the end of 1951, Mr. Tugwell closed down the Emerald plant and all milk was taken to the cheese factory at Stella. Cheese makers during the years of operation at Emerald were, Arthur and Edward Phippen, Charles Fowler, Harold Sandwith, McEwen, Donald White, Harold White, Eddie Hounslow, Edward Reid, Donald Bell, Mike Holt.

Whey butter was made by Maurice and Cyril Glass from 1911 to 1916 when they volunteered for service in the 1914-1918 war.

The factory looks much the same as when it was built except that the room for butter-making was added

in 1911.

[Since this article was written, the building has been partially demolished and has joined the ranks of Island eye-sores: Staff.]

From Public Institutions Inspection Panel Report Amherst Island Public School

Mr. Tom Payne, Principal, was our tour guide. He explained to us that tenders are being received for a school custodian and presently this job is being handled by temporary staff doing only the "basics". It was immediately evident that the school is in need of a thorough cleaning, particularly in the washrooms and showers. The floors throughout the school have also been neglected.

In the gym, ventilation fans are needed. Fans are also required in the adjacent shower and change rooms. Some paint is peeling from the gym wall. An "exit" sign is missing its protective cover. The stage release lever is hanging down, at a possibly dangerous level and should be secured to the wall so that it is out of the way.

The boiler room door is apparently never locked, although it is equipped with a latch that could accommodate a padlock. The fire extinguisher in this room was last serviced in August, 1986 whereas all other extinguishers in the school were serviced in October, 1986. The electrical boxes in this room are not enclosed and the two fuse pull boxes are very badly corroded.

The electrical panel box in the hallway is not locked.

In the Kindergarten to Grade 3 classroom, there is a great deal of clutter on top of the overhead cupboards. One area of the floor is carpeted but the edges are frayed and have lifted away from the carpet edge mouldings.

The Grades 7-8 classroom needs ventilation. The storage/cloak room

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in both this classroom and the Grades 4-5-6 classroom have an over-head shelf that is overloaded with boxes, boards, etc.

Township of Amherst Island

The township offices were very tidy and clean.

There are no fire extinguishers in the building which consists of the library, meeting room and clerk-treasurer's office. We would recommend immediate installation of such equipment.

Ms Know-It-All

Dear Ms K.I.A.:

Why must the Beacon be so bland? There are so many exciting things happening each month that never get mentioned. Just think how fascinating it would be to read about our own, local sinners and their doings. Why not?

Signed "Bored".

Dear Bored:

The staff of this paper tell me that they are not ignorant of the "fascinating" things going on around them. They hear, eventually, about most of the various crimes and foolish doings in the neighbourhood. Their attitude is that, while it is often tempting to say who did what and to whom, a decision was made a long time ago to print only positive things about individuals.

This decision was made because the bad news gets around by itself and the sooner it dies the better: the good news needs all the help it can get. The Beacon is, we hope, a good news spreader.

For your own record, you could attach to each issue a sheet of paper in which you write down the month's dirt. That would certainly make interesting re-reading years later.

Changes

- Staff

Elsie Densem has sold her house to the Bakers from Oshawa. She has bought the Downey house (formerly Iva and Charles Eve's place).

Harry and Barb Filson have sold their house in the village to the Lambs of Markham and are moving to the Foot in the Spring.

The Cadman property is for sale.

Congratulations

- Staff

The 1987 Stirling Moss Award for Back Seat Driving has been won by local resident Leah Murray. Unfortunately Ms Murray has had to turn down the all-expense-paid trip to the Bahamas so that she can study for her exams.

Minutes In A Minute of L & A School Board

- Staff

The following tenders for the cleaning contract at Amherst Island Public School were received:

Hugh Wemp, \$1000/month;

Carolyn Yull, \$832.58/month;

Terry Celestini, \$825.00/month;

Debbie Miller & Philip Silver, \$750.00/month;

J. Haffner, \$733.34/month.

It is recommended that the tender from J. Haffner for the cleaning contract at Amherst Island Public School in the amount of \$733.34 per month be approved....

Carried.

1st Stanchion West of Center Aisle South Side of
Miller's Barn

January 1987

Dear Little Friends,

You probably think that life would be quite dull here once Christmas and New Years are over but it hasn't been so this year.

There have been a goodly number of babies born, and most are hale and hearty but one wee one died and one is quite sick. There is only one pen for the mom and her new baby to be together in so when there are a lot of births about the same time it

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can be difficult to make sure baby gets enough of its mom's colostrum. That is the first milk. It contains all kinds of antibodies that the calf must have to ward off disease. They have no natural immunity at birth like human babies do.

There are very few cats in the barn these days. Just the odd battle scarred tom but Annie was over the other day with a terrible tale of woe.

Who is Annie? Why Annie can best be described as a "big" little, black brown dog with long curly short hair. A hyper orphan mutt adopted by Adam. Although on that particular day she was sure her life here was over.

"Oh Mildred you'll never believe what has happened" she said. "I don't know what I'm going to do and it's all my fault. Oh Mildred what will I ever do?"

"First you will have to tell me what happened.

"I can't bear to talk about it. It's just too awful to think about but I'll have to tell someone. I'm afraid they are going to get rid of me just like they got rid of my beautiful tree."

"Whoa, Annie, whoa. Don't start in the middle, go back to the beginning, or I shan't be able to help you."

"I'll never forget the first time I saw it."

"Saw what Annie?"

"My beautiful tree of course. I had just come in from outside, it was getting dark and I hadn't seen any lions."

I'm not sure she knows they call her "Annie the lion killer" as a joke.

"I headed for the living room. I like to get the chair with the afghan. It's cosier somehow than just a bare

chair. All of a sudden there it was. The most beautiful sight I have ever seen. It made me feel all tingly as though I was in a dream. A tree that glowed with red, yellow, blue and green lights. There were coloured balls of glass that shone and white crocheted snow flakes and angels. There were blue satin balls with white crocheted covers that I wanted to touch so badly. But I didn't touch one. I never touched anything. Not even the beautiful boxes under the tree. Oh Mildred I loved that tree so and I never put a tooth mark in anything.

"The tinsel used to shine even when there were no lights on in the house and it made me feel good... sort of... not so lonely. It can be pretty scary guarding a house at night. Things creak and snap for no reason and the wind never makes the same noise twice."

Do you suppose our Annie is a wee scaredy cat and not the ferocious guard dog she would like us to think she is?

"Now they have taken it down and it's all my fault."

I suppose I could have explained to Annie all about Christmas trees. Why they are put up and why they have to be taken down but I wanted to know why she thought it was her fault. She must have been up to something.

"Why is it your fault Annie?"

"Oh Mildred I try so hard to please... most of the time. You know how I love to come to the barn at milking time and I don't hurt anything. I try to be quiet and stay out of the way... well... I know I get in the way a little bit. But I would learn what to do. I just want to help and be with the rest of the family. I guess I didn't learn fast enough though because yesterday when they left for the barn they locked me in the living room. They left me there even though I cried and cried. Oh Mildred I was so disappointed so... so sad... so Mad! and..."

"And what Annie?"

"um... ah... It wasn't really my fault. They made me do it. They should not have left me all alone like that. I didn't want to do it. I was just so upset."

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"What did you do? You might as well tell me now."

"Well... there was a basket of clean laundry. It shouldn't have been there should it? But it was there and I was so upset that I... I... uh... I just kind of spread it all over the living room. I didn't hurt anything. Not a thing. I didn't even chew the socks. I used to be terrible for chewing socks. You know I was always in trouble for chewing socks. They said if I would chew both socks it wouldn't be so bad so I chewed every one I could get but that didn't seem to please them either.

"Get back to the point!"

“By the time they got back from the barn I felt a lot better but they didn’t. They yelled at me. Shirley chased me and said I was a terrible nuisance and that she could live nicely without me and all sorts of other terrible things that I never expected to hear them say about me. They threw me outside and then they took all the beautiful things off my tree and threw it out too.”

I finally convinced Annie that the tree had to come down. One reason, they seem so beautiful is the fact that they are with us for such a short time.

Annie isn’t any stranger to the wrong end of a sharp tongue so I am sure she has already been forgiven for her errors.

Taking down a Christmas tree is always a bit sad. Putting a Christmas tree up is even kind of sad for you know that the rest of the year can be counted in mere days and that time is running out.

The time for looking back has run out and now it’s time to look ahead and, like Annie, try again.

Best regards for the new year,

Mildred

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Recent visitors from Ottawa remarked they knew something was wrong when the ferry was not filled with bird watchers as it had been several years ago when they last visited. The kinds of birds which have attracted visitors in past years have been notably absent this winter. Hawks and owls have been greatly reduced, presumably because of the marked decrease in voles and mice on the island. Only a very few Rough-Legged Hawks have been seen where in past winters over 100 have been common, and while Snowy Owls have been more frequent this year than last, the small Saw-whet and Boreal Owls have not been found on the Island this year at all. Last week we did find a single Short-Eared Owl, but these are fairly common in this area.

Things have been a bit more active at bird feeders however. There have been large numbers of Redpolls and we had a large flock of about 50 Pine Siskins at our feeder for the first few days in January. Another bird at the feeder last week, although not made particularly welcome was a Northern Shrike. Shrikes are reported to prey on small birds but it has been our experience that they are far more successful with mice and insects.

Ducks Unlimited have signed an agreement to do some work to enhance the habitat at the foot of the Island which was purchased last year by the Kingston Field Naturalists. This land is very valuable from a nature point of view. Among other things it contains the biggest breeding site of Wilson’s Phalarope east of Manitoba.

Bird of the Month - Common Redpoll

This small, sparrow-like bird is very common this year as they wheel about in concert over the fields and visit feeders. It visits us irregularly every few winters from the north where it breeds on the southern edge of the Arctic tundra. They are about 5 inches long, have red caps, a black chin, and some pink

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or red on the breasts. There is some streaking under the wings. Watch for the Hoary Redpoll, much less common and much sought after by bird listeners. It is much frostier in appearance with a completely white rump in contrast to the speckled rump of the Common Redpoll.

Zoning By-Law

- Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

Procedure for application to rezone a parcel of land or to request a general amendment to the Zoning By-law.

- 1) Request from landowner or proposal by Council is considered by Council. Rezoning fee is \$500 and is paid by certified cheque.
- 2) Council decides whether to proceed.
- 3) By-law outlining proposal is prepared by planning consultant.
- 4) Notice of Public Meeting to consider proposed amendment is mailed to property owners within 120m and various government agencies as specified by the Planning Act.
- 5) Public meeting is held after minimum of 30 days notice.
- 6) Council passes by-law; may be revised.
- 7) Notice of Passing of By-law is circulated as required by Planning Act.
- 8) Period for receiving objections - 35 days from passing of by-law.
- 9) If no objections are received, by-law is approved.
- 10) Possible O.M.B. hearing if objections are received.

Procedure for Land Division Application

- Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

1) It is recommended that the applicant discuss the proposal with Council prior to forwarding an application to the County Land Division Committee (LDC). A sketch showing the applicant’s land and the portion to be severed should be presented to Council for consideration. If approval in principle is received, the

applicant may proceed. If Council does not indicate approval, the applicant may wish to reconsider the proposal.

2) Using forms available from the Municipal Office, application is made to the Land Division Committee. Current fee is \$150.

3) Upon receipt, the LDC will circulate the application to various government agencies, including the municipality [Amherst Island Council], for recommendations and comments.

4) On receipt of the application from the LDC, Council, if in favour of the proposal, will recommend approval stating conditions required such as allowance of sufficient land for future road widening and/or rezoning.

5) Based on the recommendations received and their own consideration of the proposal, the LDC will approve or refuse the application.

Notices

The next 4-H Club "Surviving in Style" will begin soon. Come and learn some basic cooking skills or how to change a tire or fix a leaking pipe. All girls and boys 12 - 21 as of Jan. 1, 1987 are welcome. Please contact Mrs Phyllis Strain or Mrs Marion Glenn if interested.

Help!

We desperately need adults at A. I. P. S. to hear students read and improve their comprehension. Volunteers would each work with one student twice a week. The programme is planned and materials are ready. We just need some help each Wednesday and/or Thursday from 11:00 - 11:55.

If you can help please contact the school at 389-4582.

The position of Poundkeeper for the Township of Amherst Island is vacant.

Anyone interested in this position should advise Council by calling the Clerk-treasurer, Diane Pearce, at 389-3393.

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I.S.L.E. needs soup bowls, silverware, cups, mugs and glasses for hot lunches at the school.

Buffet Ham Lunch - at School Wednesday, January 28, 1987 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Children \$2.00 Adults \$5.00 All you can, eat!
Tickets from I.S.L.E. Committee, School, or at Glenn's

Store. Arrangements will be made for transportation or meal delivery. Call Anne Marie Hitchins at 389-5385 or Annette Phillips at 389-0512.

Valentine Dance

Amherst Island Legion. Branch 539 will hold its 4th Annual Valentine Dance, February 14, 1987, from 8:15 pm to 12:15 am. Music by Risky Business. Buffet Luncheon from 9 p.m.

Tickets are available from Lloyd Wolfreys, Debbie Miller, Tom Miller, Glenn's Store.

This is the Legion's only fund raiser for the year. Please come out and support us!

Whig-Standard Subscribers

- Caroline and Jesse Yull

Most of you probably know that Jamie Miller no longer handles the paper route. Jesse Yull is now the delivery boy, with Caroline Yull looking after the book-work. The phone number is 384-4071. If anyone wishes to start, stop or temporarily cancel their paper while on holiday, or has a comment or complaint, please call us anytime. Weekly delivery is still \$2.40 if you pay direct, or \$11.00 per month, or \$31.20 per quarter for office-paid. If you're not already a subscriber you may want to become one. If you are, we hope to keep you satisfied. There is a repository at the store for anyone who doesn't often see Jesse to pay him. Irene is acting only as a receiver for us as a favour, so for any questions, etc., or to check on the status of your account, please call us. Thanks!

Thank You Notes

"How do I Thank thee"

Dear Friends and Neighbours:

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you all for your kind support and consideration towards Dad and myself during our trying time.

Donalda your basket was more wonderful than I'll ever be able to say; Charles your help was (is) invaluable.

Sally ... you were just always there - for the briefest and most needed moment ...

And Jim, Lorna and Louise; and of course Elsie, the knowledge that I could call on you whenever I needed to - well, all together, you are love in action and I thank God for each and every one.

Thank you Mrs. Gavlas and the Island ladies for your kind thoughts and cards.

May God bless you today and always.

Louise Downey

Bill and I wish to thank Friends and Relatives and neighbours, also the A. C. W. and W. I. for cards, calls, and other expressions of concern after my eye surgery and the recent loss of our dear Brother.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated very much.

Thank you.

Helen Buich

I would like to thank all our friends and relatives and A.C.W. for the lovely cards and treats and phone calls which we received after the death of my Father.

A Special thank you to Dad & Mom and Art for doing the chores.

All of your thoughtfulness and kindness was greatly appreciated.

Garry, Anne Marie and children.

I would like to thank my relatives, neighbours, and friends, and the Women's Institute, for all their cards, calls, and visits, etc.,

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while I was in Hospitals, and since coming home.

Bob Robertson

For Sale

2 Duotherm Oil Space Heaters, complete with 200 gallon oil tanks

\$100 each. Phone 389-8428.

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235 acres, including quarry, \$70,000.

Ralph Shantz, Alma, 519-638-3317.

The Beacon Staff welcomes comments and suggestions on how to improve this newspaper.

A big thank you to those who responded to requests to write articles.

Community Calendar

January 19: Book rotation at Library

January 21: Women's Institute at Caroline Yull's

January 28: Buffet Ham Lunch at A.I.P.S.

February 3: Regular Council meeting

February 14: Valentine's Day Dance

Every Tuesday Night: Adult Volleyball

Monday & Thursday Nights: Aerobics

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Council Report - Don Tubb

All members of Council were present. After the minutes were adopted and the agenda with its addendum were approved, the Building Inspector gave his report which consisted of no building permits issued and no problems encountered. Stuart Miller, the Roads Superintendent, reported mainly on his efforts to get someone from the provincial government to help assess problems which might occur if the lake level rises as predicted. (Note: There will be more articles about the lake level in this issue.) He was able to arrange to have one of the Ministry of Natural Resource's engineers come to the Island.

There were no deputations or delegations. The Reeve was busy as usual during January with two Township committee meetings, two County Council meetings and a board meeting of the L. and A. Hospital mentioned in his report.

The Ferry Committee reported the total ferry expenditures for the past year were within 1% of what had been budgeted. Also the new fire extinguishing system for the engine room has been installed and we are now waiting for Coast Guard inspection which should have happened by press time (or should I say Gestetner time). The ferry was out of service for 12 hours during the last month. Howard Welbanks and Ray Wemp were awarded an honourarium by Council for putting their boat back in water and transporting crew and passengers during the breakdown. Also one of the generators broke down and a temporary one was installed on deck until repairs were made.

Next came the report from the Roads Committee. It was decided to tender for the purchase of a 1/2 ton truck for the road crew. Also there was a report and discussion of joining our roads with those of the county system. It was decided that it was probably not in our interests but Council will talk to Wolfe Island just to make sure there are no benefits which might balance the

costs involved. Another item was an application for a shore roads repair grant which is tied into the predicted rise in the lake levels. After batting figures around which were based on very little information as to the extent of the potential problem and therefore the costs involved in fixing potential damage, Council decided to ask for \$150,000. Council also empowered the Roads Committee to hire a consulting engineer, if necessary, to provide ballpark costs involved in repairing the roads which might be damaged if the lake does rise to record levels as some have predicted.

In other business, Council has appointed David Fleming as the new Deputy Fire Chief. New cards with the Emergency Numbers will be made up soon. The Recreation Committee is thinking about building a combination tennis court and skating rink somewhere in the village. Council

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dealt with several other items and then adjourned.

from A. I. P. S. Newsletter
- Staff

Ham Dinner - Great Success!!!

I.S.L.E. did a super job of organizing the Ham Dinner. The food was delicious and hot, everything ran smoothly, everyone seemed very pleased. Congratulations and thank you!

One hundred and five adult and forty children's tickets were sold.

January Volunteers

You help us do more for our students.
Pam McCormick, Dianne Marshall, Caroline Yull,
Susan Caughey, Diane Gavlas and Karen Fleming.

How To Get The School Key

- (1) Call the school and arrange for a key before 3.00 p. m. on the day required, or on Friday if it is needed on the weekend.
- (2) Call Diane Pearce at the Township Office before 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday to arrange for a key.

The Neighbourhood
- Annette

Best wishes to Jackie Sylvester, recovering from knee surgery. Jackie was injured while skiing and will

be in a cast for several weeks. Tom is relieved she will be home before the Beacon comes out - he has suggested he might starve to death otherwise.

Arrivederci to Dale, Heather and company, who are off to the Dominican Republic a.k.a. the Caribbean for a week. Heather is equipped with writing materials and she promised to keep a complete diary of the trip. Look for a seminar and slide show on the socio-economic policies of the Dominican Republic sometime in March.

More travelling this month: many farmers and non-farmers travelled to the Farm Show in Toronto recently. All comments were favorable - apparently it was a trip worth taking.

Congratulations to Sarah Scott and Kathi Scott, both placed second, capturing silver medals in the Loyalist Winter Club Skating Competitions. Kathi and Sarah will be representing their divisions at the Interclub Competitions March 1.

High Water

- F. T. Welbanks

Some thoughts about Lake levels as they relate to Amherst Island: both erosion of the land and damage to the roads. I remember twice that we had problems with high water: first in 1929, and secondly in 1952. In 1929 we had a very strong gale on April first and together with high water levels it did considerable damage. In 1952 we had the highest water level in the Lake's history and again there was damage. In this incident, the road in front of our house was washed out and had to be moved back at least forty feet in several places. There was also a problem with high water levels at the Sand Beach where the Third Concession goes along the Lake. This was helped by drawing large stones and making a sort of breakwater along the shoreline. If we only have a few places where this problem exists, stones may be the answer. Some thought was given to moving the road back but was given up when the water dropped.

Presently we have predictions of the water level rising three more feet from its present high level. At the same time the water from Lake Ontario is being run off at a very fast rate. The mild winter allows this to happen. It would not be possible in a real cold winter. All of the above could spell real problems for everyone especially shore dwellers. I sincerely hope that the predictions of the engineers will not materialize. In the meantime it is something for all of us to think about. To move all the roads along

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the Lake would be very costly and for most of us undesirable.

Three feet of high water would create a real problem for the ferry as well.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Amherst Islanders (male and female) still practice a rare and wonderful talent called Homebaking. In this world of ever increasing instant this and packaged that, there is still a strong core of those who delight in baking from scratch. Seeing as our little Island has such a large number of great cooks, it may be an idea to use the Beacon in order to share our favourite recipes.

The recipes may be for anything that you or your family enjoy eating.

In order to make it easier for others to follow the recipes, the directions should be as clear and specific as possible.

If you have a history of the recipe, please include it.

An envelope will be left at Glenn's Store for recipes and please put your name on them so that we may give credit where due.

This month's recipe is:

Double Wheat - Whole Wheat Bread

It is one of the easier recipes I've tried and the one with the best results. The crust browns very well (so keep an eye on it) and the inside is delicious.

The recipe calls for whole wheat flour, wheat germ and honey. All of which your body thanks you for!

Bake at 400 degrees F. for Approximately 30-40 minutes.

Ingredients:

2 envelopes yeast

1 cup very warm water (110 degrees F.)

1/3 cup honey

2 cups milk

1/4 cup butter or margarine

4 1/2 teaspoons salt

5 cups whole-wheat flour

1/4 cup wheat germ

3 cups all-purpose flour.

- 1) In a small bowl, sprinkle yeast into 1 cup of warm water (110 degrees F.) mixed with 1 teaspoon of honey.
- 2) Combine remaining honey with milk, butter and salt. Heat to 115 to 120 degrees F. Cool to lukewarm and pour into a large bowl.
- 3) Add yeast, water and honey from (1) to mixture from (2).
- 4) Stir in whole wheat flour and wheat germ. Add enough of the all- purpose flour to make a soft dough.
- 5) Knead for 10 minutes.
- 6) Let rise 1 hour or until doubled in bulk.
- 7) Punch down and let rest 10 minutes.

- 8) Shape into 2 loaves 9"x5"x3".
9) Let rise until a little above the rim of the pan.
10) Bake at 400 degrees F. for 30-40 minutes. Good eating!

News From The Barn

- Mildred

The sun when it shines is a mite warmer these days and it is nice to have snow on the ground when we go out for our daily exercise. The frozen mud and gravel were hard on the feet. Pattie bruised one foot badly. It was swollen and very painful for nearly two weeks.

The calf pen is full and some dear old friends have had to leave due to overcrowding on the milking line. Joyce left to become "all beef patties". Poor dear! I shall miss her. Murial says I should stop snivelling (I get teary at farewells). "There will be more food for the rest of us and she was too bossy anyway."

Murial is my twin, sister. She stands directly opposite me and no two sisters could ever be as different as we are.

Murial lives to eat and she is not above getting dawn on her knees and stretching her neck as far as it will stretch to get as much of everyone else's food as she can. She

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has to be first at the water trough, last into the barn and when I comment on a beautiful new kitten she is likely to say "Bah. if you have seen one kitten, you've seen, them all," Really! I don't know where she gets "it" from, mother was such a lady.

Christopher Kennedy came for a bucket of colostrum so the lambs must be expected soon.

There were two little white faced calves born last week, both dainty-wee ladies but their hereford blood makes them undesirable for this job so they went to the sales barn on Monday. It was sad to see them go but I later heard that the owners of a hobby farm paid \$2.00 a pound for the red and white one so she is likely to be royally treated.

From all appearances Miss Annie Fit is being a model dog but "Pretty Kitty" who knows her well can tell many tales to the contrary. Maybe another time.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

We will be having another rotation of books on the 16th of February and the Large type will be changed again in March. Interloans are no problem if you have a request please feel free to ask Karen, our new library

relief, or myself, for your reading favorites.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Feb. 18th is the night of our regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean McIntyre at 8.00 pm. We will be having a guest speaker to talk to us on healthy growth and development in the family. Guests are welcome and of course we always welcome new members.

March 18th meeting will be at Mrs. Irene Glenn's at 8.00 pm. Program for March is Citizenship and we are to name our birthplace and add a few facts.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is 90 years old this month so we will be having a celebration in Thunder Bay this July.

February Is Heart Month. Usually the W. I. does a canvas for the Heart Fund but this year we are joining forces with the students of Amherst Island Public School on March 13th at 1.00 pm for a Jump Rope for Heart. Students will be asking for you to sponsor them in this very worthwhile project and the W. I. will be there not only to support them but to fill out receipts for your donations. Last year we overlapped and this year we aim for a successful joint effort. If you are not approached by a student to sponsor them and would still like to donate to the Heart Fund please feel free to give to any W. I. member and we will give you a receipt.

I. S. L. E.

- Annette

The I.S.L.E. Committee would like to thank the residents of Amherst Island for making this year's Ham Dinner the most successful yet.

Special thanks to Dianne Marshall, Janet Scott, Karen Fleming, Thelma Howard, Irene Glenn, Barbara Reid, Susie Caughey, Leslie Gavlas and anyone else we may have overlooked.

Many thanks also to the mothers and grandmothers who have helped with hot lunches. Many, many thanks to Janet Scott who has been invaluable in this program. Thanks also to Judy Miller for all the behind-the-scenes organization.

Valentine Tea

- Pam McCormick

On Friday, Feb 13, the students of AIPS put on a Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea for their parents. The senior class served coffee and tea while the primary and junior class sang and performed action songs. The junior class also put on a short skit about the Royal Family at teatime. The delicious baking was also

provided by the students

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themselves. The senior class baked short bread cookies. The junior class baked cherry cake decorated with cinnamon hearts and the primary class made cherry marshmallow squares. The children themselves enjoyed cherry ice cream cones. A special thank you to the students, teachers and helpers for a very extraordinary afternoon.

Valentine's Day Dance

- Irene Glenn & Staff

Legion, 539 hosted a very successful Valentines Dance. The seventy-five tickets sold and steady bar sales ensured that the Legion would do better than break even.

Music and rope trick entertainment was provided by the Dieter Boeme Band.

The Honourable Ken Keyes, MLA, presented a plaque to Branch 539 on behalf of the Ontario Government, celebrating the 60th anniversary (1986) of the Royal Canadian Legion in Canada.

Notices

World Day of Prayer March 6, 1987

- Irene Glenn, Pres. Of P.C.W.

One hundred years of ecumenical prayer and action will be celebrated around the world on March 6, 1987 when World Day of Prayer marks its centennial. People of all major denominations in 170 countries and regions will gather on that day to pray for global concerns.

This event will continue a tradition that began in 1887. The poverty and miserable living conditions of immigrant families touched the heart of Mary Ellen James of Brooklyn, New York. She called for a national day of prayer and action.

Since then the movement has spread around the world and on the first Friday of March each year people gather to pray for peace and justice.

This world prayer movement is unique in its leadership. From the beginning lay women have written and organized the service in local communities. In Canada alone over 3,000 services will be held across the country. In this community service will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. March 6, 1987.

Community Sunday School

- Susan Caughey

Sunday School will resume on March 8 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the school. All children of the community are most welcome to join in the learning and the fun!

Several teachers will be attending a Sunday School workshop in Adolphustown on Feb 21.

On Monday, Feb 23 all teachers, helpers and interested parents grandparents and friends are invited to a planning meeting for the 1987 Sunday School year. (We still have need for a part-time teacher.) We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at Susan Caughey's on Feb 23 - Come join us.

Township Of Amherst Island

The Township of Amherst Island is advertising for the position of Roads Worker (1), Hourly Rate \$7. 30. Please apply in writing stating qualifications before 4:00 p.m., March 2, 1987.

Glenn Miller, Amherst Island resident for the past 5 years, wishes to announce his association with Curtis Smith Real Estate Broker Ltd. In addition to my seasonal employment as Regional Manager for BenTax, my status as a representative for Curtis Smith broadens my abilities as a consultant for financial services on Amherst Island. Currently, due to the Income Tax Law regarding Capital Gains, there are some very good reasons to buy, sell or trade cottage property. Please feel free to call me at 389-8519 about Real Estate or Income Tax matters.

Elsie Densem Auction

Gordon Auctions (4 1/2 miles north of 401 on Hwy 15)

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March 7th at 10:00 a.m. Antique cupboards, tables, chairs, chest of drawers, utensils, iron-work, pewter, and too many etc's to be mentioned.

A.C.W. Dinner

- Diane Gavlas

St. Alban's A.C.W. will be having a roast beef dinner at the Amherst Island Community Centre on March 21st at 6.00 p.m. The tickets are available from A. C. W. members until the 10th of March. Adults will be \$7.00 and \$3.00 for children 12 years and under. If for some reason you do not get a ticket in advance you may inquire from Diane Gavlas, 389-3199, or Mrs. Anna Hitchins, 389-0482, for the availability of any unsold places. We look forward to seeing everyone for

an evening and thank you for your continued support.

Hay for sale - 1000 bales
Ted Welbanks 389-1080

Beacon Price
- Ian Murray

The post office has told us that if the Beacon goes over 5 pages there must be more postage. Therefore the Beacon will be limited to 5 pages from now on.

The cost to produce a 5 page Beacon is approximately \$30 for paper, stencils and ink. Maintenance and repair costs for the Gestetner copy machine are very unpredictable. Topsy Farms pays the costs for the computer and printer. No money has ever been paid to anyone for work on the Beacon. The revenue for the Beacon varies with the number of copies sold but seems to average about \$40 per issue.

Our treasurer, Leslie Gavlas, reported that there was \$255.64 in the Beacon bank account on January 14, 1987. Much of this is from the 49 subscriptions that are outstanding.

From the above, it seems reasonable to keep the charge per copy at \$0.25 and ask the community for help if a big expense occurs.

Income Tax
- Leslie Gavlas

Some of you will have received your income tax forms by now. Others, who did not use their personalized forms last year, may only have received a label - a reasonable cost cutting measure. Forms will be, as always, available at post offices or the tax office on Princess Street.

The General tax form has been changed a bit this year. Extra lines have been added:

page 1 line 128 - alimony or separation allowance received

page 2 line 219 - moving expenses

line 220 - alimony or separation allowance paid

line 221 - carrying charges. (This relates to Section III of Schedule 4 which deals with expenses in earning investment income.)

line 248 - employer home relocation loan deduction.

Calculation of repayment of Unemployment Insurance for those with net income over \$38,610.00 and the Federal Political Contribution Tax Credit now require a reference to the Guide line 250 and line 409.

The section on Personal Exemptions has been completely revamped. Exemptions for spouse and

dependent children are calculated on the bottom of page 3 and the amounts transferred to lines 230 and 231 on page 2. Personal exemptions for 1986 are: Basic Personal Exemption, \$4180.00; Age Exemption (born 1921 or earlier), \$2610.00; Married Exemption (spouse's net income not over \$520.00), \$3660.00; Children born 1969 or later (net income not over \$2760.00), \$710.00; Children born 1969 or earlier and, if born 1964 or earlier, in full time attendance at school or university (net income not over \$1340.00), \$1420.00; Children born 1968 or earlier and physically or mentally infirm (net income,

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including social assistance, not over \$2740.00), \$1440.00.

Note the reduction in the net income level for children 18 and over - this will hurt many taxpayers! Also note there are different rules for children mentally or physically infirm. In the case of the newly married exemption the spouse's net income for the entire year must now be used!

The Interest and Dividend Deduction (maximum \$1000.00) and Pension Income Deduction (maximum \$1000.00) have been retained. A word regarding the types of income eligible for these deductions.

For the Interest and Dividend Deduction the money must come from Canadian Source dealt with at "Arms Length". That is, the money cannot come from a person related to you or your spouse, or from an organization (or corporation) controlled by someone related to you or your spouse.

For the Pension Income Deduction the pension, funds must come from superannuation or a private pension plan. Old Age Security and Canada Pension do not qualify. Other pension plans - such as an R. R. S. P. or R. R. I. F., have an "age related" eligibility clause, though this is waived if the pension is received as the result of the death of a spouse. Consult your guide, line 240.

The Disability Deduction of \$2860.00 has been widened to include people impaired mentally as well as physically. This probably includes Alzheimer patients. If you have a disability and have not received the deductions, consult your physician.

The limit of \$3500.00 for current payments to a Registered Pension Plan has been removed.

R. R. S. P. rules are unchanged except that the limit for those who do not belong to a Registered Pension Plan has been raised to the lesser of \$7500.00 or 20% of earned income.

Schedule 10 - Child Tax Credit - has been changed. Income from Social Assistance, Guaranteed Income

Supplements, Spouse's Allowance and Worker's Compensation received by the taxpayer, taxpayers spouse and/or other supporting person must now be added to the net incomes. Since the base amount has been lowered to \$2350.00 the payments of Child Tax Credit will be greatly reduced in many cases.

The Federal Government now offers a refundable Federal Sales Tax Credit - Schedule 11 - for low income taxpayers. This amounts to \$50.00 for each individual who is married, a parent of a child, or 18 years of age or older. Only 1 claim may be made by a married couple with the non-claiming spouse required to sign the form. Dependent children are claimed for \$25.00 each. The base income amount, calculated as for Child Tax Credits, is \$15,000.00.

Special note to Senior Citizens who have not filed in recent years because you were not taxable. You are eligible to claim this Credit but must file a tax return. Since taxes are up this year you are advised to review your status. H&R Block has instituted a special program for seniors. We will check, At No Cost, your prepared tax return, and provide you with a copy if you bring your return to one of our four offices -

40 Princess Street,
Sears at Kingston Shopping Centre,
LaSalle Park Plaza,
The Bay at Cataraqui Town Centre.

(If there is an error, and you request us to correct it there will be a fee, of course, but we offer a 20% reduction to seniors.)

Taxes arms up. The \$100.00 Spousal Tax Deduction no longer applies. And all taxpayers must pay a Federal Surtax of 1.5% on federal tax payable. The additional surtaxes on federal tax payable over \$6000.00 still applies and there is also a minimum tax for certain high income tax payers. Please consult your guide, Page 1.

As always, I would be happy to

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answer your tax questions. My telephone numbers:
H&R Block at Sears 549-8800 Local 212 and at home
384-2807.

Whose Job Is It?

- Submitted by Wayne & Jill Watson

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was

Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

from Stokes Seed Catalogue 1987

Thanks to the efforts of a French plant breeder who was making selections of orange-rooted Queen Ann's Lace (a common wild flower) back in the 1870's we have today's carrot.

from Township Auditor's Report 1932
- submitted by Garnet McDonald

Salaries:

M. Mellow, collector, \$50.00;
K. Miller, assessor, \$25.00;
G. Brown, auditor, \$10.00;
Jas. Gibson, councillor, \$10. 00;
Geo. Begg, councillor, \$10.00;
Ed Scott, councillor, \$10.00;
G. T. Howard, reeve, \$15.00;
D. Caughey, weed inspector, \$15.00;
J. Filson, clerk, \$100.00;
L. R. Neilson, treasurer, \$90.00.

Schools:

S.S. No. 1, \$933. 62;
S.S. No.2, \$712. 00;
S.S. No. 3, \$986.30;
S.S. No. 4, \$645.39;
S.S. No. 5, \$720. 95;
S.C.S., \$580.00

Miscellaneous:

W. Brown, repair to stove, \$0. 35;
Ada Filson, phone, \$1.80;
B. Wemp, wood, \$6.00.

Ferry, January list:

Capt. Lashea, \$38.65;
Capt. Fleming, \$64.00;
Capt. Willard, \$12.00;
John Glenn, \$96.00;
F. McKee, \$50.00;
A. McGinness, \$50.00.

Roads & Bridges:

Herb Beaubien, dragging, \$1.35;
I. Hencderscin, dragging, \$2.10;
M. Scott, snow road, \$0.90;
J. Kilpatrick, snow road, \$5.60;
W. P. Tugwell, snow road, \$0.75;
G. Bulch, snow road, \$0.60;
C. Willard, gravel, \$5.00;
C. Glenn, grader, \$10.00;
H. McGinn, gravel, \$5.00;

D. Bray, gravel, \$5.00;
F. Hitchins, sodding, \$1.15;
J. Eves, gravel, \$6.00;
C. Peterson, grant for Long Point Road, \$15. 00.

Audited by Geo. Brown.

[Questions: where were the schools? what were roads
No. 1 through 4? What did “dragging”, “sodding” and
“snow road” refer to?]

Community Calendar

February 16 - Book rotation at the Library
February 18 - Women’s Institute Meeting at Mrs. Jean
McIntyre’s, 8 p.m.
February 23 - Sunday School Planning Session, at
Susan Caughey’s, 1 p.m.
March 6 - World Day of Prayer at St. Paul’s, 2 p.m.
March 7 - Densem Auction at Gordon’s Auctions, 10
a.m.
March 8 - Sunday School resumes at A.I.P.S., 9.30
a.m.
March 10 - Last day to obtain a ticket for A.C.W. Beef
Dinner
March 13 - Jump rope for Heart at A. I. P. S. , 1 p.m.
March 21 - A. C. W. Beef Dinner at Community
Center, 6 p.m.

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Council Report For March 3rd, 1987

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of council were present. After the minutes and agenda had been passed, Stuart Miller reported on the roads. The freezing and thawing have made them hard to keep smooth. Stuart is also out of gravel. Keith Miller and Ian Murray have met with the Ministry of Natural Resources to consider the possible problems with high water this summer. A full written report will be available soon. Keith has continued to investigate the advantages of joining the county roads system, but hasn't found any.

Tom Sylvester has been studying the emergency planning directives, and will report more fully later. Budget meetings are due to start soon. Beth Forester and Tom have been to a meeting to find out about improvements to the Recreation Committee. A public council meeting is planned for April 16th at 8 pm in the Community Centre, during local government week. Council will soon be circulating a list of emergency numbers.

The Reeve moved that council should go into committee of the whole to consider a resolution put forward by Ian Murray that the ferry crews should remain at five people, rather than being reduced to four as previously decided. In a recorded vote, council decided to remain open to the public.

Beth Forester explained why she favoured reducing the crew to four members, and how the original idea arose. Tom Sylvester, who was not on council when the original decision was made, wanted the crew left at five. Keith said he had been regretting his original vote to reduce the crew ever since he made it. Norman Allison said the move was too far along to reverse, and also said several other things not worth repeating, and Ian refused to say anything at all. Council then voted to repeal the resolution reducing the ferry crew to four. Council then found that, according to the union agreement, the two temporary crew

members had to be hired on permanently.

After several routine matters council adjourned.

After the meeting, Keith Miller submitted his resignation.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Mike Strain and Amy Caughey who took first place in the Royal Canadian Legion Zone G-3 Poster, Essay and Poem Competitions. Mike took first place in the intermediate essay contest, while Amy won in the junior poem division.

Congratulations also to Tracy Filson, who won first place for her dramatic performance in an NDSS play. The play was presented at competition in Perth recently, and came second or third overall.

Best wishes to all those who have been ill over the past month - Madeline Glenn, Lucille Brown, Chris Glenn, Avery Brown, Marie

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Ward, Cathy Wemp, Maureen Glenn. Best wishes also to Scott Marshall who had his first tooth pulled last week.

Condolences to Vaughan and Margaret McMullen and family on the loss of Margaret's sister, after a long illness, in Ottawa, Ontario.

A well-known village personality has passed away this week. Doug had to have Cara put to sleep after her liver stopped functioning. She will be missed by her neighbours.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Plans are underway for a Ham Dinner for Mother's Day weekend. We look forward to your continued support on May 9th, 1987.

March meeting is hosted by Mrs Irene Glenn. Pot luck supper at 7pm, March 13th. Roll call: Name your birthplace and give a few added facts.

April meeting is our election of officers and the annual meeting at Mrs. Georgie Allison's on April 15th at 8:00 pm.

The 90th anniversary of the W. I. in Ontario is this year. We constantly change and keep up with the times but this is bringing changes of a different format. Why not join an active community group. New members always welcome!

Library News
- Diane Gavlas

Thought for the month: If woman had been meant to eat carrots, they would have been dipped in chocolate.

April is again a change of large type books and cassettes. Regular rotation is March 16th. Interloan are no problem so just ask Karen or myself.

Old Tyme Fiddlers
- Barbara Reid

On Friday evening February 27 a large number went to the Olde Tymne Fiddlers at the Lion's Hall in Napanee to hear Laurie Caughey play her fiddle. She was the youngest one to play which isn't easy when you have to play in front of about 250 people.

Another delight to her and all in attendance was the Canadian Fiddle Champion who was there to play. He talked to Laurie and couldn't believe she had only been taking lessons for 6 months.

Then on Saturday night March 7 at the request of the Master of the Orange Lodge Laurie played a number of tunes at the annual Orange banquet held at Bruce Caughey's. Keep up the good playing Laurie.

Anyone that would like to go to Olde Tyme Fiddlers in Napanee it is held the fourth Friday of every month. Admission is \$4.00 or members get in for \$3.00. A good lunch is served about 11:30. There are door prizes and spot dance prizes also.

Jump Rope For Heart
- Staff

Energy! The school was pulsing with vitality on Friday the 13th. The Women's Institute joined the school teachers and students to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The students skipped in teams for two hours straight. We discovered Tom Payne is great at double dutch, Laura Wemp broke all the records at speed skipping, Connie McRae and Tracy Hitchins turned indefatigably - even Mindy Fleming tried hard. The community support was generous with financial pledges and with volunteers to help the afternoon run smoothly. A video movie "Keep the Beat" explained how the funds aid research, and encouraged the watchers to continue regular exercise.

The joint efforts raised a total of \$598.20 (unofficial total). Donations can still be made to any W.I. member.

Sports
- Tracy Hitchins

This years girls basketball tournament was at Sandherst and the girls were great. The team was:

Sherri, Laura, Amy, Sarah McDonald, Tina and Amy F. (The last 2 girls were "borrowed".) Also thanks to

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Miss Connie McRae for coaching.

The boys did great by coming in second in their tournament. The team was: Reg, Jeff deHaan, Michael Strain, Mike Horth, Hugh Filson, Peter Horth, Chad Miller, Jesse Yull, Jamie Thornhill and Jamie Scott.

Review Of Ferry Management
- Tom Sylvester

The Motor Ship Amherst Islander Ferry is operated by the Township of Amherst Island for the Ministry of Transportation and Communication. The annual operating budget of the ferry is nearly 3/4 million dollars. The ferry operation is the largest employer within the Township. Every island resident's daily life is influenced by the ferry operation. The long-term health of our very community is governed by the management of the ferry. I believe a review of ferry management and administration would be highly productive. I propose the scope of the review would consider both policy (long term) and day-to-day routines. Examples of concerns:

1. Constructive criticism of the Present and Future Ferry Needs Study Report.
2. The effect of the ferry fee schedule on traffic demand and the Island economy/population.
3. Develop firm contingency plans for when the M. S. Amherst Islander is temporarily inoperative, and when the backup boats also fail.
4. How can the hierarchy of management be improved - Captains through Ferry Committee.

Twice I have tried to initiate an Ad Hoc Committee of Council to review the ferry management and administration. I was approved to do such March 3, 1987 on a volunteer basis. The condition that the committee be voluntary (waiving the \$27.30 per meeting honouraria) is inconsequential to myself. However, I believe this is an unfair precedent for future councillors. Reeve Allison may have a very valid point. Perhaps such an important study should not be influenced by political motivation or direct self-interest.

All readers with constructive criticisms regarding policy or day-to-day operation are encouraged to write or telephone me. Please note I share a party-line and let's be fair to them.

My phone number is 389-1320.

Dear Readers - Tom Sylvester

The Township of Amherst Island Municipal Council was solicited recently for a \$100 donation to the Lennox and Addington Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Council declined supporting this organization for a very valid reason. Evidently membership costs merely five dollars. Council reasoned the Association should be willing to charge a more significant fee before our taxpayers money be volunteered.

The Association is on a very limited budget. They believe that local support for agriculture is vital if farming is to survive these very difficult economic times. Farmers, hobby farmers and philanthropic individuals can support the organization directly: Five dollars/year to Mike MacKinnion, R.R.#2, Bath, Ont. K0H 1G0.

“The Lennox and Addington Soil and Crop Improvement Association is a voluntary organization whose aim is to improve crop production and soil conservation techniques. While the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food conduct research and make available information on crops in Eastern Ontario, the local Soil and Crop Improvement Association conducts on-farm crop trials and soil management trials that are specific to conditions in our County. Crops such corn, soybeans, cereal grains and alfalfa are tested under actual field conditions on the farms of association members. New crops such as triticale, canola and red wheat are evaluated to help farmers evaluate their potential.”

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Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

Contributors to the columns of the Island Beacon, of late, cover many and varied topics, for which I give them “full credit”! May I pass along a few comments expressing my feelings?

How many of our Island residents have paid any particular attention to our Amherst Island Public School of late?

Last year the exterior of the school received a substantial program of repairs and painting, with new exterior lights installed. During the past weeks the interior of the building has been completely re-decorated and from my observations the original “sparkle” of the building has been restored. My sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the maintenance Department of the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education on their completion of this maintenance programme. Further I am prepared to comment, that on the basis of my previous knowledge of the schools in this County, that the Amherst Island Public School rates very high,

both in the quality of the building itself and in the quality of educational programmes offered. The continued interest and enthusiasm, as well as the co-operation between teachers and parents is something that does not exist in many schools. Education, today is beset with many problems and if we continue in the path that we are now directing ourselves we are facing more horrendous problems than we have yet dealt with.

I remember very distinctly the opening ceremonies associated with the building of our “new” school, which had been constructed in the face of the usual elements of opposition that are so common in our Island Community. Representing the Provincial Department of Education on this occasion, was the Superintendent of Elementary Education, the Late Col. S. A. Watson, (father of Patrick Watson of T.V.’s “Venture”.) I remember asking Sam, at that time, what, in the judgement of the Department, was the estimated life of a building of this kind? He replied “forty years”.

Well it is forty years this summer since our school was under construction and my humble opinion is that there are many more decades of “life” in the building because of the initial quality of it’s construction, coupled with a good programme of maintenance.

I sincerely hope that one of the next projects to be undertaken by the Board, will be the asphaltting of the parking area, perhaps a project that should be shared with the Township of Amherst Island, due to the extensive use made of our Community Centre and the recreational facilities provided by our “Recreational Committee”.

In closing may I congratulate my friend Garnet McDonald on his contribution to the last issue of your paper. I am sure Garnet was quoting from the Annual Financial Statement of The Township of Amherst Island for the year 1932. This was a simple readable report of the Township’s business for the year which every ratepayer received a copy of and which was the basis of discussions, questions and criticisms at the Annual Nomination Meetings, when elected representatives were required to give an accounting of their stewardship in office.

The very existence of this report, to me, is evidence of the interest that the McDonald family maintained in the operation of our Township Business.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

At last! It’s Spring!!! Not only did March bring the first mild weather of the year, but with it came the sounds of spring. At last one could go outside and hear something other than the dead silence of winter. This is the month the birds

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begin to return from the sun

When ever the winter comes calling
I am ready for wind or for snow.

My mother never goes shopping.
My grandmother can't knit or sew.
So I wear my winter belongings
'till spring time comes back with the crow.

No matter how much they may itch me.
No matter how shaggy I grow.
I still have to keep on wearing
My coat that was made on the go.

Poetry From A.I.P.S.

White - Kelly Baker - Gr 3
Paper is white
You can make a kite.
I like a snowy night.

Gold - Kevin McCormick - Gr 3
Gold, gold is sometimes sold,
As you can clearly see.
Gold, gold is very old,
But its not the colour of me.

Orange - Jill Caughey - Gr 1
Orange is a colour
that's very bright.
Oranges and carrots
and sunset at night.

Peach - Crystal Bedford - Gr 2
A Peach is peach,
And part of may vest,
I can't get my work done,
But I try my best.

Green - Angela Fleming - Gr 2
Trees are green,
So I ate a bean,
Giants are mean,
Not so keen!

Snowmobiles - Tyler Hutchings - Gr 1
This is the time for snowmobiles. My Dad's is broken.
Some go fast. Some sound noisy. A John Deere is a
snowmobile. They are always green. We go lots of

places on the snowmobile. My Mom fixed it, but it
broke again.

Winter Fun - Jessica Gavlas - Gr 2
I like to build snowmen in the snow because it is fun to.
I like to go sledging down hills. It is fun to build igloos
too. When I get cold I go into the house and I ask mama
to make some hot chocolate and she says "Yes". My
mom makes good hot chocolate. After I am finished my
hot chocolate I go back outside to play again.

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Owl,
Big, small
Hunting at night
Field mice the prey
Raptor.
Amy Caughey - Grade 6

Canada
Maple leaf,
Beavers and nature,
10 Provinces 2 territories
Country!
Lori Caughey - Grade 5

Taxi,
Very slow
Fast running meters
Drivers in doughnut shops
Cabs.
Jesse Yull - Grade 6

Falcon
Black, white
It flies away
It flies very rapidly
Bird.
Ruth Scott - Grade 4

Horse
Black, Brown
Running very fast
Let's go for a ride
Trotter.
Sarah Scott - Grade 5

Clouds
puffy, white
floating in air
rain, snow, sleet, hail
Cumulus

Tracy Hitchins - Grade 6

Sea
Very deep
Getting rough
Uh oh, tidal wave
Water.

Jamie Silver - Grade 4

Notices

The Amherst Island Men's Ball team will hold a Dance and Fish Fry on Sat. April 11, 1987 with music by Dieter Boehme. The doors will open at 7 pm and a buffet at 7:30 pm will be served. The cost is \$20 per couple. For tickets contact Jack Forester at 389-5582 or Ray Wemp at 389-4435.

Public Meeting

In recognition of Local Government Week, April 13-17, 1987, Council is planning a Public Meeting to be held at the Community Centre on Thursday, April 16th, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. The Agenda has not been finalized but it is expected that Council committee chairmen will highlight the activities or the various committees. There will be Fire Prevention information hand-outs, a discussion of the possibility of restricted hours for dumping at the dump or door-to-door garbage pick-up and information (possibly a film) on the projected high water levels and how the Township proposes to deal with the situation.

Council would welcome presentations by the public. To appear on the agenda, please contact the municipal office on or before Monday, April 13, 1987.

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer.

Rabies Clinic

10:00 am to 11:45 am Sat. March 25th, 1987 at the Firehall

Thank You Notes

I would like to express my Sincere thanks to relatives, neighbours and friends of Napanee, Amherst Island and areas for visits, fruit, flowers, cards and phone calls while I was a patient in L&A County Gen.

Hospital. Thanks to Rev. McIntyre and Mr Norm Allison for their visits. Special thanks to Dr Anand and Dr Bergstrom and all the nurses and staff of the emergency ward and

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first floor f

\$50.
 Several aluminum storm windows, \$25 each.
 Bill Stoker 389-4680 or 384-4124

Utility Traylor - \$250,
 Moffet Washer and Dryer - \$250,
 Electric Space Heater - \$10,
 Gun Rack - \$20,
 Teak Headboard - \$35,
 Workmate - \$25,
 Wheelbarrow - \$25,
 Electric Lawn Mover - \$100,
 Fertilizer Speaker - \$15,
 Snow Plow - \$15,
 Two pair Snow Shoes - \$20 each,
 Lange Skates (Size 11 1/2 and unused) - \$20.

Gavlas Farm Maintenance would like to thank you for continued support. We wish to announce we now accept VISA.

Treasurer In Account - 1866

Received
 1866
 Jan 20 Balance on hand per account, 1865... \$213.48
 Jan 20 Cash received from Collector's roll... 19.00
 Jan 20 " " ... 35.00
 Feb 17 " " ... 50.00
 Feb 17 " " ... 80.00
 May 15 " " ... 62.00
 Oct 26 " " ... 250.00
 Nov 12 " " ... 392.00
 Dec 10 " " ... 106.00
 Dec 20 " " ... 267.00

1867
 Jan 4 " " ... 190.00

1866
 Feb 4 Cash Rent for Township Hall... 2.00
 May 16 John Watson, Tavern License... 20.00
 Jun 20 Wm Cousins, Tavern License... 20.00
 Aug 18 Mrs. Breden, (1/2 Tavern License)... 10.00
 Aug 18 John Oliphant, Store License... 18.00

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Aug 18 John Crowe, for Roadwork... 1.00
 Dec 18 Rent for Township Hall from I.O.G.T... 4.50
 Dec 18 Clergy Reserve Fund... 97.60

Total Received... \$1837.58

Expenditures
 Roads and Bridges
 1866

Dec 21 John McQuoid, for Road Work... 14.00
 Dec 28 Charles Mulvany, Bridge Work... 16.00
 Dec 28 Eneas McMullen, Bridge Work... 12.00

1867
 Jan 15 William Cousins, Road Work... 18.00

Poor Orders
 1867
 Jan 15
 Benjamin Carter... 30.75
 Mary Matthews... 45.00
 Lydia Cummings... 45.00
 Hugh Adrain... 22.00

County Account
 1867
 Jan 15 County Treasurer, Bal. Taxes 1865... 205.25
 Jan 15 Treasurer's Salary 1865... 16.75

1866
 May 16 Int. on Debentures to County Treasurer... 8.76
 May 29 County Treasurer for Seed Grains... 102.50
 Jun 29 County Treasurer, Int on Seed Grain... 3.50

Schools
 Jun 29 School Amt., Clergy Reserve Fund... 97.60
 Jun 29 School Sec., No 1 Special Tax... 76.11
 Jun 29 School Sec., No 2... 183.80
 Jun 29 School Sec., No 3... 96.49
 Jun 29 School Sec., No 4... 85.04
 Jun 29 School Sec., No 5... 160.79

Miscellaneous Expenses
 1866
 Apr 7 William Percival for Wood... 2.50
 Apr 7 Henry & Bros., for Advertising... 3.00

1867
 Jan 21 John Creighton for Printing... 5.00
 Jan 21 Stationary and Postage... 4.15
 Jan 27 Insurance on Township Hall... 5.00
 Jan 27 David Andrew, repairs to Township Hall... .40
 Jan 27 Donation / Wm Percival to Kingston Hospital... 9.46
 Jan 27 Ad. Miller for sheep from Dog Tax... 6.00
 Jan 27 Ad. Miller for 1 cord Wood... 1.50

Township Expenses

1866

Jan 15 Library Inspector (1865)... 1.50
Feb 10 Auditors for 1866... 4.00
Feb 10 Collector Salary 1865... 17.75
Feb 10 Selectors of Jurors... 7.00
Feb 10 Library Inspector (1866)... 1.50
Feb 10 Librarians for Salary... 10.75
Feb 10 Local Superindendant for Schools... 20.00
Feb 10 Township Clerk for Salary... 25.00
Feb 10 Assessor for Salary... 18.00
Feb 10 Tavern Inspector... 4.00
Feb 10 Treasurer's Salary... 17.50
Feb 10 for Postage... .05

1867

Jan 30 Balance Cash on Hand... 434.10
Total Expenditures... \$1837.58
(Submitted with thanks by Edwin Hogeboom)

Welcome

Welcome to Rev. Ken. Blaber, our new minister at St. Alban's Church, and his wife Joyce.

Both are originally from Eastbourne, Sussex, England. Ken worked as a mining engineer in Kent, then came to Canada in 1956 to work for Kerr-Addison Gold mines. They have three children, Paul, Andrew and Sharon.

When Ken worked as a chief

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engineer at Pickle Crow, they both looked after a 4 point mission church as diocesan lay readers. Since three of their churches were for native people, they both learned to read Indian syllabics so they could conduct the services in Ojibwa.

Ken studied theology at Western U., then after ordination they went to the Cree parish of Mistassini (a hunting area about the size of England). Ken spent four years in Chibougamau where he established the first Friendship Centre in the province of Quebec. They have also worked in Val d'Or, North Bay and most recently on the Tyendinaga reserve.

Ken is also a reservist in the Canadian Armed Forces. In 1881 he served as a chaplain for the special service force in Petawawa. He is presently chaplain for the Hastings and Prince Edward regiment.

Joyce has skills as a bell-ringer, as well as fluency in Ojibwa and French. While living in the bush, she acted as post-mistress, ad hoc nurse, and fostered many Indian children. Always active in the Women's Auxiliary at the diocesan level, she was involved in

Moosonee and Algoma, and is now President-elect of our diocesan Women's Auxiliary.

They are expecting their first grandchild as the Beacon goes to press.

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The preliminary budget was approved, but the tax rates can't be set until the budget from the School Board is in. Council increased the cost of tax certificates and building permits.

Council discussed Keith Miller's resignation from Council. Beth and Norman wanted to ask him to reconsider, but Council decided against it. Then Council decided to ask for interested applicants to put forward their names for the position of councillor.

The Agenda for t

Council Report for April 7th

- Chris Kennedy

Keith Miller has resigned from Council, so only to Sylvester, Beth Forester, Ian Murray and the Reeve were there.

Stuart Miller lamented the lack of gravel for the roads. McKendry's have said they will be here to crush in May.

Norman Allison then showed Council and the others present a video of a "Man Alive" programme with Roy Bonisteel about a group home for children in Nova Scotia, called S.O.S. Children's Village. He is putting forward the idea of a home on the island, and there will be more about it at the public meeting, when Jim Docherty, Program Supervisor of Juveniles of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Kingston my also speak.

Llew MacArthur then addressed council, urging them to elect rather than appoint, the new councillor.

Ian was appointed chairman of the Roads Committee, to replace Keith.

A By-law to place two yield signs on the 2nd Concession Road, where it meets the Emerald Forty-Foot and the road to David Wemp's, was given first reading. Council debated whether to place a reward for information leading to conviction for vandalism to public property, but decided against it. Council opened tenders for a pickup truck for the road crew, and will purchase it if M.T.C. comes up with the money.

Tom Sylvester was appointed to the Roads committee, the Fire and Emergency Committee and the Planning Committee.

The Ministry of the Environment is still upset about our dump. M.O.E.'s John Firth has said we can't burn it, and it must be either locked or have an attendant, and the M.O.E. is apparently stricter about these matters.

Council discussed the proposal by the Recreation Committee for a skating rink / tennis court for the Island. They decided to apply for a grant for this.

5 year period.

Tom Sylvester spoke about emergency planning for the Island. The planning appears to mainly be concerned with knowing where to apply for help during an emergency. Tom also said that the Environment officials are trying to force us to have an attendant present when the dump (Excuse Me! Waste Disposal Site) is open. When not open there must be a locked gate protecting the site from unsupervised dumping.

A video about high water on the Great Lakes was shown. The message was that we will just have to learn to live with the natural forces involved.

Norm showed a video on an S.O.S. Children's Village in Nova Scotia. After the video, Jim Docherty of the Min. of Community and Social services, fielded questions about Group Homes. The enthusiasm of the audience cooled when he explained that there are very few children under 12 years old in Group Homes.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

A warm welcome to our two newest residents: Morgan Willard and Christopher Reed. Congratulations Fern and David, Stewart and Kathy.

Welcome also to the Bakers, new full-time residents who have purchased Elsie Densem's house. This of course has caused quite a shuffle at the Head, with Elsie moving to Louise Downey's, and Louise moving over to Charles Eves' house (between Royce Eves and Hudson's) where she will be living for the summer.

Congratulations to Sylvia Baker on her marriage to Tim Iler of Amherstburg (S.W. Ontario).

Unfortunately we will soon be losing some of our long-term Islanders. Dale, Tracey and Hugh Filson will be moving in May or June to their lovely new home in Catarqui Woods. Details on the house warming party later.

Many of our winter sun-seekers have returned, most recently Art and Caroline Ackerman and Jeanne Johnstone (although I don't believe Jeanne was sun-seeking; only in Toronto). Vera Hogeboom also returned home a couple of weeks ago from several weeks vacation in Kingston.

Many condolences to the family of Arthur Hinch, who passed away recently in hospital in Guelph.

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Library News

- Diane Gavlas

Tip Of The Month: exercise peripheral vision by reading "Scandal Sheet" headlines in the check out

lines.

Library cards are free to any resident of Lennox & Addington County. Just drop in and fill out a card. We welcome new faces and endeavour to satisfy your reading likes (and dislikes if you have an essay due. Just give advance notice of the topic.) We will try to borrow on interlibrary loan what we don't have.

Every month (April 21st) all libraries in the county exchange 150 books. This enables us to keep new varied reading available to you.

Large type books (read by all ages) change with the cassette tapes every three months (April 7th). So when you hear bins banging about, its change time not brutality for overdues.

Being open only a few hours a week can cause problems for returns so we are trying to work out a drop off system in the vestibule with just a pain box. From 9 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

Open hours are Tues. evenings 7-9 p.m., Wednesday afternoons 1-3 p.m., Saturday afternoons 1-3 p.m. We also have a phone for renewals but only use on Tues. evenings and Saturday afternoons as it is an extension of the Municipal Office 389-3393.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

April meeting was changed to April 15th at Mrs Louise Seaman's. Hope all you prospective new members didn't miss joining this month because of the change.

The May meeting will be at Mrs Marian Glenn's at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday May 19th. The Dairy Princess will be the guest speaker. We'll swing into the 90th anniversary of the Women's Institute with a buffet style Ham Dinner on May 9th. Any member will gladly provide you with a ticket: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. We are looking forward to your continued support and thank you for moral support too.

W.I. members are collecting door to door for the Cancer Fund. Your usual kind faces and donations are greatly appreciated.

St. Alban's A.C.W.

- Diane Gavlas

Thank-you for turning out in such numbers for our Roast Beef Dinner. We hope you enjoyed your meal and we look forward to catering again in July for a Chicken Barbeque.

The A.C.W. is also putting together a cook book and would welcome recipes from members of the parish. Please check that all ingredients and directions are included before handing them in any A.C.W. members.

Good Friday Service at St. Alban's will be at 11:30 a.m. and Easter Sunday is at 11:00 a.m.

Baseball News

- Pam McCormick

With ball season rapidly approaching, Reta Brown and I have been trying to organize our leagues. As it stands right now, the "Pee Wee" boys (ages 13 and 14) have enough players for a team but are without a coach. They are a good group of kids, but unless they have a coach, they will not be able to play.

Also, we have kids in the 7-11 year old range who want to play. Reta wants help coaching but due to other commitments, I don't have time this year. If anyone wishes to help out in any way, (we also need volunteers for transportation and umpires), please call Reta at 389-5883 or me at 389-8767. Without your help, the kids will not be able to play.

4-H News

- Phyllis Strain & Marian Glenn

Another club has just ended with Achievement Night on Thursday, April 16, 1987. Five Island girls

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received plaques or bars to mark completion of a very interesting and successful club, "Serving In Style". Topics included being on your own, nutrition, traveling, car care and doing the laundry, among others. Members were Shannon Eves, Connie Fabian, Trudy Strain, Sherry Ward and Laura Wemp. Congratulations girls and we hope to see you in the fall for "Ontario Fruits and Vegetables".

Amherst Island Public School

- Caroline Yull

The Lennox and Addington School Board has decided to reduce the staffing complement of our school to 2.45 people as of September 1987. This is in response to our projected enrollment of 33 children, down from 37 this year.

We have a unique vibrant school at the very heart of the community. For this I would give credit to our fine teaching team, under the creative leadership of Tom Payne as well as the many committed and involved volunteers from among the parents and the community.

The effect of the Board's decision will be to put Beth Forester in one classroom with kindergarten and grades one to four. With today's increasingly complex and demanding curricula and the ever-burgeoning

burden of paper work, this will be a very difficult task to accomplish. In a second room, Mike Flanigan would be teaching grades 5 to 8, trying to prepare students for high school and maintaining his principal's duties. Who handles sports, organizes special events, creates concerts, supervises all recesses and lunch hours? How many hours does any taxpayer get asked to volunteer for in the schools?

The school's health is vital to our health as a community. This move is the "thin edge of the wedge", the first step towards closure, just as it happened in Camden East. Taken in combination with threatened Post Office closures, how long would it take before a ferry service would be seen as too expensive? Who would buy property over here?

All taxpayers are affected by this situation. Please share our concern.

School Meeting

- Sally Bowen

About fifty adults and many young people attended a meeting at the school Tuesday night to discuss their concerns about proposed school staffing cutbacks and the inevitable loss in quality of learning. The meeting was organized by Ann-Marie Hitchins and run by the committee organized in similar circumstances a few years ago.

The community is concerned that this is the first step towards closing the school. It was generally acknowledged that the School Board is under considerable pressure to cut education costs. However, we believe that with our active participation a more mutually acceptable decision can be reached.

Many useful suggestions were made during the evening:

- send two community representatives to all Board meetings
- consider a pre-kindergarten class to increase school numbers
- realize that children with special learning needs are allocated grants greater than for an average child: we may have the equivalent of more than 33 pupils
- consider schemes to bring extra money to the school, such as adult education classes, or becoming a nature study resource centre for the county.

An Association was formed to represent the community to the School Board. An executive was elected by ballot. The new committee members are Debby Bedford, Sally Bowen, Bruce Caughey Jr., Jack Kerr, and Judy Miller.

After lively and informative discussion, a series of alternative proposals were developed to present to the Board.

The Chairman, Bruce Caughey Jr., stressed the negative example of the Camden East School closure. The committee feels strongly that a low-key non-confrontational approach to the Board is essential. However, we must also show determination. If anyone wishes to phone our representative, Mrs. Denise Kenny-Hahn, (352-7456) please express concern but do not attack. She is trying to help us. The list of other board members is available from committee members.

A new committee was elected. The members are Bruce Caughey Jr., Debby Bedford, Jack Kerr, Judy Miller and Sally Bowen. They will represent the community association, and report to it.

The meeting would not have happened without the outstanding organizing efforts of Anne-Marie Hitchins. Warm thanks also to Tracy, Chad, Jesse and Amy who provided excellent child care, keeping the little ones happy despite the late hour, and enabling their parents to participate.

To clarify the tax question: we pay township and county taxes, neither of which goes to education, and we pay education tax. (In 1985, we paid \$104,805 in education taxes, \$10,159 in county taxes and \$43,852 in township taxes.) Our Education Taxes Will Stay The Same If Our School Is Greatly Reduced Or Even Eliminated.

From the Public School Newsletter
Hot lunches

It has been very pleasant to have a hot lunch served each Wednesday. The smells that fill the school, and the enthusiasm of the people preparing the food add to the day. The students and staff appreciate that I.S.L.E. has organized this for us. Thank you to all volunteers involved.

Volunteers

“You make our days a little bit brighter!”

Diane Gavlas
Caroline Yull
Dianne Marshall
Pam McCormick
Sally Bowen
Anne-Marie Hitchins
Susan Caughey
Karen Fleming.

Jump Rope For Heart

- Staff

Last month we reported that the unofficial total of money raised was \$598.20 which as it turned out was very low. The actual total raised was \$1059.60.

High School News

- P. H.

The preppys and headbangers really had a good time at the last dance. The music was great. The organization was wonderful. I'm glad I stayed home.

West Side Story is being played out in the hallways everyday.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

The spring bird migration is now in full swing, although it won't reach its peak until May when no fewer than 100 species of birds are due to reach the Island area. Already the water surrounding the Island is filled with most of the 25 species of duck common here. Woods and surrounding fields are not yet as full of birds as they will be shortly but there is a notable increase already.

One of the earlier, and unfortunately rarer, returnees is the Bluebird. We saw one of these on March 29 sitting on the fence along the Kingston Field Naturalist's property on the foot of the Island. We immediately put a Bluebird nesting box there, and since then have erected about 20 more in the area.

Many people have not seen a Bluebird, or have seen one in a long time. They are still around the Island, however, although in fewer numbers than in the past. There was at least one nesting pair last year on the North Shore around the Anglican Cemetary site. They were probably nesting around the

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Chippendale's Cottage, but the nest itself was never located exactly. The pair does seem to have successfully raised their young though.

Bird Of The Month - Eastern Bluebird

The Bluebird used to be a very common bird. There has been a decrease in its numbers of up to 90% in the past 40 years. This has been attributed to different causes like the use of pesticides etc. but one important factor may have been a very cold, late spring in the early 1950's which is thought to have killed a lot of them. Another important factor is the loss of suitable nesting cavities because of the decreased number of wooden fence posts, and the competition for these

nesting sites by starlings, house sparrows and tree swallows. This is the rationale behind the placement of Bluebird nest boxes. Where this has been done there has apparently been a marked increase in the Bluebird population.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

What's for dessert?

Somehow the perfect meal never seems complete without the pleasure of a dessert afterwards. Why, even at my age, I have been know to eat my supper just so I could have dessert. This month's recipe comes from Laureen Kilpatrick who feels that desserts are one of specialties. Having had the pleasure of tasting a few of them, I would heartily agree. Laurene believes that the perfect cake depends more on a good recipe than great culinary skill and recommends the following recipe for beginners as well as the practiced cook. Our many thanks to Laurene for the following recipe.

Creole Chocolate Cake

Some occasions call for a very special cake, and what could be more spectacular than this chocolate cake that would be downright sinful if it didn't taste so divine. Its irresistibly rich by layering it with a filling of dates, raisins and nuts, spread with whipped cream, and then lavishing on a silky sour-cream icing.

Cake:

- 2 cups unsifted all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup sour milk (Place 1 1/2 teaspoons vinegar in a 1 cup measure, fill with milk to make 1/2 cup)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Filling:

- 1 can evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped dates
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chilled heavy cream

Frosting:

- 1 pkg (6 oz) semisweet chocolate pieces
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- dash salt

1) Preheat oven to 350 F. Sift flour with soda into a large bowl. Grease and flour two 8 by 8 by 2 inch square cake pans. In small saucepan, combine butter, oil and chocolate; stir over low heat to melt chocolate. Add 1 cup water. Cool 15 minutes.

2) To flour mixture, add 2 cups sugar, the eggs, sour milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla, mix with wooden spoon. Stir in cooled chocolate just to combine. Quickly turn into prepared pans, bake 30 to 35 minutes, until surface springs back when pressed with finger.

3) Cool in pans 5 minutes. Carefully loosen sides with spatula. Turn out on racks; cool. Make filling; in a small saucepan, combine milk, sugar and 1/4 cup water. Cook over medium heat, stirring to

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dissolve sugar. Add raisins and dates. Stir with wooden spoon.

4) Cook, stirring, until mixture is thickened - about 5 minutes. Add vanilla and nuts. Cool completely. In small bowl, beat cream with mixer just until stiff. On plate, place layer tops side down; spread with filling, then whipped cream. Top with second layer.

5) Frosting: Melt chocolate pieces in top of double boiler over hot water. Remove top of the double boiler from hot water. Stir in sour cream and salt. With wooden spoon, beat until smooth. Cool 5 minutes, until frosting is spreading consistency.

6) Frost top of cake, swirling decoratively; use rest of frosting to cover sides. Refrigerate on hour before serving. To Serve: With sharp knife, mark top of cake into four quarters; then cut each quarter into four slices. Makes 16 servings. Super good!!!

Fire Department

- David Fleming

There has been a delay in the publication of the emergency telephone list which is being redone by council, so the following are the numbers for the fire department:

Glenn's Store 389-0417

Hazel deHann 389-4327

Township Office 389-3393

Fire Chief - Hans deHann 389-4327

Deputy Chief - David Fleming 389-0210

Fire Committee Chairperson (present vacant)

In a fire or accident emergency one of the first three numbers should be called immediately as they have the list of all firemen, and will notify them. All old phone lists should be disregarded, especially the long yellow sheet, because they are no longer current.

We want to extend a special thanks and good-bye to Harry and Barbara Filson who have recently moved out of the village and left the department. Harry has been with us for many years in different capacities including chief and will be missed. Barbara has for a long time lent here services as a relayer of fire calls, and will now

be replaced by Hazel deHann.

Thank you also to former deputy chief Rick Bedford. Due to his job in Toronto, Rick is only available on weekends, and so felt he should turn the job over to someone more readily available.

We have a number of fire safety pamphlets available. They are:

Get Out Safely
Enjoy a Woodstove Safely
School Evacuation
Smoke Alarms
Electrical Fire Hazards
Rules for parents and babysitters
Your Farm and Fire
The Ontario Fire Code

Anyone wanting copies can contact either myself (389-0210) or Diane Pearce at the Township Office.

Notices

W.I. Mother's Day Ham Dinner
- Marian Glenn

The Amherst island Women's Institute will be having a Ham Buffet Dinner at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, May 9th from 5 to 7 p.m. The tickets are available from W.I. members until the 26th of April. Adults will be \$5.00 and children 12 years and under \$3.00 and pre-school age no admission charge. If for some reason you do not get a ticket in advance you may inquire from Anna Hitchins 389-0482 for the availability of unsold tickets.

This is our only money-making project for the year, and with your continued support we look forward to seeing you.

Grandparents / Senior Citizens Dinner

As part of Education Week, students once again are going to prepare and serve dinner for Seniors and Grandparents. (Your invitations are coming soon.) Tuesday, April 28 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP's appreciated'

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either by return mail or call the school at 389-4582.

Cancer Canvass

- Phyllis Strain

Members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute have been out soliciting donations for the Canadian Cancer Society. To those who have donated we say a hearty thank you and to those who will, be generous because with your help "Cancer can be beaten."

If you were missed and wish to donate, leave your donation at the store (until April 30, 1987) and a receipt will be issued. On behalf of the society and my fellow members I say Thank You.

Township Of Amherst Island

Notice To Electors

Application For Councillor

As provided by Section 45(1) of the Municipal Act, RSO 1980, Council has voted to fill the vacancy on Council by appointment.

In order to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to be considered, Council is inviting persons who are qualified to be electors in the municipality to indicate in writing their interest in being appointed to Council.

Please submit your letter prior to May 1st, 1987.

Fence Viewers

The Council of the Township of Amherst Island is inviting applications for the position of fence viewer. Please indicate your interest by writing or calling the Municipal Office at 389-3393.

The Township of Amherst Island is inviting applications for the position of two temporary part-time deckhands. Apply in writing (including resume) to Clerk-Treasurer by April 30th, 1987.

Dear Ms Know-It-All

In last month's Beacon, one of the Advertisements did not have a phone number. I realize that you are not involved in the day to day production of the Beacon, but I was wonder if you could explain how this could happen. Can you give us the inside poop? Maybe this could be the scoop of the year.

'Pooper Scooper'

Dear 'Pooper Scooper'

Ms KIA knows Nothing about poop (except which way the tissue roll should hang, however, that's a question for another time), but I can answer your inquiry. The production of the Beacon is a challenge and an adventure not unlike that of an Indian Jones movie where every step leads to adventure and danger. The staff motto should read, "Lasciate ogni speranza, voi ch'entrate." (Abandon hope, all ye who enter here.) Because no two Beacons are ever the same, I think in telling you some of the problems encountered in doing the March issue you might be able to grasp where there

is the occasional mistake. I was there for only part of this story, sipping tea and offering invaluable advice, but my contacts (spies) filled me in on the rest of this story of horror and chaos. Please note that the editors have told me to keep it brief. Maybe they are trying to silence me, but the truth must win out!

The first problem reared its ugly head earlier than usual. Ian and Don Decided to get the computer disk drives serviced so there wouldn't be any problems with the computer. That is, other than the usual ones: it won't accept the word processing program unless its internal temperature is between 68.3 and 69.7 degrees F; or it will jam unexpectedly (no that's not right, it will jam only at the most critical junctures). Working with this computer is much like a religious ceremony in that no matter how great the offerings or sacrifices, there is no guarantee that you will be rewarded with a working computer. Well, it too two trips to the computer servicing shop for them to get

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it right and even then only one disk was operating properly. My contacts tell me that Don proceeded to 'operate' on it with a claw hammer and vice grips and after a half and hour he had both drives operating most of the time. Now that I would have paid to see.

A temperamental machine is really only one strike against getting the Beacon out on time. However, the second strike was that Ian left for a week's vacation leaving Don and Sally to get the Beacon ready. Two days of hard work for Ian, Don And sally usually gets the Beacon whipped into shape but for the two of them it was a struggle. Neither had done the final editing or printing before. With as much courage as they could muster, they joined the battle. It went fairly well at first, with only minor distractions like Jacob and Kyle (aka Superboy and Spiderboy) swinging from the dining room light saving the work from the bad guys. Things got much worse when the disk developed a flaw which would not allow anything to be saved or brought back. With some slight of hand (my suggestion, thank you) and some 'discouraging' words (for which I cannot take credit), Don and I were able to work around this little problem.

The editors are telling me that I have used up my column space. This is before I've had time to tell you about the 'amazing shrinking paper' where the rough form shrinks in length after you put it into columns leaving you with extra space at the end to fill; or before I could describe Don's and Chris' adventure with the

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Call Bob Horth 389-2916.

Help Needed!

Part time, full time or anytime for playing the organ at
St Albans Anglican Church.

Please call 389-4636.

For repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden
tractors, etc.

Tom Miller, 389-0105.

Modern Electric Fence

from Topsy Farms, 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Community Calendar

April 23, Public Speaking Contest, A.I.P.S., 1.15 p.m.

April 25, St. Alban's Regular Service at 11 a.m.

April 26 to May 1, Education Week

April 28, Senior Citizen's dinner, A.I.P.S., 12.30 p.m.

April 29, Primary and Junior Students to N.D.S.S.,
afternoon.

April 30, Intermediate Students to Sandhurst, 9.00 a.m.
ferry.

April 30, Open House, A.I.P.S., 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

April 30, County Choir, A.I.P.S., 7 p.m.

May 1, Filing date for Councillor application

May 3, St. Alban's, Regular Service at 9 a.m.

May 4, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 8
p.m.

May 9, A.I. Women's Institute Ham Dinner, 5 p.m. to 7
p.m.

May 10, St. Alban's, Regular Service at 11 a.m.

May 19, A.I. Women's Institute Meeting at Marian
Glenn's 8 p.m.

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Council Report for May 5, 1987
- C J Kennedy

After the call to order and the minutes of the previous meetings read, Council appointed the replacement for Keith Miller. John Hall was the only applicant and was unanimously appointed to the post. He was then sworn in and took his seat.

Hans deHann reported on the fire at Halferty's on the Second. He said the old frame house was well alight when the fire department arrived, and there was little they could do.

The Reeve reported on his meetings for the month. The lake level has not gone up this spring as expected because the weather has been so dry.

Council will investigate the advantages and costs of joining either the Cataraqui or the Napanee Conservation Authority.

Leigh Miller has been hired on as a temporary part time deckhand.

M.T.C. did not provide all the rest of the money for the new dump truck, as Council had hoped. \$22,000 was expected, but only \$13,000 was granted. Council now has to trim the budget or raise taxes to make up the shortage. Council will ask Ken Keyes if he can help. M.T.C. also did not provide money for a pickup truck for the Road Crew. Up till now Stuart Miller has been using his own truck, but hasn't claimed any mileage for seven years, and his truck is now worn out.

Council is not going to permanently replace the second road worker. McKendry's are still promising to crush gravel, eventually.

The Amherst Island Conservation Club sent \$1.00 to Council to renew its lease on the Big Marsh. Council is to ask for details of the lease.

Council then went into committee of the whole to discuss legal business.

The Future Of Our School

Judy Miller and Sally Bowen

Last month's Beacon reported the community meeting at the school, and the election of an Executive Committee. The task of this group was to oppose the reduction of the school staffing to 2.45 and the closure of one classroom. This is a report of our activities to date.

April 26 - The Executive Committee chose the name "Amherst Island Education Association" for the group of concerned Islanders we represent. We discussed our strategy regarding the recommendation that was to be presented the next night to the Education and Personnel Committee. Two group members were chosen to attend.

April 27 - Judy Miller and Jack Kerr attended the meeting at the Lennox and Addington Education centre when the Committee, chaired by Mrs Denise Kenny Hehn, voted on this resolution:

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"...that Amherst Island Public School be twinned with the Bath Public School effective September 1, 1987 and that an evaluation be carried out as of June 30, 1988."

Mr. Boston, Director of Education, made this recommendation, and added that they would be able to increase the teacher complement to 3 staff with little or no increased cost. The principal's extra salary, the salaries of the supply teacher to replace him or her when at meetings, and the "down" or travel time of the French teacher would all be saved. This was referred to the Administration for further study.

April 28 - Our Executive Committee met with Mr. Willis Boston and Mr. Ed Thompson, Superintendent of Schools. It was an amicable meeting to discuss the implications of the twinning. Our condition of support was that the staff be increased to three. Mr. Boston said "I will never in my lifetime move K to 6 off that island." No guarantee about the long term future of the 7's and 8's could be made. We cautiously supported his suggestions for increased enrichment of the senior students program, but definitely opposed their being removed from the school.

May 3 - The Executive met to prepare a list of concerns about twinning to present to the Superintendent and Principals of Bath and Amherst Island Schools.

May 6 - The Executive Committee met with Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dick Cherry, Principal of Bath P.S., and Tom Payne. The Committee presented a long list of concerns about twinning, without opposing the idea in principle. We received some clear answers and assurances that the points we raised would be taken into

account in planning. The role of the head teacher and his/her relationship to the Bath principal was examined, including various details of the future administration of our school. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cherry expressed the desire that, even though our school would have a head teacher and be twinned with Bath, the status quo in our school would be maintained. (Our school name, activities, students representing our school only in sports etc., and many other details stay the same.)

May 11 - Our committee sent representatives to the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education meeting. At this meeting, the recommendation about twinning forwarded by the Education and Personnel Committee (see April 27th) was passed.

The senior administration recommended that the Amherst Island Public School staff complement be raised by .55 to 3, that being a head teacher and two full-time teachers. Approved unanimously.

We Have Three Complete Classrooms This Fall, With Three Teachers Who Will Be There Full Time.

Our Executive Committee will be meeting again to review what has happened to date and to decide what further steps need to be taken. It is our intention to monitor the twinning next year, in preparation for the evaluation at the end of the next school year.

Anyone who has concerns or wishes further information should contact one of the Committee members:

Bruce Caughey, Chairman

Judy Miller, Secretary

Sally Bowen

Jack Kerr

Debby Miller.

Roads

- Ian Murray, Road's Chairman

Last fall Council awarded a gravel crushing contract to W J McKendry & Sons. The crushing was to be done by the end of December. Despite numerous promises and assurances, McKendry's has not yet complied with this contract. Bill

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McKendry met with Diane Pearce and me on May 6 to discuss the matter. He told us that his company has been unable to come because the work that they have been doing for Ontario Hydro turned out to be much greater than was originally estimated. They still intend to come but he could not say for sure when: he hoped within 3 weeks. He said that McKendry's had built their business on good service and that he was embarrassed that this was the second time in a row that they have

“let the Island down”.

We discussed the Island's alternatives. McKendry's certified cheque could be cashed (almost \$3000) and another contractor found. Unfortunately every contractor in the area is very busy at this time of year, so that is not a very good option. We were all aware, of course, that McKendry's is the only company to even put in a bid on the past 2 crushing contracts. Also, they have always done a good job and have been very co-operative when they get here.

I see little choice but to wait for McKendry's. I recommend that next time the Township increase the size of the tender to the point where several companies bid for the contract. This will probably entail getting OMB approval but is certainly preferable to not having gravel in the spring.

Bill McKendry offered to send over 400 to 500 cubic yards of gravel in the next week or so and we have accepted his offer. This will allow the Road Crew to spread some gravel in front of houses so that calcium chloride can be put down to control the dust.

Food And The Hungry

- Sally Bowen

There are hungry people in Canada - in Kingston - people with inadequate nutrition or simply not enough to eat. Many of these are children.

The Partners in Mission Food Bank is working hard to help the hungry. The bank was formed in 1984 by the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. They now co-ordinate the distribution of food collected by 50 churches of all denominations (90%) and contributed by retail and wholesale outlets and farmers(10%).

They distribute hampers of 1 week's groceries to families who have been referred by social agencies, ministers, teachers etc. They supply 3 food kitchens at churches where food is prepared and served. They supply 11 breakfast and lunch programs in area schools, and they contribute to the food needs of the shelter houses.

Suzanne Flannigan, the Co-ordinator, feels the major single reason for the poverty is the drastic lack of affordable housing in Kingston. Many spend about half of their income on rent, leaving most well under \$100 per week to feed clothe and meet all the other expenses of their families.

Can We Help?

I propose that anyone with a garden who is willing potentially to contribute a “picking” of some crop (depending on the weather etc.) should call me. I will co-ordinate those with food to offer, people to pick when necessary, and delivery. For instance, right now

some people probably have excess rhubarb. Please make it available to those who need food by calling me.

What do you think? If you think you might participate (no commitment at this stage) please call me at 389-3444 or 389-3802.

Mildred

- Shirley Miller

When sweet spring begins her dance into our lives, it is seldom greeted with more enthusiasm than mine. Usually those first blades of spring grass seem to be able to rejuvenate me but not this year.

I can't decide if I am depressed or bored or both. All of a sudden the cement floors are harder

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and the stalls smaller. The barn seems stuffy and the hay which has been choice all winter now tastes like straw.

The silo is down past last years haylage to what some might describe as "mash". An olive or a twist of lemon on top could do no harm. The mash seems to be causing a continual round of the "green apple quick step" especially dangerous for anyone working behind us if we should happen to cough. To make matters worse, practically all of us have or have had the itch. It thrives mostly in places where you can do little but switch your tail and fidget for relief. Neither is very popular with the ones doing the milking. The vet. prescribed a cure which is more painful than the ailment but it doesn't hurt for as long.

While I'm getting things off my chest, the radio doesn't work. The radio hasn't worked for a long time. I used to think they just didn't have time to get a new one. I now suspect that they could not agree on what station to listen to (rock versus country) so we get to do without. I never could get very excited about the biological problems of man no matter how melodiously presented. But Gzowski! I'd be content to chew my cud for hours listening to his Morningside program. He sounds so relaxed and cuddly.

Annie just come yelping in from the barn yard. She must have tangled with a real tom cat. The tom cat at her place "ain't fully matured yet" and doesn't seem to mind being pulled off fence posts by the tail or sat upon or even shaken like an old dust mop so I knew she would get her come-upance some of these days.

The maple syrup season is past now but they still just whistle in and milk us without a "by your leave" or "how you feelin'". Spring's work you know. Got to get the crops in. Well that's fine but if we don't get a bit more consideration they might not have anyone to feed

them to. We might run away.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

The rhubarb is ready and so are we with three different recipes using rhubarb. The first is a muffin recipe submitted by Susan Caughey. Susan admitted that these are so good that several disappear before the plate ever gets to the table. The other two recipes are two of my favorites.

Rhubarb Muffins

1 1/4 c all purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 c white sugar
1/4 c brown sugar
1 1/2 c diced rhubarb
1 large egg
1/2 c milk
1/4 c oil
1 tsp almond flavoring or vanilla

Mix dry ingredients. Beat egg, add milk, oil and flavoring. Pour egg mixture into dry ingredients and stir to moisten. Fold in rhubarb. (Option - sprinkle tops of muffins with brown sugar before baking.)

Bake 375 degrees F for 15 - 20 minutes. Serve warm!

Rhubarb Cake (quick and easy)

3 tbsp melted butter
1/2 c sugar
Few drops red food colouring
1 lb finely diced rhubarb (3 cups)
1 pkg 1 layer size white cake mix

Combine butter, sugar and food colouring. Add rhubarb: toss lightly and spread in an 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Prepare cake mix using package directions and pour over fruit. Bake at 375 degrees F. about 35 minutes or till done. Immediately run spatula around edge of pan and invert onto serving plate. Before lifting off pan, let syrup drain onto cake for 3 to 5 minutes. Cut while warm. Pass whipped cream or ice cream.

Rhubarb Custard Pie

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

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Combine 4 cups 1 inch slices rhubarb, 1 2/3 cups sugar, 1/3 cup all-purpose flour, and dash salt. Let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile prepare pastry for 2 crust 9 inch pie; line 9 inch pie plate with pastry. Fill with

rhubarb mixture. Dot with 2 tablespoons butter. Adjust lattice top; seal. Bake at 400 degrees F for 50 minutes.

To All the Residents Of Amherst Island
- Denise Kenny Hehn

Thanks to all of you who telephoned me in recent weeks to air your concerns and to ask for information.

A number of you requested information regarding various Board of Education policies, meeting dates, names and telephone numbers of various senior officials of the Board, etc. Perhaps it will be helpful to you all to have the following:

1. Lennox & Addington County Board of Education
264 Camden Road, Napanee, K7R 3M1
Telephone 547-5006

Chairperson of the Board: Mrs. Karen Mifflin

Director of Education: Mr. Willis Boston

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Ed Thompson

Trustee: Denise Kenny Hehn Church St., Bath

Telephone 352-7456

2. Meeting Dates (always at 7:30 p.m.)

First Monday: Management Resources Committee

Second Monday: Regular Board Meeting

Fourth Monday: Education and Personnel Committee

A small folder is prepared annually (a copy of which is sent to each school) giving trustee's names and telephone numbers, committees of the Board, meeting dates and the names and functions of all senior Board officials. It is available to you at the school office.

3. Agendas (per Board Policy 2020) The agendas for all public meetings, together with supporting documents, will be given to the Municipal Reeve, upon request.

4. Minutes: (per Board policy 2020) The minutes of all public Board meetings, and the Reports of public committee meetings which have been received by the Board, will be given to the Municipal Reeve, and recognized Lennox and Addington community associations on request.

(Copies of all public documents relating to Board and Committee meetings, including Minutes and Reports, will be made available to members of the general public, on request. Where copies have to be made expressly for this purpose, the Director of Education is authorized to charge 25 cents per page. However, copies are handed out at meetings at no charge.)

5. Manual of Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Procedures:

A copy is maintained at each school for staff reference and may be accessed at the school by members of the public.

Should there be any information you require that I have neglected here, please call me, day or evening. A

message can be left with my husband or daughter, should I not be available immediately, and I will return your calls as soon as possible.

Finally, may I say how pleased I was to see Mrs. Judy Miller and Mr. Jack Kerr in attendance at recent meetings. The Board welcomes your presence and hopes you find the meetings informative, interesting and helpful.

Library

- Diane Gavlas

As always feel free to ask for

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your favorite reading materials on interlibrary loan.

New members welcome. Hours are Tuesdays 7-9 pm,

Wednesdays, 1 - 3 pm., Saturdays, 1 - 3 pm.

New rotation on May 19th. See you there.

An extra special thank you to Tom Sylvester for the fantastic magazine display! It's great.

St. Alban's A.C.W.

- Diane Gavlas

Recipes for a cookbook are wanted. Please write all directions and ingredients clearly and completely. Don't forget to write your name and hand in to Diane Gavlas before May 23rd, please.

The A.C.W. is having a chicken barbeque on July 4th. In order to order sufficient supplies, we have to sell advance tickets hopefully by June 10th - 13th. Planning your time ahead is difficult but please try to buy early from Diane Gavlas, Elsie Willard, Barb Reid, Hazel deHaan, Betty Wemp, Janice Willard. Tickets \$7.00 adults \$3.50 12 and under. Thank you for your ever faithful support.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome to our newest residents, John and Laurel Nixon. The Nixon's have moved to the former Thornhill house next to Art Ackerman's.

Welcome to the Gartner family who have moved into the Sam Reid house on the Second Concession.

Welcome home to Hank and Neil, back from sunny Mexico, Neil, however, has been bitten by some kind of bug and has been bed-ridden for a couple of weeks. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Special best wishes to Jill Caughey, who has had another mishap in the school yard, resulting in a broken arm again. Same arm too. Helen Caughey is also in

hospital, and was undergoing long-awaited surgery as the Beacon went to press. Our best wishes to her also.

Best wishes to Peachy Eves who is recovering from a heart attack.

Congratulations to Barb Willard and Eric Laing, who were married at St. Alban's Anglican Church, two weeks ago.

We were all saddened for the Halferty's on the loss of their home. Our fire department should be commended for their speedy action and although they could not save the house, they managed to prevent further damage.

All our winter sun-seekers appear to have migrated home now, with the Hall's being the last to straggle in - Welcome home.

Those of you who have followed Max's life in this column will be interested to know that Doug had the pleasure recently of entertaining Max and his new family. (Now, I'm not sure who actually did the entertaining, but Max was here for a visit last weekend.) Surprisingly, there were no "casualties", and Max has since returned to his new home on the East Coast.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

A spring walk through the KFN property at the foot of Amherst Island rewards the birder with a large variety of recent arrivals.

The scrub bushes along the fence are busy with warblers. Every tall weed is topped off by a handsome Kingbird in his formal black and white attire. The Savannah Sparrow cheerily greets you from the fences and the White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows respond from the Hawthorn trees. The Meadowlark rises from the grass singing his own name in a mournful minor key and every Red-winged Blackbird is singing to greet the day. The Snipe and Killdeer are nesting on the ground and how they work on your sympathy with their broken wing act while they lead you away from their nests.

The water has withdrawn a little from the marsh and exposed some

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mud flats, the dining table of our migrant shorebirds. On May 12th, in one small mudflat, we were able to watch Dowitchers, Phalaropes, a Greater Yellowlegs, several Black-bellied Plovers, two Semipalmated Plovers, Killdeer, Dublins and a Willet, all feeding together.

The bar, at the same time, was hosting a convention

of 35 Double-crested Cormorants, Caspian and Common Terns, Bonaparte's Gulls and a Greater Black-backed Gull. A good time was had by all.

What a wonderful legacy this conservation area will be for future generations!

Bird Of The Month - Wilson's Phalarope

The original "Mr. Mom" lives on Amherst Island. The largest breeding population of Wilson's Phalarope east of the prairies thrives right here on the Island. This North American bird has reversed the normal sex roles. The female bird is more brightly coloured than the male with her grey head, broad black face and neck stripe blending into bright cinnamon on the sides. She is aggressive and chases after the male defending him against approaches of other females. The female lays the eggs but leaves the male to incubate and care for the brood. This bird winters in South America and the Falkland Islands returning in May to its nesting grounds.

A.I. P.S. Entertains

- Jean Tugwell

On Tuesday April 28th the students of A.I.P.S. entertained our Senior Citizens and Grandparents. The children received the guests at the door, took their coats and escorted them to their tables. Staff members welcomed everyone and explained this event was a part of Education Week.

A delicious hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings - even dessert - was prepared by the students, who went about serving the guests politely and cheerfully.

Following the dinner the students also presented a very enjoyable program, displaying talents of singing, playing musical instruments, speaking and acting. Many thanks to Students and Staff of A.I.P.S. for a lovely event.

Legion Award

Mrs. Irene Glenn, Acting President of Royal Canadian Legion Amherst Island Branch #539, presented certificates of award to Amy Caughey and Michael Strain at the Open House held during Education Week at Amherst Island Public School.

Amy's winning poem in the Legion's essay contest held last Fall went on to win first and second prizes in the Zone and District competitions in the Junior category.

Michael's winning essay took first and third prizes in Zone and District Competitions in Intermediate category.

A. I. Community Sunday School

- Susan Caughey

We welcome all children and their guests to join us on Sunday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the school.

Rev. Blaber extends an invitation to all Sunday School children and their parents to attend a "Children's Festival" in Kingston on May

23. Assemble at City Park by 10:15 and parade to St. George's Cathedral. Children ages 7-12 may participate in the fun filled day that concludes at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 per child or \$5.00 per family. This is a wonderful chance to join in the fellowship and meet new friends. It is necessary to register as a group. Adult helpers are also needed. Please phone Diane Gavlas if you plan to attend, so that final arrangements can be made.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Thank you all for the wonderful turnout at the ham dinner. It's good to see so many friendly faces

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and thank you to ladies who helped with the dishes. Mrs. Edna Reid won the potted plant.

May meeting is May 19th at 8:00 at Mrs. Marian Glenn's. The Dairy Princess will be here as our guest. June 10th is a joint picnic with Jubilee W.I. 1:00 p.m. at Janet Scott's.

Quinte Community Pasture

- OMAF

In 1986, 621 head of cattle were pastured. Of these, 179 steers averaged 253 lbs per head gain and the remainder, predominantly Holstein heifers averaged 211 lbs per head for the season.

OVC Note

- Staff

From 1928 until 1956, 35 women graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College. The 1987 graduating class consists of 48 men and 72 women.

The 1986/87 Operating Budget for the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital is \$6,694 million.

County Wardens from Amherst Island
1889 Robert Filson

1892 Robert Patterson

1921 Samuel Miller

1956 J F Fleming

1972 Vincent Aitken.

Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks to relatives, neighbours, friends, P.C.W., the Women's Institute, A.C.W., Royal Canadian Legion Br. 539 for cards and visits in the loss of my sister.

Vaughan & Margaret McMullen & Family

I would like to thank the Island Fire Department and friends and neighbours very much when they came to my aid, when my grass fire got away from me.

Earl Tugwell.

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and visited me while I was in hospital for my operation. A special thanks to Helen Caughey.

Jim McMullen.

Many Many Thanks to our school staff, and pupils, and everyone else who helped make the lovely turkey dinner we ate last month. We really enjoyed it, and had a grand time. Special thanks to our grandchildren for their special attention. You made us feel very special.

Audrey and Tom Miller.

Notices

Beacons:

Is anyone interested in donating back issues of the Beacon to the County Museum? Contact Jane Foster, Director, Postal Bag 1000, Napanee, K7R 3S9.

Sunday School Picnic:

The Annual Community Sunday School Picnic is slated for Sunday, June 14. We will not have regular classes on this day. Rather, we will meet at St. Paul's Church for the 11:00 service. The Sunday School children will be participating in the services as a group. Following church, we will have a potluck picnic on the lawn. Please bring your cutlery and food to add to the potluck. The plates, cups and hot and cold drinks will be provided. We plan to have a community sing-a-long, devotions, and games on the front lawn. If per chance it rains... we will hold the picnic at the school. Please

inform everyone that a warm welcome is extended to everyone to join in the fun!

Dishes! Dishes! Dishes!

No we don't need help doing them. However, we do need help in acquiring them. The Amherst Island Public School children need dishes, cutlery, pots and pans etc. These utensils are used in the preparation of hot lunches and special dinners.

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If you have any unused kitchen utensils collecting dust and are begging to be used , please give me a call and I will be glad to pick them up.

Dianne Marshall, 389-4070.

Playgroup:

Attention Moms!

We will again be holding a playgroup this summer for all preschoolers and parents. Our first meeting will take place at Topsy Farms on Tuesday, June 12 at 10 a.m. Flyers will be sent out in the near future with more information.

Advertisements

Amherst Island Sweatshirts:

The Presbyterian Church Women will be placing another order for sweatshirts on June 1. Anyone wishing to order a specific color or size, please sign up on the form posted on the store door. Many thanks to a4

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Council Report For June 2

- Christopher Kennedy

The Council meeting started at 7 pm with Ron Heaney, from the Township's Chartered Accountants, explaining some of the intricacies of the financial statement for 1986 and the 1987 budget. The financial statement has to be prepared in a particular form to satisfy the Provincial government, but it is difficult for anyone but an accountant to understand. He included a six year financial review, and at the end discussed some of the pros and cons of getting a computer for the township office.

Doug Bickerton, the Township insurance agent, then reviewed the Township's insurance package. He said that insurance rates have stabilized a little over the past year. Annual insurance for the Municipality costs about \$10,000. It includes, some environmental insurance, and covers just about every risk a Township can incur. He recommended a few minor changes.

Brian Ward spoke to Council on June 2, 1987. He discussed the Township's insurance package and the need for a computer. He also mentioned the need for a new building for the township office. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

before her with only its stumpy tail feathers to keep it from falling over backwards. "Dumpy" seemed to have no neck, just a beak propped up by two large wings. I refer to Dumpy as an it because I have no way of knowing for sure its gender and I would not like to appear to suggest that Dumpy's dimness was due to his sex. Well, mom had a nice big worm which she dropped in front of Dumpy. She picked it up and dropped it. Picked it up and dropped it. Picked it up and offered it to Dumpy. Its beak flew open like a trap door on a spring but mom dropped the worm on the ground. Again she picked it up and dropped it. Picked it up and dropped it. Picked it up and offered it to Dumpy. And again the old trap flew open, I didn't count the number of times that this performance was repeated but it went on for the entire afternoon without the slightest sign that Dumpy would ever catch on. Now I have had a few bad days but none come close to as bad as the day that poor worm must have been having.

Judy is doing a splendid job of painting the calf pen and roof. Nevermind Judy in my previous lives I have stepped in a bucket or two myself.

Libraries - Then And Now

- Diane Gavlas

Libraries and books have been around for a long time but in a different form than today. For 6000 years people have been keeping records and for 6000 years there have been libraries. The earliest records were bone and stone. Around the year 4000 B.C. libraries were established in temples and royal palaces. The early peoples of Mesopotamia discovered that long-lasting records could be made by baking marks on wet clay.

These clay tablets were baked like bread, but fortunately for librarians were not edible. Also by the time they were delivered to the library they had cooled and were not too hot to handle, but some of them did contain some heated remarks.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

June is strawberry month. All winter our mouths water for the

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taste of a red plump sun-sweetened strawberry. I hope the following recipes will help to make the most of this short but sweet season.

Our first recipe is one contributed by Jackie Sylvester and has been adapted from an OMAF recipe.

Creamy Strawberry Pie

Crust:

1 cup graham wafer crumbs

1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup melted butter

Combine crumbs and sugar. Stir in melted butter.

Press onto sides and bottom of 9" pie pan. Bake 350 F. for 8 - 10 minutes.

Filling:

1 envelope unflavoured gelatin

1/4 Cup cold water

8 oz. cream cheese

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 cup whipping cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 pint mashed strawberries

Soften gelatin in cold water and heat with low heat until gelatin dissolves. Beat cheese until creamy. Gradually beat in sugar, vanilla and gelatin till smooth. Whip cream and fold in. Fold in berries and pour into crust. Chill until set. Top with fresh strawberries. This recipe freezes well. You can double the recipe and put into a 10" pan.

Frozen Strawberry Salad

1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

3 tablespoons honey

2 cups fresh strawberries, crushed

1 cup crushed pineapple

Blend cream cheese and honey. Stir in fruits. Pour into container and freeze 2 hours. Cut into squares and serve on lettuce leaf. May be garnished with whipped cream.

Girl Guides And Brownies

- Janet Scott and Annette Philips

We have so many exciting things to report that it seems hard to know just where to begin.

First thanks to the generosity of the local Legion, Branch 539, our Girl Guide Co. and Brownie Pack have been provided with our flags. We thank them most sincerely and trust that next time we have a Church Parade you'll see us with our new colours.

From June 5th to 7th our brave six Girl Guides camped in the rain at Carruthers' Point Girl Guide Camp with the 1st Point Pleasant Company. We are pleased to report that wet feet and cold sleeping bags do make warm friendships. Be proud of your Amherst Island Guides, they impressed those mainlanders.

On June 8th, Heidi Hitchins of the 1st Amherst Island Pack was presented with her Golden Hand and Brownie wings. Her "Flying-up" Ceremony was held at the home of Garry and Anne-Marie Hitchins who very

kindly opened their home to the group for a swim and barbecue. Thank you Garry and Anne-Marie.

At the same ceremony Wendy Fleming was enrolled as a Brownie and Jill Caughey, Jessica Gavlas and Heidi Hitchins received their Pet Keeper's Badges.

On June 19th and 20th, the Amherst Island Brownie Pack will host the 1st Reddendale Brownies for an Island Adventure Camp and we're looking forward to a fun time of outdoor activities here on the Island.

On June 22nd, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., the community is invited to a very special ceremony to be held at the school. Amy Beth Caughey and Tracy Elizabeth Hitchins will be presented with their All-Round Cords. This is the highest award a Girl Guide may earn. Congratulations to two all-round girls.

On June 25th, at 7:30 p.m., our Cord Guides will be honoured at a reception at the Kingston Township Hall for all Guides attaining this honour in the district. Reeve Isabel Turner will present them with certificates. If you plan to attend, please let Annette or Janet know as we need to report the number

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of guests by June 18th.

From under the toadstool and around the trefoil, thanks for a good year.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Arthur and Violet Wemp on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations also to Ralph and Beatrice Wemp on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Best wishes to those who have joined the ranks of married couples - Danny and Valerie (Koenders) Wolfreys; and Anne Marie (McMullen) and Danny Gillis.

Upcoming July weddings include Doug Shurtliffe and Marius Scheutz.

A warm welcome to our new residents: Mr and Mrs Lamb (at Harry Filson's); Mr and Mrs Leonard Langevin (Pearson's - Lakeshore); Sarah Salter? Kathleen Lahey and their two children (McHardy's - Lakeshore).

Our sympathies to Lloyd Wolfreys and family on the loss of his mother. Also, to Ed Chadband and family on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to Wayne and Karen Fleming on the birth of their daughter, Whitney.

Best wishes to Ed Filson and Maggie (Bernier) Bateman during their illnesses. While Maggie is in the hospital, her children, Amanda and Jason are staying

with their grand-parents, Keith and Shirley Miller, and attending A.I.P.S.

In tribute to Max, the gone-but-not-forgotten, eat-anything Doberman whose career of destruction we all followed, I clipped the following from the Toronto Star, June 10. It seems that Max wasn't really one of a kind after all.

"Ben is a lovable puppy except for one little fault. He eats too much - like a sheepskin rug, a few earrings, a sofa, a door and three chickens.

"The playful Doberman also ate \$1500 worth of carpets before he swallowed a wine cork. That put an end to his feeding frenzy and required a vet to get him unblocked, so to speak.

"Undaunted, he celebrated the success of the operation by devouring a television set...."

Legion

- Annette

Amherst Island Branch 539 of the Royal Canadian Legion held installation ceremonies for the new executive June 11 at the meeting hall.

Present to perform the installation were Zone Commander Dave Gordon, deputy Zone Commander Don Wood and special guest Fred Warnick.

Officers for the next term are: Tom Miller, President; Irene Glenn, 1st Vice; Earle Tugwell, Secretary- treasurer; Norm Allison, Padre.

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

Now that it's June, bird migration is over and the business of nesting is underway. The avid birder is busy trying to fill in the gaps in his list, but there will be few new birds to be seen until the fall migration begins. May, however, was full of activity. At the school, a one week activity on birds was so popular that ended up lasting for three weeks. Activities included films, art work, special language assignments and nature walks. During this time, most of the children became quite good at species identification, and the birds cooperated too. Highlights included three Orchard Orioles, and a Mockingbird, two species which are common to the south of us but uncommon here, and a Cattle Egret at Don Miller's. A Black Scoter duck was also present for most of this period.

A less fortunate visitor was a White-Winged Scoter which was shot as a reward for its efforts. It was rescued by the students, aided by

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bus driver Ian Murray, and brought to school where all the students got a good look at it. It was taken to Kit Chubb at Verona where it later died of its wounds. A pellet had lodged in the ear which made it impossible to balance, and there were several more in the chest and abdomen. This bird would have nested in the western Arctic.

Bird Of The Month - Cattle Egret

This is a rare, but fairly regular visitor to the Island. Don Miller identified this bird, in breeding plumage (the bird, that is), among some gulls in a field south of the house. A year or two ago one spent a few days in Lance Eve's marsh.

This bird is not a native of North America but came originally from Africa and first appeared in Guyana in about 1930. Since then it has spread rapidly northward. The first nesting in Canada was at Presqu'île in 1962, and birds began to be reported here soon after. The second reported nesting in Canada took place on Pigeon Island, just south of Amherst Island, in 1963. Later that year, 11 Cattle Egrets were seen on Amherst Island, 5 of which were first year young. Since then a very few have been seen almost every year.

To The Beacon

- Anonymous

Are you aware that Council sent a letter to the ferry crew to report all building materials coming onto the Island to the building inspector? It smacks of spying and intrigue and seems very wrong to me. Please inform your readers, so that they may at least have the chance of knowing ahead of time that they have somehow infringed the rules of the Protectorate of Amherst Island.

To Anonymous

- Ian Murray

The Beacon usually does not print unsigned submissions but this letter brings up some interesting points.

Council did not send any such letter to the ferry crew. The matter was mentioned at the last regular meeting of Council but no action was taken as the Building Inspector, Ed Chadband, indicated no enthusiasm for the idea. (Council can only take action through the passing of a resolution or a by-law.)

It appears that the Ferry Manager, Norman Allison, sent a memo to the Senior Captain, Eldon Willard, asking that the ferry crews keep track of building material coming to the Island.

If the matter is important to you and to anyone else,

let Council know and very likely the matter will be considered further.

The Provincial Government requires that each municipality ensure that all buildings over 10 square metres and all significant renovation work conform to the minimum requirements of the Ontario Building code. This is not optional: it is a legal requirement. The way that municipalities control building construction is through building permits.

Our society has chosen to pass legislation to protect consumers rather than make the effort to educate the consumer to protect him-or-herself.

Food And The Hungry, Continued

- Sally Bowen

In the May Beacon I wrote about the efforts of the Partners in Mission Food Bank. They are working to feed hundreds of hungry people in Kingston, many of them children. They provide food hampers, supply hot breakfast and lunch programs at schools and enable some churches and shelter houses to provide hot meals. Most of the food donated comes from the congregations of 50 participating churches in Kingston. A small amount comes from retail outlets or farmers.

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Can We Help?

Most gardens have some crop surplus. Some folks have cherry or apple trees that produce more food than is used. Could we please get this food to people who need it? I am offering to co-ordinate food supply and delivery. Please call me if you are interested in sharing. You can't know for sure how your garden will do, so I am not asking for a promise. For some crops, I should be able to provide pickers if you wish. Call me at 389-3444 if you are interested in the idea. Thanks.

News Flash

Just heard that Lois and Kevin Millen had a baby boy early this morning (June 14).

Amherst Island Public School

- Staff

Cross Country Results: Sarah McDonald won the senior girls race.

Track and Field Results: Sarah McDonald won the 1500 m. and placed second in both the 400 m. and the 800 m. races; Kevin McCormick placed second in the triple jump.

Relay Race Results: junior girls (Sarah Scott, Ruth

Scott, Heidi Hitchins and Crystal Bedford:) placed third; junior boys (Jamie Silver, Ricky Bedford, Kevin McCormick and Tyler Hutchings) placed third; intermediate boys (Reg Hitchins, Chad Miller, Jesse Yull and Gordon Thornhill) placed second; senior girls (Sherry Ward, Sarah McDonald, Laura Wemp and Amy Caughey) placed third; and the senior boys (Hugh Filson, Jeff deHaan, Mike Strain and Jamie Thornhill) placed first.

On Friday, June 12, the whole school went to the Toronto Zoo. The weather was hot but everyone seemed to have a good time.

Notices

Stella Library welcomes you Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m., Wednesday 1 - 3 p.m. and Saturday 1 - 3 p.m. Library cards are free. Large Types change July 8. Regular Rotation June 15. Books on Interlibrary Loan are no problem, just ask for your reading requests.

A. C. W. cook books will hopefully be on sale in August. Advance orders will be accepted by A. C. W. members.

If anyone wants further information about SOS Children's Village please call Norman Allison at 389-3546 or leave a message with Diane at 389-3393.

Isle Aerobics

Come work out at your own pace and level. Routine adapts to beginners, low impact lovers or advanced addicts. Classes held at Amherst Island Public School Monday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. Drop in fee is \$1.50 per class and running shoes are a must. Join us and do something good for yourself.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for buying tickets for the chicken barbeque and for the recipes for the cook book. See you on July 4 and hope that you enjoy your meal.

A. C. W.

Thank you for the warm, friendly welcome we have received.

Barry, Laura, Sean and Raymond Gartner

To my Loyal Friend whoever you may be. Thank you for the lovely anniversary gift from which to drink my tea.

D. M.

I would like to thank the Anglican ladies and also the P.C.W. ladies for the delicious treats and visits they made to Bert and myself. Also many thanks to friends and neighbours for cards and good wishes. Things are looking up. Soon be back in the fast lane!! Hopefully!

Bert and Chris Glenn

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We would like to thank our family and relatives for the lovely 40th Anniversary Party at the home of Marie and Brian Ward. Thanks also for the lovely cards and gifts. It was a day to remember.

Ralph and Beatrice Wemp

Thank you to our maple syrup customers. Thanks to all the folks who visited the bush and helped to make another season a success.

We won 2nd and 4th awards in the Perth Maple Syrup Festival this spring.

Mapledene Farms

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our relatives, friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness, cards, calls, flowers and charitable donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, during the loss of a dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Mabel Wolfreys.

Special thanks to the P.C.W. who supplied who supplied lunch following the funeral, the pallbearers, the Wartman Funeral Home and Rev. K Blaber. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

The Wolfreys Family

Advertisements

For Sale:

Ford Fair lane 1964, V8-260 \$250

Sychra, South Shore E.

Tel. 389-0643

For Sale:

Standing hay, timothy, trefoil, alfalfa, red clover Apply

Ted Welbanks, 389-1080 or Eric Welbanks, 389-4143

For repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden
tractors, etc. Tom Miller, 389-0105

Help wanted for haying. Please call Flemingisle Farms
389-2515

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Available for haying or other farm work - two strong
and able youths Jake Lewis or Jesse Yull 384-4071.

Glenn's Home Repair
John P. Glenn, 388-5318

Yard Sale (moving):

Where? South Shore Concession - turn left and go
approximately 400 feet. At the Thornhills'

Toys, bikes, books, clothes, boots, ornaments and much
more. Some items are like new, but due to moving must
sort out and sell things no longer used.

When? Saturday June 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.

For Sale

1 cabin, uninsulated, suitable for Guest House, 10' x 16'
approximately, with 2 doors, 2 large windows, 2 small
windows, screen doors, screens and shutters for large
windows, wash basin, medicine cabinet. Purchaser
moves at own cost - \$1,500.00

1 Sony 20" T.V. in excellent condition - \$500.00

1 wood stove - \$250.00

2 chain pendant ceiling light fixtures, with 5 lights -
\$75.00 each

1 radio/record player console, excellent wood cabinet -
\$30.00

1 antique hand-operated Meat Slicer, in good condition
- \$30.00

1 wood frame screen door, 30" x 15 1/2" - \$20.00

1 dehumidifier (needs repair) - \$10.00

Any offer will be considered.

Telephone Allison 389-3546

Property Maintenance:

Yards, basements cleaned, carting, grass cutting,
exterior painting.

Reasonable - Reliable - References.

Call Bob Horth, 389-2916

Electric Fence

Topsy Farms, 389-3444 or 389-0554

Township Budget
- Staff

	1986 Budget	1986 Actual	1987 Budget
Revenue			
Ferry Subsidy	684,420	685,102	709,800
Ferry Revenue	63,582	69,832	70,200
Roads General Subsidy	69,300	69,300	77,200
Roads Capital Subsidy	24,000	24,000	22,769
Telephone Taxation	1,666	1,666	1,889
General Support Grant	3,872	4,624	7,580
Resource Equalization	14,988	14,927	15,638
Per Household Grant	7,080	7,080	7,110
Recreation Grant - Capital			6,309
- Reg. 517			300
Transfer from Community Centre Account			6,859
Permits and fees	500	961	600
Interest Income	2,000	2,641	2,000
Sundry Revenue	600	593	600
Penalty on Tax Arrears	2,000	2,208	2,000
From Surplus	24,389	24,389	12,574
Total Revenue	898,395	907,323	943,428

Expenditures

Ferry	748,000	748,745	780,000
Roads General	134,000	133,407	121,000
Roads Capital	24,000	27,027	22,769
General Government			
Council	5,000	4,672	5,000
Salaries, Payroll	6,000	6,089	7,000
Materials, Supplies	3,000	2,395	3,000
Hydro, Maintenance	1,000	779	1,500
Travel Allowances	500	323	500
Insurance	650	553	650
Interest	1,000	1,272	1,000
Street Lighting	750	617	750
Parks, Recreation	500	231	13,968
Fire	7,400	6,659	7,500
Sanitation	3,500	2,318	3,600
Building Inspection	1,500	1,444	1,600
Cemeteries	3,000	3,883	3,000
Professional Fees	5,400	7,515	5,400
Surveys and Election	2,000	256	3,000
Deficit			15,345
Deficit (Cemeteries)			849
Total Expenditures	947,200	948,185	997,431
From Ratepayers	48,805		54,003

Any questions on the above should be directed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Beth Caughey, or the Clerk-treasurer, Diane Pearce.

The Auditor's Report is available at the Municipal Office.

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More from A.I.P.S.

LeMoines Point was damp at some point through the day. The weather was no help for running in. It was rainy, muddy, soggy, slippery and a good day for being at home. But the children ran, not just to get it over with, but to feel good and know they participated. There was lots of competition and our school was keeping the pace. In the senior girls cross country Sarah McDonald set the pace of race and ended with a first place ribbon. The relays were rained out and some kids were disappointed. It was a long day for everyone, but there was a lot of new experiences for some people.

We went on the 9:00 boat and arrived home off the 2:30. After all that happened that day I'd say it was a big success.

- Chad Miller

Wednesday, June 3, 1987 was a disappointing and fun filled day. The disappointing part was when the relays were rained out. This meant some people didn't get to do anything all day. I was one of them. The fun filled part was the fierce competition at LeMoines Point. It was an agonizing 1.5 (primary), 2 (junior) and 2.5 (intermediate and senior) km. run, in which many students participated. There were excellent times, one being set by Sarah McDonald, our only champion. She won the Senior Girls Division, metres ahead of anyone else.

The weather was horrible, there were torrential downpours off and on all day. Bravo! for all those runners who braved the horrible weather and ran their hearts out. Hurray! also for those people who stay in the bus all day doing nothing! It was very nice of them to be so pleasant and stay out of trouble all day. Ha Ha!

The bus ride was long and noisy but there were some fun times. One of them being when Pete Horth and I both grabbed the bag of chips Sherry purchased. It exploded and chips went flying all over. Lucky for us she wasn't to upset.

As I look back on the day I would say it was a very fun and exciting day for everyone.

- Mike Strain

Run! Jump! Throw! On Tuesday, June 10th, 1987, Amherst Island Public School went to Gibbard Field in Napanee for a County Track meet. Our school did quite well. We entered these events: Shotput, Triple Jump, Running Long Jump, Standing Broad Jump, 60 metre dash, 100 metre dash, 200 metre run, 400 metre run, 800 metre run and the 1500 metre run. We arrived at

the field at about 9:45. Everything was 45 minutes late but I think we all had a good time. Rain and cold didn't stop anything. After all the races and jumps came the relay. We came home on the 5:30 boat.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

You did a great job!

- Amy Caughey

Track and field was tiring, noisy, crowded, cold and wet but it was fun. I had to wait 3 hours until I raced but it was fun. I got last in the 100m but it was fun. I hurt my knee but it was fun. We got last in the relay but it was fun.

It was cold, that wasn't fun. It rained, that wasn't fun. It was wet, that wasn't fun.

There were lots of things that were fun and lots of things that weren't fun but the most fun thing of all was going home!

- Jamie Silver

Beth Caughey is senior teacher for the next school year. Our congratulations.

Welcome back home, Peachy Eves.

Your neighbours.

The vertical silo was invented in 1876 by Lewis and Fred Hatch of the USA.

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Community Calendar

June 15, Monday, Regular book rotation at the Library

June 17, Wednesday, Woman's Institute regular meeting at Anna Hitchins. Program Tweedsmuir History.

June 18, Thursday, County Choir workshop and Performance

June 21, Sunday, Service at St Alban's at 11 a.m.

June 22, Monday, St Alban's Day - visit by our Bishop the Rt. Rev. Allan Read. Service at 7 p.m. followed by lunch and Fellowship.

June 22, Monday, All-round Girl Guide Cords awarded to Amy and Tracy at A.I.P.S., 4 p.m.

June 23, Tuesday, Graduation - Grade 8 and Kindergarten, Year End Awards, 1:30 p.m. at the School

June 24, Wednesday, School Picnic at Peter and Pam McCormick's

June 28, Sunday, Service at St Alban's at 11 a.m.
July 4, Saturday, A.C.W. Chicken Barbecue.
July 5, Sunday, Service at St Alban's at 9 a.m.
July 7, Tuesday, Regular Council Meeting at 8 p.m.
July 8, Wednesday, Large type book change at the
Library
July 10, Friday, Beacon Deadline For Submissions!!!
July 12, Sunday, Service at St Alban's at 11 a.m.

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Telephone Numbers

- Staff

The Beacon will be publishing another 'Yellow Sheet' of Island telephone numbers and we would appreciate your help in filling in the blanks. If you would give us a telephone call or drop us a note in the Beacon envelope after your inspection of our compilation, concerning additions, deletions, corrections, insertions, or any other '...tions' you can think up. Any profits will be used to help defray the cost of the new printer for the Beacon. The help from Annette and Irene is much appreciated in getting us this far. The list will be composed of all adults with a telephone and all adult children that are out of school, whether living at home or elsewhere on the Island.

Ackerman Art & Caroline... 389-6425

Aitken Vince & Marj... 389-5546

Albertan Ken...

Allison Norman & Georgie... 389-3546

Alport Sidney & Myrna...

Amherst Island Public School... 389-4582

Amherst Island Twp Office... 389-3393

“ ” “ Roads... 384-2579

Apps Ernest & Paulette... 389-3115

Apps Syl... 389-8166

Babcock Neil... 389-7476

Bailey Eric & Grace... 389-5944

Baker Clinton & Ena... 389-0599

Baker Jim & Marjory... 389-2404

Baker John & Jeanne... 389-0676

Baker Lawrence & Bonnie... 389-1579

Barbro Jim & Lorna... 389-8224

Barr Elizabeth... 389-9865

Barr Rod & Rhoda... 389-9865

Bauer Hank... 389-7476

Bedford Rick... 389-8434

Belmont Harold & Shirley... 389-0398

Bews Gordon & Lois... 389-4073

Blasko Stephen...

Blenkinsop Margaret... 389-2899

Bongard Eddie & Lois... 389-5486

Bowen Sally... 389-3802

Brady Frank... 384-2428

Braun Michael... 389-2338

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Brown Lucille... 389-5785

Brown Reta... 389-5883

Brown Tom & Marjorie... 389-3562

Browne Raymond & Lilly... 389-3057

Bulch Bill & Helen... 389-3411

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Caughey Bruce W & Susan... 389-2012

Caughey Bruce A & Helen... 389-3158

Chadband Ed & Donna... 389-8838

Claus Dan & Mary... 389-8512

Claus Paul... 389-8512

Claus Wayne... 389-8512

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Eves Grace... 389-4215

Eves Lance & Sheila... 389-3805

Eves Peachie... 389-3468

Eves Royce & Marilyn... 389-3056

Eves Vince & Marianne... 389-5770

Fennell Ken... 389-1470

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Filson Ed... 389-5063

Filson Harry & Barbara... 389-5871

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Fleming Ernest & Genevive... 389-4017

Fleming Syke... 389-2515

Fleming Wayne & Karen... 389-9869

Foley Kirk & Reta... 389-4834

Forbes Gordon... 389-8516

Forester Jack & Beth... 389-5582

Frohlick Fred & Marlene... 389-6160

Gartner Barry & Laura... 389-4655

Gavlas George & Diane... 389-3199

Gavlas Leslie... 384-2807

Glenn Bert & Chris... 389-2647

Glenn Juanita... 389-5109

Glenn Irene... 389-0417

Glenn John & Maureen... 384-5318
Glenn Madeline... 389-0987
Glenn Marshall & Marian... 389-5769
Glenn Ruth... 389-5787
Glenn's General Store... 389-0417
Grant Alan & Janis... 384-3689
Halferty Laurel & Shirley... 389-1413
Hall John & Mary... 389-6553
Hart Steve... 389-1561
Headlands Community Co-op... 389-3444
Henderson Tony & Gayle... 389-5383
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Johnstone Jeanne... 389-5599
Jud Elizabeth...
Kennedy Chris & Randi... 389-0554
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Kidd Alan... 389-4334
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Kilpatrick Warren & Laurene... 389-4078
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Magee Tom... 389-6523
Marshall Bob & Dianne... 389-4070
Marshall Duncan & Coralie... 389-5031
Marshall Harold & Nellie... 389-8732
Martin Doug & Joan... 389-5997
Marton Rick & Theresa... 389-1968
Matthews Geoff & Marnie... 389-4023
Maude Gertrude... 389-8898
Mayman John... 389-5824
McCormick Ed & Helen... 389-5172
McCormick Fred & Leonard... 389-6995

McCormick Jennie... 389-1124
McCormick Noel... 389-5172
McCormick Peter & Pam... 389-8767
McDonald Barb... 389-6725
McDonald Garnet... 389-1081
McGinn Dennis... 389-9997
McGinn Eric & Janice... 389-6380
McGinn Kaye & Dorothy... 389-2947
McGinn Keith & Cora... 389-4570
McGinn Kelly... 389-4570
McGinn Larry & Tracey... 389-0107
McGinn Terry & Susan... 389-4471
McIntyre Lindsay & Jean... 384-1534
McMullen Frank... 389-1569
McMullen Jim... 389-1569
McMullen Kitsy... 389-4786
McMullen Robert & Catherine... 389-4786
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Miller Darrell... 389-1648
Miller Debbie... 384-3188
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Miller Stuart... 389-1403
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Mooney Edgar & Margaret... 389-7184
Murray Ian... 389-3802
Mygind George... 389-4669
Newell J... 389-1214
Nixon John & Laurel...
Nut Island Shooting Club... 389-8603
Ouelette Helena... 389-4696
Pearce Diane... 389-6725
Phillips Bill & Annette... 389-0512
Plank Charles & Sybil... 389-0403
Porretti Roger & Jacqueline... 389-4704
Porter Larry... 389-3521
Post Office... 389-0417
Quinte Community Pasture... 389-2295
Reed Stuart & Kathy... 389-8588
Reid Edna... 389-2594
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Red-Faced Apology
- Embarrassed Staff

Not once, but twice, our typists and proof-readers for the June Beacon made the same error: Beth Forester was referred to as Beth Caughey (her maiden name). We sincerely regret any embarrassment to Beth and her family.

Council Report For July 1987
- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the last month were adopted.

Then Stuart Miller reported on the roads. The calcium has been applied; the roadsides trimmed; and the road crew is now ditching.

The Building Inspector's report listed the permits issued so far this year. Two new residences are going up, and most of the other permits were for sundecks. People must be expecting a good summer.

M. T. C. is starting work on the recommendations of the ferry future study report. The Reeve reported that the Amherst Islander will be thoroughly inspected in Whitby in September. If it's life expectancy is less than ten years they will start preliminary design work on a new ferry. If it's life expectancy is more than ten years they may try to turn it into an end loader.

The signs at the dump are to be spruced up, and people are requested to put the garbage in the right place. The Township has been offered \$127,700 to repair the roads near the shoreline. Council has to add \$22,300 to this amount. The Ministry of Natural Resources report is still not out. McKendry's are still awaited to crush gravel. They are still caught up with the Ontario Hydro contract. The old dump truck has been sold for \$1,000.

The money for the skating rink/tennis court has been approved, and work should start later this year. The Recreation Committee is planning an adult baseball

night on August 1st. Council was a little concerned that it might be a somewhat rowdy party, and asked the Recreation Committee to emphasize the fact that all Ontario Liquor Laws still apply, even on Amherst Island.

The Napanee Region Conservation Authority and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority have replied to Council, and Council can see little point in joining either of them.

Steps have been taken to complete the maintenance on the Miller Drain. Although Graham Engineering may be responsible for some of the costs, the legal costs of extracting the money from Graham Engineering would far exceed the sum involved.

Council approved, in principle, severances for Edwin Hogeboom and Mrs. Robertson.

Council adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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Mildred

- Mildred (with help from Shirley Miller)

My pen seems as dry as our pasture. I wish I could tell you about all the interesting things that are happening here but I can't. There aren't any.

There has hardly been enough rain to settle the dust so there is no need to watch where you step as it is so hot and dry that the "slops" are hard almost before they hit the ground.

One sometimes wonders where the term "good old summertime" ever came from because along with the heat come flies, mosquitoes and horseflies, our constant companions. If they have a purpose it can only be to keep us from death due to boredom. We have trudged our way single file to the waterhole and back so many times that our narrow path is worn deep into the ground by our creaking hooves that stir up little puffs of dust.

We always take a swing past Tom's apple tree to see if any apples have fallen. We aren't really supposed to eat them because we can choke on them especially when they get a bit bigger.

Tom and Audry have chickens again this year. Chickens aren't long between hatched and the hatchet are they?

Jennifer took milk fever while giving birth, poor dear. Her calf died and she couldn't get up. The men lifted her twice a day to milk her, carried hay and water to her for a week. She thought she had a good thing going but they decided she wasn't going to get better and would have to be sold. Guess who was first in line at the stable door on Monday morning?

Amanda, Jason and Patrick will soon be returning to their home after a long visit with their grandparents. Their mom has been recovering from a hitch in her getalong or something. They weren't big enough to help with the hay but they tried.

The hay is all in now so all the other spare hands will probably disappear until next year or at least until time to bale the straw. Maybe it will be cooler by then.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

We are very pleased this month to present a number of recipes from Scotland. Our thanks go to Jim Whitton for his interesting and tasty recipe selections.

Scots Broth

2 lb neck of mutton, trimmed of fat and a knuckle bone if possible

3 oz (3 heaped tbsps) pot barley

3 oz (1 cup) shelled peas, or 1/2 cup dried split peas according to season

1 large onion, sliced or 1 large leek

1 small cabbage

2 medium white turnips, diced

3 carrots, diced

2 tbsps chopped parsley

5 pt (10 cups) water

salt and pepper

Put the meat into a large saucepan with the water, bring to the boil, and then skim the top. Season to taste, then simmer gently for about 1 hour. Add the peas (if dried, add them with the meat to begin with) diced turnip, carrot, onion, leek and the barley, cover and simmer for 20 minutes, then put in the shredded cabbage, and taste for seasoning. A few minutes before serving add the parsley. Serve hot, with one cuplet per person. Some cooks prefer to serve the broth first and then the meat afterwards with a caper sauce. The vegetables can be varied according to what is in season, or to hand: kale instead of cabbage, celery etc. Serves about 8.

Potato Scones

1/2 lb (2 cups) boiled mashed potatoes

2 1/2 oz. (2/3 cup) flour

3 tbsps melted butter or bacon fat

1/2 tsp salt

Mash the potatoes well, and add the

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melted fat and salt, then add as much flour as the potatoes will take without becoming too dry. (This

amount varies with the kind of potato used: the floury kind will need less than the others.) Turn out on to a floured board and roll until 1/4 in. in thickness, then cut into circles and then into farls [a farl is a thin circular cake] or quarters. Prick all over with a fork, and cook, either on a fairly hot griddle, turning once, or in a heavy pan. If using the latter it should be wiped over with a greased paper before cooking starts. Makes approximately 3 large cakes or 12 farls. They are served with butter, honey or syrup and are sometimes rolled up when hot, and eaten the same day they are made.

Cheese Potato Cakes

To the above mixture add 4 oz (1 cup) grated cheese, and 2 well-beaten eggs. Shape into little round cakes, dip in breadcrumbs and fry in 1/4 in. of hot oil on both sides until golden. They are good as a supper or picnic dish. This amount makes about 12 cakes.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Kevin and Suzanne Kilpatrick - their first baby, a girl, arrived over the weekend.

Congratulations also to Peter and Sharon Barr and family who welcome a baby boy. In more baby news Roy and Norma (Collins) LaRocque also have a new baby boy.

New residents this month - Doug and Val Eves and their new daughter.

Thornhills have officially moved off the Island - to Napanee. They will be keeping their south shore home for weekends.

Best wishes to Barry Gartner who is recovering on the Island from recent surgery. Best wishes also to Peachie Eves who is home after an extended stay in hospital.

In housing shuffles this month - Dale Filson and family finished their move to Bayridge; John and Maureen moved to Dale's old house; a friend of the Bulch family now lives in the tin house.

Doug Wilson has a real soft spot for psychopathic canines. This newest Doberman (naturally) does not eat furniture or fixtures. Instead, it tries to chew it's leg off every-time Doug gets out of it's sight. If you've noticed the cast-like covering on the dog's leg, you now know the reason for it.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

July 11th was the family picnic at Jackie Sylvester's. Hot, but a good time was had. August meeting is at

Diane Gavlas'. Program will be Agriculture. Roll call is Prices of agricultural products the year of your birth. New members always welcome. 8 p.m. on August 19th.

A. C. W.

- Diane Gavlas

First I would like to apologize to those of you who were at the end of the line at the barbeque for the shortage of salad. We won't let that happen again.

Thank-you to everyone who came. Your support is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you again at the Turkey Supper in October where we won't have any shortage.

Stella Public: Library

- Diane Gavlas

The library welcomes you Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m., Wednesday 1 - 3 p.m., Saturday 1 - 3 p.m. Library cards are free. Reading materials are good and of course we can always try to get your requests on inter-library loan. The kid's summer reading club is on so come and join up for fun.

Libraries - Then And Now (continued from June)

Libraries have been discovered which contained thousands of clay tablets. The librarian in charge

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was called "the man of the written tablets". Longer works required several tablets which were consecutively numbered and sometimes kept together in a basket. Occasionally a more important document would be written on one tablet and then encased in an outer clay shell which would have to be broken before the inner one could be read. Works on different subjects were kept in a separate room and a description of the contents of each room was written on the door. Library users probably couldn't take the tablets out of the library because the librarian would stamp the due date on it and the tablet would break right down the middle.

A 5 Day Club

- Dianne Marshall

A 5 Day Club will take place July 20-24, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Village Park.

The 5-Day Club is a neighbourhood Bible Club for boys and girls of elementary school age.

The program includes games, an exciting bible lesson and singing.

The club is sponsored by Child Evangelism

Fellowship which is an interdenominational organization working with local churches in Ontario.

If you have any questions please give me a call: Dianne Marshall at 389-4070.

School News

- Staff

The school celebrated the graduation of those students who completed Kindergarten and Grade eight. Wendy Fleming, Mark McCormick, Scott Marshall and Jacob Murray wore caps and gowns as they were presented with a scroll honouring their passage into full time school. Jeff deHaan, Hugh Filson, Reginald Hitchins, Peter Horth, Jamie Scott, Michael Strain, Jamie Thornhill and Sherry Ward were congratulated warmly by the Principal for their completion of the grade 8 program.

Special awards were presented:

Athletic Award - Sarah McDonald

Les Glenn Award - Reginald Hitchins and Amey Caughey

Amherst Island Cont. School Alumni and I.S.L.E.

Award - Heidi Hitchins, Jamie Thornhill and Sarah Scott

R.A. Dodds Award - Connie Fabian

Dunlop Public Speaking Award - Chad Miller

Valedictorian Speech

- Sherry Ward

This year I have been chosen to speak on behalf of the Grade 8 graduates as Valedictorian.

First I would like to tell you about a few things that have happened over the years. One thing I remember was when Mrs. (Mondeux) Lavigne running around the classroom scared of a little mouse. Then she evacuated the classroom and made Mr. Kennedy look for it. He searched for 15 minutes and then just assured her it was alright. She finally calmed down and let us go back in the classroom.

I think that because A.I.P.S. is such a small school, it is special in many ways. Some of them are - you have more friends, you don't get confused of what teacher and class you have next, and the teachers care more about you as an individual. Speaking of teachers I think I should mention the teachers I've had over the years. First I had Mrs. (Mondeux) Lavigne for Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2. The main thing about her was she would grab onto ears, hair, clothing or just whatever she got ahold of to discipline us. Then I had a great learning and music time with Mrs. Forester for Grade 3. I had a fun, easy year in between with Miss Onea for Grade 4 and 2 interesting years with Mrs. McDonald

for Grades 5 and 6. I had Mr. Flannigan for one year in Grade 7 and finally Mr. Payne this year. Hopefully we will have as good luck in High School with teachers as we have had in Public

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School.

As General Lucius D. Clay once wrote: "No one ever achieves all his hopes and aspirations, no one ever is sure, in looking back, that he has played his full part in making a better world. Much is being said of the present crisis in the world affairs and the need to do something about it. But to play our part and do our duty we do not need to be principal actors. We have only to be good citizens, good neighbours, and most of all good learners."

I feel that we have accomplished something very great as we graduate and are ready to move on into bigger and better things. I would like to thank all of our teachers for making these 9 years special.

Thank you.

High School News

Congratulations to Tracy Filson, Jennifer Pearce and Sean Gartner on completing Grade 13. Sean will be attending the University of Ottawa and Tracy is going to Queen's University. Jennifer is not yet sure of what her next move will be.

Congratulations to Robbie Wemp on completing Grade 12. He is now working full-time on the family dairy farm.

Baseball

The Amherst Island boys team had too many over-age players to participate in league play.

The Amherst Island Phoenix team is still playing.

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

We have been regularly serenaded this past month by House Finches also known by the more poetic name of Linnet. This small brown bird has bright red on his crown, breast and rump.

In 1940, these birds were caught illegally in the wild in California and shipped to New York dealers as "Hollywood Finches". When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stopped this traffic in native song-birds, the dealers released the birds somewhere on Long Island and they spread out and north from this point.

Someday they may be as common as House

Sparrows, but who can deny a home to a merry little bird with a cheerful song who likes to feed his young on dandelion seeds. The adult bird's diet is 86% weed seeds especially thistle, dandelion and noxious weeds. Did I hear a motion that we admit this little guy to our community?

Perhaps you've noticed the very erect Upland Sandpiper who likes to sit on the fence post near the church hill on the Stella forty foot. He has a long neck and a small head and is about 10" long. When he lands, he briefly holds his wings erect over his back and if you hear a rather rude "wolf whistle" when walking in the fields, it's only the Upland Sandpiper. Their diet is grasshoppers, crickets, weevils, cutworms, spiders, snails, click beetles and army worms. Once this bird was plentiful but it fell prey to market hunters when the Passenger Pigeon's numbers declined.

Bird Of The Month - Black-billed Cuckoo

A very useful although secretive bird friend is the Cuckoo. His favourite food is caterpillars, especially hairy tent caterpillars and since the invasion of the Gypsy Moth, they have been added to his diet. This 15" bird is brown above and white below with a narrow red ring around the eye. There are indistinct white markings on his long brown tail. Unlike his infamous European cousin, our North American cuckoos build their own nests in dense thickets. You have probably heard this bird's throaty coos in the hedge-rows even if you haven't spotted him yet.

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Food And The Hungry

- Sally Bowen

I am glad to report that we have made the first two of what I hope will be regular shipments of food from Amherst Island gardens to hungry people in Kingston, via the Partners in Mission Food Bank. My thanks to Judy Miller, Judy Roberts, Brian and Marie Ward and Jack and Madeleine Kerr. I am grateful also to Sherry Ward who offered to help pick, to Rev. McIntyre for his pulpit announcement, to the ferry crew who cheerfully accept the boxes, and to all those who have expressed the intention to participate.

Please call, if possible in advance, to let me know of possible pickings, so I can co-ordinate. Call me at 389-3444 with any questions you may have.

Miss Know It All

Dear Miss KIA

I'm bored, bored, bored! School's out and I've only

got a part time job this summer. Can you offer any suggestions to help me fill in the time?

Signed
"Bored, Bored, Bored"

Dear "Bored, etc."

I am always amazed with how you children have difficulty amusing yourselves. In my day we would be working dawn to dusk on farm work and getting into trouble most of the night.

Maybe I can help a little. With school being out, I'm sure you haven't used your brain at all this summer. Below I have printed a series of brain twisters which I have borrowed from various sources. In each box there is a word or a group of letters which form a message or phrase. These are difficult but once you get on to them they are quite clever. As an example, let's take the first one which is the word 'Ppod'. The answer is found by recognizing that it is the word 'Pod' with another 'P' in front which, with a little mental gymnastics, could be restated as "Two P's In A Pod". Okay, good luck and I will print the answers in next month's Beacon.

{the puzzle is not printed here}

Telephone Numbers

- Staff

We should have a completed Telephone List ready in a couple of weeks depending on haying. We have received about 20 additions, deletions and corrections so far. If you know of any more please call 389-3802 or drop a note into the Beacon envelope at the store. Thank you.

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St. Paul's Garden Party

- Irene Glenn and Staff

One of the best Island "get-togethers" will take place on Saturday, July 25, 1 to 6 p.m.

The Garden Party this year will feature old-time fiddlers, a fashion show & afternoon tea, as well as the traditional sales tables, entertainments, bake table and various goodies goodies to eat.

This is a fine opportunity for summer residents to contribute to an important Island institution as well as meeting old and new friends.

Church Services

- Staff

A Deacon from Blessed Sacrament Church in Amherstview comes regularly to the Island to hold a

Roman Catholic liturgy at 2 p.m. each Sunday in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

A regular Sunday service is held at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. All welcome. Rev. Lindsay McIntyre.

Each Sunday a service is held at St. Alban's Anglican Church. See the Community Calendar for times. Rev. K. Blaber.

Thank You

The family of Robert Robertson would like to express sincere thanks to all who helped in many ways during Bob's illness and at the time of death. A special thanks to Rev. McIntyre for his kind words.

Gwen and Ann Robertson

Advertisements

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Electric Fence

Topsy Farms at 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

It is just about two years ago that I, along with other members of our family, enjoyed a very pleasant few days in the City of Sudbury, where our son Allen was a judge at the Chelmsford Raceway for a period of a month. Being native born "Islanders", we did some "Island hopping" and spent a very long day exploring Manitoulin Island, reputedly the largest Island in fresh water, where we observed, in more detail, life on Manitoulin which a previous visit had not given us time to do.

On my return from that visit, it had been my intention to write a detailed recounting of what we observed of life on Manitoulin and particularly some of the luxuries which they enjoyed as a result of liberal expenditures of Provincial monies compared to that enjoyed by Amherst Island. Unfortunately, a short time after our return and before I had compiled such observations I suffered a fractured leg, followed by a lengthy confinement to hospital and my good intentions got side-tracked. The intervening period of two years has served to erase from my mind much of the detail that I would like to have related to Island Beacon readers.

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I have now just returned from a similar visit to Sudbury, with members of my family and before my memories of such a pleasant trip, outside of the extreme heat and humidity, have been erased from my mind, I will endeavour to convey to your readers some further comments concerning this trip and observations regarding the new country which we saw.

It has always been my desire, for many years, to visit St Joseph Island, which I am sure your are all aware is located in the "Soo" River, on the channel used by lake shipping to pass from Lake Huron to Lake Superior. This desire was probably nurtured by the memories of those days when delegations of Island Reeves and Councillors would visit the Department of Highways at Queens Park, to plead for more subsidization of our ferry service, the greater part of which was being borne by Island taxpayers and was a real millstone around our necks. Such delegations always came home with the same report, the then Minister of Highways (I will not mention names) sat comfortably behind his desk and raising his hands would exclaim "The government is not in the ferry business", while, we knew full well, to the contrary, that they had built a ferry to serve St. Joseph Island (presently the "Glenora" serving as one of the ferries on Highway 33, connecting Adolphustown and Prince

Edward County) also that they were in the course of providing a much needed boat to serve our neighbors on Wolfe Island, a service which eventually was funded 100% and has resulted in the expenditure of untold millions of dollars from the public purse.

It was with these memories in mind that Allen and I embarked on an exploration tour, early one morning driving up the Trans-Canada Highway (#17), through the numerous small hamlets along that highway until we had reached the junction of Highways 548 and 17, just West of the hamlet of Desbarats, where signs directed us South to St Joseph Island, we were completely ignorant of what awaited us, but soon became aware that it was no secondary or development road upon which we were travelling but a full scale Provincial highway of a high standard, paved, ditched and excellent shoulder formation, well maintained but which lead us through miles of scrubby countryside, very sparsely populated, very little farming being carried on - at one point we drove through what appeared to be large sugar bushes, completely fitted with plastic piping for the Annual gathering of the sap - there are three hamlets on the Island- Richards Landing which appeared to be the "capital" as well as Kentvale and Hilton Beach. A short section of Highway 548 was not paved, but it was quite evident that it soon would be, as preparation for some "dust control" certainly eliminated any discomforts of dust. Completing the circuit of the Island we returned to the Cement bridge which carried us over the channel which had previously been served by the St. Joseph's Islander and where the previous docking facility used by her was still quite evident. This bridge resembles very much the bridge on Highway 49, between Deseronto and Northport, except on a smaller scale not allowing for the passage of large steamers, but serving the passage of pleasure boats etc.

As one returned to highway 17 and proceeded toward the "Soo" one could not help but question why the St. Joseph Island residents had been fortunate enough to have gained the many conveniences of a good highway. I posed this question to a friend of mine who we stopped to visit and he was very quick to give the answer - "an ambitious, aggressive MLA, who never took no for an answer and in conjunction with an ambitious Island Council kept pressing for those things which they eventually

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attained. I knew that a bridge had been provided instead of a ferry service but I fully expected it to be a toll bridge but no one was there to say "\$1.50 please" and oh yes, we also observed on the Island a completed Municipal Drain project.

Proceeding to the City of Sault St. Marie, which is a sprawling industrial city, but also has as a great tourist attraction, a beautifully maintained water front, centered by the Canadian Soo locks, and as one crossed to "Soo", Mich. where in my previous visits there and numerous transitting of the American locks when I sailed, was a very, very busy waterway with dozens of lake freighters, waiting in line to transit one or other of the four American locks or the one Canadian lock. During our several hour stay there we only observed the passage of one up-bound lake freighter and one down-bound freighter. These were both the new type of ore or coal carriers, developed in the '70s, they are mammoth ships of 1000 ft. length, 105 ft. beam, and 56 ft. depth, which, as they approach the new Poe lock, are inched into the lock with only five feet of space in the lock, when raised to leave the lock the super structure towers above the trees in the park area along the lock wall. These ships' carrying capacity is in excess of 60,000 tons of ore and the unloading equipment unloads them at their destination at the rate of 10,000 tons per hour. The complement of crew is less than that which manned the previous 600+ foot ships with a carrying capacity of approximately 20,000 tons and it only takes some very simple mathematics to conclude that one of these ships can do the same work as three ships did previously and therein lies the reason for the diminishing volume of traffic which had for so many years prevailed at this busy junction of our Great Lakes Waterways.

I hope I have not bored you with my gabbing, but I have tried to recount with a degree of accuracy my observations during this much enjoyed trip into the northern reaches of our fair Province.

The first large round baler was built in 1928 by John Wolf.

From Out Our Way Nov. 18, 1971

- Genevieve Fleming

Jean Wires returned home recently after three weeks with David, Julie and family at Shearwater, N.S.

Bill Coulson has left for Toronto for the winter months.

Harry and Syke Fleming, Wayne and Debbie spent Sunday in Peterborough with Leonard and Zwantze Kehoe and family.

Harry and Barbara Filson returned home on Thursday after two weeks in Hollywood, Florida....

Glenn and Shirley Sheil and children spent the weekend at Franktown with Shirley's parents....

Mrs. Etta Henderson has returned home from Hotel Dieu much improved and is convalescing at the home of

her daughter, Lucille Brown.

Tena Filson underwent eye surgery....

Genevieve Fleming and Marian Glenn attended the fall executive meeting of the Kingston Presbytery W.M.S. at Strathona Park Church....

Les and Irene Glenn returned home Sunday evening after a pleasant four days renewing friendships with Les' former service friends at Orillia, Whitby, Hamilton and Ottawa.

Congratulations and best wishes to Clifford Sudds and Lee Filson who were married Friday evening....

Computer Maxim: to err is human but to really foul things up requires a computer.

Etorre's Axiom: the other line moves faster.

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Community Calendar

July 19, Sunday, St. Alban's 9 a.m.

July 20, Monday, Start of 5 Day Club

July 25, Saturday, Garden Party at St. Paul's, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m

July 26, Sunday, St. Alban's 11 a.m.

August 2, Sunday, St. Alban's 9 a.m.

August 4, Tuesday, Regular Meeting of Council

August 9, Sunday, St. Alban's 11 a.m.

August 10, Monday, Deadline for Beacon Submissions

August 16, Sunday, St. Alban's 9 a.m.

Every Sunday at 11 a.m., St. Paul's Regular Service

Every Sunday at 2 p.m., Catholic liturgy at Municipal Building

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Council Report for August 1987

- Christopher Kennedy

The minutes of the previous meetings were read. As well as the regular meeting in July, there was special session on July 21st to discuss the Shore Protection Review sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Caroline Yull addressed Council. She was concerned about the actions of the Ferry Manager with regard to checking loads of garbage and building materials being brought to the Island.

The building inspector listed three permits issued in July: to Dick Cromwell for a house, to Earnest

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finally reached Council on July 10th.

Based on the report's recommendations, shore protection will be carried out on the South Shore Road east of Thornhill's and on the Front Road near Garnet McDonald's.

It became obvious to Council that it was not feasible to protect the following sections of road: the South Shore Road from George Mygind's to the Foot; the Third Concession from Keith McGinn's to the Emerald Forty Foot; and, the Front Road from Drumgoole's to Harvey Eves'. The cost of protecting these roads by placing large rocks backed by rubble would be very great, particularly as we do not have enough large rocks. Council, after considering the alternatives, asked M.T.C. if it would be possible to use the grant money to relocate these sections of road. The initial reaction from M.T.C. was negative but after a detailed inspection of the road sections it was agreed that relocating the roads was the only sensible thing to do.

At the August Council Meeting, it was decided to proceed with road relocations if the affected property owners agreed. It was felt that agreement was necessary because of the time constraints. The grant money will not be available after December 31, 1987, so it is important that the project proceed as far as possible this year. It is hoped that the surveying for the road allowance can be completed and that the gravel can be acquired. Weather permitting, some of the road could actually be constructed.

Stuart Miller estimates that his crew can construct a mile of gravel road in 20 working days for a cost of \$30,000. The survey costs should run around \$5000 to \$6000 per mile. There will also be the costs of closing the abandoned road and deeding it to the adjacent landowners. Council hopes to obtain agreements from all the affected land-owners in the next few weeks.

At the Head and on the South Shore, the landowners involved will see an increase in the resale value of their properties as they gain direct access to the water. Their homes will also be more private.

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Unfortunately, most people will have longer laneways.

The proposed road relocation from Keith McGinn's to the Emerald Forty Foot does not directly improve the value of the adjacent properties. However, the affected properties will be worth considerably less if high water destroys the existing road and it becomes impossible to repair the road for weeks or months. This would also be a serious inconvenience to those who regularly use this road - including the milk truck, the mail deliverer and the school bus. Council has considered two alternatives. The first is to relocate the road to the north. The second

is to do nothing but to have rubble and gravel stockpiled to rebuild the road after a storm - provided that the lake level is not too high. Council has offered the first alternative to the affected land owners as the preferred solution. In neither of these alternatives will public access to the beach will be affected. The Township road system will, in all cases, be improved by the replacement of these narrow, winding and hard to maintain sections of road.

A major drawback to the road relocations is that the drive around the Island will be less scenic, but will certainly be safer.

A meeting has already been held up at the Head by the affected land-owners Elsie Densem arranged the meeting and Katherine McMullen chaired it as well as hosted it. The meeting was amicable with all present favouring the road relocation.

I understand that everyone on the South Shore has been contacted by (either or both) Stuart Miller or Tom Sylvester.

It is Council's sincere hope that the Township will be able to use this opportunity to improve our Island.

Udder Nonsense

- Mildred (with help from Shirley Miller:)

How do you like the new title? It was suggested by a reader and although it is kind of catchy I don't know how it will hang. Some of this stuff is pretty heavy and can hardly be classed as nonsense.

In the last Beacon I noticed that Sally or maybe it was Don (the typists) likes "slops" better than "plops". That's OK although I think plops sounds a little tidier myself.

Let's leave all that behind us and move on even though it is hard to move very fast in this heat. It is so hot that Keith has been wearing shorts to the barn, another first.

The new water lines are in. There is lots of water pressure now if the well doesn't go dry.

The old stable cleaner has been replaced. They used the left over cement to make the area we stand on in front of the barn doors larger. Nobody put up a sign so of course we stepped in it and of course we were verbally abused. Not quite as badly as the last time we got into cement though.

That was the summer the silo had to be repaired. The moisture from the silage eats away the cement blocks over a period of years so the wall must be formed up and new cement poured to make them strong again. We know all that now but when we found a strange huge mass in our barn yard one night after

milking we didn't know what to think. We all tend to be leery of any changes to our surroundings. Some of us are down right aggressive if threatened and that grey blob just sat there by the silo looking scary, so we attacked. All night we bunted, trampled and ripped. Its hide came off in pieces that blew away in the wind along with its dusty innards. The dust got in our eyes and stuck to our sweaty coats but we persevered. By morning we had definitely beaten it into submission or

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maybe it just didn't look as frightening in the daylight.

Well! when we arrived in the barn Keith freaked (his nerves were bad all that summer). How were we supposed to know that the blob was \$2000 worth of a special fondue cement in bags (not all of it was for our silo)? Nobody tells us anything.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I recently took a look at the Anglican Church Women's newly published cookbook and was once again reminded what wonderful and talented cooks Amherst Island can boast of.

Summer is the time of the year when everything is so fresh and plentiful that I wish I had room for thirty recipes instead of only three. However, with much difficulty, I have managed to whittle a number of favourite recipes down to 3 which will use vegetables produced in great abundance.

The first recipe is for Gazpacho. This is a cold Spanish soup full of colour and flavour.

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 small onion quartered (I chopped mine)
- 1/2 green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cucumber, cut in small chunks (peel only if skin is tough or waxy)
- 2 tbsp wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp oil
- 1/2 cup chicken stock or water (optional)
- salt and freshly ground pepper

Place all the above in a bowl and if it appears to thick add either chicken stock or water to thin a little. Store in refrigerator, serve cold. Makes six 3/4 cup servings

The second recipe is for Herbed Green Beans. I often find green beans to be a little bland and this recipe makes up for any lack in flavour

- 1 lb green beans
- 2 tsp butter or oil

- 1 small onion thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme or oregano (or 1/2 tsp dried)
- salt and freshly ground pepper

Trim beans and cook in rapidly boiling water 4 to 5 minutes or until tender-crisp; drain.

In heavy skillet or saucepan, melt butter, add onion and garlic and cook over medium low heat, stirring occasionally until onion is tender. Stir in beans, thyme, salt and pepper to taste. Cook until heated. Makes 4 servings.

Our third recipe is for a zucchini stir fry submitted by Mrs. Margaret Forester.

- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper diced
- 1 can whole mushrooms or slices, drained
- 1 celery, sliced

Saute all the above in oil until tender-crisp. Add a moderate amount of tomato sauce and heat through. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

Typist's Apology

I chortled last month over a seemingly obvious typo in the submitted material, directing the reader to cook potato scones in a "girdle". I adjusted the spelling to "griddle", and I was wrong. Sorry Jim and Dianne. Chambers "Scots Dictionary" set me straight.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette & Staff

Congratulations to Leslie Gavlas who has become a grandmother for the 10th time. Shirley Gavlas and Pierre Martin of Quebec welcomed their new daughter, Lydia, Monday August 7. We also have a new Island resident this week; congratulations to John, Laurel and Jamie Nixon on the birth of their new son and brother, Jeffrey.

Best wishes to Diane Gavlas,

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recovering at home from surgery. Lorne Veech is currently in hospital with heart trouble.

Please note that Francis and Nessie Welbanks will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house dance at the school on Saturday, September 5th. Many congratulations to them.

Islanders returning home after vacations are: Francis and Nessie Welbanks, from Newfoundland (with son

Eric and family); Marshall and Marian Glenn from England and Scotland; Warren and Laureen Kilpatrick and children from Ireland; and, Jack and Madlyn Kerr, from the British Isles, Belgium and Holland.

Condolences to the family of Art Wemp who died recently.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Wednesday August 19th at 8:00 pm a very generous Marian Glenn is going to help me with an Agricultural Program by telling of her recent trip and farming practices there. We also have a discussion on food prices, food demand, food dollars.

Diane Gavlas is hosting this month and will call in: Prices of agricultural products the year of your birth.

Oh yes, you new members or just guests are always welcome to come to the meetings.

Sept. meeting is on the 16th at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Georgina Allison. Pot luck supper with the District President of the W.I.

Food and the Hungry

- Sally Bowen

Thank you for helping us gather extra produce from Island gardens and transport it to people who are hungry in Kingston. Contributions were made this month by Jack and Madeline Kerr, Elaine Wolfreys, Helen Bulch, Tom and Jackie Sylvester, Jean Johnstone, Judy Robarts and Alan Kidd, Stan and Adriane Walters, Hank Bauer, Diane Pearce and Dianne Marshall. Assistance with picking was given by Heidi and Tracy Hitchins, Cheryl Reil, and Jacob and Kyle Murray. I know many others would have given food if the season had not shrivelled the gardens.

Please continue to call me at 339-3444 if you have any extras. Volunteers to pick can be arranged. It does not have to be a huge quantity to be worthwhile.

I delivered our last shipment directly last month to the Anglican Church where the Partners in Mission Food Bank is centered. I learned that our food is in people's homes within 24 hours of their receiving it, and that ours is their primary source of fresh food! Anyone wishing further details, please ask me.

(letter received by the Beacon)

Sally Bowen and Gardeners on Amherst Island:

On behalf of Partners in Mission Food Bank I wish to acknowledge your recent contributions of fresh vegetables to the Food Bank.

Even though people have been very generous with

their contributions of food and money it seems a real challenge to keep the shelves stocked with food due to the increased demands to assist those in need. Your donations are therefore greatly appreciated.

May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Sister Evelyn Leonard

Co-ordinator of Planning

Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

Fall is on the way!! Not already you say?? Actually, the fall bird migration has begun. This is the time of year that the shorebirds begin to return from their breeding grounds in the arctic. However, we were more than a little surprised when we spotted a Common Goldeneye

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off the South Shore on July 19th. This duck breeds further north although it is very common here in the fall and winter. They usually leave the Kingston area about May 12th and return about October 18th. There are very few summer records with two in June, two in July and three in August since records began to be kept in the late 1940's. Only once was more than one seen at this time of year. There has been no record of a nesting in this area.

Then, only two days later, while we were sitting on the lawn enjoying the summer sunshine, what popped out of a tree but a Junco. This, of course, is a very common bird around here in the spring and fall and a few stay all winter, but it usually leaves about May 13th and returns about September 11th. This bird turned out to be a record breaker because prior to this sighting the latest record was June 24th and the earliest arrival was August 11.

On August 3rd we saw a Greater Yellowlegs, one of the shorebirds of the northern tundra. This species usually arrives back here about August 7th and winters on the Gulf of Mexico.

Hint of the Month

Now is the time of year to begin making plans if you are interested in attracting birds for the winter. While food is still abundant the migrant songbirds will soon be arriving in earnest. While most will pass on through our area, some will stay if a stable, dependable food supply is available. One of the most effective ways of attracting these birds is to make use of the birds that are

already here. While you may attract mainly house sparrows, starlings and blackbirds at present, the sounds of these birds feeding will attract others as they pass through. Having a large resident population of birds now will really help to attract more throughout the winter. A variety of feeding stations encourages more species, especially if some are located in such a way as to make it inconvenient for the larger birds.

To the Editor, the Beacon

We are always proud of the accomplishments of our children, and in the same way, all Amherst Islanders can be equally proud of achievements by the students of our school.

I am pleased to enclose the winning entries submitted by Amy Caughey and Michael Strain of Amherst Island School in the literary competition sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion last Fall.

Amy's poem "Why War?" went on to win first and second prizes in the Zone and District competitions in the Junior category.

Michael's entry, "The Poppy and What I Know About It" took first and third prizes in the Zone and District competitions in the Intermediate category.

Prizes were presented in April, during Education Week, at Amherst Island School.

Would you please publish these articles in the next issue of the Beacon.

Georgie Allison

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539

Why War?

- Amy Caughey

Remembrance Day is a time for thanking

The men who fought in the war.

They fought to save our country,

Those men that we adore.

But why the war to settle things?

Why don't they talk it out?

Men were dying and suffering,

On the land all about.

Each November eleven,

At the cenotaph

We all join together

Just on their behalf.

The poppy is an emblem,

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The middle of it is green,
The outer part is bright red,
So beautiful and serene.

They were the brave
Unselfish, strong and true.
They went to war to save for us
A home for me and you.

At church the Legion has a service,
Everyone comes to pray.
Remembering all the good things
And the men who passed away.

We hope all wars are ended,
And all men live in peace.
I'm proud to be a Canadian,
And my freedom never cease.

The Poppy and What I Know About It

- Michael Strain

Every November eleventh, people wear a red flower called popaver rhoeas, a poppy, to remember the men and women who died in the wars. A poppy is a blood red flower that will grow anywhere. Poppies are good symbols for Remembrance Day because their colour reminds us of the blood the soldiers shed. It was the people the war who first decided to wear a poppy each year. When we see a poppy it reminds us of other poppies growing around the countless graves of the soldiers.

At first there were not enough real poppies to wear, so they were made out of cloth. Still today, veterans who were injured in the wars make poppies all year so there are enough to wear on Remembrance Day. There are about eleven million distributed in Canada alone. The money we spend on poppies can be used for facilities for the elderly, and disabled people. It may also be used for day care centres and meals on wheels. So if you don't want to buy a poppy, stop and think about where the money goes. Think about if you were a fifteen year old, would you have gone to war at the risk of being killed or seriously injured for only \$1.10 a day? Wouldn't you have rather gotten a job or gone to university?

Well, eleven thousand brave young people went to war and are now buried in cemeteries in France, Holland and Italy, and all for us. It must have been horrible to have been killed in a foreign country, thousands of miles from home. Take for example, the nine hundred and seven Canadians who died on August 19, 1942, at a place called Dieppe, France. So if you don't want to buy a poppy think of that first.

The grey haired legionaires we see at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day were young once also and they wear poppies because they want to remember the very close friends they lost in the wars along with the dreams that never came true.

It took a special kind of person to go over there and I think we can at least wear a flower to remember them.

The poppy has never died and I hope it never will. So for the sake of all those soldiers who died in the wars, wear a poppy and be thankful.

Unsolicited Testimonials

- Topsy Farms

It was 3 pm on Wednesday, July 1, when a shaft in the gear box of our round baler broke. We phoned the farm equipment dealer who services our baler and were pleasantly surprised that someone was there on Dominion Day. The part, we were told, should arrive in Belleville by courier at 9 am on Friday. Oh well, that's only 2 days lost and it could be worse, we thought. One of us was waiting when the courier arrived. However, the shaft was on back order and we might get the next week (or we might not).

On Friday afternoon, we finally took the broken shaft to Matthews Machine Products, 670 Dalton St, Kingston. By next morning we had a replacement shaft in hand. The new shaft was made of stronger steel and, according to George Gavlas, was better made than the original.

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The lesson that we draw from this is: if the dealer does not have a particular part in stock and we need it fast, try to get it from an industrial supplier or have a new one made.

Over the past few years we have been very impressed with the attitude of industrial suppliers such as Canadian Bearings, McKay St., Kingston. If you need a bearing or a belt after business hours and you are willing to pay more, you can get it.

A big thanks to the ferry crew members who cheerfully accept parts and other packages for us. We really appreciate it.

Ms Know It All

- Staff

Ms KIA is on vacation and she has left us with the task of explaining last month's puzzles. This should be very interesting because we couldn't solve them all and her writing is close to undecipherable. Oh well, here goes nothing. Starting from the second one and

proceeding in order:

Lov_ - endless love

Tiogme - go back in time

Blow - low blow

Paid

I'm - I'm over worked and under paid

Worked

Ankoolger - look back in anger

Va_ders - space invaders (space in 'vaders')

Ha- aloha (a low 'ha')

Croonewd - there's one in every crowd

Libackfe - back in the high life

S____d Cousin - second cousin once removed (this one is difficult because you have to rearrange the four letters removed from 'second' into the word 'once').

1T345 and S2uvw - tea for two and two for tea ('t' for 2 and 2 for 't')

Ai4d - foreign aid ('4' in 'aid')

Worl_ - world without end

Bending

Draw - bending over backwards

Draw

Iecexcept - 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'

Symphon_ - unfinished symphony

If you still can't understand how to get from the puzzle to the answer, corner Ms KIA when she gets back in a week or two. She'll be glad to help.

Letter From L.&A. Board Of Education To Bruce Caughey, Jr.

May I express through you to the committee my personal appreciation for the constructive suggestions given during the above named process. I also speak for several trustees who commented on the willingness of the Amherst Island parents to work for what hopefully will be in the interest of the Amherst Island children, parents and

staff.

Bruce, I am very concerned that the implementation of this change be no different than discussed and agreed upon. To ensure that any concerns that the group you represent might have are addressed, I would ask you to contact me directly if after meeting with the Head Teacher, Principal and Superintendent you still have not been able to satisfactorily resolve any misunderstanding / difficulty. I would be only too glad to then meet with you to discuss the problem. Let me assure you there is no hidden agenda - - I want this twinning to work to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Again, thanks to you and the parents for the trust you have demonstrated in this Board and its Senior Administration. We will continue to work together in the interests of our clients, 'your children.'

S.F. Boston, Director of Education

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Our New Principal

- Sally Bowen

Dick Cherry will be principal of both Bath P.S. and Amherst Island P.S. next year.

He has had a long and close association with the Island. In 1971, at the close of his professional hockey career, he taught the primary class at our school when Phyllis Strain was on leave. His son Brian transferred into grade 2 to join him. Another son, Steven, was a student teacher here this year. He also has a 16 year old daughter, Cristy. He and his wife Lillian have owned land on the Island since that time - the old Willard place on the north shore. Dick is here frequently helping take the bird census.

He was a vice-principal in Odessa for 10 years, a principal in Amherstview for 4 years, and started as principal in Bath last year.

"Twinning" basically means having one administration for 2 schools. Because it is more economical, it has enabled us to keep 3 classrooms open despite the drop in numbers. Beth Forester was hired as "head teacher" in our school to be the principal's representative. Connie McRae will be teaching the senior grades and a new teacher, Sandra Hollywood, has been hired for the junior room. Our senior students will have fewer substitute teacher days and our school will have access to more resources.

Dick held his first joint staff meeting on the Island. He intends to maintain basic status quo but hopes to gradually make such improvements as a new custodian, better property maintenance and perhaps some upgrading of playground equipment.

We welcome him, and count on his support for our

school.

Insult of the Month

Upon seeing a neighbour in shorts for the first time, a friend told him that his legs looked like "store bought chicken".

Notices

50th Anniversary

The family of Francis and Nessie Welbanks wish to invite their family, friends and neighbours to join with them in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday September 5th at Amherst Island Community Centre.

Open house from 8 pm. Dancing and refreshments available.

Best wishes only.

Cookbooks For Sale

St Alban's Recipes: \$6.00 per book from Glenn's Store, any A.C.W. member, Simmons Feeds and Seeds or Guardian Drugs in Amherstview.

Thank you for the recipes and, of course, buying these cookbooks. Hope the recipes are enjoyed by all.

Thank-you to the businesses listed who are selling for us.

Glenn's Store now offers a Book Exchange. Trade in your old paperbacks or choose from our wide selection. Books free with trade-in - \$0.75 without.

Need Help?

As of September I will be available for house cleaning jobs. If you need help doing the everyday cleaning or have larger projects in mind, I will be both interested and available.

Please phone Dianne Marshall at 389-4070.

Community Sunday School

Come one, come all to a meeting of all those interested in your Community Sunday School. Join the fun on Tuesday, August 18, at 1:00 pm at the home of Diane Gavlas. We will be making plans for the reopening of S.S. in September, after the usual summer recess. We always welcome new ideas, helpers and teachers!

If you would like to get

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involved but cannot attend the meeting on the 18th - please phone Susan Caughey at 389-2012.

Many thanks to all who support the Sunday School in so many ways.

Susan Caughey

The Beacon's "Amherst Island Phone Numbers" has finally arrived from the printer. It sells for \$2 and, after expenses are paid, the money will go into the Beacon bank account.

Leslie Gavlas reports that there are now 59 subscribers - 7 from the United States.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to my family, friends and neighbours for all their help during my recent trip to hospital. The doctors, nurses and ambulance attendants and A.C.W. were all so kind.

Thank you very much.

Peachy Eves

John, Laurel and Jamie Nixon would like to thank all the terrific people on the Island for making us feel so welcome in our new home.

Special thanks to the ferry crew who rushed us to the other side in the wee hours of Aug 1 so we could bring a new 6 lb 10 oz baby boy into the world a 1/2 hour later.

Everyone's concern and hospitality is very much appreciated.

John, Laurel, Jamie and Jeffrey Nixon.

A very sincere thank-you for all the baking, cards, flowers, visits and never-ending good wishes from all our family, friends and neighbours after my vacation in hospital this month.

Thank you all again.

Diane Gavlas

The girls of the Island Aerobics Class would like to sincerely thank Louise Downey for her kindness and devotion while teaching classes during the summer. Louise has been a very exceptional leader and we feel very proud to have had the pleasure of getting to know her and participate in her program.

Unfortunately for us, Louise plans to spend the

winter in Ottawa furthering her education and thus will be leaving the Island in this endeavour.

Good luck Louise and we hope to see you back again soon.

Advertisements

For Sale

1 Baby Crib with mattress.

Good condition. \$50.00. Dianne Marshall, 389-4070

For Sale

Ford Fairlane 1964, V8, 1964, \$150.

A. Sychra, 389-0643

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Community Calendar

Sorry, but we've run out of room. If we go over 5 pages, more postage is needed. It also gives us a reason to keep The Beacon at this size.

Thank you contributors.

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Council Report for Sept. 1, 1987

- C.J. Kennedy

Before the start of the regular meeting there was a special rezoning meeting, which approved rezoning for Edwin Hogeboom and Dr Osborne.

All members of Council were present. Dorothy McGinn wanted Council's opinion on creating six lots on her property near the lake on lot 63, 2nd concession. Council did not want to give complete approval until the position of the shore road had been decided.

Bob Horth has been appointed the new purser on the ferry. The position of deck hand will be advertised. The ferry is going to Whitby on Sept. 14 for repairs.

Council does not appear to have unanimity from the residents far moving the roads back from the shore in any of the stretches. Therefore, on the recommendation of the Roads Committee, Council will get an estimate for the price of an engineer's survey of the shore roads to decide the best course of action. Totten Sims Hubicki have been asked for a price. Meanwhile large rocks have been placed on part of the south shore to protect the road. Council has received numerous letters, both for and against moving the roads back from the shore. The road crew will carry on ditching.

The Recreation Committee is working on the skating rink/tennis court, with Jack Kerr doing much of the organization. The Reeve and Beth Forester will attend a meeting in Napanee on starting the 911 emergency phone number in this area. Repair work is to be done on the municipal drain. Dave Willard is the new Livestock Evaluator.

Council then adjourned at about 10 p.m.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Louise Seaman in hospital with heart trouble. Also to Chris Glenn who was admitted to hospital for long awaited hip surgery.

Congratulations to Helen Miller who will be installed as Worthy Matron, Frontenac Chapter, No. 90 of the Eastern Star on October 7.

Welcome home to Todd Filson (Sandra and Glenn's son) from an 3 month trip to Vancouver.

Happy Birthday to John Glenn - 23 on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Congratulations to our Grade 9 students who survived initiation last week. Congratulations also to Tracey Filson on completing a miserable week of hazing at Queen's.

Rink / Tennis Court Progress

- Staff

On Thursday, Sept. 3, the concrete pad was poured. Custom Mobile Concrete sent over 9 men to help Jack Kerr and Jack Forester pour the concrete. Jack Kerr, Warren Kilpatrick and Darrell Miller prepared the site after the Road Crew stripped

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off the top-soil. Peter McCormick has volunteered to cut the control joints in the slab.

Rink boards are going to be manufactured at Jack Kerr's place. The first bee is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Sept 15. More helpers are welcome.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Mrs. Georgina Allison hosted the Sept 16th meeting. Our branch entertained the District president and her branch with a pot luck supper. A good time was had by all.

The October meeting will be at Mrs. Jean McIntyre's on the 21st at 8 p.m. Program will be family and consumer affairs. Roll Call is to name a scientist or person who has made a contribution to health, preferably Canadians.

New members welcome.

Libraries - Then and Now

- Diane Gavlas

The Egyptians discovered papyrus - a reed which grew along the banks of the Nile River. The outer bark was removed and the centre sliced into strips. The strips were pressed and pounded while moist and a substance something like paper was produced. The sheet was dried and polished with pumice and would then take ink.

Papyrus was rolled in scrolls when not being read. That was something hard to do with a clay tablet. Scrolls were called “volumen” from which we get the word volume. Scrolls were stored in crocks or earthenware jars. Librarians were always b

pole that holds the stable cleaner chute. He didn't fly up there either. He climbed a ladder and tied it to the eaves trough then he put another ladder up to the hip to get a safety line over. (He is going to paint the roof I think.)

You might as well know how he became stranded in the first place. It was one of us. Well, not really one of us. A red and white holstein heifer stuck her head between the rungs of the ladder. When she could not get it out she took off for the creek with the ladder around her neck and the eaves trough flaggin' behind, bucking and bawling all the way. One of her mighty lunges caused the bottom of the pole to catch in the ground, pole vaulting her into the air. She landed in a heap sure she was dead, the ladder which now looked like a pretzel still around her neck.

It is a fact plain and simple, all cows are not created equal.

Food And The Hungry

- Sally Bowen

Thank you very much, Islanders. We have sent eighteen shipments of fresh food to the Kingston Food Bank so far this season! We have been their only regular source of fresh food. The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, the group that co-ordinates pickup and delivery, are able to get our excess food to people who need it the very next day.

Thanks this month go to Diane Pearce, Jean and Earl Tugwell, Chris

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Glenn, Jack and Madlyn Kerr, Judy Roberts and Alan Kidd, Jean Johnstone, Mrs. Gertrude Maude and Gordon and Lois Bews. If I have at any time forgotten anyone, I'm sorry.

It is still possible to send food. Help to pick a crop, such as apples, can be arranged with a couple of days advance notice. Please call me at 389-3444, if you have any extra food to share with those who need it.

School

- Staff

Here's a list of Island residents attending school this year:

At A.I.P.S.:

Kindergarten — Bonnie Marshall, Jessica McGinn
Grade 1 - Wendy Fleming, Scott Marshall, Mark McCormick, Jacob Murray, Kate Salter
Grade 2 - Jill Caughey, Tyler Hutchings
Grade 3 - Kelly Baker, Crystal Bedford, Angela Fleming, Jessica Gavlas, Jason Hutchings

Grade 4 - Douglas Gavlas, Heidi Hitchins, Kevin McCormick

Grade 5 - Rick Bedford, Ruth Scott, Jamie Silver

Grade 6 - Lori Caughey, Sarah Scott, Jason Silver, Jesse Yull

Grade 7 - Amy Caughey, Tracy Hitchins, Chad Miller

Grade 8 - Connie Fabian, Jeffrey Forester, Mike Horth, Sarah McDonald, Laura Wemp.

At St. Linus:

Kindergarten - Eric Kincaid, Grace Matthews, Keith McGinn

Grade 2 - Nathan Eves

Grade 3 - Debby Kincaid

Grade 4 - Sarah McGinn

Grade 5 - Michelle Kincaid, Michael Kincaid

Grade 8 - Robert Eves.

At N.D.S.S.:

Grade 9 - Jeff deHaan, Reg Hitchins, Peter Horth, Jamie Scott, Mike Strain, Sherry Ward

Grade 10 - Shannon Eves, Jake Lewis, Nick McGinn, Adam Miller, Jamie Miller

Grade 11 - Don Miller, Trudy Strain, Steven Ward, Rick Welbanks

Grade 12 - David Brown, Julie Forester, Leah Murray, Kathi Scott, Steven Willard

Grade 13 - Alex Scott Jr.

At E.S.S.:

Grade 13 - Brad Hudson

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

- Lindsay McIntyre

The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will celebrate their 139th birthday at an ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, on Sunday, September 20th at 11 a.m.

The Guest Preacher at this service will be the Rev. C. A. (Zander) Dunn, B.A., M.A., B.D., M.A., M.Th., who is at present the Minister of Calvin Presbyterian Church North Bay. He will be well remembered by many on Amherst Island. During his years at Queen's University he served as Student Pulpit Supply. In May 1962 he was ordained by the presbytry of Kingston at a service in St. Paul's, and inducted as the Minister of the congregations of St. Paul's and of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Amherstview.

The congregation of St. Paul's is looking forward to a large attendance at this service to help them to celebrate and to renew friendships with Zander Dunn.

A Pot Luck Lunch will be served by the members of

the Presbyterian Church Women at the School after the service of worship.

From Beacon of September 3, 1970.

Historical Property Will Change...

- Glenn Sheil

On September 2nd Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Apps granted an interview regarding the Moutray property. As The Beacon has carried articles on this property, I was anxious to inquire about their plans for the

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residence of the former land agent, Mr. William Percival Maxwell.

Large, rambling, and almost secluded by encroaching shrubs the buildings command an inspiring view of Stella Harbour; and a visitor must tax his imagination to conjure up the scenes of its previous prominence as depicted in Mr. Caughey's article.

Mr. and Mrs. Apps informed me that they are planning to restore the property, as much as possible. This would include a great deal of landscaping and tree-trimming without and sandpapering and painting within. Coveralls, slacks, and old clothes were the order of the day as they had already commenced their task.

Mrs. Apps speculated that, once they had progressed far enough, the house could be opened for a community tea or other organized function.

When I spoke of the interest expressed by some Island residents about a museum, Mrs. Apps assured me that such a project centred on the Moutray place was almost impossible for a community of our dimensions. Sincerely concerned, she spoke of her regret that the relics and other articles had been disposed of in such a manner as to defy reclamation for historical purposes.

Out Our Way

- Genevieve Fleming

Colin and Ruth Filson and family have been holidaying with Mary Filson.

Howard and Noreen Welbanks entertained their families at a dinner party on Sunday evening, the occasion being their 25th wedding anniversary. On Tuesday they left for a motor trip to Eastern Canada.

Wes Brown is under observation in Hotel Dieu,

Ms Know-It-All

Dear Ms KIA

Last year I learned all about our political system in my Grade 9 Civics course. Since then I have been watching with interest the political events, especially the Ontario election. I expected to see a group of adults conducting the business of their governments with rational debate and compromise. However, I am outraged because all I see is our politicians taunting each other, tattling to the press, throwing temper tantrums, trying power plays and getting their fingers burned with conflict of interest. Could you help me understand what is going on?

Signed 'Politically Naive'

Dear 'Naive'

My dear child, your school has taught you how things are supposed to work and not how they do work. I too was confused until I stumbled across a slim book, The Official Rules by Paul Dickson which should rank among the great achievements of Western Civilization. The subtitle tells all, "The Definitive, Annotated Collection of Laws, Principles, and Instructions for Dealing with The Real World." With this book's help, I will try to explain how our political system really works.

We live in a democracy which you probably learned to define as 'majority rule with universal suffrage, etc, etc'. To flesh out your definition with a dose of reality you should add Davidson's Maxim, "Democracy is that form of government where everybody gets what the majority deserves".

As you have already noticed, politicians are in reality spoilt, hyper-active children whose infantile behaviour is best (or worst) on display both during elections and when the government is sitting. Eugene McCarthy has reflected deeply on this behaviour and has authored McCarthy's Law of Intelligence which states that "being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game but dumb enough to

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think its important." Senator Everett Dirkson gets right to the essence of the political mind with his Three Laws of Politics: "(1) Get elected. (2) Get re-elected, and (3) Don't get mad, get even". You need not know any more about the motivation of the political mind.

Machiavelli's Rule, "Never do an enemy a small injury" should help explain Question Period. This is where the opposition parties latch onto any misdeed, whether real or only perceived, with the ferocity of a pack of rabid pit terriers, not letting go until either all Members are exhausted or the public is totally

disgusted. Brown's Law also applies to Question Period: "Never offend people with style when you can offend them with substance". This goes a long way to explaining the pitiful level of debate found in the House these days because the Conservatives keep providing the Opposition with so much substance. They are constantly getting caught with their hands in the till. In their defence, not only are they inexperienced at graft, corruption and patronage, but the Liberals know every trick in the book from their many years in power, and the Civil Service (a.k.a. the Liberal Service) keeps them well informed. Heaven help us if the NDP ever gets into power!

Political parties are a type of bureaucracy with a well defined hierarchy. This becomes more obvious once you discover Imhoff's Law which reads, "The organization of any bureaucracy is very much like a septic tank - the really big chunks always rise to the top".

Two aspects of politics which you may have just touched on in your Civics course are the party Whips and the 'back room boys'. You may wonder how these people get Members to support bills to which they are personally opposed. Chuck Colson, an expert from the Nixon administration, has illuminated their methods of persuasion in his law, "If you've got them by the 'tails' (Ed.), their hearts and minds will follow."

Hopefully this is a start on increasing your understanding of our political system, but Bismarck has written a warning for all amateur political watchers, "People who love sausage and respect the law should never watch either one being made." Take it to heart.

Follow-up on Emerald Cheese Factory - Staff

In the January/87 Beacon, it was mentioned that the former Emerald Factory had "joined the ranks of Island eye-sores". This is no longer true. The Horth family have tidied the site. The neat appearance of the Horth family's house and lot reflect the persistent hard work that has gone into it. The fine look of their place is a good reference for their property maintenance business.

Notices

A. C. W.

St. Alban's Recipes (187 page cookbook) is still for sale for \$6 per copy at the store or from an A.C.W. member.

St. Alban's Annual Turkey Supper will be at the Community Centre Oct 24th at 5 p.m. Bake table, fish pond and of course a meal. We hope you will enjoy. No

advance tickets. Sales at the door. All welcome.

Ferry Notice

Our ferry is scheduled to leave for regular maintenance in Whitby on Sept 14, conditional on good weather.

A naval architect will be inspecting the ferry at this time to decide on how much longer the ferry can reasonably be expected to last.

Aerobics

Another season for fitness has begun. Come one, come all and have some fun. If you want to get down to size. Join us now and exercise.

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We meet Monday and Thursday at eight. Be there then and lose some weight. We do it all to a tape. See you there to get in shape.

Our new instructor is Fern Willard formerly from New World Nautilus, Kingston. She has been instructing since November 1983 and is a certified YM - YWCA Fitness Instructor. The fee is \$2 a night, so you don't have to make a big commitment. Come once and give it a try. The class is low impact aerobics - easier on feet and knees.

Meals for Seniors - Dianne Marshall

Beginning in October I would like to be able to provide a hot noonday meal once a week for Seniors. The cost of the meal would be \$3 and includes meat, veg, potatoes and dessert. The meal would be delivered to your door.

If you are interested for yourself, a friend, or family member, please give me a call.

If anyone would like to volunteer their time and talents for either preparation or delivery, please give me a call at 389-4070.

Girl Guides And Brownies

- Janet Scott

Starting on Monday, Sept. 21st, Guides and Brownies will meet at the school from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Brownies are ages 6 to 9 and Guides are 9 to 12 years. Older girls 12 - 15 years of age are called Pathfinders and Annette and I hope to include this age group this year.

Registration costs \$15.00 and includes a variety of

activities based on the Brownie motto "Lend a Hand" and the Guide motto "Be Prepared".

Thank You Notes

Eric and Linda & Ted and Heather Welbanks would like to thank everyone who helped make Francis and Nessie's 50th anniversary a great success. Special thanks to Shirley Miller and Annette Phillips for taking pictures, Grace Bailey for supplying the wedding cake, Glenn's Store for all their help, the ladies of the Presbyterian Church for a wonderful dinner and all those who attended, gave gifts and sent cards.

An added thank-you to those who brought food to the dance. The whole night was a great success. Thank you.

I would like to thank my relatives and friends for all the nice cards and visits I received while in hospital.

Special thanks to Irene and Betty for your help and kindness the day of my accident.

Sincerely

Ytje Witteveen.

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For Sale

1981 Renault LeCar

Manual 4sp trans

Call Jean Johnstone

389-5599

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Lamb

Topsy Farms at 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Housework

Need help with housework?

Call Dianne Marshall 389-4070.

Babysitter

Need a Babysitter? Mother of 2 would like to provide childcare in her home. Experience, snacks and fresh air provided. Please call Laurel at 384-6617 (Laurel Nixon).

Wanted

Lot or acreage on water or bay.

Contact Roy Jorgensen

77 Carnegie Beach

Group 4 Box 81

RR#3 Port Perry Ont

Phone 416-985-7450

Community Calendar

Every Sunday (except October 11), Sunday School at Community Centre, 9.30 a.m.

Every Sunday, Services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.

Every Sunday, Roman Catholic Services at the Township Hall, 2 p.m.

Every Monday & Thursday, Aerobics at the Community Centre, 8 p.m.

September 19, Saturday, I.S.L.E. Dance, bar 6.30 p.m., turkey supper 7 p.m. Dancing 8 to 12.30 a.m.

\$15.00/couple. Tickets from I.S.L.E. members.

September 20, Sunday, 138th Anniversary Service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.

September 20, Sunday, Services at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 11 a.m.

September 20, Sunday, Joyce and Ken Blaber invite

you to an open house at the new rectory on Academy Street in Bath, 2 - 4 p.m.

September 21, Monday, Regular book rotation at Library

September 27, Sunday, Services at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 11 a.m.

October 4, Sunday, Services at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 9 a.m.

October 6, Tuesday, Regular meeting of Council, 8 p.m.

October 7, Wednesday, Large type book rotation at Library

October 11, Sunday, Family Services and Holy Communion (Harvest Thanksgiving) at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 11 am.

October 18, Sunday, Services at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 11 a.m.

October 21, Wednesday, Women's Institute at Mrs. Jean McIntyre's, 8 p.m.

October 24, Saturday, St. Alban's Annual Turkey Dinner at Community Centre, 5 p.m.

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Council Report

- C.J. Kennedy

The minutes of the September meetings were read.

At a Ferry Committee meeting it was recommended that Jimmy Reid be appointed a full-time deck hand, and that Rob Wemp, Kim deHaan and Jim Barbro be hired as temporary deckhands as required.

Six building permits were issued last month: Norman Allison for a swimming pool, Duncan Marshall, S. Knox, Elsie Densem and K. Albertan for additions to their houses, and to Marius Scheutz for a grain silo.

Bob Clancy discussed Council's decision not to award compensation for a dead calf.

Bob Hannah asked for and received approval in principle for 4 lots on Lots 18 and 19, Conc. 1.

The Reeve outlined his activities for last month. He attended a meeting about 911 emergency numbers. Even when the service is approved, installation takes about two years. It has not been decided how to pay for it yet. The Reeve had been down to Whitby to inspect the Amherst Islander in dry dock. The boat is apparently in good shape, and will probably last another 15 to 20 years.

Council asked Totten Sims Hubicki to prepare their \$22,000 report on the shore roads. This report is essential before Council can proceed further with shoring up these roads. It will be mostly funded by M.T.C. Council also approved a tender for 30,000 tons of rock to be crushed, to be done by mid-December while the money is still available.

The speed limit through the village was discussed, some Councillors wanting 40 km/hour, some 50 km/hour. If you have any opinion, please let Council know.

Then Council discussed at great length the exact interpretation of parts of the Zoning By-law.

Council adjourned after covering a few more minor matters.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

It seems the Beacon and I are somewhat short on real news this month, but with our journalistic talents we will, as always, give Islanders something to read on the boat.

Perhaps this month, during Autumn landscaping, you might take a hike road-side and examine the condition of your mail box. Yes, remember that small box at the edge of your property where our esteemed letter carrier deposits your mail each day, rain or shine. Said esteemed mail carrier has informed me that there are several mail boxes in states of disrepair, and that a rural route inspection will take place next month whereupon notices will be sent to all delinquent mail box repairers. In other words, if your mail box needs to be fixed,

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please do it before the November inspection.

In other postal news, please note that mail is still moving in and out of our office with little or no delay. Although the press is having quite a field day with postal strikes, there has been very little disruption in the movement of mail so far. There is no need to hold onto your mail until the strike is over.

Since there was no other "real" news it was suggested I talk about my own recent experiences, (besides I think there is a rule somewhere that says it must take a minimum of 20 minutes to read the Beacon).

Okay, so Thanksgiving weekend, as many know, is the Miller family's annual trip to the hunting camp, located on a river somewhere up north past Calabogie, in the deep woods. For the first time in about five years, we had the whole family with us (16 in all) plus a dog. Those who have been to the camp can, of course, imagine what a 2-room cabin is like holding 16 people - and a large dog. For those who haven't been there, I think Bill summed it up pretty well when explaining to his teachers that he wanted to leave early - "to drive 3 hours up north into the woods and lock myself in a 2-room cabin with my in-laws for 3 days". Anyway, as usual, we had a wonderful time - crowded or not - and will all go back again next year. Providing, that is, nobody else gets married, has children, or gets a new dog before then.

By the way, only 60 shopping days left until Christmas.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Red-faced I am not. For those who caught me with the Beacon blurb written up before the fact. Its easy to know we will have a good time at a meeting of our own with a guest W.I. visiting. W.I. meetings are looked forward to with anticipation of a rewarding friendly fun time by the members..

Wednesday October 21st Meeting is hosted by Mrs. Jean McIntyre at 8:00 p..m. Our Roll Call is to name a scientist or person who has made a contribution to health, preferably a Canadian.

November 18, 8:00 p.m. meeting is hosted by Mrs. Phyllis Strain. Roll Call is to define an old word and show its change in modern day usage.

Library

- Diane Gavlas

Stella Public Library for Library Week Oct 19-23 is having Rev. Ken Blaber come Oct 21 at 1:00 to the Community Centre to show us slides of the Cree Indians. Hopefully he will bring some of his souvenirs from his time with the Crees. Sounds like an interesting program if only I could put into words what I hear. Please come and enjoy this slide show.

Coffee. Cookies. Juice for the kids. Hope to see you there.

The Cooks' Corner

- Dianne Marshall

September at Amherst Island Public School was being celebrated as Apple Month. Caroline Yull offered to make Swedish Apple Pie. The students were a great help and all got a stir for good luck. The following recipe is wonderfully quick and easy. Bob's comment of "This is good stuff" says it all.

Swedish Apple Pie

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Put into a bowl in this order:

- 1 unbeaten egg
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup cubed raw apple
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- pinch of salt

Mix well. Put into a well buttered 8" or 9" pie plate. Sprinkle with

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sugar and a bit of cinnamon (optional). Bake for approx. 35 minutes or until golden brown on top.. This pie has almost a cake texture. A blob of ice cream on top goes well.

The Hotel Dieu Hospital puts out an informative booklet on iron. One of the recipes in this booklet is far - Iron Rich Quick Bread

Place in a large mixing bowl

- 1 cup all purpose flour
 - 1 cup whole wheat flour
 - 2 tbsps wheat germ
 - 2 tsp baking powder
 - 1 tsp baking soda
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1 cup quick cooking oats
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Mix the above ingredients. In another bowl, mix
- 1 egg, beaten
 - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 cup black strap molasses
 - 1 1/4 cup buttermilk (if not available, I use sour milk)
 - 1 cup raisins.

Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well. Grease a 9 x 5 x 3 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for approx. 50 minutes or until done. Cool completely before slicing.

Our third recipe comes from Sarah Salter's collection. It is called Impact Salad which is a delicious spicy remedy for colds.

- 1 med. red onion
- 2 med. ripe tomatoes
- 4 cloves garlic
- one-inch square of ginger root
- 1/4 tsp red pepper (cayenne)
- 1/2 lemon
- 2 tbsps. light salad oil (safflower etc).

Chop onion and tomato into medium dice. Add crushed garlic and very finely chopped ginger root. Dress with cayenne, juice of 1/2 lemon and oil. Let sit for 1/2 hour before serving.

This salad is powerful. It makes a particularly tasty condiment with most curries, and will do wonders to enliven a pedestrian meal of red beans and rice. It really does seem to stave off colds and sinus inflammations.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Migration is now in full swing as birds by the tens of thousands desert the province for more sensible

climates. On most clear nights you can hear them passing overhead with various peeping noises. Of course, while we are losing some species, others are taking their place, some passing through and some staying for the winter.

Among the large number of species that pass through our area during migration are the hawks and owls. The highlight for us so far this autumn was a full grown, adult Bald Eagle drawn to our attention by the sharp-eyed Adam Miller on Sunday, September 20th. Initially it was sitting on a fence post a few hundred yards to the east of the Stella forty foot just south of the village. Later it assumed a typical pose at the top of the tall pine tree in the same field.

While the Bald Eagle is not very common around here now at least several are reported in the Kingston region every year. They used to be much more common here in the past. Keith Miller can recall going with his father to visit various eagle nests. In the not so distant past there were several reported nesting sites including Timber Island, Simcoe Island, Main Duck and Amherst Island. In fact, Bald Eagles were still reported to be nesting on Amherst Island as late as 1957.

Eagle nests are something to behold, or even to stand in. Made of sticks up to four feet long and one inch in diameter, they are well built and can easily support the weight of a man. They are usually used in successive years.

While pesticides have played a significant role in the decline of

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this magnificent bird, the records of earlier ornithologists makes for sad reading. It is a record of nests robbed of eggs for museums and private collections, and of birds shot. Many of the records of the Kingston Field Naturalists tell of these earlier naturalists decrying the decrease in numbers of this and other species at the same time they recorded how many eggs they were able to obtain and how many birds they were able to shoot.

Udder Nonsense
- Shirley Miller

Putting one's thoughts in order this time of year can be a chore. I just get worked up over the wind and cold, when the sun comes out and warms me all over. Then the clouds chase the sun away and the wind comes up trying to blow the roof off of the barn. Who can figure the weather?

The Millers made cider this year so we had to be quick to get even the scabby apples. We did get the

squeezings from the cider press though. Boy! Those apples did look beautiful in crates and bushel basket sitting under the apple trees, just too far over the fence.

John finished painting the barn roof with no further heart stopping moments. It looks so much better.

David and Janet Kennedy dropped in while they were here visiting Chris and Randi. They are such interesting and interested folks it would be nice to see more of them. In fact I dreamed I went to visit them in England. This is how my dream went.

We bought a fine house in a quaint English town but the windows were sideways the doors upside down. The problem compounded when we got inside, for the whole of the house was just three feet wide. When we came to the stairs we were really in luck. They only descended, they never went up.

We went to the kitchen in search of a sweet. The table fits grandly but no room to seat. The cook was there smiling dressed as white as could be but it seems that he only makes weak English tea. The reason he gave and I'm sure 'tis quite true. The house has no stove and that just would not do.

We have two fine chimneys, one at either end but the smoke like the stairs would only descend. Being a fixer I needed proof so I looked for a ladder to get to the roof. I went to the barn and encountered a cow who quite shortly informed me "it's not milking time now".

"I've come for the ladder do you think you could help?"
"It's out by the pigpen, go get it yourself."
The pigs had the ladder stretched 'twixt two rocks and they all sat upon it like a shelf full of pots. They grunted and grumbled as each one climbed down "How can we get suntanned with all this mud on the ground?"

I arrived at the house with the ladder in hand and stood there admiring "how lovely" "how grand". I was just setting the ladder to the roof when mother awoke me. It was only a spoof.

Amherst Island Public School

The Polka Dot Turkey
- Crystal Bedford

There once was a little boy

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named Jim Manners, and he always had good manners! One morning as Jim was getting ready for school, his mother yelled up the stairs, "Jim, dear, on your way home from school, I would like you to pick up the best turkey in the market, please."

"OK Mom," he said, as he came running down the stairs.

"Which market would you like me to go to?"

"The Polka Dot Market, please.. They have Thanksgiving turkeys on sale there," said Mom..

So that night after school, Jim picked up a turkey. He brought it home and put it in the freezer. It was a couple of days before Thanksgiving and as it sat there it began to get polka dots!

On Thanksgiving, Jim's Dad was home early from work.

"I'm home," he said as he came in the door.

"Honey," said Mom, "you're home! But why are you home so early?"

"We are going to Mom's for dinner. Remember?"

"Oh, ya," said Morn, "Jim get the turkey out of the freezer."

"OK Mom," said Jim. "A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A polka dot turkey!!!"

"What?" said Mom. "A polka dot turkey?"

"Yep," said Jim.

"Quick, call the butcher and ask him if they are poisonous."

"Oh, no," said the butcher. "They're not poisonous. They are good for you!"

"What! Polka dots healthy? You're crazy!" said Dad. Jim said, "Dad, calm down. OK?" "I was over-doing it a little.. Let's go!"

Thanksgiving Poem

- Lori Caughey

One fine day,

A turkey ran away,

Because he was afraid of the

Thanksgiving tray.

Autumn Poem

- Kevin McCormick

Autumn leaves

Fall of trees.

They tickle your nose and make you sneeze.

The Pig Who Ate Too Many Apples

- Jill Caughey

The pig's name is Harold. Harold is a little pig. He likes to play and eat. Harold likes to play in the mud.

Harold lives in a field. There was as apple tree in it. He went to the apple tree every day. Harold ate and ate and ate! Harold ate so much that lie almost burst! Finally he had babies. There were seven of them.

A.I.P.S. Students Enjoy Dinner

- Primary Class

At 12:30 p.m., on Friday October 9th, the students and staff at Amherst Island Public School, said the Johnny Appleseed Grace, before they sat down to eat a scrumptious turkey dinner. The delicious stuffing had been prepared by the Senior students. They also set the tables in a cozy "u" shape, with a colourful placemat for each person. The placemats had been creatively designed by each individual for the person whose name they had drawn. Tasty mashed potatoes, corn and carrots were prepared by the Junior class. Dessert of fruit jello and pumpkin tarts with ice cream, was provided by the Primary students. We also had pickles, cranberries, and gravy. The mouth-watering turkey had been put into the oven at 6 a.m. by Mrs. Forester. Mr. Cherry and Mr. Rose also joined us for our Thanksgiving dinner.

The Soccer Tournament

- Jason Silver, Sarah Scott, Lori Caughey

On Tuesday, October 13, 1987, the soccer tournament was held at Enterprise School. We didn't win any games, but we scored a goal against Sandhurst.

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Here are the scores of the games:

Enterprise 3 - AIPS 0

Newburgh 2 -AIPS 0

Sandhurst 2 - AIPS 1

Centreville 1 -AIPS 0

Newburgh won the tournament.

The Amherst Island team members are:

Jason Silver, Lori Caughey, Sarah Scott, Amy Caughey, Tracy Hitchins, Chad Miller, Jesse Yull, Laura Wemp, Sarah McDonald, Mike Horth, Jeff Forester, Connie Fabian. Coach: Miss McRae.

Food And The Hungry

- Sally Bowen

It looks like other communities may follow the fine example you have set, Islanders! Thank you all for your involvement and caring this summer.

The whole project would have been impossible without the cheerful assistance of the ferry crews who

often helped me on and the nuns off with food, and always made space for bags and boxes.

Thanks this month to Earl and Jean Tugwell, Doug and Joan Martin, Gordon and Lois Bews, Marion and Marshall Glenn, Mrs. Maude, Judy Roberts and Allen Kidd, Leslie Gavlas, Shirley and Keith Miller, Donald and Judy Miller, Barbara and Stratton Reid, to all who contributed to the Anglican Church's Thanksgiving Service food collection and decorations, and to the women of the P.C.W.

We have now made 26 shipments, and I understand there is a little more to come. I know a few of the people who have benefitted from the work of the Food Bank, and on their behalf, I thank you all.

Dedication Service

- A. Bruce Caughey

On Sunday next, October 18th at 11:00 am, during the service of Divine worship in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, a plaque will be unveiled and dedicated, in honour of the Finnigan Family, who immigrated from the Ards Peninsula in Northern Ireland to Amherst Island, in the year 1832, and were some of the earliest settlers here.

Robert and Jane Finnigan settled in Amherst Island on Lot 16, of the South Shore Concession, on the farm presently owned and occupied by Mr and Mrs William Stoker.

Their oldest son, James, along with his bride, accompanied his parents and resided here, where their children inter-married with other Island families, who had likewise immigrated from Northern Ireland. Well known Island names, as a result of these marriages are: Finnigan, Reid, Fleming, Henderson and Hitchcock.

Robert and Jane Finnigan's youngest son, John, married Mary Jane McMath and they, along with a number of other Island families, moved from the Island to Huron County where they took up acreages of Crown Lands and began farming operations, when this Lake Huron area was first being opened up.

Descendants of these families of Finnigans are scattered from Coast to Coast in both Canada and the United States and it is expected that a substantial number of descendants will be present at this service of Dedication.

from Farm Show Vol II, No 5

The first tractor front-end loader was built in 1926 by Clifford Hamilton, a farmer from Saskatchewan. He also invented the first P.T.O. shield.

Canada's Debt

- from NCC Consensus

Estimated for summer 1987.

Total debt - \$965 billion:

federal government - \$300 billion;
provincial governments - \$175 billion;
municipal governments - \$10 billion;
corporate debt - \$320 billion; and,
household debt - \$160 billion.

Interest on debt - \$95 billion (federal government - \$25 billion).

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Deficits (the amounts by which annual expenditures exceed annual revenues):

federal government - \$30 billion; and,
provincial governments - \$12 billion.

Congratulations

Receiving NDSS undergraduate awards were:
Shannon Eves for General Proficiency and, also, for excellence in English; and, Trudy Strain, the Business Education Gold Award for Grade 10.

A.I.P.S. Staff for 1987/88

Principal... Richard Cherry
Vice-principal... Rob Dunlop
Head Teacher... Beth Forester
K-3, Music... Beth Forester
4-6... Sandra Hollywood
7- 8, French... Connie McRae
Secretary... Judy Miller
Custodian... Carmelle Horth

Ms Know-It-All

Dear Ms KIA

Help!! Hallowe'en is rapidly approaching and I am as yet stuck for costume ideas. My son wants me to buy him one of those plastic He-man costumes. Would this be totally tacky?

Signed 'Worried'

Dear 'Worried'

Tacky isn't the word for it: it's an abomination, a travesty, a corruption of the true spirit of this sacred night. May gremlins inhabit your water pump and may a witch cast a spell on your oven timer. Hallowe'en isn't the time for He-man, She-man or It-man. It a night for ghosts, goblins, witches and warlocks - the supernatural not the superhero!

No pint size Rambo can hold a candle to the power of a five year old witch. Rambo may be able to defeat an entire army but a witch can call down those things which go bump in the night. I tremble in fear and rush to appease her spirits with offerings.

By the by, have you ever noticed that the only offerings that work must be comprised almost entirely of sugar? It must be that this nether world is dentist's heaven so they can continue their tortuous ways on these poor spirits. This is what must make the spirits so malevolent.

Please check the goodies for signs of tampering because you never know what kind of sickos are around.

Meynard Laltin's Reviews

Welcome to Meynard Laltin's Reviews - late of the syndicated TV show TeeEee. The Beacon has approached me to write reviews of books, recordings and anything else that comes up. Of course, I accepted immediately. How could anyone pass up an opportunity to write for such a prestigious and influential paper!

All ratings are out of 10, with 10 being the highest possible. For example: So Derek isn't a 10 and never was, the free trade deal from the USA point of view is a 7 and from the Canadian point of view a 3, and the Rolling Stones during the early seventies were a 10 (the 'Beggars Banquet', 'Let It Bleed', 'Sticky Fingers' period).

This month our review will be of Bruce Springsteen's new album 'Tunnel Of Love'. If you were expecting another "Born In The USA", you will be sorely disappointed. There are no roaring vocals, no screaming guitars, no smoking sensuality. Springsteen has not written another group of social anthems.

'Tunnel Of Love' is an album of love songs but he will not be mistaken for Barry Manilow. Rather he takes a hard look at the insecurities and the fears of love. As always, Springsteen's lyrics are rich and hard. There is no fat here, no fluff, no easy songs.

The music is what really sets

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this album apart from his others. He has tamed the 'E Street Band' to the point that they aren't even there most of the time: a synthesizer here and there, a harmonica occasionally, and sometimes a set of drums. Only 'Spare Parts' sounds like it could be from 'Born In The USA'. The rest are quiet, very quiet. It's as if Springsteen wants to make sure that the lyrics don't get lost in the music. This is not to say that it isn't melodic

because some of the songs have beautiful melodies like 'Walk Like A Man' and the title cut.

Springsteen takes a big risk with this album. There aren't many artists who could get away with this sort of change of styles and it is a measure of his self-confidence that he would even attempt it. It is also a measure of the respect with which he is held and his saleability that it was even released, especially after 'Nebraska' did so poorly.

'Tunnel Of Love' won't be for everyone, particularly the pre-teen set, but it should appeal to a more mature audience as it reflects Springsteen's present situation of a newly wed man. A good album that I will be playing for a long time if not very often. I'll give it a 7 out of 10..

Consider sportscasters who dumped all over the Blue Jays for not winning their division. Even with 2 of their key players out with very late season injuries, this team still came within one game of taking the pennant. The rating for these sports-casting turkeys: 1. (I won't give them a zero, just on the unlikely chance that someone even lower than jerks comes along.)

Notices

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Bert and Chris Glenn will celebrate their 50th year of marriage on November 7th, 1987. The family invites friends and neighbours to attend their home, between 2 and 5 p.m., to mark this special occasion. Best wishes only would be appreciated.

St. Alban's A.C.W. Annual Turkey Supper and Bazaar on Oct. 24 at 5:00 pm 'till all have come and gone. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for 5-12 year olds, preschool free. Looking forward to seeing all of you again. Bake Table and Fish Pond.

Your Public Library presents "Christmas Designs for the Home" at the Stella Library on Monday, October 26 at 2 pm. The programme of ideas for wreaths, swags, and table centrepieces among others will be given by Rosemary Davis from the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. Some of the difficult to find materials may be available for purchase at the presentation.

Thank You Notes

The Boat Crews would like to thank George Gavlas for the microwave oven. It is much appreciated and very often used. Thank you

We would like to extend thanks to family members and friends for arranging our 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Amherst Island School Hall on Sept. 5th. To everyone who attended, for cards, gifts and Best Wishes, a sincere "Thank You". To the Hon. Ken Keyes thanks for taking time from his busy schedule to come and present a plaque from the Province. Also to Rev. Norman Allison thanks for presenting flowers from Mr. Tom Annis and a book, "The Smiling Wilderness", from Mr. Gary Hartin, the Warden, on behalf of the County. Thanks to the P.C.W. Ladies for preparing and serving the family dinner before the "Open House". We are truly grateful to all who came and made such a memorable evening for us.

Francis and Nessie Welbanks

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I would like to thank the many friends neighbours and relatives for all the kindness shown to me, while in hospital and at home. The lovely cards, good wishes and flowers sure help to brighten the hours, when confined in any way.

A very special thanks to my family who were all super and to all who have called and brought so many "goodies". Bert thinks he never had it so good!

Thank you also to the W.I. and P.C.W. for the pretty cards. It is great to live in a place where people care.

Chris Glenn

A warm thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my father last month. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Diane Pearce

Advertisements

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations.

Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Property Maintenance

Yards, basements cleaned, carting, grass cutting, exterior painting.

Reasonable - Reliable - References..

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P Glenn at 389-5318.

Electric Fence

Topsy Farms at 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Lamb

Topsy Farms at 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Housework

Need help with housework?

Call Dianne Marshall 389-4070.

Babysitter

Need a Babysitter? Mother of 2 would like to provide child care in her home. Experience, snacks and fresh air provided. Please call Laurel at 384-6617 (Laurel Nixon).

Honey

Available from Topsy Farms, 389-3444.

Amherst Island Phone List Available at Glenn's Store.

The only exercise some people ever get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, side-stepping responsibilities and dodging issues.

Our healing gift to the weak is the capacity for self-help. We must learn how to impart to them the technical, social, and political skills which would enable them to get bread, human dignity, freedom, and strength by their own efforts.

My hunch is that in mastering the art or the technique of helping the weak to help themselves we

shall solve some of the critical problems which confront us, not only in our foreign relations, but also in our domestic affairs.

Eric Hoffer

In the age of Pericles, around 420 B.C., nearly half the population of Attica, or about 115,000 out of 315,000 and of Athens, or about 70,000 out of 155,000 were slaves.

F. R. Cowell

Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness.

Confucius

In language it is simply required that it convey the meaning.

Confucius

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Community Calendar

Every Sunday, Sunday School at Community Centre, 9.30 a.m.

Every Sunday, Services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.

Every Sunday, Roman Catholic Services at the Township Hall, 2 p.m.

Every Monday & Thursday, Aerobics at the Community Centre, 8 p.m.

October 18, Sunday, St. Alban's Services, 11 a.m.

October 21, Wednesday, Rev. Blaber's Cree Slides at Community Centre, 1 p.m.

October 21, Wednesday, Women's Institute at Mrs. Jean McIntyre's, 8 p.m.

October 24, Saturday, St. Alban's Turkey Dinner at Community Centre, 5 p.m.

October 25, Sunday, St. Alban's Services, 11 a.m.

October 26, Monday, "Christmas Designs for the Home" at Stella Library, 2 p.m.

November 1, Sunday, St. Alban's Services, 9 a.m.

November 3, Tuesday, Regular meeting of Council, 8 p.m.

November 7, Saturday, Chris & Bert Glenn's 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home, 2 - 5 p.m.

November 8, Sunday, St. Alban's Services, 11 a.m.

November 10, Tuesday, Submissions to Beacon.

November 15, Sunday, St. Alban's Services, 11 a.m.

November 18, Wednesday, Women's Institute at Mrs. Phyllis Strain's, 8 p.m.

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Circulation

- Staff

Each month from 160 to 180 Beacons are bought. This is not bad for a small community but perhaps we can do better.

Christmas is coming, why not give Beacon subscriptions to your former neighbours or to relatives who have moved away?

Some people buy extra Beacons and save them for friends and relatives who visit every few months.

Any suggestions on how to improve the Beacon are welcome. Contributions are even more welcome.

Council Report

- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present for this the November meeting.

After the usual preliminaries (which I regret to report I missed) Duncan Marshall addressed Council regarding his severance. Council agreed in principal to the severance with the stipulation that both sections of land be rezoned to Rural Residential.

The Reeve's Activity report included a summary of the report on the Amherst Islander's condition. Basically she is structurally sound but does not meet the present electrical standards. This fault is apparently going to be overlooked for now and at the present rate of wear the Amherst Islander should have about 20 more years of service.

Stella will be getting a new speed limit which at present is 35 mph. Council decided to lower the speed limit to 50 kph (for those that don't measure in 'centigraders' 50 kph is 30 mph). In other roads business, the grave], tender was accepted, Totten Sims Hubicki is busy on the shore road report, and hazard signs will be procured and posted at some of the shore road's more dangerous areas.

In other business, the auto extraction kit is here and

several people in the fire department have been trained in its use.

Compensation to Bob Clancy for his dead calf which was apparently killed by a dog(s) was delayed until more information is received.

Council overrode the Township Planning Consultant and will approve in principle Brian and Janet Grace's severance if the land is rezoned to Rural Residential.

After several other items, including a rather lively discussion of 'pay equity', Council adjourned the meeting which was mercifully short, if very boring, as all good Council meetings should be.

Policy On Shore Roads Question

- Staff

There has already been considerable controversy regarding possible improvements to the shore roads. A

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letter has been circulated to all residents opposing any attempt to relocate the southeast shore road and asking everyone to come to a public meeting. The public meeting was held and has been written up in the Whig-Standard.

The Beacon Staff, in the firm wishy-washy tradition of this newsletter, has decided that we do not want to use this publication as a sounding board for opinions on the shore road issue.

The Beacon, as always, will report on facts as they develop. We hope that this can be done in a way that does not stir up passions.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Sincerest sympathy to Bruce and Susan Caughey, Amy, Lori and Jill. We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Susie's father, Glen Marker.

Our congratulations to Tracy Hitchins and Amy Caughey who are to be enrolled as Pathfinders on Monday. Amy and Tracy are our first Girl Guides to move up to Pathfinders.

Many congratulations also to Bert and Chris Glenn who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the beginning of November.

For the 100 or so who attended the Legion's Annual Masquerade, the dance was a great success. The crowd seems to grow each year and the costumes are more outrageous. Just attending to see Betty Wemp's

costumes is worthwhile.

Thanks to those who have fixed up their mailboxes since last month. Helen tells me there are still several boxes that need repair. Please try to do this before the end of November. Inspection will take place then. For information on standards for your box, ask at the office.

In late breaking news, congratulations to Kerry and Liz Hogeboom who were married Friday in Kingston.

The Golden Hood Ornament Award:

Given for hunting prowess to Robbie Wemp in bagging a buck with his car on Friday night. From the look of the car, the deer put up quite a fight. This is his second deer of the year but the first he only shot with a bow and arrow. We have heard rumours that the Miller Hunt Camp crew are thinking of getting some pointers from him.

Parking On The Stella Ferry Dock

- Chris Kennedy & Ian Murray

Council put up a No Parking sign on the east side of the Stella dock. If people park vehicles in the No Parking area it makes it very difficult for us to turn the school bus around, particularly with cars coming off and on the ferry. Several times we have had to reverse through the traffic as far as Ed McCormick's before we could get turned around, so please leave the No Parking area clear.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

November meeting on the 18th at 8:00 p.m. Mrs Phyllis Strain will be our hostess. Roll Call will be to define an old word and show its change in modern day usage.

Later this month we're off to hear the 'Sound of Music' at the Grand as a group together.

In December we look forward to once again putting on a dinner for the senior citizens on December 5th at 6 pm. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

December 15th at 8 pm Mrs Louise Seaman and Mrs Lorna Barbro are hosting the meeting and roll call is an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The Library welcomes you Tues 7- 9, Wed 1-3 and Sat 1-3. Cards Free.

Thank you to all who brought cookies to the Slide Show and Craft Display. Your generosity as always is

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appreciated. Thank you to Rev. Ken Blaber for his time is showing and sharing his slides.

Libraries Then And Now:

After the use of clay tablets and papyrus came the use of animal skins. For books the hide of a young sheep or goat was used. Books were written on leather or parchment. The animal hides were scraped clean of hair and fat and then cured or tanned. The ink was lampblack in water mixed with a thin solution of gum.

Parchment actually came about because of a papyrus shortage. The supply was cut off when rulers of Egypt became worried that Pergamum's library would be better than theirs.

The skins had to be sewn together to make scrolls and so the scribes began cutting them to the desired size and sewing them together at the side. This was the first "book" which was then called a "codex".

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

This month we bring you three recipes consisting of an applesauce spice cake, a muffin and a Sugarless Diabetic Christmas Cake.

Our many thanks to Mary Hall for her King and Prince Oatmeal Raisin Muffin recipe.

1 1/4 c rolled oats
1 1/4 c buttermilk
2 eggs
3/4 c brown sugar
1/2 c butter, melted and cooled
1 c flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 1/4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 c raisins

Combine oats and buttermilk and let stand 1 hour. Add eggs, sugar and butter, mix 30 seconds. Mix dry ingredients and raisins together. Add to oat mixture and mix until moistened. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

Applesauce Spice Cake (Quick and Easy)

1 3/4 all purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/2 c butter or shortening

- 1 c brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 c canned thick applesauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9" square pan. Place all dry ingredients (except brown sugar) into a small bowl. Beat butter until creamy. Gradually beat in brown sugar, then egg. Stir in flour mixture with applesauce. Turn into pan and smooth surface. Bake 35 to 40 min. or until done. Serve warm with ice cream. Freezes well.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion has put out an interesting cookbook which also includes a section for diabetic recipes. (November is Diabetes Month.) The recipe for this month is a Sugarless Christmas Cake which does not contain sugar or eggs.

- 3 c raisins
- 2 c hot water
- 1 c cooking oil
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp low sodium salt
- 1 c dates
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Put the above ingredients in a saucepan and boil about 30 minutes. Let cool and add.

- 3 c sifted flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 3/4 c chopped cherries
- 1/4 c walnuts
- 1/4 c lemon peel
- 1/3 c citron peel

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 degrees and bake 45 minutes or until done. Yields two 2 lb loaves. I assume two 9"x5"x3" greased tins could be used.

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Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

The Annual Fall Count was held in the Kingston area from 3 o'clock Saturday, November 7th, to 3 o'clock Sunday, November 8th. We were disappointed in the weather and not surprised that many usual birds refused to show up to be counted. Although we tried for 24 hours, we were unable to call out a Robin or a Song Sparrow although both species are regularly present on the Christmas Count.

It was encouraging, however, to see the large number of raptors on the island. There were 5 Snowy Owls on the foot, 2 Saw-whet Owls in the woods on the

Marshall forty-foot, and a large number of Rough-Legged Hawks hovering over the fields. We also noticed an increase in the number of Northern Harriers or Marsh Hawks. There was also at least one Long-eared Owl and two Great Horned Owls. There is some evidence that this may be a good year for owls again after several years of subdued activity. There have already been two of the much sought after Boreal Owls reported near Kingston, and Hawk Owls are apparently on the move too, as well as an increased number of Snowy Owls over the province.

The feeder has been a joy these past few weeks. We've had regular visits from a bright red Cardinal, and his more subdued mate. He makes short, sharp whistles to tell you he's there. A flock of thirty Evening Grosbeaks have been making their noisy presence felt but as yet have not managed to land more than ten on the feeder at one time. The Blue Jays are faithful visitors and never fail to yell at you when the feeder needs refilling. We have been pleased to have a flock of about twenty Pine Siskins, a small sparrow-like bird, finely striped on the head and breast with just a hint of a yellow patch on the wing.

If you're feeding birds, you've probably noticed that about the same day as the White Crowned and White Throated Sparrows moved on south the little Tree Sparrows, with rusty red caps and plain breasts with a small black tie pin, moved in. The Downey Woodpecker likes her bag of suet, and the quiet Mourning Dove comes in when the others have finished to clean up the tiny seeds they have missed.

Hint Of The Month -

Try this winter treat for the birds. Mix bacon fat, peanut butter, bird seed or oatmeal or Red River Cereal together and spread in the crevices of bark on a tree trunk. I've tried melted suet but it just doesn't work as well as the bacon fat to give the consistency of peanut butter, and yet when it cools outside on the trees it glues your treat to the bark. Birds love it!

Awards

- Staff

Once again folks its award time and we have some goodies this month.

The Hypocrite Of The Month Award: To the Federal Government which has excluded the Parliament Hill buildings from the proposed workplace smoking ban.

The Idi Amin Humanitarian Award: This coveted award has been won by the government of Israel for agreeing that "moderate" physical coercion (read 'non-lethal torture') is necessary to extract information by their secret service, Shin Bet. "The view prevails that

there is an unavoidable need to use physical pressure in interrogations.” The award, magnificent ebony nightstick with golden electrodes, will be mailed to the Israeli Ambassador to Canada as soon as the Beacon can afford the postage.

Meynard Laltin's Reviews

This month I only have time for quick reviews of some TV shows.

- Miami Vice is getting so bad that people will soon be switching back to Dallas. Vice gets a 3 out of 10 rating. That's up from 2 out of 10 last year because the plots are

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becoming so incomprehensible that it's a real challenge to try and figure out what's going on.

- Entertainment Tonight's major highlight is trying to catch John Tesh sneaking a look at Mary Hart's legs. ET gets a 5 out of 10 but Mary's legs are an 8.

- The Dolly Parton Show should be watched at least once just to try and figure out how she gets into those outfits. Now don't get me wrong, I think Dolly is a good singer and song writer, but I keep wondering when the brass is going to pull the plug on this turkey - like right in the middle of a skit with Peewee Herman. Even a blank screen for half an hour or so would be better than that. The Dolly show is a 2 out of 10 but I'm giving her dressmaker a 10 out of 10 for practical structural engineering with fabrics.

- The Bob Newhart Show has some pretty good bits and is generally good entertainment. However, this show should carry some kind of warning, like cigarette packages, to parents of teenage girls because it has come to my attention that Stephanie is their ultimate role model. The Newhart show is however a 6 out of 10.

- L.A. Law is an excellent show which has managed to combine enough of the elements of plot, character development, sex, violence and decadence that you don't become bored with it. It is also very educational because you can see exactly what your lawyer's fees go for - \$800 suits, Mercedes convertibles, etc. Think about it the next time you are considering hiring a lawyer. L.A. Law is solid 9 for entertainment value. If it stays this good for another year or so, it will become a 10.

Amherst Island Public School

World Food Day

- Heidi Hitchins (Grade 4)

I learned that Africans and Asians do not have much food. We took a loaf of bread and split it into fifths. We gave four parts to the small group and only one part to the big group. It is not a laughing matter. I feel sad that Africans are starving.

World Food Day

- Ricky Bedford (Grade 5)

World Food Day is a day in the year that we try to think of all the people that are starving.

On World Food Day we had a loaf of bread, and we divided it into fifths. We had two groups of people. North Americans, and Africans. I was part of Africa. North America had three people and four fifths of the bread, but Africa had six people and only one fifth of the bread. So that should give you a good idea of what World Food Day is all about.

World Food Day

- Lori Caughey (Grade 6)

On Friday, October 16, 1987, it was World Food Day. It was to remind people of Africa and Asia and other places where people do not have enough food.

In our class, Mrs. Hollywood divided us into 2 groups, one of three and one of six. She cut a loaf of bread into five chunks and gave four chunks to the group of three, but only one chunk to the group of six. The group of six represented Africa or Asia and the group of three represented North America.

We learned that it isn't fair that we have so much food and they have so little.

Junior Room News

- Heidi Hitchins

In the Junior room we have been doing lots of things.

We have the computers in our room with some new programs - off shore fishing, art treasures.

In October the whole school went swimming at Henderson Recreation Centre. We are selling Amherst

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Island School pens for fund-raising. We carved pumpkins on October 30th for the masquerade on Friday night. During Library week, Rev, Blaber brought his slides of the Cree Indians in Northern Quebec. Then a lady from the Royal Botanical Gardens showed us how to make Christmas wreaths and decorations.

We are working on an Ontario animal project. We watched a video about wild life and we each chose an animal to study and learn about.

More Junior Room News

- Sarah Scott

We had a Hallowe'en colouring contest and Heidi Hitchins was the winner.

Our school has been doing a Read-a-thon and our room read a total of 112 books.

Picture day was November 5.

We has a class contest to see who could find the most ways to say "said". Ruth Scott was the winner with 37 words. Jason Silver and Sarah Scott were runners-up.

On Remembrance Day we had a special service to remember the wars, and to think about peace. The Student Council arranged the program. Rev. Allison and Mrs. Allison came to participate, too. Here is our program and the people who took part

Opening - Laura Wemp

O Canada

Lord's Prayer

In Flanders Fields - Ruth Scott

Why we wear a poppy - Jessica Gavlas

The Strangest Dream - song

High Flight - Jeff Forester

Reading - Chad Miller

One Tin Soldier - song

Laying of wreathes - Wendy Fleming Kate Salter

Moment of silence

The Last Post

Reading - Jamie Silver

God Save The Queen

Ms Know-It-All

Dear Ms KIA:

Last week I was in the car with my children when we saw a dead raccoon on the road. I didn't know what to say when the kids asked about it. Do you have any suggestions on how to handle a situation like that?

Flustered Parent.

Dear Flustered:

Some time ago, a young Island mother was told by a neighbour that the family cat had been run over and was lying dead on the road. The mother's first impulse was to get rid of the cat before her young children saw it.

Then she did something that quite impressed me. She took her children out to the scene of the accident. She showed them the dead cat and said: "See what happens when you don't look both ways before crossing the road.

I wish that I had been that wise in my youth.

Meals for Seniors

- Dianne Marshall

Meals For Seniors began in October and over the past month a total of 35 hot noonday meals have been prepared and delivered to a number of Island residents.

I wish to thank Myrtle Veech and Susan Caughey for their help in preparing and delivering the dinners. I would also like to thank Diane Gavlas for her contribution of carrots, Sally Bowen for squash and Susan Caughey for potatoes.

If you would be interested in a hot noonday meal on each Thursday please give me a call. The cost is \$3.00.

If you would like to volunteer your help, please give me a call. The total time involved would be approximately 45 minutes one day a week. However, this help is very important in getting the meals out and delivered as quickly as possible.

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Microwave News

- Dianne Marshall

Several months ago, I began raising money for the purchase of a microwave to be used for functions held in the Community Centre and for the school children to have the choice of a hot lunch rather than sandwiches everyday.

So far I have received pledges totaling \$150 and I would like to thank the various groups for their generous offers. Unfortunately, we still need to raise more money.

If you are interested in this project and would like to make a donation, I would be grateful for any amount received.

If you are interested and have any ideas on raising money, please give me a call.

Thank you. Dianne Marshall 389-4070

First Aid

- Chris Kennedy

Do you know what to do if your child is choking? Do you know how to stop bleeding in a farm accident? I am organizing a St. John's Ambulance First Aid course for the new year, one evening a week for six weeks. There was one three years ago, but certificates are only valid for three years. First Aid training is recommended for ferry crew members seeking promotion, for volunteer firemen, and anyone else who needs or wants it. The cost for the course is about \$40. The Worker's Compensation Board will pay for anyone covered by Workers' Comp. This includes ferry crew and firemen. Farmers and their families can get 80% of the cost paid

by O.M.A.F. under the Ontario Farm Management Safety and Repairs Programme.

St. John's Ambulance needs a minimum of 16 people to make it worth their while to send over an instructor, so people who are interested should leave their names at 389-3444 (Topsy Farms answering machine). Wednesday evenings might be best, but if Wednesdays wouldn't suit you, please let me know.

I.S.L.E.

- S. J. Bowen

I.S.L.E. sends thanks to all who helped make our Turkey dinner such a success. We raised over \$900 to be spent on activities for the school, and for community-school involvement.

We have rented the Amherstview pool so the entire school may have four swimming outings during the winter.

I.S.L.E. will once again be offering hot lunches at Amherst Island P.S. starting in January. We do not have enough kitchen supplies, and are hoping a few people who read this might have a couple of items in the back of their cupboards that they could contribute. We need: a large pot, large serving spoons and ladles, bowls, teaspoons, forks, cups, and large measuring cups. The committee also hopes someone might have extra ashtrays (for the cooks, not the kids.)

While we are asking, does any-one have decks of cards, board games, puzzles etc. that the kids could use during stormy lunch hours and recesses?

Please call Sally Bowen (389-3444) or any other I.S.L.E. member for pickup, or drop donations off at the school.

Our thanks.

Announcements

Community Sunday School

The children welcome everyone to come to their Sunday School Christmas Concert on Sunday December 13 at the Community Centre at 2:00 p.m. Join in the spirit of Christmas - - as we all sing carols and watch the Christmas Story unfold.

St. Alban's A.C.W. has many thank-yous to give out. Thank you all for coming out to make our Annual Turkey Supper a success. Thank you too to the people who gave donations not only of money but their time for

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cooking, for waiting on tables, working at the fish pond, and never last, the ladies who baked and baked.

The Island Recreation Committee is looking for input and ideas as to what can be done to help the seniors. If anyone wishes to meet in a group, the school could be made available on Wednesday afternoons. Some ideas already put forth are a garden club, theatre group and sight seeing trips. We are looking for interested seniors who want to help or organize activities.

A note can be left at the town office or call Mary Hall at 389-6553.

Girl Guides And Brownies

Please come to our enrolment ceremony on Monday, November 30th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are sponsoring a Blood Donor Clinic in the Sail Room at the Olympic Harbour Site from 2:00 to 8:00 pm on November 19th.

Wanted - Campbell Soup Labels

The Campbell Soup Company will donate 5 cents to the Canadian Figure Skating Association for every label sent in.

If you could save the product labels from the following: Campbell Soup, Chunky Soup, Franco-American, Prego, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, Le Menu, Allen's, Mitchells, V8, and Gattuso and give them to Sarah or Kathi Scott, they will turn them in to the Loyalist Winter Club.

Thank you, Janet Scott.

The Ministry Of Revenue will be holding an Assessment Open House run Tuesday, December 1, 1987 at the Municipal Building from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you have any questions about your assessment, this is your opportunity to discuss it with the assessor.

Due to a lack of response Gavlas Farm Maintenance no longer accepts VISA.

Thank Yous

On behalf of all of us involved with the Partners in Mission Food Bank in Kingston, we want you to know how delighted we were with the enthusiastic response you gave to the Fresh Food Gleaning Network

organized by Sally Bowen and her husband.

We are very happy when we are able to put fresh produce into a hamper and with the periodic shipments which totalled over 20 we were able to give the less fortunate people of Kingston and area some beautiful fresh vegetables and I know they would want us to thank you for them.

We also extend our thanks to the Amherst Island Ferry crew who transported this produce to the mainland for us.

May God Bless your thoughtfulness and generosity.
Sister Evelyn Leonard,
Co-Ordinator of Planning.

Bert and I would like to thank all our friends, neighbours and family, for coming to the open house to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

We thank you all for the lovely cards, gifts and money, which you brought or sent.

Also a big thank-you to our family, for all the planning and work they did, to make that day, a special one for us.

The memories of this event are very special and will be with us while we live.

Sincerely,
Chris Glenn.

We would like to extend "thanks" to family members, and friends for helping to make our 40th anniversary a special time, also thanks for their cards, best wishes, gifts and gifts of money.

Marshall and Marion Glenn.

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Advertisements

Motorcycle

1984 Honda Shadow 500 motorcycle, 24,000 km. New back tire. Certified. \$1400. Mark Kilpatrick 354-2009.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations.

Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Property Maintenance

Yards, basements cleaned, carting, grass cutting, exterior painting.

Reasonable - Reliable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Housework

Need help with housework?

Call Dianne Marshall 389-4070.

Babysitter

Need a Babysitter? Mother of 2 would like to provide childcare in her home. Experience, snacks and fresh air provided. Please call Laurel at 384-6617 (Laurel Nixon).

Lamb

Topsy Farms at 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Amherst Island Phone List

Available at Glenn's Store.

Honey

Available at Topsy Farms, 389-3444.

The Township is planning to undertake some routine maintenance work on the Miller Municipal Drain.

Anyone interested in employment on this job should contact the Municipal Office at 389-3393.

Community Calendar

Every Sunday, Sunday School at Community Centre, 9.30 a.m.

Every Sunday, Services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.

Every Sunday, Roman Catholic Services at the Township Hall, 2 p.m.

Every Sunday, Services at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

Every Monday & Thursday, Aerobics at the

Community Centre, 8 p.m.

November 18, Wednesday, Women's Institute at Mrs. Phyllis Strain's, 8 p.m.

November 30, Monday, Enrolment Ceremony for Brownies and Girl Guides, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Centre.

December 1, Tuesday, Assessment Open House at Township Hall, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

December 1, Tuesday, Regular meeting of Council, 8 p.m.

December 5, Saturday, Senior Citizens dinner at Community Centre, 6 p.m.

December 10, Tuesday, Submissions to Beacon.

December 13, Tuesday, Women's Institute Meeting at home of Louise Seaman and Lorna Barbro, 8:00 p.m.

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Council Report

- Chris Kennedy

Before the regular meeting there was a meeting to rezone parts of Lots 15 and 16, Con 1, for Rural Residential use. Garnet and Roger McDonald and Doris Henderson are the applicants. The rezoning was approved.

All Councillors were present at the regular meeting. Bruce Caughey (Jr.) was the only applicant for a building permit, for a barn/machine shed.

The Drainage Superintendent sent word that no work could be done on the Miller Municipal Drain until spring unless the ground froze hard and there was no snow cover.

More training is planned for the ferry crew. A senior engineer from M.T.C. will advise the engineers. A lifeboat and fire drill are planned for each crew. Council will advertise for a spare captain from the mainland in case all ours are sick. The Naval Architects report on the condition of the Amherst Islander is available at the Township Office.

Council discussed a ferry rate increase for 1988 prepared by the Ferry Committee. The Township's share of the cost rises by 1/2 of 1% each year, and there would be a projected deficit of about \$7000 if the rates remained unchanged. It was decided that a pass will cost \$175.00 and each trip will cost \$1.75 for a car and driver. Passenger tickets will remain at \$0.25. Tom Sylvester suggested that passengers should travel free, with the vehicles costing more, to encourage ride sharing on the ferry.

Francis Welbanks has written to Council, pointing out how dangerous the shore roads are in places. Marius Scheutz wrote questioning the number of severances being granted by this Council. Council will ask Ducks Unlimited to hurry with their report on the Big Marsh, which was expected some time ago.

Council decided that the Reeve will bring requests for charitable donations to Council at his discretion.

More Council News

- Ian Murray

The draft report on the shore roads should be in Council's hands before Christmas.

McKendry's have just about completed the gravel crushing contract.

There is a special meeting of Council scheduled for Monday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m., to discuss pay equity legislation. Councillor John Hall attended a seminar on this subject and believes that our Municipality is directly affected by this legislation.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Nessie Welbanks, recovering at home after surgery two weeks ago. Best wishes also to Ytze Witteveen, Elsie Densem, Henry Hitchins, and Helana Ouellette who have spent time in hospital this month also.

Welcome to our new summer residents - the Norman family (Houselander's) and the Hieatt family (Willard's). We also have some new full-time residents this month - Dworschak and Robitaille - at Hugh Wemp's.

The A.C.W. and P.C.W. have both closed

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off their years, celebrating Christmas parties. The Institute did a fantastic job with their Senior Citizen's Dinner.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our faithful readers. (A Special Merry Christmas to Vic and Joan Ellis.)

See you in the new year.

Please check this Beacon for Store and Post Office holiday hours.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

Thank you for your contributions to the Senior Citizens' Dinner. Thanks to Burleigh L.O.L. 482 for your generous donations and to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 for your faithful support and of course many individuals who donated money and their time. Thank-you to the 4-H Girls and Pathfinders.

Dec 16th 8:00 pm meeting is hosted by Mrs. Lorna Barbro and Mrs. Louise Seaman. Roll Call will be an

give with such love and selflessness would have come to be what Christmas is all about without the example He set for us in His short life here on earth.

So mothers, even though we seem at times to carry the lion's share of the extra work that this season requires, I don't think anything could prevent us from giving it the best we've got and I also suspect that we get the lion's share of the joys that come from giving until it hurts.

News And Views

- Dianne Marshall

Happy Anniversary to the Amherst Island Aerobics Club which is celebrating 2 years of fitness, health, and fun. Aerobic activity is reported to be the #1 way of relieving stress!

Low Impact. All welcome Monday and Thursday 8 pm.

Neighbourhood Watch!

A number of weeks ago a suspicious looking stranger arrived on Amherst Island. This person spent a great deal of time driving and sitting in the village. A number of concerned residents kept an eye on the vehicle and the police were eventually called over.

It is nice to know we live in a community where because of other people's awareness we can feel a little safer.

A big thank-you to the Women's Institute and George Gavlas for the much needed dolly. This dolly will make life easier and backs safer for those moving tables and chairs around the Community Centre.

Microwave News.

I would like to thank those who expressed their continued interest in the purchase of a microwave for the Community Centre. A donation of \$25.00 has been received from Helen and Edward McCormick. Helen and Edward would like to challenge any other parents or grandparents of the school children. All donations may be sent to Dianne Marshall.

Skating Rink.

Thank you for the organization and work of the Recreation Committee for the new skating rink and tennis area. The area is a real asset to the school children and adults alike.

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

More and more people seem to be acquiring microwaves and I have had a few requests for recipes cooked in the microwave. My particular microwave on High uses 700 watts. You may have to check the number of watts your microwave uses and adjust the recipes for your own power settings.

One of my favourite microwave recipes

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is for Easy Lasagna. In approx. 50 minutes you can have lasagna ready for supper.

1/2 pound ground beef
1 jar (32 oz) spaghetti sauce
1/2 C water
1 1/2 C ricotta or cottage cheese
1 egg
1/4 tsp pepper
9 lasagna noodles (uncooked)
1/2 pound (2 oz) mozzarella cheese thinly sliced
1/2 C grated parmesan cheese.

Yield 6 servings.

In large glass bowl, crumble ground beef. Heat at High 2-5 minutes (depending on the amount of beef used). Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and water. Meanwhile, combine cottage cheese, egg and pepper. In oblong baking dish, spoon a little meat sauce on bottom. Place 3 uncooked noodles on top of meat sauce. Cover with 1/2 of egg mixture and cheese and 1/3 of remaining meat sauce. Place 3 more noodles on top. Add remaining egg and cheese and 1/2 of meat sauce. Place 3 noodles on top and pour remaining meat sauce on top.

Heat covered with plastic wrap at HIGH 8 minutes and at medium low 30-32 minutes or until noodles are tender.

To complete - top with parmesan cheese and let stand covered, 15 mm. before serving.

Our second recipe comes from Linda Wemp's file. It is called Golden Cheese Dunk and is always one of my favourites.

3 tbsp butter
3 tbsp flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp dry mustard
1/4 C finely chopped onion
2 tsp dry parsley flakes
2 large cans Undiluted Carnation Evaporated milk
4 C grated process cheese or medium cheddar

Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat. Add flour, salt, mustard, onion and parsley. Stir until smooth. Gradually add Carnation.

Cook over low heat until thickened and smooth, stirring constantly. Add cheese and stir until cheese melts. Serve in chafing dish with crackers. Garnish with parsley. Yummy!!

Recipe can be halved.

With thanks, from Caroline Ackerman:

Trifle. Serves 6.

- 1 pt. milk
- 1/2 vanilla pod
- 2 eggs plus 2 yolks
- 2 tbsp castor sugar
- sponge cake cut in cubes
- 4 oz. apricot jam
- 4 oz. macaroons, crushed slightly
- 4 fl. oz. medium sherry
- 1/2 pt. whipping cream
- 2 oz. flaked almonds toasted.

Scald milk and vanilla pod. Cover pan to infuse for 20 minutes. Beat together eggs, egg yolks and sugar. Add milk strained. Cook over gentle heat without boiling, stirring constantly until custard thickens. Pour into bowl, sprinkle with sugar. Spread sponge with jam, cut up and place in bowl (3 1/2 pt.) with macaroons. Spoon over sherry, pour over cold custard. Top with whipped cream. Cover tightly for at least 12 hours. Decorate with cherries and almonds just before serving.

Community Sunday School News

- S. Caughey

Christmas Concert - Sunday December 13, 2:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. All are welcome to come join in the singing and fellowship.

The Sunday School went a-caroling about the village and to shut-ins on Monday, December 14 after school - and afterwards, returned to the school for supper together. We hope that parents, grandparents and friends enjoyed the fun.

Note by Sally Bowen:

The Sunday School concert was great fun for kids, teachers and audience, too. Susie Caughey has done a wonderful job, leading the Sunday School in a manner both loving and meaningful. Thanks to Beth Forester for the joyful music, Audrey Miller and Karen Fleming for props and costumes that were so well done, and to all parents and teachers who gave of themselves.

Amherst Island Public School
Senior Room

Christmas is ...

Tracy - Being with my family which I love

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so much, and food.

Mike - A fun time because I get lots of presents.

Jeff - Very fun because I get presents and lots of food.

Amy - Being with my family and seeing everyone's presents.

Chad - The time of year that people share their feelings.

Connie - A fun time of year to celebrate.

Jesse - The very best time of year.

Sarah - Sharing the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Laura - Being with your family and having fun opening presents.

Junior Room

What Christmas Means to Me ...

Heidi Hitchins - Christmas means that people love other people and everybody loves someone.

Kevin McCormick - Christmas is fun when your relatives come to your house Christmas Day.

Douglas Gavlas - Christmas is when the Christ Child was born.

Ruth Scott - Christmas means the birth of Jesus, and when the shepherds, angels and wise men came to see him.

Jamie Silver - Christmas is fun, happy, exciting, surprising and really loving.

Ricky Bedford - Christmas means having friends for dinner and having a feast.

Lori Caughey - Christmas is thinking about Jesus and knowing he was born on Christmas.

Sarah Scott - Christmas means the birth of Christ.

Jason Silver - To me, Christmas means the birth of Jesus.

Primary Room

Christmas Is ...

Jessica Gavlas - the birthday of Jesus.

Jacob Murray - a happy time, and a time for love.

Kate Lahey Salter - when I think about God and baby Jesus.

Scott Marshall - on December 25th, when Santa Claus comes.

Crystal Bedford - getting together with your family.

Jason Hutchings - a time of fun.

Angela Fleming - a time when we think about Jesus.

Jill Caughey - a happy time, and a time to share.

Tyler Hutchings - the best time of the year.

Kelly Baker - celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Wendy Fleming - a time for happiness.

Mark McCormick - fun because you get presents.

A.I.P.S. November - December Happenings

- Primary and Junior classes saw "The Magic Tinderbox" at the Grand Theatre.
- Seniors saw Ernestown band and vocal concert at Bath P.S.
- Junior, Senior Rooms are busy working on Christmas surprises. Seniors wish to express much thanks to Mr. Cherry.
- Primary room has a family of gerbils. During the last month two litters of pups have been born to "Gerby" and "Grimalda".
- Both teams did very well at the volleyball tournaments.
- 3-D stars and snowflakes adorn the front hall, thanks to the junior students.
- Val Stenzil, our School Nurse, will be presenting Baby Sitting Course Diplomas to the Senior Class on Monday, December 14th.
- We all went swimming at Henderson Rec. Centre, December 3. Thanks to volunteers Sally Bowen and Jack Kerr.
- Junior Room is working on a comparison unit, studying Christmas in other lands.
- Grade 2 and 3 students have worked very hard memorizing their lines for "The Christmas Magic Wagon".
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are prepared to make you welcome at the concert with their short memory verse!
- Christmas concert is on Thursday night, December 17th.

Emergency Department L&a Hospital

- Quarterly Report

The following statistics represent the increase in activity experienced in the Emergency Department:

Year	Patient Visits
1984	23,000
1985	26,000
1986	28,000
1987	Estimated 29,000

Complicated and critical emergency

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cases are referred to Kingston tertiary care facilities such as KGH and HDH. The Department is well equipped for a small primary care community hospital. Monitors and support equipment provide vital information about patient status and condition.

It is becoming increasingly necessary to admit patients to the Emergency Department area because all

hospital beds are filled. This situation is occurring more often in hospital Emergency Departments throughout the Province. Our staff try very hard to make these patients as comfortable as possible until a bed becomes available in the nursing units.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

Being a professional reviewer is difficult. One has to be able to give a direct relationship between very diverse art forms and have a succinct, defensible opinion about every aspect of this. For example, the relationship between Picasso's "Don Quixote" and the movie "Porky's Revenge" is direct (in a very twisted sort of way) but too complicated to fully explain here. Briefly, the trail leads through major works by Bertrand Russell, Paul Anka, Jackie Collins, Billy Carter (ex President Carter's brother) and some even include Michael Jackson. However, my opinion is that both works were done by very smart people who followed the maxim: 'No one ever went broke overestimating the gullibility of the American people'. I've seen better art work done by 3 year olds and better Sci-Fi 'B' movies on the Late Late Late Show. This has all been a rather long winded introduction to this month's review which has been very easy. I am going to review Ronald Reagan and some members of his Cabinet by simply reprinting some quotes by them and information about them. After you read the following, I think, you will agree with me that they have reviewed themselves.

1- The Washington press corps was stunned today when President Reagan suggested mud wrestling as a substitute for affirmative action. A staff aide said later that the President had misunderstood the question, but refused to say what question the President thought he was answering. ("To Err Is Reagan" by Mark Green, 1987)

2- Following a half-hour lecture by the Lebanese foreign minister on the intricate realities of his country's many political factions, Reagan said: "You know, your nose looks just like Danny Thomas'." ("The Nation", Feb 18/84)

3- "One problem that we've had ... is the people who are sleeping on the grates, the homeless, you might say, by choice." (Reagan on "Good Morning America", Jan 31/84)

4- "[The Job Corps is a] vital program in keeping with the American spirit of helping others to reach their full potential, a spirit that has sustained our nation from its very founding.... Nancy and I send everyone present our best wishes for future success." (Washington Post, April 22/85). In explanation, this was a quote from a congratulatory telegram commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Job Corps sent only five months

before he proposed, in his 1986 budget, that it be abolished.

5- "Remember, the SALT II is nothing but a limitation on how fast you increase weapons." (Los Angeles Times, Jan 9/85) In explanation, SALT II defines the upper limit of missiles that the US can have and they had already exceeded that number.

6- Attorney General Edwin Meese III explained why the Supreme Court's Miranda decision (holding that suspects have a right to remain silent and have a lawyer present during questioning) is unnecessary: "You don't have many suspects who are innocent of a crime. That's contradictory. If a person is innocent of a crime, then he is not a suspect." ("U.S. News and World Report", October 14/85)

6- Former Secretary of the Interior James Watt said that he had never heard of the Holocaust until he became Secretary of the Interior. ("The New Republic", Feb 25/85)

7- Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger: "The United States is not mining the harbors of Nicaragua." (April 8/84) According to "Time" magazine, a committee representing the Defense Department, the State Department and the CIA had agreed to this at least 4 months earlier.

Letters To The Beacon
From A. Bruce Caughey:

The recent burial, in Glenwood Cemetery, of the remains of the late Bertha, (Mrs. J. Maxwell) Beaubien on a snowy

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afternoon of Wednesday, November 25th last, was something that likely went completely unnoticed by many Island residents of our present generation. The late Mrs. Beaubien passed away in Lenadco, Napanee, on Monday November 23rd, having been a resident of that institution for some 10 years, she was in her 97th year and to those of us, who had enjoyed her friendship since the mid-twenties, she represented an era of our lives which represented values of life, hardly known today, in the ever changing swirl of so called progress.

My first recollections of "Bertha" were while I was a student of Stella Continuation School, then located in rented accommodation in the Easterly wing of the "Club-house", presently owned by the Fred Frohlicks. Bertha, a native of Arlington, New Jersey, who never completely lost her "Joisy" accent, came to Stella Point to summer with her grand-parent (Grandpa Lamb) and her Aunt Mrs Thomas Grimason of Kingston, who yearly rented the two story cottage in the centre of the

point, presently owned by the Grants of Kingston and Georgia.

Bertha, whose father was of Swedish descent and who had invented a particular type of shoe-tree, which he manufactured and sold from his small factory in Arlington, N.J. (Following the father's death and after his service in the U.S. Army in World War I, his son Arthur carried on the business until his retirement.) Bertha must have developed, like many others, a love of Amherst Island life, for after several summer residencies here, she decided to spend the winter in the Grimason cottage and it was during this period that she met and made friendship with Max Beaubien, whom she eventually married. Her residency on Stella Point during the winter was something that Island residents questioned, due to the quality of construction of the Cottages on Stella Point, the meager attempt to winterize this cottage must have made it fairly comfortable along with the shelter afforded by the dense growth of cedar trees, which have long since been removed one by one and since these years numerous families have found desirable living accommodation there, e.g.: the David Harwood family (first principal of the Amherst Island Continuation School in 1948); Stirling and Madlene Glenn; the Wm. D. McCormac family; Mary Filson Neilson; and the Press Family.

Maxwell Beaubien, in his early years, had followed his Father's occupation as a sailor on the Upper Lakes, being a crew member, for several seasons on Str. Harvey H. Brown, owned by the Stewart Furnace Co. of Cleveland, where he shared a berth with many other Island natives, under the Captancy of an Island native, Capt. Thomas Saunders.

Following their marriage Max and Bertha purchased the former George Tugwell store, where they opened an Ice Cream and Candy Store, where they catered, week by week, to a large clientele of Island Young People, who frequented their store in the evenings and enjoyed consuming cones and dishes of Hemlock Park ice cream or Willowdale, manufactured in Wistterook, served in large paper-cone lined dishes for \$0.10 a dish, or enjoying the orange drink "Whistle", a product of the S.V. Home bottling works, Kingston at \$.05 per 12 fl. oz. bottle.

Mechanical refrigeration was an unknown convenience, due to the absence of Hydro and the necessary cooling of the ice cream and beverages was carried out with "nature's ice" which was harvested at the height of the winter season from Stella Harbour and packed in sawdust in an ice house erected in their back yard by Max. During the winter season, sale of ice cream was discontinued and replaced by large crates of "Blue Goose" oranges sold for \$.05 each. In addition, Max carried out carpentry work in the store, making

window frames and eventually boats.

The late Bertha (Anderson) Beaubien had two brothers, Harvey and Arthur, a very musical family, during their holidaying on the Island, they always sponsored a summer dance, in Victoria Hall, which was much enjoyed by the Island Young people. A pianist who was usually our friend Tina Filson, joined Harvey with his saxophone and Arthur on drums, to produce a most enjoyable evening. Bertha loved to step-dance and we will always remember the last New Years Party, to be held in Victoria Hall under the auspices of Burleigh L.O.L. #482, when William Markle of Napanee, in his eighties, Bertha in her seventies and Allan Lawlor entertained the large crowd,

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to the music of Brown Bros., with their fleet-footed step-dancing. (Allan is still dancing with the Old-time fiddlers clubs in the area.)

Following the tragic death of her husband Max, in a fall from a house-roof, which he was shingling, Bertha continued to reside in their home (the Will residence, Main St., Stella) for a period, but after having disposed of this property, she removed to an apartment in Napanee and as her abilities to take care of herself decreased, she took up residence in Lenadco in Napanee, where she was an eager participant in all social events as she had always been during her life on Amherst Island.

During visits with her in Lenadco, in spite of her approaching forgetfulness, she could always recall your name as well as to tell you that she ran the "candy store" on Amherst Island. A devout Roman Catholic, Bertha was a regular attendant at mass in St. Bartholomews Church, to which she walked. Mass of the Resurrection was held in St. Patrick's Church, Napanee at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 25th. The only remaining relative, in this area is her sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert (Leona Beaubien) Babcock of Bath.

I will always remember, as I am sure many other Island residents of my age group, will, and cherish in those memories, our associations with Bertha who was possessed of so many qualities of sincerity, kindness and a long standing interest in the community wherein she resided.

From Samantha Jones of Mississauga:

I like Dolly. She is a good singer and writer. I wish I could see her in person. I wish I could see her new show.

From Hazel (Strain) Reynolds of Belleville:

I am enclosing a cheque for \$7.50 to renew my subscription to the Beacon. The staff deserves a lot of credit for publishing such an interesting paper.

I enjoy all the articles even though, as the years go by, there are more strange names than familiar ones. Could you please tell Dianne Marshall how much I enjoy "The Cooks Corner" and that I have tried her recipes. On a personal note, her mother-in-law and I are first cousins.

From Gordon Crouse, Box 212, Bloomfield, K0K: 1G0:

Catherine A. Wilson of Queen's University has referred me to your magazine. Last July I visited Amherst Island for the first time and saw a copy of the Beacon at the home of Henry Hitchins near Emerald. I wish to locate any persons having genealogical and historical data on the following families in which I am interested.

Hitchins, Howard, Preston, Crouse, Nester, McCrimmon.

These families at one time resided on Isle de Tanti (Amherst).

My Great Great Grandfather, Oliver Crouse, 1777-1841, left the Island in 1832 with his wife (formerly Maria Nester) and family, to become a pioneer settler in Tyendinaga Township, Hastings County.

My Great Grandfather, Richard Hitchins Crouse, 1817-1900, was born on Amherst Island. He was named after his Uncle by marriage, Capt. Richard Hitchins, Agent of the Island for Sir John Johnson, U.E.L.

Would be pleased to hear from you, return postage enclosed.

Notices

Stella Library Welcomes You

Tues 7-9 pm, Wed 1-3 pm, Sat 1-3 pm. Library cards are free. A very merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year from Karen and me to you over this holiday season.

For you large type buffs January will bring another new round of reading and cassette tapes.

Regular rotation will be Dec. 21st. Hope to see you there for your reading favorites.

Aerobics

Due to special activities being held on Dec. 17, 24 and 31 and Jan 7 we will be holding aerobics on Wednesdays instead of Thursday. After Jan. 7 we will

contributions to the school. Thanks to Elsie Densem and Helen Bulch for kitchen

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equipment and supplies. Thanks also to Linda Wemp, Tracy and Heidi Hitchins for indoor recess games for the students. If you have something you might contribute, call Beth Forester or any I.S.L.E. committee member.

Sally Bowen

Advertisements

Wanted To Rent

Family with three children wish to rent a cottage on Amherst Island for the month of July 1988. They would prefer a water-front cottage if possible. Please contact Kathy Reed (389-8558) evenings.

For Sale

As Is - No Safety Check.

1978 dodge 1/2 ton, pick-up truck, 8 cylinder, 318 motor. Less than 100,000 km. \$700 or best offer.

1 pair of woman's skates, size 6, good condition, \$20.00.

Contact: Brian or Marie Ward at 389-5767.

Wanted

Old issues of Harrowsmith Magazine: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 20. Needed before Christmas if possible. Please contact Annette at the store. Willing to pay a minimal amount.

For Sale

1 coffee table, \$20.00

1 (new) TV swivel stand, \$20.00

1 stereo cabinet (black, with record rack), \$5.00.

Phone 389-2647.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations.

Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Property Maintenance

Yards, basements cleaned, carting, grass cutting,

exterior painting.

Reasonable - Reliable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Housework

Need help with housework?

Call Dianne Marshall 389-4070.

Babysitter

Need a Babysitter? Mother of 2 would like to provide childcare in her home. Experience, snacks and fresh air provided. Please call Laurel at 384-6617 (Laurel Nixon).

Lamb

Topsy Farms at 389-3444 or 389-0554.

Amherst Island Phone List

Available at Glenn's Store.

Honey

Available at Topsy Farms, 389-3444.

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Council Report For January 5, 1988.

- Christopher Kennedy

Only Ian Murray, Tom Sylvester and Beth Forester were present. Beth was elected to chair the meeting. The Building Inspector issued one permit in December, to Dave Willard for an addition to his barn. He also presented his year-end summary. Thirty permits were issued in 1987. There were three new houses. Sundecks were popular (6) and additions to residences (7) and the rest were a mixed bag. Total estimated capital investment was \$277,020. As Dog Control Officer, Ed Chadband handled four complaints. In his report he pointed out that he cannot take action unless a formal complaint is made.

Stuart reported that the gravel crushing is finished. The road budget is about \$8,000 under for the year. This money will probably used to help pay for the dump truck that was bought last year. The final report of the marine architect on the Amherst Islander is available at the township office. Bill Sippel has resigned from the ferry crew.

The first draft of Totten-Sims-Hubicki report on the shore roads has been received by Council. A Committee of the Whole meeting is planned for Jan. 21st at 8 p.m. at the Community Centre to which the public is welcome. The draft report should be available at the township office for anyone who wants to see it beforehand.

The Fire Committee had a meeting. They are planning a fire prevention campaign. They also decided not to use fire trucks for anything except putting out fires. The portable pump might be used for flooding the skating rink. The fire committee is also hoping to replace the 1952 tank truck (an antique), and to obtain some new equipment.

John Glenn has volunteered to be a fence viewer. The rest of the business before Council was swiftly filed or passed on to committee. In a Committee of the Whole Dave Fleming was appointed a purser.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Lots of good news this month - for a change.

Congratulations to the Matthews family who have a new baby. Although Mary will be in hospital for several months (she weighed only about 1 lb at birth) reports say she is doing OK. Marnie is home, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Helen McCormick and Hazel de Haan are set to become grandmothers sometime in June.

Congratulations to Tony and Penny de Haan expecting their first baby.

Norman and Georgie Allison also have a new grandson - Duncan James. Many congratulations to Louise (Downey) and Charles Eves, who were married New Year's Eve. We wish them all the best.

John and Laurel Nixon have received word that baby Jeffery will be transferred to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto on January 20, with surgery taking place around the 25th. Best of

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luck to them. Thank you to all those who were kind enough to leave donations at the store. Donations are still coming in, and to date we have been able to give John and Laurel almost \$900, thanks to the generosity of the Island people.

Our condolences to Vera, Edwin and the family of the late Clarence Hogeboom. Clarence passed away last week. Also to the family of Jim Herrington who passed away last week as well.

Best wishes to Ytze Witteveen, still at St. Mary's of the Lake.

Skating Rink / Tennis Court

- Annette

The Recreation Committee's new skating rink is now fully operational. Thanks to some dedicated volunteers, it now has a good base and is great for skating. The Rec. Committee will be purchasing hockey nets in the near future as well. The Committee has already purchased tennis nets and racquets, and hopes to see the rink used for tennis, roller skating and skateboarding during the summer months.

Please note that, during school hours, school children have priority on the rink. Please check with school staff if you wish to use the rink during school hours.

There has been some conflict between those who want to just skate and those who wish to play hockey. Hopefully the rink can be shared but the Recreation Committee may have to either hire someone to supervise or post times for free skating and hockey.

Our sincere appreciation to Jack Kerr and Jack Forester, without whom the rink concept never would have got off the ground. Thanks also to John Glenn and members of the Volunteer Fire Department for flooding the rink.

Check out some of the Recreation Committee's other activities, listed below. Come out and participate!

Skating Party - Sun., Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m.

Spring Dance - Saturday, May 21 (D.J.)

Aerobics - Mondays and Thursdays 8 p.m.

Adult Volleyball - Tuesdays 8 p.m.

“Simplistic”: an argument that you disagree with but can't answer.

“Rink Rattle”

- Beth Forester

The skating change room is now operational. It is the large storage room in the southeast corner of the school, which opens onto the back. As well as covering the floor of this facility, there is a strip of heavy rubber matting - extending across the pavement toward the rink. There are seats within, and shelving to accommodate storage of the school students' skates. This door will be left unlocked most days after school and when the locking system has been changed on the inside door, the hours can be extended into early evening.

We encourage skaters to wear helmets if possible, to ensure fewer accidents. After or before school hours the facility is used “at your own risk”. When pleasure skaters and hockey players wish to be on the ice at the same time, it is hoped that an amiable arrangement can be worked out. Perhaps skating at one end - hockey at the other.

The rink certainly has been used to great advantage these last two weeks. We extend a whole-hearted thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and energy - and hopefully will continue to do so, to enable this recreational facility to function meaningfully for our Community.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The January meeting is changed to January 27th at Mrs Anna Hitchins. Susie Caughey is our guest speaker

for Canadian Industries. Roll Call is to bring a Canadian item to be sold with the profit to go to Pennies for Friendship.

February 17th meeting is hosted by Mrs Jean Baker. Program is International Affairs. Roll Call: Bring a picture or souvenir from outside of Canada.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The Stella Library welcomes you Tues. 7-9 p.m., Wed. 1-3 p.m. and Sat. 1-3 p.m.

Interloans for your reading

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favorites are no problem. Just ask Karen or myself.

Libraries Then And Now

Down the centre of the monastery library ran a long bar to which books were attached with chains. The chains were just long enough to enable the books to be open on the desk or trip any monk who didn't keep his eyes downcast.

Books were highly valued in those days and had leather bindings with precious jewels and gold and silver clasps.

Larger books were made of wood covered with leather cloth. Even ordinary books were considered luxuries in the Middle Ages. In the tenth century, one book brought a price of 200 sheep and 3 barrels of grain while a single Bible was traded for a house and lot.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Microwave Meat Loaf (4 servings):

1 lb lean ground beef

1 egg

1/2 cup bread crumbs

1/4 cup milk

1/2 cup diced Swiss or Mozzarella Cheese

2 tbsp dry onion soup mix

2 tbsp soy sauce.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Spoon into a 9" x 5" loaf dish or shape into a loaf and place in 2 quart casserole dish.. Cook on Medium 7 minutes. Rotate dish 1/4 turn. Cook on Medium 5 to 8 minutes longer. Brown 5 to 6 minutes. I don't have a browning option on my microwave. Instead, I put the loaf under my broiler and watch it carefully until brown.

Mashed Turnips With Carrots And Orange (8 servings):

- 1 small yellow turnip (rutabaga)
- 4 carrots
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp frozen orange juice concentrate (undiluted)
- Pinch nutmeg.

Peel turnips and carrots. Cut into 3/4" chunks and cook in separate pots until very tender. Drain and mash with potato masher. Combine turnips, carrots, sugar, orange juice, butter, nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste.

Quick And Easy Dessert:

- 1 Angel Food cake
- Frozen strawberries (thawed)
- Whipping Cream (whipped).

Cut Angel Food cake into slices. Place a blob of whipped cream on top. Spoon strawberries over all.

Microwave News

- Dianne Marshall

Hurray! We now have a microwave in the Community Centre. Many thanks to Ernie and Paulette Apps for donating their extra microwave to this cause. I would also like to thank those who originally pledged or donated funds. Your support and encouragement was greatly needed and appreciated.

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

Now that winter is fully upon us, many consider going south to sunnier climes. One of the more popular winter resorts, as far as owls of the far north are concerned, is Amherst Island. These owls have been scarce here for the past two winters but have returned in large numbers again this year.

One of the most sought after owls in North America paid a 3 day visit in mid-November to Stuart Miller's bush, know by many Kingstonians as The Owl Woods. The small, tame Boreal Owl is rarely seen, its native habitat stretching from northern Alaska to Hudson Bay, but very occasionally it winters as far south as the Great Lakes. This owl was one of nine reported so far this winter in Ontario.

Other owls are also more abundant this winter. This same woods is currently host to several Saw-whet and Long-eared Owls as well as a resident pair of Great Horned Owls. These, coupled with the frequent occurrence of Short-eared and Snowy Owls in the surrounding fields make daily sightings of five species of owls common.

Snowy Owls have been particularly frequent here

this year. This is one of the largest North American Owls. The

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pure white adults tend to winter on their Arctic breeding grounds north of the tree line while the darker, more heavily barred immature migrate south. These are the birds we normally see here, frequently perched in trees, on a convenient utility pole or fence post. They are often found sitting on the ground in open fields just as they do on the arctic tundra. Their lack of contact with man makes them extremely tame and they are quite approachable, often letting you get to within a few yards before they take off.

Occasionally the migration of these birds takes them to the southern United States. They have even been found in Bermuda and have landed on ships 200-500 miles off the Atlantic coast. Many are shot while in Canada and the United States and never return northward. Unfortunately one local Snowy that frequented the foot has already met with this fate.

Because they live in the far north and are accustomed to daylight 24 hours a day they hunt both by day and night. In the far north their main foods are mice and lemmings, with ptarmigans and ducks on the side. When they move south they eat whatever they can find such as voles, squirrels, rabbits and rats. Apparently a crash in the lemming population has driven many more owls south this year.

From Report of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board to the International Joint Commission - November 1987

Dry weather in some parts of the Great Lakes basin and higher than average temperatures over much of the basin resulted in some modest favourable effects on water levels over the summer months. As a result, Lakes Superior and Ontario reached levels slightly below long-term averages. While (the other Great Lakes) ... are still substantially above their long-term average.

The Water Quality Management Strategy:

1. The Primary Track, focussing on abatement and control of selected Critical Pollutants known to be persistent and highly toxic and known to be present in the Great Lakes ecosystem at levels of concern.
2. The Comprehensive Track, dealing with the many chemicals reported to be present in the Great Lakes ecosystem but about whose environmental hazard little or nothing is known.
3. Remedial action plans for restoration of Areas of Concern.

4. Tracking and control of phosphorous.
5. Reporting on the state of the lakes and on indicators of ecosystem health.

In accordance with the goal of zero discharge and the intent to virtually eliminate the input of persistent toxic substances, the Water Quality Board made 32 recommendations on how to achieve this objective.

The Great Lakes Science Advisory Board has come to accept that it is unrealistic to assume that we can effectively manage systems as complex as the Great Lakes cur the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem; what we can do is influence human uses and abuses of the natural resources systems on which we depend.

Comment on the above Report

- Ian Murray

For anyone living on the Great Lakes, this report is sobering. This beautiful body of water is treated as a sewage disposal unit by the industries and municipalities that have access to the Lake. Pollution controls are grossly inadequate and we, the voters and consumers, don't care enough to make the major changes in either our governments or our lifestyles that are necessary if we are to ever stop fouling our nest.

One small step has been made by the Township of Peel. This Township passed a resolution urging "the Premier of Ontario, with his government, to firstly enact legislation, without delay, that would limit, curtail, and in some instances prohibit the manufacture, use and distribution of bio-unfriendly materials" The resolution also requested other Ontario municipalities to urge the Ontario government to enact legislation to protect and preserve "the environment for future generations so

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that we may exercise good and faithful stewardship of the land; an obligation that is incumbent upon all of us."

Our Council supported this resolution and I hope, but doubt, that it will make some difference..

Amherst Island Public School News

- Beth Forester

Primary Room:

Thirteen happy little people have arrived back ready to begin a new term. The computers have been moved into our room. They are always occupied during activity time, when work is finished, and recess time. This means that we each have approximately 1 hour of time

on the ICON's per week. There are some exciting new programmes for us to work on.

This month in our Human Growth and Development Programme, we have been introduced to the "Hole in the Fence" gang! They are vegetable characters with human-like personalities and characteristics, helping children to develop responsible personal and social behaviours.

We will be working on a winter theme, to coincide with our Winter Carnival, during the last week of January. We look forward to our swimming event on January 28th at Henderson Pool. (Any community members wishing to join us for this, are welcome.)

News from the Junior Room:

The winner of the "most Christmas activities" completed - Lori Caughey.

Mrs. Stenzl - public health nurse - is visiting every Wednesday for 3 weeks to discuss "Changing Me" programme.

Winter Haiku Poems:

Whispers of the snow,
Waving through the snowy trees,
There's a snowy owl.

Lori Caughey (Grade 6)

A cold winter day,
Icicles were shivering!
It was very cold.

Kevin McCormick (Grade 4)

I went ski-dooing,
I hit a bump and fell off,
But I got back on.

Ricky Bedford (Grade 5)

Letter From Denise Kenny Hehn

- Trustee, L & A County Bd. of Ed.

In 1986 the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education struck a committee to study programming in Grades 7 and 8 in schools of fewer than 200 students. This study was one of the thrusts, or areas of particular emphasis, approved by the Board to be undertaken in the 1986-87 school year.

The study was completed in November, 1987, and the Committee's Report was received as information by the Board at its regular meeting December 14, 1987.

The Report was then referred to the Board's Educational and Personnel Committee and will be

discussed at the committee's regular meeting to be held January 25, 1988. Since Amherst Island Public School is one of seven County schools with an enrollment of less than 200 students, Island residents will have a special interest in this report, a copy of which is available at the school. Please call me at 352-7456, day or evening, if you have questions or concerns.

For those of you who are interested in attending the Education and Personnel committee meeting please note the address: Lennox & Addington Education Centre, 264 Camden Road, Napanee.

Regular Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, Management Resources Committee Meetings on the 1st Monday and Education and Personnel Committee Meetings on the 4th Monday. All are convened at 7:30 pm.

On a personal note, I regret that due to a very painful tooth infection I was unable to attend the school Christmas Concerts at the Island and here in Bath. I'm sure that the children and teachers put their 'all' into making these the delightful evenings they have always been.

Best wishes to you all for a happy and productive 1988.

"Funding": money from the government.

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Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Brigade How Safe Is Your Home?

Fire Protection is the 1988 theme of your Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Brigade. Inspection and pre-planning can prevent a fire and, in the event of a fire, save the life of yourself and everyone else in the house.

Some of the things to check out are:

- Smoke Detector
 - does it work?
 - is it located where it should be?
 - do you need more than one?
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - a small one in the kitchen can be a lifesaver
- a garden hose hooked up to an inside tap and ready to go can extinguish many fires before they really get going
- Wood Burning Stoves
 - is the location safe - far enough from the wall?
 - is it operated safely?
 - is the chimney clean?
 - Pre-planning Escape Routes
 - check out exit route from every room in the house and go over it with each member of the family

- if there is not a safe route out within the house, can a safe exit be made from a window and how? Pre-plan it!

These are a few of the most important items to include in your inspection. You'll be hearing more in the future, perhaps monthly fire prevention tips in the Beacon. Common sense, practical action is more valuable than many fancy schemes. In the future, we hope to gain your co-operation in preparing sketches of each Island property showing special hazards such as propane tanks, location and access to water such as wells and farm ponds, all exits/entries to the property and other pertinent data to help firemen to do the job quickly, safely and well in the event of a fire.

Letter from A. Bruce Caughey

Clarence R. Hogeboom:

We record with regret, as well as with sincere sympathy to the family, the passing of another Amherst Island son, on January 3rd last, in the person of Clarence Reginald Hogeboom, who passed away in Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, after a lingering illness extending over the past year.

The late Mr. Hogeboom was born on Amherst Island on July 18th, 1906, the son of Joseph and Annie Hogeboom, on the family farm, just west of the village of Stella, presently the home of his brother, Edwin Hogeboom. Clarence attended S.S. No.3 school, known, locally as Kerr's School, and upon completion of public school, he attended Stella Continuation School, on Stella Point. Upon his graduation from S.C.S., he attended Peterborough Normal School in the term of 1923-24 and following completion of his teacher training, he accepted the teaching position in his "home" school, S.S. No. 3, which position he filled with distinction and involvement in all community affairs, so close to the hearts of island people in that era. In 1933, he was asked to accept appointment to the Emerald School, S.S. No. 4, where he served until 1941, when he was asked to again transfer to the Third Concession School, S.S. No. 5, where he served until 1945 when he again assumed duties in S.S. No. 3.

During his dedicated service in Island schools his abilities were highly thought of and his qualifications as an excellent disciplinarian had prompted his transfer to three different Island schools by members of the Amherst Island Township School Area Board of that period.

The salary schedule of that period meant an amount of as little as \$500 per annum for an experienced teacher and Clarence augmented his earnings by following the example of many of the Island young people in seeking employment on "the Lakes" where he

found employment on a line of barges which carried merchandise from New York City, via the Erie Canal to Buffalo N.Y. for transshipment there to upper lake ports.

During his student days, Clarence had worked on the re-building of the out-dated telephone line from the cable crossing point at Berry's Point to Stella, which was part of the plan of the Amherst Island Municipal Telephone

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System of that period to provide service to the whole of Amherst Island, which did not become a reality until 1926.

Following his marriage to Miss Alice Tait, of Pembroke, who had come to Amherst Island as teacher in Stella Continuation, in 1933, Clarence purchased the Edward Scott farm at the village of Stella, where, in addition to his teaching duties, he and his wife carried on a milking operation, along with a splendid flock of sheep.

After the unfortunate death of their eldest son Mervin in 1946, after a prolonged illness, the Hogebooms removed to Kingston where Mrs Hogeboom obtained a teaching position while Clarence obtained employment with Canada Steamship Lines on one of their many "canal size" ships which operated and used the, then well known "Lake Port" of Kingston for shipment of grain and merchandise as well as a favored "lay-up" port, during the winter months. During their first winter of living in Kingston Clarence and Alice spent as ship-keepers on the Str. City of Windsor.

Having made application for a teaching position in the Collins Bay Medium Security Prison, he was called into service by the Department of the Solicitor-General of Canada in 1947, first as Assistant then as Principal of the education program being offered inmates in this institution, which position he held until his retirement in 1964.

Clarence possessed a great interest in the Masonic Order, having been made a member of Maple Leaf Lodge No.119, Bath, Ont. on March 25th, 1928 and later becoming an affiliate member of The Ancient St. Johns Lodge No. 3, Kingston, who conducted a memorial service at The Robt. J. Reid's Chapel on the Corner on Tuesday evening.

He was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on the Island and after taking up residence in Kingston, he associated himself with St. Andrews Church there, where he was a long time member of The Kirk Session, following the footsteps of his maternal great-grandfather, the late James McQuoid who was one of the original members of the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island, following it's

organization.

It was interesting to recognize the number of former pupils, who called at the funeral home, to pay their respects to their former, much respected teacher, during their school days on Amherst Island, so long ago.

Clarence is survived by his wife Alice of St. Lawrence Place, Kingston, son Robert of Kanata, daughter Roberta (Bonnie) Canivet of Aurora, four grandchildren, sister Isabel, Mrs Morrison Scott of Morven and brother Edwin of Amherst Island. He was predeceased by his brother Maurice W. of Amherst Island.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel on the Corner at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 6th last, with Rev. Wm. Duffy of St. Andrews Church conducting with burial in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery from the 11:30 a.m. ferry. Pallbearers were: his son Robert, son-in-law Ernest Canivet, Kerry Hogeboom, Peter Scott, Wallace Hogeboom and Russel Edmunds.

The past week's issues of the Whig-Standard has brought us notice of the passing of three other people, who are of interest to Island residents.

1. Dr. A.R.M. Lower, a former Queens University Professor of History, at the age of 98 years. I had a slight acquaintanceship with Dr. Lower, through my long time friend, the late Robert W. Cumberland, who was a great admirer of Arthur Lower who was perhaps one of our greatest Canadian Historians.

Dr. Lower was one of the first urban dwellers to take up residence in a rural area, building a home, along highway 33, west of Collins Bay, in what is now know as the "The Golden Mile", where he resided until the death of his wife, after which he removed to Kingston and the Shipyard Apartments there.

2. James R. Herrington, who died following heart surgery at age 65 in Kingston General Hospital. Jim Herrington was a third generation of a family of lawyers, being the grandson of the late Walter S. Herrington of Napanee, who was recognized as an outstanding lawyer as well

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as a recognized historian, having written that great source of reference, the History of Lennox and Addington.

Jim Herrington was an extensive property owner on the Island as well as throughout the immediate area where very extensive developments were his brain child. An ardent hunter, whose residency on the Island was mostly confined to these interests, his untimely passing

leads one to question if we Island residents had adequately taken advantage of his extensive knowledge and wisdom.

3. Helen Irene Wemp, widow of the late Russell Wemp, an Island native and life-time commercial fisherman, who in the latter years of his life had removed to Sandhurst, where he carried on his occupation. While Helen had never been a resident of the Island, she had, over a long period years, enjoyed a good friendship with countless Island friends and relatives of her husband. Helen was well known as the daughter of the late Dan Hagarman of Corbyville, who was a recognized carpenter craftsman of high repute, who, through the years had contributed his skills to the construction of many present Island landmarks. For example Keith Miller's Barn, built for Keith's father, Wilfred, in the late Fall, following the destruction of the original barns by a lightning storm. The residence of Clinton and Ena Baker, built for the late Mr. and Mrs John Morrow to replace the original log house on this farm. The present residence of Mr. and Mrs. Terry McGinn at Emerald was originally the Emerald Community Hall, which was built through the efforts of the Emerald Dramatic Club. These are only a few of the construction jobs, which come to my mind, in addition, there are countless other jobs of renovation which the late Mr. Hagarman carried out which stand as a memorial to his craftsmanship.

Letter from Irene Young

A happy gathering to honour Herb and Edythe Reid's 70th wedding anniversary took place recently in Watrous Sask.

Herb Reid was born on Amherst Island son of Wm Reid and his wife Agnes Sinclair Brown. Herb Reid's grandfather John Reid with wife and family immigrated from Ballyhalbert Ireland to the Island in 1856.

Herb Reid married Edythe Crawford of Oso Ontario and they were parents of 12 children most living and with grand children and great-grand children enjoyed a catered dinner for the immediate family of 70 persons. A tea was also held at the Drop In Centre in Watrous - friends and relatives travelled from Vancouver, Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Nokomis, Regina, Kenora and Winnipeg.

Congratulations were sent from the Queen, the Prime Minister, the Gov. General, the Premier and the Mayor of Watrous.

This couple are in very good health having retired from the farm in 1980, they live in their own home and look after themselves, Auntie is 89 and Uncle 93. They made several trips east and enjoyed always visiting on the island and attending the Presbyterian Church where members of family were baptised and married.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

This month's review is of the new movie Good Morning, Vietnam starring Robin Williams who plays the real life character Adrian Cronauer. Cronauer was a disc jockey on Armed Forces Radio in Saigon during the early days of the war, 1965-66 to be exact. Half of the story is his battles with his superiors over the content of his radio show which uses rock music (instead of the approved Laurence Welk polkas) and his cynical wit which he uses to lambast everything including the Army itself. The other half of the story is his attempt to understand the Vietnamese, the war and the American presence there.

Neither half of the story worked for me because neither generated any tension. It never caught my emotions. The screenplay never made me feel it was important for Cronauer to keep his job or to get the girl or to come to terms with the war and his part in it. Everyone is viewed so sympathetically that it leaves you with no one to root against. This seems to be by design in an attempt

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to show that there was no bad or good people just a bad situation. Even his superiors are more caricatures of Army mentality than bad or evil which makes the only evil act seems very out of character. Also Cronauer is in virtually every scene which leaves precious little time to develop or explore the other characters in this movie.

Normally this would be fatal to a movie, however, this one can be viewed strictly as a showcase for Robin Williams. He is spectacular. Having Williams play Cronauer is as perfect a piece of casting as one could want. I cannot think of anyone who could do this part as well as he does. The radio broadcasts are worth the price of admission alone but you get the added bonus of Williams dealing with the military in something less than a respectful way. Apparently a good deal of the broadcasts are ad lib and the reactions of the people around him are genuine, not acting. It left me rolling in the aisle. I was laughing so hard I only got about one tenth of the jokes. When it comes out on video I'll have to get it so I can pick up the other 90% I missed.

All things considered, I'll give this movie a 7 out of 10 which might seem high for a movie without anything resembling an effective screenplay but Robin Williams is so good that he overcomes all.

Ms Know-It-All

Dear Ms KIA

I'm so glad you're here: I've a problem which only someone with your tact and expertise can handle.

You see we have a party line on our telephone which we share with our immediate neighbours, which is cool. The problem though is that someone is allowing their (natural) curiosity to go unchecked. It seems everytime our phone rings - its their cue to pick it up.

I'm really quite tired of hearing their receiver go down two thirds into a (private??) telephone call.

Pray tell O Wise One ... where to from here??

Signed "Tired of Being Fed a Line"

Dear "Tired"

I have a party line but I have never suspected anyone of listening to my conversations. Heaven only knows what they would hear on my line. Sometimes I can smell the wires smoking from the hot gossip. However, I sympathise with your situation and I can only offer a couple ways to resolve the situation.

First - you could go over and either ask them to stop or you could show them how to put the receiver down silently. In that way you wouldn't ever know that they had been listening. Either way, this probably would not resolve the situation as recognition of the problem would probably lead to hard feelings, hard words, feuding to the third generation, shotguns across the fence line and almost assuredly the National Enquirer doing a front page story, "The Amherst Island Hatfields and McCoys". No, I don't think I could recommend this.

Second - you could complain to Bell Canada and they will talk to your neighbour about the situation. This is really no better than you doing it because the end result would probably be much the same. Also Bell Canada will not transfer you to another party line because they would have to transfer someone else to your old one which only leaves someone else with your problem.

Third - if you value your privacy, get a private line. They aren't much more expensive than a party-line and Bell Canada says there is generally no problem with getting one over here. Phone them and find out the availability and what it would cost for your location as they have a milage charge from Stella. In Stella, they quoted \$8/month for the line and \$1.55/month for a dial phone (\$3.55/month for a basic touch tone phone).

Awards

Macho-Man Hunting Trophy to the fearless hunter who, with nerves of steel (and a big gun), wellington stalked and killed a loyalist family head in the four of the island with the County Down Irish and

Dis-honourable mention in this category goes to the intrepid gunman who wounded one of Mrs. Densem's cats during

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the duck hunting season. This brave marksman will be proud to learn that it cost Mrs. Densem over \$200 to get the shotgun pellets removed as well as for medicine to restore the cat to health.

Notices

Township Of Amherst Island

Job Posting For The Position Of Deckhand (1).

Written applications for the position of permanent deckhand will be received at the Municipal Office until 4:00 p.m., January 20th, 1988.

Annual Salary - \$18,722.34

Please state qualifications, experience and reasons for interest in the position.

First Aid Course

To be held the weekend of Feb. 6-7th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Call Chris Kennedy (389-0554) or Diane Pearce (389-3393) if you have not already done so. The cost is \$40.50 and is eligible under the Workmen Compensation Board if you fill in and return the proper form before the course. Please arrange your own lunch each day.

World Day of Prayer

World Day Of Prayer is hosted by St Alban's this year on March 4th. More in the February Beacon but I would like anyone interested in reading or an optional skit to contact me if you would like to participate in an interdenominational service for this important day.

Sincerely, Diane Gavlas.

Amherst Committee Skating Party!

Let's go out and kick off the opening of our Skating Rink/ Tennis Court at the Amherst

Public School Sunday, January 31 at 1:00 p.m. No admission. Refreshments for sale. Indoor Games. Something For Everyone.

other immigrants in the mid-1800s, and their decedents on and off Amherst Island at the present time. The book also contains a brief history of the Island and land ownership maps for 1861 and 1878.

Copies may be obtained at \$12 each from Helen Bulch at 389-3411 or by contacting Russ Waller at 542-9310.

Mr. Waller has already written 3 books on the Ernestown Area and one on Howe Island. His next book will be on Wolfe Island.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank my friends, neighbours, rector and relatives for cards, visits and well wishes, while I was in hospital and after I returned home.

I would also like to thank Branch 539 R.C.L. for the beautiful basket of goodies I received while in hospital.

Earle Tugwell

Sincere thanks to my family and friends for their acts of kindness, visits, cards, gifts, phone calls, etc. during my stay in hospital and since returning home. Special thanks to Dr. Jack Kerr and associates Dr. Nickel and Dr. Keenleyside. Also the nurses and staff of Victory IV and Connel III for excellent care while in Kingston General Hospital.

I greatly appreciate the visits and gifts from the A.C.W. and P.C.W. and all friends since coming home.

Nessie Welbanks

For Sale: New Tire - Goodyear P235/75R15 Viva XG Radial.. Call 389-5871.

For Sale: Findlay Oval Stove - new

Selkirk metal chimney. Best offer.

Ray Koenders: 389-3191.

Needed: man's size 9 or 10 skates (prefer plastic moulded).

Caroline: 384-4071.

Glenn's Home Repair: Call John P. Glenn

Repairs: To lawnmowers, tillers, chain- saws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

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Council Report - Christopher Kennedy

John Hall is still away in Florida. As Of Feb 2nd, Stuart Miller reported there had been very little snow, so the road crew has been trying to keep the potholes filled on the roads, and clearing brush.

Kaye and Dorothy McGinn had applied for eight severances along the shoreline they own. Council recommended they apply for six, and if these lots are sold within a year they could apply for more.

The Reeve then stepped down from the chair, and Tom Sylvester was temporarily appointed chairman. Norman Allison then said that he did not wish to withdraw anything he had said in his letter concerning the appointment of the new deckhand. He then added further comments, including accusations of influence peddling on the part of councillors, and dishonesty on the part of the applicant. Before he had finished his speech Beth Forester interrupted him and pointed out that this was a matter concerning personnel, and should certainly not be discussed in public. After some discussion Council moved into a committee of the whole.

When the visitors returned to the Council chamber, in a recorded vote the resignation of the Ferry Manager (Norman) was accepted. Council decided not to appoint a new ferry manager for the moment, and that the Senior Captain and the Clerk / Treasurer could quite ably run the ferry for now.

The new appointment to the ferry crew was then discussed again. Norman pointed out that, according to the collective agreement, all applicants for the post should be interviewed. Although Norman said he had been aware of this clause for some time he had not chosen to mention it to the rest of council until now, for reasons he did not explain. Council therefore asked the Clerk to arrange the interviews as soon as possible.

Various matters concerning training of the ferry crew were discussed. Then the Roads Committee report

was discussed. Several proposals have been put forward for repairs to the shore roads. On the north shore site Council asked Totten Sims Hubicki for estimated costs for protecting or relocating the road through Lots 5 (Harry Westwood's) to 9 (Drumgoole's). Council asked T.S.H. for more detailed plans and costs for their limited road realignment option for the south shore section of shore roads. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting between Council representatives and the affected landowners on the Long Point section of road.

Finally Council voted to rescind motions 2287 and 2288. These had been passed in the summer and stated, among other things, that Council would not proceed with road relocation unless all the affected landowners agreed. By rescinding

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these resolutions Council may now consider expropriating land if they wish for road relocation. In a recorded vote Beth Forester opposed Council on this matter.

The Recreation Committee is buying a ghetto blaster for aerobics. They had also voted \$100 to the Nixon's Baby Fund. Council did not support this, but passed around the hat among themselves after the meeting for a collection. Doug Shurtliff has left the Rec. Committee, and John Glenn has taken his place.

Marius Scheutz had written to Council concerning the lack of long-term planning on the Island. Council informed him they are not considering a planning committee.

Council finally adjourned some time after the 11 p.m. curfew.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our condolences to Edna Reid and family on the passing of a dear niece and cousin. Also to Doug and Alan Bickerton whose mother passed away this week.

Many thanks to Stuart, Charles, Elmer and helpers for keeping us plowed out during this snowstorm.

Best wishes to Edwina Hogeboom after recent eye surgery.

Welcome home to Ytje Witteveen. Also welcome home to Jeffrey Nixon following successful heart surgery. Thanks to our many customers and local service groups who donated close to \$1200 to the Nixon family.

Ian suggested I use this column to talk about the weather. I think the weather is self-explanatory. But to

make him happy, I observe there might be more than a foot of snow in front of the store - snow banks are between knee and chest-high. It does not appear at present that the snow will stop falling in my lifetime. Ian would probably be most interested in knowing what the weather is like at your house too. Why don't you write to the Beacon, or better yet, call him.

Excerpts from the Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar '88:

Feb. 14/87 - In Newfoundland, some communities had to dig out from under 71 cm. of snow. With another 2 months of winter left, snowfalls in Newfoundland to date total well over 200 cm. in places. [And we think we're hard done by.]

Feb 15/82 - World's largest oil rig, Ocean Ranger, sank off Newfoundland in winds of 145 km./h. and waves of 21 m.

Feb. 16/87 - Newfoundland gets another 13 cm. of snow on top of 200 cm. Wind chill readings from Quebec to Toronto -20 to -30 degrees C. Alberta warm with no snow but blowing soil creating problems. Rain in Vancouver.

Feb. 17/34 - Ottawa's lowest Feb. temperature -38.3 degrees C.

Feb. 18/86 - Severe fog in Southern Ontario stranding air passengers at Toronto and resulting in a 19-vehicle pile up on the QEW near Niagara Falls.

Feb. 19/36 - Continuous snow that began on Feb. 13 finally ends after 143 hours. Total snowfall at Gander exceeds 44 cm.

Feb. 20/72 - A massive snowstorm across Eastern Ontario and Southern Quebec brought heavy snowfall and 90 km/h winds in zero visibility. Kingston had 21 cm.

Feb. 21/87 - Commercial flower growers in Vancouver spraying growth retardants on daffodils to delay blooming until Easter. Leaf buds began to open.

School Board Committee Meeting
- Chris Kennedy

In response to the letter in the last Beacon from Denise Kenny Hehn, Trustee for the L&A Board of Education, I went to the Education and Personnel Committee of the Board. A sub-committee had produced a report on grade 7 and 8 education in the county schools with less than 200 pupils. The report highlighted various deficiencies in the grade 7 and 8 programme. These included

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poor library facilities, lack of Industrial Arts / Family Studies programmes in some schools, lack of science

equipment and storage space, lack of instrumental music programmes, and a feeling that teaching staff might lack expertise in some areas. The public school principals did not seem to feel that their pupils were handicapped when they reached high school.

The report recommended that some of the schools consolidate their grade 7 and 8, and some, like Amherst Island, send their kids to larger schools nearby (presumably Bath for A.I.). The school board members asked some questions about the report, and then decided that it would be better to see about improving the existing facilities, rather than moving kids around and, as one trustee put it, getting seven communities irate.

This was the first school board meeting I have been to, and I was impressed that the school board seemed to be sensitive to the needs of a small community, and did not decide to eliminate grade 7 and 8 in our school, and that they welcomed a member of the community to their meeting.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Diane Gavlas

A special thank-you to Susie Caughey last month for her first visit to a meeting and giving such a good presentation to us on farming and farm vacations. We all learned and enjoyed your time with us. February is Heart Month and we will again join with the school to Jump Rope For Heart on March 11th. Please sponsor the children or leave a donation with the Women's Institute members. Donations will be recorded and the receipts will be handed out by the W.I. members this year.

February meeting is on the 17th at Mrs. Jeanne Baker's at 8:00 p.m. Program is International Affairs and roll call is to bring a picture or souvenir from outside of Canada.

The March meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Irene Glenn on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. for a pot luck supper. Roll Call is: Why does Canada attract citizens from other countries?

Visitors and new members always welcome!

St Alban's A.C.W.
- Diane Gavlas

St Alban's A.C.W. will be holding a Buffet Beef Dinner on March 19th at 7:00 o'clock at the Community Centre. Advance tickets will be \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets sold by Barbara Reid, Anna Hitchins and Elsie Willard.

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

This month's microwave recipe come from the kitchen of Diane Gavlas. In just a few short months Diane has learned to make full use of all that microwave cooking offers. This months recipe is for 2 Minute Fudge.

In a 1 1/2 quart dish, stir together one 1 lb box confectioners sugar, 1/2 c cocoa, 1/4 tsp salt, 1/4 c milk and 1 tbsp vanilla extract. Top with 1/2 c butter. Microwave at High for 2 minutes. Stir until smooth. Blend in 1 c chopped nuts. Pour into a wax paper lined 8" square dish. Chill.

Our second recipe comes highly recommended by Darrell Miller. It is called Pork with Peppers.

1 lb pork (Darrell says any pork can be used although he usually cubes pork chops into 3/4" squares)

2 oz butter

2 med onions, peeled and chopped

1 oz brown sugar

1/2 oz cornflour

1 chicken stock cube

1 pint water

1 tbsp soy sauce

1 clove garlic, crushed

pinch basil

1 green pepper, seeded and chopped

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1 red pepper, seeded and chopped

4 tomatoes, peeled and chopped.

1- Trim and cube pork

2- Heat butter and saute pork for a few minutes. Place in casserole dish.

3- Add onions to remaining fat and cook till golden brown. Put into casserole with meat.

4- Put sugar, corn flour and chicken stock cube into pan in which the meat was sauteed. Add water and soy sauce, stir till boiling.

5- Pour over meat and onions.

6- Add peppers, tomatoes, garlic and basil.

7- Cover and cook at 330 degrees for approx 1 1/2 hours.

8- Correct seasoning before serving.

I have recently come across a white bread recipe which has become my favourite. It makes 4-9x5x3 large, fluffy golden brown loaves.

3 c milk

1/2 c shortening

1/2 c honey

2 tsp salt

1/4 teasp ginger

2 c warm water

2 pkgs or 2 tbsp yeast

13 to 14 c flour.

Scald milk; put in mixing bowl and add shortening, honey, salt and ginger. Stir to melt shortening and cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in warm water and add to milk mixture. Add enough flour (about 10 cups) to make a stiff dough. Knead until smooth adding additional 3 1/2 cups. Shape into a ball and place in greased bowl, turning dough to grease top. Let rise in a warm place until doubled. Punch down and let rise again until doubled. Form into loaves, place in greased baking pans and let rise until doubled. Bake in a 375 degree oven 45 minutes to 1 hour or until loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Turn out on racks to cool.

A good way to slice bread is with a electric knife. The slices come away easily and evenly. Thanks Caroline Y. for that piece of information.

A.I.P.S.

New From The Junior Room.

During the past month our Environmental Studies topic was Energy. To complete the unit we had a contest to find out how many energy wasters we could find. Ruth Scott was the winner, with Jason Silver the runner-up.

This month our topic is Greece - the birthplace of the Olympics.

Mrs. Stenzl, our nurse, visited our class to talk about Breakfast Nutrition. We must remember to eat something from at least 3 of the 4 food groups to keep our energy up till lunch.

On Groundhog Day we helped Mrs. Forester's students cut and paste "Mr. Groundhog's Wake-Up".

We're looking forward to a visit by Mrs. Grant's Special Needs Class, from Amherstview Public School, on Feb. 16, Pancake Tuesday.

The grade six students went to spend a day at Camden Lake Conservation Area on Feb. 10th. Here are their reports:

Sarah Scott: When we got to Camden Lake we were split into 3 groups, was in the 1st group. Lori was in the 2nd and Jason was in the 3rd. The three things that we did were snowshoeing, skiing and winter survival. The only thing that I liked was the winter survival. We made igloos!

Lori Caughey: When we went to Camden Lake we snowshoed, skied, took winter survival and had lunch.

Jason Silver: On Wed., Feb. 10, we went to Camden Lake. We went skiing, snowshoeing and we built Quinzees. Quinzees are snow houses. I liked skiing best.

Community Sunday School

- Susan Caughey

We always welcome new enthusiasm and ideas - so come join us! There will be a gathering on Wed. evening, Feb. 24, at the Community

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Centre for all those interested in planning the activities for the spring session of Sunday School.. The coffee will be ready at 7:00 p.m. - and we will start the meeting by 7:15. If you cannot make the meeting - and want to help, please give me a phone call.

Very special thanks to the following who have given of their time and talents this past year to help with the S.S. by teaching, assisting, planning music, playing piano or guitar, running errands and always with a smile!

Karen Fleming
Jean Tugwell
Audrey Miller
Anne M. Hitchins
Reta Brown
Diane Gavlas
Laurene Kilpatrick
Beth Forester
Carolyn Yull
Susan McGinn
Dianne Marshall
Annette Phillips
Sally Bowen
Rev. McIntyre
Janet Scott
Rev. Blaber.

Letter To The Beacon

- Floyd Rudmin

Last year I did some psycholinguistic research on Amherst Island. I found people quite cooperative with my project and genuinely interested. I promised them that I would try to put a summary of the findings into the community newsletter. Here it is.

Does "Own" Mean The Same In Cree And English?

Last Spring and Summer, a number of residents of Amherst Island took part in a study of the concept of "ownership" conducted by Floyd Rudmin of Queen's University. The purpose of the study was to compare the meaning of "ownership" for the Cree of Northern Ontario and for English-Canadians here in the South. Amherst Island was selected as the comparison community for Attawapiskat, a Cree village on the west coast of the James Bay. Both communities have distinct, if not insular, identities, i.e. both are small communities

of relatively long established families and both require special transport to get to them (airplane for Attawapiskat and ferry for Amherst Island).

Mr. Rudmin interviewed 20 men and 20 women of comparable ages in each community and asked them various questions about the meaning of the verb "own". The Cree were interviewed in their own language with the help of an interpreter. The analysis of the results showed that Cree and English conceptions of owning are more similar than they are different. For example, in both languages owning has a strong meaning of possession (possessing, having, controlling) and acquisition (buying, being given). However, there are important differences. For example, owning has more of a meaning of wanting and needing for the Cree and has little meaning of dominance. In both societies, owning means to control; however, control for the Cree has less of a meaning of keeping and protecting.

These findings are understandable if we consider that the Cree are traditionally a hunting-gathering people. Their culture, their values, and their concepts are designed for a life in the difficult circumstances of the sub-Arctic. Personal property and the care of resources are important, but the "exclusive" right to property, and the control and dominance of one person over another that exclusivity allows, must take second place to need and want. This was well expressed by some to the Cree themselves:

"When you need things, they are there to be used."

"When a white man owns something, he feels proud of it. But for us it is not like that."

"If someone takes that canoe out there, I wouldn't mind as long as they brought it back."

There were also differences in responses to questions about how the concept of owning might be explained to a young child. Although people in both societies mentioned toys, clothing and special objects like gifts as good examples of property

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for teaching the meaning of owning, English-Canadians did not consider animate things, like pets or the children themselves to be good examples. Some of the Cree, however, mentioned self-ownership or commented that pets would be good examples of property for teaching the meaning of owning, since a pet teaches children to care for their property and a pet has a mind of its own. Anthropological research confirms that for the Cree, ownership has a strong sense of stewardship. The world is more animate to them than it is to us. Owners must care for and accommodate to their property, not just impose their wills upon it.

A full account of this research can be found in Mr.

Rudmin's thesis, which will be available in the Queen's University library. Hopefully, this research will make some small contribution to helping us to better understand the Native Peoples of Canada and the issues of ownership and property that sometimes divide us. Mr. Rudmin thanks the participants from Amherst Island for their help.

Letter To The Beacon

- A. Bruce Caughey

Through the columns of the Island Beacon, I would like to pass along some information to those responsible for the operation of our ferry service, between Amherst Island and Millhaven, just in case MTC or the "powers that be" have not acquainted you with their plans for other ferry operations under their jurisdiction in Ontario.

I quote from a Marine periodical, to which I subscribe and which usually provides very reliable information: "During September, the Ontario Government retained Eyre-technics, of Ottawa, to design the new \$10 million ferry (Mar.7) which will be built for the Pelee Island route as a replacement for the aging Upper Canada and Pelee Islander. Plans will be prepared for an end-loading boat 200 feet long, 50 feet wide and capable of carrying 40 cars and 400 passengers and a contract for her construction will be let to an Ontario shipyard. Meanwhile, federal authorities are studying the necessary rebuilding of 4 docks, one each at Leamington and Kingsville and two on the Island. It is hoped that the new boat will be running in 1989."

This piece of information leaves me wondering about a number of things, when I compare local operations with that which can be anticipated as required with this new service to be provided for another Island in Ontario.

Some number of years ago, it was my privilege to visit Pelee Island, travelling there via the Upper Canada, a ferry boat with which we are all very familiar, when she served in this end of Lake Ontario as a "back-up boat."

Following this visit, I contributed an article to the Island Beacon, in which I described my observations, both of the transportation offered as well as of the Island itself which I described as very similar in size, in acreage, but of a more square character compared to the rectangular character of Amherst. At that time the operation specialized in by the farmers there was production of corn and soy-beans, which were disposed of through an elevator operation from Scudder, where a lake bulk freighter picked up the exported crop. Recently, I have read of the development, on Pelee

Island, of vineyards with the possibility of a winery being built there. I have no information as to how far this project may have progressed, but to get back to the transportation to and from Pelee Island, it is certainly interesting to observe, the lengths to which two levels of government are prepared to go with expenditures of public monies and in reality it would seem to be establishing two distinct routes. On my visit, the Upper Canada operated from

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Leamington to Smudder on the north side of the Island. At the time, the Pelee Islander was away to Georgian Bay shipyard for an overhaul and it is interesting to note, through the same source of information as I have quoted previously, reports that on Dec. 7th last, the Pelee Islander arrived at Port Weller for drydocking.

From the reports, that I have quoted, and with reference to a map, it would seem that the two mainland docking facilities would be provided at Leamington and Kingsville, very closely located and on the Island at Scudder and West-Dock (on the west side of the Island), a docking facility, used by the Pelee Islander, before proceeding across the lake to Sandusky, Ohio.

One also has to realize that, due to the location of Pelee, crossing conditions are very different from Amherst, in that the route is cross winds from what we experience, is located in what is a busy channel, and ice formation and distance makes operation during winter months an impossibility, and the only means of commuting is either run the ice, a very treacherous undertaking, or by aeroplane.

What leaves one puzzled is the justification of such preferred treatment being warranted, in the provision of a ferry of twice the size and capacity to our Amherst Islander plus provision of two separate docking facilities on each side and of course the eventual question of how much of the costs are levied back to Pelee tax-payers, keeping in mind the fact that when the Charlevoix is used in our service, the difference in cost of operation of her is charged directly back to the Township of Amherst Island, as well as the continuing escalation of costs in the way of fares and passes, ever upward. What is the answer, are we in dire disfavour? Or are we lacking in strong representation when the pot of gold is being distributed? Lets at least keep abreast of what is going on around us! Remember my article about St. Joseph's Island last summer?

In last month's issue of the Island Beacon I wrote an article, covering the passing of an Island native and I am pleased to report that I have had numerous

comments expressed to me about this article in which expression has been made as to how much they had enjoyed this coverage. With these compliments in my mind, I feel that I must report to our readers, the passing of another very good friend and likewise a native Islander, in the person of the late Robert James McCormick, better known to we Island folk as "Jimmie", who passed away on January 16th last in Kingston General Hospital after a lengthy suffering with a breathing problem, in his 88th year.

Jimmie was a member of a large Island family, the son of the late Thomas McCormick and his wife Nell (O'Rourke). This family resided on what is presently the Piet Witteveen farm, east of the village of Stella, where the family of 4 boys and 2 girls grew up and enjoyed a great relationship with the other substantially large families who were neighbours - the Cochranes, Neilsons, Pringles and Hendersons and many more. The eldest son Jack was a member of the first class in the Continuation School at its formation in 1907 and the eldest daughter May followed in the second year. Thomas McCormick, as well as operating the farm, in cooperation with a neighbour Charles Fleming, were agents for the Frost and Wood Farm Machinery on the Island. In either 1912 or 1913, the family moved from Amherst to Wolfe Island, where they spent two years, before moving to the City of Kingston, where they resided on Ellice St. and where their home was always open to Island people for a meal or an overnight stay.

With the outbreak of World War II,

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Jimmie enlisted in the Army Service Corps where he was a driver, as well as having close associations with other island boys, who had likewise joined the service. Following demobilization Jimmie turned to sailing on the great lakes where he enjoyed a close friendship with another Island native, Hiram Willard (an older brother of David Willard). Jimmie recounted with deep emotion how he had been coaxed to sign on as a wheelman on the ill-fated Str. Maplehurst, on a late fall trip, along with his friend Hiram, when the Maplehurst left Kingston, on November 1922, proceeding to Toledo, Ohio, where she took on a cargo of soft coal, for delivery to Fort William with a return trip with a storage load of grain being planned. When the ship reached Lake Superior, a storm was building up and with engine problems having developed, her Captain (also from Kingston) attempted to gain shelter at Keewenaw Point but with a lack of power and the deck houses having been swept overboard the steamer was left at the mercy of the wind and seas. A crew from the Life-Saving Station at the Portage Canal set out in their

motor launch and with great difficulty, succeeded in persuading a number of crewmen to jump from the doomed Steamer and were rescued. Others of the crew could not be persuaded to leave the security of the ship, expecting that they would eventually "ground" and could then swim to shore. Hiram was one of those who chose to remain with the ship and perished, as a result, when the Maplehurst grounded first west of the entrance to the Portage Canal, where her "bones" remained for many years. Jimmie McCormick always said that Divine Providence was with him when he didn't agree to join the crew of the ill-fated Str. Maplehurst.

Jimmie operated a three chair barber shop on Wellington St., in Kingston, and when the Bank of Nova Scotia wished to expand their premises, he moved on to Brock St., where he carried on his shop until retirement, among his clientele were some of Kingston's best known and respected doctors and lawyers, whose patronage he enjoyed, even after his removal, from business when he continued to cut a measured number of "heads" per day by appointment. His affable disposition and quiet spoken mannerisms made him many friends, and I have wonderful memories of my many conversations with him, which invariably turned to his boyhood days among his many friends on Amherst Island.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Mary's Cathedral with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. His sister May and brother Michael survive him as well as his daughter and her husband, and a number of grand children.

General Information

- Elaine Wolfreys

In 1918 we were under the Bell Section called Central Ontario - Eastern Section. There were 9 phones on Amherst Island at that time under the Bath Exchange. They were as follows:

- 3 R 31 Beaubien Wm. - Mail Carrier
- 3 R 5 Brown Wesley - Blacksmith & Implements
- 3 R 4 Fowler R. A. - Farmer, Emerald
- 3 R 11 McDonald R. D. - Residence, Emerald
- 3 R 2 McGinn Henry A. - Public Tel. Emerald
- 3 R 21 Neilson R. L. - General Store
- 3 R 22 Preston W. H. - Auctioneer
- 3 R 1 Rorke Jas. - Public Telephone
- 3 R12 Tugwell John - Cattle Buyer

Thought some of you might be interested in this trip back in time.

Ms Know-It-All

Fraud! Imposter! Charlatan! Deceiver Of The

Masses! This means War with a capital Double U!, Eh!, Are!! How could anyone do this? I mean, here I am doing a great job and someone comes along and tries to

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take over my clientele. Vengeance Shall Be Mine!!!

Whew! That's better now that I have that out of my system. I'll put my 3" stainless steel nails back in their case for now and get on with part 1 of my revenge. Finding out who did this!

About a week ago, while I was away getting some much needed rest and soaking up some rays in Rio, the Beacon received what they thought was this month's Ms KIA. I didn't have a letter this month for publication, that's not to say I wasn't busy handing out timely advice to all with whom I came in contact. I'd never have caught wind of this if they hadn't phoned (reversing the charges, of course) to gloat over some spelling error. Well, it seems that there is someone on this Island who is going around using my good name to give (what they call) advice. If anyone knows the person or persons doing this please drop me a line and I will be eternally grateful.

The particular piece received by the Beacon dealt with local politics with which I have no intention of intruding. I'll gently fry federal and provincial politicians; I'll roast Mulrooney, Turner and Broadbent; I'll broil some of the more infamous international 'statesmen'; but our locals can stew in their own juices quite happily.

Words Of Wisdom

- Robert Fulgham (Kansas City Times, Sept. 17, 1986)

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like

that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic - - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: Look. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all - - the whole world - - had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Thank You Notes

Our sincere thanks to everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts and best wishes. It was so kind of you to remember us.

So thanks again.

Sincerely

Kerry and Liz Hogeboom

Thanks to everyone who's been so nice to me since I broke my ankle. Especially thanks to Leslie Gavlas and to the A.C.W. for the

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delicious goodies, and to the W.I. for the nice card. I'll be out of the cast soon and back to doing papers!

Jessie Yull

The Amherst Island Recreation Committee wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the following volunteers who have helped with the maintenance of our new skating rink.

John Glenn

Jack Kerr

David Fleming

David Wemp

Phil Silver

Bill Philips

Judy Miller

Hans deHaan

Frank McMullen

Gary Hitchins

Donald Miller
Anne Marie Hitchins
Chad Miller
Connie McRae
Beth Forester
Janet Scott
Jack Forester
Darrell Miller.

We appreciate the help given by these volunteers, however constant maintenance is required and therefore more volunteers. Anyone willing to help occasionally please contact Heather Welbanks at 389-1080, or leave your name at the store. Remember the old Chinese proverb: "Many hands make light work."

Notices

Friday Night Skating Party

Beginning Friday February 26 and continuing every Friday night, weather permitting.

Rink will be lit from 7 to 9 p.m. every Friday night. Canteen operated by Recreation members open 7 to 9. Hot and cold drinks and snacks on sale.

Skating will not be supervised. Parents must accompany children.

Amherst Island Sweatshirts

The Presbyterian Church Women will again be ordering sweatshirts. Please leave orders at Glenn's Store or phone Susie. Both V-neck and crew-neck styles are available.

Childrens sizes 2-4-6 \$12.00

Youth sizes S-M-L \$15.00

Adult sizes S-M-L-XL \$18.00

XXL \$20.00

Wide range of colours. Please have your orders in by March 1st.

The "I Survived Death By Chocolate" Award to Leah (Sweet Sixteen) Murray.

World Day Of Prayer

"Open Doors" is the theme for the 1988 World Day Of Prayer March 4th. As it enters its second century, written for world-wide use by all denominations the women of Brazil focus on the economics and spiritual conditions in the world today. 170 countries around the world, 3500 communities from Newfoundland to the Yukon will meet on March 4th to gain spiritual strength and comfort as they join in global prayer.

Please join us at St Alban's at 2:00 p.m.

CPR Course

Anyone interested in taking part in a CPR Course in March? Please contact Chris Kennedy at 389-0554.

Fifteen residents took the 2-day first aid course offered in February.

Advertisements

Glenn's Home Repair:

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Repairs: To lawnmowers, tillers, chain-saws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Wanted: Does anyone have an old (or new) double bed stashed away in the attic they're not using? Thought I'd ask before I go looking, as I prefer some of the older ones to the modern beds. Call me at 389-5945 if you find anything. Thanks. Elaine Wolfreys.

For Sale Or Trade: 1 snow cap for 8-10 h.p. snow blower.

Call Bill Bulch at 389-3411.

Livestock Trucking: Hartin Meat Shop of Marlbank now has a 45' double deck cattle trailer. Call 478-5249 or 478-5549.

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Council Report

- Christopher Kennedy

The Township Solicitor, Peter Radley, was there at the start of the meeting. John Hall was still away. After the minutes of the previous month's meetings were adopted, Stuart Miller reported on the roads. He said that the rain and the freezing and thawing are breaking up the roads a lot. He will start putting on gravel when the weather is milder.

Tom Sylvester proposed a resolution strongly disapproving of the Reeve's recent conduct over the hiring of a new ferry crew member. The Township Solicitor outlined the steps that can be taken under the Municipal Act if a Reeve or Councillor is derelict in his duties, but they did not seem to be relevant to this situation. After a short discussion the motion was lost in a tie vote.

Council passed a resolution reminding the captains to have drivers switch off their engines so that the engineers are not asphyxiated by exhaust fumes. Some deficiencies in the lifeboat drill were listed. The Township Clerk is to enquire from other townships as to how the ferries are managed, and what the duties, if any, of the ferry managers might be. The Township is to pay for several crew members to take more courses.

The Road Committee has met with the owners of the land along the Long Point road, and a limited road relocation was agreed on in principle, moving the road back a minimum of 50' from the shore. Council hopes the work can be done next summer, as all the materials are on hand.

Council is asking M.T.C. for a supplementary subsidy to cover a pickup truck, replacing the culvert in Stella, repaving the road in Stella, and some more money for the shore road work. The Fire Committee met last month and, as a result of the meeting, council decided that the fire equipment not be used for filling cisterns, wells or swimming pools. Council is looking for a secondhand fire truck.

Kaye and Dorothy McGinn were given approval for severances to create six lots on their farm. Keith Miller and George Gavlas have written to Council questioning the number of severances being granted. Tom Sylvester moved that a planning committee be set up to consider the matter. This was approved but the organization of it was tabled until John Hall returns.

Ducks Unlimited are planning a project at Wemp's Bay. Council then discussed several begging letters from different organizations, and adjourned.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Beverley Wemp who recently received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guelph.

Best wishes to George Mygind, Peachie Eves and Lois Bews who have all spent time in the hospital this past month.

It's nice to see all the winter vacationers coming back again. Welcome home to Ralph and Beatrice Wemp who returned last week from a six-week

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Florida holiday.

The weather trivia thing seemed to go over well last month (OK Ian - you were right) so I've added a few more interesting notes.

March 15, 1973 - Across southern Ontario temperatures rose to 21 degrees but fell rapidly as a storm brought 38 cm of snow blown by 130 km/h winds.

March 16, 1868 - An intense thunderstorm accompanied by hail and furious gusts of wind caused considerable damage along Toronto's lakeshore.

March 18, 1987 - Near perfect weather for March break in Ontario. Temperatures up to 19 degrees, lots of sunshine and good snow cover for skiers.

March 21, 1980 - An ice jam and heavy rain swelled the Ganaraska River near Port Hope, causing \$10M damage.

March 23, 1987 - Seven skiers were killed in an avalanche 180 km north of Kamloops, B.C.

March 24, 1954 - A twister lifted cars and flattened garages in Burnaby, B.C.

March 27, 1987 - Easterly winds pushed pack ice into the Halifax harbour for the first time in 27 years. Marine traffic was disrupted including ferry service between Dartmouth and Halifax.

March 28, 1986 - A mild sunny Easter weekend

across Eastern Canada. At Fredricton, N.B. 25 cm of wet snow fell.

March 30, 1848 - As a result of a wind driven ice jam, the Niagara River ran dry. The silence woke hundreds and filled churches with those who feared the end of the world. Many walked out on the river bed to collect artifacts. By April 1 the river and the falls had returned to normal.

March 31, 1937 - After an earlier taste of spring, Ontario received a final blast of winter with rain, freezing rain, ice pellets and snow. By day's end, 15 cm of snow covered southern Ontario.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

March 16th meeting is a Pot Luck supper at 7:00 o'clock hosted by Mrs Irene Glenn. Roll Call is: "Why does Canada attract citizens from other countries?"

April 20th meeting will be hosted by Mrs Janet Scott and this will be the time for all you new members to join for it is the beginning of a new year for Institutes. Roll Call will be payment of fees and election of officers.

Library News

- Diane Gavlas

The Stella Library welcomes you Tues 7-9 p.m., Wed and Sat 1-3 p.m. Library cards are free to residents. I've made one of my usual mistakes. Having a good time with the patrons, I sent for an interlibrary loan by John Irving, "The Hotel New Hampshire". It came, but I forgot to write your name on it. Please come to the library and collect. Thank you for your patience.

Interlibrary loans are no problem other than me forgetting who sent for it so if you have a reading request just ask Karen or me.

Large types change on April 11th and a regular rotation comes on March 21st.

Libraries Then And Now

- Diane Gavlas

The next libraries were established in universities. No one could enter the library unless wearing a cap and gown. Each student had a key to the library and no one else could enter.

The first libraries in England were in churches with the librarian being a clergyman. The books were of a religious nature and no Harlequin romances were allowed.

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

This month's microwave recipe comes from the kitchen of Karen Fleming.

Blueberry Crisp

4 cups blueberries

3/4 cup sugar

1 tsp nutmeg

Mix together and put in an 8" square ungreased pan.

1/3 cup butter

1/3 cup brown sugar

6 tbsp flour

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3/4 cup oatmeal

1 tsp cinnamon

Mix together and place on top of blueberries.

Microwave on high 8 minutes. Good over ice cream.

This yummy recipe for glazed ham comes from Myrtle Veech.

Glazed Ham

Score the outside of a smoked ham and pierce with whole cloves.

Mix together a brown sugar and mustard glaze.

Brush on ham. Pour pineapple juice in the bottom of the pan and cook until done. Sounds good.

Our final recipe is for Honey Parsnips

6 med. parsnips

1/4 cup butter

1/4 cup honey

Cut parsnips into thin slices. Place in a pan and add boiling water to cover. Cook until just tender (about 20 minutes). Drain. Melt butter in large frying pan. Add honey and cook, stirring until bubbly. Add parsnips. Cover and cook over low heat 5 minutes. Serve hot.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Now that March is here, Spring has made a few half-hearted forays into the land. While the attempts so far have been rather feeble and short lived, they have brought with them the first waves of Spring migrants, swelling the numbers at the feeder. Robins and Red-winged Blackbirds made their appearance on schedule during the first few days of March along with Grackles and a lone Meadowlark. A few days later several Song Sparrows also showed up, and a Killdeer was heard in the distance.

Of course not all species at the feeder needed to be swelled. This winter we have had as many as 90

Mourning Doves cross the highway and head over the bay for the Island.

One regular species at the feeder this year is a Northern Shrike. This bird is not usually considered very desirable at most feeders because they prey on small birds. However, while its presence usually results in an intense silence on the part of those about, its bird hunting efforts are usually halfhearted and it seemingly prefers to dine on voles and mice.

Not everyone is happy to see the end of winter this year. The large increase in the vole population on the Island coupled with a shortage of food in the north has resulted in another good winter for northern owls, including large numbers of Snowies, Saw-whets and two, probably three, of the very rare and difficult to find Boreal Owls. Large numbers of Short-eared Owls are regularly seen quartering over the fields at dusk.

Rodent Of The Month: - The Vole

We have been overrun by voles this winter. If you can believe it they are more numerous than the snakes around here. As a matter of fact, when the snakes awake this spring, they will probably think they have died and gone to heaven, so plentiful will be their food supply.

Voles are small, mouse-like rodents related to lemmings. They are found throughout the entire northern hemisphere, and are the staple food of many kinds of owls and hawks, as well as almost every small, carnivorous animal, and wildcats, foxes, skunks, weasels, wolves, bears and snakes. A female may produce nine to seventeen litters per year. There are usually four to nineteen in a litter. They have a life expectancy of about twelve to sixteen months but few reach this age. They are well known locally for producing a lot of tree and plant damage especially in the winter.

Amherst Island P.S. Newsletter

A big "thank you" to Diane Gavlas, Janet Scott, Karen Fleming and Judy Miller for providing us with pancake lunch today. We were all pleased that Mrs. Grant's Special Needs Class from Amherstview P.S. was able to join us for "Pancake Tuesday"!

A special thank you from the school to everyone who has helped in maintaining

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the ice surface on the new skating rink.

Junior Room News

Mrs. Grant's class visited us, from Amherstview School. We were lucky to see three snowy owls on our bird-watching tour. We had pancakes (and sausages, as a treat from Mrs. Grant) when we returned to the school because it was Shrove Tuesday.

Kevin McCormick was the winner of the most Olympic activities completed and Ruth Scott was runner-up.

We have been writing stories with "pictures in your mind". We are given an opening sentence, then we think the picture in our minds, then we write about it.

An older woman, a grey-haired gentleman and a young man entered an elevator. The elevator went right through the basement! The old lady lost her wig, and the old man fainted! But, the young man made the elevator stop, and everyone got off. Every day from then on, they all took the stairs.

- Lori Caughey

On the bank of a cold mountain creek a log cabin snuggled beneath the shadow of the pine trees. There was a loud Roar from the forest below, and a scream afterwards. Lewis Tincker stepped out of his cabin and said "What was that?"

"I'm not sure" his wife Elinor replied, "Come back in and finish your lunch!" He walked back into the cabin and sat down at the table. "It sounded like a monster." "Don't be silly. There's no such thing as monsters" Elinor exclaimed.

"How do you know? I've been thinking, after lunch I'm going to see what it was" he decided.

"What?" she shouted.

"I'm going to see what it was," he repeated.

"No, don't go back there, please don't, I mean what if it was a monster or something like that. You might get hurt, and don't leave me alone here," she cried.

"You can come with me."

"No way, I'm not going with you!" One hour later walking through the forest, she said "I don't know how you talked me into this. Lewis? Lewis?" Lewis stood there looking straight at it and it was looking right back at him ...

- Jamie Silver

Our Trip To Bath

On Wednesday March 9, the grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 went to Bath School to watch a play. The play was called New Found Land. It was about explorers, Christopher Columbus, Jacques Cartier, Henry Hudson, The Vikings, Samuel de Champlain and John Cabot.

They were all trying to find a way to India and China. It was an interesting play. It was from Theatre 5. The actors were Michael, Andrew and Kit. Everybody liked it. It was a very good performance.

- Ruth Scott, Jamie Silver, and Ricky Bedford

Our Trip To Bath

On Wednesday March 9, we went to Bath Public School. We saw a play. It was called New Found Land. There were 3 actors. They acted like Jacques Cartier, Christopher Columbus, Samuel de Champlain, the Vikings, Henry Hudson and John Cabot. It was a very interesting play. The actors' names were Kit, Michael and Andrew from Theatre 5. We went on the 12:00 boat and came back on the 2:30 boat. We had lots of fun.

- Kevin McCormick, Heidi Hitchins and Douglas Gavlas

Food

- Sally Bowen

Last year, Amherst Island gardeners sent 29 shipments of fresh food to people who were hungry. The Partners in Mission Food Bank co-ordinates the collection of food from about 50 churches and other food contributors, and distributes it to those in need. We were the only regular fresh food contributors.

Shall we do it again? I am willing to co-ordinate food pickups and volunteers to pick your garden if you are on holiday or require help. I am writing my first article on the subject now so that those who start indoor seedlings might plan a few extra plants. Thanks for your support.

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Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

Some time ago when I made fairly frequent contributions to our Island Beacon, I chose to have the same covered under the caption "comments", I feel that what I am submitting at this time, might appropriately be covered under the same heading.

In last month's issue of the "Beacon", I passed along some information concerning our sister Island "Peele" in Lake Erie, wherein I recounted the present steps being taken by that municipality, in cooperation with the Provincial and Federal levels of government, leading toward an improved ferry service to and from the mainland. You might wonder, why I chose to make this comparison to our readers and I can assure you that this interest is of a long standing nature, having been kindled back in the 1949-50 era, when a group of Pelee Island

people visited Amherst Island with the purpose of purchasing our first Amherst Islander for use in their provision of transportation needs for their Island, Amherst Island having progressed to the ownership of a larger ferry (which we should, in my humble opinion, never have had) the interest, kindled in my mind, at that time, reached a further fulfilment, when I was privileged to make my first visit to Pelee and thereby to see and experience, at first hand, what life was like on that Island, as compared to life on our own beloved Amherst.

Begging your indulgence, in the repetition of comparisons, which I have already made through the Beacon's columns, I will attempt to make further comparisons with more interesting information that has since come to me.

Readers will remember my having recounted the area and geographical lines of Pelee as consisting of a slightly smaller acreage than Amherst and the contour of the Island being "saucer shaped" which necessitated a rectangular system of drainage ditches, made workable by the provision of pumping installations at each corner of the rectangle, which pumped the surplus of water accumulated therein back into the Lake. Further, the low-lying shore lines of the Island are subject to substantial erosion from the action of ice fields and storms, as compared to the great concern which has arisen on Amherst Island as to the very minimal and extremely slow progression of erosion of our limestone based shores. If you were to visualize Amherst Island as being moved to and located in Lake Ontario where the Main Duck Island presently is, then you would have an approximate picture of the transportation problems with which Pelee Islanders are faced. Can you visualize the Amherst Islander making daily trips, as the Upper Canada ferry presently does from, say the Lennox Generating Station to the Main Duck Island and the experience of sea sickness that would be suffered by many on those trips, through open lake with exposure to the prevailing winds. Can you further visualize your location on this Island in the western end of Lake Erie, which when you looked out to the south, on a clear day, you saw in the distance the Admiral Perry granite shaft that towers from an Island off the City of Sandusky, Ohio, as a person standing on our main Duck Island, and looking northward sees the towering stacks of the Lennox Generating Station.

Having tried to picture for you the approximate location of Pelee Island in Lake Erie as compared to the Main Duck Island in Lake Ontario, let us visualize the life style, as it has come to me, through reliable channels.

The last lake freighter has passed through what is referred to by lake sailors as the "Peele Passage" on

their last trip either Eastbound or Westbound. The formation of ice, west of Point Pelee, and into the Detroit River has brought to a conclusion the operation of the Upper Canada and Pelee Islander, and their lay-up in Leamington or Kingsville has been effected. This picture conjures in my mind memories of a similar annual procedure on Amherst Island in the 50's and 60's when the various Amherst Islanders went annually in to lay-up and we were completely dependent on the transportation provided over the ice in the

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North Channel by devious means and when dire circumstances and needs developed, it was possible to arrange for medical or veterinarian assistance to be brought by a light two seater plane, likewise, mail and bread deliveries were at times accomplished by the same means.

Life on Pelee then turns to a quiet pace, which the residents like to describe as a time of "regeneration", a time to 'charge the batteries' and prepare for the busy season of another summer, a time to turn to other individual interests and hobbies which have been put aside during a hectic summer, a time to enjoy friendships with your neighbours, to engage in card games, pool games and to gather at either the one general store in the hamlet of Scudder or in the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 403, where the membership serves a weekly dinner, with an attractive menu and starting off with provision of a hot lunch to the students in the only elementary school on the island, which enjoys a wonderful reputation for its educational achievements in a very limited enrolment and where parents express their feelings that it is a wonderful environment in which to raise a family, experiencing much more freedom than children on the mainland, having to make their own "fun", much of which is outdoor oriented and close to nature. Another favourite gathering point is the Pelee Passage Restaurant, a hive of activity in the summer months, but much less hectic during the winters. The General Store, which is open five days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays provides an ample supply of fresh meats, vegetables and fruits, brought in every Friday by plane, which also provides passenger transportation with two flights a day to Windsor, except when foul weather is experienced preventing the landing of the small plane.

The Island postal service is provided by a lady, who eight years ago moved to Pelee from Wallaceburg and operates the office from her home near the "west dock" as well as issuing the Island Newsletter of six pages every Friday, which is anxiously looked forward to as it

provides information of all activities on the Island - interestingly enough, it is called "The Grapevine".

Secondary School education, like that on Amherst Island, has long been discontinued, when a two room Continuation School, located near West Dock, was closed and is presently a Masonic Lodge Hall. Provision for secondary schooling is provided on the mainland, at Leamington, Kingsville or Windsor with the payment of board and lodging, as well as transportation, to and from the mainland on weekends being provided by the Ministry of Education.

This brings to my mind, back same 20 - 25 years ago when, along with our ex M.L.A. Hon. C.J.S. Apps, I appeared before a committee of the Ontario Legislature at Queen's Park to consider and draft a piece of legislation, patterned very much after that of the Pelee Island arrangement, whereby our Amherst Island secondary pupils were enabled to live in Napanee during the winter months while in attendance at N.D.S.S.

Pelee Island, of course enjoys Ontario Hydro electricity through a cable laid underwater from Point Pelee to the northernmost point of Pelee Island, which is much exposed to the ravages of ice and wind damage. To compensate for these hazards Ontario Hydro contracts with a service man, who is a full time resident of the Island and is on call 24 hours per day and whose duties consist of repairing any outages of power, servicing hot water tanks and maintaining the auxiliary diesel operated generators provided for use in long break downs of the system serving a winter population of some 200 people, which reaches a summer population of 1200.

Like Amherst Island, population comes and goes, new residents are enthralled with Island life, but many quickly become disenchanted and move back to the mainland. We on Amherst quickly recognize the many advantages which we enjoy and in fact take for granted on our Island and I can only assume, from what has been told me of

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life on Pelee that no such divisiveness exists there as what we have experienced here in the late 60's and 70's and which is rapidly bringing to a termination the life style that we Amherst Island natives knew and appreciated so much. The die is cast and unless a great turn around comes to pass, we oldsters will pass on to our eternal homes in great disillusionment with what we have experienced in our latter days and enjoyed so much.

In a previous contribution, I mentioned the production of grapes along with soy beans and grain

corn. Three years ago a conscientious effort was initiated to put this industry back on its feet, after years of mismanagement had reduced it to a minimum. A German born viticultural engineer was hired who moved to the Island with his family and it is hoped that his adaptation to an isolated life, away from the city may result in a development of a profitable industry which will substantially contribute to the financial security of Island residents.

The well known "Pelee Island Pheasant Hunt" has been much publicized and you may remember my recounting of information given me by an Island resident, when I visited there of the great contribution made by the sale of hunting licenses to the Island economy, whereby they were able to surface a great percentage of the mileage of their roads.

Operation of the Island Pheasant farm, where from one year's end to another the care, hatching and raising of the young chicks, in preparation for the fall hunt, requires diligent attention. The two hunts, during which a certain number of birds are released, attracts some 1600 hunters annually to the Island.

Such is the life style on another Island, so comparable in size to Amherst, but the location of which is so much more isolated and transportation facilities so different. Can you imagine how happy we would be if we had to content ourselves with twice daily plane flights in a 5 passenger plane and as a result of which our young generation would have to endure, the educational programmes of our only elementary school or our teen-agers in secondary schools would become almost full time residents of the adjacent mainland area, with only weekends at their Island homes?

It is my sincere hope that I may be able to again visit Pelee Island, that I may again see further into their lifestyle, acquaint myself further with their municipal Government, their projections for future Island living of their young people and hopefully to enjoy a ride on the New Pelee Islander, when construction of the same has been completed.

Meynard Laltin's Reviews

So you've had your VCR for a year now and you've seen 'Crocodile Dundee' 14 times with 'Top Gun' not far behind. Well for those who only rent the Top 10 movies, I'm here to rescue you from VCR burnout. There are a lot of good movies out there that never made the Top 10.

The first couple of movies are 'grabbers'. No matter how much you want that beer or popcorn, or that trip to the toilet, you're just going to have to wait until someone can push the Pause button. Also you won't be bothered by the others watching it because you'll never

know they're there in the first place. Thirdly, these movies are all well suited to TV because they don't rely on a big screen to get their message across.

The best of this bunch is 'Whose Life Is It Anyway?' (1981), with Richard Dreyfuss as a sculptor who is paralysed from the neck down and argues for his right to die. The script is from a stage play and the words roll off the actors' tongues so beautifully that it makes Shakespeare seem like a hack. It is not a black comedy but humor is used very effectively to relieve the film's seriousness. An easy 9 out of 10 rating.

The next movie is 'The Ninth Configuration' (1980) with Steacy Keach in the lead as the head shrink of an asylum for Viet Nam soldiers where nobody is sure if they are faking insanity to get out of combat. In most movies you can pretty well figure out what's

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Laurel and John would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the good folks who helped us out at the time when our son Jeffrey was on his way to Toronto Sick Kids for heart surgery.

To all those who haven't heard, he's doing fine and we're thrilled to have him home. It's nice to know that we chose a place with such community spirit to raise our boys.

Thanks again.

John, Laurel, Jamie + Jeffrey Nixon

Congratulations to the A.I.P.S, girls' basketball team on winning the championship at the recent tournament at the Community Centre.

Congratulations to Bruce Caughey Jr. as the 1st Vice Chairman of the County Milk Committee.

Congratulations, also, to Keith and Donald Miller for winning Milk Quality Certificates.

There were 31 farm fatalities last year in Ontario according to Farmsafe, a publication of the Ontario Farm Safety Association. Six of the victims were under 10 years old. Almost all of the deaths were caused by just plain carelessness but, nevertheless, it is sobering to realize just how dangerous farming is. There are so many different ways to injure or kill yourself.

Number of countries in the world: 171.

Number of true democracies: 38.
Number of these in Africa, Asia and the Middle East
combined: 4.

Number of Canadian trees that give up their lives for
each edition of the Sunday "New York Times": 65,800.

Growing

- Susan Terris

One is the year for chewing on extension cords.
Two is the year for falling down stairs.
Three is the year for biting someone at the playground.
Four is the year for taking off clothes in public.
Five is the year for saying four-letter words without
knowing what they mean.
Six is the year for playing with matches.
Seven is the year for splitting chins open.
Eight is the year for saying four-letter words and
knowing exactly what they mean.
Nine is the year for playing doctor in somebody's
basement.
And then there's ten.
Ten is the year for cutting off hair with the nail
scissors!
I'm not going to tell you about eleven and twelve
because I don't want to spoil them for you.

Advertisements

Glenn's Home Repair:
Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Repairs:
To lawnmowers, tillers, chain-saws, garden tractors,
etc.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

From Parkinson's Law
- C. Northcote Parkinson
Work expands so as to fill the time available for its
completion. . . . The thing to be done swells in
importance and complexity in a direct ratio with the
time to be spent.

The man who is denied the opportunity of making
decisions of importance begins to regard as important
the decisions he is allowed to make.

We have confused science with information, ideas with
facts, and knowledge with miscellaneous data.
Robert M. Hutchins

It is hardly possible to conceive the appearance of a
crowded wholesale street in the day of the automotive
vehicle. In the first place, it will be almost as quiet as a
country lane - all the crash of horses' hooves and
rumble of steel tires will be gone. And since vehicles
will be fewer and shorter than the present truck and
span, streets will appear less crowded.
Ray Stannard Baker (1897 A.D.)

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Council Report - Christopher Kennedy

Before the regular Council meeting, there was a meeting to re-zone lots for Robert and Helene Hannah, and for Kaye and Dorothy McGinn.

John Hall was still away. There were no building permits issued in February or March. Then Rev. Clement, on behalf of the Catholic Church, thanked Council for the use of the Council Chamber for their services, and presented a plaque to Council as a token of appreciation. The Catholics have now moved into the old brick Anglican church in Emerald.

Steven Ward then presented a very well-prepared petition to Council. About 140 Island taxpayers signed the petition, which stated:

“We the undersigned have agreed to support the Council’s attempts to keep the McGinn Beach open for full public use. We understand that this action could result in the expenditure of taxpayer dollars.”
Jim Whitton and Jane and Glenn Miller have written in support of the petition.

The Napanee O.P.P. Department sent Council a report listing their facilities, and the crime-sheet for the last two years. The O.P.P. plans more community involvement in the future to ensure better services, but needs more input from the public as well.

Duncan Marshall wrote to Council suggesting that farmers needed priority for some trips on the ferry, but Council could see little need for it at the moment.

Council has agreed to pay the cost of a C.P.R. course for any full- or part-time Township employees, including volunteer fire fighters.

The final report on the shore roads has been sent in by Totten Sims Hubicki, and is available at the Township Office. Some of the maps in it need clarification, as some of the recommendations are not very clearly laid out.

George Gavlas and David Fleming are to attend a three-day auto-extradition course in Camden East at the

end of April, to learn how to use the jaws-of-life.

Toronto is writing to all local municipalities trying to find a home for its garbage, but our Township Council wisely did not volunteer Amherst Island, however profitable it might have been.

Marius Scheutz has applied for seven severances can his property, but the request was tabled until next meeting. A Planning Committee was discussed but no action was taken, as Council wanted more positive suggestions from taxpayers as to what direction and form it should take.

Bob Horth has been hired for this summer’s park maintenance.

Council then went into closed session to discuss the Lot 66 beach. At the end they reported that they

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would meet with the Township Solicitor, Peter Radley, and the Ontario Land Surveyor, Peter Hopkins, to decide what to do next.

Correction.

In my last report I implied that George Gavlas had written to Council directly criticizing the number of severances given to Kaye and Dorothy McGinn. His letter, in fact, criticized the number of severances overall that Council was granting, and was not directed at Kaye and Dorothy. I am for any ill-feeling that this may have caused.

Help Save Our Beach

- Steve Ward

Island beaches are used by people of all ages for a variety of activities. On a sunny summer day people can be found sunbathing, windsurfing, swimming, or fishing on the sandy shores. In the fall people use the beach for walks and nature hikes in the brisk, clean autumn beach air. During this season hunters also frequently use the shores of this Island. Beaches are used for a variety of activities all year long. The so-called “McGinn Beach” on Amherst Island is no exception.

For those who don’t know, this sand beach is situated at the western end of the Island, on the south side. It is located just south of the McGinn farm, and has been a source of recreation for Islanders and non-Islanders alike for years.

Unfortunately, this beach may soon be closed to the public. A group of people, the Nut Island Shooting Club, wish to privatize the beach and restrict it’s use to

themselves. People who use the beach are often harassed by this "takeover" group, a representative of which often patrols the shoreline, forcing people with ATV's, cars and trucks off the beach. In the writers opinion, this person has no authority to do this while the beach is still public. This representative is trying to inappropriately deter people from using the beach: this impedes the rights of the citizens and visitors to this Island. We must protect our rights, and retain the beach and it's use for the entire public, not just for a select private group.

We must not simply sit back and ignore this threat. The last time an issue similar to this was raised, the people did little or nothing, and as a result, the third concession sand beach is now closed to the general public. If the McGinn beach is taken from us as well, what will we have left? Will the people of this Island have to travel to Picton to swim at a decent, public sand beach?

As citizens and taxpayers of this Island community, we have a moral and personal obligation to retain this beach for public use. Not just for ourselves, but also for future generations in the years to come. The only way to accomplish this is to let the Island Council know we support this action, and to give them the necessary backing. We have successfully banded together in the past to save Island institutions such as our school, and we can do it again to save our beaches. Please write to council without delay, and let your feeling on the issue of the McGinn beach be heard.

The beach is one of the Island's few natural recreation and tourist outlets for both young people and adults. If we simply ignore this problem, and let the beach fall into private, non-island hands, then we will permanently lose a valuable piece of our past, present and future recreation and Island spirit.

Please show your support for this attempt to retain the McGinn Beach for full public use, by writing to the Amherst Island Municipal Council with a letter of support for their actions. Thank you.

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McGinn Beach Issue - Update
- Steve Ward

First of all, I would like to thank the people of this community for their tremendous support towards the petition which I personally circulated on Monday April 4, 1988. I am pleased to say that I was able to obtain 160 signatures in our efforts to save our beach. If I missed you with the petition, I apologize. The motion of the petition was as follows:

"We the undersigned have agreed to support the

Council's attempts to keep the McGinn Beach open for full public use. We understand that this action could result in the expenditure of taxpayer dollars."

A special thanks as well to all of the concerned citizens who provided me with interesting and very helpful ideas, opinions and historical information about this beach.

On behalf of the Island people, I presented Council with the petition at their regular meeting on Tuesday April 5, 1988. They were very enthusiastic and pleased over your support. They said that the petition could help them take action on this issue. A copy of my three page speech to Council is available to any community member, upon request.

As I informed Council, the time for action is now. Even if you signed the petition, please write letters to Council giving them your support on this issue. Support, especially repeated support, is what Council needs at this important time. Also, if you are looking for something to do on a nice sunny spring day, please drive to the McGinn Beach and walk it's sandy shores. While admiring the beach and it's beauty, you will also be exercising your right to use the beach, and thus helping our common cause.

... (see posting in store for complete article.)

If you have any questions or ideas to help save our last decent sand beach, please call me at the above number.

I will keep you posted on further developments regarding this issue. Thank you.

Comments By Staff:

The above articles submitted by Steve Ward have been edited in consultation with Steve.

It is with mixed feelings that we print these articles. The Beacon has attempted to avoid controversial items within the community, however we feel that it is important that people be informed about issues that concern the whole community.

The Beacon is willing to print the position of the Nut Island Shooting Club when it becomes available.

The Neighbourhood
- Annette

Condolences to the family of Steve Blasko, one of our newer residents who passed away last week. Commendations for Randi, Rick, Suzanne, Ian, and Chris Glenn who valiantly attempted to save Steve. It's nice to know we have people like them around.

Best wishes to Peachie Eves and Myrtle Veech who have been in hospital this month.

Welcome home to Art and Caroline Ackerman, Ethel

and Ray Duncan and John and Mary Hall, all returned home from their winter vacations.

Customers of Glenn's Store will be sorry to hear Tracy Filson is no longer with us, due to her work load at Queen's and a summer job with Empire Life. Tracy will only be returning to work here as a fill-in. We are all sorry to see her go, but wish her well in future pursuits.

Steve Blasco's son needs an owner for Steve's dog. He is a full-grown black lab, trained. Please consider adopting him. Call Rick at 353-2739.

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The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Bob does not like soup very much. However, I fed the following soup to him and he happily asked to have his Papa Bear bowl filled up again. I should add that I didn't tell him what it was until later! Leek and Potato Soup from the "Smart Cooking Book":

- 6 med. leeks
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 4 med. potatoes, peeled, cubed
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup light cream
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 3 tbsp. minced fresh parsley or chives.

Trim all but 2" of green part from leeks. Cut lengthwise halfway into white part. Spread apart and wash under cold running water. Slice thinly by hand or food processor.

In saucepan combine leeks, garlic, potatoes and chicken stock, simmer partially covered, for 30 minutes or until veg. are tender. Puree in blender or food processor.

Reheat soup, add cream, salt and pepper. Remove from heat and sprinkle with parsley.

Makes 12 cups.

While visiting my mother-in-law (Mrs. Kay Marshall) she gave me this recipe for a handy Chicken, Carrot and Potato Casserole.

Plan on 1 chicken breast, 1 carrot and 1 potato per person. Bone chicken breasts and place in centre of casserole. Slice potatoes and chunk carrots. Place on either side of chicken. For 3 breasts take 1 can of either cream of mushroom or cream of celery plus 1/2 can of milk. Pour over all. Cover and bake at 375 degrees F. for 1 3/4 hours.

This month's microwave recipe is for Cherry Banana Cobbler.

- 3 firm bananas
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 cups cherry pie filling
- 3 soft macaroon cookies broken into coarse crumbs (1/2 cup)
- vanilla ice cream.

Peel bananas and cut into thirds. Place in 10"x6"x2" glass baking dish.. Stir lemon juice into pie filling. Spoon over bananas. Cook uncovered on high for 2 minutes. Stir to coat bananas; sprinkle crumbs atop. Cook uncovered on high about 2 minutes or till heated through. Serve with ice cream. Serves 6.

Canada Day Fireworks Display

- Beth Forester

On Friday, July 1 at 9 p.m. (dusk), there will be a fireworks display at the Community Centre baseball diamond. The size of this display is dependent on the amount of financial assistance the Recreation Committee receives from the public. The Committee has allocated \$50 for the display and will gratefully accept donations of money.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department will be in charge of the "setting off" of the fireworks. It is our hope that this collective effort will result in a bigger and better evening of entertainment for all.

Contributions may be left at the Township office or with John Glenn or Beth Forester, Committee members.

A.I.P.S.

Our Trip to the Sugar Bush

- Heidi, Kevin and Douglas

Today we went to Miller's sugar bush. It was muddy but we had fun anyway. We got to get sap from the buckets off the maple trees. Jessica McGinn and Scott Marshall fell in the mud. We had a piece of johnny cake with maple syrup. We had fun at the sugar bush.

A Day at the Sugar Bush

- Ruth, Ricky and Jamie

On Friday, March 25, the school went to the Miller's sugar bush. We had lots of fun. It was very muddy.

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We had to collect sap. We had johnny cake. It was good! We learned about the testing of the maple syrup. We got to skim the top off the syrup.

Our Trip to the Sugar Bush

- Lori, Jason, and Sarah

On Friday we went to the sugar bush. It was a long walk. When we got there, we ran and grabbed the buckets to go collect sap. At lunch we had johnny cake with syrup on top. We also got to skim the foam off the sap. On the way back we got muddy, but it was fun anyway. It was nice of the Millers to let us go to where they tap maple trees.

Stella Library

- Diane Gavlas

The library welcomes you on Tues. 7 - 9, Wed. and Sat. 1 - 3. Library cards are free to members. Large-type books change on April 11 and regular rotation is April 18. If you have a reading favourite and its not available here please ask Karen car myself and we'll send for it on inter-library loan.

Libraries: Then And Now

Books were treated carefully in all libraries. To dust, the libraries used fox tails and, to fumigate, aromatic herbs were used. In the 1500's, libraries began to arrange books in cases lining the walls and libraries gradually abandoned the practice of chaining books. In medieval times books were just lumped together by size and laid flat on shelves. An important discovery was made by a French librarian named Jacques Auguste. He developed the procedure of standing books with spines facing out ward.

It wasn't until the late 1800's that children were welcome in public libraries. Until then no books could be taken home until a child was 14.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Diane Gavlas

The annual Mother's Day Ham Dinner will be on May 7 from 5 to 7. Tickets will be advance sales from Glenn's Store, Anna Hitchins and Marian Glenn. The tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for 12 years and under. Preschoolers are free. Hope to see many smiling faces there at the Community Centre.

April is of course Cancer Month so the W.I. members will be canvassing door to door. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

The April meeting is at Mrs. Janet Scott's on April 20th at 8:00 p.m. Election of Officers is the agenda. Now is the time for new members to begin a new year with the Women's Institute.

The May meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Rita Miller on May 18th at 8: 00 p.m. in Kingston.

St. Alban's A.C.W. wish to thank you for your

continued support by coming to the Beef Dinner in March. Hope it was enjoyed by all.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

The snow and ice of a very moderate winter has left us. The ice in the Bay has very gently and graciously cleared with a wind from just the right direction and of just the right velocity to cause no problems with either our ferry service or any damage to our shores or docks.

With winter behind us, likewise has the hockey season drawn to a close. I think a few comments and expressions of praise are due our Island Mothers for the dedication and conscientious support that they give to their children who have interest in pursuing Athletics. Unfortunately our population, at the present at least, does not warrant consideration of an indoor arena facility, but very fortunately we do have a very spacious and well equipped facility in the W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre, owned and

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operated by our neighbouring Township of Ernestown, where our Island population, both young and old, are welcome to use the facilities provided there.

How many times have you, as you were in the line-ups for the Amherst Islander, observed the goings and comings with their children, of Judy Miller, Hazel deHaan, Janet Scott, Pam McCormick and Beth Forester? The trips to and from hockey games and practices were at all hours of the day and night. There were countless occasions when the aspiring hockey players had to stay with relatives on the mainland, in order to be on hand for a 6:00 a.m. practice, then a quick dash to an 8.30 ferry trip, in order to be in class at the Amherst Island Public School. One cannot help also to admire the conscientious devotion on the part of the coaches of the various teams, who sacrifice their time and talents to help and develop the hockey skills of our future hockey greats. Remember the recognition of talents for our professional hockey teams is the result of quiet observers, who, early and late spend their time sitting in ice arenas, casually talking to young players, coaches etc. It is not hard to realize that this was the background of our Howie Morenz, Syl Apps, Wayne Gretskys and the countless players who developed through the hockey leagues of the Kingston Area and who today are rapidly becoming stars in our present National Hockey League.

Following the building of the W.J. Henderson Arena, the Township of Ernestown employed a full-time Recreation Director, presently this person is Pat. Byers,

a good friend of mine, and it is under his direction that the various leagues are organized, schedules arranged etc.

During the past winter six Island boys were involved in organized hockey as follows: Kevin and Mark McCormick who played in the "Novice level" of O.M.H.A. (Ontario Midget Hockey Association). Mark playing in a so-called "House League" while Kevin played in an "all star level team". Jeff deHaan and Jamie Scott played in "Bantam level" while Chad Miller and Jeff Forester played in "Pee-wee level", these various levels each involve, in addition to regularly scheduled games, "Tournaments" which are played during weekends.

Each level of play produces the three top teams and is then followed by a "Round Robin Playoff". It was my pleasure on March 26th last to be a spectator at the "Willie Pratt Day" play-downs when the team on which Chad Miller and Jeff Forester played - Chad as Centre and Jeff as Goalie played with the team identified as TESH (meaning Township of Ernestown Senior Hockey Association). This was the championship playdown and the morning game resulted in a win for the boys' team and carried them into the afternoon game when they played the top team of the three and were again the winners. I was delighted with the skill of our Island boys with Chad scoring two goals in each game while Jeff was within 16 seconds of a "shut-out" in the first game.

Following their win in the second game, the presentation of the "Esso Medals of Achievement" took place and certainly brought delight to me when Jeff was the recipient of the award for "The Most Sportsmanlike Player" and Chad was the recipient of the award for "The Most Valuable Player" with team mate Jonathan Burrows being the recipient of the award for "The Most Improved Player".

These players have already been approached to attend summer hockey schools and one wonders as to what degree of proficiency these Island boys may yet attain. There is great credit due to the parents whose support has been steadfastly behind their children.

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Rachel McGinnis Barnes
- A. Brure Caughey

In recent issues of the Beacon, I have been reporting the passing of a number of people, who have had "Island Connections" and I am sorry to report again the passing of another Island native in the person of Mrs. George Barnes, nee Rachel McGinnis, of Rochester, N.Y. who passed away during March in a home in

Rochester, where she had been confined for a number of years with a lingering illness.

Rachel, as she was known locally, was in her eightieth year and was the last surviving member of the 12 children who comprised the family of William McGinnis and his wife Eva Howard (an aunt of Charles Howard). She was born at Emerald, where the family resided in the house presently owned by Mrs. Freda MacCrimmon and latterly in the farm home, the ruins of which are scarcely visible among the lilac bushes just south of the Emerald bridge on the farm owned by Garnet McDonald, a home which was always identified by its' great profusion of flowers, carefully tended by the mother. William McGinnis was the joint owner and operator of the Emerald General Store as well as operating the farms lying on either side of the Emerald crossroad, running from the Bay to the second concession.

Rachel attended S.S. No. 4, followed by attendance at Stella Continuation School, where she was a classmate of mine, known as a "good sport" and a good student, a great soft-ball and basket-ball player on the girls teams of S.C.S. in the mid 1920's.

Following her attendance at Secondary school, Rachel followed the example of many Island young people and went to the U.S., where she found employment with the well known Rochester industry of Eastman Kodak, along with her older sisters Marjorie and Mary. I am sorry that I am unable to identify definite dates concerning Rachel's employment or of her marriage to George Barnes. One son, George Jr., as well as a step-daughter survive. She was pre-deceased by her husband a number of years ago. Funeral services and burial was in the Rochester Area.

4-H Club

- Tracy Hitchins

The new 4-H calf club has now got underway. The first meeting was Tuesday 15 at Mr. & Mrs. Garry Hitchins. It started at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m.

The leaders of the 4-H are Garry Hitchins and Bruce Caughey.

The members are:

Reg Hitching - President

Jeff Forester - Vice-President

Amy Caughey - Secretary

Chad Miller - Treasurer

Tracy Hitchins - Press Reporter

Lori Caughey - Telephone Person

Our Special Guest at our 1st meeting was Bonnie O'Neil who is the Rural Organization Specialist. The parents who attended were Anne-Marie Hitchins and Susan Caughey.

Bonnie O'Neil opened the meeting and started us on our way. Our 4-H club name is "Bruce and Garry's Beef and Dairy".

Our next meeting is at the home of Bruce and Susan Caughey, Thursday 21st at 7:30 p.m. All new members welcome, also parents.

Field Naturalists

Our naturalists, Janet and Alex Scott, were unable to prepare an article this month, but they wish to report that a Great White Egret was sighted on April 9th in Lance Eve's marsh.

From Report on Policing

- Bert Kea, O.P.P

Our Detachment is open 24 hours a day and has radio dispatchers on duty at all times. On many occasions our officers have been dispatched to the scenes of thefts and break and enters first thing in the morning. While conducting this type of investigation neighbours

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near the victim's place have often heard or observed a suspicious vehicle or persons on foot during the night. I am requesting citizens to report any suspicious happenings to our office at the time they are occurring and not wait until the morning to tell us.

We the police are only as good as the citizens that are willing to help.

From Tornado Awareness

- Joan Smith, Solicitor General

Each year, an average of 25 tornados touch down in Ontario. Some are minor and cause little damage, others such as the central Ontario tornado in 1985, are major and cause injuries and deaths.

I urge each municipality to review its state of emergency preparedness, and take the necessary steps to be ready for a tornado or any other emergency which may occur within its boundaries.

A severe weather Watch is issued up to 6 hours in advance to alert the general public that there is a high potential for dangerous thunderstorm weather, which may be accompanied by a tornado.

A severe weather Warning is issued to alert the public that severe thunder storms or tornados are imminent in the warning area - i.e., a severe thunderstorm is in progress or expected to occur within 2 hours.

When a tornado threatens:

- 1) Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Protect your head.
- 2) For maximum safety, go down to the basement or seek shelter under a stairway or sturdy table, or in a closet.
- 3) Try to reach the centre of the house or the side away from the storm.
- 4) Avoid buildings with large areas of unsupported roof, including arenas, barns or supermarkets. If caught in such a building, seek out the lowest floor, an inside hallway or small interior windowless room, or get under something sturdy.
- 5) If caught in the open, try to determine the tornado's direction of travel and move at right angles to it. If you cannot avoid the storm, find a ditch, ravine or other depression and lie flat. Do not remain in your car. Many people have been killed trying to ride out a tornado in their car.
- 6) If no shelter can be found, hang on to the base of a small tree or shrub.
- 7) Remember that damaged and weakened structures, fallen debris, downed hydro wires, and gas leaks are potential danger after a storm has passed.

Notices

Rabies Clinic

As of June 2, 1986, it is required by law that all cats and dogs in the County of Lennox and Addington be immunized against rabies.

The next rabies clinic on Amherst Island is on April 30, 5 p.m. at the Firehall.

Fisheries Resources

There is a public meeting on this area's fisheries resources on April 26, 7:30 p.m., at the 401 Value Inn, Hwy 401 and Division Street. This meeting is being held by the Min. of Natural Resources. Literature is available at the Municipal Office.

Ferry Interruption

There may be ferry interruptions due to steamship and Coast guard inspections on the following dates: Tues., April 19 after the 10 a.m. trip; Mon., May 9, after 1 p.m. trip (will be back in service by 3 p.m. run).

ISLE

ISLE is planning a Bingo/Euchre evening on Wednesday, April 20 at the Community Centre. Doors

open at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments. Admission \$1.00.

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Sweat Shirts

Anyone that ordered shirts may pick them up at Glenn's Store.

Also, there is a wide selection of colors and sizes in open stock available at the store.

The Presbyterian Church Women thank you for your continued enthusiastic support of this project.

Lob-Ball

Mixed Lob-ball League for 16 years and older is being organized. If interested contact Jack Forester at 389-5582. We are hoping to have 4 teams.

Found

Sporting goods found in the village, owner must describe. Contact 389-5582.

Advertisements

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chain-saws, garden tractors, etc. Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Need A Babysitter

Call Sherry Ward at 389-5767.

I am 14 years old and love kids of all ages. I'm willing to work full-time for summer and some evenings.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations.

Clean clothing only.

I am now the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Electric Fence

From Topsy Farms Ltd.

Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Amherst Island Phone Directory Available at Glenn's Store.

Community Calendar

April 20, Wed., 7:30 p.m., ISLE Bingo/Euchre at Community Centre

April 30, Sat., 5:00 p.m., Rabies Clinic at the Firehall

May 3, Tues., 8:00 p.m., Regular Meeting of Council

May 7, Sat., 5:00 p.m., Women's Institute's Mother's Day Ham Dinner at the Community Centre

May 18, Wed., 8:00 p.m., Women's Institute Meeting at Rita Miller's

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Council Report

- Chris Kennedy

Before the regular meeting there was a meeting to consider rezoning parts of Lots 8 and 9 for Duncan Marshall and Syl Apps.

John Hall has returned from Florida, so all Councillors were present.

Three building permits were issued in April, to Peter Truman for a house, to Miles Hutchings for a garage, and to Dave and Diane Hieatt for renovations.

Jeff Forester and Mike Horth, on behalf of the 4-H club, asked for, and were granted, money from Council to buy shrubs to plant around the township buildings.

Council decided to approach the Nut Island Hunt Club, to see if some amicable agreement allowing public access to the Back Beach can be worked out. John Hall and Ian Murray were authorised to send a letter to the club. [Chris sent a letter to Council and also spoke to Council urging that an attempt be made to reach an agreement on this contentious matter.]

Council clarified the priority list for the ferry: the police, medical doctors, ambulance or other medical emergency vehicles, veterinarians, a loaded school bus and a hearse have priority if the ferry is full.

The Amherst Islander is going to Kingston for a spring tune up later this month, to be replaced by the Charlevoix.

The Township has received \$40,000 in supplementary road subsidy. They had asked for \$52,000. There is \$8,000 for replacing the bridge in the village. Totten Sims Hubicki are to be asked for a design. \$11,000 is to go towards resurfacing the village streets. An amount of \$16,000 is for shore road relocation and a further \$5000 for additional engineering work on the shore roads. The Township is to put up a fence in front of the quarry as soon as possible, to help prevent accidents.

The Township is making its usual grant towards the Fireman's social, in appreciation of their, and their

spouses, volunteer service. There is a Recreation Committee dance on May 21st.

The Lennox and Addington school board budget has come in, with a 6.6% increase for Elementary Schools, and 4.6% for Secondary Schools.

Leslie Gavlas has written to Council concerning the goats in the village destroying her garden. Since there appears to be a zoning violation Ed Chadband, the By-law Enforcement Officer, will be asked to investigate and report back to Council. On possible zoning violations, Council will only act on a written complaint: anything else is just gossip.

John Hall then spoke about his ideas for a Planning Committee. He proposes extensive public discussion - details will be sent out to all residents. Only one severance will be allowed on each property for a year, or until a Planning Committee has finished its work. Any severance or building permit granted must not conflict with possible shore road relocation or realignment. Marius Scheutz was granted one severance.

An O.P.P. officer sat through the meeting. He explained that this was

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part of their new community contact scheme.

Council adjourned after a few routine matters.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Toronto, who are staying on Stella Point for the summer. Welcome also to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Truman, soon to be residents of the Island as well.

Congratulations to John and Maureen who expect to add another Glenn to the family soon. "Purvis" is due sometime in October.

Don't forget about the Recreation Committee's Annual Spring Dance, Saturday, May 21. More information in this issue.

A reminder also that Glenns Store still has an enormous selection of books to lend. Come in and look around.

Moms please note: the Amherst Island Brownies require a new leader. Unless we get volunteers on a permanent basis, we may have to disband the group. Please contact Janet Scott or myself.

Best wishes to George Gavlas who will be entering hospital for an operation on May 16.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna Hitchins

The monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Janet Scott on Wed. April 20th. Roll Call was the payment of fees. Plans for the Mother's Day Ham Dinner, to be held on Sat. May 7th, were finalized.

Annual reports were given, followed by the election of officers. Irene Glenn was appointed to conduct the election. Diane Gavlas was elected President for 1988-89. Plans were made for delegates to attend the District Annual to be held at Odessa on May 25th.

The Women's Institute is always looking for new members - so come and join us!

The Annual Mother's Day Ham Dinner was held in the School on Sat. May 7th, sponsored by the Amherst Island Women's Institute. A floral gift was presented to the most elderly mother in the hall, being Mrs. Edna Reid, and to the youngest mother in the hall, being Mrs. Danny Gillis (Anne-Marie McMullin).

A sincere thank-you to the people, other than the members who helped cook, serve, help in the kitchen, assisted in setting up tables and removing them, or in any other capacity. This help was most appreciated and so a good time was had by all!

Library News

- Karen Fleming

I forgot to get "Libraries Then and Now" from Diane, so you'll have to wait 'til next month for the next exciting chapter.

As many of you already know, Diane will soon be leaving the library for a life of leisure as a retired gentle-woman. Her last two working days are the 18th and the 24th. Why not drop by to say good-bye and at the same time boost circulation for her last month in the library to a new record.

Regular rotation is May 16, and if you hear of a book you'd like to read, let us know and we'll get it for you on interloan.

The Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

It's almost rhubarb time and I can picture a hot bubbly pie or crisp coming out of the oven. With this thought on my mind and tastebuds, the first recipe is for Rhubarb Lattice Pie

Roll out your own favourite pie crust recipe and line a 10 inch pie plate.

Filling:

5 cups rhubarb cut in 1" pieces

2 tsp grated orange rind

1 cup granulated sugar

1/3 cup all-purpose flour.

In a large bowl combine rhubarb with rind. Stir together sugar and flour, sprinkle over rhubarb and mix well. Spoon filling into unbaked pie shell. (1 cup of stewed rhubarb contains more calcium than 1 cup of whole milk.) Bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes.

Reduce heat to 375 degrees F. and bake for 35 - 40 minutes longer or until

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pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly and tender.

Our second recipe was given to me by Sue Shurtliffe. This meal cooks in one pan with a minimum of preparation and it still tastes good.

Chili Chicken

3 chicken breasts

2 cups water

2 tbs oil

2 green peppers, chopped

2 cups celery, chopped

1 large can of tomatoes or 6 fresh tomatoes

salt, pepper and chili powder to taste.

Put chicken in frying pan and add water. Cover and simmer for 1/2 hour. (Sue uses an electric frying pan.) Add vegetables until cooked. Then add tomatoes, salt, pepper and lots of chili powder. Cook until water from tomatoes evaporates. Serve with or over rice. Yields 3 or 4 servings.

I have had a request for a pasta recipe. If you have one, please give me a call.

Food

- Sally Bowen

We hope once again to receive Islanders' support to provide fresh food to the Kingston Food Bank. Last year we were their only regular contributors of fresh produce.

This is how it works. If you have extra rhubarb, asparagus or any other early produce this month, please call me at 389-3444. It Does Not Have To Be A Huge Quantity to be worthwhile. Either you pick your crop or if you wish help, I can pick or arrange for help. (Our Island Brownie pack leader has volunteered helpers.) I get your food, and arrange its pickup by the Food Bank, which distributes it within 24 hours. The ferry crew have been extremely helpful, making the delivery easy.

As your crops ripen, we will take whatever excess you have to offer. Perhaps you can take this into

account when you are planting your gardens.

I have small tomato plants to offer free to anyone who wishes extra to plant for Food Bank use.

If anyone has frozen vegetables or preserves from last fall they plan to throw out to make room for this season's produce, please call me. It may be of use in the church soup kitchens. There are a lot of hungry people out there.

Congratulations

Chad Miller placed second on a county-wide public speaking contest. Chad's topic was "The Problems of Being Left-handed".

Municipal Money In 1987

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Municipal Money In 1987

Revenue	Budget	Actual
Ferry Subsidy	709,800	708,625
Ferry Revenue	70,200	72,863
Road Subsidy:		
Regular	77,200	77,200
Dump truck	22,769	13,000
Shore roads	-	127,700
Telephone Taxation	1,889	1,889
General Support Grant	7,580	8,480
Resource Equalization	15,638	15,638
Per Household Grant	7,110	7,110
Recreation Grant		
Capital	6,309	6,318
Reg. 517	300	300
Transfer from Com. Centre Account	6,859	6,859
Permits, fees	600	844
Sundry	600	1,592
Interest Income	2,000	2,022
Penalty on Arrears	2,000	2,021
Transfer from Working Capital	12,574	12,574
Grant in Lieu of Taxes	-	602
Dock Repair Contract	-	216
Livestock Compensation	-	1,910
Planning Fees	-	2,252
Total Revenue	943,428	1,069,655

Expenditures		
Ferry	780,000	778,425
Roads		
Regular	121,000	113,300
Dump Truck	22,769	22,769
Shoreroads	-	150,000
General Government		
Council	5,000	4,095
Salaries, Payroll	7,000	6,731
Material, Supplies	3,000	2,573
Hydro, Maintenance	1,500	400
Travel Allowance, Conferences	500	446
Insurance	650	601
Interest	1,000	60
Professional Fees	5,400	1,062
Street Lighting	750	809
Parks, Recreation (includes Capital Project)	13,968	12,162
Fire	7,500	7,651
Sanitation	3,600	2,590
Building Inspection	1,600	1,223
Cemeteries	3,000	5,285
Survey, etc.	3,000	0
Deficit	15,345	15,345
Deficit (Cemeteries:)	849	849
Dock Repair	-	216
Livestock Compensation	-	1,800
Total Expenditures	997,431	1,131,385
Municipal Taxes	54,003	54,003
Deficit	-	7,727

More on municipal finances when Council finalizes the 1988 budget.

Public School News

- Junior Room

Our school has been very busy. As well as practicing for "On Broadway", here are some other events we want to tell you about.

On Thursday, April 21 half the Junior Class went to see the Music Man at Ernestown High School. On Friday the 22 the rest of the Junior Class went. Mrs Hollywood took us.

Lori Caughey and Heidi Hitchins

On April 15th, the Grade 5s went to South Fredricksburg hall to learn about dairy farming. We learned a lot. We learned about artificial insemination, and we saw a holstein calf. We had a drink of chocolate milk.

Jamie Silver

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Last week we got mammal kits from the R.O.M. It had mice, rabbits, ermine and some animal skulls. We did a mini-project with them.

Kevin McCormick

On April 13 the Juniors and Primaries went to Topsy Farms to see some sheep; some of us even got to see a baby lamb being born! It went very fast. There was lots of sheep there and they were all so cute. We want to thank Sally and Ian for letting us come.

Sarah Scott

Say No To Drugs

Oscar Simpson of Kingston Ontario came to Amherst Island Public School. He talked to the Grades 4-8. He thought that the Grade Fours wouldn't understand it all. He showed us two videos of drugs. They were called Say No To Drugs. He taught us a lot. He gave everybody a pin that would say no to drugs. The pins say No Way. He said to get one if you would promise to wear it and if you were going to say no to drugs. (And he had a nice VCR. Ha Ha Ha!)

Ruth Scott and Jason Silver

Dairy Princesses

In April The Dairy Princesses of Ontario and Lennox and Addington came to our school. They showed slides and told us about dairy farms. They gave out books and stickers.

Ricky Bedford

Please mark June 2 on your calendar to see Amherst Island Public School's presentation of "On Broadway".

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

What an exciting time of year this is for bird watchers. Every warm May day brings another addition or 20 to your annual list.

Birding which has been mainly owls and raptors for the winter lister with the addition of birds seen at the feeder, suddenly blossoms out with all the colours of the rainbow.

The Rose-breasted Grosbeak that sings in the willow, is wearing the latest in hot pink bibs. The Yellow Warbler is completely dressed in the brightest of lemon yellow overcoats and the Red-headed Woodpecker is wearing a cherry red hood. The Chestnut-sided and Bay-breasted Warblers have chosen suits incorporating the richest of brown shades.

Everywhere is sound and movement and colour. The eye is caught by the flashes of colour while the heart is gladdened by the sounds of singing.

Birds Of The Month

We have been thrilled by our heron visitors this past month. As you remember from April's Beacon, we reported that a Great Egret was seen in Eves' marsh on April 9th. This bird was seen regularly at the marsh into the first week of May. They are known to nest in Ontario on Pelee Island, at Luthur Lake and Nottawasaga Island. They nest as our familiar Great Blue Heron does in heronries.

Connie McRae was thrilled to report the sighting of a Snowy Egret at the Millhaven Plant Creek. This spectacular heron has black legs, ending in startling gold feet. Thank you to Connie and to Dick Cherry for this sighting. Sorry, we missed him.

Last Wed., May 11th, we received a phone tip that a Tricoloured Heron had been seen in the marsh on the Field Naturalists property. Off we rushed with scope, binoculars and bird book and were rewarded with a view of a delicate little heron more at home in the Gulf of Mexico or on the Atlantic Coast than here on Amherst Island.

On May 14th, we had a good view of a Forster's Tern while he fished from a favorite rock at the K.F.N. Marsh.

On May 15th, we watched a Red-bellied Woodpecker feeding in Stuart Miller's woods, a first time bird for both of us.

Royal Canadian Legion Literary Competition

- Georgie Allison

Amherst Island Branch 539 of the Royal Canadian

Legion is pleased to

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announce two Zone winners from Amherst Island in the Royal Canadian Legion literary competition held in November 1987 to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Jason Silver won First Prize in the Junior Essay category, while Laura Wemp won Third Prize in the Intermediate Essay category.

Branch 539 wishes to extend its warm congratulations to these young winners. The awards will be presented at graduation exercises in June, at Amherst Island School.

A Day At The War In WW2 - by Jason C. Silver

Dear Mom, I am now flying over a farm that makes me think of the back forty at home. I know this is something I must do for my country, but somehow I feel I am deserting you. I think I should be there to help you with the chores and the housework.

These people think they have found a better job for me, somehow I don't think shooting people is a better job. In fact I don't think shooting people is a way to correct the problem anyway. Even though you lost a great friend in the last war I can almost promise you, one day I will return. Well, I must sign off for now because we are almost over enemy territory and we must prepare for the big day. Goodbye, don't forget about me, be home soon. Your loving son, Johnny.

Dear Mom, this is more of a circus than I ever dreamed. The people here are just like me, but some even seem to enjoy it. This is not the place for me. I wish you could get me out of here. I will be home soon, your son, Johnny.

Dear Mom, I made my first kill last night as we raided a local village that was actually the headquarters for the commander of the German air force. The commander wasn't there but the base was destroyed along with almost fifty Germans. I should be proud but I'm not. I was praised for my actions and commended for my bravery. I hope this does not continue much longer. Be home soon, your son Johnny.

Mrs. Angela Stevenson: We are sad to report the unfortunate death of your son Johnathan. He was killed this morning as we began to ambush a German stronghold. He was a brave courageous young man and will be remembered by all his friends.

Again we are saddened by his death and we hope you will remember and cherish him for what he was.

Commander Murdock.

P.S. Your son will be home soon.

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For Your Tomorrow They Gave Their Today

- by Laura Wemp

Hi! My name is Arnold and I am eighty-five years old. As you know, it is Remembrance Day, and boy I could tell you some stories about the war. But when I go to church on Remembrance Day I remember back and sometimes I even break out crying. People look at me like I'm strange, but it they went through what I went through they would be crying too. Well I guess I should tell you my story.

It all started when I was 17 years old, and there were signs up all over saying to sign up and fight for your freedom. So I figured since my Dad was going to, I should too. We had two weeks of training and I thought that wasn't too bad. Then we received our uniforms and guns. Then finally they attacked us. There was a lot of shooting and bombs. I was just about to shoot but then I saw my best friend from training being carried on a stretcher. He had been shot in the leg. But the strange thing was the war had just started and even after training I didn't want to see another dead body. After a few months passed my mother sent my father and I a box with clothes and food, and a note that said, Dear Arnold and Steve, I hope that this box gets to you. Your sister and I would give anything to see your face again. I hope you're still safe and that you come home safe.

Love, Mom & Sis.

When I read this, I felt good and bad. I felt good because I knew they were okay, but I felt bad because I

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didn't, know it I would ever get to hug my mom again.

Meantime, men were out there fighting and some getting killed. Some men even died from trench fever. That was from the dampness and mice and rats. The worst part of the war was when my father died. He was shot in the stomach. He was still alive for a few minutes. Then he died. I thought I wouldn't make it through the rest of the war. Finally on November 11th it was all over and I could go home. But all those men fought for us and we should honour them. I still have nightmares from the war. I'm very proud that I helped fight for our country's freedom. I wear a poppy and go to church to honour the men who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

It is with regret that I report the passing of another Island native, in the passing of Mrs. Jim Caines, nee Sylvia Doreen Taylor, on April 22nd, 1988, in Hotel Dieu Hospital. Sylvia was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and was born on Amherst Island, where her parents lived before moving to a farm in the Collins Bay area, where Amherstview now stands. She was in her 57th year. Interment was made in Christ Church Cemetery, Cataraqui.

As one casts their thoughts over the Island population, one becomes increasingly aware of the age brackets, in which a number of our residents are in. Mrs. Kathleen Wemp, while a resident of Lenadco, Napanee, is still considered an Island person and I believe she is in her 96th (?) year. Kenneth Miller, another of our oldest residents is in the 91st year. Mrs. Marion McGinn will reach her 89th birthday in August next.

On April 16th last, Mrs. James Eves, nee Marion Willard, reached her 90th birthday. Marion is the daughter of the late Alfred and Charlotte Willard (nee Adair) and one of a family of twelve children who were born near Emerald, on the property presently occupied by Mrs. Elsie Densem, in a house which was moved from that property to the village of Stella, where it still stands on the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lamb as a small barn. Marion was the twin sister of the late Frederick Willard who passed away in Belleville in the First World War just before proceeding overseas.

The Willard family had a great love of the water, which resulted in their following the occupation of Commercial Fishermen or sailors on the Great Lakes. The older brothers were the late Capt. Charles and Capt. John Willard, Hiram was a crewman aboard the steamer Maplehurst when she floundered in a late November gale on Lake Superior and he was one of those who perished. One remaining brother of the family, David, who resides in Stella was an officer aboard a number of Canada Steamship line ships and is a pensioner from that line. The late Claude Willard (Capt. Eldon Willard's father) was an Island farmer during the great part of his life-time while the youngest member of the Willard family, Monroe was a victim of meningitis in 1929, while a student in Stella Continuation School.

Marion resides in Kingston, along with her three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Ellerbeck, Mrs. Annie Clyde and Mrs. Jennie Kerr.

While of advanced years, Marion still has a keen interest in the Island, along with the members of her family. Her oldest son, Norman is deceased, her second son Harvey is a property owner here, her third son Wilmur, retired from the Canadian Air Force, resides in North Day and her daughter Isabelle (Mrs. Ivan)

Groves who resides in Kingston.

On May 17th next, another much respected Island resident, Mrs. John Eves (nee Peachie Ferguson) will become a Nonagenarian. Mrs. Eves was a member of a much respected farm family from the Lansdown area where there were three brothers, Charles, Wesley and Will and three sisters Lou (Mrs. Modler, deceased) Peachie and Elizabeth.

John Eves was a cheese-maker at Fairfax when he met and married Peachie

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Ferguson and they moved to Amherst Island in February, 1924, where they had purchased, the previous October, the farm on Lot 67, 3rd concession, known locally as the Samuel Reid farm and latterly as the Royal E. Wemp farm, from whom the purchase was made. At the time of their move to Amherst Island, their oldest son, James was 9 months old.

John Eves and his wife, immediately set about organizing a dairy operation on the fertile acres of this farm and which today has reverted to a re-forested area. It was here that the remaining members of their family were born: Mary (Mrs. Arthur Fleming), Charles, Royce, Jack and Faye (Mrs. Ted Wemp) and Peachie was regarded as a dedicated mother whose interests were toward a steady improvement in the farm operation and always an interest in the Community of her adoption, her Church and her neighbours. One will always remember the enjoyment she provided to the Community with her playing of the accordion at Church concerts etc.

Her husband John was a very progressive farmer, always keeping abreast of the development of all that was new in farm equipment and as their family grew and developed, purchase of additional acreages were made as well as the enlarging of the milking herd. The Eves family at one time operated on some 600 acres and they were for many years the largest milk producers on Amherst Island.

The saddest blow, which the Eves family suffered was in 1954, when their youngest son Jack was killed in a tragic automobile accident, during a Sunday holiday trip to Northern New York State.

Peachie Eves has suffered from a heart ailment during the past few years, having been hospitalized frequently for treatment, recently she has taken up residence in the Fairmount Home, where availability of medical care is at hand and she is reportedly very happy. We wish this fine person the best in the remaining span of her life.

4-H News

- Tracy Hitchins

Encounter the Outdoors.

For our special project we are going to plant shrubs in front of the municipal office, with the permission of Council, on Tuesday, May 17.

On Friday May 13 we are planning on going up to the bluffs to camp with the permission of Topsy Farms. We had a good time doing Encounter the Outdoors as we were all outside. Our camping trip will end Encounter the Outdoors.

As leaders, Phyllis Strain and Jackie Sylvester, couldn't be better!!

Calf Club

The last meeting was May 10th at Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forester's. As the meeting opened we welcomed Adam Miller as a Junior Leader. The people that were there were: Reg Hitchins, Jeff Forester, Amy Caughey, Lori Caughey, Tracy Hitchins, Chad Miller; Junior Leader, Adam Miller; Leaders, Bruce Caughey and Garry Hitchins.

We adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

As I said before all parents are welcome!

Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

The Island Aerobic group is always welcoming new participants. Our leaders are trained instructors who encourage us to do only as much as we feel we are able to accomplish safely. The routines can be low impact if the individual so chooses. So come out and have some fun Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. and a feeling of better health is a bonus. Remember you are not competing with anyone.

Anyone who might be interested in joining a TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) group contact me and I'll try to organize a group on the Island if there is sufficient interest.

Thank You Notes

Sincere thanks to my family and friends for their kindness, visits, cards, phone calls, etc., during my stay in hospital and since returning home.

Once again thank you very much.

Myrtle Veech.

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A sincere thank you to St. Alban's A.C.W., the Women's Institute and Island friends for thinking of me and extending get well wishes.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Margaret Blenkinsop.

Many thanks to those who phoned or otherwise expressed their support when my brother died.

Ina Baker.

Our thanks to Jim McMullen for relinquishing his space on the ferry when we were on our way to the hospital on Friday, May 6.

Ernest & Genevive Fleming.

To the Residents of Amherst Island:

On behalf of the late Stephen Blasko I would like to thank all of you for getting to know our father and having him as part of your community. He thought a lot about the residents of Amherst Island and would constantly talk about the people he dealt with on the ferry, at the store, working on the roads and his neighbours.

He loved the pace of Amherst Island and would constantly remind us of the ducks sitting in front of his residence, the pickerel in the shallows just at the drop off and the owls. He would spend time watching all of these and studying how they enjoyed the area and how much he was enjoying their presence.

Thank you again.

The Blasko Family.

Notices

Recreation Committee Spring Dance

Saturday May 21

Amherst Island Public School

50's + 60's Music by Record Revue D.J.

Door open at 7 p.m.

Light buffet lunch from 8 p.m.

Tickets \$15 per couple.

Available from: John Glenn, Annette Phillips, Betty

Wemp, Beth Forester and Glenns Store.

Kingston Velo Club

The Kingston Velo Club invites the Ontario cycling community and the general public to participate in a

recreational cycling event to benefit Kingston Interval House.

This event is planned to raise awareness of, and some money for, Kingston Interval House. There will be guided tours for all levels of cyclists; ranging from the easy-rollers exploring the lakeside to Lemoine Point 20 km. Kingston Mills & Treasure Island 40 km, through to the die-hard's desperately scorching 150 km for those still trying to burn off Christmas pastries.

Starts at Kingston City Hall on Saturday, May 21. Registration at 9:00 a.m. Cost \$3.00 for full OCA members and \$3.50 for non-members.

Contact Tom Sylvester at 389-1320.

Community Sunday School

Come one, come all to the Annual Community Sunday School Picnic on Sunday June 12 on the lawn at St. Paul's! The pot luck will begin around 12:15 p.m., followed by song fest and games on the lawn. Plates, cups and hot & cold drinks will be provided - please bring a dish of food for the pot luck & your own cutlery. The children invite all members of the community to join in the fellowship.

Canada Day Fireworks Display

On Friday July 1 at 9 p.m. (dusk), there will be a fireworks display at the Community Centre baseball diamond. The size of this display is dependent on the amount of financial assistance the Rec. Com. receives. The Committee has allocated \$50 for the display, and will gratefully accept donations of money. Members of the Volunteer Fire Department will be in charge of "setting off" the fireworks. It is our hope that this collective effort will result in a bigger and better evening of entertainment for all.

Advertisements

For Sale

Kenmore heavy duty washing machine,

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excellent working condition, \$350.00 or best offer. Commodore Vic 20 computer, includes cassette, expansion cartridge, printer/plotter, games and two joysticks, \$125.00 or best offer. Call Marj Brown at 389-3582.

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc. Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned. Painting.

Reasonable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Need a Babysitter

I am 14 years old and love kids of all ages. I'm willing to work full-time for summer and some evenings.

Call Sherry Ward at 389-5767.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations.

Clean clothing only.

I am now the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Yard Sale

Elsie Densem's house at 1 p.m. on Sunday May 22 (weather permitting) with rain date 9:30 a.m. Monday May 23.

Lots of miscellaneous good stuff.

Electric Fence

From Topsy Farms.

Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Amherst Island Phone Directory Available at Glenn's Store.

Production Note

There was so much material this month that we were unable to include the information on John Hall's "Planning Steering Committee". If you did not receive a copy of his public letter in the mail, contact the Township Office and a copy will be sent to you.

We were also unable to print part of Bruce Caughey's article which dealt with the recent speed

limit change on Hwy 33. Perhaps there will be room in the June edition.

The Beacon Staff find it gratifying to have a Full issue - keep sending in material.

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Council Report

- C J Kennedy

The minutes of the previous meetings were read.

Only one building permit was issued in May, to Marianne Eves for an addition to a residence. Stuart Miller reported that the road crew had finished putting on gravel and calcium chloride, and were starting to trim the road sides. The new bridge in the village will be started later this month, after a by-pass has been built. The new culvert will have a 23% greater water-carrying capacity. The new road to Long Point will be surveyed sometime in July, Stuart hopes.

Caroline Yull asked to speak to Council about her alleged zoning violation, but since the matter is coming before the courts Council decided not to hear her. She presented a letter to Council instead. Caroline is keen to point out that the goats have not escaped recently and that Leslie Gavlas' garden is doing well.

Herbert Wemp is contemplating buying Ken Tripp's property and asked Council if the restriction on building imposed on the small parcel between Peter McCormick's place and the Bews' could be lifted. Council will ask the Land Division Committee how to go about this.

Council decided to start the quick turn around on the ferry again this summer. Last year there was a 20% increase in vehicles carried during the time it was on. Beth Forester did a short opinion pole and most commuters said they were in favour of the quick turn around service. The new schedule will be publicised for a week before it is introduced, and, in response to a letter from Caroline Ackerman, large trucks will be asked to avoid the commuter ferries if possible.

Council passed a by-law about installation of entrance culverts for driveways. Council will install these and bill the property owner. The likely minimum cost will be about \$250.

Tom Sylvester finally presented his Emergency Planning Report, and spoke about it briefly. Council

will discuss the report when they have had time to study it.

John Hall gave a report on his Planning Steering Committee. He has had some replies, and asks for more. Council passed the by-law establishing the Planning Steering Committee, and limited severances to one building lot per landowner. Marius Schuetz, Harry Filson and Topsy Farms had severances approved in principle. Topsy Farms was asking for a minor boundary adjustment. Council is to find the best legal opinion as to whether ownership deeds on the Island go to the high or low water mark. Surveys on deeds vary.

Ducks Unlimited are going ahead with a project on private land in Wemp's Bay. They have also recommended a cat tail cutting scheme with a "cookie-cutter" in the Big Marsh. Ducks Unlimited are being asked to come to explain their plan

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to Council, and the Island.

The Nut Island Hunt Club have replied to Council's letter concerning the Back Beach. They claim it is all their's and they are worried about it being damaged, and about third party liability if the public use it. Council will ask the Township insurance agent about coverage.

After a lot of routine business Council finally adjourned about 11:30 p.m.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Many congratulations to Tony and Penny deHaan on the arrival (finally) of their new daughter. Haley deHaan was born Thursday, June 9 at about 8 p.m., weighing 9 lbs 1 oz. Grandparents are Helen and Edward McCormick and Hans and Hazel deHaan. Best Wishes!

A warm welcome home to Mary Mathews, who has arrived on the Island after a lengthy stay in hospital. While we are all anxious to see the baby, perhaps keep in mind that Mary requires special care. It would be a kindness to Marnie if all visitors will please call before dropping in.

Welcome home also to Fred McCormick, who is recovering at his home after a severe illness.

We are delighted to hear that Laurel Nixon's brother and sister-in-law will be moving to Stella with their four boys, 2 pre-schoolers and 2 who will be attending our Island school. Welcome!

Donations are still being gratefully accepted for the

Recreation Committee Fireworks Display July 1. To date, more than \$200 has been received in private donations. The Recreation Committee thanks all those who have given generously. The fireworks display, to be held at the school, will also feature a Pipe and Drum band. Donations may be left at the store, at the Township Office, or with any Recreation member: Beth Forester, Annette Phillips, Heather Welbanks, Susan McGinn, Betty Wemp, John Glenn, Jack Kerr, Mary Hall.

Please note the Recreation Committee has purchased tennis racquets and balls. These are available, through Beth Forester, to any community member who wishes to try out the new tennis court. School children have priority on the court during school hours. Please be prepared to book the racquets in advance.

Elizabeth McMullen Schiller and her granddaughter, Nina Armagmo, of Dundee, Illinois, are visiting Catherine and Robert McMullen. On June 1, Nina graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy. She is the daughter of Naida Schiller Armagmo and Anthony Armagmo.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Anna H. Hitchins

Members of the W.I. travelled to Kingston on Wed. May 18th for the regular monthly meeting which was held at the home of Rita Miller.

Angela Brown, Dairy Princess, was the guest speaker for the evening. She gave a very interesting talk on "Cottage Cheese" and also had a contest relating to cheese, won by Irene Glenn.

Phyllis Strain reported on the 4-H Club and that the Achievement Program was being held on Wed. June 1st in Napanee. She also reported that the Canvass for Cancer brought in \$912.50. A donation of money was voted to the celebrations for July 1st, to be held at the school.

Plans were made for the dinner on Saturday, June 25th, when the W.I. hosts the Friendship Club from Kingston. June 15th is the date for the next W.I. meeting to be held at the home of Lorna Barbro and Louise Seaman.

"All welcome."

Library News
- Karen Fleming

Hey kids! Just two more weeks of school, and then. . . Summer! Yea! Complete and total freedom. When

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(after the first three days) you get tired of it, don't whine at Mom, join the Summer Reading Club, and read the summer away. Our theme this year is dinosaurs, so "dig in" and read all about them, and in September you can impress your teachers with your vast amount of knowledge. And if you're really That bored, you should have no problem reading enough books to win a prize, even county-wide. You can join the club if you are able to read, and up to around 12 - 13 years of age. More details and applications will be available after June 20.

June 20 will also be the day for our regular rotation, and for our large print readers, a new selection of titles will arrive July 11.

We have a number of new books in our library. They are The Lady by Anne McCaffrey; Fine Things by Danielle Steel; The Icarus Agenda by Robert Ludlum; Three Continents by Ruth Praver Jhabvala (author of Out of India); Tommyknockers by Stephen King; and for the junior set, Gordon Korman's newest, A Semester In The Life Of A Garbage Bag. Come in and "check us out".

The Cook's Corner
- Dianne Marshall

Seeing as jam time is almost upon us, I have chosen a microwave jam recipe. The July issue of Chatelaine has five different jam recipes of which the following is just one.

Microwave Strawberry Jam:

5 1/2 cups whole strawberries, hulled
4 cups granulated sugar
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup (170 ml) bottle liquid fruit pectin
1/2 cup Amaretto.

Measure whole berries, sugar and lemon juice into a 4 litre microwave-safe bowl. Stir well. Let stand 10 minutes. Microwave uncovered on high about 12 minutes until mixture comes to a full rolling boil and boils for 1 minute. Stir well 3 times during cooking. Immediately stir in pectin and liquor. Skim off foam with a metal spoon. Continue stirring often and skimming off foam for 10 minutes. Pour into sterilized jars and seal. Makes 5 cups.

I have had a request for a casserole which may be taken to a pot-luck or picnic. The following recipe is both economical and easy to make.

Tuna Chow Mein Casserole:

1 cup cut up celery
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tbsp chopped green pepper
1 tbsp butter or marg.

1 can (6 1/2 oz) tuna, undrained
1/2 can (5 1/2 oz size) chow mein noodles (reserve
1/4 cup)
1 can (10 1/2 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup water
1/8 tsp pepper
3/4 cup salted peanuts.

Heat oven to 350 deg. F. In large skillet cook and stir celery, onion and green pepper in butter till onion is tender. Stir in tuna (with liquid) and remaining ingredients. Pour into ungreased 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Sprinkle with reserved chow main noodles. Bake uncovered 30 minutes. 4-6 servings.

I was delighted to find the following recipe taped to the store door. I haven't had a chance to try it yet, but it sure sounds good. Whoever it came from, thank you.
Danielle's Chocolate Cheesecake:

Combine 1 3/4 cups crushed chocolate wafers with 3 tbsp of melted butter, press into bottom of 10 inch spring-form pan, form 2 inch sides, and refrigerate.

Combine one 8 ounce package of cream cheese with 1/3 cup of sugar - beat until smooth. Add 2 eggs, one at a time.

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Add 1 cup of melted chocolate chips - beat well.

Add 1/2 cup of whipping cream, not whipped.

Add 1 tbsp melted butter, 1/2 tsp of vanilla - beat until smooth. Pour mixture into crust.

Bake at 325 degrees F. for 55 - 65 minutes or until edges set.

Let cool in pan, then remove sides.

Note: In order to prevent cracks on top of cheesecake, place a pan of water on rack below when baking.

Education Committee Meets With Principal
- Jack Kerr

On Thursday, May 26, four members of the Education Committee (Sally Bowen, Judy Miller, Anne Marie Hitchins and Jack Kerr) met with the school principal, Mr. Cherry, to review the results of twinning the Bath and Amherst Island elementary schools during the past year and to discuss possible future developments. There was a general consensus that the twinning had worked extremely well with benefits to both schools. Of major importance to Amherst Island was the retention of three full time teachers and this is fortunately to continue for at least the next year. Island students were able to join with their Bath counterparts in athletic activities as well as bolstering the larger

school's teams on occasion. Instrumental music become available to our grade 7 & 8 as an additional course and the social interaction helped their preparation for entering secondary school. There were no major problems and fears that some of our pupils might feel a loss of identity with the Island school proved to be unfounded.

Of considerable concern is the possible impact of our continuing small enrolment. At present there are only three pupils in each of Grades 5 and 6. We are aware that the Board may feel duty bound to reduce our teaching staff at some time in the future and possibly wish to transfer our Grades 7 & 8 to Bath school either partially or entirely if our enrolment doesn't increase. Of course one or two new families moving in could alter the situation. At least we have another year to consider our options.

Food

- Sally Bowen

Island gardeners have responded with great generosity to the needs of hungry people in Kingston. Gardening season has barely begun, but already we have made seven significant shipments of fresh food to the Partners in Mission Food Bank.

Leslie Gavlas, Fred and Helen Koch, Garnet McDonald, Judy Miller, Tom and Audrey Miller, and Myrtle and Lorne Veech have all donated rhubarb, some more than once. Sarah Salter and Kathleen Lahey, with the help of Lily Browne and Caroline Yull have sent large quantities of eggs. Marion and Marshall Glenn and Eldon and Elsie Willard have sent quantities of frozen foods. Judy Roberts and Alan Kidd have donated piles of lettuce. Many Islanders have indicated their intention to send produce later.

Mary-Alice Colbourne who bought the market garden farm just before Bath read about our donations in the Beacon and sent contributions too.

Suzanne Flanagan of the Food Bank reports we are still their only regular source of fresh food. She says it is most gratefully received. Most families require their assistance for a period of time only. It appears the cost of housing is the biggest factor in the on-going poverty of some people, many of whom spend well over 50% of their income on shelter.

One person came to the Island to pick rhubarb for her freezer. She was widowed at age 20 with 3 children and a functional literacy of grade 3. She has now completed grade 12 and two years at St. Lawrence and is working part-time. She

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does not need the help of the Food Bank on a regular basis, but was very grateful for the offer of our help.

Anyone with extra produce (small amounts are fine) can call me at 389-3444 to arrange for transporting your donation, and for help with picking if necessary.

Community Sunday School

- Susie Caughey

On Sunday afternoon, June 12th, over 85 people enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the annual Sunday School Picnic on St. Paul's church lawn. After a plentiful potluck dinner, we gathered in the church sanctuary for singing. Chad Miller, on behalf of the Community Sunday School, presented Mr. Al Edmunds a cheque for the Frontenac Food Sharing Program in support of their school breakfast program to feed children that must go to school hungry. The Island children also sent a large box of food to the Kingston Food Bank. Mr. Edmunds expressed his appreciation to the children and explained how their money would be used to help others.

Then we all enjoyed the traditional races and games on the lawn with a tug-o-war for young and old alike. It was a fun time for all. This concludes Sunday School classes, until school resumes in September. Many thanks to all community members who give of their time and talents and support to the Sunday School.

Congratulations to Sarah McDonald who, for the second year in a row, won the County Senior Girl's Cross-country Race.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

[The following was submitted to last month's Beacon but was not printed because of space limitations.]

As one drove to and from Kingston to the Amherst Island Ferry at Millhaven during the past week or ten days, you observed workmen from M.T.C. installing signs on either side of the highway. This work was being carried out on both Highways 33 and 2, whereby the 60 km. zone was being extended a considerable distance westerly. On Hwy. 2, the extension was scheduled to be as far as the Collins Bay Road from Bayridge Drive, I have not driven this route as yet, so therefore do not know if the extension was made to link up with the 60 km. limit in the Westbrook area, but I suspect it likely has been extended that far.

As for Highway 33, the announcement in the Whig-Standard stated that the change in the speed zone would be made from west of County Road 6 to Bayview Drive

at Parrotts' Bay, but in reality it has been extended to the westerly limits of the Stirling property on Hwy. 33.

This brings to my mind an effort which was made perhaps some 20 years ago by my friend the late Robert W. Cumberland, who in retirement lived just East of what we commonly call "Floating Bridge". Rob had observed from the verandah of his home, the speed with which traffic moved through this area and the "blind" corner just East of his property which he considered a death trap. Rob prepared a well worded petition, asking M.T.C. or was it known as The Department of Highways in those days? to consider an alteration of the speed limit in that area, he circulated this petition among the residents in this area and it was unanimously signed by all interested neighbours but upon its presentation to the "powers that be", it was rejected with the comment that "it was not needed". It is ironical that my friend Rob was the victim of being struck by a fast moving vehicle as he crossed the highway to his mail box, which resulted in his death some months later.

Now the alteration of the speed limit has been made, exactly in accordance with the petition that was circulated so many years ago.

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As one surveys this section of Highway 33 that we use so often and which is Amherst Island residents' main artery to and from places of employment and shopping areas in Kingston, one cannot help but become aware of the effort that the curtailment of speed limits and its relationship to "catching the ferry" has upon our daily lives, with a recognition of the very limited mileages where the speed limit is 80 kph between Kingston and Millhaven.

I certainly have no criticism of the reduced limits imposed. This area is becoming increasingly residential and this coupled with the very limited opportunity of enjoying the view of the north channel waters is not conducive to a high limit of speed. How many remember the building of Highway 33? when it was designated as a "Scenic Route", no building to be allowed on the southerly limits of this highway. What happened to this worthy plan?? Would it be that politics got into the works???

Again we think back to the months of consideration that our councils of the Counties of Frontenac and Lennox and Addington, in cooperation with Provincial and Federal Ministries gave to the establishment of a new "alternative road" which would result in alleviating the congestion on Hwy. 33 and 2. Well the new road became a partial reality, but certainly is a long piece from providing the alternative route that we had hoped for. Its completion from Counter St. to Coronation, has

resulted in 60 km. speed limits to accommodate the requirements of residential, school and church areas, which, under the watchful eyes of our O.P.P. make it a complete hazard as a viable route to highway 33. The uncompleted mileage to link it with Highway 133 is stymied in the search for government funding, while our Provincial Treasury imposes increased taxation in order to find facilities, which I predict will eventually tear this fair Province of ours completely apart with strife.

Planning Steering Committee

- John G. Hall

Interim Brief Report - June 7th 1988

A few letters have been received and several persons have told me that they intend to write down their thoughts soon. It appears, however, that most people are sitting back and waiting to see what is proposed and then perhaps agree or disagree.

The tenor of the remarks received so far is to not change the character of the Island from it being a "beautiful, pleasant, relatively crime-free place to live". Some of the specifics include:

- 1) the need to have definite plans as to improved ferry service before any longer range planning can be effective - and not to forget about the possibility of improving service relatively quickly by having a shorter crossing route.
- 2) raise building standards and minimum lot size requirements to encourage good to high quality homes.
- 3) do not encourage visitors seeking to use our property, beaches, roads, and scenery and leave us with their garbage, pollution, damaged ecology and property, noise, rowdyism and vehicle accidents.
- 4) retain our beaches and shoreline scenery to the best of our ability.
- 5) do not relocate any more shore-line roads until the present forecast of lower water levels is proved incorrect. Get by with repair or minimal by-pass and signage of danger spots.

Several more specific items are mentioned and will undoubtedly be expanded on in the small group meetings to be held in the near future. For now if any of the above spark ideas or reactions, let's have them. I ask my fellow Islanders to be 'pro-active' not just 're-active'. I know that it's not easy to write

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down your thoughts, but if you do they will be most welcome and you can take part in the constructive development of some guidelines for our Council to take action that is broadly based on the wishes of the entire community.

Slow Pitch Baseball

- Ian Murray

While the quality of play in our 3-team league may not impress many major league scouts, everybody seems to enjoy the games. There is quite a range of ability (from those who have played a good caliber of organized baseball down to those of us who need hampers to catch a ball) and age (from barely 16 up to Earl Tugwell at 70).

Anyone interested in playing should turn up around 8 p.m. on Wed or 2 p.m. on Sunday - everyone on a team gets to play.

NOTICES

Township Of Amherst Island

Summer Ferry Schedule:

A quick-turn-around service will be in effect as follows: from June 24, 1988, up to and including Labour Day, ferry will leave Stella at 6:00 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. Thereafter on regular hourly schedule till 4:00 p.m. Ferry will leave Stella at 4:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Thereafter on regular ferry schedule till 1:30 a.m. when the last trip will leave Millhaven.

This schedule is in effect from Monday to Friday, including holidays.

Notice To Suppliers:

Our busy trips are between 6:00 a.m., and 9:00 a.m., and between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

By avoiding these trips you will save yourself trucking time and help to relieve congestion with commuter travellers.

Chicken Barbecue

Sponsored by the ladies of St. Alban's A.C.W., will be held on Saturday, July 9th. It will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Centre. The tickets will be advance tickets only. The price is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under and preschoolers free. You can get your tickets by contacting these people: Diane Gavlas at 389-3199, Barbara Reid at 389-0675, Betty Wemp at 389-7907. Come on out and enjoy our chicken and salads and buns - Plus home made pies.

Beef Bar-B-Que

The Lennox & Addington County Holstein Club is

sponsoring their annual Beef Bar-B-Que and Dairy Princess Competition on Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Fenhaven Farms, home of Jim and Shirley Fanwick. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Please contact Susan Caughey at 389-2012 if you would like tickets reserved. Everyone welcome.

Amherst Island Sweat Shirts

These sweat shirts are still available at Glenn's Store. Assorted colours & sizes. Project of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Women.

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Anyone interested in entering the "Royal 60th Anniversary National Pickles Competition" contact W. Bruce Caughey Secretary-Treasurer Amherst Island Agricultural Society.

Wedding

Island friends are invited to a reception dance celebrating Tim Glenn's marriage.

The dance is to be held in St. John's Hall in Bath, from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 2. Bring only best wishes please.

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Crafts! Crafts!

Opening July 1, 1988 ...

Audrey's Crafts and Small Gifts.

Join us for coffee and doughnuts and have a look-see.

Third Concession - Look for our sign.

Danger

Quarries are dangerous. Do not allow your children to swim or play in any of the Island quarries.

Beacon

We regret the somewhat erratic publication dates during the haying season.

Thank You Notes

Piet and Ytje Witteveen would like to thank their family and friends for the many good wishes, cards and visits on the occasion of our 60th wedding anniversary.

To all my many friends and neighbours who remembered me and have shown kindness and patience during my recent and continuing incapacity.

Thank you. This has been a humbling experience and I will have a better understanding of what others, who are suffering more, are going through.

George Gavlas

Advertisements

Flourescent Lights

22 flourescent light fixtures, with ballast, for sale. 2'x4', comes with 4 tubes complete: \$25 each.

Also several one- and two-tube fixtures.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071.

For Sale

Waterbed, double with set of drawers.

Call Helen or Bill Bulch at 389-3411.

Hay For Sale

Standing or Baled.

Apply Ted Welbanks at 389-1080.

Garage Sale

Stoker's South Shore

June 25, rain date June 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Includes: Fawcett Conk Stove \$200, screen door, fire screen, new counter top, almost new box spring double, and miscellaneous items.

Lawn & Garage Sale

Multi-family

Behind Glenn's Store

Saturday, July 2

Starting at 11 a.m.

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Council Report for July 5th
- Christopher Kennedy

Beth Forester and Tom Sylvester were away, so John Hall, Ian Murray and the Reeve formed the quorum. Four building permits were issued in June: to Art Ackerman for a garage and a sun-deck, to Cromwell and Davis for a sun-deck, and to John Hall for an addition with renovations. The Drain Superintendent reported that satisfactory repairs have been made to the Miller Drain.

John Hall reported on the mishap to the ferry. The rudder stock and inside activating shaft have been straightened, and will be replaced, in dry dock, before winter. The captain involved is on medical leave and seeing a specialist in Kingston. Doug Shurtliff is now qualified as a captain.

Jim Skillings spoke to Council about the bullrushes washed up on his beach. He claimed that increased flow through the marsh from the Miller Drain had deposited them there. Council will ask the drain superintendent and other authorities to look into the matter and report.

Council discussed whether the trucks bringing the hot surface treatment for the road resurfacing in the village should have priority on the ferry, as they have to be hot when they arrive. It was decided that they should have priority except on the commuter ferries.

Totten Simms Hubicki is to send an engineer to explain some aspects of the shore road improvement plans. Council is going to contact the local land surveyors as part of the investigation to determine who owns between high and low watermark.

David Fleming and George Gavlas have written to Council concerning fires in the dump, pointing out that fighting them is dangerous, not the way they like spending Sunday afternoons, and would Council please do something to improve the situation as this is a recurring problem each summer and Council hasn't acted on previous letters about the matter. Council agreed to bring the subject to public attention, to speed

up the construction of an access road and fire break around the dump, and if need be, consider locking the dump. Council will also see if somewhere other than the ferry dock can be found to fill the fire trucks.

The Recreation Committee received \$733 in donations for the firework display on Canada Day. Council commended the Recreation Committee for the celebrations. The swimming classes are going ahead with properly qualified instructors.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs have written to Council commending them and Diane Pearce on a job well done on the 1987 Financial Statements.

It appears that the prohibition on building on the plot of land between Pete McCormick's and the Bew's does not stand because it was not registered in the Zoning By-law.

John Hall has held his first planning steering committee meeting.

Leslie Gavlas has written to Council stating the Caroline Yull's goats had been in her garden on June 28th.

The Township Insurance agent said that no extra liability insurance would be required for a public beach provided

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reasonable safety precautions were taken. Council has written again to the Nut Island Hunt Club suggesting a meeting about the Back Beach.

The three man Council finished its business by 10 p.m. and adjourned.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Louise Seaman and Lorna Barbro on Wed. June 15th.

The Roll Call was an idea for improving our Island environment. Regular business was conducted. Irene Glenn gave a report of the District Annual Meeting which was held in Odessa. The Amherst Island Branch is to serve tea and squares at the Napanee Fair on Sun. July 31st.

Jackie Sylvester gave a report of the 4-H Achievement Day held at Napanee on June 1st. Eight members from here completed the project "Encounter the Outdoors."

Plans were made for our "Family Picnic" to be held at the home of Janet and Alex Scott on Sat. July 23rd, starting at 4 p.m.

Lorna Barbro, program co-ordinator, had a very interesting program with a film showing acid rain damage to the lakes and what happens to water in the process of pollution. Recycling of waste was also discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Aug. 17th at the home of Diane Gavlas, when the County Agricultural Rep., Harold Bentley, will be our guest.

The Cooks's Corner
- Dianne Marshall

Knowing my passion for cookbooks, my mother-in-law gave me an excellent one called Crisco Cooking. One of the recipes in this book is for Sour Cream Chicken Quiche, and I might add that this was my first attempt at a Quiche.

Pastry for a single crust 9" pie

- 2 tbsp shortening
- 2 tbsp chopped green pepper
- 2 tbsp chopped onion
- 1 c. cubed cooked chicken
- 1 tbsp all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- dash ground nutmeg
- dash pepper
- 1/2 c shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 c shredded Swiss cheese
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3/4 c milk
- 3/4 c dairy sour cream.

Line 9" pie plate and set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt shortening. Add green pepper and onion. Cook 3 min. Add chicken and flour. Cook 2 minutes. Spread chicken over bottom of unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle with salt nutmeg and pepper. Top with Cheddar and Swiss cheese. Combine eggs, milk and sour cream, mix until smooth. Carefully pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 and bake 30-35 min. or until knife inserted near centre comes out clean. Cool 10 min. before cutting.
6-8 servings.

My thanks to Helen Bulch for lending me her Madame Benoit Microwave Cookbook on Desserts and Jams.

Homemade Pudding Mix:

- 2 1/2 c powdered milk
- 1 c sugar
- 3/4 c cornstarch
- 1 tsp salt.

For a Chocolate Pudding Mix, add

- 3/4 c unsweetened cocoa
- 1 tsp instant coffee.

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix thoroughly. Place in an airtight container. Keep in a cool place. Keeps 3-4 months.

To make a pudding:

- 3/4 c of basic mix
- 1 c water
- 1/4 c milk or cream.

Place all ingredients in a 4 c (1 L.) measuring cup. Mix and microwave 4 minutes at High. Stir twice during cooking.

Pudding without all the additives.

Our third and final recipe is for Macaroni Supper Salad:

Dressing:

- 3/4 c mayonnaise
- 1/2 c sour cream
- 1 tsp prepared mustard

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- 3 tbsp milk
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- dash pepper.

Salad:

- 2 c frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 c sliced celery
- 1 c raw macaroni, cooked and drained
- 1 c thinly sliced radishes
- 1/2 c sliced green peppers
- 4 carrots, thinly sliced (2 c)
- 4 green onions, sliced (1/2 C)
- 1 c grated cheddar cheese
- 3 slices cooked ham, cut into strips
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced.

To make dressing, blend all ingredients thoroughly.

To make salad, layer all ingredients in a large glass bowl. Start with peas, celery and one half of the macaroni. Top with 1/3 cup of salad dressing. Layer radishes, green pepper, carrots, onions, remaining macaroni, 1/3 c salad dressing, grated cheese, ham and egg slices. Top with remaining dressing, spreading dressing to the edge of the bowl to completely cover the top layer. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Progress of Planning Steering Committee
John Hall, Chairman

To date two meetings have been held, with various

members of the public who have submitted their ideas regarding planning. From the letters received, the following list was compiled and used as a basis of discussion.

What we like about Amherst Island:

- 1- small community
- 2- community spirit
- 3- beautiful landscape, scenery, beaches
- 4- pleasant and friendly atmosphere
- 5- secure, relatively crime-free way of life
- 6- agricultural and fishing industries
- 7- recreational facilities, e.g. skating rink, tennis court
- 8- small ferry which restricts development
- 9- basic restrictions on lot size
- 10- quality of buildings
- 11- size of homes
- 12- health regulations.

What we don't like about Amherst Island:

- 1- stress on roads and ferry system
- 2- possible relocation of shore roads
- 3- quick turn-around ferry service
- 4- temporary restrictions on severances
- 5- properties that detract from natural beauty (abandoned buildings, equipment, and vehicles).

What we want on Amherst Island:

- 1- a chance to express preferences as to development objectives
- 2- development of historical features
- 3- a more welcome visual impression
- 4- respectable good-quality residences
- 5- large lots
- 6- adequate services (including commercial)
- 7- improved road and ferry services
- 8- improved recreational facilities
- 9- commitment from MTC re. improved ferry service
- 10- preservation of community as it is.

What we don't want on Amherst Island:

- 1- temporary restrictions that limit options for existing lots
- 2- deteriorating ferry service, roads, garbage disposal, postal service, school, recreational and shopping facilities
- 3- business ventures that will detract from the quality of life (e.g. campgrounds, public beaches)
- 4- visitors who use Island facilities and leave behind garbage, pollution, cause noise, rowdiness and vehicle accidents

Suggestions:

- 1- a freeze or moratorium on severances and zoning amendments
- 2- development of an official plan
- 3- number of severances not being limited provided there are adequate restrictions on lot size and frontage, adequate water supply and sewage disposal

4- raise building standards to encourage high quality homes

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- 5- ferry replaced by faster end-loading vessel
 - 6- retain control of ferry service
 - 7- consideration of shorter crossing route
 - 8- shore roads be repaired not relocated
 - 9- alternate docking facilities - Fish Point route
- Suggestions for possible volunteer activities:

- 1- developing sites of possible historical interest e.g. the old Fowler Place
- 2- community-based health care centre
- 3- organize a recycling program
- 4- bird-watching site with interpretive centre and trails

This list is composed of suggestions contained in letters received prior to July 12, 1988. Conflicting statements indicate various individual opinions expressed.

We would like more input especially from farmers and commuters whose way of life may be particularly affected by future development plans. Let's hear from you. Forward your comments to John Hall or the Municipal Office.

From Balloons To Penpals

- Donna Chadband

On a windy day in April 1986, a balloon was found on the South Shore of Amherst Island at the Chadband residence. Many balloons have been found in our small cove but this one was rather special. A bright red balloon almost fully inflated with a name tag attached. The inscription on the balloon was a "Black Pencil" and "Writing Pals", the tag read: Martha Turner, 111 Cook Drive, Baldwinsville, N.Y. - 13027. My Granddaughter Brandy Gallagher was really excited, (so was I)!

We went to a map to locate Baldwinsville and how far the balloon had travelled; to our surprise it had blown approximately 100 miles across Lake Ontario!

We wrote to Martha and returned the tag. Soon we received a letter from Martha and her Mom Joan, explaining that the balloons had been released by the school children on April 15th. We had found the balloon only 3 days later! Brandy and Gram (Donna) have been corresponding with Marti and Mom Joan for two years and are finally going to meet each other this coming weekend July 16th. Marti and her Mom Joan, Dad John, and sister Beth are arriving on Amherst Island Saturday, we are getting really excited! Brandy and Gram are going to put up signs and balloons on the mainland to welcome the Turner family and proceed

with signs and balloons from the ferry dock in Stella, down the Forty Foot to the Chadband property. We are planning on having a fun weekend with our new found friends from the U.S.A. Most of the balloons found along the South Shore are advertisements, only two others have had name and address tags attached.

We have found some very interesting balloons such as one from Michigan with the inscription "Michigan Sesquicentennial-1837-1987". Each balloon with name and address that we find, we write to, so that the children will know that their balloon has been found and the location where it landed.

Collecting balloons has been a fun and exciting hobby for Gram and Brandy for a long time.

"Welcome to Amherst Island Marti and Family"

To The Electors Of Amherst Island

Some time ago I was asked by a number of the electors of this Township if I would accept a nomination for the Reeveship of 1884, and I replied in the affirmative. I did so because I had made up my mind long ago that if the electors had still enough confidence in me to offer me a nomination for the coming year I should accept it. I thought that at this time I should be interfering with nobody, and that at any rate I should have the claim of seniority; and the unexpected change which took place at the last election had nothing to do with the course I am now taking. Up to this time I have taken no action in the matter, nor did I intend to do so until the nomination, when I meant to lay my claims fairly before you, but I

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am prompted to take this means of addressing you for two reasons; firstly, because I understand that I am to have an opponent, and that he has been soliciting votes for some time past; and secondly, on account of certain rumors that have been put in circulation with regard to myself, as follows -

1st. That I have been bragging that I could not be defeated.

2nd. That I said I did not want any Roman Catholic to vote for me, and that I did not thank them for their votes.

3rd. That I am in favour of high taxation.

4th. That I have used insulting language towards a clergyman.

Now, if all or any of these things were said by me, they must have been said to somebody or in somebody's hearing, or they could not have been repeated; and if at the nomination any evidence can be produced that I ever made use of the above expressions, or if it can be

proved that I ever made any difference or showed partiality on account of a man's religious belief, or that I ever used insulting language towards any one, I will resign all claim to the position I aspire to; but I can say boldly that the accusations are all untrue; more, that they are malicious falsehoods, manufactured for the express purpose of injuring my prospects at the coming election.

It has also been reported that I made a partial canvass of the Township some time ago; but the fact of the matter is that I have not hitherto asked one single man for his vote nor taken any steps to obtain votes, and for this reason: - if I had decided on a private canvass at all I should have gone to every voter in the Township and passed none, but I think that should not be done in an election of this kind. Any claims which a man may have should be laid before the public in a public way, and every opportunity given for criticism and contradiction. I therefore ask you not to be persuaded to promise your votes, but wait and hear what is to be said on both sides, and then use your own judgement with regard to your choice of a Reeve.

For my own part I have served a Councillor for the past eight years, and during that time I think I have done my duty faithfully, fearlessly, and conscientiously; and as a very simple calculation will show that I have travelled between 1100 and 1200 miles, and lost between two and three months' time, not including nominations, elections, and special meetings, or incidental expenses, which are no trifle, it can hardly be said that I have done nothing for the Township.

I consider that good municipal government is almost as important to us as good provincial or good national government, and the way to obtain that is this. When you are choosing your Councillors select for office good men, men of principle and intelligence, and as long as they conduct themselves well and are willing to serve you free of charge, keep them there and do not throw them over for some other person who has never last an hour or spent a dollar for the public good, but who wishes to vault at once into the highest office in your gift for some personal reason. Hoping that you will give your most earnest consideration to this important matter, and that you will see your way to granting me a continuance of the generous support which you have afforded me in the past, and for which I assure you that I am Not ungrateful, believe me to remain, gentlemen,

Yours, faithfully,

R. A. Fowler

Amherst Island

Dec. 20, 1883.

[Submitted by Garnet McDonald.]

Food

- Sally Bowen

Donations of fresh and frozen produce to the Food Bank have continued this month, thanks to the generosity of Islanders and the help of the ferry crew. It is a slower time, before gardens are in full production. I know there are many of you who intended to contribute, but whose gardens have been badly affected by heat and drought.

This month we made three shipments,

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bringing the total to ten so far. Judy Roberts and Alan Kidd, Tom and Jackie Sylvester, Leslie Gavlas, Bill and Beryl Stoker and Headlands sent heaps of lettuce. The Stokers also sent frozen meat and Headlands sent beets.

The food we send gets to people's homes the same or next day, thanks to the efficiency of the Partner's in Mission Food Bank. They assure us that the fresh food included with the canned goods are greatly welcomed. We are still their only regular source of fresh food.

Anyone with frozen produce (in good condition) or garden fruits or vegetables to contribute, please call me at 389-3802 (or 389-3444) to arrange for transporting your donation, or for help to pick if necessary. Small quantities are OK. If you are leaving on holidays, and food will otherwise waste in your garden, please let us know.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

We are gathered here today to mourn the passing of the 33 rpm LP. While it has not been finally put to rest, the death blow has been struck with the latest price increase. Records are now a dollar more than tapes and are only a couple of dollars less than the sale price of CD's.

Rumors within the industry have production of LP's ceasing within two years and I can see no reason to disagree. If you've been into a record store (sorry - music store) lately, you must have noticed that record displays are getting smaller and smaller. Even CD's have as much or more display space now. This is because the once mighty LP now makes up only 10% of total music sales.

Now I am not overly sentimental about LP's demise, but I am disturbed about two things. Firstly, we will all be losing many good albums and many artists will be reduced to a 'best of' collection. As the change over is made to tapes and CD's, the music catalogue will be re-evaluated which means many of the albums available now will not be reissued on CD. Did you know that the first three Rolling Stones albums have already been

deleted from the catalogue. Secondly, LP's would, if treated with care, last a long time. I have records that are nearly a quarter century old and are still quite playable, especially rock albums where loudness is a virtue which overpowers the pops and crackles. We will now have to all convert to CD's which being electronic don't seem, to me at least, to be as permanent as wiggles scratched in vinyl.

I suppose this is progress but in the long run I think we lose more than we gain. So take care of those LP's as soon they will be as obsolete as 78's and the good ones will be worth something to collectors.

Letter from Ed Fulton, Minister,
Ministry of Transportation & Communications,
Ontario.

Your provincial member for Kingston and the Islands, Mr. Ken Keyes, has asked me to respond to Mr. Caughey's and Council's queries with respect to the Amherst Island ferry service. I would first of all like to thank you for bringing Mr. Caughey's observations to our notice.

The nature and characteristics of ferry services in Ontario have evolved over many decades and arrangements at each location have developed in response to specific local needs and opportunities. Although some of the historical detail has been lost, I am pleased to convey our understanding of the basis for the current situation.

The rationale for determining if a ferry service should be provincially operated is based on whether or not the service completes a King's Highway link. The Wolfe Island, Glenora-Adolphustown and the Clute-Gardiner (across the Abitibi River in Cochrane) ferry services all fall into this category.

The decision to construct a bridge to replace the ferry service to St. Joseph's Island was predicated on a number of factors including distance of crossing (fairly short), costs, and the requirements of recreational traffic. During the recreational seasons, waiting times of up to three hours were not

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unusual.

Totten, Sims, Hubicki and Associates did not explore the concept of a bridge between Amherst Island and the mainland in their 1986 study on present and future transportation needs. The study Steering Committee had previously concluded that "economic justification for an expenditure estimated to be in the order of greater than \$50 million could not be found".

Mr. Caughey made reference to the fact that the

Pelee Island ferry crosses from two mainland locations, Kingsville and Leamington, which are located within close proximity. While I agree that the service pattern is rather unique, these patterns between the Ontario mainland land and the island were established over a fifty year period while the service was outside of provincial jurisdiction. As you can probably appreciate, firmly entrenched service patterns exert a strong influence on local businesses and economies which can be jeopardized when levels of service are down-graded.

Regarding the size of the new Pelee Island ferry, the primary justification for the vessel is to accommodate the transport of agricultural goods. The existing ferry cannot accommodate this need, and consequently Pelee Island must hire special freighters at considerable cost, to move their produce to the market place.

In addition to accomplishing this primary purpose, the new Ferry will be used to stimulate and exploit a dynamically developing regional-international tourist market that will have wide- ranging benefits extending well beyond the provision of basic island service.

Users of the Pelee Island ferry contribute to over 40% of the ferry's operating costs through fares. This is the largest contribution to operation costs of all the ferry services with Ministry financial involvement. Users of the Amherst Island ferry, for example, contribute approximately 10%.

Over the years, a variety of approaches with respect to different provincial ferry services have evolved. At this point, the matters of levels of service, revenues, and subsidies across the twelve services with Ministry involvement are under careful study.

The provision of equitable service to provincial communities does not necessarily entail identical ferry operations. Our objective is to ensure service is provided which meets local needs in tune with equity on a provincial basis.

We recognize the unique importance of Ontario's Island communities and endeavour to see that they are provided with transportation service in a fair and cost-effective manner.

St. Alban's Anglican Church News - Beatrice Wemp

On June 19th our Bishop, Allan Read, visited our church and celebrated Confirmation and Holy Communion to a full church congregation. It was a combined service with St. John's, Bath, which makes up our Parish. Our server, Steven Willard, was the only one to be confirmed. After service a pot-luck dinner and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone in the Amherst Island School.

Our Rector, Rev. Ken Blaber, goes on holidays July

11th to Aug. 10.

July services are as follows.

July 17, 11 a.m., Morning Prayer (Victor Simpkins)

July 24, 11 a.m., Holy Communion (Rev. J. Flindall)

July 31, 11 a.m., Morning Prayer (V. Simpkins).

Notices

Dance

Bonnie Smith and Allen Caughey would like to invite all their friends and acquaintances to join them in an open dance at the hall on Saturday, August 6, in celebration of their marriage. Doors open 7.30 p.m. - dancing 8.30 to 12.30 and, as the sign says - If it ain't country, it ain't music.

Best wishes only - please.

Aerobics

The Aerobics Classes are continuing through the summer on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. Low impact, low cost, lots of fun.

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French Speaking

The "cercie francaise" held its second meeting at the home of Pauline and Ernest Apps. Anyone interested in practicing rusty French is invited to call Leslie Gavlas or Sally Bowen.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all my friends, relatives, neighbours for all the cards, fruit baskets, flowers, candy, books, etc. and best wishes shown me during my stay in hospital and at home. A special thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion 539, Women's Institute, P.C.W. and Dr. Alex Scott and Dr. Marshall who were prompt in giving me medical attention.

Lloyd Wolfreys

Ivan Groves would like to thank all for their visits and condolences on the occasion of the sudden death of his wife, the former Isabel Irene Eves, who was born on Amherst Island and spent her first 16 years there. We would have had our 45th Wedding Anniversary on Aug 10, this year, and had planned to repeat our honeymoon at Niagara Falls, but it was not to be.

Ivan Groves

Thank you - to all the Amherst Islanders who welcomed me, and made me feel so "at home". Thanks also to the students of A.I.P.S. The wild-flower book is beautiful and I will treasure it, just as I treasure the time I spent with you. Your school is very special, and so are you!

I am really glad I had the opportunity to spend a year at A.I.P.S. and I will miss you. But, I will count you as friends, because friends are forever!

Sandra Hollywood

Congratulations To:

Former Reeve Jim Neilson on his appointment as Chairman of the Lennox and Addington County Housing Authority.

Vernon McGinn, son of Kaye and Dorothy McGinn, on his marriage to {the next line of 4 or 5 words is unreadable}

Bert Miller, son of Janet and Steve Miller, on his marriage to Sharon Lee Crum.

Kathleen and Ross McKee on their 60th wedding anniversary. The McKees were married at St. Alban's on June 26th 1928.

Christopher John Kennedy, local farmer, who became a Canadian citizen on July 1.

Annette Philips on her going to the International Girl Guide Camp at Echo Valley in Saskatchewan. It has been 10 years since this event was last held in Canada.

Other Neighbourhood News

Lloyd Wolfreys is home and recuperating from back surgery.

Jenny McCormick is recuperating from surgery at the home of her niece Rita Brown.

Condolences to Janet Scott on the recent death of her mother.

Advertisements

Hay For Sale

Standing or Baled.

Apply Ted Welbanks at 389-1080.

Multi-Family Yard Sale

July 23rd: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. At Wm. Bulch's, Stella.

Sewing machines, desks, pressure cooker, manual typewriter, kitchen gadgets and miscellaneous items.

Rain or Shine the sale will be on.

For Sale

A chrome kitchen table and 4 matching chairs, one extension board. In excellent condition.

Price - \$125.00 - Phone 354-9490.

For Sale

1 chain saw

1 skill saw

1 wheel barrow

1 plastic shoulder sprayer

1 electric weed eater.

Edmund Bongard - 389-5486.

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Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Available at Glenn's Store.

Electric Fence

From Topsy Farms.

Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Tarps For Big Bales

From Topsy Farms.

Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Community Calendar

St. Paul's Church Services: every Sunday at 11 a.m.
and also at 7:30 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month

Roman Catholic Services: every Sunday at 1 p.m.

St. Alban's Church Services: 9 a.m. on the first Sunday
of each month and at 11 a.m. on all other Sundays

Aerobics: every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m.,
Community Centre

Baseball: Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Women's Institute "Family Picnic" at Janet & Alex
Scott's, Saturday, July 23 at 4 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting at Township Hall, Tuesday,
August 2 at 8 p.m.

Dance to Celebrate the Wedding of Allen Caughey and
Bonnie Smith at Community Centre, Saturday, August
6 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Women's Institute at Diane
Gavlas', Wednesday, August 17 at 8 p.m.

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Council Report - Chris Kennedy

Tom Sylvester is still away, but the other Councillors were present. Five building permits were issued in July, to J. Scott for a garden shed, to Frontini for a garage and an addition to a residence, to John McGinn for an addition to a residence, and to Nixons for renovations and a chimney. Stuart Miller reported that the bridge in the village is finished, the road crew has recut the roadsides, and they will start ditching soon. The survey work for the new road to Long Point has been done, and Stuart wants to start September 1st.

John Hall is to discuss with Eldon Willard, the Senior Captain, the best way to ensure orderly loading on the mainland side of the ferry on busy weekends.

Council has not yet received a tender for resurfacing the roads in the village, and may ask the County to give a price.

Jack and Marjorie Sylvester sent a letter of thanks and a donation to the Fire Department for putting out a grass fire.

The swimming lessons organised by the Recreation Committee seem to have gone well, and cost the Committee about \$180 above fees collected.

Council approved the refund of taxes for the Catholic Church as soon as the rezoning of the property has been completed. Council wants to maintain public access to the water front on the Island, and will investigate clearing out the areas, such as MacDonald's Lane, the Stella 40 ft and Fish Point Road, where township roads reach the water.

John Hall reported on the Planning Steering Committee meetings. A questionnaire will be sent out soon to Island residents. John Hall is to go to the Eastern Ontario Planning Conference. Heather Welbanks has been reappointed to the Committee of Adjustment.

John Hall and Ian Murray met with Ian Currie, President of the Nut Island Shooting Club, to discuss

the Back Beach. A tentative agreement has been worked out, which they hope will satisfy all parties. Rather than a long and extremely costly legal dispute over ownership, they decided the Back Beach will be open to the public for swimming and recreation from April 1st until the day after Labour Day each year, but it will be closed to the public from after Labour Day until March 31st to protect the hunting. Certain restrictions on the use of wheeled vehicles and so on, on the beach will apply, to protect it from damage. This agreement will be drawn up in legal language and signed by both parties. John and Ian reported that Ian Currie seemed to be keen to reach an amicable arrangement with the Township. They also felt that Steven Ward's petition had played an important part in reaching an agreement. The Cemetary Committee is to

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purchase a new weed-eater. Council then adjourned after some routine business.

The Neighbourhood - Annette

Welcome home to Lloyd Wolfreys and Norman Allison; both underwent surgery and are recovering rapidly. Best wishes for a quick recovery to Louise Seaman and Bert Glenn, both currently in hospital.

Condolences to friends and family on the passing of Dave Willard, Gladys Martin, Edward Wilkinson (formerly of Farnham) and Everett Jeffrey.

We can welcome several new full-time residents to the Island this month; Susan Sedore, Heather Welbanks' sister, is staying with Heather until September when she and her children will move to the new house at the foot. Derek, 17, will attend high school in September while Christie, 9, will be most welcome at AIPS. The Truemans will also become full-time residents this month: welcome Jean, Eleanor and Peter.

And of course best wishes are extended to Alan and Bonnie Caughey, married August 6 at St. Paul's. Many congratulations also to Bruce and Helen Caughey who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

A special thanks to Heather for filling in, both at home and at the store, while I was away for 2 weeks. Many thanks also to Nannies Irene Glenn, Helen Miller and Caroline Yull for taking such good care of Shawna.

!! Exclusive to the Beacon !!

Ms Kia & Meynard Laltin Rescued!
Terrorist Organization Thwarted!

In a daring rescue, Ms KIA and Meynard Laltin were released from brutal captivity after being held for 117 days by the Amherst Island Liberation Organization (L'Organisation Liberation de l'Ile d'Amherst)! The Beacon's crack security team staged the high noon raid on AILO's (OLIA) headquarters two days ago.

After weeks of fruitlessly searching the back of the yellow truck, Bear, our security chief, finally sniffed out their hideout, located in the root cellar behind the Frame House at Topsy Farms. A risky rescue operation was immediately commenced.

With ten turkeys and twenty-two chickens leading the charge, the desperadoes were partially subdued but then Bear went in to mop up. Unfortunately, all of the terrorists were then able to escape as the rescue team was overcome by Bear's extreme dogginess. The only other injury was to one heroic turkey who sprained some brain ligaments in its leg. Ms KIA and Meynard Laltin were also overcome because, being chained together, they couldn't flee this sensory onslaught.

As their near lifeless bodies were carried out, Meynard Laltin kept mumbling semi-coherently, "Copacabana" over and over. Ms KIA's first words were, "Never try to make polite conversation with a terrorist about his mother-in-law." Later it was learned from Ms KIA that Meynard had been tortured hour after hour(!), day after day(!!), week after week(!!!) and, yes, month after month(!!!!) with Barry Manilow music(?????)!!!!!! Fearing permanent brain damage, we countered this inhumane torture with the Classics -the complete works of the Rolling Stones and Bruce Springsteen, twice through. They are now both fine and are continuing their debriefing at CSIS (SISC) headquarters in Ottawa. (Editor: Last month's Meynard Laltin column was really written by our Staff and was in fact a coded message to the terrorists which said, "Throw in 3 cases of beer along with releasing Meynard and we'll agree to take Ms KIA back.")

- Next Month -

Hostage Etiquette - By Ms KIA

Plus

Meynard Laltin Reviews The AILO

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(Staff: Sorry about the above folks. Just a little summer madness from some overheated brains.)

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

Now is the time of year we learn to recognize the various members of the swallow family. They have raised their young and now range in mixed flocks often alighting like clothes pegs along a line. Watch these rows and rows of swallows along the telephone lines and you will soon notice differences in size and colour.

The largest swallow, the Purple Martin, is 7 1/4 - 8 1/2 inches long. The male is blue-black all over and has a slightly forked tail. The female and young martins are gray to white below and blue-black above.

The Barn Swallow is our only swallow with a deeply forked or true 'swallow' tail. They are 5 3/4 - 7 3/4 inches long, have a red-brown breast, a metallic blue-black backs, and watch for the red-brown patch on the forehead.

The Cliff Swallow is very similar but can be distinguished from the Barn Swallow by the buffy forehead patch and buffy rump patch. They are 5 - 6 inches long with blue-black backs, red-brown throats but white bellies.

The most common swallow around here is the Tree Swallow, about the same size as most of the other medium sized swallows, and distinguished by its blue-green back and white belly. The young however lack the distinct blue-green colour and are a dull brown.

The Rough-winged Swallow is very similar to the immature Tree Swallow, being 5 - 5 3/4 inches in length with a brown back, dusky brown throat and white belly. Again the tail is slightly forked.

The smallest local swallow is the Bank Swallow, 4 3/4 - 5 1/2 inches long. It too is brown on the back with white underparts. Its distinguishing feature is a brown band across its white breast just below its throat. While this is difficult to observe in flight, its much smaller size while perching with other swallows at this time of year makes it easily recognizable.

Bird of the Month: "White-tailed Grackle"???

Karen Fleming first brought this bird to our attention when it was nesting in her spruce tree. On the spring count we spotted it at Earl Willard's. Helen Bulch phoned just recently having seen two of them in her yard.

Albinism can be total, with lack of pigment in the eyes, skin and feathers, but in this case of partial albinism, only the tail feathers of this Common Grackle are snow white. Albinism, either total or partial, occurs in about one half of one percent of all animals or birds.

Perhaps some of you remember the albino Cowbird that could be seen regularly at Lance Eves' barn back in '84, or was it '85.

Good Birding!!

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

The July issue of the Amherst Island Beacon to hand and I have just finished reading a copy of a letter, presumably received from the Hon. Ed Fulton, Minister of Ministry of Transportation and Communications, although I note that it is not “over his signature”.

When I wrote the articles, which were published in past issues of Amherst Island Beacon, it was not with the intent that such articles should find their way in to political channels but rather that such articles should acquaint local residents of my observations and experiences on visits to other island communities. I have no objection to our local Council choosing to forward these issues to our M.L.A. for Kingston and The Islands and that

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he, in turn, has sought the assistance of a Minister of our Provincial Government in providing an answer and comments concerning ferry services relating to islands in this province.

It is my opinion that Hon. Mr. Fulton, through lack of length of experience is not aware of the many stages through which we have passed in reaching our present point of provision of our transportation needs and has therefore been dependent on records from within his Ministry which has resulted in the provision of the usual politically oriented answers, to which we oldsters on Amherst Island have become so accustomed.

As for Mr. Keyes, he has only to search some of his political records as well as his own memory to recall the countless “goodies” that his native Wolfe Island has received from political hand-outs, in fact continue to enjoy in abundance. I certainly possess an abundance of such memories concerning the answers and brush-offs that have come from our politicians down through the years. To quote one of the recent: Several years ago an attempt was made to persuade the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to construct a mileage of Provincial Highway on Amherst Island of a similar status to the two highways, nos. 95 and 96, given that island many years ago. The answer to that request, which came from the former Minister, Hon. James Snow was that we had no connecting link to offer as connecting Provincial Highways, nor did we have an international connecting ferry service as a reason for seeking such highway. I read a draft of the letter, forwarded in answer to Mr. Snow’s reply, wherein it was stated that having travelled, in it’s entirety, the length of Highway 96, the writer found himself in the river at Quebec Head on one end and likewise in the water in the vicinity of Simcoe Island at the other end of

such highway. As for Highway 95, it connected at it’s southerly terminus with a privately owned, seasonally operated ferry service to Cape Vincent. It is likewise interesting to recall having written a contribution to your paper, following a visit to that part of Ontario, some years ago wherein I related having driven on a well engineered, beautifully paved highway on Scugog Island, which was constructed through a swamp area and ran the length of the Island, ending in the waters of Lake Scugog, with no connecting link in evidence with any other Provincial Highway. Ahem!, on second thought, we did have an Ex-Premier of this fair Province, who hailed from that area.

It was very informative to learn that Pelee Island travellers pay 40% of the costs of the operating of their two ferries, the “Pelee Islander” and the “Upper Canada” as compared to the 10% paid by Amherst Island travellers. Nevertheless, I shudder to think of the level of cost assessment which will be suffered by Pelee Island travellers once the new ferry has become a reality, having seen a sketch of the proposed new ferry, through the pages of a Sandusky, Ohio newspaper, which provides no details of size or carrying capacity but which, through casual observation would appear to be a smaller version of the “Chee-Cheesaun” which is seasonally operated between the Bruce Peninsula at Tobermory and Manitoulin Island at South Baymouth.

I certainly get tired of reading the proffered statements from our politicians of how Provincial ferry services are a necessity to link up Provincial highways, when my memory bank tells me that the original creation of such highways are the brain-children of those politicians in answer to requests from their constituents. Have you ever driven extensively through our neighbouring County of Prince Edward, affectionately referred to as “The County”? To do so is to

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experience driving on surfaced roads, be they, Provincial, County or Township and in my humble opinion are the result of political solicitation on the part of strong representation by elected M.L.A.’s. In my short political career, I sat many times on the same platform with the late Hon. Norris Whitney and I certainly admired his strength of influence which resulted in the accomplishments that stand out so predominately today eg: paved roads everywhere, Highway 49 with the Desoronto bridge, replacing a small privately operated ferry, and finally the replacement of the ageing Belleville Bay bridge with a new “Norris Whitney” bridge, a final tribute to his astute representation.

I could go on at endless length with examples of political manoeuvrings but I do not wish to do so. Suffice it to say that, in spite of the usual well worded explanations from our constituent representatives, I still have to be convinced that there is not a fairly endless flow of financial waters and it only remains for an aggressive and determined person to find the “right” arm, which will get to the “pump handle” that will start the flow of such waters in the direction of Amherst Island.

With each succeeding issue of our Island Beacon, I feel the necessity of reporting the passing of what I prefer to call “Island Natives”, who are people whose birthplace was Amherst Island and who throughout their lives have maintained their connections both with their families and their fellow citizens with whom they were raised in our Island Community and with whom they attended our Island Schools.

Edna Mildred Finnegan (nee Tugwell):

The late Mrs Finnegan was the daughter of the late Irvine and Mabel Tugwell, life-long residents of Amherst Island, who resided on the third concession on the farm presently owned by Earl and Jean Tugwell, in the area which used to be referred to as “The Sand Beach”. Edna passed away in Kingston General Hospital, after a long fight against that comparatively little known disease, know as “Lou Gehrig’s disease”, known by the medical profession as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (A.L.S), she was in her 80th year.

Edna received her education, first in the Public School System, at S.S.#5 and in September 1922 graduated to Stella Continuation School where she attended two years, gaining what was then known as “Lower School Standing”. At 17 years of age, Edna left home and attended a business course in Kingston, which qualified her for employment in Secretarial work. At this particular time in our economy, there were a great number of family farms in operation where one of the main products was milk. Cheese factories were in operation in almost every rural community and these factories operated in only the summer months, due to the hazards of freeze-up in water systems etc. With the production of butter, from the cream produced on such farms, becoming less attractive to the consumer when manufactured at home by the housewife, it followed that plants, known as “Creameries” began to spring up in towns and cities, throughout the Province.

The Robertson family of Belleville were instrumental in the organization of such plants in Belleville, Kingston, Napanee and Perth and it was in the plant in Kingston that Edna found employment in a

secretarial capacity and where she met her future husband, Jack Finnegan who was a butter maker in that same plant. Sometime about 1930, Edna was transferred to the Perth Creamery, as was her future husband, who had served a period in Napanee before his transfer to Perth.

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Following their marriage, the Finnegans, sometime in the early 1940's, purchased the Perth Company, which they continued to operate for the next 20 years, selling it in the 60's, after which Jack Finnegan went in to an insurance and investment business.

Edna is survived by her elder sister, Gladys, Mrs William Martin of Kingston, and her two brothers, Chester and Earl of Amherst Island. Funeral services were held in St. James Anglican Church, Perth, followed by burial in Elmwood Cemetary, Perth.

Edward Henry Wilkinson:

A well known native of Amherst Island, who was the son of the late Rev. Robert S. Wilkinson and his wife Annie (nee Moutray) passed away very suddenly at the home of his sister, in his 79th year, in Kingston.

Edward had been a longtime resident of the Island, his father having been the Rector of the Anglican congregations here and where he resided in the Moutray family household at “Farnham”, until the dissolution of the family home, due to the ageing of the members of this family home, when Edward moved to Kingston, where he has since resided.

In his youth, Edward was an aspirant as a long distance “runner”, with ambitions to be a member of the Canadian Olympic Team - he was, as well an avid fisherman and an ardent “pool player”, as well as being possessed of a great interest in automobiles, being the owner of a luxury 7 passenger Lincoln limousine of early vintage, which had originally been the property of The Daly Family, Tea Merchants, of Napanee.

Edward is survived by his only sister, Mrs James Quain, Margaret, of Kingston, as well as three nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services were held in the Robert J. Reid’s Chapel on the Corner, followed by interment in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston.

David L. Willard:

Following a short confinement in Kingston General Hospital, a life-time resident of the Island, in the person of David L. Willard, passed away at the age of 84 years.

David Willard was the son of the late Alfred Willard and his wife Charlotte (nee Adair) born on the Island, in the family home at Emerald, he attended Public schools here, after which he worked as a farm labourer on various farms here, before deciding to follow the occupation of three of his brothers as a Great Lakes Sailor, an occupation he was to follow for the next 40 years, as an employee of Canada Steamship Lines, commencing as a deck-hand and progressing steadily until he became a licensed officer and serving on many ships, which plied the Great Lakes from the Canadian lakehead to Montreal and engaged in the carrying of package freight, coal and grain and where he was always recognized as a trusted employer.

Following his retirement, he resided in the family home in Stella, where he lead a quiet and reserved life style. In latter years his impairment of eye sight caused him many problems, but he refused to undergo surgery for any improvement of this problem.

David is survived by four sisters, Mrs Marion Eves, Mrs Jessie Ellerbeck, Mrs Annie Clyde of Kingston and Mrs Jennee Kerr of Petworth. He was predeceased by five brothers, Capt. Charles and Capt. John of Kingston, Frederick, who died in the First World War, just before proceeding overseas in 1916, Hiram, also a lake sailor, who lost his life in the sinking of the Str. Maplehurst, in Lake Superior in 1922, and a younger brother, Monroe, a victim of Spinal Meningitis, while a student in Continuation School here, in 1929, as well as a sister Dorothy of Kingston.

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Funeral services were held in Robert J. Reid Chapel on the Corner on Friday last, with Rev. Ken Blaber conducting, followed by interment in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetary, Amherst Island. Pallbearers were: Nephews, Gary and Everett Kerr, Daniel Sallans, Ronald Clyde, Harvey Eves and Eldon Willard.

Recreation Committee

- Beth Forester

Thank you, Amherst Island Community!

Once again, the Community Spirit which symbolizes the togetherness and caring of Amherst Islanders, was evidenced through the generous contributions forwarded to the Recreation Committee for the purchase of fireworks for our first Canada Day celebration. So many individuals, as well as community groups, were very generous in their financial support. Thank you - all of you, whose names are recorded in the Township Office file, both summer and permanent residents, as well as Legion Branch 539, the Amherst Island

Women's Institute, and the A.I. Driving Club. We appreciate the dedication of those volunteer firemen, for their time and efforts in the "setting off" of the display.

The large crowd in attendance at the school playground, was particularly gratifying. The performance by the Napanee Pipe & Drum band, the official ribbon cutting opening of the Tennis Court/Skating Rink facility, and the refreshments which were served, all contributed to a successful July 1st. Let's do it again!

Shirley Miller Art Show

- Randi Kennedy

After surviving a few artistically dry years, Shirley Miller's upcoming show at the Glebe Studio, on September 10 & 11, celebrates a welcome return to the public eye.

Her technical and spiritual growth since the last exhibit is mirrored in her work. Her paintings are exactly what she is herself: unpretentious, honest and sincere. Shirley's vision of the world is a place of harmony and purpose where nothing happens by accident. Her work reflects her experiences. The paintings show reverence for the past, a zest for life at the present and hope for the future.

Stimulated by a program she attended at St. Lawrence College last winter, Shirley gained the confidence to work in a variety of mediums.

We invite anyone interested to attend the show at the Glebe Studio, (Highway 2, between Gardiners and Sydenham Roads, north side) on Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th.

Food

- Sally Bowen

Our extra garden produce continues to help feed the hungry in Kingston. The Partners in Mission Food Bank reports the fresh food additions to the hampers are very gratefully received.

There were nine shipments this month - a total of 19 so far. Leslie Gavlas, Judy Roberts and Allen Kidd, Jean and Earl Tugwell, Phyllis and Lloyd Strain, Donna and Ed Chadband, Joan and Doug Martin, Ena and Clinton Baker, Jacob Murray (from his own garden) and Headlands contributed quantities of in-season produce. Jack and Madlyn Kerr generously donated the large box (or swan) of groceries, won at the garden party, in the name of the church.

Many people have small quantities that they hesitate to ship, so we are experimenting with two regular pickups per week. The Food Bank van will meet the 11:00 a.m. ferries on Mondays and Thursdays, for the

next few weeks. Please Let Me Know If You Have Food. If I haven't heard from anyone, I'll cancel the pickup. As before, I am happy to take your food to the ferry, to arrange

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for assistance to pick if necessary, or to do a picking if you are away on holiday. Our number (with one of those useful but detestable answering machines) is 389-3444. If it is busy, try 389-3802.

Thanks to the ferry crew for on-going support.

Letter To The Beacon

- Township of Amherst Island

At the regular meeting on August 2nd, 1988, Council approved in general terms the agreement with the Nut Island Shooting Club as negotiated by John Hall and Ian Murray, for limited public use of the Back Beach.

In addition, Council wishes to go on record in acknowledging the contribution made by Christopher Kennedy, in suggesting the "bare-bones" provisions for use of the Beach, and to Steven Ward who, through the circulation and presentation of his petition, made Council completely aware of the degree of public response regarding the use of this area for recreational purposes.

Notices

50th Anniversary

The family of Bruce and Helen Caughey extend an invitation to friends, relatives and the Island community to join with them in their 50th Anniversary celebration. An afternoon 'At Home' will be held 1-3 p.m. Sat, Sept 3 at the home of Susan and Bruce, and an Open House at the Amherst Island Community Hall at 8 p.m., with musical entertainment. Your presence will be a lasting and cherished gift. Best wishes only.

General Meeting - L&A Historical Society
Wednesday September 28, 8:00 p.m., at the Amherst Island Public School

Speaker: Catherine Anne Wilson

Subject: A Study Of Amherst Island (M.A. Thesis)

Hostess Group: Amherst Island W.I.

Guides and Brownies

Guides and Brownies will start on Wednesday, Sept.

14 from 4 to 5:30, Karen Fleming has kindly agreed to help on a regular basis but we would be glad if any other community members would give us a call if they have time to help or a talent to share.

Thank you.

Janet Scott

Sunday School

A meeting of the Sunday School teachers will be held Monday, August 22 at 8:00 p. m. at Susan Caughey's house.

More teachers and helpers are needed for the fall session. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help, please call Susan Caughey at 389-2012.

Susan Caughey

Take Of f Pounds Sensibly - 'TOPS'

With your help we can form our own chapter of 'TOPS' (a non profit organization) on Amherst Island.

If enough interest is shown we will have our first meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 13th at Amherst Island School. Ruth McFarlane from Napanee will attend to help us get organized. We welcome your support and would like to hear from you. If you have any questions or merely wish to express your desire to join, phone either Helen Bulch (389-3411) or Tena Tugwell (389-5569).

Thank You Notes

A warm thank-you to the whole community of Amherst Island for your support during my mother's illness and your kind expressions of love and sympathy on her death last month. Our family appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Janet Scott

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We wish to thank friends, neighbours and relatives for their kind thoughts and condolences during the sickness and recent death of our sister Edna.

Earle and Jean Tugwell

I would like to thank my friends, relatives, neighbours for cards, flowers, phone calls, P.C.W and A.C.W for visits while in hospital and at home to Reta and Avery, Rev. McIntyre, Mr Norman Allison, Dr. J. Kerr and associates, I.C.U. and Connell 3 for excellent

care and caring for flowers at home.

Bless you all.

Jane (Jennie) McCormick

A fire getting out of control is a fearful thing. The community to come to the rescue, believe us, is manna from heaven. Nine able bodied men with equipment rushed in within 15 minutes of phoning the pro-tem secretary-treasurer, Beth Forester, they having dropped whatever run hand as important as some must have been back there on July 11th.

We are so grateful and so thankful to the Amherst Island Fire Volunteers.

Marjorie and Jack Sylvester

Advertisements

For Sale

34" - 10 hp power riding mower.

Good condition.

Ralph Woods at 389-7235

For Sale

1-6' aluminum step ladder

1/2 horse electric motor

1/4 horse electric motor

electric weed eater

Edmund Bongard at 389-5486

For Sale

1981 Chevy Citation - standard

Certified \$850

Dorothy Kilpatrick at 354-2009

For Sale

A chrome kitchen table and 4 matching chairs, one extension board. In excellent condition. Price - \$125.00 - Phone 354-9490.

Wanted To Rent

100 acres (or so) farm with house and barn.

Looking for a long-term lease.

E. Edwards 476-7843 or 476-5243

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc. Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318.

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Amherst Island Phone Directory Available at Glenn's Store.

Electric Fence

From Topsy Farms.

Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Tarps For Big Bales

From Topsy Farms. Come see how they work.

Call Ian at 389-3444 or Chris at 389-0554.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

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Community Calendar

St. Paul's Church Services: every Sunday at 11 a.m.

and also at 7:30 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month

Roman Catholic Services: every Sunday at 1 pm.

St. Alban's Church Services: 9 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month and at 11 a.m. on all other Sundays

Aerobics: every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m., Community Centre

Baseball: Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting at Township Hall, Tuesday, September 6th at 8 p.m.

Mon Aug 22 at 8 p.m. - Sunday School Teachers' meeting at Susan Caughey's

Sat Sept 3 - 50th Anniversary Celebration for Bruce and Helen Caughey 1-3 p.m. at Bruce and Susan's home and 8 p.m. at the Community Hall

Tues Sept 13 at 7 p.m. - Organizational meeting for T.O.P.S.

Sept 14 - Guides and Brownies start 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Wed Sept 28 at 8 p.m. - Catherine Wilson presents her M.A. thesis on Amherst Island (sponsored by the W.I.) at the Community Centre.

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Note

- Staff

Our excuse this month for the late arrival of the Beacon is that our computer expired. We have just bought a new computer (Sept. 15th) with a whole bunch of new programs which we are still sorting out. Hopefully we will be able to learn enough to get this issue out in reasonable time and looking much like those that went before. In the future we hope to be to improve the Beacon's look considerable.

Council Report

- Don Tubb

Prior to the regular Council meeting there was a Special Council meeting to approve the zoning change for Lot 4, Con 1. Norman, Beth, Tom and John were present for at least part of the meeting. The change to Hazard Land was approved as there were no objectors or objections.

All members of Council were present for the start of the regular meeting.

Ed Chadband issued two building permits last month but to whom or for what I couldn't tell because I was almost asleep from the excitement and tension of the Special Meeting.

Stuart Miller reported on the roads. The road crew has continued with its ditching over the past month. The resurfacing of the village has gone as far as it can this year. As you may have noticed it isn't quite the same anymore (Tena Tugwell noticed). Stuart explained that the gravel from the Island supply has some large stones in it which blocked the paving machine's screens. Also there has not been any hot weather which is necessary to bring the oil up to the surface. Stuart reported that the surveyors have finished with their work on the Long Point road relocation and the final report is due next week [arrived Sept. 16]. As soon as all of the documentation is completed Stuart wants to start work.

There were five delegations, all on different subjects:
1) Steven Ward addressed Council on the subject of the Back Beach. Basically he wanted Council to reject the tentative agreement and obtain full control of the beach at any cost. He pointed out that the petition he had previously brought to Council requested just that. John Hall answered by saying that he felt that the tentative agreement reached was the best deal possible based on fiscal responsibility, survey information and legal opinion. Ian continued in the same vein by saying that the lawyer's advise boiled down to either negotiate a compromise or expropriate. Beth stated that she was not in favour of the present agreement.

2) Alan Glenn addressed Council concerning a piece of property on MacDonald's Lane which he is considering buying. He wanted Council to consider a series of proposals concerning existing road location, the access on the east side of the property and building setback requirements. Council said it would consider these proposals.

3) Tena Tugwell then addressed Council on the subject of road dust, a subject she has come to know quite a bit about since the resurfacing of the village's roads. Ian said that he would have Stuart look into spreading some calcium to try to keep the dust down.

4) Margaret Blenkinsop wanted to know from Council when the Long Point road relocation was going to start. She was told that as soon as the

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paper work was wrapped up enough to ensure that it was binding on all parties (and they expected soon).

5) Caroline Yull addressed Council on the subject of the Back Beach and the tentative agreement. She would like more publicity of all the information and Council positions concerning the Beach.

The Ferry Committee report was led off with the news that the Amherst Islander is due back the following Thursday. John Hall wanted Council to authorize himself and Norman to try to extract some promises from the Feds concerning work on the docks (to get them upgraded to handle endloaders) during the runup to the next federal election. This was granted by Council.

The Roads Committee report was given by Ian who took Council through a series of resolutions the intentions of which are:

- 1) the review of the township shoreline properties was tabled for the new Council to consider;
- 2) to rescind the resolution which was to ask Totteni Sims Hubieki to estimate the cost of preparing a report

on the feasibility of upgrading the shore roads to a 60 kph standard;

3) to move the North and South Shore Roads behind the houses as proposed during the summer of 1987;

4) to delay (i.e. table) for the new Council's approval the implementation of the previous resolution. Beth requested a recorded vote and she was the only dissenter with the others willing to vote for it even if some were not in full agreement with the previous resolution;

5) to hire a Property Agent for the Long Point road relocation who would report to Council;

6) to start construction on the above road as soon as it appears that all parties are bound to the project;

7) finally to send a letter that Council was in favour almost of Alan Glenn's proposals but that at least one had to be taken under advisement until more information was available.

Council moved to approve the purchase of David Willard's house, to get a survey of the property, and to apply to MTO (what we had just gotten used to calling MTC) for a supplemental subsidy for \$45,000 to cover all costs. This was approved.

At this point in the meeting, Council really gets its act together because. It was about 10:30 p.m. and the Councillors were only halfway through the agenda.

Consideration of the emergency plan was tabled. A letter from the Ministry of Environment concerning recycling was tabled. Some off-island garbage has found its way to our glorious dump and Council figured that it wasn't within their jurisdiction to try and stop it, so they resolved to let the Ministry of the Environment and other enforcement agencies do it. The draft questionnaire from the Planning Steering Committee will be ready at next month's meeting for Council's comments. Doris Henderson's (Part Lot 16, Con 1) severance application was approved in principal.

After several other items of business the night was finally brought to a close with a motion to adjourn at 11:15 p.m.

Reporter's Comments

- Don Tubb

I am not the regular reporter and only go to Council meeting occasionally. These 2 meetings lasted from 7:30 to 11:15 (3 3/4 hours) during which some items were dealt with in extreme length and some important items which were tabled because of time constraints. So a couple of suggestions just to put my 2 cents worth in:

Firstly, that the addendum be finalized (unless very important information comes to light) by noon Monday which would give Diane and Judy time to get it into the mail that day and delivered to the members of Council Tuesday morning. This would give them a chance to see

it before the meeting and they wouldn't lose valuable time reading it during the meeting which also takes their attention away from what is being discussed at the time.

Secondly, that the Chairman take control of the meeting when Councillors go off the deep end in discussion. This was evident when John, Ian and Beth took 20 minutes to respond to Steven Ward's presentation.

Thirdly, that the Councillors come to the meeting prepared with at least tentative positions thought out on the subjects under discussion. It seems

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that they just kind of feel out each others mood that night and eventually make a decision.

I am aware that this is a small township and our Councillors are really amateur politicians which is a blessing. The last thing this township needs is a group of pro's slugging it out every meeting. But that said, improvements could be made that would make the meetings more worthwhile.

Municipal Elections

The nomination period is October 13 through October 17 at 5 p.m. Nomination papers may be withdrawn up to October 18 at 5 p.m.

The last day for revision to the "list of electors" is October 17 at 5 p.m.

Please check the "list" for your name and relevant information (e.g. school support).

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Sincere condolences to Chris Glenn and family, and to the family of Arnold Smith. These two long-time Islanders will be missed by their many friends and neighbours.

Best wishes to Kenneth Miller, recovering at home following eye surgery. Also, best wishes to Jeff Forester who is recovering from his first football injury - a bad break to his upper arm.

Congratulations to Kevin and Suzanne Kilpatrick on the birth of their second child, a girl. Jocelyn was born last weekend. Also, congratulations to Sandy (Bernier) and Scott Toppings on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Gail (8 lb 10 oz).

Congratulations also to Earle Tugwell on being presented the Royal Canadian Legion's Meritorious Service Medal. This award is given sparingly for outstanding service in the Legion as well as in the community. A presentation ceremony was held last

Thursday following an excellent dinner at Susie Caughey's. Special guests included Lloyd Behnke, District Commander, Chalk River Branch; Dave Gordon, Zone Commander, Napanee; Norm Kelly, Deputy tone Commander, Bath. Their wives also attended.

Finally, my apologies one blunder committed last month. As reported last Beacon, one of Earle and Chester Tugwell's sisters passed away. It was Edna Finnegan who died and not Gladys Martin. Sorry.

Helen & Bruce Caughey's 50th Wedding Anniversary
- submitted by Annette

The wedding ceremony was performed in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island, on Saturday, September 3rd, 1938 at 2:00 p.m. by the late Rev, Robert K. Earls, Minister of St. Paul's Church when Helen Myrtle Marshall was united in marriage to Allen Bruce Caughey. Bridesmaid - Bride's sister, Rhoda H. Marshall; Maid of Honour - Ruth L. Marshall, Sister; Flower Girl - Ruth A. Drumgoole, Niece; Groomsman was Malcolm M. Filsan, the Groom's cousin, all still with us.

The marriage ceremony was followed by dinner served by the Bride's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Marshall at the family home on the Lake Shore, after which the couple left on the evening ferry for Montreal, thence to Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.

Observance of this Anniversary was arranged by Helen and Bruce's family and friends in the afternoon at "Poplar Dell" home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. W. Bruce Caughey at which a large number of friends of the happy couple called to extend their best wishes and partake of refreshments.

At 5:30 p.m. a delicious dinner was served in the Amherst Island Community Centre by the Presbyterian Church Women of St. Paul's Church to family members and friends from widely scattered points of the Province and the U.S. Master of Ceremonies on this occasion was H. Allan Caughay who in his usual capable manner recounted some of his parent's interests during their lifetime on Amherst Island, the contributions they have made to our Island Community, to their Church as well as those interests which had taken them farther afield in many spheres of their activities in the Insurance Industry, in the Masonic and Orange Orders and in the Educational field.

Reeve Norman J. Allison, on behalf of the Warden of the County of Lennox and Addington, Grant McIlquaham, made presentation of the

County's historical plate and conveyed to the couple, on behalf of Mr. McIlquaham, his best wishes as well as recognition of his and his wife's long friendship with them over many years when Helen had been a much respected teacher of their two sons.

These tributes to Helen and Bruce's associations with them were further expressed by Messrs John Hall, A.I. Councillor, Gordon Welch of Brantford, a long time associate of their's through the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association, Dick Dodds, Director of Education for East York, a longtime friend of the couple through educational circles, spoke in glowing terms of the contributions that had been by them to the welfare and educational advancement of so many children, who spent many beneficial years of instruction as a result of decisions of which they had been a part.

From the family of the couple, their son-in-law, John F. Forester paid tribute to them as his parents-in-law as well as Mr. Justice J. Roderick Bair, brother-in-law of the Couple.

In responding to the toast to "The Bride and Groom of fifty years ago", the Groom recounted many interesting things concerning the great City of New York in 1938 - The Brooklyn Bridge, the new bridge to Long Island, the Empire State building, then the city's tallest, the Radio City Music Hall, where they had attended the play "You Can't Take It With You", the "Big Band Era" of that time, when they dined at the Hotel Pennsylvania and danced to the music of Enoch Light and His Light Brigade, swam at Jones Beach, Long Island, where Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians presented musical shows. Tours of the Island of Manhattan on Passenger Steamers, from which you observed the famous "Statue of Liberty", Ellis Island and the famous luxury liners which filled the waterfront, e.g.: Queen Mary, Bremen, etc.

In the evening, beginning at 8:00 p.m., "Open House" brought an ever swelling crowd to offer their good wishes and to enjoy the wonderful musical entertainment provided by the members of the Napanee Old Time Fiddlers Group, who kept the crowd on the dance floor continuously to their lilting melodies and in enjoyment of the "Step-dancing" of Allan Lawlor and the "calling" of "square-dances" by him.

On behalf of the Prime Minister of Canada, Brian Mulroney, The Hon. Flora MacDonald, M.P. for Kingston and The Islands, presented Bruce and Helen with a beautifully framed expression of Congratulations on this occasion, accompanied with kind expression of her own feelings, based on her friendship over the years with them.

During a brief intermission, the Groom of 50 years ago, gave a recounting of the social life of Amherst Island, commenting on the dancing pleasures provided

by, "Alex and Tina Glenn," later "The Glenn Orchestra" comprised of 7 members: John Glenn, who night after night called the Lancers and the Cotillions (Square Dances) so much enjoyed by young and old, Tina, pianist, Alex, her brother, violin, their cousins, Stirling Glenn who played drums, banjo and later saxophone and Les Glenn, Amherst Island's "Myron Floren", and his accordion as well as Maxwell Beaubien and Bennet Nightingale, violins.

The last surviving member of this group, Tina Filson, in her 88th year was escorted to the piano, where she accompanied the musical group in some real "memorabilia", including the "Rye Waltz" to the enjoyment of all. Other Orchestras of by-gone times were recalled - Brown Brothers, longtime entertainers on Amherst Island, Circle Six, The Aces, Charlie Goyer and his Troubadours, Everett Stevens and His Blue Jackets, The Hay Bay Six.

Bruce, further recounted his memories of the Intervening gears since their wedding - The visit of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt of the United States accompanied by Prime Minister William Lyon MacKenzie King to Queen's University when President Roosevelt made that historic statement that the United States of America would "Never stand idly by and see Canada and the World (st)Tj21.36 0 Tarnt FInter(evTnted hB41h04118 Tz 026 00ent)Stjt 0 T d

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son of Robert and Eliza A. (nee Wemp) Smith and attended S.S. No. 4 Public School at Emerald, after which he worked with the other members of his family on their family farm at the Western end of the 2nd concession. He also worked as a casual labourer and was one of the Island residents who was employed throughout the entire period of construction of the Amherst Island School in 1947, where he was a valued and dependable member of the construction crew, commuting daily to the construction site from his home by bicycle or horse drawn vehicle.

Following the death of his mother and the operation of the family farm by his older brother Maurice, Arnold and his father took over the operation of the Uncle's adjoining farm where they carried on a limited farm operation as well as a commercial fishing operation from the shores of O'Drain's Bay. In later years Arnold was employed as caretaker of "Nut island Hunt Club" for a number of hunting seasons.

Of a very friendly disposition, Arnold enjoyed conversation with his neighbours and Island friends and in later years, when "birdwatchers" swarmed to Amherst Island he enjoyed friendships with numbers of these people. Arnold was a member of Christ Anglican Church, Emerald, and later St. Albans, Stella. He is survived by his elder sister, Marion, Mrs. Charles McGinn, who is in her ninetieth year,

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being predeceased by his elder brother Maurice and sister Mildred, Mrs. Russell Drew of Mountain Grove, as well as a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. K. Blaber in the James Reid Cataraqui chapel on Tuesday, August 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. with burial in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery Amherst Island. Pallbearers were: Donald McGinn, John McGinn, Kaye McGinn, Ralph Wemp, Royce Eves and Clinton Baker.

History Notes

- Catherine McMullen

In late September, 168 years ago, an important event occurred on Amherst Island, seven tenant farmers in the Emerald area became landowners in their own right.

On September 29, 1824, Catherine Marie Bowes transferred title for 100 acres of land to each of the following: Aneas McMullen Lot 2, Neil McMullen Lot 3, Eneas McMullen Lot 5, Alexander McMullen Lot 6, John Davy Lot 11, Richard Hitchins Lot 19 and Barnabas Wemp Lot 20. A few previous land transfers had taken place; in June of 1816, Lot 10 and the east 1/2 of 9 had been transferred to Colin McKenzie and on

Lot 4, on Jan. 30, 1820, 100 acres had been transferred to Edward Howard, these transactions by Sir John Johnson. On December 24, 1824, Lot 1 was transferred from Catherine Marie Bowes to John Richards.

It seems reasonable to assume that all of these farmers were among the very first settlers on Amherst Island and that having worked their land as tenants for over 30 years their option to buy their land was being honored.

Many more titles were exchanged by Catherine Marie Bowes in subsequent years but never so many on one day, as took place on Sept. 29, 1824.

Food

- Sally Bowen

On Wed. September 7, CKWS TV spent 2 hours on the Island interviewing a few of the Amherst Island families - over 40 so far - who have contributed freshlin McKenzie

Notices

Parking On Sidewalks

Please be advised that, for the safety and convenience of pedestrians, parking on the sidewalks in Stella is not permitted.

September 8, 1988

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island.

Aerobics

Please note the aerobic classes currently held from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings are to be moved ahead 15 minutes - thus "running" from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. on the same

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evenings. This change takes effect Monday, Sept 19th, up to and including the last class in October.

Stella Chapter 'TOPS'

The Stella Chapter of 'TOPS' was successfully launched on Sept 13th. Eight members joined initially. More new members are expected next Tuesday night, Sept 20th.

Membership is open to anyone over seven years of age, male or female.

If you have a few pounds to shed, come along. New members are welcome. The more the merrier.

Membership Fees:

7 yrs to 16 yrs of age... \$10 per year

18 yrs and over... \$20 per year

Sunday School

This season starts Sunday Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Centre.

St. Alban's Anglican Church

Services are: 9a.m. first Sunday of each month and at 11 a.m. another Sundays. Family Services are on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the many kind messages and cards and garden bouquets, sent during my recent illness. I was grateful for the gifts and visitors from the A.C.W. and P.C.W. and Women's Institute. My daughter and I were most appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

Louise Seaman

The family of the late Herbert Glenn wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the many friends who rallied to our support in our time of sorrow. Your cards, flowers, visits and food items were sincerely appreciated. Times such as these serve to remind us of how many good friends we all have and it was clear to our family that Bert did indeed have many.

Glenn Family

On behalf of our uncle, the late Dave Willard, we would like to thank our friends and neighbours for the many times they came to his assistance when he was in trouble; to Dr. Alex Scott who responded so quickly and was so helpful the day Dave had to go to hospital, to the ladies who brought food to our home at the time of his death, it was very thoughtful and very much appreciated.

A special thanks to Marion Glenn and Beatrice Wemp who so thoughtfully prepared the luncheon while we attended the funeral. To those who called at the funeral home and to St. Alban's Church for their floral tribute you are all very special people and we will be forever grateful. Thanks again.

Eldon & Elsie Willard

Sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends for messages of sympathy cards, phone calls, offers of help and donations of food to our home and contributions to the different funds at the time of Bert's death. We miss him very much. It helps knowing that others care.

Francis & Nessie Welbanks

Our sincere thanks to those who gave sympathy, verbally and written, to us during the recent sickness and death of our sister Edna.

Chester & Tena Tugwell

Many thanks to family, relatives, friends, the P.C.W., A.C.W., and W.I. for cards, flowers, gifts of food and visits during my recent stay in hospital and afterwards at home.

Sincerely,

Charlie Howard

The ladies of St. Alban's A.C.W. sincerely wish to thank Fay Wemp, Glenn's Store and Audrey's Craft

Shop for the time and effort you have put forth in selling our plates. Your helpfulness is greatly appreciated.

We wish to extend to so many, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful celebration on the occasion of our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd last. To our much loved family members who so generously took care of all the many arrangements which made our whole day so

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enjoyable - to the devoted members of the Presbyterian Church Women of St. Paul's Church who arranged refreshments and served such a sumptuous meal to our many friends who had travelled great distances from so many parts of the Province and the U.S. - to those many organizations and friends who honoured us with their beautiful floral arrangements, gifts and wishes - to our wonderful friends Lyle and Helen Jones who provided such lovely table centre pieces - the numerous telephone calls of good wishes received as well as the presence of so many dear friends at our open house at our Son and Daughter-in-law's "Poplar Dell" and at the Amherst Island Community Centre - to the many "new-comers" to our island, who honoured us with their presence and good wishes, which certainly filled our hearts with joy and a realization that these folk want to be our good neighbours - finally to the members of the "Old Time Fiddlers" who so generously provided such an enjoyable evening of music, which brought back pleasant memories of fifty years ago and to our good friend Allan Lawlor, whose dancing to those good old tunes, never ceases to bring pleasure.

Sincerely

Helen & Bruce Caughey

For Sale
Approx. 1000 ceiling tiles
slightly used wooden storm windows
several old chairs, cupboards, beds etc at Stella Lodge
352-7562

Wanted
A guitar player for Anglican Church services and for the Sunday School.
Call Sally at 389-3802.

For Sale

1980 Chev Malibu, 4 door automatic, good running condition

Large camper Cap to a half-ton truck, wired for lights both inside and running lights on outside, side windows and sky-light, cabinets built into front of cap, lift door and regular door on back.

Call Brian Ward 389-5767.

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5316.

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable - References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916.

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store.

Lamb

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444.

Honey

from Topsy Farms

Available at Glenn's Store.

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Election 88

- Staff

Yes, we are late getting the Beacon to the stand but this month we were waiting to publish the list of people running for the position of Reeve and Councillors. The following people have submitted their papers:

Reeve:

Ian Murray

Councillors:

Caroline Ackerman

Llew MacArthur

Marius Scheutz

Tom Sylvester

Steven Willard

Jim Whitton

Caroline Yull

There is more information at the end of this issue about the election.

Council Report for October 4

- C J Kennedy

All Councillors were present for the regular meeting on Oct. 4th. In September, special meetings had been held to consider the purchase of the Dave Willard property (the lot just west of the Stella ferry dock) and to ratify the agreement with the ferry crews union about wages and benefits etc. The ferry crew will soon appear in uniforms. I'm sure they would appreciate suggestions from any budding fashion designers on the island.

Seven building permits were issued in September: Gordon Bews, a sundeck; E. Duncan, a garage addition; Alan Kidd, a barn; Filson/Sedore, a residence; Marc Raymond, a residence; B. Smith, a garage; and Elmer Willard is enlarging his house.

The road crew is working on the new road to Long Point, which is going well. Then they hope to finish the fence in front of the quarry.

The Willard lot has been surveyed. Council is trying

to get dock improvements made so it can accommodate end-loaders, and the extra land may be required for that. The house on the lot is for sale by tender. It must be removed by the purchaser.

Council decided that the ferry should have a two-way radio to link with the road crew and school bus.

Alan McGugan has been hired as the appraiser for the exchange of land where the new road to Long Point is going.

Council discussed, but reached no decision on Recycling Week.

The Recreation Committee is sponsoring a gymnastics program for the kids.

John Hall wants to prepare and circulate his Planning Committee questionnaire before next meeting.

By law, Council has to introduce a Pay Equity Plan by January 1990, so they are starting work to find out what is involved.

A draft agreement with the Nut Island Shooting Club has been received, and is being passed on, with comments, to the township lawyer.

Council thanked Don Tubb for his suggestions on improving and speeding up council meetings. I am waiting for any sign of action on Council's part.

Tile drainage loans have been approved for Millers and Caugheys.

Ernestown is pushing for the reinstatement of the bounty on wolves (coyotes). Council

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decided to wait to see what other townships do before acting. Council elections are coming up. A polling clerk will be hired so that the township office can remain open on advance polling days.

Now is the time for all of you who are interested in what council does to do something about it. The phrase 'Put up or shut up' comes to mind. At least make sure you vote, and hope we have a responsible, lively and hardworking council to report on.

Recycling Week

- Tom Sylvester, Diane Gavlas

Coordinators for Recycling Week

Information on recycling for our community will be put forward for residents at the municipal building on Nov. 14th. Questions and opinions will be more than welcome from all residents.

We are a consumer society. We use a lot. We waste a lot. We throw out a lot. The average Canadian household generates one tonne of garbage each year! Of

course, we'll never totally eliminate garbage. The answer is to reduce our waste as much as possible.

Looking to the future of the "dump" is necessary. A successful recycling program would reduce by 10% the amount being dumped.

Starting a recycling program now will cost but the alternatives could be considerably more expensive.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

At long last we have a new addition to the Glenn family. John Leslie Glenn was born at KGH on Saturday, October 15 at 4:45 am., weighing 8 1/2 lbs. As to why it seemed to take so long for this baby to come, Mo says John has never done anything quickly in his life so why should his child. Congratulations.

Best wishes to all those who are, and have been, in hospital this month for one reason or another; Norman Allison, Nessie Welbanks, Jean Trueman, Michelle Kincaid and Helen Bell-Smith.

Newcomers to the Island this month - Phillip and Jennie Gillesse and family who have moved into the Terrier (Jennie McCormick's) house. Jennie has now gone to live with Reta and Avery. Also a temporary resident is Daryl Roque, a friend of Bill's who will be staying with us for a while. Daryl doesn't have any family although he is a fine, upstanding Single male with a respectable job in the auto body trade. This is a rare opportunity for a fine, upstanding Single woman. Daryl can be reached at our home number.

Starting next month (and primarily for Ian's benefit), I will again have the weather section. Garnet McDonald has come up with some interesting weather facts dating back to the 1920's & 30's which I am working on condensing at present.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Phyllis Strain, on Wed. Sept. 21st at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was an agricultural fact from 100 years ago.

Kits were handed out to the canvassers for the Blind. Harold Bentley, Agricultural Rep., guest speaker for the evening, gave an interesting address on agriculture. He stressed that the environment, labour, and animal welfare being the major problems of agriculture. Only 3% of the population is involved in farming.

Four of the 4-H girls prepared and served lunch pertaining to their project "Much Ado About Meat". Tracy Hitchins, president of the 4-H Club, had a few words concerning their project. The next meeting will be

held at the home of Jane Miller, on Wed. Oct. 19th, when the County Librarian, Miss Mary Anne Evans, will be the guest speaker and will have slides of the county libraries.

Everyone welcome to attend.

L & A Historical Society

- Anna M. Hitchins

On Wed. Sept. 28th at 8 p.m., the Lennox & Addington Historical Society held their meeting at the A.I. School. The Pres. of the Society opened the meeting, followed by the minutes

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of the last meeting. Diane Gavlas. Pres. of the W.I. welcomed the members and visitors, which numbered about 60.

Cathy Wilson was the guest speaker of the evening and her topic was Amherst Island. Cathy had spent a year in Ireland where she researched Island families who immigrated to Canada from Ireland in the 1800's. She also had some interesting slides.

Following the meeting, the W.I. members served coffee and fruit breads. The evening was enjoyed by all!

4-H Club

- Jason Silver, Staff Reporter

The 4-H Club, "Much Ado about Meats" has started. So far, we've made tacos, potato skins, pork and peaches, beef kabobs, veal schnitzel, honey garlic spareribs, and Caesar salad with bacon. We've also made a supper for the Women's Institute.

The President is Tracy Hitchins; Vice-President, Amy Caughey; Treasurer, Sarah Scott; and Staff Reporter, Jason Silver.

Our adult resource people are Anne-Marie Hitchins and Phyllis Strain. All meetings are at Anne-Marie's house at 7:00 p.m.

Food

- Sally Bowan

Shipments are slowing down, but still continue, as people clean up their gardens. Once you have stored what you can use for the winter, and have given some to friends, please remember the food bank if you still have extra. (I would never have believed how many spaghetti squash can be produced from two seeds!)

We have now made 32 shipments, more than last year despite the very dry summer. The food is still gladly welcomed by those who receive hampers. Thanks

to the efficiency of the Partners in Mission Food Bank, it reaches them quickly.

I neglected to mention names last month. The Martins, the Bakers, Les Gavlas, the Halls, Alan Kidd, Judy Roberts, Sarah Salter (with Caroline's help), the Lambs, M. Marshalls, the Chadbands, the Kerrs, Chris Glenn, Headlands, Women's Institute, the Scotts, E. Tugwells, the Bews, the Reids, K. Millers, C. Howard, T. Millers, Mrs. Maude, Diane Pierce and Barb McDonald, and the E. Willards all made contributions, most more than once. Mary-Alice Bell, from Around the Bend farm in Bath has added produce to our shipment more than once too.

The Sunday School kids have starting contributing packaged food with their collection, and their first shipment 'was sent this week too'

I am very grateful to the ferry crew who so cheerfully help me load the food. Thanks also, to Shawna and the store for emergency last minute boxes.

If you have food for the Monday or Thursday, 11 a.m. ferry shipments, please call me at 389-3802.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

We all know 'good' from 'bad', right, but how about 'best' from 'good'. Well today we get to see what the experts think are the best and then I'm going to have my 2 cents worth.

In the September issue of Rolling Stone magazine, a group of eminent rock critics chose "The 100 Best Singles Of The Last 25 Years", They decided to start with the emergence of the Beatles in 1963 which eliminates Elvis, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Levis, Buddy Holly, and many other pioneers. As an arbitrary starting point, it's as good as any and better than most. My guess is that they didn't try to place each song with a specific number, but rather tried to find the top ten and then order these from 1 to 10. They did, however, make several errors in their selection process and one fatal mistake in that they choose some songs as breakthrough songs for some artists. These songs do not necessarily correspond to their best work. The heck with any more general comments, lets get right down to it.

The top ten should be, in my humble opinion, the ones that you say, "They don't come any better than this." and are, according to Rolling Stone, as follows:

1. (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction - Rolling Stones

They don't come any better than this. After 23

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years, its still rough and vital, and can always get me

cranked up.

2. Like A Rolling Stone - Bob Dylan

Another first rate selection. Its still has the same bitterness that it did when first released in 1965.

3. I Want To Hold Your Hand - Beatles

A mistake because Rolling Stone picked it because it was the Beatles breakthrough to the U.S. and they figure it is the watershed between the Rock eras. I don't want the significant songs, I want the best songs (Read my lips, "The Best"). A better song would have been 'A Hard Day's Night' which didn't make the Top 100 or 'Help' (#53) both of which you can like without having to chew bubble gum.

4. I Heard It Through The Grapevine - Marvin Gaye

This is their first Motown selection and is as good as anything else I can think of and does deserve a placing in the Top 10 somewhere.

5. I Want You Back - Jackson 5

Aaarrrrgggh!!! This group should be doing hard time in Sing Sing for spawning Michael Jackson. As you might have guessed. I don't have much time for the aforementioned individual, group or their music which might might make my Top 1,000,000 if I was really pressed. And to put them ahead of Aretha, a travesty, a sacrilege, an abomination, a pox on all their houses. Aaarrrrgggh!!!

6. Respect - Aretha Franklin

As the first song by a woman it's a good choice although it wouldn't appear in my Top 10.

7. (Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay - Otis Redding

Another good Motown song that deserves a good placing but not in the Top 10.

8. Fortunate Son - Creedence Clearwater Revival

Now this is a real gem. Its got that distinctive CCR sound but is lifted to great heights by John Fogerty's take-no-prisoners vocals. I might have put 'Down On The Corner' which is pure good-time rock in its place but its really six of one or half a dozen of the other.

9. Born To Run - Bruce Springsteen

Another mistake. This may, as the critics say, define the essence of Springsteen and his sound, I would have rather seen any of a dozen better songs which are not as musically muddy, like 'Pink Cadillac' or 'The River' or 'Tougher Then The Rest' or 'Dancing In The Dark'. He does belong in the Top 10 because he is that good but not with this song.

10. Stop! In The Name Of Love - Supremes

I think this was included because it is the first 'girl group' song and in that category it may be tops but really guys, it is not necessary to do a survey of rock like picking from a Chinese menu: one from column A, two from column B.

I don't have space to do all 100 songs, so I'm just

going to hit a few of the highlights and lowlights. The Beach Boys made #11 with 'Good Vibrations' and Wilson Picket's 'In The Midnight Hour' made #13 which is the original version and much better than The Rascals remake. Speaking of remakes, the best of them all. Jimi Hendrix's remake of Dylan's 'All Along The Watchtower' was placed at #65 and should by rights be in the Top 10 for its staying power. The Who once laid claim to the world's greatest rock band made it on the chart at #16 with 'My Generation'. No comment as I never had much time for them. A great duet, The Righteous Brothers had 'You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling' pegged at #19 which is fair. 'Gimmie Some Lovin' by the Spencer Davis Group featured an incredibly driving organ and is well placed at #25. An organ of a different sound but no less effective was used to colour 'A Whiter Shade Of Pale' by Procol Harum to #85. How about 'Wooly Bully' by Sam The Sham And The Pharos at #39. Someone wrote into Rolling Stone demanding that they apologize to all the groups that came after this song. It may be trash but its good trash and I think it deserves some spot in the Top 100. By the way, the song after it was 'Light My Fire' by The Doors which is a startling contrast. Van Morrison made the list with 'Brown Eyed Girl' at #56 which is too low for such a perfect song. Can you believe it! Fleetwood Mac made it with 'Go Your Own Way' at #58 and they had the nerve to put 'Somebody To Love' by Jefferson Airplane after it at #70. There really is no accounting for taste. They did find 'War' by Edwin Starr which might have

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been missed if Springsteen hadn't used it in one of his tours. A good song done better by Springsteen but which fit the times well (mid-1970).

I could go on for a lot longer but let me just say that they tried hard and failed often but overall they produced a pretty good list if you can ignore their rankings.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Well. Fall is officially here now although it sounds more like winter with a foot of snow -that's about 30 centimeters for the younger generation - only 250 miles from here (400 km). That means that fall migration, which actually begins as early as late June when some of the far arctic shore birds begin to return, is in full swing. It also means that those of you who maintain winter feeders should have them up and running now. While the winter birds are not here yet, it will help

attract them if there is already an active population at your feeder when they arrive. We keep at least one feeder going all year round and already we have had such migrant visitors as White-crowned, White-throated and Lincoln's Sparrows, Juncos, various thrushes, and a Rufous-sided Towhee, to say nothing of the surprise visit of a Cooper's Hawk. While most of these birds will not stay all winter, it is a good chance to see these species up close, and those who do not begin to feed until winter usually won't see them at all.

Migration usually hits its peaks on those nights when it is clear and there is a northwest breeze. Then you can go outside any autumn evening and hear these small birds going overhead with their various peeps and squeaks. Most small songbirds travel at night to evade their enemies, the Accipiter or bird hawks, and falcons. One of their biggest hazards is crossing the Great Lakes and every year many birds fail to make it across Lake Ontario either through fatigue or by running into storms before they are across. Last week Ed and Donna Chadband came across hundreds of small, dead birds on the beach behind their house on the south shore. Most of the birds found there and at several other sites along the shore were the very tiny Golden-crowned Kinglet, but Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Winter Wrens, Brown Creeper, Hermit Thrush, and several varieties of warblers were also found.

On a happier note, for owl fans, please be advised that the small Saw-whet Owls have returned. They normally pass through this area between Oct. 6 and Nov. 5, although the occasional one may winter here. These tiny owls are very tame although somewhat difficult to find. If you have never seen one of these owls which make Amherst Island a favorite winter birding spot and would like to, please call us and we will take you to see one if there are any around.

Bird of the Month: - Peregrine Falcon

One day in late September, Janet and I took a walk down to the Field Naturalist property at the foot to see what the winds might have blown in that day. We had just set up the scopes to examine a multitude of small shore birds when suddenly everything scattered. There overhead appeared one of the most feared predators the birds know, the Peregrine Falcon. While we had both seen a Peregrine before, usually it was at a distance and not easy to see but this bird hunted the mudflats for about fifteen minutes before alighting for another quarter hour in a tree not far away. It was quite a sight, and while that was the end of any shore bird activity for that day it was well worth it; one of those rare occurrences which makes hours of observing the same old things worthwhile.

The Peregrine is one of the world's fastest birds, and has been clocked at speeds up to 300 km/hr. It occurs on five continents. Unfortunately it is one of our endangered species, primarily because of pesticide contamination. It is becoming more common again thanks to a reintroduction program that began in Algonquin Park in 1977, and which has extended to many cities such as Toronto, Ottawa, St. Catherines, Arnprior and Brockville. Of course pesticides are not the only problem. In 1983 for example there was a successful nesting on a church tower in Arnprior. Before the young were old enough to fend for themselves, someone shot the mother and the young were never seen again.

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From the 1987 Assessment Report
- Ian Murray

There are 31 Assessment Offices within the Field Operations Branch under the Property Assessment Program Division of the Ontario Ministry of Revenue. Amherst Island is in Assessment Region # 5 which is headed by Gord Ogilvie, Regional Assessment Commissioner. The Property Assessors, who do the field work are headed by 2 Valuation Managers who report to the Commissioner.

Summary of Assessment Statistics:
Area of Municipality 16,675 acres (6,747 ha.)
Population 388 in 1985 (347 in 1982)

	1987	1986
Number of Properties	383	382
Number of Households	239	237
Number of Assessable Units	551*	396
Number of severances	4	3
Number of valid sales	40	24

* the increase in this number is a technical change on the assessors part and not an actual increase of 155 units from 1986 to 1987.

The Assessment Office calculates the fair market value of the Island to be \$15,684,190 which does not include public land, like roads, public docks, etc.

Taking 1986 & 1987 together, there were 64 valid sales which means that one property in six was sold (16.7%) during those two years. A valid sale does not take into account, for example, those sales from parents to children for less than market value or any other sale

that is not at arms length.

Notices

Call for Tenders

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island is calling for bids for the purchase and removal of the house on Part Lot 38, Concession 1 (formerly the Dave Willard property). Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., October 31, 1988.

Masquerade Dance

Friday October 28 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre sponsored by Amherst Island Br. 539 Royal Canadian Legion. Attention Parents: Please come out and support this effort.

Turkey Supper

Sponsored by the ladies of St. Albans A.C.W. will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22. It will start at 5:00 p.m. at the community centre. The price will be \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 children 12 & under, pre-schoolers free.

Bring your children to fish at the "Fish Pond", for prizes, and Mom & Dad can buy home baked cooking at the bake table.

Community Sunday School

A reminder that all Island children and their friends from near and far are welcome to join the fun and fellowship at the Community Sunday School, every Sunday morning 9:30 am. to 10:30 a.m. at the Community Centre: The Sunday School sincerely thanks the Royal Canadian Legion Post #539, the A.C .W. and St. Paul's Presbyterian congregation for their generous donations to the Comm. S.S. This money will be used for Bibles, books and supplies so that the children's collections can be sent directly to the needs of other children. Also, special thanks to Jane McCormick for the Encyclopaedias of Bible stories donated to the S.S.

We rejoice in the spirit and the love shown in so many ways.

Thank You Notes

Another sincere thank-you to the friends & neighbours who have sent cards & visited me, since Bert's passing. Also thanks to the ladies of the Anglican

and Presbyterian Churches, for their calls and goodies, and to Bruce for his review of Bert's life in the last Beacon. It is very commendable of Bruce to research and take time to do these memorials in the Beacon of the Islanders who have passed away.

Thanks everyone

Chris Glenn

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Advertisements

The Presbyterian Church women have a supply of sweatshirts and golf shirts with the Amherst Island crest available for sale at Glenn's Store. If you have special requests please place your order at the store or phone Susan Caughey by Oct. 25th.

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit after school, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

For Sale

Approx. 1000 ceiling tiles slightly, used storm windows, several old chairs, cupboards, beds. etc at Stella Lodge. Call 352-7562

Wanted

A guitar player for Anglican Church services and the Sunday School. Call Sally at 389-3802

For Sale

1980 Chev Malibu, 4 door automatic, good running condition. Large camper cap to a half-ton truck, wired for lights both inside and running lights on outside, side windows and sky-light, cabinets built into front of cap, lift door and regular lock on back. Call Brian Ward at 389-5767

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc. Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable -References

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this-area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store.

Lamb

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Honey

from Topsy Farms available at Glenn's Store.

Notes

- Staff

You will have noticed the price increases this month which is because the cost of our supplies has risen and mailing costs are going up soon. We make every effort to keep the cost of the Beacon as low as possible but it does have to pay for itself. Let me just state the obvious in that all labour is volunteer and no charges for computer time or computer supplies are charged to the paper. The only person on salary is Ms KIA who receives about \$1,000 per month. Actually some would call her salary blackmail but that is another story best left for another century as so until its told.

What you have before you is the second attempt at using our publishing program. While more successful than last time it still takes much longer than our old program. Any complaints, criticisms, comments, or for that matter, compliments will be seriously considered. Just drop a note in the Beacon folder at Glenn's Store or phone us.

More Election '88

- Township Of Amherst Island

Advance Polls

- Sat. Nov.5 and Thurs. Nov. 10 from 10:00 am. to 8:00 p.m. both days.

Regular Poll

Mon. Nov. 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The polling station is in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building.

Anyone on the voters list can apply to vote by proxy (see the Township Clerk for details). The last day to make this application is Nov. 14 at 5 p.m.

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{The following was shown as a caption to the masthead
lighthouse}

Bart Becker- 'Beacon' Browsing Beacon Builder

Municipal Elections Results

The results of the election for councillors are as follows, with the new councillors marked with an asterisk:

Caroline Ackerman... 179 votes *
Llew MacArthur... 19 votes
Marius Scheutz... 89 votes
Tom Sylvester... 150 votes *
Jim Whitton... 188 votes *
Steven Willard... 176 votes *
Caroline Yull... 36 votes
Ian Murray... acclaimed Reeve

A total of 234 votes cast.

To all that ran, our appreciation for their interest, and to those that will sit on Council, our best wishes for a good and productive 3 years.

Council Report For Nov. 1

- Don Tubb

Prior to the regular Council meeting, there was a Special Council meeting to consider two rezoning applications. Norman Allison had gone to the hospital earlier in the day suffering from a stroke. Ian Murray was made chairperson for the meeting and all other Council members were present.

The first application to be dealt with was Marc Raymond's property. Pt Lot 18 & 19, North Shore Concession. He was severing a lot to be sold. The floor was given over to delegations. Marius Scheutz had some initial objections giving voice to rumors about a potential subdivision on the portion retained by Mr Raymond. Marc Raymond answered by basically

saying he had no intentions of developing a subdivision and was retaining the land for his own use. Council then satisfied itself that under the proposed rezoning only one dwelling could be put on Mr Raymond's remaining property. The rezonings were approved. As an aside, it was interesting to note that the Min. of Agriculture had no objections to the rezoning providing that a distance of 171.3 m (562.5 ft) be kept between an existing barn on an adjacent property and any new residence. This appears to be the first time such a provision has come to this Council. As it was not relevant to the rezoning, Council ignored the provision but it will come into play if a residence is built.

The second rezoning was the application to rezone the new Catholic Church in Emerald as 'Institutional'. The Church was represented at the table by a lawyer (Bob Tchegus). Council was willing to approve the rezoning with the condition that the Church have an off-road parking area. It wanted to keep the road clear of vehicles so there would be no interference with snow plowing. The lawyer presented a letter to Council stating that Dennis McGinn was willing to provide the necessary land for such a parking lot. Council then approved the rezoning with the proviso that the parking be in place by Dec. 15 of this year. It was also clarified with the Church that the parking lot be a public one so that Dennis would not have to rezone the area to be given over to the parking lot. The Church agreed saying that public functions would certainly be held at the Church and that a public lot was only appropriate and expedient in this case.

The Special Council meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. with, in both cases, all parties satisfied.

The Regular Council meeting was called to

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order at 8:29 p.m. with Ian remaining as chairperson. Council proceeded quickly through the first 9 items. The Building Inspector reported that the only permit issued was to Stratton Reid for a garage. Stuart was not at the meeting, so there was no Road Superintendent's report.

The Ferry Committee's report was presented with the following points of note:

- 1- the Committee has written to Flora MacDonald trying to solicit her help in adapting the existing docks for end-loading ferry service,
- 2- progress is being made by the ferry employees in their search for uniforms, and
- 3- it appears that the ferry employees may be included

in the mandatory pay equity study which would increase the study's cost. While no action was taken by Council, it was understood that no ferry passes would be sold for next year as the rate structure has not been set yet.

The Roads Committee's report was next with some the points of interest being:

- 1- Apparently the OPP requested Council to approve new signs saying "80 km/hr Begins" to replace the signs reading "50 km/hr Ends" which Council did.
- 2- The new section of road on the Long Point Road is to be opened and the old section physically will be closed with the Council accepting liability for the new roadway (also approved).

Other items discussed under Roads were to postpone the Quarry Access Agreement to the next Council. No tenders were received for the purchase of the Dave Willard house and it was sent back to the Roads Committee for further suggestions. Council did approve the purchase of the gate and posts from the Willard property by Caroline Ackerman.

The Fire Committee report was presented and the following action by Council was taken:

- 1- the by-law to Establish & Regulate the fire department was amended, in part to permit them to put out fires which the original by-law did not empower them to do.
- 2- the recommendation by the Committee to install a phone jack beside the radio base, purchase two hand-held radios, and the installation of outside speakers on the fire trucks was postponed until the next Council as the Fire Committee is trying to find out what grants are available.
- 3- apparently the Department's air packs are outdated and it will cost between \$344 and \$713 each to repair and upgrade which will be done as the department's priorities and budget allow.

Emergency Planning was the next committee to report:

- 1- the school board will be approached about using either the parking lot or the playing field as a landing area for a helicopter ambulance.
- 2- the Emergency Plan By-law was given first reading end then referred to the next Council.

During the discussion of the Sanitation Committee report, Council approved the use of the Township Office on election day to provide information on recycling. Council commended the Boy Scouts for recycling newspapers. There was a proposal to replace the sign at the entrance to the dump. Tom noted that the Ministry would probably be requiring a series of changes to our dump soon which might include limited access and further signing.

As there was not a quorum at the Recreation Committee meeting, no recommendations were

presented to Council.

Last was the Finance Committee report. A by-law to amend the, budget by-law was passed to allow for the purchase of the Willard property.

In other business, John reported that the negotiations are continuing with the Nut Island Shooting Club with a draft agreement now in the hands of the township lawyer. John also reported that replies from the survey were starting to come in and he would try to summarize them (with help from Dianne and Judy) for the next Council. He also suggested that they would make very interesting reading for the new councillors.

As Chris says, after some further items, Council adjourned at 10:20.

Comments

- Don Tubb

The last meeting on which I reported (September, I think) prompted me to criticize Council and I tendered some suggestions to improve things. I cannot offer the same complaints for this meeting, in part, because the Councillors postponed a number of items of consequence to the next Council and, in part, because it was the last meeting of this Council

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which gave it a different air.

I am looking forward to the next three years as there are a number of important issues to be dealt with (the shore roads, the possibility of something concrete coming out of the Planning Steering Committee, ferry rate structure and ferry management, Back Beach and other water access, etc). You probably get the idea that the next Council will not just be putting in its time frivolously.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Jane Miller, on Wed., Oct. 19th. at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was a book exchange. Regular business was conducted. It was decided to sponsor a poster competition to promote recycling, in each class at our school.

The County Librarian, Mary Anne Evans, was guest speaker for the evening. She gave an informative talk and showed slides of the County libraries.

The next meeting will be at the home of Jean Baker, on Wed., Nov. 16th, at 8 p.m. Jean Sills, member of the Ontario W.I. Board of Directors, will be discussing the relationship between the branches and the board.

We are always looking for new members - so come
and join us!

Library News

- Karen Fleming

On November 2 Stella Public Library hosted a Christmas Craft demonstration at Amherst Island Public School. As some of you may know, it was advertised for Nov. 3 at the library, so it was a surprise for me as well when Mrs. A. Neuberger shoved up at the library on Wednesday. Thank-you to those who showed for the show on such short notice, and deepest apologies from the Lennox & Addington Library to those who planned to attend Thursday. OLS Rideau in Ottawa made the boo-boo.

In the better late than never department, the winner of our branch draw for the summer reading club was Crystal Bedford. She received as a prize, a library T-shirt.

Also, a reminder that we have copies of a lot

graded according to meat yield; fat covering; maturity; firmness; texture; and colour of fat and lean.

There are five different grades of beef from A, being the highest to E being beef from bulls. There are over 25 different cuts of beef from the tender sirloin to the tender brisket.

Veal is the meat from young calves of dairy or beef cattle. It is always very lean and should be fine-grained, velvety in texture and whitish to pink to reddish pink in colour.

Comments:

“There are many kinds of beef and many grades. It is also very expensive. Veal is very good and so is pork.”

“I learned that beef is expensive and that all beef is inspected very carefully and how to make many different and tasty recipes.”

Pork is naturally tender because it comes from hogs that are 5-6 months of age. 70% of Ontario pork is cured, smoked and/or processed into products such as ham, bacon, sausages and wieners.

Comments:

“I learned the various cuts of beef, pork and lamb such as the difference between loin, hip and chuck. I also learned the names of various sausages or “wursts” like liverwurst, knockwurst or weisswurst.”

“I learned how to cook beef, pork and lamb in many different ways. All pork should be well cooked to kill any bacteria in it.”

“I learned how to make pork without burning it and how to cook meat in a microwave.”

‘Ontario Fresh Lamb’ is available all year round with peaks in spring and fall. It refers to sheep less than 12 months of age. “Spring” lamb refers to a 2-3 month old animal. Lamb is tender and is a good source of protein, iron and B vitamins.

Comments:

“Lamb is very tasty with lemon juice on it. I learned how to make tacos and potato skins. I learned how to enjoy cooking by making the things I like.”

“I learned that I do not like lamb but I learned how to cook it.”

“I see why some people like lamb but I give it a 2.”

“This is my first time to try lamb and I will definitely try it again.”

A big thank you to the Amherst Island Women’s Institute, Randi Kennedy, Anna Hitchins and the parents for all their donations, help and support.

Our next club will be “From Fleece to Yarn” - a study of wool production and knitting. Anyone who wishes to join, lead or help please contact Anne-Marie

Hitchins or Phyllis Strain before December 12th.

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House Calls

- Dr. Alex Scott

This is first of what I hope will be a series of articles dealing with current medical issues and questions. It is not intended to be a substitute for obtaining timely medical advice and treatment, but rather to encourage it. Accordingly, I hope to discuss in very general terms areas such as public health, new discoveries concerning our everyday health, the significance of various symptoms, as well as give answers to some of the more commonly asked questions I have been asked in almost 25 years of general medical practice. I will also be glad to answer any question addressed directly to me or through the Beacon.

Flu Shots

The term “flu” is used rather loosely by patients and doctors alike to describe a whole variety of illnesses from mild stomach and bowel upsets characterized by nausea and diarrhea, through various mild upper respiratory infections up to and including influenza. Influenza is a relatively severe and uncomfortable viral, upper respiratory illness characterized by sore throat, headache, dry hacking cough, moderate to high fever accompanied by muscle aches and pains called myalgia. Recovery usually occurs in 3-7 days, but is often prolonged by various complications. It occurs mainly in the winter months.

The Flu Shot is a specific immunization against several types of influenza viruses. They are frequently referred to as “cold shots” but have no known value in preventing the common cold. Each year, the World Health Organization recommends 3 varieties of the influenza virus to be included in that year’s Flu Vaccine, based upon the most likely viruses expected to be prevalent in that year. In 1988-89 for instance the vaccine includes the Taiwan, Sichuan, and Victoria viruses.

It used to be fairly common to experience a very mild form of influenza after receiving a flu shot. During the past few years however, improved purification techniques have largely eliminated this rather troublesome side effect. The vaccine is produced without the use of antibiotics so that people who are allergic to antibiotics may receive it. However, people allergic to eggs should avoid this vaccine.

The Flu Shot is strongly recommended every year for individuals with heart or lung disease, especially

over the age of 43 years, and residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities. It is also recommended for persons over 65 years of age, and for individuals with chronic conditions such as diabetes, liver or kidney problems, cancer and blood disorders.

The Flu Shot is usually available through your physician beginning in October of every year.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Just about the time we were preparing this month's column, we received a letter from the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters. I understand this letter was widely circulated through Eastern Ontario. In it the OFAH describes its fight with a group called The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) which wants to set aside large amounts of land for park purposes.

Which side one takes in this dispute probably depends on where one's self-interest lies, and it is not my intent to take a position on it one way or the other in the Beacon. But it was disappointing to see such a well known, and I think fairly well respected, organization as the OFAH, of which I have been a member in the past, make use of so much misleading, outdated and frankly false information to make its case.

For example, the third page of this letter quotes John Power who writes the Outdoors column for the Toronto Star as follows: "...The trust wants mature forests, which would 'protect what appears to be the heart of the remaining nesting range of the nationally rare and beautiful red-shouldered hawk'". He then goes on to say, "Bet you didn't know that! That PAWS alert is a false alarm, done deliberately or through ignorance. Birds of North America notes: "The bird is one of the most common hawks of eastern North America...."

In fact, Birds of North America more correctly identifies the area as the Southeast portion of North America. Furthermore, while the Red-shouldered hawk was one of the commonest hawks in the area under consideration in the early 1900's, the 5 year study of Ontario breeding birds completed in 1983 noted that its "numbers have declined alarmingly since the 1950's". It is currently

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designated as a "rare" species by the MNR, and is an endangered species, having been placed on the Blue List in 1972 where it has remained ever since.

How can the OFAH claim to be conservation minded when they don't even know a common species from an endangered one.? One can only hope that when the

decision on the lands in question is made that it is made on real facts and not the outdated and misleading ideas presented in the letter in question.

Bird of The Month - Red-bellied Woodpecker

Our winter feeder is now in full swing with its usual complement of Blue Jays (at least 10), Mourning Doves (up to 30 already), and the usual assortment of sparrows and finches (does Betty Wemp have all the Cardinals again this year?), but the highlight for us has been regular visits for the past 3 weeks of a female Red-bellied Woodpecker.

The Red-bellied Woodpecker is fairly common in the South-eastern United States, but for the past few years has been extending its range northward into New York State, and lately north of Lake Ontario. There were only 4 or 5 records here from 1915 until 1973. From 1973 until now there were about 20 more records. This year alone there have been more than 20 birds identified within a 30 mile radius of Kingston. In fact, we saw our first one in the "Owl Woods" just this spring.

It is a rather attractive bird, about the size of a Red-headed Woodpecker, with a black and white striped or zebra back, light belly, and a flash of bright red running half-way up the back of the neck in the female and over the crown to the beak in the male.

A.I.P.S. Happenings

- Beth Forester

Friday was recorded as school day number 48, by the Primary Class. This leaves 146 days left in the school year, and only 43 days until Christmas!

Mrs. Janice Gasper and Mr. David Wilkins, student teachers from MacArthur College, spent the last two weeks in October in the Senior and Primary rooms, respectively. During this time the Seniors were studying deserts of the world, and K-3 were doing a unit on "Water". These students also enjoyed some Halloween cooking - learning how to "brew" Dracula Dip, Sweet and Sour Mud Dip, and Swamp-water Punch!

The Senior Class is presently doing a unit of study on the Elections, and are receiving a shipment of Toronto Star newspapers, daily until Nov. 23rd. Undoubtedly this newsprint will become part of the paper-drive recycling project, and will serve as part of the school's contribution to Recycling Week. Mrs. Gavlas kindly provided us with an interesting videotape on Recycling, and will be sharing more of her knowledge on the topic this Thursday, Nov. 17th.

Most students participated in a Recycling Poster Contest, sponsored by the Women's Institute, and we anxiously await the announcement of the winners! The

Grade 7&8 students are presently involved in writing examinations. These, however, will be interrupted temporarily by upcoming events. Our 4 Grade 8's will be attending a music camp at Glen Canon Lodge, in the north of our County on Nov 16, 17 & 18. Two students, names yet to be announced, will be attending an OPP sponsored luncheon for Bicycle Safety Award winners on Nov. 17. A speaker from the RCMP will be at our school on Nov 21 at 1 p.m.

The Heart & Stroke Foundation is sponsoring a 'Jump Rope for Heart' on Nov 23 at Amherstview P.S. from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. One teacher and several students from our school will be participating in preparation for our Jump Rope event in March.

Parents will be contacted soon to arrange Conference times during the P.A. Days, Nov 24 & 25th.

Our next swimming day is Thursday, December 21st on the 1 p.m. ferry. We welcome anyone who might wish to join us for these I.S.L.E. sponsored activities.

The Cooks Corner
- Dianne Marshall

The following recipe comes from Breadwinners which is an American nationwide network of in-home bread-baking instructors. Although the recipe appears lengthy, it is actually quite simple and quick. The dough is prepared the night before, left in the fridge to rise and baked the next day. There's nothing

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quite like your own freshly-baked Overnight Danish Pastries.

2 envelopes (1/4 ounce each) or 5 teaspoons active dry yeast
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees F)
4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup cold butter, cut in small pieces
1 cup milk
Yolks from 4 large eggs
White of 1 large egg, slightly beaten
1 1/2 cups jam or preserves

8 to 24 hours before baking:

In small bowl stir 1 teaspoon of sugar into the water. Sprinkle yeast over water; let stand 3 minutes or until foamy. Meanwhile, in a 4-quart bowl mix flour, remaining sugar and salt. Add butter; cut into flour mixture with 2 knives or pastry blender until mixture resembles cornmeal. Add milk, egg yolks and yeast mixture; stir with wooden spoon to make a soft dough.

Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 8 hours or up to 24 hours. Cover and refrigerate egg white.

1 1/2 hours before serving:

Grease a large baking sheet. Remove egg white and dough from refrigerator. Punch down dough and place on lightly floured surface. Cut off one quarter, return rest to bowl, cover and refrigerate until needed. Cut removed piece of dough into 6 equal pieces. With lightly floured hands, roll each piece into a 16 inch-long rope and coil loosely on prepared baking sheet, tucking ends under. Leave at least 2 inches between pastries. Brush with egg white. Let rise, uncovered, at room temperature 25 minutes or until puffy. Meanwhile, start shaping remaining dough. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. using a lightly floured finger make a deep indentation in center of each pastry and fill with 1 tablespoon jam. Brush dough again with egg white. Bake for 10-12 minutes until golden brown. R-21

Lorette Rendell, Arthur Crouse, and Sarah Foster.

Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

The Island Aerobic Group would like to once again say a heartfelt thanks to Louise Downy for her excellent instruction and co-operation over the past months. Louise and her husband Charles are now living in Bath. Good luck with your studies Louise.

Fern Willard is continuing to put us through our paces. The program is structured so as to allow a lower impact workout for those who so desire. For those who might like to join us but feel they might not be able to "keep up", remember you are not competing with anyone. Each of us do only what we feel we can do safely - no need to push past your limit.

So come out Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the gym and get some good exercise and have some fun as well. All you men are welcome

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too!

A qualified instructor is needed to conduct some classes. Anyone interested please contact Linda Wemp evenings at 389-4435.

Welcome home to Dave, Fern and Morgan and congratulations on your anticipated arrival.

Food

- Sally Bowen

The fresh food gathering and delivery to the Partners in Mission Food Bank is now officially over for the season. Our regular pick-ups have been cancelled, but if anyone has extra freezer meat or turnips they just got around to harvesting, please call me to arrange for delivery.

Amherst Islanders should be proud of our efforts in being the only regular contributors of fresh food to people who are hungry in Kingston. Thirty-one deliveries this year, 29 last year, each averaging 3 to 4 individual contributions, represents in the neighbourhood of 200 donations. I know the dry season prevented even more from participating.

St. Alban's Church (on monthly Family Sunday's) and the Sunday School are collecting canned goods for donation. Staple items such as tea, coffee, sugar, peanut butter, tinned fruit or vegetables or juices are especially welcome,

Thank you ferry crews for your help. Thanks everyone for your support and participation.

Wood Heat Safety

- Leslie Gavlas

On October 18, I attended a seminar put on by the Ontario Fire Marshals Office on 'Wood Heat Safety'. A lot of the material was new to me as I don't burn wood and don't intend to. A lot of the information, I'm sure is common knowledge to wood burners but I am going to mention a few things that surprised me. I hope they will be helpful.

Burning the creosote out, is not an approved method of cleaning a chimney. A chimney fire can literally shake a chimney down. Between 1983 and 1987 there were 35 injuries and 6 deaths in Ontario due to chimney fires. The Fire Marshals Office recommends a chimney be inspected Before The Stove Is Relit even after the most insignificant fire. This is because it is very difficult to put one out without damaging the chimney.

Throwing 1 to 2 cups of water into the stove is a good first response to a chimney fire. This will produce steam to cool and starve the fire of oxygen. ABC dry chemical powder coupled with oxygen deprivation in air tight stoves is the best means of extinguishing the fire in the stove. Nevertheless, the fire department must still be called.

There is no evidence that any of the creosote reducing agents that you can add to a fire do anything other than take your money.

The Ontario Building Branch requires that a building permit be obtained before installing a woodstove or chimney. Existing chimneys must also meet standards when a new stove is installed.

Galvanized stovepipe must not be used with a woodstove as it may collapse during a chimney fire.

Glass doors must not be installed on fireplaces for which they were not approved as this may raise the temperature to a dangerous level. Check manufacturer's information. A woodstove installed in a fireplace may also overheat.

When installing a stove a safe distance from a combustible wall, one must also allow a safe distance between the pipe and the wall.

Last year a home installation burned a house down two hours after it was lit for the first time, causing two fatalities.

There is much more good information in the Wood Heat Safety manual and we have left a copy in the Municipal Office for anyone wishing to see it.

MS KIA

I have a recurring night-mare: the phone rings and it is a pollster who asks me questions like: who do you prefer- Brian or Ed or John or Dennis? is free trade good or evil? what is the capital of Inner Mongolia? and

so on.

I always wake in a cold sweat: what if my answers are wrong? what if the fate of the whole free world hinges on my responses? what if? if? if???...

Signed Poll-axed

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Dear Poll-axed:

There, there, now. It'll be alright. Ms KIA is here now, I will sooth your worried brow with the truth. Soon you will be able to sleep like a baby. Now close your eyes, relax, and listen while I explain.

During an election campaign the candidates are supposed to show themselves to the voters: their positions, their principles, their character, their morals (Sorry, I forgot. Politicians have few morals that aren't questionable). The pollster's aim is to reveal the voter to the candidates: the bribability factor, the gullibility level, and which groups get the biggest pacifiers. This allows the candidate who lacks the character to proclaim his political principles to find out what policies the public will "buy". Once elected, of course, this guy then proceeds to do what he intended to do all along.

As you might have guessed, I don't have much time for pollsters and polls. As a matter of fact, polling is not a service to democracy. It Is A Boil On The Body Politic! And you, as a citizen, are under no obligation to co-operate in this shameful process. You can, when asked questions by a pollster, do like Nancy Reagan and just say No! Or you can do like me and tell lies that mess up their statistics.

Now don't you feel better. Sweet dreams of tomorrow's headline in the Globe, "Rhino Party Takes Lead In Polls!!"

Facts Of The Month

Military spending per capita in 1986 by: Japan \$226; Canada \$443; France \$708; USA \$1556.

Of 61 Grade 13 Grads from NDSS last year, 30 (49%) had honors which is 75%. Of 51 Grade 12 Grads from NDSS last year, only 6 (12%) had honors. Of 115 Ontario Secondary School Grads (the new combined grades 12 and 13 diploma) last year, fully 69 (60%) had honors.

Civic Duties Of The Month

1. Vote twice: municipal and federal elections.
2. Send in those Planning Steering Committee Surveys. The new Council will be making decisions without your input if you do not return your Survey to their trembling

hands.

Thank You

My sincere thanks to all my friends who visited, sent cards, flowers and treats while I was in Kingston General Hospital and since returning home. So many have helped so much! Special thanks to the A.C.W. and P.C.W. for the visits and treats. We greatly appreciate the remembrances from all.

Nessie Welbanks

We would like to thank all those who help us make the Beacon a better newsletter by writing both the regular and irregular columns. They all seem to be read by those who buy the Beacon. It is satisfying to see it being read from cover to cover on the ferry. Someday when we get our act together, we will put out a page that can be returned with your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

Our latest subscription is going out to Mrs Gladys Metcalfe, as a 76th Birthday (Dec 11th) present from her sister. Mrs Metcalfe is a former Islander now living in Bath who likes to stay informed about our political and public affairs, and our residents.

Headlands

Notices

Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary

The family of Danny arid Eleanor Taggart (nee Eleanor McGinn) invite their Amherst Island friends to join with them in the celebration of their Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary on Saturday November 26th next in the gymnasium of Sacred Heart School, Marysville, Wolfe Island at 8:00 p.m. Your presence is the only gift they ask.

TOPS

Chapter meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at Amherst Island School. New members are welcome.

Our new chapter of Tops has been operating successfully for two months. We now have our Charter. Our membership began with eight. The second week there were twelve members. We are growing, we now have thirteen members. Come join us!

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Recycling Week- Nov 14-20

Strategic approaches have been designed to better manage Ontario's waste. Referred to as the 4Rs of waste management, they are:

Reduction- The generation of less waste.

Reuse- The use of an item again in its original form, for the same or different purpose. Refillable beverage containers are one example of reusable item.

Recycling- The separation of waste material at its source to meet market demand. The use of steel cans as scrap to make various steel products is an example.

Recovery- The extraction of material or energy from mixed waste to meet market demand. For example, the composting of yard and food wastes.

The Neighborhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Norm Allison, Charlie Howard and Ray Koenders, recovering from illness at home.

Welcome home also to Jean Truemen. Bev Lindsay McIntyre is in the hospital this month as well.

This seems to be a rather slow month news-wise although things are bound to start happening after the election. Good luck to all the candidates.

One further note - if you have any old newspaper please bundle them and drop them at the store. Shawn Welbanks and his Boy Scout troop are having a paper drive and would much appreciate your support.

For Sale / Wanted

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit after school, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

Wanted

A guitar player for Anglican Church services and the Sunday School. Call Sally at 389-3802

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5315

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable - References

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store.

Lamb Call Topsy Farms at 389-5444

Honey from Topsy Farms available at Glenn's Store.

Interested in driving a School Bus on Amherst Island?

Call Chris (389-0554) or Ian (389-3802). Tramway-

Wager is willing to help someone get their bus-driving license.

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{The following appears as a caption to the masthead
lighthouse.}
Bart Beeker, beacon builder, browses Birthday Beacon
before boffo bash.

Council Report for Dec.6
- Chris Kennedy

This was the first meeting of the new Council:
Steven Willard, a high school student at Napanee; Jim
Whitton, a physics professor from Queen's; Caroline
Ackerman, a homemaker and world traveller; Tom
Sylvester, a cyclist and renovator of houses; and Ian
Murray, sheep farmer and school bus driver, as Reeve.
About a dozen members of the public came to see them
get started. First the Councillors took the Declaration of
office to be honest and loyal.

Marius Schuetz was given approval for rezoning
two parcels of land on Lot 19, North Shore Concession,
to Rural Residential use.

The only building permit issued was to Ken Albertain
for renovations to his house on the Front Road.

Stuart Miller reported that the fence around the
quarry is finished, and the new Long Point road is
almost done.

Council then approved all the committee
appointments, listed separately.

The uniforms for the ferry crew should be ready
before the end of this year. Council has received a letter
from the Ministry of Transport stating that the ferry is
part of the Provincial highway system and a public
place, therefore coming under the liquor laws of the
province. The letter outlined the action the crew is
expected to take if passengers are seen drinking alcohol
on the ferry.

Council decided to sell to Earle Shaw the old
township stone crusher for a \$150 donation to the
Volunteer Fire Fighters Association.

Council decided to hire TGM Building Consultants
to investigate the weak floor and other problems in the
Township Hall.

A new by-law concerning the Township dump has
been passed. Dead animals, abandoned motor vehicles,
waste oil, septic tank waste and other hazardous waste
may not be dumped, nor garbage originating outside the
Township, with a \$500 fine as a maximum penalty. The
assistance of the citizens of this Township is requested
to help enforce this.

The ferry rates were set for next year. Diane Pearce
had prepared figures for expected revenue and
expenses, showing a deficit for 1989 without any
increase in rates. Council decided that \$2.00 per trip
and \$200 for a pass will cover the deficit. During the
coming year, Council will decide if the pass system is to
continue. Public input on the matter will be requested.

After a five minute recess Council received a budget
update from Diane. This was to brief the new members
of Council. The only figures of note were the high cost
of the union negotiations (the union team missed two
meetings) and late payment of the ferry subsidy had led
to interest charges from the bank.

Syke Fleming has applied to sever her house from
the farm.

The consulting firm Stevenson, Kellogg, Ernst and
Whinney has been hired to write a report for Council
advising them on implementing the pay equity
legislation required by the province. It will cost about
\$1500 to \$2000.

Council discussed what to do about complaints of
dogs running loose, and stealing food and garbage, in
the village. Council will start with a polite reminder.

After some more routine business council adjourned,
just before eleven.

Committees

Finance- Jim Whitton, Steven Willard, Jean Tugwell

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Ferry- postponed until next meeting

Roads- Caroline Ackerman, Steven Willard, Dave
Vrooman

Sanitation, Parks and Property- Caroline Ackerman,
Tom Sylvester, Diane Gavlas, Jeanne Baker, Peter
Trueman

Fire- Tom Sylvester, Jim Whitton

Building & Zoning- Jim Whitton, Tom Sylvester

Recreation- Caroline Ackerman, Jim Whitton, Heather
Welbanks, Annette Philips, Betty Wemp, Jack Kerr,
Jack Forester, Susan McGinn, John Glenn

Cemetery- Steven Willard, Earle Tugwell, A. Bruce Caughey, W. Bruce Caughey, Henry Hitchins, Brian Ward

Ad Hoc (Back Beach)- Caroline Ackerman, Jim Whitton, Jack Kerr, Betty Wemp

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

A very special anniversary this month - happy 60th to Ernest & Genevieve Fleming. And a happy 40th to Heather Welbanks although its not her anniversary.

Best wishes to Elmer Willard currently in hospital, and to Bob Tugwell, Lindsay McIntyre and Norm Allison, all recovering at home from hospital visits.

Jim and Valerie Doyle will be moving off the Island later this month. They have sold their trailer (in the village) to Jack and Janet Bews. We don't know yet what Bews plan to do with th trailer although rumor has it they are not going to live here permanently.

Most important this month, a happy 10th anniversary to the Beacon. We all owe tremendous thanks to the crew at Headlands for their hard work and dedication on our behalf. Thanks everyone - you've done a great job.

Tenth Anniversary

- Jack & Madlyn Kerr

Ian has reminded us that this month's issue of the Beacon is the tenth anniversary of the rebirth of the Island newspaper. It has been about five years since we gave up the printing duties because we were leaving the Island temporarily. Publishing the Beacon entails a considerable amount of time and work, collecting materials, typing it all onto stencils, proofreading, running off the copies, collating the pages, stapling them together, delivering them to the store and obtaining supplies for future issues. We certainly appreciate the voluntary efforts put forth by the people at Headlands, the store, the council correspondent and the subscription manager.

Each issue of the Beacon continues to be eagerly anticipated by its readers both on and off the Island, and the paper owes its success not only to those who produce it, but also to the many faithful contributors of articles of local interest.

It is our hope that the Beacon continues to flourish for a good many more years to come.

More

- Ian

To Jack and Madyln's comments, I will add that

without the contributions of our various correspondents there would not be a Beacon.

Also, without the 5 years of work by Jack and Madyln the Beacon could not have survived. They managed with a typewriter (requiring perfect typing to produce stencils) and a hand-cranked gestetner. Topsy Farms' computer and donated electric gestetner make the job somewhat easier.

News From The Beacon- Dec 1, 1978

- The Amherst Islander had just returned after being away for 6 weeks. In its place we had the Wolfe Islander which due to heavy traffic ran behind schedule much of the time. (Ah! Remember the good old days!)

- A bread making course was given by Phyllis Strain and Marjory Aitken in the new kitchen at the school.

- I.S.L.E. had been formed and it was tackling its first large project - a creative playground at the school.

- The Council for 1979/80 had been elected the previous month and was composed of Reeve James Neilson (by acclamation) and Councillors John Hall, Jack Kerr, Jean Tugwell and David Vrooman.

- On Nov. 30th a test vehicle made it once around the UTDC test track for the first time.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Jeanne Baker, on Wed. Nov. 16th at 8 p.m.

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The Roll Call was to name a women in politics. Final arrangements were discussed for the Sr. Citizens Christmas Party to be held on Fri. Dec. 2nd. \$50.00 was voted on for the Christmas Basket Fund of the Salvation Army. The Blind Canvass totalled \$738.

Phyllis Strain, Assistant Leader for the 4-H Club, gave a report concerning the project that has just been completed "Much Ado About Meat". The next 4-H project 'was also discussed.

The Poster Contest for Recycling Effort at the school was judged earlier in the month by Lorna Barbro and Eleanor Trueman. The results were as follows:

Primary Room - (1) Wendy Fleming, (2) Jill Caughey, (3) Tyler Hutchings;

Jr. Room - (1) Ruth Scott, (2) Crystal Bedford, (3) Kristie Grange;

Sr. Room - (1) Jesse Yull, (2) Chad Miller, (3) Sarah Scott;

A request has been made by Shawn Welbanks for old newspapers, tied in bundles, to be dropped off at

Glenn's Store.

The President, Diane Gavlas, gave an interesting report on the Area Convention, that she and Marion Glenn attended in October.

Jeanne Baker, introduced her sister-in-law Jean Sills, Ontario Board Member, as guest speaker for the evening. She reported the work and duties of the Board and the relationship between the Board and Branches.

The Christmas Meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Anna Hitchins on Wed. Dec. 21st at 8 p.m. when we have exchange of Christmas gifts as our Roll Call.

New Residents

- Caroline Yull

Having volunteered to write some brief "introductions" of new Island residents for the Beacon, I found myself approaching the home of Philip Gellesse and Janine Earl, and their 17-month daughter Sasha with some trepidation. What to ask? How to go about it? The joys of amateurism! What transpired was in fact the time-honored Island tradition - a good old-fashioned visit, with tea, cookies, a baby getting giddy in front of a strange person, and the dog begging for attention. So with some relief, here is my introduction.

Philip and Janine moved to the red insulbrick house (most recently occupied by Jeanne McCormick) at the beginning of October, after hoping for most of a year to find a house here. As a child, Janine was brought to the Island in the summers to swim at the sand beach on the 3rd concession, and she carries very fond memories of those summer days here. Having been away from the Kingston area for about 10 years, she returned as an adult and immediately undertook to become re-acquainted with Amherst Island. After she introduced Philip to the place, they began in earnest their search for a home here.

They bring to the Island a variety of skills. Philip, although he has a BA in English from York, and did some work towards his Masters at Queen's, is an accomplished builder and restorer of boats, particularly rowing skiffs. You've probably seen several of the lapstrake double-enders stacked beside their house by times. Raised in a home with a father who had a hobby of cabinet-making, and a brother with an abiding interest in boats, it was a natural that Philip should put the two interests together in a career that he says 'just evolved'. Obviously a man for details, even down to the most authentic nails for a restoration, he describes much of his production as "a degree of craftsmanship that's almost un-affordable for most people".

Due motivation for relocating to the Island, where he is organizing his shop in the former ice-cream parlor,

was to eliminate the high overhead of his shop in the old Woolen Mill, and thus reduce costs. At the beginning of February, after completing a commitment in town, Philip expects to be working full-time in his workshop on the Island (and not missing the commute one bit!). We may even look for a future book from Philip on the rich history of wooden boat construction on Ontario - apparently Ontario collected a unique blend of the world's boatbuilders in the past, creating "some of the finest wooden boats in the world, built right here in Ontario and not just in Maine or Nova Scotia".

Janine, besides looking after the adorable Sasha, goes to Queen's part-time, studying philosophy and history towards her BA in Humanities. In January, she moves on to St. Lawrence, where she'll attend the Child and Youth Worker program. Ultimately, this will lead to work with emotionally-disturbed teens.

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Janine has a fascinating past as a professional vocalist, doing everything from musicals & hard rock bands to singing in churches. Writing some of her own material, Janine also did some recording. She hopes to pick the singing up "off the back burner" at some point in the future, perhaps after her child(ren) are older.

Sasha was too busy to sit still and be interviewed, but did manage to let on she goes to the infant section of Queen's Daycare 3 days a week, and loves it there.

Philip and Janine have great plans for their new home - expect to see renovations progressing next summer. They express great pleasure in the peacefulness and good values they see in the Island community. The good-natured relaxed approach is a great relief from the city, where they feel people don't have to get along and so they don't always bother to.

So next time you see "those new people" in the village, stop and say hello - you're bound to find interesting things to talk about.

Please Note: I plan to do a profile on any new residents I can persuade to agree to the interview, so if you have new neighbors, give me a call at 384-4071 - I may not have "heard it through the grapevine!"

House Calls

- Dr. Alex Scott

The sore throat is one of the commonest symptoms that we all experience at some time or other. Almost all sore throats will clear up without any treatment, but a very few can be dangerous indeed. How then can you tell when to seek medical attention, and what should you expect when you do?

Running to the doctor at the first sign of every sore

throat will probably win you a permanent seat in the waiting room, and more importantly expose you to needless treatment, sometimes with serious side effects. Unfortunately this is one of those areas in which medications are grossly over-prescribed and abused. While physicians bear the ultimate responsibility for this, it is only fair to point out that they are not alone. Patient pressure to have “something” done is at least as much to blame. This usually comes in the form of statements such as “penicillin always cures my sore throat”, to the actual loss of patients from a practice because the physician will not comply with the wishes of the patient.

Well over 90% of sore throats are viral in origin and do not require, nor will they respond to, antibiotics such as penicillin. By far the commonest causes of this type of sore throat are upper respiratory infections such as the common cold. These usually begin with a scratchy or irritated feeling at the back of the throat or nose, and frequently are accompanied by other symptoms such as sneezing, runny nose etc. It is usually slow in developing, is usually not severe, and while there may be a slight fever, it is usually not high, and there is little in the way of headache or feeling distinctly ill. The sore throat which accompanies the common cold does not require specific treatment.

Most of the remaining few percent are bacterial in origin, and by far and away the most common, and most important of these, is one called the streptococcus, the cause of “strept throat”. Like every other type of sore throat, strept throat, will tend to disappear in 4 - 7 days. Its importance lies in the fact that on rare occasions it can cause very serious complications such as kidney disease leading eventually to kidney failure, and rheumatic fever producing heart damage.

Unlike the sore throat of the common cold, strept throat has a rapid onset, is usually, but not always, accompanied by a high fever (102-104 F), and is usually accompanied by other generalized symptoms such as headache, and a distinct feeling of being unwell. Also the soreness can be intense and make it difficult to swallow.

While not every sore throat that is painful or accompanied by fever or distinct illness is strept or needs treating, these are the ones that need to be looked at, as well as those which are accompanied by other symptoms such as severe cough or earache. Also be suspicious of any sore throat that recurs a few days after clearing up.

Strept throat cannot be diagnosed merely by looking at it. It requires a lab test such as a throat swab to identify the bacteria. A throat swab should always be done prior to treatment with an antibiotic such as penicillin.

The goal in treating a sore throat with antibiotics is not to make the soreness go away as this will happen regardless in about the same

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period of time, but rather it is to prevent the complications of streptococcal infections which are far more severe and important than the sore throat itself.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Things have been pretty quiet on the Island lately, at least as far as birds go. The Snowy Owls have returned in what appears to be average numbers. One seems to have taken up residence near the school, and there are several more on the Kingston Field Naturalist property at the foot. Others are scattered here and there elsewhere on the Island. The Rough-legged Hawks have also returned but they do not seem to be present in the large numbers that they sometimes are. You can recognize this species from its large size, black belly, and wrist patches or black marks about halfway along the leading edge of the underside of the wing. They are frequently seen hovering over the fields in the winter.

Several Saw-whet owls are showing signs of staying for the winter, but so far none of the rare but much sought after Boreal Owls. As far as I know the only one reported so far this year in southern Ontario is one that was netted and banded at Prince Edward Point in November. So far then, there is no sign of any big movement of owls down from the North this year.

Our feeder has been fairly active. We still have visits from our female Red-bellied Woodpecker every day, and every day the population of our Mourning Doves increases. It now stands at around 50, somewhat short of the 100 we had last year by Spring. There are about 10 Blue Jays, and while we have heard a Cardinal up in the woods, so far none has appeared at the feed, at least while we've been watching.

Anything interesting at your feeder? Let us know. We're always glad to hear from you.

Hint Of The Month-

Mix bacon fat, peanut butter, bird seed or oatmeal or Red River Cereal together and spread in the crevices of bark on a tree trunk. I've tried melted suet but it just doesn't work as well as the bacon fat to give the consistency of peanut butter, and yet when it cools outside on the tree it glues your treat to the bark. Birds love it!

Letter To The Beacon

- Denise Kenny Hehn

I trust that most, if not all, of the Island's public school supporters are aware that I was acclaimed as your trustee to the County Board of Education in the recent municipal election.

As most of you know, this will be my second term and I look forward to it with anticipation. I have served on the Board's two negotiating committees and on the Education and Personnel committee, chairing the latter for two years. As well, I was the Board's representative on the County Mental Health Advisory Committee for one year and have served on various ad-hoc committees. It has been an interesting and challenging time and I'm quite sure will continue to be so. I thank you all for your continued confidence and support.

The Island is a vital, concerned and caring community and there is no better example of this than the interest you all show in your school. I have particularly enjoyed meeting and getting to know you at various functions there. The Beacon is a wonderful newsletter and I read it 'cover-to-cover' each month. It keeps me up-to-date with life across the channel and is also entertaining and informative. I particularly enjoy Bruce Caughey's profiles of Island residents who have passed away, and his various articles about other things of interest to him. Also of interest are the Council Notes and Comments and the Scott's Naturalists columns. Some day, when time permits. I would very much like to go "owl-watching" on the Island with my sister (from Toronto) who is a dyed-in-the-wool birder of many years.

In closing, I must congratulate your new Reeve and Council on their recent election and offer my best wishes for a successful and rewarding term for them and your community.

My warmest wishes to you all for a 'fun' and meaningful Christmas and a rewarding 1989.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

Whew!! What an election campaign? It will long be remembered as the most "mud slinging", "name calling" and most impossible pieces of promising, as well as the most costly of campaigns, as day after day end night after

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night our TV screens were filled with political aspirants, who were either in a "critical" or a "promising" frame of mind.

At the close of the polls on November 21st last, the

electorate had spoken and it is certainly an interesting scene that unfolded in this good old Loyalist Country where Conservatism had basked in decades of security. From Northumberland Easterly to Leeds and Grenville Progressive Conservatives had fallen to the onslaught of Liberal Candidates with one exception, the large constituency held by William VanKoughnett had been, but, in my humble opinion, would also have fallen had it not have been for the multiplicity of Candidates contesting the field.

So our beloved "Flora", as she was known by thousands also fell to the decision of the electors. When the constituency of Kingston and The Islands had been conceded to the newcomer Peter Milliken, who, I am sure spent a sleepless night wondering, really what had been put on his plate and where his future would lead. Now, having been sworn in as our representative in the Canadian Parliament, Milliken will slowly gain the experience so coherent with politics today. It is encouraging to note that he has declared that his representation will be of a non-partisan character.

According to the media, Miss Macdonald has closed her Constituency Office, packed her multiplicity of files and removed to Ottawa, where she has taken up residence to await her next political appointment, which undoubtedly is just around the corner, while we, her former constituents are left to muse on those sixteen years that she was our Federal Representative and to recall any hand-outs, to our tiny corner of her constituency, for which Flora may have been responsible.

One cannot help but remember, with pleasure, her dedicated devotion to the many social aspects of her political career. Rarely did she ever miss a Church supper, garden party, advanced years birthday or wedding anniversary where her friendly smile and her gracious manner endeared her to all. Through "Beacon Columns", it would seem that the ex-municipal Council expected Flora to do something to improve docking facilities for "an end-loading" ferry. Each time I have looked at the huge peninsula of massive stone that has been poured into Kingston harbour, at a cost of 3.3 million dollars of Federal funds to provide docking facilities for our wealthy citizenry to moor their posh craft - to be further enhanced by a further 340,000 dollars of Provincial funding, I am inclined to transpose this to the Eastern end of Amherst Island, where Ed Chadband ventured a proposal of a bridge to connect our Island to the mainland with the "Bar": to provide a causeway to the Lower Brothers, where an expensive study was initiated some four years ago with the purpose of improving our transportation to and from the adjoining mainland.

So we look forward to the next four years of

Political reign, we will very carefully be watching whether the Free-Trade agreement will see us become another State of the U.S.A. We will also be wondering if that incident of so many years ago when a young British officer by the name of Wolfe, craftily scaled the ramparts of Quebec and brought defeat to the French under Montcalm, will be further pushed into the background of memory as we witness the continued onrush of Bilingualism, metric measurement etc. as the result of so many of our Canadian Prime Ministers hailing from the Province of Quebec, where unilingualism has held sway and one is inclined to wonder if, after all, the War of 1812-14, might have gone differently, where we would stand today.

Minerva Anne (Mrs Hugh) Drumgoole:

Again, it is my sad duty to express the regrets of we Island residents in the passing of a life-long and much respected and loved wife and mother of our Island Community in the person of Minerva Drumgoole, in her eighty-eighth year.

Minerva, before her marriage to the late Hugh Drumgoole, was the second eldest daughter of the late John and Jane Flannigan and received her education in S.S. No.4, Emerald, following her marriage, in 1920, she and her husband purchased the farm on "Berry's Point", where they established the family farm, which they occupied the rest of their lives and where they raised their family. The happy couple's livelihood was through the milking herd, the raising of hogs and particularly the raising of large numbers of poultry where Minerva

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excelled and the large tonnages of Turkeys, Geese and Ducks of top quality which were marketed through the Napanee Poultry Fairs of each November or through the Swift Canadian Company and their local representative Fred S. Neilson, will long be examples of the conscientious dedication and long hours of work that Minerva spent in the care of her fowl.

Following their retirement from operation of their farm, she and her husband concentrated their efforts on a gardening operation and their production of strawberries, raspberries as well as vegetables of all kinds, was the envy of their neighbours and friends. This hobby was carried on by Minerva following her husband's sudden passing, until two years ago when she suffered a stroke, which resulted in her confinement to Kingston General Hospital, followed by her transfer to St. Mary's of the Lake hospital to undergo therapy and where she passed away on Sunday morning November

27th.

Minerva is survived by her family of four: Kathleen (Mrs Len Garrah), John and his wife Elva, Calvin and his wife Verna and daughter Nina (Mrs M. Morris) all of Kingston. Thirteen grand-children and thirteen great-grand-children also survive. Minerva is survived by her younger sister Violet Wemp of Amherstview and was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Ellen, (Mrs Harry Westwood) and Kattie.

Funeral services were conducted in the Gordon F. Tompkins Funeral Home, Kingston by Rev. Father Don Clement on Wednesday, November 30th at 11:00 a.m., followed by burial in the family plot in St. Bartholomew's Cemetery, Amherst Island. Pallbearers were: Noel Hart, Dennis McGinn, Charles Eves, Mitchell McGinn, Robert Wemp and Carl Wilson.

Sunday School

- Sally Bowen & Susie Caughey

The children will be carolling for many of our older Island residents who live in Stella on Friday, December 16, after school. Listen for us between about 3:30 and 4:30.

Sunday School is now ended until it begins again in March.

The entire community is invited to attend the Sunday School concert on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. The audience is urged to join the children singing the many carols throughout the play. There will be a basket at the door to collect canned or packaged food. Please try to remember to bring something to add to the children's collection of food for the Food Bank.

Food Bank

As we enter into the final month of 1988 we look back with gratitude to God for all the many blessings He has showered on the Food Bank. This of course includes the numerous shipments of food received as a result of the generous contributions of fresh vegetables donated by the residents of Amherst Island.

We are deeply touched by your generosity and want you to know that your contribution is a tremendous help in keeping up the supply of food to meet the demand. We also appreciate the ferry crew who so willingly transported the food for you and for us.

You are all included in our Christmas Novena of Masses which will be celebrated here at the Provincial House.

Our Christmas wish is that God may always bless you, love you, keep you and fill your New Year with lasting joys.

Sister Evelyn Leonard & Suzanne Flanagan

MS Know It All

Have you returned your Planning Steering Committee Survey? I just got mine in (with apologies for its lateness). It really got me thinking and what I came up with is too good for just John, Diane and Judy to see so I've decided to share it with you all. I've solved the Island's problems with the ferry, the school and permanent employment by implementing a two prong plan.

The first part of the plan is to take a long hard look at the roads. The result of which leads me to the following conclusion. With the exception of the paved sections, the roads are twisty, narrow, shoulderless, and without adequate sight lines: in short, not suited for cars. So let's ban all cars from the gravel roads and turn them into bicycle paths in summer and skidoo trails in winter. The advantages are substantial:

- For years no gravel would need to be crushed or spread, no grading done, no calcium would be needed, and road wear would be very slow. Wow!

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The savings would be tremendous, maybe enough to buy Stuart a good mountain bike.

- All sight lines would instantly become perfectly suitable for bicycles, and it would eliminate speeding on the Island as even the fastest cyclist couldn't exceed 80 kph for long and live to tell about it.

- The ferry could take hundreds of bikes and wouldn't be crowded for years.

- Also, we would have a unique tourist draw. 'Come see the Island that time forgot.' Jobs, jobs, jobs.

However, there is one minor problem, which could be solved by Council opening up all its access routes to the water. This would save the fire department from having to cycle all the way to the Stella dock to fill up their back-tanks.

Permanent jobs could be created by the second part of the plan which is to create a subdivision. Now, just hear me out before you say no. First you make the subdivision a trailer park and put it around the dump, and then you ban new residences elsewhere. You have to think about this for a minute before the advantages become obvious. We all know what a lightning rod trailer parks are for tornadoes. Just imagine it: once, maybe twice a year if we're lucky, the park would be hit with a raging storm, tossing trailers around, damaging others. Yes, now you've got the idea. - continual repairing, rebuilding and replacing. Having the trailer park around the dump would not detract too much from the dump's aesthetics. As a matter of fact,

Council could just extend the boundaries of the dump to take it all in.

Forget the school! Sell it to the Township for a dollar! Instead put the teachers on the bus and just drive up and down the paved Front Road. Or they could be bused to some educational outing on the mainland, like KPH to watch the teachers take their weekly therapy. This would give the pupils more educational outings and eliminate the long wasted hours riding the bus. The school could then be used to house (at a small profit) the people displaced from the trailer park, as the township office, a library, a bike repair shop, etc, etc. The possibilities are endless.

Oh, there's so much more and so little space. I've just time to hit some of the highlights. We wouldn't need boat ramps as any boat that can be towed behind a bike could be lifted out of the water by hand. With respect to park development, what Council needs to do is to plant some more bushes for when the beaches are too windy. The beaches themselves seem quite well used without any interference from Council. Oh, by the way, I won't be offering the sex education courses there this summer (that's SE101 Basic and SE102 Advanced). There's no need for any more police patrols as Provincial and Federal politicians hardly ever come to the Island and we all know that they commit most of the crimes of note.

I've run out of space but just let me say that if Council does not see fit to implement these reforms, I, Ms KIA, will throw my hat into the ring and run for Reeve. I even have my campaign song written: 'Ms KIA's RAP'

Ms KIA for Reeve,
'Cause she's got a peeve,
Council is doin' diddly-squat,
Let's get them off the pot!

Ms KIA - She's the one,
To keep Council under her thumb.
Council will vote so as not to get hurt,
'Cause she's the one who knows the dirt!

Ms KIA - She's not going to meddle,
But she's the one who's gonna make ya peddle.
With trailer park and uncrowded ferry,
All the Island will be merry!

County Council

- Ian Murray

The previous Council instigated extensive changes to the County's organizational structure: lines of responsibility for Council and Staff were rationalized and simplified. These changes came into effect on

December 1 and, if applied with good will by Council and Staff should greatly improve the County operations.

The new Council was given an orientation day on December 1 - not coincidentally the first day of the County re-organization. I was impressed with the openness of Staff and the competence with which the orientation process was handled.

The inaugural meeting was held December 14. It took almost 4 hours to select a new Warden and to choose the various Committees. About 2/3 of the Councillors were new and, I suspect that I was not the only one who had to vote without

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knowing anything about the people seeking this or that position. Each of the 21 Councillors serves on at least 2 Committees with the Warden being a member of each Committee.

The regular meeting took place after a lunch break and took about an hour. The quality of debate will hopefully improve as we newcomers gain experience and confidence.

There is very little room in the Council Chambers for citizens to observe the proceedings. The only "outsiders" present during the day were 2 reporters. This is certainly different from our own Council meetings which often have half a dozen observers. I think that I am going to like County Council: we are well paid; people are reasonably friendly; we have been promised that the Committee reports to Council will be understandable; and, the chairs are very comfortable.

Thank You Notes

The ladies of St. Alban's A.C.W. sincerely wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our turkey supper the success it was. A lot of people worked very hard at many different jobs. I won't even try to start naming names, but you all know to whom this is addressed.

Every bit of extra help makes it all easier and is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again.

The Sr. Citizen's Christmas Party was held on Fri. Dec. 2nd at the School sponsored by the Amherst Island Women's Institute. About 70 seniors attended and enjoyed the beef supper and also the musical entertainment that followed, provided by the Camden Valley Express.

A thank you to the 4-H members who helped serve,

as well as individual citizens who helped in any way. A thank-you to the Canadian Legion & Burleigh Orange Lodge for their generous donations and also to others who gave donations.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all!

Anna M. Hitchins

I would like to take opportunity to say Thank You to Amherst Island friends for the many cards, notes, telephone calls and visits during my recent illness. Your interest and concern were very much appreciated.

Georgie and I would also especially like to thank St. Paul's Session, the P.C.W., the A.C.W., Women's Institute, Branch 539 Royal Canadian Legion, and many others for gifts of fruit, cookies and other treats.

Norman J. Allison

I would like to thank you for your support and will work in your best interest.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Caroline Ackerman

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours who sent cards, flowers, the many phonic calls, and my daily visitors while I was in Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Special thanks to Dr. Alex Scott and Ted & Faye who responded to my call for help so quickly, also to the ferry crew for waiting for the ambulance. I appreciated it all very much.

Robert Tugwell

Notices & Announcements

Notice To Dog Owners

From The Township Of Amherst Island

Section 2 of By-law # 20-86, the Dog Control By-law, states

"No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to run at large in the Township of Amherst Island. A dog shall be considered to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of any person and not engaged in hunting coyotes, foxes or raccoons."

In response to recent complaints, Council is requesting all dog owners to keep their dogs under control.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Diane Pearce Clerk-treasurer

Apology-

The Beacon apologizes for any mental anguish, decline in self esteem, or loss of income caused by our mislabeling the article last month on 'Wood Heat Safety'. It was submitted by George Gavlas and not Leslie Gavlas.

While we are on the subject of apologies, we hereby issue a blanket apology to anyone for anything we have ever done wrong in the past, present or future. Thank you.

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Ferry Pates for 1989 (per By-law #25-88)

Ferry Pass	Individual	Student
Annual	\$200.00	\$63.00
April 1 - Dec 31	160.00	50.00
July 1 - Dec 31	107.00	34.00
Oct 1 - Dec 31	54.00	17.00

Individual Rates

Automobile & Driver... \$2.00
Passenger... .25
Car & Trailer... 4.00
Motorcycle & Driver... 1.25
Heavy Single-axle Truck... 3.75
Heavy Double-axle Truck... 4.00
Farm Tractor... 2.00
Farm Tractor & Implement... 4.00

60th Anniversary-

Ernest and Genevieve Fleming will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday Dec. 26th. Their family extends an invitation to relatives, friends and neighbours to join them at the Amherst Island Community Hall for Open House 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Best Wishes Only please.

Gymnastics are concluded on December 17. Parents are invited to attend this last session. Thanks to Julie and Kathi.

Birth Announcement-

Ralph and Bea Wemp are happy to announce the birth of a new grand-daughter, Heather Christine on Nov. 19 at Prince Edward Island. Happy parents are Andy and Maureen (Wemp) Tasker.

Birthday-

Evelyn Taylor, of 34 Water St., Napanee will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on December 18th with her family.
Doris Wemp

Beacon Notice-

We have limited the size of the Beacon to a maximum of 10 pages because more would increase the mailing costs by about \$2.00 per yearly subscription. We felt was too much for our 60 odd subscribers and we don't always get 10 pages worth of material. To get around this problem, now when we get too much material, we will not put For Sale / Wanted and Community Calendar in the subscription Beacons. This will mean that our subscribers will get more written copy which should be of interest to them. Your comments are welcome on this or any other change we might make to the Beacon.

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Fact Of The Month

- submitted by Irene Glenn
The time it takes litter to decompose:
Paper... 2-5 months
Orange peels... 6 months
Milk cartons... 5 years
Filter tip cigarette butts... 10-12 years
Plastic bags... 10-20 years
Leather shoes... 25-40 years
Nylon cloth... 30-40 years
Plastic containers... 50-80 years
Aluminum... 80-100 years
Plastic foam... never
Litter in the U.S. National Parks alone costs taxpayers \$15 million per year!

For Sale / Wanted

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit after school, early evenings and weekends.
Call 389-5385

Wanted

A guitar player for Anglican Church services.
Call Rev. Blaber at 352-5106

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.
Painting.
Reasonable. References.
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.
Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.
I am the Regal dealer for this area.
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store.

Lamb

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Interested in driving a School Bus on Amherst Island?

We are planning to give the up the job April 1st. Call
Chris (389- 0554) or Ian (389-3802)

2 Snow Tires G78 15 \$20 a pair. Call 389-5785

Found-

1 black leather glove found at school after masquerade.
Owner please call 389-4636.

Furniture- All items in good condition.

1 Small Maple-coloured China Cabinet at \$25
1 Baseboard Heater
1 Wringer Washer (wringer needs repair) at \$10
2 Single, wire spring cots at \$20 each

1 Padded cot mattress at \$3

1 Pullout sofa bed at \$25

1 Sofa, 1 Loveseat, 1 Chair, 1 Ottoman, 1 Coffee
table, 2

Step Endtables. All for \$500.

Call 389-1081 or 389-1872

Xmas Gifts-

Need a last minute gift? Remember that Glenn's store
has in stock sweatshirts, golf shirts & football shirts in
many sizes and colours. P.C.W. are also selling cups
and saucers and plates with a design of the church.

Gift Idea-

The Beacon subscription makes a great gift for someone
off the Island! Take advantage of this fantastic, supper-
dupper, incredible, unbelievable offer, available for an
extended time!! Now for the regular subscription price
get the regular number of issues delivered the regular
way!!! Wow!!!! I can hardly believe this many in life-
time offer!!!!

Church Calendar

Dec 18 St. Alban's An Ecumenical Carol Service 7:30
p.m.

Dec 24 St. Bartholemew's Carol Service 8 p.m.
St. Alban's 9 p.m.

Dec 25 St. Alban's 10 a.m.
St. Paul's 11 a.m.

St. Bartholemew's Mass 1 p.m.

Jan 1 St. Alban's 9 a.m.

Jan 24 St. Alban's Annual Meeting

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{The following was shown as a caption to the masthead lighthouse.)

Bark Beeker, beacon builder, blue boxes browsed
Beacon.

Council Report For Jan. 3, 1989
- Christopher Kennedy

The regular council meeting was held on January 3rd. Caroline Ackerman was away.

Two building permits were issued in December, to P. McCormick for renovations, and to Dave Willard for a barn. Ed Chadband also submitted his year-end report. Twenty-six building permits were issued in 1988. These included three new residences among the additions and renovations. The total estimated capital investment was almost \$400,000, up considerably from last year.

The Road Superintendent reported he had installed several culverts in December, and that the grader had been repaired after it was run into.

Hans deHaan's resignation as Fire Chief was accepted with regret. George Gavlas has taken the post and spoke about his plans to step up attendance for training fire fighters. Council enthusiastically supported his plans to upgrade the department so that it would be suitable for a mutual aid program, which means other fire departments come to our aid and we can go theirs. Some of the Fire Departments equipment, including one pumper truck, is almost museum vintage. George also discussed educating the public to reduce fires.

Steven Willard has been appointed chairman of the Roads Committee, so if you wish to comment on the roads, he is the person to contact. Llew MacArthur sent in a tender for the Dave Willard house demolition. This was referred to the Roads Committee because the area will become a parking lot.

The Reeve submitted a draft Emergency Plan. This is required by the province to deal with major

emergencies, a large fire, hurricane, serious bus accident or whatever else a morbid imagination can produce. A Municipal Control Group, consisting of the Reeve, the Clerk/Treasurer, Fire Chief, Road Superintendent, Senior Ferry Captain, will take charge, and can organize an appropriate response. For those interested, the full bylaw is available at the Township Office.

The Dump (sorry, Environmental Concerns) Committee has been active. The Ministry of the Environment is pushing the Township to update it, put a buffer cone around it and do hydrogeological testing (water quality testing of wells). The Township is co-operating with the Ministry to anticipate and deal with future problems.

Steven Willard is Chairman of the finance committee. He is investigating the possibility of the Township hiring students for summer projects.

A new committee, the Quo Vadis Committee was appointed. This is to consider long-term plans for the island. On the committee are Councillors Whitton and Sylvester, and Beth Forester, Irene Glenn, Laurene Kilpatrick and Keith Miller. They are to look at the planning questionnaires people filled in last fall and report back to Council. They will also receive and consider changes in the ferry rate structure.

The Reeve submitted plans for improving the efficiency of the Township Office. Council decided to buy Diane a modern phone with automatic redialler and number recall (and coffee pot built in) and an answering machine.

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The Township Office will be open to the public now only from 10 to 12 noon and from 1 to 3 pm, to give the Township Clerk some time to work uninterrupted. Council referred to the Finance Committee the possibility of opening the Township Office to the public one evening a week. The Reeve also suggested that a small computer would help with the office work.

The report on the structural condition of the Township Offices was referred to the Roads and Property Committee. Council barely had time to complete the agenda before the 11 p.m. deadline.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to three Island families who are certainly doing their part to populate our school: David and Fern Willard, Myles and Cheryl Hutchings, and

Eric and Janice McGinn. All are expecting by the end of this year - I believe that would make them the Class of 94.

Best wishes to those who have been in hospital this month - Caroline Yull, George Mygind, Edwin Hogeboom and Kerry Hogeboom.

Best wishes also to my poor brother John who had his wisdom teeth out this week. Unfortunately for John, modern medicine hasn't yet found an anaesthetic that will freeze his mouth, nor one that will put him to sleep. Tough guy, eh?

Thanks to the Horsemen for another great New Years party, and to Beth and Susie for the fantastic dinner.

I hope everyone isn't worn out yet, because the Legions Valentine Dance is a few weeks away. This is the only fund- raising event our legion has during the year - please come out and support it. Music by Anne Banks. Tickets \$18/couple, lunch available. Saturday, February 11 - doors open 7:30 - Dance 8:30 to 12:30. Tickets on sale now at Glenn's Store, or from any Legion member.

More (from Staff)

It was good to see our neighbour Francis Welbanks on television. We would, however, have appreciated seeing more of Francis and less of the interviewer.

The A.I.P.S. Christmas Concert was once again a success with the usual large turnout of Islanders to watch our youth perform. The enthusiasm of the students is a credit to Head Teacher Beth Forester and teachers Ted Henley and Connie McRae.

Congratulations to Ernest and Genevieve Fleming who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Boxing Day. A large number of their family, friends and neighbours turned up at the Community Centre to share their happiness.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hutchins

The Christmas meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Anna Hitchins on Wed. Dec. 21st at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was the exchanging of Christmas gifts. The President conducted the business section of the meeting. She then presented Genevieve Fleming, a life member, with red roses on the occasion of her 60th wedding anniversary.

The program pertained to Christmas with a game, contest, and singing of well-known Christmas carols. The lunch committee served a delicious lunch, which was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held on

Wed. Jan. 18th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Louise Seaman and Lorna Barbro, instead of at the home of Georgie Allison, as earlier planned.

Library News

- Karen Fleming

We have video cassettes at the library! We have instructional tapes and informational tapes and children's tapes. We also have some movies available on interloan from Napanee.

Large types changed last Monday, and rotation is this Monday. So come in and see what is new!

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

While lunching at the Bowen, Murray and Tubb household (What a mouthful typist) I had the chance to enjoy a tasteful and hearty soup prepared by Sally. With that introduction, I will let Sally fill you in on the details.

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Bay Borscht Soup

(The New York Times Natural Foods Cookbook)

Heat oil in a heavy pot and saute:

3 large onions, chopped

3 beets, peeled and grated

2 beets, peeled and cubed

1 carrot, chopped

2 potatoes, peeled and cubed

1 med. cabbage, shredded (my family prefers I eliminate the cabbage)

Stir occasionally and saute about 15 minutes. Add 2 quarts of meat or vegetable broth (juice from the last couple of nights meat adds zest) and simmer until the vegetables are crisp-tender. The recipe calls for 2 cups tomatoes, 1/2 tsp dill seeds, freshly ground, 2 bay leaves, crumbled, 1 tbsp soy flour, 3 tbsp brewers yeast, 1 tsp sea salt. Combine and add 10 min before serving. (I never have all the above and eliminating some doesn't seem to hurt it much. The yeast is a great vit. B source) Serve topped with lots of fresh yoghurt or sour cream. Note - beets harvested in the fall stay perfectly firm until spring if stored in dry sand in a cold place.

Our second recipe is provided by the newest Mrs. Caughey (Bonnie). According to the Amherst Island grapevine, Bonnie likes to cook and is very good at it. Al's Dressing

1 egg yolk

1 garlic clove, chopped or minced
1 tsp salt
1/2 - 1 tbsp horseradish (depending on how hot you like it)
2 tbsp vinegar
1 1/4 c. salad oil

Beat egg yolk; then add all other ingredients except oil. Very carefully and slowly drizzle oil into other mixture while beating with electric mixer. (This dressing is best when made a day or two in advance, refrigerated and then brought to room temperature before serving.) Dianne did this in her blender on lowest speed with great results.

Al's is a favourite steak house in Ottawa. Part of its popularity is attributed to its fabulous house dressing. There have been several attempts at copying the recipe, however no one has yet mastered an exact replica.

The above recipe appeared in an Ottawa paper and is supposedly the authentic Al's dressing. It's probably as close as you could find!

The salad itself is quite basic. It consists mostly of iceberg lettuce, bits of sliced red cabbage, a trace of green pepper and garnished with a slice or two of tomato.

Our 3rd and final recipe is dedicated to all our diligent TOPS. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) members. Low Calorie Apple Betty (84 cal per servings)

3 slices bread crumbs
1 1/2 teasp cinnamon
1 teasp grated lemon peel
1/4 teasp salt

Wash, quarter, core, pare and cut into thin slices 4 med. cooking apples (3 cups sliced). Spread 1/3 of crumb mixture evenly and lightly over the bottom of a 1 quart greased casserole. Cover with 1/2 the apples. Repeat. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Drizzle over top a mixture of:

1/4 c water
2 tbsp non caloric sweetening solution or 12 tablets

Bake at 375 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes or until apples are tender. Six servings.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

Thought we should keep you informed about our owl visitors. There is nothing new and exciting to report from the Owl Woods on Stuart Miller's farm but the two Saw-whets are still there settled in for the winter and one also regularly scares out a Long-eared upon entering the cedar clumps.

Last week we were pleased to see two Short-eared owls on the Marshall Forty-foot just about dusk. These

birds were common here last winter but seemed to have deserted us until now during this winter. Peter Trueman reports a resident Snowy around his place and he also spotted a Screech Owl recently. Coralie Marshall has a Great Horned Owl settling in on their corner. This is nesting time for the Great Horned Owls so you may hear them hooting a bit more frequently. The Snowys seem to be on territory at the following localities: Welbanks Farm south shore, Fleming's on the Third, K.F.N. property, school and Hitchins' on the Emerald

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Forty-foot, Feraday's on the Second and Baker's on the Third.

You people with feeders keep on reporting to us what you have, that's always welcome news. Randi Kennedy at the Head reports the regulars like Blue Jays, Sparrows, Mourning Doves but she also has a regular Mocking Bird. Earlier in the season she had Pine Siskins and Red Polls. I wish I'd seen them. Our regular Red-bellied Woodpecker, Jays, Doves, Sparrows, Chickadees and Starlings were joined on New Year's Day by a Cardinal and he stayed. How many have you got, Betty? Brian Pritchard on Howe Island reports Goldfinches and Purple Finches at his feeder. He finds they like Niger Seed. Have you tried them?

The Baker family gave me the neatest suet feeder for Christmas. Thank-you Kelly. I would like to pass along to you a recipe Marjory include for Suet Balls.

Treat of the Month - Suet Balls

3/4 cup of lard - chopped

1 1/3 cups bird seed

Warm lard until soft, mix in seed, set in fridge until it starts to firm then shape into balls. Makes 2. Store by wrapping in foil. Will keep at least a month.

The "New Year" at A.I.P.S.

Primary Room

Almost all of us have our skates at school, and have been learning, and improving our skating skills. Of course, many of us have grown -according to our January entry on our 'Class Growth Chart'! Some of us are losing teeth, but still have enough left to enjoy the hot lunches which have started once again. Bonnie Marshall lost a tooth - then lost it again in her hat - then lost it again on the playground! We hope the message reaches the tooth fairy, and no complications arise with financial rewards! Shawna Phillips has just lost her first tooth. However, we're pleased to report that it has had no effect on her writing skills, and she is creating

terrific stories in the new "Storybook" which all the Kindergartens now have! A recent study on "Superstitions" in our class, not only revealed that Friday the 13th may be a good day to stay in bed - but, if you happen to place your shoe on the table, you can expect company! As Scott Marshall's picture to illustrate this shows, they may roll in by car, airplane, helicopter, and boat!!

Junior Room

- Jessica Gavlas

Hot lunch is provided for the students of Amherst Island Public School. Every Wednesday hot lunch will be served, while it is cold outside. On Wednesday, January 11th, we had tacos, carrot sticks, chocolate milk and cake. We'll be having something different on the 18th, and don't forget Wednesday the 25th will be our Annual Ham Dinner at the school - get your tickets soon!

Intermediate Class

The school is truly enjoying the skating rink! The students have made use of the rink at recess and during phys. ed. classes.

The students and staff would like to thank everyone for their help in the up-keep of the rink.

Hopefully the weather will co-operate and we will have a skating rink throughout January and February and March???

E.T. Phone Home!

R.M. Return Home!!

Many freshly sharpened little pairs of skates are anxiously awaiting the return of "Rubber Matting" to its original location! Perhaps like E.T. it will find its way back by space ship or maybe just drop back in the dark of night! This long strip of rubber matting made a convenient walkway across the pavement from the skate-change room in the school, to the rink. The caretaker and staff at the school, each thought the other, had moved it. However, this was not the case! It was approximately the end of August when our Rubber Matting disappeared. If you can be of assistance in it's return home - we would appreciate it.

The skate-change room will be open, at various times, for the convenience of those wishing to use the facilities after school and on week-ends.

ISLE - Sally Bowen & Dianne Marshall

The playground structures at our school were built by a committee of parents and school staff more than 10 years ago. That first I.S.L.E. committee worked hard to design and build a good play space for the kids. Unfortunately, now it needs to be replaced. The wood is starting to rot and pieces are breaking. The I.S.L.E. committee has investigated other school playgrounds, grant sources and playground suppliers. The L. & A. School Board requires us to buy from a certified playground supplier for liability reasons. The unit must be primarily or entirely made of metal. These last much longer, but they are Expensive.

The Rec. Committee will liaise with us in planning, and grant applications and perhaps fund raising.

Please Help. I.S.L.E. is planning an auction on Sunday, May 21, at 2:30 p.m. A few items already donated include a silver plated tray, a diamond chip necklace, and stainless steel pots. Items of interest for men and women will be on the block. Could each household please donate one item to be auctioned? (Reminder - this is not a garage sale. We are seeking quality stuff!) Call any member of I.S.L.E. for pickup of your donation. (Sally Bowen, David Fleming, Beth Forester, Ted Hanley, Anne-Mar

welfare and related services, and Lenadco Home for the Aged. County administration and finances are, as one might expect, the responsibility of the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee.

The first 3 committees are composed of 7 Councillors and the Warden. The A&F Committee is made up of the Chair and Vice-chair of each of the other 3 committees plus the Warden and the Past Warden.

There is a well laid out procedure for the selection of the committee members. Every position is voted for - no matter how long it takes.

My first choice was the Physical Services Committee (because of my engineering background) but a lot of people wanted on and I didn't make it. I did get on the Community Services which was my second choice.

Other committees and boards on which County Councillors sit are: Gypsy Moth Management; Task Force on Land Use Planning; Museum Advisory; Family and Children's Services; Health Unit; Loyalist Parkway; County General Hospital; and, Seniors Outreach Services.

I am on the Family and Children's Services which was my second choice. It entails one extra meeting per month but I am concerned about family violence and how our society copes with it.

The first meeting of Community Services got quite interesting when the CAO (Chief Administration Officer), Larry Keech, frankly discussed the problems facing the County in the upcoming budget. The effect of a substantial raise to the Lenadco Staff plus the many salary increases due to the Pay Equity legislation plus the deteriorating condition of some county owned property could place great demands on the financial resources of the County and its various municipalities.

The budget process appears to proceed as follows: the CAO and his staff make proposals on each budget item to the relevant committee;

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each committee then makes its recommendations on each item within its area of responsibility; these recommendations then go to the A&F Committee which must make the necessary adjustments to make a well-balanced budget; and, finally, the A&F recommendations go to County Council for final deliberation and, eventually, a final decision is made.

I understand that under the previous system the committee that made the budget recommendations to Council could collectively out-vote the rest of Council. Now that this is no longer possible it should be interesting to be part of the first Council to actually

make the budget decision rather than accepting a decision in which many Councillors literally had no real say.

The first Family & Children's Services meeting that I attended was, too put it mildly, confusing. The other Directors tried to explain several items to the other 3 County Councillors and me but I am afraid that its going to take us a while to learn the basic facts and jargon. We Councillors are used to getting the relevant background material with our agendas at both the County and Township level and we are a bit lost when we get an agenda and nothing else.

I think that we were also somewhat surprised to learn that it is not irregular to have 2 sets of minutes prepared so that certain items of information may be kept hidden. In this case, staff employees are not supposed to know that one of the management employees is to receive an extra \$1500 this year as compensation for being on standby.

I have no problem with the idea of keeping certain client data confidential but I have no intention of concealing information for the sake of convenience. It seems to me that the County has representatives on this Board, and other boards and committees, to see that the public is well served. I don't think that the public is well served by secret minutes or by any other unnecessary secrecy. My belief is that the public is best served when as little as possible is kept from it by its representatives. I believe that this is true both for the smallest township as for the Federal Cabinet.

Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

The island aerobic group continues to work out Monday and Thursday evenings. Many of the ladies have experienced success of weight loss with continued exercise and a well-balanced healthy diet. The number one benefit is feeling better. Remember those Christmas pounds??

I am pleased to announce that Shelley Glenn will be assisting our present instructor Fern Willard who is beginning to find certain exercises a little more challenging these days. Shelley has been an aerobic participant for 8 years and enjoys it thoroughly.

Class times remain the same - Monday and Thursday evenings at the gym, 8 p.m.

Lake Ontario Water Levels - The Empty Pitcher

- Tom Sylvester

There are a number of shore well owners who are experiencing water problems this winter. The lake level always drops come winter. Some wells are running dry,

apparently for the first time. My curiosity prompted me to check with Environment Canada's Water Level Office. Their news was not particularly reassuring.

The lake level is about 10 centimetres below the historical average for this time of year. It may drop another "few inches" before we see a rise. Evidently the winter lows of the past ten years have been at or above historical average levels. The last time the lake was this low was 1968. So, other than luck, we have no reason to believe levels will always be higher than present. In fact in 1965 and 1934 the lows were 70 cm, below present!

Wily Writers Wrangle Whig Write-up

- Staff

We salute the Whig Standard for writing a long article about the Beacon in their Dec. 27th, 1988 issue. Their good taste in devoting over 40 column inches to help us celebrate our 10th anniversary Issue was appreciated. However, the most satisfying parts were the typos: '570 breeding mews', 'regular new letter' and 'Bowens'. Three mistakes in one article and that doesn't even count the misquotes, misinterpretations, etc. Yes, it just goes to show you that we can make mistakes like the big boys.

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(Sorry about the headline, folks. Its like a momentary madness muddling my mind. Oops!)

Mixed Nuts

- submitted by Chris Glenn

I hate the people who take the almonds, cashews
Who take the brazil nuts, the big nuts, the whole nuts
And leave me the broken and wee nuts.
The people in short, I truly abhor them,
Who do what I'd do, if I got there before them!
(in sympathy for Allan G.).
(taken from a seniors magazine)

The trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with your plans.

It is said that the world is run by those willing to sit until the end of meetings.

Ms Know-It-All

Having survived another season of eating, eating and

mare eating, I can now use the next 11 months to repair the damage to my body. But I don't know if I will ever be able to repair the psychological damage. I am going to try, starting right now!

Yes, even Ms KIA has problems. I admit it - I Am Not Perfect! I have an inferiority complex. I hope that by exposing myself before you, this public acknowledgment will free me from its grip.

This complex has been induced by a number of Island residents who have conspired over the years to make me feel inadequate. And who are these diabolical people? They are those that hold the title (all-be-it unofficial) of Cooks. There's no point in naming names, we all know who they are. They are the ones who invite you over for 'tea and cookies' and then wheel out a wagon with 12 kinds of cookies, 9 kinds of pastries and 8 kinds of assorted unidentifiable yummys; and then they get miffed if you don't sample them all. They are the ones who after you mention, over coffee, that, you haven't had a lemon meringue pie in ages, politely excuse themselves and leave - only to return after about 15 minutes, with a freshly made pie, chilled to perfection no less, How do they do it? How about the time I was invited over for a light supper, you know, the kind you would go to after caroling, and after what seemed like 10 courses I was ready to be rolled out to my car.

How can I be expected to have anything else but a severe inferiority complex? These people serve more good food in one meal that I can cook in a year! These people have talent, no doubt, but do they have to flaunt it!

Well, I'm planning a little surprise. Next year I'll have my own little party, invite all these cooks, and instead of feeling inferior about my cooking, I'm going to flaunt it. If you can keep a secret, I'll tell you the menu. Remember don't, pass this around, okay?

Hors d'oeuvres will be those shrimp that are made completely of non-naturally occurring ingredients.

Main Course will be three main meat dishes (hamburger helper with hamburger, hamburger helper with mashed potatoes, and hamburger helper noodles) complimented with two kinds of instant mashed potatoes and one kind of instant rice. For a vegetable, there will be canned peas. (Just a little hint, ladies. Canned peas look like canned peas so add a dash - -or is it squirt?- of green food colouring to bring the freshness back.)

Finally dessert will be a large collection of microwaved goodies freshly made in your neighbourhood grocery's freezer.

The beauty of this is that none of these items will ever have touched the pallets of my guests and they may just be fooled into thinking I've become a gourmet. I

feel better already. Isn't revenge healthy!

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Note to the Beacon with subscription renewal...
"Best wishes for the Beacon in 1989!
Sincerely, Hazel Reynolds."

Note from Les Gavlas:
We are pleased that subscriptions to the Beacon have
risen to about 80.

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{The following was a caption for the masthead lighthouse.}

Bev Bangles (Bart's belle) busses Bart Beeker (Bevs beau) because Bart, brilliant Beacon builder, blue boxed browsed Beacons

Council Report For Feb. 7, 1989

- C J Kennedy

Caroline Ackerman was still away, but the other Councillors managed to get through a very long agenda.

No building permits were issued in January, and Stuart Miller reported no major problems with the roads. George Gavlas, the Fire Chief, reported on his progress this month. The training program has started, and he and David Fleming have been investigating replacing some of the more antique equipment. A lot of repair and maintenance work has been done on the trucks.

Rick Bedford received approval in principle for severing a lot on the west side of his shore-side property. Doris Henderson applied for, and was granted, a minor concession on her severance conditions. All surveyors, and anyone asking for severances on the Island, will be informed of the requirement for land for road widening when the land is severed.

The Ferry Committee meeting minutes were approved. A meeting of all ferry crew members with the O.P.P. will be arranged to discuss passengers drinking on the ferry. The uniforms have arrived and the captains will make sure they are worn, and are neat and clean. Firemen working on the ferry will be released for fire emergencies

The Roads Committee recommended that Council apply to the Province for money to put 2" of hot mix asphalt on one mile of road in the village, and to the federal government for money to pave the dock. Council is also asking for extra money for shoreroad protection in Amherst Bay (just west of the Sand Beach), and for

money for a 1/2 ton truck for the road crew. Council called for tenders to demolish and remove the Dave Willard house. All local contractors will be asked to quote for repairs to the Municipal building.

The Environmental Concerns Committee is still trying to sort out a plan of action for the Dump that will keep the Ministry of the Environment happy and is practical and reasonable. The Reeve will approach A.R.D.A. (the community pasture) about a future possible dump site on their property.

The Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Fire Committee prepare a three year budget to bring the Department up to the Mutual Aid status. The Island Mutual and other insurance companies will be solicited for support. The new Township office hours will be published and introduced effective the third Thursday in February, (the 16th).

The Clerk will investigate what grants are available for the purchase of a computer and software for the Township office.

Council will have a combined Pay Equity and management study performed, cost not to exceed \$6,000.

The Cemetery Committee decided it was time to raise the price of graves, and this was done. Frank McMullen is being approached about a contract for cemetery maintenance. Steven Willard will look into grants for heritage conservation work in Pentland Cemetery.

Council is investigating whether the public school parking lot is suitable for an emergency helicopter pad. Council then adjourned only a few minutes late.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Henry Hitchins, recovering at home from surgery.

Thanks to the Amherst Island Legion, everyone enjoyed a great Valentine Dance with Anne Banks and Crossover. Look for this group again, May 27 at the Recreation Committee's Spring Dance.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Lorna Barbro and Louise Seaman on Wed. Jan. 18th at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was a slip from a plant from another

country.

The President conducted the business portion of the meeting. It was decided that the W.I. help with the Heart Canvass, involving the school children with their Skip-A-Thon. Receipts are only required to be given for \$10.00 donations or more, so if anyone giving less wishes a receipt, contact some of the W.I. members.

May 13th was decided on as the date for the annual Mothers Day Ham Dinner.

Peter Truemen was guest speaker, and gave an interesting talk about "journalism". Marian Glenn and Anna Hitchins attended the Friendship Club's Annual dinner in Kingston, representing the W.I.

February 15th meeting to be held at Marian Glenn's.

County Council

- Ian Murray

Each of the 4 Committees of Council have had long meetings wrestling with the 1989 budget.

This is a particularly difficult problem this year for the following combination of reasons:

- A) most of Council is new to the job;
- B) Ernestown Township, the largest contributor to the County assessment pot, lost a reassessment contest with Celenese Fibres - this not only significantly reduces the County assessment, but money has to be repaid to this company for past over-assessment;
- C) an effective 12.5% wage increase was awarded by the previous County Council to the Lenadco workers;
- D) this wage settlement has affected other County workers' pay expectation;
- E) the pay equity adjustments approved by the previous Council could see an increase in some budgets of 40% to 50% for the same level of service as last year; and,
- F) the previous Council depleted the reserve fund last year so that there are no funds left to help in this year's budget.

This is certainly a wonderful learning experience, but one I would gladly have missed.

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Our many thanks to Marian Glenn for our first 2 recipes. The first is from the 1989 Milk Calendar. Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to try it - yet. However, it sounds so good it won't take me long.

Chocolate Ripple Coffee Cake

- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbsp white vinegar
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

2 squares semi-sweet chocolate, melted, cooled

Stir together milk and vinegar; set aside.

Combine brown sugar, cinnamon and nuts; set aside.

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside.

Cream butter and granulated sugar until light. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Add flour mixture alternately with milk mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Spread half the batter in buttered 9" tube or ring pan; drizzle chocolate and half the brown sugar mixture over batter. Add remaining batter and spread over filling. Sprinkle remaining brown sugar mixture over top. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 35 min or until done. Drizzle with additional melted chocolate if desired.

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Marian's next recipe is for Sweet & Sour Meat Loaf. A new twist to an old favourite.

Sweet & Sour Meat Loaf

1st -Loaf

1 1/2 lb gr. beef

1 chopped onion

1 cup cracker-crumbs

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup tomato soup

1 beaten egg.

2nd -Sauce

Mix other half of can of soup and

1/2 cup water

2 tsp vinegar

2 tsp prepared mustard

2 tsp brown sugar.

Mix first ingredients all together, form it together in the centre of dish leaving 1" spare around outside. Pour sauce over meat. Bake for 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees F. Baste frequently.

Our third and final recipe has been specifically requested by Daryl Miller. Daryl received a crock pot for Christmas and has been putting it to good use. Here is one more recipe for you to try. Beef with Ravioli Dumplings (Better Homes & Gardens Crockery Cooker Cookbook)

3 tbsp all purpose flour

1 tsp salt
1 lb beef stew meat, cut in 3/4" pieces
2 tbsp cooking oil
1/4 chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 tsp dried oregano, crushed
1 10 oz pkg frozen peas
1 15 oz can beef ravioli in sauce
2 tbsp snipped parsley

Combine flour, salt & pepper. Add beef cubes and shake to coat. In skillet brown meat quickly in hot oil. Add onion, garlic & oregano; cook till onion is tender but not brown. Transfer to crockery cooker. Add 1 cup water. Cover; cook on low-heat setting for 8 to 10 hours. Turn cooker to high. Rinse peas under hot water and stir into beef mixture with ravioli and parsley. Cover and cook till heated through, about 30 minutes longer. 4 servings.

Field Naturalists

- Alex & Janet Scott

Believe it or not, the Spring migration has begun. The first small flocks of Horned Larks were noted by us on Friday, February 10. These small, sparrow-sized birds are quite common now along the sides of the roads on the Island. These birds are always the first returnees in the Spring, their average arrival date being given in this area as February 14. While there are always some which stay for the winter, the first returning flocks are a sure sign the Spring cannot be far behind. By the time you read the Beacon this month, another returnee, the Crow, should also have returned in numbers and will be creating quite a racket. Crows normally return here about February 20. The first ducks, Greater Scaup or Blue-bills, and Canvasback also return in numbers in February.

Before the Beacon is printed again, three more well known birds will have made their presence known. Both the Robin and Red-winged Blackbird are expected back about March 9. At least the males, the more brightly coloured of the species, come then; the females seem to have the good sense to wait another month. The Killdeer usually shows up several days later on about March 11. Look for any of these birds anytime after the first of March.

Feeder news: We still have our female Red-bellied Woodpecker who comes regularly to the feeder, and who has the uncanny knack of waiting until almost every visiting bird-watcher has left before making an appearance. We have now reached an all-time high Mourning Dove count for us of over 150. We still have one male Cardinal as well as the usual numbers of House Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, Starlings, Blue Jays,

and Downey Woodpeckers. I understand that the Mockingbird is still at the Kennedy's feeder, but we have no other reports.

Owls: The arrival of winter (finally), with cold weather and snow at the end of January caused a sudden increase in the owls at Stuart Miller's bush. The two Saw-whet Owls that had taken up residence earlier were joined by at least three more, and a Boreal Owl, that rare visitor from the far north made an appearance on February 1. It was still there as of February 14 so if you want to see what the fuss is about, please feel free to call and we can probably arrange a time to take you in. This marks the third winter in the past six that Boreal Owls have been found on the Island. There have been a total of at least seven and possibly eight of these owls during that period.

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This woods is possibly the best woods for seeing more owls with a minimum of effort than anywhere in North America if not the world. The reason for this is a combination of an abundance of food, along with good cover consisting of a limited number of trees in a small area. At the current time there are six different species of owls, as well as at least five species of hawks visible in and about this woods. As well there has been at least two other species of owls seen here in other years leaving only two possible species which we have not seen. The Owl Woods over the last few weekends has drawn people from London, England, Arizona, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario and also Amherst Island. On behalf of all those who have enjoyed this woods, we would like to thank Stuart Miller for making this area available to us.

A Tree

- Don Tubb

Some time last year an old oak died and fell over in our woodlot. This is something of an event because in the fourteen years I've been here, I think this was only the second oak to come down. So, when Ian and I were sectioning it, I decided to bring down a piece and see how old it was.

The tree was hollow at the base and the first solid section, except for the middle 1/2 inch, was 12 feet up the trunk. The section we brought down was about 20 inches in diameter. I sanded it smooth and treated it with about 5 applications of Tung/Teak oil to try and keep it from splitting.

I originally thought it might be a hundred years old which would have been satisfying enough to know that something could survive that long. Needless to say, I

was bowled over when I counted past a 100 rings about half way in on the section, and astounded when I had to get out our magnifying glass to count the rings in the last 2 inches. After counting and recounting several times, I finally got the same number twice which is 263 rings.

Two hundred and sixty-three rings means that this tree was at least 12 feet tall in 1725! And judging by the size of rings at the middle, the missing 1/2 inch represents another 20 to 25 years which would make it 12 feet tall in about 1700! And it could well have taken 25 years or more to grow to 12 feet which would mean it took root in 1675 or thereabouts!

Now I knew I had something special so I figured I'd better find out it's historical context. I dug out our history books and came up with the following:

- this tree was celebrating both it's ter-centenary and Nixon's fall from grace in 1975

- it was getting ready to celebrate it's bi-centennial when Stanley found Livingston at Lake Tanganyika (1871)

- it was 140 years old when Napoleon and Wellington fought it out at Waterloo (1813)

- it had just celebrated its first 100 years when the American Declaration of Independence was issued (1776).

- it was 'thirty-something' years old when Handel and Bach were composing great music; when Newton was at the peak of his powers; when Voltaire was writing; when Christopher Wren was building St. Paul's in London.

- and in 1674, only one year before this tree's birth date, LaSalle was granted Amherst Island as part of the first land grant west of the Montreal area.

So, to summarize, it is conceivable that this tree has "seen" every white person to set foot on Amherst Island. And, it is conceivable that it has "seen" every white man, except a very small handful, that ever went west of Amherst Island. Champlain came through this area in 1615, and several Jesuit missionaries passed west of here before 1675. In 1673, LaSalle was exploring west of here looking for a route to China but ended up at the mouth of the Mississippi and about the same time Frontenac founded Fort Frontenac at the mouth of the Cataraqui River. When LaSalle was granted rights to the area around Fort Frontenac it also included Wolfe and Amherst Islands. I don't think that there is any indication that he ever did anything on Amherst Island and may not have even set foot on it.

It's seen a few changes in its day, from virgin forest to nuclear fallout.

Amherst Island School

- Mrs. Forester and the Primary Class

The following songs were written to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. While reading, sing along (preferably out loud).

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Bonny Marshall (tune of "London Bridge")

Love and sharing is so good
Is so neat
Is so nice
Love and sharing is so nice
I love you - hoo - hoo.

Tyler Hutchings (tune of "Farmer in the Dell")

On Valentine's Day you send cards
On Valentine's Day you send cards
On Valentine's Day you send candies and cards
On Valentine's Day you send cards.

Jacob Murray (tune of "Farmer in the Dell")

Oh Valentine's Day is today
Oh Valentine's Day is today
Send a letter to my love
Oh Valentine's Day is today.

Wendy Fleming ("Farmer etc.")

Oh Valentine's Day is today
Oh Valentine's Day is today
Hearts and flowers, candy and cards
Oh Valentine's Day is today.

Scott Marshall (tune of "Jingle Bells")

Valentines, Valentines
Red, white, green and pink
Remember to send a valentine
Or they'll think you stink.

Jill Caughey ("Jingle Bells")

Valentine, Valentine
Won't you be mine too
Cards and letters by the ton
And maybe one for you.

A.I. Education Committee Report

- Sally Bowen

On January 30, the Education and Personnel Committee of the Lennox and Addington Board of Education met. The same evening there was special meeting of the L & A County Board of Education. At that meeting it was moved by Mrs Petzold, seconded by Mrs Kenny Hehn, our representative, that the Education and Personnel Committee Report, dated January 30,

1989 be received ...carried.

A further motion was made, then amended. It read "that the grade seven and eight students from Amherst Island Public School be sent to Bath Public School effective September, 1989, and that the Senior Administration and Principal meet with parents to discuss the rationale and address any concerns they may have as a result." The vote was 7 to 5 in favour (two Board members absent). Mrs. Kenny Hehn supported the motion. The five who objected (in other words, those who did not agree our 7s and 8s should be moved) were Mr. R. Babcock, Mr. K. Campbell, Mrs. E. Collins, Mr. J. Ivey and Mr. F. Savage.

It was further moved "that the staff complement for Amherst Island Public School be reduced from three to two staff." Mr. Ivey requested a recorded vote. It was eleven to one, with Mr. Ivey the only dissenter.

The next morning, Mrs. Kenny Hehn telephoned me to inform us of the decision. There had been no previous warning from either the Board or the administration that this move was intended. (The administration had requested 3 teachers for us in their submission, but we understand there was an attached memo from Dr. Haddon discussing our staffing.)

The same evening (Jan. 31st) the Director of Education, Mr. Boston, our Superintendent Mr. Thompson, our Principal, Mr. Dick Cherry, our Vice-principal, Mr. Rob Dunlop and our Head Teacher, Mrs. Beth Forester met with our committee. Our group was formed in 1983, elected by the community in response to the threat at that time of school closure. It was re-elected with some changes in 1987 when the suggested cut to 2.45 teachers was renegotiated to our present twinning situation with three teachers. The members of this elected Amherst Island Education Committee are: Bruce Caughey Jr., Chairman, Debby Miller, Jack Kerr, Judy Miller and Sally Bowen.

The minutes of that meeting written by Mr. Cherry are available at the store and the Township Office. The memo written by Mr. Boston summarizing our concerns and his responses was sent to Trustees and our committee. Copies are available from Bruce or Sally or at the above places. Basically we told the administration that we opposed the decision and why. They listened and tried to respond to some of our concerns. They advised us of the procedures open to us. We gave notice that we wished to submit a written brief, and to be present at the next Board meeting, February 13.

Our committee met to plan strategy. Bruce invited Mrs. Kenny Hehn to attend our next meeting but she was unable to attend, due to prior commitments, and agreed he should call

later to set an alternate date. The committee met and planned our brief which Jack wrote, combining our ideas, and delivered to the Board office in time to be mailed to trustees before the meeting. A copy is available from any committee member, at the store or the Township Office. Bruce again tried to arrange a meeting with Mrs. Kenny Hehn but was unable to do so. We met twice again to plan our approach. We phoned a few of the trustees.

On Monday, February 13 our five committee members attended the Board meeting. Bruce and Jack were named as speakers. After a cordial welcome by the Chairperson, Mrs. Karen Mifflin, they both spoke strongly, presenting our case. To our dismay, there were no questions. Then Mr. Eldon Peters, who used to represent our school, addressed the Board. Mr. Bruce Caughey Sr. had called him on our behalf and discussed the situation. Mr. Peters had been ill and so missed the special Board meeting Jan. 30th. He spoke eloquently about Amherst Island, mentioning strong community feeling, that our school entered the Board debt-free (the only one to do so), and that our situation was different. He suggested that there was perhaps not enough time spent exploring the questions and "in light of the concerns which have surfaced during the past week, I make a motion that this resolution be reconsidered by the Education and Personnel Committee." It was carried in an unrecorded vote, with Mrs. Kenny Hehn opposing.

So that's where we stand folks. We need to give Mr. Thompson notice by next Monday Feb. 20 if we wish to attend the committee meeting and/or provide a written brief. We will be talking with Mr. Boston and others in the next few days. Call any of us with comments or ideas. We'll be meeting again soon. Should we hold a community meeting? Let us know.

Skating Party

- Caroline Yull

Thanks to the Rec. Committee, and all the volunteers who helped put together the skating party on Sat. Feb. 4 and who have worked so hard icing and maintaining the rink: Peter McCormick (lights), Donnie and Donald Miller, Rick Welbanks, Jack Forester, Jack Kerr, Susan McGinn, members of the Fire Department, Connie MacRae, and Beth Forester.

About 50 people, young and almost young turned up for the party, on what must have been the most perfect night this year for an outdoor "do". The ice was pretty good, the new lights worked, the music played on, and a good time was had by all. Hot chocolate, coffee, and chips and drinks for the kids added just the right touch.

So, to all who worked on setting this event up - thank you very much! Hope to have another while the

ice lasts!

Discovering Napanee Hospital - Caroline Yull

When I moved here 5 years ago, one of the pieces of “accepted wisdom” among many of my new acquaintances was that the Napanee hospital was definitely not the place to go if you were sick or injured. Many not very complimentary words were spoken.

So, when my new doctor, Liz Touzel, referred me to a surgeon at that hospital, Dr. Anand, I went with a certain amount of reservations. What I found was a clean, well-organized, modern hospital, with a staff who were unfailingly kind, helpful and caring. Having surgery is never a pleasant situation, but the staff of that hospital did their utmost to make it as bearable as possible.

Having only ever been in hospital for babies’ births before this. I can’t pretend to be a judge of such things, but the experience has certainly reminded me to keep an open mind until I’ve seen for myself.

Many thanks, also, to those who sent cards and goodies to cheer me up and speed my recovery. It sure makes a difference to know you’re missed.

Income Tax Highlights - Leslie Gavlas

The much heralded income tax changes are upon us. The 1988 tax return has a new look and many of the rules are also changed. However, the guide accompanying your tax package is very good so be sure to read it when preparing your tax return.

A few highlights: the \$500 employment expense deduction and the \$1,000 interest and dividend deductions are gone.

Your taxable income will look much larger this year - the exemptions and some deductions

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are no longer deductible. Instead they have been renamed “amounts”. Your total “amounts”, calculated on Page 2, are multiplied by 17% (X 0.17) and are used as a non-refundable tax credit to reduce the tax payable on the larger taxable amount.

There are two tax tables this year. Table ‘A’ gives you the federal income tax. This tax is reduced by the non-refundable credits, and the corrected amount is then used with Table ‘B’ to calculate the surtax end Ontario tax.

H&R Block has three offices this year, 40 Princess St., Kingston Shopping Centre (in the Mall outside

Sears), and The Bay in the Cataraqui Town Centre. We would be happy to answer your tax questions. I can be reached at 549-8800 local 582 (Sears office) or at 384-2807 (home) and would be glad to help you.

Ms Know-It-All

Well, well, well. Struck a nerve did we with last month’s column about cooks? Let me state right now that I’m not afraid of your threats, and all I can say to ‘whoever signed their letter ‘Claw Your Eyes Out’, is - Just try it, sister, and we’ll see who ends up on top.

There were, however, two letters which I can comment on in a more civilized manner. Let me quote from the first in all its exquisite detail:

In regards to last month’s article, I am ashamed to say I know exactly who your finger is pointed at. I must admit I am one of those diabolical people self-acclaimed as a ‘Cook’.

I realize that during your last visit a perfect plate of pyramid profiteroles was flaunted under your nose. Before that I loved to tempt you with warm, flavourful muffins and peach pies hot from the oven. But no more, it’s time you learned the truth.

While I have been feeding your inferiority complex, I have been feeding my family Draft dinner, wieners and Jello for supper.

Now you know Ms Know It All.

‘Ashamed in Stella’

Ha! They can only pull the wool over my eyes so long before the whole distasteful truth comes out. Terrible isn’t it how anyone can lead such twisted life.

The second letter really raises my dandruff but before I comment, the letter:

If you think for one moment that you can fool a Cook with your instant synthetic gourmet meal, you are sadly mistaken. I once asked a Cook of my acquaintance how she managed it, since she never used scales, a measuring cup, or ea clock, and seldom a recipe book, despite several yards of them on the bookshelves, and she said she imagined what se wanted the dish to taste like and then added ingredients together in her head to make it right. You and I, dear Ms KIA, can no more do that than we could compose a Beethoven symphony. Please, loosen off our belt buckles a notch or two, offer up earnest and heartfelt thanks, and eat.

‘He-who-washes-the-dishes’

First, I’m not going to go over old ground except to say that it isn’t the quality of the food, it’s the quantity, the incredible diversity, the total irresistibility of it all. Which brings me to my second point: this letter writer probably has a paunch to his knees which, although disgusting, is acceptable for most men (not mine

though). Whereas I am a delicate little flower of a thing (if I do say so myself) and I have to get into a two-piece bathing suit in a couple of months and there is nowhere to hide in one of those. Have you seen some of them - I mean they're so small that you have to file an environmental impact statement just to buy one! Well, enough's enough.. so TTFN (Ta Ta For Now).

From Our Subscribers

We enjoy the Amherst Island Beacon and look forward for it.

Good health to you and the Beacon. A. Bruce Caughey is always worth reading.

Also say hi to Francis, Nessie, and Howard Welbanks. I miss the fish, we have no ice in this area.

Hope to see you all this year.

Yours Truly

Wm Dietrich

Wallacetown, Ont.

I just received my last issue of the "Beacon" and see it has expired.

Yes I want to receive it as the Island and the people are very dear to me, and I want to keep in touch. You do a good job editing it. Enclosed is \$9 Canadian, if its \$9 American just tell Susan Caughey and I'll pay more when I come to the Island in the near future.

Thank you!

Mrs. Helen Marker (Susan's Mom)

Wakarusa, Indiana

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More Subscriber News

- Staff

As our subscribers will surely notice, we have computerized the mailing labels. This should save Leslie a lot of time writing out all those addresses. By the way we now have 90 subscribers from 12 states or provinces in 4 countries.

Notices & Announcements

Community Sunday School

- Susie Caughey

Everyone interested in helping with the Community Sunday School is asked to gather on Thursday, March 2, 8:00 p.m. at the school to organize for the resuming of classes after the winter break. It is our goal to have 2 teachers per class - so that co-teaching and shared responsibilities spread the work load out. Won't you

join us? The children & fellowship are both fun and rewarding. Should you have any questions - or perhaps would like to help out but cannot attend the meeting - please phone Susie at 389-2012.

Notice Of Annual Meeting

- W. Bruce Caughey, Secretary-Manager 389-2012

The Annual Meeting of the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held in the Amherst Island School on Monday, Feb. 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Township Of Amherst Island Public Notice

Beginning February 16th, 1989, on a trial basis, the Municipal Office will be open to the public Monday to Friday from 10:00 am. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Township Of Amherst Island Notice To Homeowners

If your family income does not exceed \$21,000 per year, you may be eligible for a low interest loan for essential repairs to your house. In some cases, part of the loan is forgivable.

If you are interested, call the Municipal Office (389-3393) and ask about an OHRP loan.

Township Of Amherst Island Invitation To Quote

Building contractors are invited to submit quotes for the following repairs to the Municipal Building:

A) Resupport entire floor with three beams, posts and bearing pads; repair or replace floor joists as necessary; remove old posts; provide additional support under library.

B) Crawlspace: lay a ground sheet to act as a vapour barrier; increase ventilation; install closeable vents; and rebuild crawlspace door.

Please submit quotes by April 1. Work must be completed by May 15, 1989.

For more information, please contact the Municipal Office (389-3393).

Township Of Amherst Island Call For Tenders

Council is calling for tenders for the removal of the Dave Willard house, Part Lot 38, Concession 1, to be received by 4:00 p.m., February 24, 1989.

A certified cheque in the amount of \$300.00 must accompany the tender. This money will be returned upon satisfactory completion of the job.

The site must be leveled to the foundation and left clean of debris by April 13, 1989.

Please send or deliver tenders to the Municipal Office, Stella, Ontario. K0H 2S0.

ISLE

- Sally Bowen

A special meeting of ISLE was held last month with Glen Carson, Manager of Plant and Maintenance, L & A Board of Education. Dick Cherry and Rob Dunlop were also welcomed. Three competing bids including proposed playground blueprints were studied, and the proposal from Henderson accepted. Mr. Carson was very helpful offering useful ideas and significant practical help, especially for the site preparation.

Jim Whitton took the proposal to the Recreation Committee which generously agreed to aid our fund-raising efforts. We will be applying for a Wintario "New Facilities" grant. In addition we will need to raise about \$4000 total. Please contact any ISLE members if you

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have items to offer for our auction on Sunday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m And read on...

ISLE School Playground Fund

- Lynann Clapham

All that loose change weighing you down? -wearing holes in your pockets? - gathering dust in a penny jar at home? Why not give it to a great cause - the ISLE school playground fund! ISLE is placing a "coin jar" in Glenn's Store as one way of raising the Island's target goal of about \$4,000 for a new playground. It doesn't take much - only 25 cents from every Island household per week and we will have raised about \$800 by June! Also - if you want to donate coin or penny jars we'd love them (you supply 'em, we roll 'em). Just give Lynann Clapham a call on 384-5027 and she'll send around a Brinks Truck to pick them up. Already penny jars from only 2 households have yielded over \$30 for the cause!

Remember... Every coin you give is matched by the province!! So keep tossing those coins (or bills) into the jar at Glenn's Store!

Thank You

To Stuart and the road crew for their dependable hard work. It was drifting badly after the Board meeting last Mon. night, and we were all tired. I was dreading

the drive home, but made it with little problem, thanks to you guys.

Sally Bowen

Lost And Found

- Dianne Marshall

Do you have a favourite plate, dish, bowl, etc. you took somewhere, lent or left behind. Many of us have misplaced various articles with no idea where they may have gone. Some of us even have dishes etc. and have no memory of where they have come from. Perhaps this may be a chance to put the two together. If you are looking for something or have something and are looking for the owner, please drop a note in the Beacon envelope in the store. Describe as clearly as possible, the article and any other pertinent info. Hopefully next month may bring many happy reunions.

A.C.W. Beef Dinner

The A.C.W. is holding a Beef Dinner on March 11th at A.I. Public School starting at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 years and under, and \$3.00 for pre-schoolers. There are Advanced Tickets only which are available from Barb Reid & Elsie Willard.

For Sale / Wanted

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit after school, early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-3385

Wanted

A guitar player for Anglican Church services.

Call Rev. Blaber at 352-5106

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569.

Housework

Need help with housework?

Call Dianne Marshall at 389-4070.

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store

Interested in driving a School Bus on Amherst Island?

Perhaps a part-time arrangement could be made.

Call Chris at 369-0554 or Ian at 369-3802.

Cisterns filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Waterbed (Super Single) including heater, mattress, 2 sets sheets, 1 comforter. Excellent condition. \$200. Call Anne Cox at 386-3276.

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Bev Bangles bussed by Bark Becker because Bev
beautifully bundled Bart's blue boxed browsed
Beacons, boats bundled Beacons before big blow.

Council Report For March 7
- C J Kennedy

Caroline Ackerman is back from her travels, so all
Councillors were present. The minutes of the previous
Council and committee meetings were approved.

At a special meeting on February 28th, Council
considered the Lennox and Addington School Board
plan to ship our grade 7 and 8 kids to Bath. Council
expressed its disapproval of the move, and voted money
to rent buses to take objectors to the relevant meetings.

Stuart Miller is going on a four day hazardous
materials handling course.

Council discussed how to turn the west side of the
road from the ferry to the stop sign into a fire route, so
that the fire trucks can always reach the water to fill up.
Jim Whitton is to approach the local fire insurance
companies to see if they can help out with the cost of a
replacement pumper truck for the fire brigade.

No interest, has been shown by contractors in
repairing the municipal building, so the builders on the
Island will be approached, we hope before Council
members fall through the floor.

Negotiations are continuing with ARDA for a
possible future dump site.

Diane Pearce has been looking for computer
equipment for the Township Office. Her first figures
showed that the hardware was quite expensive, but the
software costs much more. She will continue to look.

The Ferry crew has met with the OPP to discuss
passengers drinking alcohol on the ferry.

The Amherst Island Volunteer Fireman's
Association gained the contract to demolish the Dave
Willard house for the Township. The Fire committee

submitted a preliminary budget for this year. A triple
combination pumper fire truck will cost about \$40,000
if it is in good shape, \$12,000 will supply
communications equipment and breathing apparatus,
and \$13,000 was requested as the operating budget.
These requests were passed on to the Finance committee
for scrutiny.

The Environmental Concerns Committee meeting
minutes were discussed. Plans are progressing to move
the inert material in the dump from the north to the
south side, so the north side, which is the licensed area
can be used as the dump. Vaughan McMullen has been
confirmed as attendant and a routine inspection
schedule is being worked out. The Committee seems
confident that it can meet the Ministry of Environment
requirements. Tricil proposed to collect the garbage on
the island for \$3485 per month, but the offer was turned
down.

The Recreation Committee has discussed ways of
helping ISLE raise money for the new school
playground. An auction of donated items is planned for
Sunday, May 21st. Arrangements were made for the
Spring Dance, which will be held on May 27th.

The Township needs a new lawyer. Ian Murray and
Peter Radley, who has been the Township lawyer for
several years, were having a discussion on the telephone
during which Mr Radley asked if its Reeve and Council
had lost confidence in him. The Reeve said they had, Mr
Radley offered his resignation and the Reeve accepted
it. Jim Whitton and Steven Willard said they thought
that Ian should have

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consulted with Council before taking this action. Jim
had talked with Mr. Radley after this, and Mr Radley
said he would not reconsider his decision. The Reeve
acknowledged that he had acted hastily in the heat of the
conversation. Possible names for a new Township
lawyer were discussed.

Caroline Ackerman and Ian Murray are to be on the
Council Committee for the upcoming ferry union
negotiations.

The Township is planning to hire some extra
summer office and roads crew help for the summer
under a government scheme. The jobs available, and the
supervision of the workers, were discussed.

The Quo Vadis (long term planning for the island)
Committee met, and John Nixon has been invited to
join. They will meet regularly on the last Wednesday of
each month. The Captains have been asked to record in
the log each time the ferry is fully loaded.

The Back Beach Committee will approach Mr. Carty, a Kingston lawyer, to see if he will help with negotiations.

Finally, Council decided to cover the cost of Marine Emergency Disaster course for ferry crew members, and adjourned just before 11 p.m.

Misc. Ferry Business

- Ian Murray. Reeve

A) Drinking

On Monday, March 6, OPP Staff Sgt. Bert Kea met with all 4 ferry crews, part-time ferry workers, Reeve Murray, Councillors Ackerman and Willard, and Clerk Pearce. The ferry was tied up for an hour while Sgt. Kea discussed with the crew their responsibilities regarding the open consumption of alcoholic beverages on the ferry. He also dealt with the problem of impaired drivers.

It is the mate's duty to bring to the captains attention any problems regarding either the open consumption of alcohol or the possible impairment of a driver. It is the Captain's duty to decide what is the most appropriate course of action. Sgt. Kea emphasised that the captains and mates are expected to use common sense and discretion. Reeve Murray stated that he will support a captains decision in this (or any other) matter. He also expressed the hope that Council would support this position.

The crew members are understandably reluctant to interfere in the lives of their friends and neighbours but it is clearly their duty to act if they see someone on the ferry openly drinking alcohol or in control of a vehicle, while possibly impaired. I hope that the travelling public will co-operate and obey the law.

During this meeting, I was asked, as Reeve, how I would react to complaints made to me regarding action (or lack of action) by a crew member. I replied that I would first ask if the complaint had been made to the captain on duty. If not, I said that I would suggest to the complainant that I would do nothing unless the captain had been spoken to. If a complaint had been made to the captain and the reply was considered unsatisfactory then, and only then, would I discuss the situation with the captain.

B) Ambulance

When an ambulance is summoned by someone on the Island, the ambulance dispatcher notifies the ferry through the Cardinal Coast Guard Station. The captains have been requested to notify Cardinal if there is any interruption to ferry service that could affect an ambulance getting to the Island as soon as possible.

C) Dump Truck

I have received several queries as to why the dump

truck is on the ferry when there are cars across the deck. This is the response of one of the captains: there is always room behind the truck and very often all it takes to free the ferry from the ice is for the truck to be backed up 10 feet or so which will raise the bow. Another captain stated that it is better to have the truck on and not need it than to not have the truck on and need it.

C) Loading

The Ferry Committee has decided that the last car in the first line at the Millhaven Dock will be loaded before the first car in the second line no matter When it arrived.

Well Wishes

- Thomas Sylvester

We are having to be economical in our own water consumption this winter because of the current lake level. I am aware there are a number of households and farms having similar

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problems. I have been prompted by one resident to bring the concern to Council. If you are having water problems caused by the lake level, I would appreciate hearing about them. Council could conceivably voice our problem to the appropriate authorities.

I reported earlier this winter that current, or lower, lake levels are to be expected frequently. The fact is that the January 1989 low was only 10 cm below the historical average. The last twenty years the lake winter low has not dropped to its historical average. We have all been complacent thinking our wells were deep enough. Clearly we water users need to deepen our wells. I am open to suggestions on how. If specialized equipment is involved, it would be appropriate to coordinate all the interested wells.

In the meantime we can romance about the unique Canadian existence of hewing water and bearing wood.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Marian Glenn, on Feb. 15th, at 8 p.m.

In absence of the Pres., the 1st Vice-Pres., Phyllis Strain, conducted the meeting. The Roll Call was an old saying from yesteryear.

A committee was formed to plan for the Mother's Day Ham Dinner and a wedding reception, both to be held in May.

A donation of money was given to the 4-H Club.

Genevieve Fleming, Tweedsmuir Curator, conducted the program by reading some interesting items concerning the Island from years ago. She also had two contests.

Annual reports are to be ready for the Program Co-ordinator, Lorna Barbro, by the end of March.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Irene Glenn, on Wed. March 15th at 7 p.m. starting with a Pot Luck Supper.

County Council

- Ian Murray

At the February meeting, County Council adopted a procedure whereby most of the published material coming into the County office would be listed with the agendas so that anyone who wished more information would be able to get it. This will save a lot of junk mail being sent out to County Councillors. Our Township Clerk adopted a similar procedure some time ago.

A by-law will be presented and probably adopted at the March meeting which will increase the Land Division Committee's fee to \$200 per application with a supplementary charge of \$200 for each additional lot created by the severance.

The budget process continued to cause considerable concern as both Council and Staff worked hard to pare the budget as much as possible. Some of us thought that perhaps too much was being eliminated and that the County might be faced with a large increase in next year's budget - without having the excuse of pay equity that could be used this year. It now appears that individual municipalities will have between 20% and 30% increases in their County levy for the reasons given in last month's article.

The Cooks Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Easter is just around the corner and Elsie Willard has been kind enough to provide us with a recipe for Hot Cross Buns.

Hot Cross Buns (1 dozen large).

- 1 tbsp (1 package) granular yeast
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1/3 cup lukewarm water
- 2/3 cup scalded milk
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 tbsp shortening
- 2 beaten eggs (divided)
- 1 tbsp water
- 1 cup plumped raisins
- 2/3 to 1 cup mixed peel

3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cup all-purpose flour (divided)

1 tsp cinnamon

Plump the raisins by pouring boiling water over them to cover and let stand until needed.

Into large mixing bowl, measure yeast, 1 tsp sugar and lukewarm water and let stand 10 minutes.

To scalded milk, add the 1/3 cup sugar, salt and shortening, stir then cool to lukewarm. Beat eggs, add 1 tbsp water and measure out 2 tbsp and reserve them for brushing tops of buns

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later.

Add lukewarm milk mixture to risen yeast liquid along with raisins (which have been drained and patted dry with paper towels) peel, beaten eggs, 3 cups of the flour and cinnamon and beat well to thoroughly mixed.

Cover with towel and let rise until doubled in bulk at room temperature. Punch down dough.

Sprinkle board with remaining flour and knead dough.

Shape into long even roll about two inches in diameter. Cut into 12 or fourteen

Feb. 27, I was embarrassed not to go myself. Home responsibilities kept me here, but I understand it all went very smoothly and well. I believe that the presence of such a large contingent was effective in impressing members of the Board of Education with our seriousness and dedication to the issue of our school.

On March 20, when the whole board meets again to discuss this issue (and others!), it is important that we demonstrate again our commitment to keeping our school a viable resource. We should have at least as many people in attendance, if not more. As Council had voted to support such bus runs to a maximum of \$200, we could have two busses if we need to. It is important that we not send fewer people to this next meeting, which might indicate to members of the Board that our level of interest is decreasing. I am posting a sheet on the door at the store for those who wish to reserve a seat on the bus for this meeting, or you may phone me at 384-4071. Please be aware that there will likely be inadequate seating at the meeting, so those who are physically unable to stand may want to stay home and send some other family member. Bus pickup at the school for the 6 p.m. boat.

As a point of interest to those who think that not having children in the school means that this is not your issue: don't kid yourself! Even if there are no members of your immediate family involved in the school, this issue affects you. If the School Board succeeds in nickel-and-dimeing our school out of existence as they seem to want to do, your property will have a resale value of almost nothing. Who, after all, buys property in an island community without a public school? Even retirees have to think of the eventual resale or inheritance value of their properties. This fight for our school is in fact a fight for the life of the community. So let's see lots of attendees at that meeting - our committee can handle the actual presentations to the Board, but they need us as a silent demonstration of our support for what they present. And yes.. I'll make it this time!

Maynard Laltin Reviews

Last year I told you about the declining sales of vinyl records. The numbers are in and they continue to look bad for vinyl - so the death watch continues.

In the first half of 1988, the number of CD's shipped to stores exceeded, for the first time, that of LP's (70 million CD's to 43 million LP's). Also for the first time, there are million selling CD's. U2, Def Leppard, George Michael and the soundtrack to Dirty Dancing all sold more than one million CD's in 1988. And finally some companies have announced that they will issue

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some new releases only on cassettes and CD's.

Now for some good news: The Amherst Island Beacon is sponsoring a contest! And, yes believe it or not, we will be offering a prize to the winner! We want the best example of a convoluted sentence that you can find in print. The first entry is a sentence which appeared in a Township document and from it you can get the idea of what we are looking for. So take a deep breath and start reading:

"In connection with your examination of the balance sheet of the Township of Amherst Island as at December 31, 1988, and the statement of operations for the year then ended, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether these financial statements present fairly the financial position and the result of operations of the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your examination." [Note: this is the auditors wording, not our Clerk's.]

Oh yes, I almost forgot the prize. The Grand Prize Winner will receive an All Expense Paid Cruise On The Amherst Islander, absolutely free of charge with no money down and no interest payments ever. The cruise will depart from Stella and end at the scenic Millhaven dock approximately 18 minutes later. Included are the following features: the ceremonial raising of the ramp, the sling shot start, the exciting rope throwing contest at the Millhaven side and completed with the ceremonial ramp lowering. It may even be possible for you to witness the ritual 'changing of the crew' which is something that should not be missed.

Wow! my heart skips a beat at the thought of all the excitement this must be generating right now. So get those cards and letters in before the deadline which has not been set yet.

Quinte Pasture

- Annual Report & Staff

In 1988, 606 head of cattle grazed on Quinte Pasture. Forage, mineral, salt and water were converted into 132,823 pounds of growth. 430 heifers gained an average of 230 pounds. The average steer gain was a little less at 227 pounds.

Despite the very dry year these gains were more than 10% greater than in 1987.

Best wishes to Gary Duyzer who has found a job closer to his home on Prince Edward County. Those of us who worked with Gary were impressed with his steady reliability and his desire to do a good job.

A Letter From Perry McDonald

(who is Barb McDonald's 19 year old son studying in China this year and who can wax eloquent as you will soon discover)

Sitting on the second floor balcony of this traditional Naxi minority establishment, made mostly of solid wood, painted green and red, clay tiled roof, ceiling a foot too low for a foreign devil of my height. Below me the courtyard with its white washed earthen wall separating the alley from this once home turned guesthouse, and beyond, over the other tiled roofs in this hidden valley village, I can just make out the snow capped peaks of the "Sade Dragon Snow" mountain range, its greatest height reaching nearly 5600 meters. This valley, with its many Nazi villages scattered about the plain sits at the far northern end of this mountain range, the range ends abruptly with a 3000 meter drop to the rushing waters of the Yangzi or ChengSiang River below. On the other side of the river begins another range, the name of which I don't know. And this fantastic formation of rack and rapids is known as the Tiger Leaping Gorge, a 30 km stretch of nearly unbroken white water forced through the narrow gorge by the high marble and granite rock faces on either side, a tunnel where the wind is nearly strong enough to lift a person off their feet, and a passage that happens to have a path cut out of the mountain on one side for either those who cultivate the few plateaus along the way or those who get a kick out of such adventures. And so, myself and 2 friends did the hike...

Islanders Appeal Decision

- Peter Trueman

Concerned Amherst Islanders appealed on February 27 to the Lennox and Addington Board of Education for a reversal of its decision to remove the two senior grades from the Island school.

Sally Bowen and Rosemary Vrooman led the

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delegation, which included over 40 Islanders of all ages.

The two spokespersons presented the Island's case so forcefully to the board's education and personnel committee that half the membership was persuaded that ferrying Grades 7 and 8 to Bath would be wrong.

Although the motion to recommend that the children not be sent to Bath failed in a 4 - 4 tie vote, the effort was not wasted. Those board members supporting the Amherst Islanders planned to raise the matter again at a meeting of the full board and were hopeful that the

original motion would be defeated.

The Island delegation, which included a babe in arms, parents, and the elderly, boarded the school bus in Stella caught the 6:00 pm boat to attend the committee meeting in Napanee. And they took with them a petition bearing same 164 signatures, plus another petition from the primary school children.

It was clear from conversations on the bus that many felt the board's decision threatened not just the future of the school but the community as a whole.

It was pointed out that young families would leave the Island if the school were closed. This would mean that children as young as 4 could spend up to three hours a day on bus and ferry getting to and from school.

At the committee meeting, the Islanders quietly lined the wells as their representatives presented the arguments for keeping Grades 7 and 8 on the Island.

Sally Bowen qualified herself as 'a spokesperson by telling the committee that she was a mother and a school bus driver with a Masters degree in Education and 20 years of field experience.

Although she expressed gratitude for the opportunity to discuss the issue, she said it was upsetting to discover that the board had acted without consulting Islanders.

She spoke of the dangerous winter roads, the sometimes "wild water" of the North Channel, and the three hours daily that children attending school on the mainland had to spend on the bus and the ferry.

Rosemary Vrooman, herself a school teacher and a parent, began by asking the committee to explain why the change was made. She was told that all the committee could do at this meeting was to hear the delegation before voting.

Rosemary reminded the board that its own policy (and democratic principles, for that matter) suggested it should communicate fully with those to be affected by any board decision.

She cited reports warning that 15 hours a week on buses was a dangerous level of diversion from normal activities and was a first step towards student alienation.

And Rosemary chided the board for spending the equivalent of a principal's salary to study rising drop-out rates when all it had to do was find out how things were done on Amherst Island.

She pointed out that 94% of the graduates from the Island Public School also completed High School, and suggested that Islanders didn't need an expensive report outlining remedial measures.

"We've got it right, right now", she told the committee. Rosemary pulled out one official document after another and quoted several authoritative sources to support her contention that removing Grades 7 and 8

would be a serious educational and social error.

Board Chairmen Karen Mifflin questioned whether the ferry ride was “as high risk as presented here tonight” and disputed Sally’s claim that students being ferried to Bath would spend three hours a day being transported.

Ms. Mifflin said that the bus driver and mother must be working on what she called a “different data base.”

Trustee Sandra Pixley, who spoke most strongly against the delegation, said the board had known all along that Amherst Island would object.

Reading from a prepared text, she said no new facts had been presented, and that the spokespersons had “appealed to us only on an emotional level”.

The presentation had been “an insult to the board’s intelligence”, she added.

The board had the right to change its mind, she said, but suggested it would be “irresponsible” to reverse itself solely because of Island emotion.

The full board is expected to deal with the issue shortly after the March edition of the Beacon goes to press.

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Ms Know-It-All

Dear Ms KIA:

What happened to the caring, concerned folks from the sixties and early seventies?

Aging Idealist

Dear Aging:

Well honey the slogan used to be “turn on, tune in and drop out”. Now it’s “sell out and cash in”.

Dear Ms KIA

Can you tell me, oh wise one, where do the snowplows go when they head out of the village and there is no snow falling and none has for several days?

Confused in Stella

Dear Confused:

Well while it may be quiet and serene in the village, its blowing hard out here in the sticks. Those of us who have to travel on the Emerald Forty Foot or west of Emerald or along the Foot are darn glad to see those plows out moving the 3 and 4 foot snow drifts off the road.

There seems to be some sort of natural law that says that snow is not allowed to rest comfortably on the fields but must be moved to the nearest available road to inconvenience the poor driver.

Isle Playground Progress

- Jim Whitton

As you all know, our ISLE committee decided that a worthwhile project for 1989 would be to raise money for a new school playground. The playground we chose (after a study of playgrounds in the County by Sally Bowen, Dianne Marshall and Caroline Yull) costs about \$12,500. This is a lot of money for a small community to raise but, as always, there are ways and means.

Wintario will provide dollar for dollar matching funding for every dollar we raise, in cash or in-kind. Our biggest in-kind contribution comes from the County Board of Education which will arrange the necessary clearing of the site, suitable surrounding material and will provide 6”-8” fill of gravel or sand at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

So:

cost of playground... \$12,500

cost of site preparation... 4,500

cost of installation... 400 (volunteer help)

total cost... \$17,400

Wintario share... 8,700

our share... 8,700

in-kind costs... 4,900

cash needed... \$ 3,800

How do we go about raising this? We are taking several approaches

1. We have written a letter to all non-resident Islanders inviting monetary contributions (which can be tax deductible). Response to date is encouraging. In a 2 week period John Nixon, our treasurer has already received cheques to the value of \$530 (plus a fur hat for the auction - value \$150 to \$200).
2. We plan to hold an auction at the school on Sunday May 21st at 2:30 p.m. A professional auctioneer will fast-talk people into buying. Articles suitable for auction will be gratefully received. Please phone any member of the committee to have donations collected.
3. Raffle-tickets will be sold at \$1 each for:
 - a) Island sketch (framed) - donated by Shirley Miller
 - b) Doll cradle in pine - donated by Earl Smith
 - c) Colonial rocking horse - by Earl SmithThese will be on display in the near future.
4. Coin jar in Glenn’s store - see below
5. ISLE raised \$440 at the ham dinner. The annual dinner/dance could raise another \$800.
6. The recreation committee has promised to underwrite our project to the tune of \$1000 should there be a shortfall.

So, even in this short period, we are more than halfway to our goal of raising \$3,800 in cash. Your enthusiastic ISLE committee is very grateful for the support shown to date by all our Islanders, be they

resident or not and look forward, with optimism, to continued support in the month ahead.

Isle Coin Jar

- Lynann Clapham

Thanks to all of you, the ISLE school playground donation jar at Glenn's store kicked off with a bang, raising \$200.69 in its first 3

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weeks of operation! Special thanks to those people who have donated their personal coin and penny jars - Dianne Marshall's family, Doug Wilson, Vaughan McMullen and Kristy and Derek Grange. These donations have provided over \$100 on their own! Thanks too, to the store for making room. Within, the next couple of weeks we hope to get a small pint-sized model of the playground which will be on display next to the jar in the store. So remember, loose change, bills, household coin jars - all are a big help - keep the drive alive!!

Off-Island Beacon Subscribers

- Sally Bowen

If any of you who so faithfully read our monthly Beacon feel moved to contribute to our playground effort, either by donating items for the May auction, or by coming to the auction to buy, or by purchasing raffle tickets, or by sending a donation to our treasurer. John Nixon, we would be grateful.

A Disturbing Magazine Article

- Elsie Densem

It was with chagrin and embarrassment that I read the article in "City and Country Home" of March 1989. There were numerous errors and I did not like the flippant tone, a tone suitable perhaps for a "City" home but not a "Country" home.

I will go through it sentence by sentence. The cupboards mentioned beside the fireplace were never covered up except with a quarter inch of paint which Fred Gibson, then sixteen, took off with a blow torch at \$1 an hour. Eventually they were finished and beautifully too.

When we sold our city home in 1954 it was a joint venture. It was Jeanne Minhinnick's mother Mrs Genil who had an antique store at old Port Milford in Prince Edward County who told us about the house. It was Denny who christened the house "Headstrong" because he said it described the house, the location, and my

disposition. The original pine floor in the kitchen had worn out and been replaced by narrow maple boards. The local Anglican cleric was Mr. Willeston. There were not Jags and only one Lincoln and I did not do fittings downstairs in the dining room but upstairs in my bedroom. Junior Gibson was not "a hired men who came with the property." He was a neighbour who had rented the other house on the property for a number of years. The family were Not squatters (as suggested by the article).

The vegetable garden wasn't very large and it was my husband's hobby. I simply cooked the produce.

I am by no means "the first Lady" of the Island and I have never set myself up to be so. I love the Island and its people and am very happy to have been accepted here.

I regret any insults to others in the article. The writing entirely reflects the author, and not my opinions.

Environmental Concerns

- Jean Baker

How biodegradable are the new "biodegradable" plastic garbage bags? Pollution Probe doesn't know. Corn starch has been added to the plastic in such a way as to cause the plastic to break down into smaller, dust-like, particles. It is not yet known how these particles will affect soil in a land-fill site. Pollution Probe advises householders to limit the number of garbage bags used by: composting kitchen garbage; recycling; and, using smaller bags rather than double bagging.

Thank You Notes

I wish to thank my family, friends, and neighbours for their cards, visits, phone calls, and gifts while I was in hospital and since coming home. A special thank you to the Burleigh L.O.L. for their basket of fruit and also to the A.C.W. visiting committee for their gift of goodies.

Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

Henry Hitchins

Notices & Announcements

25th Wedding Anniversary Dance

The family of Hans and Hazel deHaan would like their family and friends to join them in the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday April 29 commencing at 8 p.m. at Amherst Island Public School. A cold lunch will be served. Please come out and share in their happiness.

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Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation - Chris Kennedy

I am organizing a one (short) day CPR course again this spring. Strongly recommended for Fire Fighters and Ferry crew, and last year Council paid the fee for these people. All those who took it last year should renew their certificate, and new trainees are welcome. Please leave your names for me at 389-3444.

Township of Amherst Island Invitation to Quote

Building contractors are invited to submit quotes for the following repairs to the Municipal Building:

- A) Resupport entire floor with three beams, posts and bearing pads; repair or replace floor joists as necessary; remove old posts; provide additional support under library.
- B) Crawlspace: lay a ground sheet to act as a vapour barrier; increase ventilation; install closeable vents; and rebuild crawlspace door.

Please submit quotas by April 1. Work must be completed by May 15. 1989.

For more information, please contact the Municipal Office (389-3393).

Municipal Office Hours

The Clerk will be in her office on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm. The office is being kept open on a trial basis primarily to see if those who work off the Island want access to the Township Office.

Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

According to a recent magazine article, habitual exercise bolsters the immune system, reduces cancer risk and can turn the biological clock back 20 years.

With spring just around the corner, it is nice to see so many people out walking for exercise again. This is one of the safest forms of exercise for people of all ages with the added plus of an ideal time to get a visit in with that neighbour you haven't seen much of all winter.

We who choose aerobics as a form of exercise are pleased to welcome Dave Willard as our first male instructor. Dave accepted our invitation to conduct classes for a period of four weeks while Shelley Glenn continues her teaching instruction in Kingston.

Shelley plans to rejoin us April 24th. Here is the perfect opportunity for any of you males to join in, have some fun and maybe even lose a few pounds. Classes are Monday and Thursday evenings between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m.

Lost And Found

Would the person who took a coat by mistake at the Beef Dinner please contact Barbara Reid. The coat is a black tweed with a white fleck, no pockets and black lining. The coat left behind has pockets and a red lining.

Please contact Barb Reid at 389-0675.

Dianne Marshall described us to a "T". I am missing something from our kitchen. Perhaps we forgot it at the school kitchen or another Island function. I have looked all over the house to no avail. So here goes:

Lost one large white plastic mud flap. You know, the type of thing you see inscribed, Kenworth or Acme Truck Bodies, usually mounted on real trucks. But that is just it. This one was never mounted on a real truck. It was made of polyethylene and was marvellous for processing fowl or mega-large quantities of produce. It is a one-of-a-kind. There is a smiling bee and the caption, "Support your local honey". Some five years ago there was a soft-porn movie made in Montreal. This mud flap had a walk-on part. A dear friend salvaged the prop (alas the movie was beyond help).

I would be indebted to anyone finding the flap or who has seen the movie. Hopefully the reader can understand my reluctance to use my name so please contact Ms KIA if you can help.

Anonymous

Just a quick thank you to Dianne for her helping me with what I had lost quite some time ago.

Ms KIA

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For Sale / Wanted

General Contracting Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit after school, early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5385

Wanted

A guitar player for Anglican Church services.

Call Rev. Blaber at 352-5106

Repairs

To lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.

Painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also, simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

I am the Regal dealer for this area.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5369.

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store

Lamb

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Cisterns filled

Competitive Rates,

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Television (20") to give away.

Needs some repair. Call 389- 5942

Wanted

Home in or near the village. We are looking for a house around Stella. If you are thinking about selling, give us a call. All calls will be held in confidence. Bob and Dianne Marshall 389-4070

For Sale:

For meat or pets:

Toggenburg Goat Kids.

Born Feb 23 & March 4.

Call Caroline Yull at 384-4071

Wanted To Buy:

Upright piano in reasonable condition.

Contact Janine Gillesse at 384-8858

Bread, Buns And Baked Goods:

Remember the smell and taste of freshly baked bread and goodies! Beginning March 21st, we will be baking Tuesdays and Fridays. Fresh bread made with milk and butter, ah, cinnamon buns and other goodies. If you would like to be added to our customer list, please give us a call.

Dianne Marshall 389-4070

Bonnie Caughey 389-5729

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{Masthead Caption}

Bev Bangles, boating Bart's bundled blue boxed
browsed Beacons becomes becalmed beyond beacon.
Bev bellows, "Bart! Bring barge!!"

Please Note:
Community Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 8:00 p.m. At
The School, Regarding The Future Of Our
Grade 7's And 8's.

Council Report for April 4
-C J Kennedy

All members of Council were present. No building permits were issued in March. The ferry captains and crew have met with the O.P.P. to discuss alcohol consumption by passengers on the ferry, and the captains have a set of instructions for handling any problems. The former Dave Willard house has been removed by the Volunteer Firemen's Association and a plan has been approved to provide parking for twelve vehicles on the site. Ronald Miller is the new member of the road crew.

The Volunteer Firemen's Association received approval in principle to hold a street dance this summer as a fund-raiser for the fire department. Council requires details on the risks and liabilities involved, as well as supervision and licensing. It will not be advertised off-Island, this time, to try to keep some of the rowdier elements away.

Council approved the Environmental Concerns Committee recommendation that \$7,500 to \$10,000 be used to hire Otto Bettschen to move the inert material from the north side of the dump to the south side, and to cover and close the south side. Then the north side, which is legally licensed, will be available for dumping.

The Recreation Committee is applying for grants from the Province and are planning to improve the ball

diamond, and have already purchased a V.C.R. for the school. The fund raising for the playground is going ahead well.

The Finance and Administration Committee is working on the 1989 budget, and the Township Management Study and Pay Equity Study have been started. Council discussed leaves of absence for the ferry crew, and decided that in principle they had no objection.

The Lennox and Addington County levy for Amherst Island has been increased by 27%.

The Quo Vadis Committee on the future of the Island recommended that Council hold quarterly meetings at the school to receive more public input. All council and council committee meetings are open to the public, though a few matters, such as personnel or legal discussion may be referred to a closed session. A new lawyer has been found to work on the Back Beach negotiations.

Then followed a long discussion on dogs running loose in the village, which some people feel is still a problem. Some councillors seemed to favour asking the dog control officer, Ed Chadband, to clear up all the dogs running loose in the village after a certain date, and some wanted him only to act on a complaint. They decided finally to leave the Dog Control By-law largely unchanged, but will try to inform people of the correct procedure for using it.

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If a dog is causing a problem in the village, and talking to the owner does not help, contact the dog control officer, in writing or by telephone. If he is out, keep trying to get hold of him, and he will act. He does have to be told of the problem, however. His phone number is 389-8838.

Lastly, Steven Willard found out that a \$25 per annum bursary is available to any student from Amherst Island attending Queen's University. This dates from the late 1860's.

The Neighbourhood
- Annette

It has been a tough month for Islanders. The following people have been in hospital this month: Norm Allison, Rick Bedford, Linda Wemp, Ytze Witteveen, Lorne Veech, Earl Smith, Louise Seaman, and Marj Aitken. Some have made it home now, but Norm, Ytze and Louise are still unable to return.

Other serious injuries occurred. Emily Tugwell

broke her wrist, Ernest Fleming has broken ribs and Faye Wemp has injured her foot.

We wish you all a speedy recovery.

One good news message! Duncan and Coralie Marshall have a new granddaughter - Alise Coralie.

A.I. Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Irene Glenn on Wed, March 15th starting with a pot-luck supper.

The President conducted the meeting and the Roll Call was an Irish joke, saying, or poem.

Phyllis Strain gave the menu plans for the Mothers' Day Ham Dinner on May 13th and the wedding reception on May 20th. Tickets are now available for the Ham Dinner.

The President said that May 1st to May 8th has been designated as "Pitch-in-Week", when the school children, guides and brownies, etc. are planning to clean up the road- sides of the community. Anyone else wishing to volunteer their help, contact the President, Diane Gavlas.

Canvassers volunteered for the Cancer Fund in April.

Irene Glenn, District Director, gave her report of the Directors' Meeting held March 1st in Napanee. The age for 4- H membership has been lowered to 11 years and will soon be lowered to 10 years of age. The District Annual is to be held in the United Church in Adolphustown on May 17th.

Jean McIntyre, program convenor, had some very interesting slides of their annual visit to Ireland.

The April 19th meeting will be held at the home of Diane Gavlas. This is our annual meeting when we have our reports and election of officers. We are always looking for new members, so please come and join us as this is a very worthwhile organization. It is for Home and Country.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

The calender says it's Spring! Is it? Our son tells us Old Mother Nature has lost her memory and has given us more snow in April than she did for Christmas. It's been tough on the birds and I'm sure if they could they'd say thank-you to all you faithful feeders.

We've seen some of the early returnees like Tree Swallow, Song Sparrow, Junco and, of course, that noisy Killdeer but many species must be held up to the south. The most exciting news happened March 27th, that beautiful Easter Monday, Jeanne Johnstone saw

two!! Bluebirds at her place. Get your nesting boxes cleaned out, there's hope yet.

We had a very interesting bird return with the Red-winged Blackbirds and Cowbirds to our feeder. It was an albino Red-winged Blackbird complete with bright red epaulets, black beak and face, but snow-white feathers. It stayed only a day but was beautiful to watch. Alex spotted Karen Fleming's Grackle with the white tail by Caughey's so it's returned to Amherst Island again.

Peter Trueman spotted 6 Tundra Swans in March and with the scope they appeared to be two adults and four immature ones. A family outing perhaps? There were thousands of ducks feeding next to the ice by Filsons'. Canvas Backs, Redheads, Ring-necked, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Mergansers, Teal, Wigeon, Pintail and Gadwell. The ducks are in breeding plumage and what a show they make.

Get ready for the warblers. When the buds are on the apple trees these nimble insect

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feeders will be cleaning out the pests from the blossoms. They look like flowers themselves with their reds, blues, greens and shades between. The first weeks of May are busy birding days.

Bird Of The Month - Golden-Crowned Kinglet

The school children were visited on April 13 by some confused Golden-Crowned Kinglets that tried to fly through the glass windows. These tiny birds, only 1/2 inch bigger than a Hummingbird, are olive-brown with two wing bars and orange or yellow crowns bordered in black. They are insect eaters and live in conifer forests nesting as far north as Alaska but may winter as far south as the Gulf.

County Council

- Ian Murray

The big event at the March meeting of County Council was Ernestown's request to be exempted from any financial contributions to the County economic development planning process. Ernestown is a member of the Kingston Area Economic Development Association and, as such, already has a financial commitment in the economic planning field that it is unwilling to give up.

Councillor Williams eloquently expressed the opinion that as Ernestown had benefited from numerous County programs in the past and it should not be

allowed to opt out of this economic development project. However, the voting majority supported Ernestown's position that it was unfair for it to pay twice for the same service.

This issue brought into some focus a problem that will very likely not go away: the tendency for those living in the south-eastern part of the County to consider themselves more a part of greater-Kingston than greater-Napanee.

Amherst Island is represented federally by a Kingston lawyer and provincially by a former mayor of Kingston. Most of our commuters work in the Kingston area. We tend to shop in Kingston, seek medical help in Kingston hospitals, see movies in Kingston, and so on. If the County of Lennox and Addington did not now exist, it is very unlikely that Amherst Island would put much effort into inventing it.

However, it does exist and it is the duty of the County Councillors to make it work as best we can.

L & A Board Of Ed Meeting, March 20

- Peter Trueman

Another large delegation of Amherst Islanders crowded into the Lennox and Addington Board of Education office in Napanee on the evening of March 20 to register profound disapproval of a Board decision to bus grades seven and eight to the mainland.

And for the second time in less than a month, the Board's chairperson, Karen Mifflin, refused any explanation of the decision.

She also ruled out discussion of it between Board members and the Island delegation.

But the Board did agree to reconsider the question in two months, after administration officials have had a chance to discuss the options with Island parents and ratepayers.

Bruce Caughey Jr., speaking for the Island's Education Committee, again registered the delegation's sense of betrayal because major decisions affecting the Island were being made by the Board without consultation.

Mrs. Mifflin told Mr. Caughey that the Board could not discuss the matter with him, but did not explain.

Board member Sandra Pixley, an outspoken opponent of the Island position, proposed a one month postponement of a final decision to give the administration time to discuss two options with parents.

The options Mrs. Pixley suggested were:

1. Moving Amherst Island Public School's grades seven and eight to Bath outright, and
2. Partial integration of grades seven and eight with those grades in Bath.

Board members more sympathetic to the Island's

position argued that a month wasn't long enough, and that the proposed options did not include maintaining the status quo.

Trustee Ellen Collins moved an amendment for that third option which was later incorporated into the successful motion. And the time for rethinking the issue was extended to two months.

But Chairperson Mifflin ruled that maintaining the status quo meant only that grades seven and eight would be left on the Island, not that the Amherst Island school would continue to have three teachers.

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So no matter which option prevails, apparently, the Amherst Island school will go from three tethers to two.

Although Mrs. Mifflin had twice refused discussion of anything but procedural issues with Island spokespersons, she later spoke freely about the substance of the dispute with Paulette Peirol of the Kingston Whig-Standard in an interview published on March 25.

Mrs. Mifflin pointed out the enrollment at Amherst Island Public School has dropped 36 percent over the past five years and that unless the trend can be reversed the school might have to be closed.

Islanders are well aware of that possibility, of course, and that is one reason they are fighting to keep grades seven and eight at home.

The loss of two full grades in one fell swoop would depress overall enrollment dramatically, and strengthen the hands of those on the board who would like to shut the school down because the shrinking student population makes it increasingly uneconomic.

Mrs. Mifflin admitted to the Whig that while the board does not now intend to close the school, Islanders' fears "aren't totally unfounded, if we keep looking at drops like we've seen in the past five years".

The board's chairperson did not deal with Catch 22 in the Whig-Standard interview.

Community Meeting On School's Future

- Sally Bowen

The Board of Education has directed Mr. Boston (Senior Administrator) to meet with all Island parents to discuss alternatives for the grade 7 and 6 students.

A meeting has been arranged by Dick Cherry (our Principal) on Tuesday, April 18th, at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Please come and join the discussion.

Mr. Boston and Mr. Cherry held an amicable meeting with the Education Committee, in preparation for the evening.

Amherst Island
- Richard Bedford

During the past several weeks, I have read various letters, reports, and editorials in local newspapers concerning the current differences of opinion between residents of Amherst Island and some members of the Lennox and Addington School Board. Several of these articles have intimated quite clearly that the Islanders' primary concern is the possible decline of our community due to the eventual closing of our public school. This could not be further from the truth. Of course, it is only natural that we be concerned with that possibility. The Board should also be concerned. Although their main function is to serve the educational needs of our children. I believe that they have a moral obligation of consider all effects of any decision on, not only the children, but the community as well. However, the impact upon the community as a result of this decision is not our major concern, contrary to Mrs. Mifflin's belief.

The most important issue here is the education and general welfare of our children. We have been accused of basing our criticism of the Board more on passion than on logic. When confronted with a situation which can only have serious detrimental effects on our children's lives, we certainly do tend to become very passionate in our criticism of those responsible. It would also be well to remember that the most, obviously logical course of action is not always the best or the right one.

As the father of two children who will be directly affected by the proposed move, I have great misgivings. I know, from personal experience, what kind of situation my children could be placed in regarding transportation problems. They could be subjected to as much as three hours travelling every day as well as the very real threat of long waits or even failure to get home because of mechanical failure or inclement weather. Lengthy interruptions in our ferry service have occurred in the past and will do so again in the future. I am convinced that the extra time spent travelling will have a definite adverse effect on the learning ability as well as the personal lives of these children. These are eleven to thirteen year old children who do not need the added stress of long hours of travel each day such as some people experience when they have to commute long distances to and from the work place. I believe that they would gain far more benefit by spending this time in their home and community environment.

Mrs. Mifflin has indicated her concern that our children would not experience the

necessary exposure to certain required programs. It should be noted that some of these programs, such as music, industrial arts, guidance counselling, and extra French are being provided at the present time. Also, one new program in particular which is being offered, involves community studies. If this move were to take place, our children would be studying the community of Bath rather than their own Amherst Island. Our children seem to have progressed very well up to now as our 94% rate of Secondary School graduates will certainly attest to.

Mrs. Mifflin has also mentioned cost and declining enrollment as being two other areas of concern to the Board. As for as cost is concerned, the Board should consider the financial commitment made to the school by our community for many years. Community funds have, in the past, built a baseball diamond complete with permanent lighting, a playground, an extension to the parking lot, and a skating rink and tennis court. As well as this, the community contributed enormously to the construction of a new gymnasium. At present, an Island committee is working to raise money for the purchase of new playground equipment. This same committee also provides hot lunches for the students on a weekly basis. Our community has always committed itself totally to the support of our school in every way possible. In this light, we do indeed expect some small amount of special consideration.

The added cost of busing our children to Bath should also be considered quite carefully and, perhaps, in more depth than the Board has. Mrs. Mifflin maintains that the cost to the Board would be minimal because of extensive government subsidies. However, the expense is still there and it has to be borne by the taxpayer, whether it is paid from Board funds or from government funds. I also find it very difficult to believe that the savings realized by eliminating one teaching position would offset this expense.

Declining enrollment is a major concern. Mrs. Mifflin has stated that our enrollment has dropped substantially over the past five years. While her figures are probably correct, they do not give an accurate accounting of the situation. About five years ago, several families with public school children moved to the Island, increasing enrollment in the school by a large amount. After residing here for only a short time, one family moved away, and the other family transferred their children to Holy Family School in Bath. This suddenly decreased enrollment again and accounted for a large percentage of the decline in the past five years. The future should be considered as well. The projected enrollment for the next several years shows a steady

increase. There are also several young families who are presently considering a permanent move to Amherst Island. This would increase enrollment even further.

I personally attended the last two Board meetings and was disappointed and somewhat disgusted by the apparent lack of interest shown by some members to the very real concerns of Amherst Island residents. After two Island delegates were permitted to speak, one member read from a speech which was obviously prepared long before the meeting and totally disregarded anything that had been said. In fact, it was directed to the chairman of our education committee, Mr. Caughey, who was not present at that meeting. Mrs. Mifflin, herself, stated her belief that bus pickup could begin a half hour before ferry time, even though, a few minutes earlier, one of the Island school bus drivers had informed the entire Board that pickup had to begin at least fifty-five minutes before ferry departure. Instances such as these indicated to me that some Board members either found it unnecessary to listen to our comments or totally disregarded those comments because they had already made up their minds and were not about to change no matter how solid our arguments were against their decision.

The fact that the Board itself is obviously split on this issue certainly shows that Amherst Islanders are not alone in their concerns.

We are not being unreasonable when we ask that our children not be subjected to the unnecessary hardship of travelling back and forth to a mainland school, but be left to attend their own school in their own community where they belong.

(This letter was distributed to newspapers, Board members, and Floyd Patterson.)

Maynard Laltin Reviews

I don't have any big items this month but, a number of smaller items do deserve comment.

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First up is the fact that Wayne Gretzky now has six hundred and thirty odd goals in his career which ranks him 4th on the list of leading goal scorers behind Phil Esposito, Marcel Dianne and Gordie Howe. Possibly Marcel has a couple more now as the list I have was compiled about a month ago. Wayne holds a staggering number of records but will he prove that he is the greatest of the great by passing Gordie? I think not because he scored less than sixty goals this year which is probably representative of what he will do from now on. At less than 60 goals a season, he will need to play for at least 3 more full seasons and probably a fourth

which seems unlikely to me. So you heard it here first - Gordie's record will remain unchallenged! And Wayne won't be able to lay claim to being the highest of high unless he takes that record. He will have to settle for being one of very few admitted to the pantheon of the greatest of the great hockey players. Oh, by the way, don't worry about Mario Lemieux because he won't be able to carry Pittsburg on his shoulders forever and it will wear him down. Just like Chicago is going to wear down Micheal Jordan who is, without a doubt, the best basketball player ever (bar none). His abilities will be reduced much more quickly because he doesn't have a team around him to take some of the load. Jordan has to score a third of the Bulls points just for the team to be competitive. But I digress. Your trive information of the day is the following list of the Top 10 NHL goal scorers:

Gordie Howe 801
Marcel Dionne 731
Phil Esposito 717
Wayne Gretzky 629 (March 15th)
Bobby Hull 610
Mike Bossy 573
John Bucyk 556
Maurice Richard 544
Stan Mikita 541
Guy Lafleur 535 (March 15th)

Now for something entirely different. A few days ago the Whig reported that our MP's had banned smoking for the House of Commons staff which completes the ban in all Federal buildings. While I don't like seeing MPs writing and passing laws (that's our punishment for electing professional law makers), its only fair that if every other federal employee can't smoke then those on Parliament Hill shouldn't be able to either. Right? Right!

But wait, what's this I see buried in the fine print? No.. it can't be! They wouldn't dare! Yes folks, our beloved, trusted and revered MPs have made an exception for themselves, their staff (because they know all the MP's dirty laundry), and the media (just so it wouldn't get any press coverage).

The Beacon has writing standards, so I can't repeat in writing my initial comments on the subject. Suffice it to say that I had to open the doors to clear away the blue smoke. However, after spending an hour punching the lights out of my 'Mulrooney heavy bag', I calmed down a bit.

Those Self-Serving, Manipulative, Elitist Trash!! How dare the law-makers think themselves above the law. There is no reason, and I repeat, no reason good enough for the MPs to exempt themselves. None!!! This does however serve to us their true colours. You know they're just like a bunch of kids on the playground, "Its

my bat and ball so I'll make the rules." And it does remind us that the media can be bought. (This news item took up a miserable 5 columns inches on page 8 of the Whig.)

Each MP who voted for this should be made to stand in the lobby of a Federal building and explain to the assembled staff why he is better than they because that, folks, is what it boils down to. I feel like kicking some serious butt on this one. For starters, I'm writing to anyone and everyone I can think of: Mulrooney (who has to bear much of the responsibility because he could have stopped this with one word), my MP, the Human Rights Commission, the Attorney General and the United Nations. The Secretary General should have it pointed out to him that Canada is really no better than any third world, tin-pot dictatorship when it comes to equality before the law.

You may think that I'm going overboard on something as trivial as a smoking regulation: but the point is that if they can't rise above their own petty self-interest on smoking, what are they going to do on something of real importance. This action of their's is proof positive of Imhoff's Law that goes something like: "Politicians are like a septic tank - the really big chunks rise to the top".

My last word on the subject is that Ms KIA is

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going to pay a courtesy visit to Parliament Hill next week. If you see a small mushroom cloud off to the north, it isn't the Russians, its just a few politicians imploding under the pressure of her opinions being, how can I put this politely, rather freely and sincerely expressed. I'm sorry I can't go. Its going to be a great show.

News Bulletin:

The Amherst Islander takes an average of 15 minutes and 21.5 seconds to make the crossing from one dock to the other. From Millhaven to Stella it takes 15 minutes and 20 seconds and from Stella to Millhaven it takes 3 seconds longer. All of which just goes to prove that sailing south Is sailing downhill. And sailing downhill more then compensates for the pull of the magnetic pole on the boat. (This is such a momentous discovery that maybe we'll beat out those guys doing the fusion experiments for the Nobel Prize.) The times were compiled by the an intrepid staffer at the Beacon over the last several weeks. The times were taken from when the rear rope was removed on one dock until the first rope was thrown on the other dock. Now how about that for some perfectly useless information!

ISLE Playground Project Progress Report

- Jim Whitton

As I reported in the March Beacon, the total cost of the new playground is \$17,400. With help from Wintario (matching funds) and the County Board of Education (site preparation) the amount we have to raise in hard cash is \$3,800.

To date we have received generous donations in cash from our very supportive non-resident islanders to a total of about \$800 and more is promised. These benefactors, who will soon receive receipts to enable them to list donations as tax-deductible are, in order of receipt: J.D. Sylvester, Victor Ellis, Dick Dodds, Rod Barr, Sally Wilson, Eileen Vanderzwan, Morfidis Furs, Pauline Pepper, Mary Pearson, and Stan Walters.

We are also delighted to accept a donation of \$100 from the Amherst Island Mutual Insurance Company.

We remind you again that the auction to be held as part of the fund-raising will take place at the school on Sunday May 21st at 2.30 pm. The auctioneer will be Dave Snider. Some of the items already donated for auction are:

a Starcraft tent trailer - Steve Hart,
hand-carved wooden ducks - Marjory Baker,
14" diameter pewter-plated copper bowl with stand - Elsie Densem,
12" diameter silver tray (new) and heart-shaped diamond chip necklace - Sally Bowen,
large kitchen pots - Jean Baker,
2 gourmet packs (lamb) - Topsy Farms,
hand-crocheted Afghan throw - Anne-Marie Hitchins,
15 gallon aquarium with accessories - Lynann Clapham,
fur hat - Morfidis Furs,
hand operated Singer sewing machine (old-perhaps antique?) - Jim Whitton.

We remind you that a phone call to any committee member of I.S.L.E. will ensure that your donation will be collected. Their names are listed after the I.S.L.E. reports.

Raffle tickets, priced at \$1 each will go on sale this week and will be available from any committee member. The draw, to be held at the annual I.S.L.E. dance in September will be for:

- a) Island sketch (framed) - donated by Shirley Miller
- b) doll cradle in pine - donated by Earl Smith
- c) Colonial rocking horse (for 5-6 year olds) by Earl Smith

So, with the proceeds from the Ham Dinner, the coin jar (see below), monetary contributions from off-island and expected proceeds from the dance, we are already well on the way to reaching our goal. On top of that we will

have the proceeds from the auction and the raffle. The promise by our recreation committee to underwrite the project with up to \$1000 gives us assurance but it would be great if we could do it ourselves. Nonetheless, we are extremely grateful to the recreation committee for their promise.

Do keep looking in attics, basements etc., for any item you feel would be suitable for the auction. The I.S.L.E. committee is very grateful for your support as are our children.

The I.S.L.E. committee members are:

Anne-Marie Hitchins, Bob Horth, David Fleming, Alex Scott, Dianne Marshall, John Nixon, Beth Forester, Sally Bowen (Chair) and Jim Whitton.

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ISLE Coin Jar

- Lynann Clapham

As you can see from Jim's article above, the I.S.L.E. school playground total is steadily increasing, thanks in part to your donations to the I.S.L.E. coin jar. Since last Beacon we have raised another \$110, bring the coin jar total to \$310! We now have a different location in Glenn's store - Irene and Annette were kind enough to find a special place for the coin jar and our not-so-tiny school playground model (just opposite the door). If you haven't already done so, stop and have a careful look at the model next time you visit the store (and don't forget to drop in a few coins while you are there). Our total was helped along considerably this month by home penny jar donations from Jessica Gavlas and again from Dianne Marshall, who seems to have an endless collection! Remember - every penny helps!

Pitch-In Week, May 1-7, 1989

- Diane Gavlas

The second year for our community to work together for our community pride and environment.

On May 3rd, a lovely sunny day, any and all interested people are invited to join in a roadside clean-up of the Island. The Girl Guides, Brownies, Amherst Island School Children and residents will meet with trucks if you have one to drive at the school at 1 o'clock to organize routes.

Last year some volunteers and the school children worked the roadsides to clean up litter. This year we ask you to help. When you see us in front of your property come out and help and encourage the children. Some of you can't be home on a weekday but if you wish to participate ask me (Diane Gavlas) for a free garbage

bag provided by Nova and Polysar Ltd. and pick up in front of your place the night before and leave a note to let us know you helped.

Seeing how much and what type of garbage is on our roadsides and will be filling our dump will help make us aware of the quantities of garbage produced.

Any returnable bottles and cans will be cashed in and the money given to the school and guides and brownies. I don't expect there will be much cash for these hard workers though for most is not returnable.

Next month I will let you know how the day went and list what and how much garbage is bagged. It might surprise some of us. Hope to see you May 3rd.

Wasting Less - A Consumer's Guide

Did you know...

Ontario residents throw away 7 million tons of garbage each year.

Packaging accounts for 1/3 by weight and 1/2 by volume of residential garbage.

20% of the food we buy ends up in the garbage.

Households make up the largest single group of hazardous waste generators in Canada.

The useful life of a test food package is often minutes, but it may persist in the environment for years or centuries.

Compost - Messy Fun

- Diane Gavlas

A grown-up's answer to mud pies? No, we can be a lot more productive. Organic waste makes up a third of our garbage. Some of us already do compost or feed scraps to the chickens but I ask that more people please try a compost this year.

You can buy a compost bin or use an old garbage can with holes punched in it. Feed this new addition to your yard leaves, grass clippings, fruit and vegetable peelings, eggshells, coffee grounds and last, but not least, tea leaves. Next year dig this humus into your garden or flowerbeds for one of the best gardens you will have.

Sunday School

- Sarah Scott and Lori Caughey

On Palm Sunday, March 19th the sun was shining. We had Sunday School outside, thanks to our teachers and Rev. McIntyre. We had our own Palm Sunday Activity thanks to the Gavlas and Caughey ponies. We reenacted the triumphant entry of Jesus. Pony rides were given to the Sunday School children after the parade of disciples that followed Jesus. It was a day to

remember!

Thank You Notes

A sincere thank you to our family, friends and neighbours and especially Burleigh Lodge,

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Presbyterian Church Women, Anglican Church Women, and Women's Institute for cards, phone calls and visits.

Ernest Fleming

Notices & Announcements

Legion Essay Competition

- Georgie Allison

On behalf of Amherst Island Branch #539, Royal Canadian Legion, I am pleased to extend congratulations to Jessica Gavlas who won 2nd Prize in Zone G-1 Royal Canadian Legion 1988 Essay competition in the Junior category.

Memories

- Jessica Gavlas, grade 4

Memories might be sad and memories can be glad. I know a memory that could be sad or glad.

The good part of this memory is that many men fought in wars to keep Canada free. One other reason is that if the bad side had won they would take over our country.

The sad part of this story is that many men who were brave enough to fight, died.

On Remembrance Day wear a poppy to show that we appreciate those who fought and died to keep our country free.

Don't Shoot The Birds

- Janine Earl Gillesse

On three different occasions within the space of a week my husband and I saw three different parties shooting at robins and other small birds. This was in the village. Twice the offenders were teenage boys and once it was an adult with his small boy. This wanton disregard for life seriously darkens the brevity of the season. Wildlife is dwindling on all quarters of this planet because of encroachment, pollution and other things over which we as individuals have frighteningly little control.

Letter To The Beacon

As it's written in the Beacon, the ferry loading policy sounds as though anyone arriving at the Millhaven dock and finding a full ferry-load already there could just decide to extend the first line by one car and therefore get on, bumping the last guy off. Can this be what you mean? If not, it may warrant some kind of clarification. If so, the policy is going to create problems.

Reply To The Above Letter

- Ian Murray

I am sorry if I confused anyone. However, there is a sign on the Millhaven dock clearly indicating where the line-up ends. If there is space between the last car in the first line and the sign, then any vehicle filling that space should be loaded.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

- Chris Kennedy

I am organizing a one (short) day CPR course again this spring. Strongly recommended for Fire Fighters and Ferry crew, and last year council paid the fee for these people. All those who took it last year should renew their certificate, and new trainees are welcome. Please leave your names for me at 389-3444.

Municipal Office Hours

The Clerk will be in her office on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm. The office is being kept open on a trial basis primarily to see if those who work off the Island want access to the Township Office.

Advance Notice

Girl Guide Cookies will be on sale in the village on Wed. April 19th for \$2.25 a box. If you don't see us there contact any Brownie or Girl Guide with your order. Thanks for your continuing support.

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

25th Wedding Anniversary Dance

The family of Hans and Hazel deHaan would like their family and friends to join them in the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday April 29 commencing at 8 p.m. at Amherst Island Public School. A cold lunch will be served. Please come out and share in their happiness.

Firemen Wanted

Wanted desperately. Amherst Island Fire Department needs firefighters, male or female.

Must be fit, able and willing to train twice a month in fire fighting practice, equipment operation rescue, First Aid and firefighter safety.

In the next 3 years, the Township is

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committed to setting up a communication system complete with personal belt pagers and portable radios. By early this summer we expect to have a fire pumper, and in time, enough large diameter hose to reach all of Stella and most lakefront properties. Our agenda also includes Self Contained Breathing Apparatus so we can safely enter a salvageable building, and most important, rescue a trapped person, perhaps your child.

This is impossible without trained people. Amherst Island does not have the population base to attract 20 keenly interested individuals, so we must depend on people who would rather be doing something else. It is frightening the number of good people who are too busy to be on the department but having studied the training literature, it is far more frightening to hear people who think they can turn up at a fire and be useful. This is a recipe for suicide.

After your property, neighbour or family is lost, it is too late to join, so please ask yourself if you can make a contribution. If you can, please contact Fire Chief George Gavlas. This is a demanding job. There will be a probationary period and not all applicants will be accepted.

Spring Flotsam

- Sally Bowen

Spring breakup sometimes deposits interesting items on our shores, but the best yet was the multi-coloured apparition that floated up then appeared at our door two weeks ago. Philip Torrens was travelling by kayak from Toronto to Montreal, in March and April. When he discovered himself stopped by solid ice between the Island and the mainland, he dropped in to ask for a drink of water!

We invited him to stay for a meal and the night. He told us a bit about his trip. He said most people were friendly, though questioned his sanity. He started March 17 with a buddy who had to stop after 3 days. (That was the day after their tents were destroyed by pack ice when they were temporarily away.) He camped out most nights, once in Darlington's back yard, and met little problem except for the layers of ice he had to chip off himself. Philip described with glee the reaction of

the regulars in a little country and western bar in Newcastle when he entered in full colourful "uniform".

He was very well equipped. His one-man sea kayak was loaded with safety equipment as well as his stove and camping gear. His backpack had flares and whistles and even a small inflatable liferaft. He wore Farmer John (neoprene) wet socks, wet booties and wet suit, propylene undershirt, lumber shirt, "dry jacket", the skirt that seals him into the kayak and his lifejacket. He also sometimes wore "pogies", mitts that seal over the end of the paddle.

We were delighted to have his company for a few days, welcoming his help in the barn and the house. He set off, backtracking, around the south shore. We understand the Scott's extended hospitality to him, as he awaited clear passage to the other side. Best wishes to a most unusual visitor.

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{Masthead caption}

Bart brings barge beyond beacon (built by Bert),
belaying Bev's becalmed boat bearing Bart's browsed
Beacons (beautifully bundled by bodacious Bev).

Beacon Notes

We've got some good news and we've got some bad news. First the bad news.

We regret to announce that Canada Post has declared the Beacon a 'non-standard letter' (or something like that). The effect of this unsolicited honour is to raise our mailing costs from 38 cents an issue to 48 cents effective this month. The 97 current subscriptions will not be affected; however, new subscriptions will become \$10.00 within Canada and \$10.50 to the USA.

And now for the good news.

In this age when cosmetic changes to products are hailed as revolutionary, we at the Beacon are trying an entirely new approach - we will look worse but be better. Eventually we will look better too but that's going to take a little time and a lot of learning.

The Beacon is now being produced on the latest of word processing programs, WordPerfect 5.0, which is the standard against which all others are measured. It is fantastic! No two ways about it. It's capacity to handle words is amazing and it's so much easier to use than our previous program. Even with only having it for a few of weeks, producing this Beacon has been a breeze. Hopefully by next month, we'll know enough to make the Beacon look prettier but we may be limited by our printer. We don't know yet but we do hope to get the most out of this program.

Since we got our new computer and accompanying programs, producing the Beacon has been a trial. The previous program required that we type the text like a long letter; then transfer it to another program where it was put into columns; then it was edited page by page.

The typing, proofing, editing and cutting the stencils took on the average about 30 to 40 man-hours which was more time than we could afford. We expect to be able to cut that in half with this program because we can type our text in columns. We have lost some graphic capability but we gain some interesting features which should be showing up in the months ahead.

Council Report for May 2nd

- C J Kennedy

Council approved the minutes of last month's meetings. Five permits were issued: new residences for Alan Glenn, Elizabeth Hogeboom, and Lance Eves, additions to residences for Diane Pearce and Dave Vrooman, and demolition permits for the Willard residence and the Emerald Granary.

Stuart reported that the levelling on the Dave Willard Property has been done. This month the road crew will continue putting on gravel and grading ready for the calcium. Council thanked Stuart for his

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work with the Dangerous Materials handling course.

George Gavlas reported on the new fire truck. He also said that he is having a poor response to his appeal for new firemen. If we want to have a fire department on this island we need people who will volunteer and turn up for training, or the new fire truck will not be much use.

The Ferry Committee had recommended that George Gavlas be appointed as the new full-time deck hand, and this was approved. Council will pick up his expenses to attend the extended Marine Emergency Disaster course at Port Colborne. Money is not forthcoming for paving the Stella dock this year.

Council discussed the long process necessary to close the old road to Long Point. The Province is providing extra money to the township for repairing the shore road just west of the Sand Beach (\$17,000), and for a 1/2 ton truck for the road crew (\$12,000). Council called for tenders for the truck. Stuart at last will not supply his own truck for the road crew. Rick Bedford's tender for repairs to the Municipal Building was accepted.

After some discussion Charles Eves was granted three severances, though no new building lots were created.

The Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company will talk to a delegation from council about aid to the Fire department. The Volunteer Fireman's

Association has received a donation for demolishing the old Fred Hitchins house.

When the dump is reorganized the Ministry will require it to be bulldozed every two weeks, so a considerable increase in budget is required. Bettschen is meant to start work this month.

The Recreation Committee reported that the Spring Dance is May 27th. The Swimming Programme is planned again this summer. A Canada Day Celebration, with fireworks and other entertainment, is being planned.

The township lawyer has expressed his opinion that the township has a walking path in the village, and the township will return the issue to the recreation committee for future action.

The preliminary budget from the Finance and Administration committee was approved. Pertinent financial information will be circulated by householder mail. The Reeve, Jim Whitton and Diane Pearce will find and hire a summer worker to help with a computer for the township office.

Council decided to extend the restriction on severances to one per land owner, for another three months.

Council approved an easement for Topsy Farms, and then, having run out of time, adjourned before the agenda was finished.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Dave, Fern and Morgan Willard on their new addition. Rebekah Gayel, weighing 8lbs 13oz, was born last weekend. Best Wishes!

Welcome home to Norm Allison, recovering at home from complications due to knee surgery. Ytje Witteveen has been moved recently to St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and hopes to be home shortly.

Welcome home also to Helen and Allen Caughey, both home after surgery in Toronto.

The Newspaper Box At Glenn's Store

Recently, we have received several complaints from our paying customers that there isn't a paper left for them when they go to pick one up. As Jesse is receiving enough papers for all his paying customers, we can only assume that person(s) unknown are removing papers to which they aren't entitled. Please be aware that whoever is doing this is stealing their neighbour's papers, and that Jesse has to pay for the extras ordered to cover this. If you want the paper on a partial-week basis, we can do this for you. Just call us at 384-4071. Thank you.

Caroline Yull

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The annual meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of our President, Diane Gavlas on Wed. April 19th at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was payment of fees.

The President conducted our regular business with final plans for our May events. The annual meeting was conducted with annual reports given.

Anna Hitchins was appointed Chairman for election of officers. List of officers as follows:

President... Diane Gavlas

1st Vice-President... Phyllis Strain

2nd Vice-President... Janet Scott

Secretary... Marian Glenn

Treasurer... Irene Glenn

Program Co-ordinator... Phyllis Strain

P.R. Officer... Anna Hitchins

District Director... Phyllis Strain

Alternate Director... Jean Baker

Auditors... Leslie Gavlas & Georgie Allison

Good Cheer... Irene Glenn

Tweedsmuir Curator... Anna Hitchins

Assistant Curator... Genevieve Fleming

Standing Committee Convenors were also appointed.

It was decided that our May meeting be cancelled. The date for planning of programs is to be decided by the President.

I.S.L.E. Playground Project

Progress Report

- Jim Whitton

Although the efforts to keep our Grades 7 and 8 here on the Island take a lot of time, there is enough left over to enjoy the way in which donations continue to arrive. Recent cash donations have been received from Syl Apps, John Hall, Mary Robinson, Amherst Island Driving Club, Amherst Island Legion, Mayman Exploration Services, Video Shed, Amherstview and Smith's Septic Tank Service Ltd. A very thoughtful letter from the last-named was accompanied by a generous donation. The letter is reproduced below. These cash donations now exceed \$1300 - we are extremely grateful to all donors. Surprisingly, we have, as yet, received no donations from Board Chairpersons Mrs Mifflin and Mrs Pixley.

Contributions to the auction, to be held at the school on Sunday, May 21st at 2:30 p.m. continue to flow in. Further contributions will be gratefully received and a

call to any member of the ISLE committee will ensure pick-up. Otherwise, items may be delivered to the school (skate-change room) or to the Township garage. Please phone ahead to ensure someone will be on hand to receive you. The latest items for the auction are: Ceramic pitcher and bowl (Dorothy McGinn) Hand-woven drapes (Jean & John Baker) Hand made picnic table (Keith Miller) Hand woven blankets (Georgie Allison) Book- Traditions in Wood (Harrowsmith Books) Chicken-killing equipment (Simmons Feed and Seed) Air Ecologizer (Tena Tugwell) Reel to Reel tape recorder with tapes (Jim & Lynn) Genuine German pewter mug (Laura & Barry Gartner) Two loads (700 gallons each) of water (Caroline Yull) Professional Pet Clippings (Caroline Yull) Pet Care Products (Napanee Vet Hospital) \$50 Meals voucher (McDonalds Restaurants) Donations from Napanee Co-op, Wood 'n Energy, and Millhaven Grocery are also promised as are many others.

Raffle tickets are still on sale from ISLE committee members for

- a) Island sketch (framed) donated by Shirley Miller,
- b) doll cradle in pine donated by Earl Smith, and
- c) Colonial rocking horse (for 5-6 year olds) by Earl Smith.

I believe that we are now well ahead of the targets we set ourselves at the outset of this fund-raising project. Please keep up the momentum for another few months. The children appreciate all your efforts as does your ISLE Committee.

See You At The Auction!

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Letter From Smith's Septic Tank Service

We make this donation in recognition of the years of good customer relations we have had with the people of Amherst Island.

We wish you success in your endeavours.

We would also like to express the hope that Amherst Island is successful in keeping their school population intact - grades 1 through 8. We feel that the Board of Education is not well informed about the overall quality of life found on Amherst Island.

Good luck...

ISLE Coin Jar

- Lynn Clapham

Greeting to all summer residents and visitors!
During your stay here you will no doubt visit Glenn's

Store a number of times; when you do, take a look at the model for the new school playground (it's just across from the door as you walk into the store). You will also notice a coin jar beside this model - this is one of the many ways the I.S.L.E. is raising the necessary money to finance the playground. So far this jar has raised \$400 in just three months! We ask that every time you are in the store you drop in any loose change (or bills) that might be floating around in your pockets. Another big help are donations of coin or penny jars if you have any. This month Nessie and Francis Welbanks, Chris Glenn, and Dianne Marshall (yes, again) donated penny jars which gave us over \$30 in total. So keep those coins coming in - from pennies to loonies - we need 'em all!

Bottle Drive

The kids are going to do their share to raise money for the playground too. On Saturday, June 10, they will be asking Islanders to donate empty returnable bottles. You can finally get rid of that teetering stack of beer empties! Please hang on to the pop bottles too, and give them to the kids, June 10th.

Book Review

- Dianne Marshall

The Rural Community. Depopulation, Urban Integration, and Change: Amherst Island in the 1880's - by Catherine Anne Wilson.

A little known but fascinating book lies within the walls of Stella Library. I heard about it in a passing conversation and went to investigate. It seems that in 1984 Catherine A. Wilson decided to do her M.A. History Thesis on life on Amherst Island in the 1880's. The result of which she received the James Robertson Carruthers Memorial Prize for the most distinguished M.A. Thesis in History, Queen's University.

The thesis is very easy to read and covers a variety of topics from the changes in farming and its effects on life on Amherst Island to specific personal and social aspects of the 1880's.

This thesis would be thoroughly enjoyed by anyone who is interested in historical information about our Island home.

Compost

Get Serious Now!

- Diane Gavlas

Glad to hear so many of you are composting with homemade and purchased containers. Those who have started are amazed at how much less they have to drag

to the dump.

Another way to make a composter is with 2"x4" leftovers sunk into the ground 6" and wrap snow fence around it. This one is good because air is able to circulate through the pile while rain water drains out freely.

Try to avoid large pieces (but don't spend a lot of time chopping) of kitchen and yard waste. And when you add grass clippings and leaves mix them with the rest of the pile with a fury.

Don't add anything treated with pesticides or rhubarb stems and walnut shells. These things contain chemicals that will stop the workings of your compost pile.

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With each layer of waste add a thin layer of moist earth this adds microbes and keeps it looking better. If your compost pile smells it shouldn't. More oxygen is needed. If it gets too wet turn the pile over or if its too dry add some water.

Your compost is finished when it looks like rich dark earth.

Thank-you for trying compost to save the room in the dump for things we can remove.

Senior Citizen Housing

- Jim Whitton

Responses to the Planning Committee questionnaire on the subject of Retirement Centre/Village: "should this be investigated?" brought forth the following responses:

Residents... Yes 30 ... No 2

Non-residents... Yes 19 ... No 2

Unsigned returns... Yes 21 ... No 3

Armed with this information your QV Committee appointed a Sub-Committee of Carolyn Ackerman and Jim Whitton to look into various possibilities. This Sub-Committee found that a Senior Citizens Housing project seemed the most reasonable approach for the Island. To this end we invited Bev Kentfield of the Ontario Housing Corporation to come and discuss this type of project with the QV committee. This she did on May 27th stayed the night at Poplar Dell and had a brief tour of the Island the following morning.

Senior Citizen Housing functions as a non-profit organization with any financial shortfalls in operations being taken up by both federal and provincial departments. Briefly, the housing is intended for seniors who are still independent, capable of looking after themselves, but perhaps living in a house that is too big, too much to look after, and perhaps isolated. Rental of

the self-contained units will never exceed 25% of one's income. Before we can go further with this project we need some idea of just how many seniors would be interested so those who are, even if only slightly, are asked to get in touch with Caroline or Jim. Should there be sufficient interest we plan to hold a public meeting on the topic. Bev Kentfield has offered to come to this meeting to explain all the details and has offered to show slides of many Senior Citizen Housing projects across the province.

County Council

- Ian Murray

The April County Council meeting was the best one for me so far - only took one hour.

The Ontario Government has just issued a report entitled County Government in Ontario. The English portion of this report is 72 pages (48 pages of meat). It is dedicated to the concept of the "ideal county" which will take responsibility for:

- a) waste management;
- b) economic development; and,
- c) planning.

The present county system is too ineffectual to handle this job so the main thrust of the report is dedicated to the strengthening of county government. One major problem with the existing system is that councillors represent vastly different numbers of people. For example, the Reeve of Ernestown represents over 5000 people while the Reeve of Amherst Island represents less than 400.

The proposed solution is to lump the smaller municipalities in with the larger ones so that no municipality has less than 4000 people. This larger municipality would then be divided into wards so that each county councillor would represent more or less the same number of people.

Our county might be reorganized as follows:

- a) Town of Napanee, 4600 people, 2 Councillors;
 - b) Township of Richmond, 3600 people, 2 Councillors;
 - c) Townships of Adolphustown, North Fredericksburg and South Fredericksburg, 4600 people, 2 Councillors;
 - d) Township of Camden East and the Village of Newburgh, 4500 people, 2 Councillors;
- Townships of Amherst Island and Ernestown and the Village of Bath, 12,500 people, 6 Councillors; and,

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- e) Townships of Kaladar, Anglesea & Effingham and Denbigh, Abinger & Ashby and Sheffield, 3100 people, 2 Councillors.

This would provide 16 Councillors instead of the

existing 22 (some with 2 votes each).

What could be more fair and sensible?

Well, let's back up a little and consider a few basic considerations.

If the county system did not exist would we bother to invent it? In the case of Lennox & Addington, I seriously doubt it. Bath, Amherst Island and Ernestown have stronger links to Greater Kingston than to Greater Napanee. The north part of the County has much more in common with the municipalities to the east and west than they do to municipalities in the south end of the County. Without economic links, political links lack a solid basis.

Waste management is a nice way of saying "Whose going to hide the garbage?" Only the federal and provincial governments can hope to manage waste and its sibling, pollution. Only they can provide the legislation and the policing to deal with these problems. In the mean time, local municipalities should be encouraged to cooperate with each other in a logical fashion - not foist the problem onto a grouping of municipalities who have some historical links but few economic ones.

The provincial government has held out a \$50,000 carrot to each county willing to undertake an economic development plan. If this type of activity was really worth doing, it would be done. Lennox & Addington County is not poorer than Oshawa because it lacked the foresight to hire an economic development consultant 50 years ago. I have not opposed the present excursion into economic development by our County because it seemed a fairly harmless activity and, there's always the remote possibility that something good might actually come out of it. However, to contend that we need a stronger county government to handle economic development is a bit silly.

Finally, there is the sacred concept of "planning". Planning, in municipal politics, has become synonymous with zoning and that great panacea, the "official plan". This world does not need more planning of this kind. However, if people insist on zoning let's keep it local and not pass it on to another layer of government. Perhaps the wisest course for any local government is to try to stay out of the way and let those who can, do.

In conclusion, I think that there are as many reasons to abandon the concept of Lennox & Addington County as there are for making it stronger.

I am sure that, should our Township be swallowed up by Ernestown, we would be treated as fairly as possible. Ernestown appears to be well-run municipally and there is no doubt that the School Board Trustees from this Township have proven themselves to be true friends of our community. However, I think that the loss

of our municipal autonomy can never be adequately balanced by our being part of a stronger County or a larger Ernestown Township.

There are now approximately 30 people elected and appointed who take some part in our municipal government on Amherst Island. This may not be efficient but it is effective and I am sure that the concept of democratic government is stronger within this community now than it would be when only one person gets to take part in municipal government - and that on the mainland.

Amherst Island Education Committee
- Sally Bowen

On Monday, May 8, the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education voted on the future of the grade 7 and 8 students from Amherst Island Public School. They decided to allow them to stay in the Island school one more year only, with travel 2 mornings/week for enrichment of 4 subjects: history, geography, physical education and instrumental music. The following year, 1990-91, the students will be transferred full time to Bath Public School. The vote was 7 to 6 in favour of the motion.

Trustees opposing the motion (and supporting our position) were: Richard Babcock, Ken Campbell, Ellen Collins, John

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Ibey, Eldon Peters and Francis Savage.

Our former trustee, representing Bath and Amherst Island, resigned in March due to poor health. There were 16 applicants for the vacant position, 3 from the Island and 2 from Bath. The Board interviewed the five local applicants for the position, but did not make their decision until the end of the May 8th meeting.

That means we were not represented by our own trustee during this crucial vote.

We have not given up, of course. We are still convinced it is in the best interests of the grade 7s and 8s to remain based on the island.

We are investigating the legality of the decision, based on our lack of representation.

We are meeting with our new representative, Steven Leonard from Bath, to ensure he understands our position.

We are examining ways to increase the school population next year.

We intend to use media and contacts to appeal to the Ministry of Education to review the situation.

We will make next year as successful as we possibly can, to underline our contention that it is best for our

kids.

We will find a way to keep our grade 7s and 8s based here.

Letters To The Beacon

The War is Over!

The Battle Won!

The hierarchy have had their Way!

The sly winks have been noted, the old man has responded and the Ladies Aid have cast their votes on the pre-arranged decision - all promises of fair consideration are now by-gones - two and a half more years to live under the Educational dictatorship, while such dictatorship pats their own backs with pride at restraining the tax increase meted out to the municipalities within their tax base at a 8% increase and strive to find niches in which to fit another chair to accommodate another resource person, if we can suitably identify such person with an appropriate title. The Amherst Island Public School tax supporter will continue to pour tax dollars into the school system throughout the County of Lennox and Addington, while we live in jeopardy of the next major decision which may be directed to our school life, which has for the past 42 years served us so well, under capable and enthusiastic teaching staffs. Will the dagger be driven deeper and deeper? Is this what lies in store for us within the thinking of our dictatorship? Perhaps they will choose to cart our much used and well kept school away, cinder block by cinder block as it was transported so laboriously to the Island during the building's construction.

As an energetic group of young Island parents, over the past 4 months have given of their time and abilities in attendance at countless meetings, where they strove to put forth reasonable debate in an effort to convince the County education "bloc" that their decision, certainly not based on monetary considerations, was disastrous to our Island Education System.

Many things have been brought forth as a result of the process that was put in place by our "Superiors". The Reeve and Municipal Council of our Island Township, have stood staunchly behind all of the efforts, cooperating in every way that was possible. Likewise, our friends from the adjoining Ward of Ernestown, who occupy seats on the Board of Education, have unceasingly spoken and voted for what they believed was in the best interests of Amherst Island children. Lastly, it has been so heart warming, as well as encouraging, to see the overwhelming support that has been generated among the comparative new residents on Amherst Island, among whom are people of

very high calibre, well educated in their various professions and amply able to give good judgement and expression to their considerations.

All of this in the midst of a small community which has suffered, over the past number of years, with such divisive wedges being driven in to the heart and core of a community life that was so enjoyable and

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pleasant to live in, so flavoured with love, co-operation and fellowship.

Sincerely,

"An Island School Boy"

A. Bruce Caughey

First a bit of background, my father was a construction engineer, consequently we moved from one remote area to another throughout most of my childhood. The techniques used by the companies to attract personnel of calibre are I feel relevant to Amherst Island's situation today.

In addition to assuring a prospective family that the church of their choice was "Just around the corner", available housing, convenient shopping and most significantly a good school were emphasized.

When we moved to Wabush Labrador in 1962 I was in grade 6. There were 2 of us and we shared a teacher with 5 grade 7's. This was duplicated in the other end of the building by a catholic school despite the fact that in Newfoundland there are provincial exams and the curriculums are identical. All this in spite of the fact that Labrador City 3 miles away by road also had a complete school.

When we moved to the Island of Nfld. in 1966 we were directed, not to the town where Dad worked, but to one of several that had schools. Nfld was moving in from the outports at that time, and Horwood High in Clarenville was peopled by students from as far as twenty miles away. All by road; a situation enviable today in Lennox and Addington. While not a panacea for many of the pupils from outlying areas who's future was not going to be brightened by any schooling beyond grade 4, those who saw high school as an adventure and opportunity gave this school spirit such as I have never witnessed any where since. Although I didn't appreciate it at the time, the principal had a sign over the entrance to the auditorium which read, "This is one of the finest schools in Canada." It truly was. I read today in fire fighting publications that Clarenville, Nfld is purchasing new and expensive fire fighting apparatus, a sign that it continues to grow and prosper.

Amherst Island is unlikely to grow and prosper as

Clarenceville has; it neither has a rail terminal nor is it on the Trans Canada Highway. If however it is to continue even to stagnate at its present rate, never mind and attract young intelligent educated and/or professional families it must have not only a good school, but the continued existence of that school must be assured for the long term. The potential for savings to the board cannot be compared to the loss to our community. The mere fact that the board as a body has not met over here, demonstrates that they understand the limitations of the ferry far better than they indicate publicly; the difference being of course that we put up with it, they don't; nor would they.

At the meeting on April 24th; which we were invited attend to present in a different format what we had already told them two months ago; Sandra Pixley read her book while our presentation was being made. In the discussion that followed we were told that our concerns were unfounded despite the fact that no-one on the board is qualified to make that judgement nor has anyone made any independent effort to find out the truth. Indeed all anyone has done so far is study the busing logistics which are so necessary to their prime objective. The only consolation we were given was that things aren't working all that well elsewhere in the county. After we left so they could discuss in a "non threatening environment" some of them mocked us, apparently unaware or not concerned either that 3 of our speakers are professional educators or that we (some of us) were, still within ear shot.

If is clear that this board is utterly deaf to our concerns and totally committed to its own agenda.

Against, the day when our school is closed, Amherst Island is still paying school taxes, but no children live over here, it is time council sent Napanee a strong message since we now get precious little from the county.

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The board clearly feels this issue can be resolved by the flexing of muscles. Dialogue so far has produced nothing so I feel it is time for council to plant its heels. We have walked softly long enough.

George Gavlas

Comments by Ian Murray

- 1) the Board met here several years ago, the meeting was advertised but, like other residents here, I didn't bother to go and I guess George didn't either.
- 2) I think that anyone who suggests that Council should "plant its heels" should at least provide Council with some guidelines as to what is expected.

To date, Council has responded positively to all requests made to it by the Education Committee and has done so very willingly. I hope that this will continue to be the case.

I certainly hope that it is possible to have the last meeting of the Board of Education declared a non-meeting as Bath and Amherst Island did not have a trustee to represent us. I doubt very much if the Ontario Municipal Board would allow a municipality to so flagrantly violate such a fundamental principle of democratic government. However, it remains to be seen how our system of government works with respect to Boards of Education. If Council can help in this matter, I am confident that it will choose to do so.

3) I understand that it is the law of this province that the municipality must collect education taxes just as it must collect taxes for the County.

Thank You Notes

According to Monday nights Board decision our fight to keep the grade 7 & 8 students here on Amherst Island is not over. However, I want to take this time to thank our Education Committee for taking many afternoons and evenings off their busy schedules to attend seemingly endless meetings. There was also a great deal of work done behind the scenes and I know everyone gave their best.

Thank You from Dianne Marshall

I would like to thank my relatives, friends, neighbours, A.C.W, P.C.W, and W.I. for cards phone calls, visits, goodies and flowers I received after my fall. Special thanks to Clinton for coming to my assistance.

Emily Tugwell

I would like to express my most warm and heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours who came to my assistance at the time of my recent accident and upon my return from hospital. Your kindness and generosity can never be repaid but will always be remembered as an example of the kind of community that I am proud to call home.

Sincerely Rick Bedford

Pitch-In-Week

Thank you to all the cheery volunteers. We could only cover half the territory in the time we had. But six drivers and their volunteers from the school and Guides

and Brownies filled numerous bags! Big bags! We found a lot of paper on the roadside, McDonald's restaurant packages, beer bottles, (but, and I stress this so hopefully we can adjust to return bottles). The majority of garbage on the Island roadside was nonreturnable plastics soft drink cans by the hundreds and Americans beer cans the beer store wouldn't cash in. We did get \$24.00 worth of returnable beer bottles, cans and soft drinks. Thank-you again volunteers, school children, Guides and Brownies.

Notices And Announcements

Canada Day Celebrations

Saturday July 1, 1989 7:30 pm

Bike Parade from park to school (prizes for bike decorations)

Games for children.

Drinks & Hot Dogs for sale.

Pipe band.

Fireworks!

A project of the Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee in conjunction with the A.I. Volunteer Fire Department.

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Swimming Lessons

The Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee will again sponsor swimming lessons this summer. Registration forms will be available from Annette after June 1.

Roller Skating Lessons

The Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee will sponsor Roller Skating Instruction this summer. Skating will take place on the tennis court. Anyone interested please leave your name with Annette.

Summer Employment

The Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee is now accepting applications from students willing to initiate a Summer Playground Program.

Applicants should be responsible youth, and must submit proposals for a 4 week program. The Summer Playground Program will be open to children age 4 to 10, and will operate from 9 a.m. to 12 noon two days per week. Successful applicants will be required to plan and carry out a program within these guidelines.

Please apply (in writing only) to Jim Whitton,

Chairman, Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee. Included should be an outline of your program and a list of materials required. Applications will be accepted until June 15.

Spring Dance

May 27

Amherst Island Public School

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

Dance at 9:00 p.m.

Buffet Supper

Music by Anne Banks

Ticket \$18/couple,

Available now from Betty, Annette, Jim Barbro and Glenn's Store. Sponsored by the Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee.

Chicken BBQ

Plan now to attend the Annual Chicken BBQ on July 8th commencing at 6:30 pm at Amherst Island School. Sponsored by St. Alban's A.C.W.

Adults \$7. Children 12 years and under \$3.50. Pre-school free.

Chicken cooked by a different company this year (Pineridge BBQ Company).

Advance tickets only from Jean Tugwell (389-4636) and Barbara Reid (389-0675).

Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Fighters will meet every other Monday at the Fire Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. starting May 15th. Subsequent meetings are on May 29th, June 12th, June 26th, etc.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale a Rambler 13' trailer in good condition sleeps 4. Also includes spare wheel, reese hitch, and trailer stands. Call 389-0675.

Wanted to buy or rent a house in or near the village. Call Dianne or Bob Marshall at 389-4070

For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller

Need Help with Spring Cleaning?
Call Dianne Marshall at 389-4070

General Contracting
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Babysitting
Tracy Hitchins will babysit after school, early evenings
and weekends.
Call 389-5385

Wanted a guitar player for the Anglican Church
services.
Call Rev. Blaber at 352-5106

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden
tractors, etc.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair
Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318

Property Maintenance
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and
painting.
Reasonable. References.
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing
If you have a tear, I will repair.
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory
Still available at Glenn's Store

Electric Fence Supplies

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Cisterns Filled
Competitive Rates.
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Glenn's Store Book Exchange is still in operation, but
we are running low on paperbacks. We are willing to
accept any and all used books.

VCR Rentals
Glenn's Store also has a super selection of more
than 70 VHS movies to rent. We have a VCR and
Nintendo Game Machine to rent as well. Is there a
special movie you have been looking for but can't find?
We take requests, we also reserve movies.

Amherst Island Sweatshirts are still available at Glenn's
Store.

Garage Sale
Some trash, some treasure - Saturday, June 10th at 10
a.m.
Chris Glenn, Lynann Clapham, Jim Whitton, at Chris's
place.

Beacon Wanted
Elsie Willard needs Issue 45, Oct. 15/81 to complete
her collection of Beacons. Beacon Staff would like to
hear from anyone who has a complete set.

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{The following was the caption for the masthead diagram}

Boggled Bart brings bemused Bev beside buoy beached by big blow.

Perry McDonald

Barb McDonald's son, Perry, has returned safely from China. He was flown out of Shanghai during the evacuation of Canadian citizens and is presently staying in Toronto before returning to the Island for the summer. For the last 9 months he has been studying in Hanzhou and travelling throughout China.

We are thankful for his return and expect that it will take some time for his experiences to become stories for us to hear.

Council Report
For June 6th
- C J Kennedy

The Meeting was held at the school to emphasize that the meeting is open to the public, but it is not a public meeting. About a dozen members of the public attended.

Minutes and agendas were approved. Two building permits were issued in May, one for a new residence for Garry MacDonald, on the old Fred Hitchins' residence, and the other to Terry McGinn for renovations to a garage (the old Emerald store).

Lloyd Wolfreys is acting Senior Captain until Eldon returns from his vacation. Council will purchase a 1/2 ton truck from Pringle Ford in Napanee for the Roads Department. The closing of the old road to Long Point is proceeding slowly, there being numerous legal hurdles to clear.

The Township has made an agreement with the City of Kingston Fire Department to train our Fire Department drivers. The Fire Committee is negotiating

with the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company for help with the cost of new equipment.

The quick turn-around on the ferry will start this summer as soon as the Amherst Islander returns from dry-dock (it is scheduled to go to dry-dock on June 14th).

The Environmental Concerns Committee is circulating to local municipalities and local politicians a resolution asking that all drink containers be made returnable.

The work at the dump is progressing and should be finished at the end of the week. Council requests that people dump their garbage where indicated, and that all garbage be bagged. There will be a meeting with the Ministry of the Environment on June 20th at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers concerning the future of the dump. All are invited to attend.

The money for the school playground has been raised, so the Recreation Committee does not need to put in \$1,000. Plans are going ahead for the

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Canada Day celebration. There will be a parade, food and drink, races for the children, balloons, fireworks and music. Bob Horth has been hired for park maintenance.

There was a discussion as to how much should be spent on the Fire Department. A better Fire Department will cost money on the taxes, but the Fire Department needs a better way to summon fire fighters (a pager system) and the Scott Air Packs the department owns are completely obsolete. It was decided to continue the discussion at another meeting, when the final cost of the dump work will be in, and the Island Insurance company will have a more definite reply.

Tracy Filson has been hired to work in the Township Office for the summer, and to help with the new computer.

Tom Sylvester did a survey on ferry user's opinions of the ferry (more at the end of this report). A questionnaire will be circulated to islanders asking about economic opportunities for the island.

Kaye and Dorothy McGinn received approval for four severances on their land on Lot 63, Con 2. These replace six severances which were not completed within the last year, which is the time allowed for completing a severance. This was a recorded vote, Tom voted against.

There was a discussion about speeding in the village. John Nixon requested that people leave a few minutes

earlier for the ferry.

Council adjourned just after ten o'clock. There was more visitors than usual, possibly because the meeting was at the school, but the echo in the lunchroom is so bad that much of the meeting was very hard to follow.

Ferry Survey:

This is not a complete survey, but turned up a few interesting ideas. The majority felt that the present service was satisfactory, and a higher majority (61:30) felt the quick summer turn-around service was satisfactory. Opinions varied on the pass system, but the idea of buying tickets in bulk at reduced cost was more popular. There was considerable support for more secure parking on the mainland. The Quo Vadis committee will be reporting to Council soon with recommendations for the ferry, and the fares, so please express your opinions in writing to them. You can see Tom's report at the Municipal Office.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting in May was cancelled and a program planning meeting was held at the home of Phyllis Strain on Wed. May 31st.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Rita Miller on Wed. June 21st at 8 p.m. and members wanting to go are to be at the 7 p.m. ferry. The Roll Call - bring a jar of preserves or jam to auction and proceeds go to "Pennies for Friendship".

The W.I. members extend a big "thank you" to all the school pupils for setting up the tables and chairs and also cleaning up for us at the Ham Dinner on May 13th. Your help is most appreciated!

Field Naturalists

- Janet and Alex Scott

We thought June was a good month to talk about some of the nesting shorebirds found on Amherst Island.

Most of you have met the Killdeer at one time or other. The Killdeer's scientific name is "Charadrius vociferous", and vociferous it certainly is! A quiet afternoon in the garden is shattered by the loud demanding call that announces to all and sundry that Mr. and Mrs. Killdeer's space has been invaded. "Oh dear!" The Killdeer is well known for its broken wing act as it valiantly leads you away from nest or young. As soon as they are all hatched, the young leave the nest and run on tiny legs after the parent.

The most common nesting shorebird in our area is

the Snipe. Their loud, whistling, winnowing sounds are heard in spring as they spiral down in an aerial display to catch Mrs. Snipe's favour. Once June is past this sound ceases and they are much

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harder to detect. The nest on the ground is hard to find as grasses arch over it and the Snipe runs away from the nest before taking flight. If you've been out in the fields and heard a long, drawn out "wolf-whistle", its not someone being fresh, just a local Upland Sandpiper. It's about 10" long with a small head and long neck, and when it lands on a field or fence post, it holds its wings erect over its back briefly before closing them. At least thirty pairs breed annually on Amherst Island.

The little sandpiper that flies off the road with stiff, vibrating wingbeats and peeps loudly with short sharp whistles is a Spotted Sandpiper. The young can be seen now on the Southshore Road bravely scooting after their parents and only just escaping bus and car tires. It's about 6 3/4" in length and shows white on the wing.

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists visited Kingston on the weekend of May 26-28. The Wilson's Phalarope was the key bird and two rather large groups of avid birders visited Amherst Island to view our famous breeding colony, said to be the largest breeding group east of Winnipeg. You couldn't have asked for better performers. The dull males flushed only at the last minute from hidden nests and the brighter females paraded within twenty feet of watching birders. The rich chestnut neck streak and dove grey contrast make this a most beautiful bird. Mr. Phalarope shows a broken wing display similar to the Killdeer's when flushed from the nest.

Bird Of The Month: - Golden Eagle

Amherst Island, in typical welcoming fashion, provided many of the F.O.N. members with the thrill of a lifetime. An adult Golden Eagle, spotted by some Kingston Field Naturalists the weekend before, and then kindly reported to us by Beryl and Bill Stoker on May 27th, reappeared on May 28th and circled magnificently over the heads of the birders as it rode the wind currents and soared across, to Wolf Island. For us, it was a lifetime sighting. This rare visitor to our area was an adult during breeding season which leads to cautious optimism that the Eagle population is increasing in the Kingston region.

Recommendation: If you are interested in a reference book, not an identification book, but a good guide to breeding locations, numbers and history of sightings, consider "Birds of the Kingston Region" by Ron D. Weir. It is available from the Kingston Field Naturalists, or give us a call.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539
- Jean M. Tugwell

The May meeting was held in Lloyd's Room with Past Zone Commander Dave Gordon, Present Zone Commander Norm Kelly, Deputy Zone Commander Erle Kish and 13 members of Branch 539 present.

The President opened the meeting with "O Canada" and turned the chair over to Dave Gordon for the installation of officers for 1989-1990:

President... Tom Miller

Vice-President... Debbie Miller

Sec.-Treasurer... Earle Tugwell

Chaplain... Norm Allison

Sgt-at-Arms... Tony Tugwell

Committee Chairpersons:

Poppy... Tena Tugwell

Membership... Irene Glenn

Ways and Means... Debbie Miller

Public Relations... Jean Tugwell

Sports Officer... Phyl Silvers

Poems and Essays... Georgie Allison

Service Office... Audrey Miller

Sick and Visiting ... Irene Glenn

Norm Kelly set Sept. 17th as the date for the Zone Convention to be hosted by Branch 539 at the School.

A donation of \$100.00 was voted over to Kingston General Hospital for C.A.T. Scan. The meeting closed with "The Queen" and a short social time was enjoyed by members and guests.

The Dump

- Diane Gavlus

I'm sure you've noticed or heard a lot of time and money have gone into cleaning up the dump to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Environment.

There is a few years left to dump at this

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site if we are careful. Compost will reduce. Burning all paper & brush & lumber at home will also reduce the space filling in. Please follow the dumping signs and bag the garbage that must go to the dump.

A new site is being looked for but even when bought will take about 5 years of licensing paperwork and of course more tax dollars to come into use.

Trucking garbage off the island is very very expensive so a well managed dump is the most cost effective way we have to deal with the garbage.

Thank-you for working together to keep our Island clean and a great place to live.

I.S.L.E. Playground Project Progress Report

- Jim Whitton

Success!!!

That is the only word to describe how well "we" have done in our efforts to raise the cash necessary to fund the playground project. By "we" I mean all of us: the non-resident and resident islanders who have donated, in cash, some \$1700 (donations came from as near as Stella and as far as the Cayman Isles, West Indies), the islanders and non-resident islanders who contributed to the auction, by giving or bidding, to raise a total in one afternoon of about \$3,200, those who contributed to the coin jar (see below), the children who raised a large amount on their bottle drive (see below) and who provided hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks during the auction. While it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please be sure that all contributions, in cash, in kind, or in time are greatly appreciated. One special mention must, however, be made to our auctioneer, Dave Snider, who gave freely of his time and talents to make the auction the huge success it was.

We now have everything in place to make the Wintario application for matching funds. The deadline for application is September but we intend to have ours in by July - late applications go to the bottom of the pile!

A detailed account of the monies raised by the various endeavours will be printed in the July Beacon.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

ISLE Coin Jar

- Lynann Clapham

As Jim mentioned above all of our fund-raising efforts for the new playground have been tremendously successful. The coin jar was a major contributor, raising a grand total of \$541.37! Approximately \$140.00 of this was raised in the last month, with lots of help from Stuart Miller's coin collection (over \$40 worth) and very generous donations made to the jar on auction day. A very special thanks to Irene Glenn, who made the coin jar possible by making room in the store - she also rolled coins for me which made my life easier! Finally thank you and congratulations to all of you who made coin jar donations --whether large or small, every bit helped.

Bottle Drive

The school students got into the money raising action too. They worked hard, collecting returnable

bottles so they could contribute their share to the playground. Thanks to their work and the continued generosity of Islanders, \$248.65 was raised to add to the total.

Community Sunday School

- Susie Caughey

Everyone is invited to the Annual Community Sunday School Picnic on the lawn at St. Pauls, Sunday, June 18th, starting at 12:30. It's a potluck dinner. Please bring your own cutlery. Hot & Cold drinks, plates, cups & serviettes will be provided. Perhaps you might like to bring your own lawn chair too. After lunch, there will be singing, games and races. (All adults, practice up for the annual tug-o-war!) Please note: the entire Sunday School will be participating in the 11:00 service at St. Pauls on that day. Sunday School classes will then take a summer recess and resume in September.

Special thanks to Louise Seaman for her

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generous contribution to the work of the Community Sunday School and her kind letter accompanying the cheque. Also, Peter and Joyce Morgan of Bramalea assisted by Lesley and Garry McDonald and Bob & Anne Turner and Grandma Edith, have delivered trunk loads of paper in all sizes, shapes and colours to be used by the Sunday School! We all certainly appreciate your time & care & love given to help out the children. And with our thanks goes a warm welcome to you all as present landowners and future residents of the island.

A New Teacher

Our principal, Dick Cherry, announced with pleasure that a new teacher has been hired to start teaching in September.

Cathy Anderson will be teaching grades 5 to 8. She will also teach French to all grades.

She has very close connections to the Island. Her mother, Sandra Armstrong, attended Amherst Island Public School until grade eight. Cathy's grandparents were Leslie and Laura Wemp (nee McGinn) who raised their family on what is now the MacCrimmon property in Emerald.

Cathy was raised on a farm on the 2nd concession north of Bath and attended Bath P. S. She has been teaching near Lindsay this year. She plans to be married this summer, so she will be Cathy White in the fall.

We welcome her to the Island.

Goodbye

We regret that Connie McRae and Ted Hanley will be leaving our school this spring. They are both excellent teachers, and have contributed a great deal to the friendly and positive learning atmosphere in the school.

Our best wishes to you both.

School Board Meeting

Monday June 13

- Judy Miller and Sally Bowen

In response to a letter from an Island resident implying that legal action might be taken to have the business of the May meeting declared invalid, Willis Boston, Director of Education made the following recommendations. He informed the trustees that the advice of the Board's solicitor was to hold a vote at the June meeting, to "confirm by resolution" the minutes of the May meeting. With Mr. Leonard (our new trustee) present, this motion of confirmation would protect them against any possible legal action. Mr. Boston also confirmed this action with advisors from the Ministry of Education who agreed it was the correct procedure to follow.

A vote was held, 11 in favour, 3 opposed. Mr. Leonard, Mr. Babcock and Mr. Campbell voted against the motion.

The Island was represented at the meeting by Judy Miller and Debbie Miller, from the Education Committee. We had no prior knowledge of the action.

Letters To The Beacon

The Dustbowl of Stella in 89

Well they talk about pollution we sure have plenty of that in the form of dust.

So far all we have got is promises and more promises.

The hard top we were promised fell through no funding available.

Calcium is being put on all over the Island by the truck load, but what about the Village?

All we get is water and a handful of calcium sprinkled at random.

Living on the corner has it drawbacks, mind you it has some pluses, but I can't see them for dust.

There was a time I could sit on my veranda and enjoy my coffee or just watch the traffic go by.

Going for a bike ride used to be fun, walking is impossible, before I wash I have to check which way the wind blows.

The dust creeps into everything.

As I am writing this, there are big trucks rolling by about every 2 to 3 minutes both way's and of course a cloud of dust rolls right along with them as they stir the dust with their large wheels, and they sure don't help the condition of the road.

To say I feel frustrated is putting it

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mildly.

Please someone hear my plea and do something before we choke to death.

a choking Villager.

Tena Tugwell.

Dear Reader

I would like to respond to Ian's comments regarding my submission to last months Beacon.

- 1) The board of "several years ago" is not the board of today, and I did attend the meeting.
- 2) The letter sent to the Beacon also went to council, with the exception of the last page. Council's copy was considerably expanded to include some guidelines which Ian evidently did not read. I said that bearing in mind that council represents others besides a few school kids, and we do operate the ferry, it is well within its mandate to refuse priority to the school bus on any trip, notably the commuter trips. I also pointed out that high school students commonly travel on bus trips with their own cars. If they are paying for it this is perfectly in order, however a cheap student pass used to this end may be inappropriate.
- 3) Ian's idea of "responding positively" is to provide funds i.e. paying for the bus which took us to the board meetings. My contention is that a gesture by council may be more effective when dealing with issues of this sort.

George Gavlas

Emerald Granary

The granary at Emerald is being recycled by Turvy Construction at the request of its new owners, Terry and Susan McGinn. They are going to replace it with a dock.

The granary was an immensely strong building but has suffered badly over the last decade or two. Parts of the siding and roof had come off which rotted out large sections of the walls and floors. Also part of the foundation had washed away. Last winter the roof came off the tower causing the lift mechanism to come loose.

In the course of taking it down we have become

curious as to its history. If anyone out there knows anything, jot it down and send it to us at the Beacon. Maybe next month we'll have enough to write up a short history. Anything at all would be appreciated whether it be historical facts, personal experiences, the people who worked there, its construction, etc.

We have found some interesting items in the building and just to prime the information pump, here's a sampler:

- 1- at the north end (water end) the roof, floor boards and some of the frame are broken off indicating another section was on that end. We have been told that this section was taken out by ice but we don't know when or how much of the remaining was rebuilt.
- 2- the only date we've found in the older half is one written in pencil on one of the beams which reads "Sept 99" indicating 1899. We don't know when either of the sections were originally built.
- 3- the building is what is called a "board-on-board" type of construction which means that the boards were stacked on the flat and interlocked with the bin walls. The north-east corner was the tallest with approximately 175 layers of wood. Virtually all of the wood appears to be pine with some hardwood in the original section. A rough calculation shows that if the boards were laid end to end they would stretch some 8 miles. They used unplanned, full- sized 1 by 4, 1 by 6, 1 by 8 and 1 by 10 along with some larger framing beams. Much of this wood is for sale at used wood prices.

So if you have anything to share, let us know and we'll try to pass it on to the rest of our readers.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all those people who sent cards and letters at the time of my mother's death. A special thank you to Bonnie and Eleanor who 'fed' Clinton and to Elsie who provided him with transportation during my protracted absence. Thank you one and all.

Ena Baker

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Notices And Announcements

Canada Day Celebrations

Saturday, July 1st, 1989 7:30 p.m.

Bike Parade from park to school (prizes for bike decorations)

Games for Children

Drinks & Hot Dogs For Sale

Pipe Band and

Fireworks!

A project of the Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee in conjunction with the A.I. Volunteer Fire Department.

Why not send the money you would have spent on your own fireworks to the Committee care of Jim Whitton.

Swimming Lessons

The Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee will again sponsor swimming lessons this summer. Registration forms will be available from Annette after an instructor has been found.

Roller Skating Lessons

The Amherst Island Parks and Recreation Committee will sponsor Roller Skating Instruction this summer. Skating will take place on the tennis court. Anyone interested please leave your name with Annette.

Chicken BBQ

Plan now to attend the Annual Chicken BBQ on July 8th commencing at 6:30 p.m. at Amherst Island School. Sponsored by St. Alban's A.C.W. Adults \$7. Children 12 years and under \$3.50. Preschoolers free.

Chicken cooked by a different company this year (Pineridge BBQ Company).

Advance tickets only from Jean Tugwell (389-4636) and Barbara Reid (389-0675).

Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Fighters will meet every other Monday at the Fire Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on June 26th.

Street Dance

The local firemen are once again hosting the annual street dance in the village. The date is July 8th, in the evening, after the ACW Chicken Bar-B-Q. Music by disc jockey. Refreshments available. Door prizes. This year we are including a beer bar in the firehall. Chairs and tables will be provided since all liquor consumption must be limited to this inside area. Everyone welcome. Donation boxes will be located at the gates. Come out and support your community.

Need A Special Gift?

- Susie Caughey -

Glenn's Store has a supply of "Amherst Island" golf shirts, football shirts and sweat shirts on sale now. If you have a specific request, please leave orders at the store or phone me by June 26 - when another order will be made. Also, look for more "Amherst Island" caps (with the ferry logo) available sometime in July. The Presbyterian Church Women thank you for your support of these projects.

Amherst Island P.S. Graduation and Awards

The graduation ceremony for Grade Eight and Kindergarten students, and the presentation of awards will take place at the school on Monday, June 26, at 1:00 p.m.

Slow Pitch Baseball

The Amherst Island Slow Pitch season is already underway with the first game played on Wednesday, June 14th, see schedule below. It is not too late to get on a team and have some fun and exercise as well. Players must be 14 years old. If interested call either:

Brian Ward at 389-5767 or Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078 or Earle Tugwell at 389-4636,

Rules:

- 1) No stealing bases.
- 2) No sliding.
- 3) No bunting.
- 4) Do not touch home plate when scoring just run to scoring line drawn to the right of home plate.

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- 5) Catcher will call foul balls if we only have one umpire.
- 6) 10 players on the field defensively with 2 women.
- 7) When batting the whole line-up will bat but just goes through the line-up once.
- 8) When a hit ball goes off of the pitcher then the ball is dead and not in play.
- 9) Foul balls along the fences or between the fence and the light poles are out of play.
- 10) Home team coach should make sure that we have an umpire.

1989 Schedule

All games at 8:00 p.m.

Wed June 14 A vs B (Home Team)
 Sun June 18 B vs C (“ “)
 Wed June 21 C vs A (“ “)
 Sun June 25 B vs A (“ “)
 Wed June 28 C vs B (“ “)
 Sun July 2 A vs C (“ “)
 Wed July 5 A vs B (“ “)
 Sun July 9 B vs C (“ “)
 Wed July 12 C vs A (“ “)
 Sun July 16 B vs A (“ “)
 Wed July 19 C vs B (“ “)
 Sun July 23 A vs C (“ “)
 Wed July 26 A vs B (“ “)
 Sun July 30 B vs C (“ “)
 Wed Aug. 2 C vs A (“ -“)
 Sun Aug. 6 For Rain Outs If Required

Play-offs consist of the first place team getting a bye to the final.

Teams finishing second and third will play a two game total run schedule to see who plays the first place team in the final. The final will also be a two games with total runs declaring the champions.

Food Bank

For the third year in a row, Amherst Island will be the only community regularly donating fresh food to the Partners in Mission Food Bank.

We made 60 shipments of fresh food in the last two years. Usually each shipment represented donations from 2 to 6 families.

This is how you can participate. At this time of year when not much garden produce, is available, either phone Sally Bowen at 389-3444 to arrange delivery, or deliver it yourself to the new Food Bank location at 412 Bagot St. In next month's Beacon we will announce the regular pickup days. Islanders can deliver food to the ferry (or ask Sally to arrange pickup). The food is received by Food Bank drivers on the mainland dock. It is normally delivered to the people who need it the same day.

George and Diane Gavlas, and Leslie Gavlas have

already made several donations of fresh eggs this year. Judy and Don Miller and Steven Street and Lorraine Burton donated large quantities of fresh rhubarb.

It is sometimes possible to arrange for help with picking the produce, so if you plan a vacation when produce might spoil, or if you can't face picking another bean, please call us. If you are cleaning out your freezers, they would be glad to accept last year's frozen vegetables for the soup kitchens. If you can't keep up with the lettuce before it bolts, or you have too much spinach, please donate it.

If you have any questions, please call Sally. Thanks.

Last But Not Least

Congratulations to Chad Miller who won the County Boys Intermediate Long Jump. He also placed second in the Triple Jump.

Really The Last Item Awards

The Environmental Protection Award given this month to the Ontario Government's 'Environmental Youth Corps' who are advertising their services in a pamphlet made of glossy, non-recyclable paper!

The Artist Of The Year Award given to Octavio Fierro who is living proof of the maxim "Never underestimate the taste of the art buying public". He is able to sell between 15,000 and 20,000 velvet paintings a week (for \$35 to \$95 U.S.) of unicorns (4,000 per week), Elvis (500 per week), moonlit buffalo, ducks flying across a tomato-colored sunset, or portraits of Hank Williams, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mr T.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale a Rambler 13' trailer in good condition sleeps 4. Also includes spare wheel, reese hitch, and trailer stands. Call 389-0675.

For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.
 Custom made all steel weather vanes.
 Call Keith Miller

General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,

major upgrading of the Sanitary Landfill Site. The initial cost of the work is in excess of \$15,000. Anyone visiting the dump will notice a vast improvement in the site. It is now the responsibility of each and every person who uses the dump to make sure that proper dumping takes place in order to maintain the excellent condition of the site. Improper dumping will lead to greater costs for upkeep and restricted hours of operation with an attendant on site.

Please follow these rules:

1. Dump only in the designated areas.
2. Put all garbage in bags or closed boxes.
3. Put brush and metal (old appliances, etc.) in the locations marked.
4. Do Not Dump On The Road
5. Do not dump inside the fenced area marked 'No Dumping'.
6. Do Not Set Fires.

With proper management, our dump site should last 10 years more. Opening a new site will be very costly. Your co-operation will save tax dollars both in site maintenance and in delaying the need to open a new site.

We Appreciate Your Co-operation And Assistance
In Keeping The Dump Tidy

{included with this article is a diagram of the landfill site which has not been reproduced}

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A Forewarning re: 1989 Budget - (Details will be mailed with tax bills)

After much deliberation, at a special meeting on June 13th, Council approved the 1989 Budget. In spite of Council's best efforts to keep the mill rate at an acceptable level, necessary improvements in the Fire Department and dump operation have resulted in a major tax increase.

Fire Department - Council supports the Fire Department's request to upgrade equipment and training in order to improve the department's ability to respond quickly and safely to fire emergencies. A pumper/tanker has been purchased and approval given to begin a 3 year program to acquire breathing apparatus and communications equipment.

1989 Fire Budget \$42,612.

1988 Fire Budget \$9,500. Increase \$33,112.

Environmental Concerns - The Ministry of the Environment will no longer accept the condition of our dump. As a result, a major upgrading has taken place and an additional expenditure will be required to keep the site at an acceptable standard.

1989 Environmental Concerns Budget \$18,000.

1988 Sanitation Budget 3,600. Increase \$14,400.

Total raised for general purposes

1989 \$81,173.

1988 \$57,620. Increase \$23,553.

A surplus from the 1988 operating budget has been allocated to this year's budget to off-set expenditures.

Notice re: Quick turn-around Schedule -

The quick turn-around schedule will resume for the summer when the Charlevoix leaves and school is out. A sign outlining the summer schedule will be posted at Millhaven dock.

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Bev bops Bert because Bert botched barging beached
buoy back beyond beacon

Extra!! Extra!!
Read All About It!
Beacon Out On Time!

The gods have smiled on us this month. Not only were our contributors ready with their submissions but, more importantly, a break in haying allowed our intrepid staff to get the job done. Everyone can now take a deep bow.

The next time this conjunction of events is expected to happen is about the same time as the return of Hailey's comet (2062).

Council Report For July 4th
- C J Kennedy

Council was called to order, and the minutes of the June 6th and June 13th meetings were approved. The June 13th meeting was to approve the budget estimates and to set the mill rate for 1989.

Two building permits were issued in June, to Doug Martin for an addition to his cottage, and to Peter Trueman for a utility shed. There was some discussion about whether the building inspector need attend council meetings every month.

Council decided that the west side of the road from the ferry to the stop sign in the village be designated a Fire Route, and parking be prohibited. The Township solicitor will be consulted about the legalities, and the by-law enforcement officer will be asked to enforce it. This will ensure a clear route for the fire trucks to refill at the dock.

The Ferry Subsidy Agreement Negotiating Committee (the Reeve, Caroline Ackerman and Tom Sylvester) met with Ministry of Transport of Ontario

representatives. This was a first meeting to start talking about a new ferry subsidy agreement, and the general future of the ferry. People with strong opinions should let council know what they think.

Council will pay, on request, the expenses incurred by Township employees going on courses approved by Council.

The Ministry of Transport has inspected the Township grader, and advised that the grader needs \$39,000 for repairs, and it is not worth repairing. Some grant money is available for buying a replacement, and Council will find out more. A new one might cost \$150,000, so Council may look for a second hand one.

Steven Willard tried to organize a public meeting about the shore roads this summer to inform, and to

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receive input from, summer residents, but a date could not be found when other councillors could also attend.

Council discussed the possibility of contracting with Bath fire department for assistance in an emergency, rather than planning for mutual aid, which might require us to send our equipment off the Island. The Reeve and Clerk will contact the Reeve of Bath to negotiate.

The Ministry of the Environment turned nasty at the last meeting with the Environment Concerns committee. Council had tried to comply with the M.O.E. requests, and now M.O.E. is throwing a whole new slate of demands at Council. Council will take legal advice before complying with any more requests from M.O.E. Plans are going ahead to provide containers for recyclable cans.

Jim Whitton reported that the Recreation Committee has found a swimming instructor, so lessons can go ahead.

The Quo Vadis committee met last month. They are studying the ferry rate structure, and making recommendations for the Ferry Subsidy Agreement, due for renegotiation this year.

The Township is to retain the legal firm of H. Robert Shepard to represent the township concerning the Back Beach. Also The Back Beach Committee has asked the road crew to gravel and grade the road from McGinn's to the Back Beach.

The Province of Ontario has published a report on County Government in Ontario. Among many suggestions in this document is one that small municipalities should be amalgamated with larger ones. Council sent a resolution to the Ministry responsible stating that amalgamation for Amherst Island was

unworkable and unacceptable.

Judy {Miller, Assistant to the Clerk/treasurer} reported on the search for a computer for the Township office. This should speed up much of the routine office work such as wages for the ferry crew, taxes and accounts, and give us up to date report on the township finances.

Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

The Neighbourhood

Annette pushes deadlines as do all true newspaper people, but we have taken her by surprise by not being late this month (so far). Irene reminds us of this news...

Norman and Georgie Allison are leaving the Island this week. They have both made meaningful contributions to the community and have good friends here. Best wishes to them both.

Welcome to the newest Islander. "JJ" Hutchings (Justin John) finally arrived. Everyone is delighted he and Cheryl are so well. Anyone else going to help the school?

(for more see page 10)

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Rita Miller, on Wed. June 21st at 8 p.m.

The first thing on the agenda was the Induction of Officers. The Roll Call was to bring preserves or jam to auction for "Pennies for Friendship".

Regular business was conducted by the President. Phyllis Strain gave her report of the District Annual, held in May.

June has been declared as W. I. month, so the District set up a window display for a week to promote our W.I. and on June 22 & 23 there is to be a display at the Napanee Mall. Each branch is given so much time to display their own exhibits.

Our guest speaker for the evening was the County Dairy Princess, Angela Brown, who gave a very interesting address on how people are chosen for the position of Dairy Princess and their duties during their reign.

The W.I. Pot Luck Picnic will be held on Sat. July 15th, starting at 4 p.m. at the home of Jackie and Tom Sylvester. The hope is that all W.I. members and their families will make a real effort to attend!

Recycling Containers

- Diane Gavlas

The Amherst Island Women's Institute together with

other W.I. branches in L&A County are doing a recycling trial of drink

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cans until July 29th.

We have a container at Glenn's Store and one at Fay's Chip Wagon. There is a third but it is light and blows away as the recent storm taught me. It will be at the dump if it stays put. I will leave it there. Recycling is turning into a very difficult job but we are trying to beat all the obstacles as best we can with the cooperation of as many people as we can for this trial run.

Thank you for your continued help to work on our environment.

Library News

- Karen Fleming

It's too hot to do anything but sit in the shade with a good book & this is the place to get one! The County continues to keep us supplied with current best sellers, our latest being "Star" by Danielle Steele. Don't forget, any we don't have in the branch can be ordered on interloan. Interloans are never a problem, the more the better.

A big cheer to all you avid readers who've boosted circulation so nicely. Every month since January has been consistently higher than last year. (In May, it was 175 higher!) Keep it up, folks and tell all your non-member friends to join you. Membership is free to all full or part-time residents of L&A County, and your card can be used in any branch.

Summer Reading Club has started, kids, so come out & join. We are calling it Eureka!, and the theme is science. I have a number of books on the subject, both fiction and non-fiction, on the shelf beside the desk, so you don't even have to search through all the shelves, & tire your little eyes before you start to read!

The Large Type have just changed and we have a regular rotation coming up on the 17th, so stop in and see what's new.

Also, don't forget we have a good selection of videos (travel, instructional and childrens) right here in our own branch, plus there is a list of movies, available on interloan from Napanee, which changes every two to three months. This list is posted at the back of the library on the video shelf.

Happy Reading! See you at the library.

Cook's Corner

- Marian Glenn

Carrot Salad

- 2 lb cooked carrots
- 1 large onion or 3 bunches of green onions
- 1 large green pepper
- 1 cup celery chopped
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 3/4 cup vinegar
- 1 tsp prepared mustard
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp pepper

Cook carrots, drain and cool, add onions, pepper and celery.

Mix the remaining ingredients and pour over - mix thoroughly, cover, let stand at least 12 hrs. Keeps for 2 weeks in refrigerator.

Pour oil in slowly, as soup, vinegar, sugar, mustard and w. sauce are heating.

This recipe can be doubled, and tripled, depends on amount required.

Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

This past month has been notable for young birds. Migrants moved on to northerly nesting ground and our resident population settled down to the serious business of raising a family.

The Wemp family discovered the dubious pleasure of having a Mockingbird claim their roof as his territory. Betty tells us his repertoire of songs included Killdeer, Robin, and other local birds, even a "Pretty Bird" such as a Budgie might try. Since Mockingbirds like to sing from high perches especially at night Robbie was greeted coming home from the ferry with a Killdeer rendition that stirred up the neighbourhood Killdeers.

The Housefinches with their brown streaked sides and red heads, breasts and rump patches have been bringing their young to the feeder so it looks like our resident population has settled in to stay. The

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first bird of this species recorded in Ontario was sighted at Prince Edward Point in 1972 and now the Kingston area has an estimated population of 1000 pairs.

Jeanne Johnstone reported young Flickers ready to leave the nest at her place. At least it sounds like the parents figured it was time to leave and the babies wanted to hold a Governmental Inquiry or at least an Appeal to delay this date of departure. The Adult birds held off across the yard calling while the little ones

debated the issue. There was a lot of polite "you go first" but in spite of loud yells for "Mom" the young had to leave in order to be fed.

Our last nest of Tree Swallows were tempted to leave the nesting box by Mom sitting only ten feet away with a tantalizing large winged insect dangling from her beak. When the time is right both parents seem to know and they stop bringing food to the babies although they're even more diligent to try and drive away an intruder if we have the audacity to use our own backyard.

A sight to warm one's heart was Mother Gadwell out for a swim one of those last warm days of June with a trail of 12 little downy ducklings followed her. The water was very calm and they paddled quite smartly after her.

The Cliff Swallows under our eaves seemed to solve the problem of growing children by building another nest right beside the first. We thought it was another pair nesting two weeks later than the other but yesterday both nests vacated at the same time.

In case you thought it was summer and only time for baby birds get ready for fall migration. There was a Redhead and two Lesser Scaup in the bay by Eves on July 9th. Perhaps they stayed all summer but it was a surprise to see them.

Bird Of The Month: - American Kestrel

One of the most exciting finds for us since the last Beacon was a Kestrel nest. John Wellbanks was kind enough to call us when he found a baby Kestrel. This young nestling was defiant enough to stare at us with his large yellow eyes then challenge us with his miniature talons. The nest turned out to be in a hollowed out bale of hay in the loft of the barn reached by a crack in the door. The American Kestrel is the smallest and most common of the falcons. You'll recognize him by his rusty red back and black side "whiskers" on his face. The male has slate-blue wings while the female has rufous-brown wings.

Recreation Committee

- Jim Whitton

Canada Day Celebrations

Blessed by superb weather, the evening celebrations got off to a good start with a parade headed by a red fire truck with sirens going and lights flashing. Following the truck came Earl Smith and a friend playing old-tyme music on a fiddle and banjo. Then came two local equestrians, Laura Wemp and Sarah McDonald prancing along in great style followed at some sensible distance by Llew MacArthur, the clown

of the evening, pulling Helen along in her wagon. The children, on gaily decorated bikes followed, keeping some semblance of order all the way from the Fire Hall to the school. The parade was followed by our new fire truck.

On arrival at the school the children and bikes were judged by Irene Glenn and Jack Kerr. Appropriate prizes were awarded. Llew and Laurene Kilpatrick, as clowns, did a great job of entertaining the kids during the evening. Various races were held, O Canada was sung (a P.A. system will be in place next year) and hot dogs with soft drinks were served before the main event of the evening - the fireworks display.

The fireworks were great, very ably orchestrated by our volunteer fire department who deserve great credit for all their efforts.

During the evening two significant awards were made. First, to Jack Kerr, a plaque was awarded in recognition of his many and varied contributions to the community as a member of the recreation committee. His efforts were very obvious to anyone looking around at the many recreational facilities adjacent to the school. Next came the award to Steven Ward

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“The Canada Day Youth Certificate for an Outstanding Contribution to the Community”. Steven’s citation, in brief, was for his self-motivated efforts to bring to us islanders the very possible loss of our Back Beach. Steven brought a petition to Council which resulted in Council, by various paths, looking into the possibility of retaining the beach for our own use. Council has now taken positive steps to do something concrete about this issue. Steven is to be commended by the community, on top of the Canada Day Award, for his efforts. Congratulations, Steven!

The Recreation Committee is grateful to all who participated in the Canada Day celebrations and to those who contributed so generously to the Fireworks Fund. Private contributions, profits from the sale of hot dogs and soft drinks and a donation from the Canada Day Fund totalled approximately \$600. We thank you all.

Food Bank
- Sally Bowen

The gardens are off to a great start with the rain and heat (with the exception of those that were shredded by hail). I hope we will have even more fresh produce to donate this year than the 60 shipments made in the past two years.

I was disorganized about delivery so I’m afraid we

missed some good rhubarb patches, but the problem is now solved.

John Hall will pick up any produce delivered to the 10 a.m. ferry on Thursday mornings and will deliver it for us to the Food Bank. Please call John (389-6553) or Sally (389-3444) to say it is coming. If you need a pickup, or to arrange help with picking a crop, call Sally.

Remember, the Food Bank soup kitchens are pleased to accept last season’s frozen vegetables, preserves, etc. if they are in good shape.

This is the time the first planting of lettuce starts to age, so if you have too much, and it is still sweet, please send it with John.

Thanks this month to John and MaryBeth for their donation of rhubarb, and for the offer of transportation.

If anyone is going on a holiday and would like to donate a “picking” while away, please let us know.

The fresh food we donate is truly valued by those who receive it.

Letters To The Beacon
From Ms Barbara Hopper
Dear Sir

I would greatly appreciate it if you could publish this letter in your newspaper, as I have recently discovered that Amherst Island is my “ancestral home”. Some of your readers may have info I need.

Thank you
Barbara Hopper

On 7 August 1825, a marriage took place in Bath. It joined the lives of Thomas Hopper, an Amherst Island farmer, and Mary Ann McGinnis, who was a daughter of George Magin (or McGinn or McGinnis). At the time, Thomas was 28 and Mary Ann was about 25. The young couple made their home on Lot 7, South Shore Concession. By the time of the 1851 Census of Canada West, they had 8 children: John, Catherine, Daniel, George, Mary J., Samuel, Nancy and Andrew.

The McGinnis family is probably still remembered by residents of the island today. Mary Ann’s grandmother, Sarah (Kast) Magin, was a United Empire Loyalist who had refused to work for the Americans in their efforts to keep the Mohawks in New York loyal to the American cause. Instead, she became a paid British agent and went to live among the Six Nations Indians for one winter. She had learned their language as a child, and through their trust of her, she was able to keep them loyal to the Crown. A lengthy and detailed history of her life and adventures during those years of trouble has been well written by H.C. Burleigh in the

periodical Ontario History, Vol. XLII (1950), No. 2.

All of the above is by way of introducing myself. I am a direct descendant of Thomas Hopper, through his son John Hopper. For almost a year, I have been researching my family origins at the National Archives in Ottawa, and slowly the portrait of the generations has been

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unfolding. The Amherst Island connection emerged in January when I found a reference to Thomas Hopper in W.D. Reid's "Marriage Notices in Ontario".

At that point, I promised myself a trip to the island to try to find Lot 7 and actually walk where they had lived. On Monday, 19 June 1989, I brought my mother and daughter with me on what for me was almost a pilgrimage. Coming across on the Charlevoix was like coming home! Naturally, we stopped into Glenn's Store for information, which was kindly supplied by Mrs. Glenn's grand-daughter.

Then we drove off to go 'round to the south shore. I had with me a copy of an old (1879) map of the island, showing the tenant on each lot. In 1879, Robert Filson was on Lot 7, so you can imagine my pleasant surprise when I passed the H. Filson mailbox. I'm sure that family would like to see a copy of the old map I have.

Not knowing for sure which Lot would be Lot 7, we just drove along, enjoying the beautiful scenery and the smell of the breeze. It was a very emotional experience for me, especially when we stopped at the Willard's Stonebrae Farm. I was attracted to the huge, old tree in their yard, feeling its is probably 200-300 years old - in which case, it would have been alive when Hoppers lived nearby. We knocked at their door, but sadly nobody was home.

So we pressed on after taking two photos of the old tree. Coming upon St. Paul's, we turned in to check names on the tombstones. Sadly, it became a speed contest between my legs and the mosquitos' wings!! We were eaten alive! If anyone observed a woman running among the graves, madly flapping her arms while looking frantically from side to side, it was only harmless me trying to outrun those dive bombers. (Who says Amherst Island doesn't have an Air Force!!!).

Sadly, we had to catch the 6 o'clock ferry back to the mainland, so my first visit to the island was far too short. A return trip is a must. I felt so at home, like I belonged there. All the friendly waves we got only made it better.

I would appreciate it so much if any of your readers could provide me with information, either about the McGinnis family, or the Hoppers. I do know that McGinnises married into several local families and

many of those names appear in the St. Alban's Cook Book: Wemp and McDonald especially. The McGinnis family also was connected to the Eadus, Hartman, McLeod, Stapley, McKay, Amey and especially the Howard families.

Your island is a lovely unspoiled spot, a rarity these days. I am proud to be descended from a former resident of such a lovely place and plan to visit again very soon. Perhaps before then I will have received letters from a few of you, and that way, I won't be coming back as a stranger.

Looking forward to hearing from anyone interested in writing ... particularly Mr. Caughey, who was recommended by the Land Registry Office in Napanee.

Cordially yours,
Ms. Barbara Hopper
108 - 47 Deerfield Drive
Nepean, Ontario
K2G 3R7

P.S. Love your "Beacon". Here's \$10 for a year's subscription so I can keep track of how "my island" is doing. (If you need extra postage to mail each issue, let me know.)

From Denise Kenny Hehn

Ian: After much discussion with Roger Bainbridge about correcting the errors of the Whig's reporters, it was decided that a letter from me would be best. I think it will also serve as a good explanation to island residents if you would be so good as to print it. Thanks!

(addressed to the Editor, Whig-Standard)

Dear Sir:

In her article "Amherst Islanders by Choice" (Whig-Standard Magazine, June 17, 1989) Paulette Peirol asks on the islanders' behalf: "..... And why did their local trustee, Denise Kenny Hehn, not inform her constituents that a decision had been pending?"

Judi McLeod's column of April 18, 1989

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states: "Other parent concerns are that their duly elected representative to the board, who resigned mid-term, never discussed the proposed move with her constituents

The assumption implicit in both Ms. Peirol's unanswered question and Ms. McLeod's heretofore unchallenged statement is that I had prior knowledge that there would be a recommendation coming to the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education's Education and Personnel Committee meeting of January 30, 1989, to transfer the Amherst Island Grade 7 and 8

students to Bath Public School in September, 1989.

It is well-known by many island residents, including the reeve and the members of the island's education committee that I had no such prior information.

The recommendation to transfer the students was not contained in the agenda and back-up material received by trustees for study prior to the January 30 meeting. Instead, as is very common practice, the recommendation came from the floor during discussion of recommendations for staffing the county's elementary schools for the 1989-1990 school year. Board Chairman Karen Mifflin and Director of Education Willis Boston will verify this fact.

As well as addressing this question and others with islanders who telephoned or wrote me from early February on, I met with the Amherst Island Education Committee the evening of February 22, 1989 and again addressed the question as part of a three-hour dialogue. That committee has in its possession my memo of the same date outlining my actions and my reasons. Shortly after this meeting, and prior to my resignation from the Board, I received a brief from the island committee outlining its concerns regarding the transfer of students. Attached to the brief was a letter thanking me for my honesty at our meeting. This letter was signed by committee chairman W. Bruce Caughey. I appreciated the gesture.

I am disappointed that neither Ms. Peirol nor Ms. McLeod sought from me the answer to what was a valid question, since leaving that question unanswered in their respective articles implies that my integrity is open to question as well.

It is not.

I trust that this letter will serve to end the discussion.

Yours truly,

Denise Kenny Hehn

former trustee

L&A County Board of Education

Obituary

- A. Bruce Caughey

While not a native Amherst Islander, it is with sadness that we note the passing of the late James Arthur Robinson at Lenadco, Napanee, in his 88th year, having enjoyed a close friendship and association with a large number of Amherst Island residents.

The late Mr Robinson who had been a resident of Lenadco for a year, was a native of Camden Township where he was born on the family farm on Bethel Street, north of the village of Camden East. Upon his marriage to his late wife, Margaret McCormick, who predeceased him in 1950, they purchased a farm in Ernestown Township at Switzerville, where for 50 years he farmed

as well as carrying on market gardening, selling produce on the Kingston market for some 50 years.

For some 10 years, the late Mr. Robinson was a visitor to Amherst Island when annually he brought over large quantities of garden produce which was quickly disposed of to Island residents.

With the building of Highway 401, a portion of the southern end of his farm was acquired for the highway and with his daughters being married and away from home, Mr. Robinson sold the balance of his farm and purchased a new home in a subdivision near Morven, where he continued to enjoy his favourite hobby of "gardening" until he was forced to take up residence in Lenadco, due to declining health.

A devoted churchman, Mr. Robinson was a member of St. Luke's Church, Camden East and during his latter years with St. Peter's Church, Morven.

Predeceased by his wife and son Maurice, the late Mr. Robinson is survived by three

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daughters: Geneva, Mrs Arthur Keyes of Wolfe Island; Barbara, Mrs Stratton Reid of Amherst Island and Linda, Mrs Wayne Brown of Roblin.

Funeral services were held in St. Lukes Church, Camden East, conducted by Rev. David Ward, who paid high tribute to Mr. Robinson's life, with burial in St. Luke's Cemetery.

Comments

- A. Bruce Caughey

On Monday last, at noon, we again waved farewell to the "Charlevois" as the Amherst Islander returned, following installation of a rebuilt engine, to her usual route.

What a pleasure it was to enjoy the escape from uncertainty of whether you were going to be able to board this particular trip or wait in line for the next trip, or even the next trip, and the departure of the Charlevois, took place in spite of rumours that circulated that she would be left in this service until after "Labour Day" or that MTO had this proposal "under consideration". At any rate "Charlevois" will likely quietly repose at the MTO dock in Kingston for succeeding weeks and months - I am always amazed at the rumour that always goes into circulation, each time Charlevois assumes service here, to the effect that one of her engines is just "on it's last legs"? If so, in her months of idleness, why does not MTO take steps to correct this problem?

I do congratulate our crew members on their having mastered the handling of the Charlevois. It has been my

observation that they did an excellent job of docking and maintaining a time schedule, but was her operation too costly for our finances? I hear various reports of the additional costs involved in Charlevoix' operation, but I cannot help but draw attention to the year by year increase in vehicular traffic with countless numbers of boats, summer campers, large trucks, etc., which severely tax the capacity of the Amherst Islander as well as causing time consuming delays in loading same, is this being observed by MTO officials?

In past issues of the Island Beacon, I have written several articles, concerning a brother island, which sits in the middle of the western end of Lake Erie - Pelee - whose isolation is even greater, but whose area is very similar to Amherst, I have also written articles concerning the provincial generosity to St. Joseph's Island and a letter, which I think I forwarded to either The Beacon, or Municipal Council came to the hand of our local M.L.A., Hon. Mr. Keyes, who in turn sought assistance from the Minister of Transportation and Communication, Ed Fulton, in replying to my concerns, this letter was published in full in your July 1988 issue.

I further drew attention to the fact that The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (I think this is latest appellation) had engaged a firm of consultants from Ottawa to study the needs of Pelee Island and to make recommendations of the type of boat that should be provided for this island - the sketch plan accompanying this info, could not be reproduced in your columns, but I think I commented that the proposed ferry seemed to be a smaller version of the Chee-Cha-Ma, plying between Tobermory and South Baymouth, Manitoulin Island. Unfortunately this information did not come to me from Ontario sources, but rather from the Sandusky, Ohio "Register". Again, a most important piece of information, which unfortunately missed the attention of the local press in Kingston and the Islands constituency, where we have a fair amount of concern for the operation of our various ferries, and this again concerns Pelee Island, I quote: " With funding finally appropriated by the Ontario Provincial Government, work is to proceed immediately on a new ferry serving Pelee Island from Leamington. Provincial Treasurer Robert Nixon presented a budget May 17 including \$15 million for the new boat Leamington area residents have long been awaiting. The 61 meter vessel is to have a carrying capacity of 400 passengers and 50 cars. It will be equipped with a cafeteria, nursery, arcades, bar, souvenir shop and crew quarters. Tendering documents have been

expected to invite tender submissions this summer. The new ferry will replace one of the two small ferries travelling between Pelee Island, Kingsville, Leamington and Sandusky, Ohio." end of quote. This, not unexpected announcement, leaves me wondering about a few things - \$15 million will only build the ferry, where does the money come from to build the docks to accommodate such a boat and lastly what fee structure will be put in place to cover the costs of operation of such a posh facility? While we Amherst Islanders quibble over how to make do with what we have and what terms we may negotiate for future subsidization of our ferry service. By the way the above information comes from a U.S. publication. It certainly doesn't look as if our Provincial Government is in too much financial trouble - Come on Ken, perhaps you can tell us more about it?

Emerald Granary

No one has come forward with any information about the granary this month, neat

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prepared by the Ministry of Transportation which is

much appreciated.

Stratton, Barbara and Jim Reid

My sincere thanks to my relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, phone calls, treats and all acts of kindness, while I was in hospital and since returning home. Special thanks to the A.C.W. visitors and the P.C.W. visitors. Their visits and treats were much appreciated.

Nessie Welbanks

Notices And Announcements

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Relatives, Friends and Neighbours of Lois and Edmund Bongard would like to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 9th, 1989. You are invited to drop in from 1:00-3:30 at Ralph and Beula Woods of Stella on Aug 9th, to extend your greetings.

Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary

An invitation is extended to an open house to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Carmelle and Bob Horth. The time is 7 p.m. on July 22nd at the Amherst Island School where there will be a buffet, dancing and refreshments.

Garden Party

St Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold their Annual Garden Party on Saturday, July 29th from 1 to 6 p.m. There is something new this year - a BBQ.

Public Notice

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island proposes to enact a By-law to stop

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up, close and sell that part of the road allowance (highway) set out and described as follows:

Part of Lot 83, Concession 3 and Part of Lots B' and B'' lying south of Lot 83 in Concession 3, Township of Amherst Island, more particularly shown as Part 2 of Plan 29R-4403

The proposed By-law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Municipal Building in the Township of Amherst Island

on the 1st day of August, 1989, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: June 29, 1989

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer of the

Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island

More Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to all those who have been in hospital this month; Ytze Witteveen, Nessie Welbanks and Bob Marshall. (Best wishes also to Hugh Filson who is suffering an injury following a recent ball game.)

Congratulations to Cheryl and Myles Hutchings and family on the addition of a new boy to their family. (Congratulations also to Hugh who is expecting a new car this weekend.) Still on the waiting list are Phil and Janine Gillesse, due mid-August.

Because I forgot to send some birthday cards this month (and last month), I would like to send best wishes to Beacon subscribers Glenn Filson and Todd Filson. Happy Birthday also to Sandra Filson in case I forget to send her card next week. A very happy 2nd birthday also to Sasha Gillesse, celebrating for the first time on Amherst Island.

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Schuetz, visiting Marius from Holland. Mr and Mrs Schuetz will be spending part of their 5-month holiday on the Island and part in the States.

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For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

Does anyone have old interlocking metal roofing material (app 11" by 22") which matches or nearly matches my roof. I would be interested in purchasing a few (6) pieces to repair my roof.

Please call Jeanne Johnston at 389-5599.

For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller

General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,

Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5385

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 389-5318

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cut

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{Masthead caption}

Bart builds bigger better barge, 'Beluga'. Bev bashes barge's bow breaking booze bottle, before Bart blissfully barges beached buoy back beyond beacon.

Beacon Notes

To those of you who are new subscribers and to those who have been in the dark for some time now as to why you don't get your Beacon until the third week of the month:

Well, the Beacon is supposed to come out on or about the 15th of each month, and then we give the subscription copies to Les for mailing, and then Canada Post gets them. All of which means you get your mailed copy sometime.

A word to the wise - if you have an event planned just after the 15th of any month, try to get a note to us the month before which will give people lots of notice.

Council Report for August 1st - C J Kennedy

The regular Council meeting was called to order shortly after 8 p.m., and the minutes of the previous month's meeting were approved.

The Building Inspector's report indicated that no building permits were issued in July.

Council is hoping to put a cellular phone in the wheel house on the ferry for the captain's use. The Report on the spring refit to the ferry has come in. It had a rebuilt main engine installed, and a reconditioned main gearbox, along with other repairs and painting. In response to a letter from Dianne Marshall, the correct procedure for summoning the ferry in an emergency will be posted.

There will be a meeting on Aug 28th with, it is hoped, a representative of the Lennox and Addington Board of Education concerning the use of the ferry by

school buses.

Stuart Miller is to start looking for a used grader for the Township. Rick Bedford has about completed the work on the municipal building. The Ministry of Natural Resources has approved the shore road protection project out by the Sand Beach, and Stuart will go ahead with it.

The Fire Chief sent in a report, and the Fire Department will proceed towards Mutual Aid status with other fire departments. Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance has sent a \$500 donation to the Fire Department. Donations of \$100 each from Pilot Insurance, Thomson & Jemmett Insurance and Bickerton Insurance have already been received.

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The work that Bettschen did at the dump cost \$15,000 as opposed to the estimate for \$7,500 to \$10,000, and Council discussed how to better supervise projects of this size in the future.

The Quo Vadis (long term planning) Committee recommended that Council start work on an Official Plan for the Island, and Council approved this idea. The Reeve will recommend to Council a committee to start the work. Council decided to bring in a lot levy, on all new lots, to help finance this Official Plan, if the auditors OK it. Severances for building lots will be restricted to one per land owner per calendar year, until the Official Plan comes out. Full details of this by-law are available at the municipal office.

Marius Scheutz and Avery Brown were granted approval in principle on severances.

Council adjourned.

Letters to Council

from R. H. Richard, Superintendent of Business, L&A Board of Education:

At its regular meeting in June 1989, the Lennox and Addington Board of Education confirmed its decision to have the Grade 7 and 8 students from Amherst Island Public School attend Bath Public School two mornings a week beginning in September 1989.

As a result of the above, the Grade 7 and 8 students will be bused to Bath Public School (using a 20 passenger bus) on Monday and Friday mornings each week. On the two days in question the students will be coming over to the mainland on the 8:00 a.m. ferry in the morning and will be returning to the island on the 12:30 p.m. ferry in the afternoon.

Thank you for being aware of this information.

from Brenden MacKinnon, District Engineer, Ministry
Of Transport

Re: Use of the M.V. Charlevoix

This is further to our discussion of June 29, 1989,
and our subsequent telephone conversation.

The M.V. Charlevoix is kept in our fleet as a back-
up for the M.V. Wolfe Islander III and the M.V.
Amherst Islander. We are reluctant to use the
Charlevoix on a regular basis at Amherst Island for two
main reasons:

(i) Prior to putting the Charlevoix into regular service,
we would want to upgrade the ship's propulsion and
engine units to ensure that she could operate regularly
(continuously).

(ii) As noted above, the Charlevoix is also a back-up for
the Wolfe Islander III service, and we would not wish to
put her into regular service.

As discussed at our meeting, we would appreciate
the Township giving us some guidance as to what they
foresee as the needs of the Amherst Island service. In
this way, we would be able to plan ahead for any
needed capacity increase to continue to provide service
to the residents of Amherst Island. We would be pleased
to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

from W. Bruce Caughey, Secretary-Manager, The
Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Enclosed herewith is a cheque for \$500 to be used
for purchase of that fire equipment as described by
Councillor Jim Whitton at a recent meeting with the
Board of Directors of the Amherst Island Mutual Fire
Insurance Company.

Our Board of Directors is ever mindful of the needs
of this community and its fire fighting and rescue
equipment, and is conscious of its need for updating.

We are pleased to continue to contribute to better
protection for the community.

Will You Sign????

- Lynann Clapham

At its regular August meeting, Council received a
letter from the Lennox and Addington Board of
Education informing them that, as of September, a 20
passenger bus carrying the grade 7 and 8 students will
be travelling on the 8:00 a.m. ferry. As most of us are
aware, next year their intention is to have that same bus
travel 5 days

a week on the 8:00 a.m. boat. Is this acceptable? Why
should the Board of Education dictate conditions to us
which cause hardships for the Island population as a
whole, particularly when we have an excellent school
for our children right here on the Island? If you feel that
this school bus should not be given priority on the 8:00
a.m. ferry, and are willing to put your name to it, please
sign the petition being circulated by members of our
community (if you have not already done so). If we
don't approach you personally, you will find a petition
on the door of Glenn's store. Council has called a
special meeting for August 28th to deal with this issue
before the beginning of the school year.

The newly elected Amherst Island Education
Association is as follows:

Alex Scott - Chairman

Lynann Clapham - Secretary/Treasurer

Rosemary Vrooman - Publicity Co-ordinator

Dave Vrooman

Caroline Yull

Marjory Baker

Rick Bedford

From BY-LAW #8-88

On May 3rd 1988 the Council passed By-law #8-88
which gives the following vehicles priority status on the
Amherst Island ferry:

1. Police

2. Medical doctors

3. Ambulance / Medical Emergency Transportation

4. Veterinarian

5. School Bus with children

6. Hearse

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome to all our new Island residents, Ken and
Ann Albertan (Lloyd Clare's) and James and Millicent
Harrison (Charles Eve's). Ron and Lillian Miller will
also be moving permanently to the village as soon as
renovations on their house are completed.

Our condolences to the family of Robert Tugwell,
who passed away earlier this month.

Welcome home to Irene Glenn, returned Friday from
a 3-week trip to the Yukon. John and Mary Hall have
also returned from a trip to Newfoundland.

Congratulations to Janine and Phillip Gillesse who
had a baby girl, Gabrielle, born August 17th.

Field Naturalists
- Janet & Alex Scott

Just like your kids are getting ready for back to school with new clothes the birds in the Northern Temperate Zone are getting new feathers.

Feathers make up 4-12% of a bird's body weight therefore moulting uses up a lot of the bird's energy in replacing them. This moulting takes place when the energy demands of the breeding season are past, when food supplies are still plentiful and before the energy demands of migration begin.

Most birds moult gradually so that flight is not seriously affected but they are secretive and less active because of low energy levels now in late summer. Many aquatic birds, for example loons, grebes, ducks, geese and swans lose all their flight feathers at the same time and are flightless until the wing feathers grow enough to permit flight. You'll have noticed our local geese flying out to the fields now where a month ago they grazed close to the water's edge.

Feathers are much tougher and resilient than they appear but wing tips are gradually worn away and tail feather torn as the birds come in contact with coarse grasses, tree branches and bark especially upon entering or leaving the nest. Dark feathers resist wear more than light so you'll notice the wing tips of many flying birds e.g. gulls are dark.

Susan Sedore has an interesting anecdote to share about the flightless Canada Geese following their retriever around until he did some retrieving of his own and delivered an unharmed Canada Goose to their house.

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Insect of the Month - Monarch Butterfly

Watch for the gathering of the Monarch Butterflies as they prepare to leave for Mexico. This is one of the most spectacular migration stories. The generation that returns to Mexico to the same fir forest is at least four generations removed from the one that left there in the Spring. This August hatching is the one with the instinct to make this fantastic journey. You may not think watching our numerous black and orange Monarchs flitting among the wild asters as endangered but their desire to winter in a specific area of fir forest in the south western state of Michoacan places their survival in jeopardy. Please consider supporting the W.W.F. in their drive to preserve these forests. \$25.00 buys an acre in your name. Send to:-

Guardian Of The Rainforest
World Wildlife Fund
60 St. Clair St. E.,
Suite 201,

Toronto, Ont.
M4T 1N5

I.S.L.E.

- Sally Bowen

Warmest thanks to all who contributed money, items for auction, returnable bottles and cans, and time. We have raised enough money to submit our application for 50% funding to the Government of Ontario to build our community playground. (We are still counting on raising funds at our September dinner dance and raffle to carry our other I.S.L.E. activities through the winter.)

The Maintenance department of the Board of Education is contributing the equivalent of \$5000 in the preparation of the site, and this is counted as part of our 50% share. (This means we are required to raise less total cash.

The government forms were completed and submitted long before the September deadline date, hopefully we will receive approval by Christmas, so the playground equipment will be erected next spring.

Thank you, Islanders and friends.

Recycling News

- Diane Gavlas

a.k.a. Recycling Ruth, the Bag Lady, Dumpy Diane

Thanks to all who have been using the barrels to dispose of recycleable tin cans.

The response has been very good. Last month I took a full half ton truck load to the recycling depot in Napanee.

Now you can do more! Tin cans can now be recycled. They can be left in bags beside Gavlas' shop door. Please wash the inside, take the labels off, remove the ends and squash flat.

The Napanee people won't pay anything for what we send, but at least this keeps our dump from being filled up, and the material is put back in use.

Keep it up, recyclers.

4-H News

After a great 4-H Amherst Island Calf Club we would like to thank our leaders Bruce Caughey and Garry Hitchins. We all had a great day at the Napanee fair. We all showed our calf and did a super job. We would also like to thank the parents who hosted our meets: Susan and Bruce Caughey, Anne-Marie and Garry Hitchins, and Shirley and Keith Miller.

Food Bank

- Sally Bowen-

John and Mary Beth Hall are doing a fine job, simplifying the transportation of fresh food from Island gardens to the Partners in Mission Food Bank. Every Thursday people are bringing food to the 10 a.m. ferry, and John takes it from there.

We now have a volunteer who will pick up food from the 9 a.m. boat on Mondays and deliver it to the Food Bank. Please notify Sally by Sunday evening, if you plan to send food Monday.

People in Kingston, as in many other communities, are facing a housing crisis. Many of those helped by the Food Bank hampers pay more than 50% of their total income on shelter alone. Recipients are carefully screened, and are truly needing help. Very often, they only need the help temporarily, but it can be urgently needed.

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Suzanne Flanagan, the Director, says our donation of fresh produce "rounds out" the hampers, making them nutritionally more sound, and visually much more appealing.

We are still the only community sending food regularly.

Please do what you can. Don't worry if you haven't a large amount - it gets combined with food from others in the shipment. If you are leaving on holiday, or need help with picking or delivery to the ferry, call Sally Bowen at 389-3444.

Letter To The Beacon

A Summer View

- Mary Glen

For a summer resident of less than two years' standing, undertaking to write about Amherst Island from that perspective must be presumptuous at best and foolhardy at least. But as with most of my experience of the Island, the heart is ahead of the mind. More accurately, Sally Bowen's friendly interest and encouragement were irresistible.

As an at-home mother of two young sons, the prospect of summering outside Ottawa is exciting, important and not a little unnerving. Having grown up at a cottage and at camps, the urge is strong to offer our own children the inestimable pleasures of swimming, canoeing, sailing, boating, fishing, picnicking, marshmallow toasting and star gazing. The reality of doing so virtually singlehandedly and in isolation except for all-too-brief weekend reunions with my spouse and fellow parent was somewhat daunting.

Amherst Island provides for me powerful and compelling combination of ingredients: a beautiful natural setting apart from the literal and figurative mainland, proximity to immediate and extended family, and a community of people that is stimulating, supportive and unpretentious.

Since our introduction to the Island at the hands of dear friends, it is this community that I have come to value so highly. Our boys understand that the halcyon days we are privileged to enjoy "at the cottage" represent a busy and demanding time for those who make their living here year round. Life is not simply a round of regattas, barbeques, dock parties and outings in and around a lakeside resort town.

One need only ride the ferry - as we all do with varying degrees of delight and frequency! - to appreciate that the demands of a vital community must be answered constantly. An unending shuttle of trucks bringing fill, removing waste, collecting milk, delivering supplies to run the farms, re-roof the school and stock the store bears witness.

There are to be sure gatherings and events to enjoy: Sunday and Wednesday night baseball, Canada Day celebrations, ACW barbeque, firefighters' street dance, St. Paul's garden party, swimming lessons and playground program. These must certainly reinforce and build the "permanent" community; for summer residents, they also afford the opportunity to participate in and, ideally, to contribute to the fabric of a community that is unconditional in its welcome and uncompromising in its confidence in itself.

Connection to this community does not, however, deprive me of the chance to be away, take a break and reflect on the demands of my life "back home". There is solitude here and privacy in whatever measure is required.

As summer residents, we are naturally concerned with environmental issues such as water quality, waste disposal, protection of flora and fauna and preservation of balance in land use. It is tempting to expect these to be the issues of highest priority year round. But the unfolding of the debate concerning the future of grades 7 and 8 at Amherst Island Public School serves as a pointed reminder of the demands on the Island to preserve its coherence. As summer residents, we too have a role to play in maintaining a year round commitment to understanding the issues facing the Island and to advocating for it whenever feasible and appropriate.

I am grateful for my summers on Amherst Island. Our family regards our days here as among the best of times. The friends and acquaintances we have made, and those we

have introduced to the Island hold pride of place in our hearts. My wish is that we might continue to enjoy the privilege of summering here, and live up to the responsibilities of doing so.

In the meantime, you'll find me frolicking on Stella Bay's newest (and only) sand beach, lobbing tennis balls to a 5 1/2 year old's blistering forehand, doling out treat money for the pleasant ritual of a trip to the store, changing books at "Karen's library", and watching the moon rise and the stars appear while two avid marshmallow toasters get their fix. In other words, revelling in summer on the Island.

Letter To The Beacon

- A.V. F. Scott M.D.

The decision to send the Grade sevens and eights from Amherst Island to Bath on a full time basis is now final as far as the School Board is concerned, thanks to the political manoeuvrings of Mrs. Pixley and the failure of a majority of the rest of the Board to stand against that small number of Board members who are determined to have their way. The previous Education Committee presented every reasonable and logical argument to the Board to keep our students and our School. It seems to us that there is little left to be said. We can conceive of no possible logic which could be presented to this Board that would be capable of changing their minds or their attitudes.

Furthermore, the Board has given us absolutely no assurances that it is not their intention to ultimately close this School. One has only to examine the record of this and other Boards to realize that they have hit upon the perfect solution for closing schools. This is always a contentious issue, and always results in a very unpleasant confrontation between parents and elected officials. The strategy of nibbling away at a school a bit at a time, while it does raise some opposition, rarely raises enough to get sufficient momentum to stop the process until it is far too late.

The closing of Amherst Island Public School is a far bigger issue than the mere fact that these children will be idle 15-20 hours per week going to and from school while we have a perfectly adequately and demonstrably superior school right here on the island. That is the equivalent of the time they spend in classroom studies for almost four days!!! Yet this Board says this is better for them! As a parent of five children I have seen more than enough to realize the kind of mischief this kind of idle time leads to, especially when it is coupled with the company of other children of equal or older age. This is, in part at least, a farming community; what of the time

these children could be helping out with the chores? This is not a convenience for the parents; it is training and character building for the young people. If the school is closed it will certainly be a deterrent to young couples with children moving to the Island. New community members are not a threat to the Island way of life; they are essential to the health of the community. Without them the Island will become a retirement community, or worse, an ingrown and backward society.

I personally believe that we are left with no alternative now but to capitulate, or to make it clear to this very unresponsive Board that the people of Amherst Island have absolutely no intention of sending their children to Bath under any circumstances. It is certain that this will place parents of students, especially those of the seven and eights involved, under a lot of pressure, and may indeed cause inconvenience at times to other Islanders. If you feel the Island school is worth saving, we will have to fight for it. I hope that every Islander will give his or her moral support and encouragement where and when it is needed.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

I see that Glenn's Store has 'The Accused' video in stock. I saw it a while ago having missed it when it was in the theatres.

'The Accused' does not lend itself

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easily to a thumbnail sketch. Basically it is the story of a woman raped in a bar by three men while others cheered them on and the rape's aftermath both for the victim (trying to regain some self-esteem) and the lawyer (trying to bring not only the rapists but also the spectators to justice).

This is not a good movie because it is very unfocussed in that it doesn't pursue any one idea or plot line to its end but samples several ideas superficially. Normally I wouldn't recommend a movie like this but (and this is a very big 'But') Jodi Foster does an incredible job as the victim. Her performance, which won last year's Academy Award for Best Actress, is rivetting, absolutely rivetting. She raises the movie up from being one that tries and fails to one that is a 'must-see'. I cannot remember the last time I sat down to watch a movie and didn't move for two hours. When she's on-screen she dominates and when she isn't, she haunts the action.

'The Accused' is not light fare or easy to watch. It is a story powerfully acted and powerfully filmed which will not leave you when the movie is over.

Awards Etc

Fact Of The Month

The B-2 Stealth bomber is worth more than its weight in gold! Think about that for a minute.

This little piece of trivia was courtesy of Time Magazine. It reports that each plane weighs 70 tons (2,000,000 troy ounces), and that Congress has estimated the cost per plane to be \$1,058,000,000 (One Billion Dollars per Plane!). This gives a cost per troy ounce of about \$500 as opposed to \$370 per ounce for gold.

And they want something like a 150 of these flying Fort Knoxs.

'Rushing The Season' Award is given this month to O'Tooles whose ad for a New Year's Eve Party was heard July 17th on CIZ 97.5 FM.

The Gullibility Award goes this month to K.T. Promotions Inc. for offering one of the following three prizes to a 'very few selected' companies ('guaranteed'):

- a 1989 Chevrolet Blazer, or
- a 4 day Mexican vacation for 2, or
- \$2,500 in cash.

All you have to do to receive one of these prizes is allow them to use your company name for various promotion campaigns.

Do they really think that I am going to turn over the use of my company name to someone I don't know. These people can then turn around and sell it to anyone with enough money, to promote or endorse any product the buyer wishes. I can see it now, "ABC Company endorses the Nazi Party", or "ABC Company endorses DDT as a cereal topping".

The Vegetable Of The Month Award goes to Les Gavlas (No, not her!) for growing the season's largest zucchini. It's been used by the Food Bank to make Zucchini Bread for bake sales. (Rumour has it that you will be able to find this particular Zucchini bread on sale through 1993.)

Legal Beagle Of The Month

On the serious side, we offer congratulations to Susan Nelles for expanding the accountability of public officials to the courts (previously immune to such

suits). She has just won the right to sue the prosecutors and the Attorney General for 'malicious prosecution' concerning the baby deaths 8 years ago in a Toronto hospital.

Obituary

- A. Bruce Caughey
Robert A. Tugwell

One of Amherst Island's best known residents passed away on July 16th last, in Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, in his eightieth year. Robert, more familiarly known as Bob was an Amherst Island native and life-long resident, born on his parents', the late John A. and Christina Tugwell's farm on the Lake Shore. When, in 1916, the Tugwell family purchased the William Allen farm from John McMullen in the village of Stella, Bob attended S.S.#1 Public School. Upon completion of this

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phase of his education, Bob entered into the operation of the family farm, the milking of cows, raising of pigs and the great diversity of work connected with such a farm operation. While not an avid hunter, Bob ran a muskrat trap line in the marsh, located on their farm land on the shore of Lake Ontario, every spring in trapping season.

The Tugwell family were known in Island life as being great hunters, Bob's grandfather, the late Caleb Tugwell was one of the Island's best known trappers and hunters and many thousands of dollars worth of hides were brought from the Island's "Big Marsh" by him, as well as many sumptuous "Wild Goose Dinners" adorned their table, as a result of his excellent marksmanship with his trusty "goose gun", and the cooking skills of his wife.

Bob's father, John, was also well known as a butcher and drover and for many years Island residents enjoyed the service of the "Tugwell meat wagon", which made weekly trips around the Island with freshly killed beef, pork and lamb, in those days preceding the coming of electric power to the Island and the introduction of freezers in almost every household, when refrigeration was dependent upon ice, harvested and stored the previous winter from the lake and bay. The service provided by the Tugwell family to Island housewives during the threshing season will long be remembered by those who enjoyed those wonderful meals served to the threshing crew. With 7 to 8 threshing machines in operation at one time on the Island, it required a very close scheduling on the part of the Tugwell family to have available animals for slaughter at the proper time so that those delicious

roasts would be placed on the table at the appointed time. Bob's father operated a drover business on the Island, shipping rail car loads of cattle etc. to the Toronto and Montreal livestock sales.

When the late John Tugwell passed away, a victim of cancer, Bob immediately took over his father's business and during many years, he transported the livestock of Island farms to city markets, using his trucks, which provided a much more convenient means of transportation than the loading of rail cars at Ernestown station.

In cooperation with his brother Gordon, Tugwell brothers purchased the Island cheese factories which they operated for many years until the take over of the milk market by the Ontario Milk Marketing Board.

Bob, as well as his father and his brother Gordon, were very interested in horses and through their lives were owners, trainers and drivers of many high quality standard bred stock. In later years, Bob was satisfied with being an onlooker at many race tracks throughout the country, including the "Little Brown Jug" in Ohio. It is rather ironical that it was while in attendance at a race meet, in Verona Downs N.Y. that he suffered a seizure that lead to his passing hours later.

The late Robert Tugwell is survived by his wife, Emily Corke Wemp, two step-sons, Cedric and Raymond Wemp, a sister, Margaret (Mrs Francis) McKee of Kingston, one niece Eileen Murray of Winnipeg, two nephews, Keith McKee of Sarnia and Wayne McKee of Ottawa, as well as a large number of cousins.

Funeral services were held in St. Albans Anglican Church, Stella, on Friday July 28th at 2:00 p.m., Rev. K. Blaber conducting.

Internment was made in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were: Kenneth Young, Henry R. Hitchins, Ernest H. Fleming, Harold Grooms, Thomas Harrison and Ellwood Brown. Active pallbearers were: Keith McKee, Wayne McKee, Clinton Kilpatrick, Raymond Wemp, Melville Filson and Edward McCormick.

Thank You Notes

The family of the late Ytje Witteveen would like to thank all neighbours and friends for visits, cards, flowers and other acts of kindness shown to us at the recent loss of a loving wife and mother.

We especially want to thank the ladies of both the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches for their many visits and kindness shown to her over the years.

We wish to thank Beula and Ralph Woods for opening their home for our 50th Anniversary.

All our neighbours and friends who came to wish us well.

Thanks for the many nice cards and gifts, also a sincere thanks to the ladies who helped Beula with the delicious lunch.

Edmund & Lois Bongard

Notices And Announcements

Queen's University Endowment Certificate

In the late 1860's Queen's University sought endowment contributions to offset a serious financial crisis. In return subscribers were given a certificate entitling them to nominate one person annually for a credit of \$25 (which at that time covered tuition costs).

It has recently been brought to the attention of Council that Queen's University continues to honour that arrangement with the Township of Amherst Island, which contributed generously at that time. Therefore, Council is inviting applications and nominations, for the endowment certificate (\$25.00), from Amherst Island Public School graduates enrolled to attend Queen's University full-time in 1989-90. These nominations are to be received at the township office prior to the September 5th, 1989 Council meeting and a random selection will be made at that meeting.

"Calling All Girls"

Registration for Brownies and Girl Guides will take place at Amherst Island Public School on September 13th at 4:00 p.m.

1989-90 registration fee will be \$16.

Brownies - ages 6-9 Guides 9-12 yr

Any questions please ask

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

If you are interested in Pathfinders 12-15 yrs contact Linda Welbanks 389-4143

Changes to Provincial Tax Rebate Program

- Ian Murray

To be eligible for the property tax rebate on farm land - excluding the farm house and one acre lot - a property owner must have gross farm production of \$5000 in the year in which the rebate is applied for.

Gross production value is defined as total farm sales plus or minus changes in inventory, minus the cost of purchased feed or livestock. Thus a person can not qualify by buying \$5000 worth of livestock from a

neighbour and then selling it back to the neighbour for \$5000. To be eligible, the resale price would have to be \$10,000.

The rebate will also be reduced if the property owner has non-farm income in excess of \$40,000.

An interim payment will not be made this year. The single payment will be made in the fall. Applications and brochures will be mailed to all potentially eligible property owners in mid-September.

Congratulations to the following A.I. Public School graduates who have been recommended for Ontario Scholarships by N.D.S.S. Principal Rod Hughes: John Eves, 80.3% average; Julie Forester, 80.8% average; Penni Thornhill, 81.7% average; and Steven Willard, 82.3% average. There was a total of 27 students with averages over 80%.

Amherst Island

- submitted by Elizabeth J. Schiller

The Island formed a portion of the seigniory of La Salle, to whom was also granted Fort Frontenac, now Kingston. La Salle bestowed on it the name of his faithful lieutenant Tonti. Before that it was known by the Indian name Kaouenesqo.

The next white owner of whom we have any record was Sir John Johnson. There is a legend that he secured it from an Indian chief as a gift. About the time that the Loyalists were settling on the mainland, Sir John Johnson was recognized as the owner of this heavily timbered island. In due time it was inherited by his daughter

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Maria Bowes who, in 1835, sold it to the Earl of Mount Cashel, and in 1857 it became the property of Major R. P. Maxwell of county Down, Ireland. Major Maxwell's brother managed the estate until 1871, when Mr. W. H. Moutray became the resident agent. (In 1913 when the book "The History of Lennox and Addington" was published, he was still the resident agent; about two-thirds of the Island was owned by resident farmers; the remainder, about 5000 acres, were held under lease from Mr. Henry Percival-Maxwell, the owner.)

The pioneer settlers were United Empire Loyalists who crossed over from the main shore, principally from Ernestown, and purchased farms on the west end or head of the Island as it is called. Among the first settlers were the Howards, Wemps, Richards, McGinnesses, McDonalds, McMullens, Hitchins, Instants, and McKentys. The first transfer of title to an actual settler

of which there is any record took place in 1803. Soon after this emigrants from Ireland began to settle on the eastern end. They had very little, if any, capital; but they brought with them strong sound bodies, good moral character, habits of thrift and industry, loyalty to the British Empire and a reverence for things sacred.

By a proclamation of Governor Simcoe, July 16, 1792, the province was divided into counties for the purpose of parliamentary representation. Among the 19 original counties was the county of Ontario composed of "Isle Tonti" or Amherst Island; "Isle au Foret", now Simcoe Island; Grand or Wolfe Island; and, "Isle Cauchois" or Howe Island. In 1798 when a rearrangement of the counties took place, the island county was broken up into its several component parts, and the islands were attached to the mainland opposite them. By this new subdivision Amherst Island became and has ever since remained a part of the county of Lennox and Addington; but the attachment has at no time been very strong.

In the early days of the settlement the ordinary farm consisted of fifty acres, upon which was built a log cabin near the shore. The greater part of the inhabitants were sailors, who followed their calling during the winter months. The greater portion of this wood found its way to the Kingston markets; and large quantities were piled on shore near the wharf to furnish fuel for steamers plying on the Bay of Quinte. As the clearings enlarged and the population increased, they turned their attention to tilling the land. The main crop was barley which brought a high price on the Oswego market. A hostile tariff against barley destroyed the industry. The farmers then turned their attention to dairying. There were two well managed cheese factories on the Island in 1913.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

Do You Sew?

I have a lot of lovely material for sale.

Some dress lengths, suiting, etc

Take your pick.

\$1.00 each

contact Chris Glenn at 389-2647

Free to a Good Home!!

Spayed female pup - ten months old, tan in colour, answers to the name "TOPAZ", wonderful affectionate disposition, gentle with small children. Topaz needs a

warm loving home where she will get lots of attention.
For more information, please call John or Maureen at
384-5318.

Wanted

Does anyone have old interlocking metal roofing
material (app 11" by 22") which matches or nearly
matches my roof. I would be interested in purchasing a
few (6) pieces to repair my roof.

Please call Jeanne Johnston at 389-5599.

For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.
Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller

General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and
weekends.

Call 389-5385

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden
tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair

Call John P. Glenn at 384-5318

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and
painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob North at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store

Electric Fence Supplies

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Glenn's Store Book Exchange is still in operation, but
we are running low on paperbacks. We are willing to
accept any and all used books.

VCR Rentals

Glenn's Store also has a super selection of more than 70
VHS movies to rent. We have a VCR and Nintendo
Game Machine to rent as well. Is there a special movie
you have been looking for but can't find? We take
requests, we also reserve movies.

Amherst Island Sweatshirts are still available at Glenn's
Store.

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Bark?! Bart! Bart!!
Boat Bashing Belugas!!!

This Month In The Beacon

Taylor-Kidd Blvd Opened

If you haven't heard it elsewhere, you heard it here first!

Cricket Invasion Subsiding

Government scientists predict Island won't sink under weight of crickets. Islanders start dieting, just in case

Beacon Expanding To 6 Pages

Lighter paper being tried out to expand Award Winning newsletter.

Council Report For September 5th

- Don Tubb

Prior to the regular Council meeting, there was a special Council meeting to consider the rezoning of a section of Kaye and Dorothy McGinn's land. Council approved the rezoning and then adjourned.

The regular Council meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. with all present except Caroline Ackerman who was in England.

The standard housekeeping items were quickly dispensed with:

- the minutes of the previous months' meetings were approved;
- approval was given to this month's agenda and addendum which ran to some 85 pages and weighed in at almost 13 oz (370 grams);
- no councillor claimed conflict-of-interest in any of the upcoming business.

Mrs Elke Herrington and her solicitor brought to Council's attention a problem concerning the closing of the Long Point road which resulted in Council tabling the proposed road closing until the next meeting.

Several severance applications were considered with all being given either approval in principle or final approval.

- 1- Marius Scheutz was given approval for a severance on lots 16 & 17, N.S. Concession;
- 2- Approval in principle was granted for the severance of Gordon & Lois Bews (Part Lot 22, Con.1);
- 3- Ken Alberton was granted approval in principle for a severance application for Part Lot 23, Con. 1;
- 4- Marc Raymond was granted approval in principle for a severance concerning Part

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Lot 18, N.S. Con.; and,

5- A severance to Avery Brown's property was approved for Lot 81, Con 3.

The Building Inspector's report listed two building permits with one issued to Keith Miller for a new residence and one to J. Rodgers for the demolition of a shed/barn.

In response to the letter from MTO about the use of the Charlevoix (printed in last month's Beacon), Council authorized Jim Whitton to set up an Ad Hoc committee to give MTO some "guidance" as to the future needs of the ferry service.

In other related ferry business, Council is still looking for a good by-law to control the parking area on the Millhaven side. Also, Council has given the Captains the go-ahead to have "any vehicles that are interfering with the flow of traffic towed away". Finally, Council passed a bylaw which gives priority on the ferry to emergency vehicles (police, ambulance, fire, etc) at any time, and priority to school buses, hearses (plus funeral party), etc during non-rush hour trips.

The Road Superintendent has found a grader (a 1985 Champion) for the Island and Council has requested a grant from MTO to cover all but \$13,000 of the \$98,500 cost.

Because of the need to get the computer integrated into the office procedures, the Clerk was authorized to hire Judy Miller, the Assistant Clerk, for an extra day per week for the rest of the year.

George Gavlas, the Fire Chief, reported that he needs more volunteers to come out to fire practice for an effective fire fighting unit to be formed. With the low turnout at the practices, George did not think it necessary to buy new air pacs this year. Also, he said

that some more maintenance was needed on the trucks. Council decided to set up a Fire Committee meeting to discuss these problems.

A Finance and Administration Committee recommendation asking the Cemetery Committee to balance revenues and expenditures within two years was approved in a recorded vote: Yea - Whitton, Willard and Sylvester; No - Murray.

After some discussion, Council approved a motion requesting Ed Chadband (By-law Enforcement Officer) to enforce the Dog Control By-law without waiting for a complaint. This policy will begin September 19th after a notice to this effect has been received by all Island households.

Council adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Now that's what a regular Council Report usually looks like, but that's only the highlights of what goes on. Some of the other items which received action were:

- the \$25.00 bursary for Queen's University was awarded to Julie Forester;
- whether to hold Council meetings at the school every quarter has been sent back to the Quo Vadis Committee for review;
- the Quo Vadis Committee recommendation for new ferry rates has been sent to the Finance and Administration Committee;
- the Ferry Committee will be trying to set up a meeting with MTO to try and get some idea as to what next year's projected ferry costs are going to be;
- a resolution supporting one from the City of Guelph asking Bell Canada to develop a recyclable telephone book was passed;
- Ian Murray will try to keep the ball moving on getting some land from the Quinte Community Pasture for a new land fill site;
- Diane Pearce will be getting some more information on a Ministry of Tourism and Recreation program which supplies money to small municipalities for the development of waterfront for tourism or recreation;
- action on a lot levy by-law has been tabled until legal advice can be obtained on a by-law from Adolphustown;
- a letter was received from Ministry of Municipal Affairs which states:
"A brief review of a few of the basic financial indicators suggests that your municipality was in an acceptable financial position at the end of 1988";
- the Quarry access agreement is on hold waiting for the owner to respond to Council's draft;
- the Management and Pay Equity Study will be starting soon;
- legal advice is being requested on how to enforce a fire route if one was set up (specifically on the west side of the

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Stella 40 Foot down to the dock);

- arrangements continue to be made for a household hazardous waste collection day sometime in October;
- and much, much more which becomes less and less interesting.

Council Comments

- Don Tubb

Chris parents were visiting from England, so he asked me to fill in for this meeting.

I would like to remind the Councillors that they were participating in a public meeting and not sitting around someone's kitchen table. That means whatever is said, is reportable: fairly, accurately and in context, but still reportable.

As you should have gathered from the above report on the Council meeting, they are very busy. Once the delegations were heard from the meeting ran quickly and smoothly.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to former Island resident (and paper girl) Lisa Neilson who was married this past weekend. Lisa was married in Toronto, where she lives, on September 16 to Mario (sorry I don't know his last name), an engineer of some sort.

More on the marriage front, congratulations to David Feraday and Charlene Eves, married on the Island a few weeks ago.

Welcome to all our new Island residents: Tim & Maria Glenn and Tanya; James and Millicent Harrison (in Charles & Louise Eves' house); brothers Lance & Ken Pope and Margot Andresen (in Lorna & Jim Barbaro's north shore house).

Best wishes to Louise Seaman who has recently moved to Machar Home on Earl Street in Kingston. While this is a permanent move for Louise, we are guaranteed she will be back, and will keep in touch with all her Island friends.

Lots of home shuffling again in September: Kerry and Liz, of course, have moved to their lovely new home up the Front Road; Marshall's have moved to the house on the corner, leaving their house at Marius' to Doug and Sue Shurtliffe who will be welcomed back to the Island.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held on Wed., Aug. 16th at 8 p.m. at the home of the President Diane Gavlas.

The Roll Call was the naming of your favourite book when you were a child.

The President conducted the business part of the meeting. Canvass for the Blind is to be held the later part of September and into October. Diane Gavlas reported that she had another load of collected tins to deliver to Napanee for re-cycling. A report of the Maple Leaf Lennox 75th Anniversary tea was given by Marian Glenn, which had been held that afternoon. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for our 90th anniversary celebrations to be held sometime next year.

The September meeting is to be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 7 p.m. at the school with a pot luck supper when our District President Lorraine Martin and her Victoria Branch will be our guests. We hope that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Dianne: here's a recipe with a history for the Cook's Corner in the Beacon. Our recent visitor from London, Aaron Sharpe, received it in the mail and passed it on to me. It seems a woman who works as an O.R. nurse in Texas, heard that there was a toll-free number she could call to get the recipe for Mrs. Fields's Famous Chocolate Chip Cookies (Mrs. Field's has cookie franchises in big malls all over N. America). She phoned and asked how much the recipe cost and was told it was two fifty. She agreed to have it charged to her Visa number and got the recipe. When she got her Visa bill, she found to her horror that the charge was two hundred and fifty! She called back to protest the unfair and misrepresentative practice, but was refused a refund. So she

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vowed then that she'd make sure they couldn't sell it to any more people. At the bottom of the Xeroxed sheet with the recipe, there's a request that you take it to the nearest photocopier and make several copies and send them to all your friends (and enemies!). So here it is:

Mrs. Field's Cookies

Cream Together:

- 2 cups butter,
- 2 cups brown sugar,
- 2 cups white sugar.

Add:

- 4 eggs,
 - 2 tsp. vanilla
- Mix Separately:
- 4 cups flour,
 - 5 cups oatmeal (put small amounts into blender 'til it turns to powder. Measure first, then blend)
 - 1 tsp salt,
 - 2 tsp baking powder,
 - 2 tsp soda.

Mix the two mixtures together, then add:

- 24 oz bag of chocolate chips,
- 8 oz Hershey bar, grated,
- 3 cups chopped nuts (your choice).

Roll into golf-ball sized balls, bake 2 in. apart on ungreased sheets for about 6 minutes in a 375 degree F oven. Makes 100-115 cookies supposedly (I got 89 big Ones).

Caroline Yull

Public School

- Sally Bowen

Welcome to Amherst Island Public School's new teacher. She is Cathy White (nee Armstrong).

Cathy's mother, Sandra Armstrong, attended our public school until grade 8. Her parents were Les and Laura Wemp. Both her mother and her aunt were teachers, and Cathy has always wanted to be a teacher.

Cathy is a graduate of Bath P.S. and Ernestown High School. Last year she taught French to 195 kids in Dunsford, a village outside Lindsay. She was pleased to be offered this position where her roots are. She is also "glad to have my own kids".

Cathy enjoys crafts and plans to start extra activities in her class soon.

ISLE

- Sally Bowen

Thanks to everyone in the community who came to feast and to kick up their heels on Saturday. It was a good party. The money raised by ISLE at this dance provides the extras for the kids at school during the year. Examples from last year include the new TV aerial, sand for the jumping pit, 4 trips to the Amherstview swimming pool, calculators for the senior grades, 10 new school shirts for sports competitions across the bay, a school trip to Lang Pioneer Village, supporting the kids' Thanksgiving dinner, and the hot lunch program.

Donations from Swiss Chalet, Barbara Reid, the Caughey's, and Flemings, and the use of the A.C.W.'s plates and cutlery are gratefully acknowledged.

Warmest thanks to Shirley Miller and to Earl Smith

for their generous donations of prizes for the ISLE raffle. The first prize, a framed Island watercolour by Shirley was won by her son-in-law, Jim Bateman. Second prize, a hand crafted colonial rocking horse in pine and other woods, created by Earl was won by Diane Pearce. Third prize, a child's doll cradle also built by Earl was won by Dianne Marshall's brother-in-law, Andy Jamieson.

Proceeds of the raffle are intended to be spent on the playground. We will not know until Christmas whether our application for government funding to cover 50% of our playground costs will be approved. If they say no, we will do what we can on our own.

The school grounds look better now, thanks to the generous assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bews. They stretched the money provided by ISLE to purchase the shrubs, hedge and 3 trees. They also most generously donated the white spruce and pines planted along the west property line, which will one day (voles willing) provide a windbreak for the playground. Bob and Carmelle North have also done their part, maintaining the inside and outside of the school so well.

Please remember, we have a school number at Zellers. If you make any purchase

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there, please ask them to put the credit on Amherst Island Z card number 943 199 922. The accumulated points can be very useful towards resources for the school.

Amherst Island Education Committee
- Rosemary Vrooman

On Thursday, September 14, parents and supporters of Amherst Island Public School met in the school gym to discuss the current state of affairs with the Lennox and Addington Board of Education.

The Amherst Island Education Committee presented information to keep people up to date with the situation at the school.

One new item which brought a shocked and angry response from the crowd, was the fact that there is no listing for Amherst Island Public in the Directory of Schools for the Province of Ontario. This has happened despite superintendent Thompson's assurance, at the time of the twinning discussions, that our school would not just be considered a small part of Bath Public School.

The fact that this was done Last Year means that while former members of the Education Committee were bargaining in good faith and spending endless hours negotiating with the Board last winter and spring

we had already been deleted from the Ministry of Education's list of schools.

There was overwhelming support for the position that elementary students of Amherst Island should not be required to leave the island to receive their education.

The decision to withdraw students from school on Friday September 15 was made by the parents after a long discussion which focussed on several problems:

- 1) the busing issue which came to prominence in the first week of school.
- 2) the very difficult situation in the primary room where one teacher is not only expected to teach six grades, but is also expected to be in two rooms at the same time.
- 3) the desire of all the parents to have our school reinstated in the Directory of Schools.
- 4) concerns over next year's situation when the Board of Education plans to move our grade 7 and 8 students to Bath full time.

The Education Committee wishes to thank the people who came out to the meeting for their strong support. We appreciate the efforts of the last committee. We hope, through continuing community support and strong negotiations with the Board, that we can bring about positive change.

We welcome your ideas. We strongly urge you all to write letters to the newspapers and to the Board of Education.

We need to convince this Board that we will not sit idly by while our school, the very heart of this community, is threatened.

Sunday School
- Karen Fleming

Help! The Sunday School is in crisis. At the moment we only have two teachers and no superintendent.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 28, 8 p.m. at Karen Fleming's home.

Please consider taking a class. No experience is necessary. The books contain everything you need. If you are willing to teach, either come to the meeting, or phone Karen or Janet Scott beforehand. If we don't get enough teachers at the meeting, the Sunday School will fold.

If anybody has kids who were attending previous years and were not intending to send them this fall, please phone so we can estimate numbers.

Food Bank
- Sally Bowen

Contributions continue steadily, moving from the gardens and trees of generous Islanders to the food hampers of Kingston's hungry people. Thank you to all

who have donated.

If you have not yet sent food, but have something extra that you are willing to share, this is the procedure. Take your food to the ferry for the 10 a.m. boat on Thursday. John Hall will take it from there to the Partners in Mission Food Bank. We

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also have a weekend delivery. Food taken to the 8 p.m. ferry Sunday is put on the ferry and delivered to Erie Jackson who picks it up on the other side and delivers it early Monday morning. Call Sally Bowen at 389-3444 if you need help picking or delivering.

All consumable food is welcome and needed.

County Council

- Ian Murray

August was a great month at County Council - no meetings at all!

Sally and I attended the official opening of the Taylor-Kidd Boulevard. It is a fine road and will enable Island residents to make a faster and safer trip to Kingston. I am not in favour of public works being named after politicians. If a road is needed it is the responsibility of the politicians involved to have it built. It is a duty that they sought and should not be rewarded by having something that was paid for by the public named after them.

At the July County Council meeting, I questioned the wisdom of having a 4-way stop at the intersection with County Road 6. The Chairman of the Physical Services Committee assured me that as soon as sufficient traffic counts were available the intersection would be appropriately signed or signalled. I think that the 4-way stop is dangerous and confusing and I hope all our readers will be careful at this intersection.

Letters To The Beacon

From George Gavlas:

To The Editor of the Napanee Beaver:

I happened (due to a lucky coincidence which I won't bore you with) to find myself in the Village of Stella yesterday with nothing pressing on my time and half an hour to kill. Eyeing the sun I determined that it must be close to ferry time so I swung the team down towards the wharf with an idea to finding out if anything had happened on Amherst Island in the last month and thinking also that I might catch a glimpse of one of them new fangled motor cars. I was sitting on a fish box in front of the freight shed with Ned Plinket

enjoying a bowl full of tobacco and mourning the loss of Widow McQuaid's hen lilac; (that's the late Jonathan McQuaid's wife, used to be Nellie Wise, you wouldn't know her;) when Long Mike Freeman appeared at the gangplank of the ferry which had just docked, wearing his town duds and navigating a trifle imprecisely. Casting his eye over the wharf it finally came to rest on me and Ned and immediately proceeded in our direction. With "Gooddays" out of the way closer inspection revealed Long Mike to be offering us a pull from a jar of bought'n hooch skilfully concealed in newspaper. As Ned ducked around the corner of the shed away from prying eyes for a swig, I caught sight of the newspaper. It wasn't one of your vulgar weeklies with three colour lithographs of scantily clad ladies, and racy accounts of the weeks carrying on of the stars of the moving pictures, no sir. It was a copy of the Napanee Beaver. I don't read myself but I would recognize Castor Canadensis anywhere. I quickly exchanged the spotted handkerchief that Missy gave me for Christmas last year, for the precious volume and hailed the Vicar, who just then was passing by, and implored him to read us a few lines of wit and wisdom from its pages. Ned and Long Mike also attended school over here and don't read either. The editorial beside the cartoon really got me to thinking. Yes sir some exposure to the real world of industry, commerce, and high finance might be just what me and the missus and the two younguns need. I immediately thought a trip to bustling Bath might be in order, but reconsidered. Why take half measures? Why not go all the way to Cosmopolitan Napanee, we would even stop in at the printing offices of the noble publication I was having read to us.

Forgoing Long Mike's nostrum I upped into the democrat and high tailed her for home. Horses unharnessed and put away I straight to the neighbours to use the telephone. I lifted the ear piece, pressing the button and cranked for the operator. "A

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long distance call to Kingston please, to the offices of the "Canadian National Railway." In less than five minutes an official sounding voice came on the line. After some gibberish which I could not understand he identified himself as the ticket agent. "Four tickets on the overnigher to Napanee" I said. Imagine my shock when he said quite matter of factly "The train doesn't stop in Napanee."

From Eleanor Trueman

When it was suggested to me earlier this summer that I write down for the Beacon, some reflections on

what led to our move to Amherst Island, I agreed. My agreement did lead to some rather strenuous thought and review over the summer. I'm not the writer in the family.

This move was the seventeenth in thirty-two years. We've had quite a variety of life styles - city apartments, country houses, the suburbs, town houses, etc. I guess our move here was the only one purely our own choice. Most of the others were dictated by job changes or school needs. However no employer ever meant us to move twice in one year, which we did.

Our decision to change to life in a more gentle lane began innocuously enough with a boating holiday in the Rideau Canal system. We spent a night on Wolfe Island and were captivated by the island atmosphere. We had earlier decided to look for a piece of land near, or better yet on, Lake Ontario, with an eye to the future.

The proximity to Kingston seemed to make sense, so we looked for a property on Wolfe Island that winter. Two things became clear very quickly. One was that Kingston is not only handy to Wolfe Island; Wolfe Island is handy to Kingston and the U.S. We were having a late winter picnic on a prospective lot, seemingly remote & overlooking a bay, charmed by the sounds of the ice in early spring breakup. Suddenly two car loads of people appeared, also anxious to view the ice. This was disconcerting because while we weren't looking for isolation, we weren't ready to live on a tourist attraction either.

The other discovery was the high cost of land. Later that spring we stood up to our boot tops in water on a narrow little property, along with its optimistic owner. He could hardly fail to acknowledge a little drainage was necessary, but he was going to stick to his price.

So our thoughts turned to Amherst Island. We had been here to visit Louise & Lorna and remembered it as beautiful. Somehow, though, we'd viewed the island in holiday terms, so it took a little mental rearranging to consider it as a permanent possibility. After a visit or two, we came upon the lot on the south shore. Standing at the edge of the bluff and looking out into the lake, icebound as it was, we were captured. Our ten year plan shrank to five, to two, to how soon could Charlie Dopking start building. There sure were some major hurdles to clear, but we moved in fifteen months later.

It is now a year and we are twelve months fonder of the island and its way of life. There is such a rich and vital community spirit here - a spirit long since lost in too many places. Everyone seems to have a concern for the island and what is best for it, despite the inevitable difference of opinion about what the best is, or how to go about it. It is clear there has been some wise and careful planning and every reason to believe that will continue.

The ferry and its crews are a big plus. I've come to feel coming home starts with getting on the ferry at Millhaven, not off it at Stella. When Jean Trueman broke her hip in our early days, Dr. Scott and the ferry crew had her in an ambulance and on her way to the hospital in just over an hour. Even when we lived three blocks from Civic Hospital in Ottawa, we were never able to get such a fast response in other crises there. The ferry trip also lends us great glamour in the eyes of visiting grandchildren.

I've become fascinated by the bird life and the bird watchers some of whom take such trouble to come here. I became very fond of the snowy owl that spent long hours on our TV mast, and hope to welcome her back this winter. I expect there are enough

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voles on hand to feed the three snowy owls who wintered in the nearby fields, but their numbers are steadily decreasing. We arrived with two pampered "living room" cats, as one friend referred to them. They had spent their first three years indoors, but with all the space and fine smells here we couldn't in all conscience keep them in.

The first few days they sniffed everything and crept slowly around and around the house about a foot away from the foundation. In no time however, both doorways were littered with small bodies, including snakes. Now all we find are the little gall-bladders. Snacks were never so easy in the old days.

It was a great thrill this spring to suddenly find the yard filled with a succession of returning bobolinks, killdeers and red-winged blackbirds. I hope to develop a keener birders' eye in time - I certainly don't have to look far for teachers.

I could spend the rest of my life getting to know the lake. I grind to a halt several times a day, just to watch the shifts in light and motion. I have also learned a new respect for winds in the weather forecast, and what a suddenly silent shingle means.

I hope I've put across some measure of our affection and respect for the island. Even being the second - or worse only - car left behind a time or two hasn't dampened our enthusiasm for being here. We are delighted with the warm welcome and friendly interest of the "real" islanders and hope we win the right to join their ranks as time passes.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

I've had a preview of this fall's new television shows and it doesn't look good. However, I did see a TV listing for a Friday night from a 'Blue Zone'

advertisement (part of which is reproduced below). This looks like much better entertainment.

Movie- Documentary

“Why Is There Air?” A feisty discussion on oxygen, and its role in our lives.

Gilligan’s Peninsula

The castaways discover why they can’t circumnavigate the island.

Pork & Mindy

An intergalactic pig arrives unexpectedly at Mindy’s doorstep on the morning of the music store’s annual Rocky Mountain Pig Roast.

Spenser: Poet For Hire

With the epic poetry market in a tailspin, Edmund is forced to write greeting cards to make ends meet.

L.A. Lawn

The antics of a group of gardeners in a small but prestigious Los Angeles landscaping company, as they hop from flowerhed to flowerbed.

Mild Kingdom

Marlon and Jim make cinnamon toast.

Saturday Night Dead

Host Knowlton Nash, musical guest Nana Mouskourri.

Magnum P.E.I.

Higgins inherits a potato farm with a dark secret, and a lobster steals Magnum’s hat.

Movie- Horror

“The Darned” A chilling story revolving around family plagued by un-holy socks.

Movie- Western

“Have Bun, Will Travel” Classic oater about a renegade pastry chef.

An Agricultural Education

- clipping submitted by Keith Miller

Mark Twain knew what he was talking about when he advised “Never let your schooling interfere with your education.”

Academic schooling trains us to process information and make decisions. But an education, in the complete sense, would also give us a sense of who we are, who we were, and what we may become.

Just as we are ‘banking’ seed varieties that we no longer use, in case their genetic components are needed again some day, we should be storing away knowledge of our farming traditions for use in the future. We may never need to know how a cream separator works, or that horse collars come in different sizes. But just like those outdated seed varieties, these

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information leftovers may be needed for a dinner some day.

Maybe educating the sprouting crop of farmers about the way things were will stretch their minds a little, and give them more room to think. Their commitment to an agricultural future might be stronger if based on a respect for agriculture’s past.

Thank You Notes

The family of the late Robert Tugwell would like to thank family, relatives and friends for flowers, cards and the many donations to the Heart Fund, food brought to the house and to those who helped serve it, and all the kindness shown in the loss of a loving husband and brother “Bob”.

Special thanks to Chris and Mel Filson who were so helpful throughout this sad time. Thank you Leslie and Elsie for your visit and the goodies that you brought me.

Emily Tugwell

As visitors from Toronto, we would appreciate it if you would convey our thanks to the friendly islanders, especially Charlie and Thelma Howard, whom we met on a recent visit.

Your island is beautiful, comfortable and unspoilt. May it always remain so.

Judy and Eric Bowler

Notices And Announcements

Amherst Island Fire Department

- Jim Whitton

A Clarion Call From Your Council To All Able-Bodied Residents Of The Island.

As you all know, if for no other reason than the recent increase in taxes, Council decided, in the spring of this year, to upgrade the equipment of the Fire Department by purchasing a more modern fire truck and setting aside funds to get air packs and communications equipment. These acquisitions are sufficient to raise the standard of the Department to the level of Mutual Aid with other departments should we decide to participate in that programme.

However, equipment is not enough! Volunteers are required to participate in the training necessary to use the new equipment efficiently. We Do Not Have These Volunteers. We Need You Now. Training sessions are held twice monthly, on the first and third Monday evenings, 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

In an effort to encourage response to our needs, we

have had informal discussions with the Bath Fire Dept., who have shown willingness to have their volunteers come over to hold training sessions on these evenings. To start things rolling we will have one of their members come to a special meeting on October 2nd at the school to outline the training programmes they routinely hold at Bath. Should sufficient interest be generated at that meeting and volunteers are forthcoming, we can arrange for different members of the Bath Dept., to come over on our training evenings to hold sessions on the different aspects of the training necessary for effective fire prevention.

A notice will be posted at the store to remind you of this meeting. We do hope for a good turnout.

Bazaar & Turkey Supper

Sponsored by St. Alban's A.C.W. to be held on Saturday October 14th, commencing at 5 p.m. at Amherst Island Community Centre.

Price: Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00 (12 and under), Pre-schoolers free.

Fish Pond, Home Baking and Variety Table. Come and Enjoy!

Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

The Aerobic group continues! Although numbers have fluctuated and leaders have come and gone, the stalwart few continue.

Fern Willard is a very skilled

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instructor. The group meets Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

Any new participants are very welcome. For information call Linda at 389-4435.

Congratulations

We offer hearty congratulations to Kathy Wilson who 'defended' her PhD thesis this month. It was on immigration to Amherst Island from Ireland.

Congratulations to Chad Miller and his team, the Amherstview C Team, Peewee Division, on winning the All Ontario Championship. During the regular season, Chad's team, which was sponsored by Swiss Chalet, won 54 games, lost about 4 and tied 2.

After this amazing season, they hosted the All Ontario B Championship which was a two day tournament. The first day, Chad and team won two and lost one. The second day they won four games back-to-back to take the Championship.

Awards

The Amherst Island Beacon is proud to be the first winner of "The Beacon Award". This semi-prestigious award was presented recently to the Beacon staff at a Gala Breakfast held in their honour.

The award was given "to the newsletter which best fulfils the qualifications qualifying it for this award". The award for this division is symbolized by a trophy: a flashlight with a rundown battery.

In accepting the award and trophy, the Beacon's acceptor said, "You don't know how proud we all are to be a 'flashlight shining dimly in the blackness of ignorance'. We could not have done this without the providence of our mentor, Marvin, whose words inspire us every day." (For those of you not familiar with Marvin's quotations, one truly inspiring one hangs over Don's desk, "The dew has clearly fallen with a particularly sickening thud this morning.") Those present then broke into a thunderous ovation followed by other congratulatory comments like, "Far out, man", "Groovy" and "Cool."

Congratulatory telegrams were then read from: Elvis- "The King salutes you - a giant among dwarfs"; Conrad Black- "Keep up the great work. Let's get together for a power lunch sometime"; (The editors deny all rumours of a takeover bid by Mr Black which would make the Beacon the crown jewel in his publishing empire.)

Margaret Thatcher- "Assuredly, only the first in a long line of awards for such an insignificant newsletter";

Ronald Reagan- "A paper after my own political philosophy - when in doubt mumble until Nancy tells me what to say";

Ms KIA (vacationing in sunny Columbia)- "Help! Courier my bullet-proof vest, my M16 assault rifle and my bazooka down to me quick. A girl's got to protect herself on the beaches these days. The weather is great. Send me my share of the prize money because I want to invest it in the local commodity market. TTFN"

George Bush- "I can't make you one of my '1000 points of light' because I sold them all to help the

deficit, but I will add to your honors by declaring you, forevermore, my nightlight.”

The School Situation

- Ian Murray, Reeve

The fact that Amherst Island Public School may no longer exist except as a satellite to the Bath School is, as Rosemary Vrooman said in her article, a shock to Islanders. This is a community matter. This community built the original school facility, this community built the gymnasium/community centre and this community has strongly supported the teachers and students who are the school.

Trustee Eldon Peters reminded his fellow school board members on Feb 27/89 that: “It was the premise when the Island came into the county system and it is still the premise today that those students belong on Amherst Island.”

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We were assured, repeatedly, that twinning with Bath Public School would not affect the status of A.I.P.S. but it certainly appears to be reduced in status A Lot.

I do recognize that twinning has worked well, until this fall. Dick Cherry, our current principal, is highly respected by teachers, parents and students. Dick and his Island-based staff have performed more than satisfactorily and I have heard no criticisms directed towards them.

However, if A.I.P.S. no longer exists then it is time for this community to do whatever it takes to reinstate it as a school.

I think that our disagreement with our school board is basically two-fold.

Firstly, there is the matter or the way in which the decision to move our Grades 7 & 8 was made. The initial decision appears to have been hastily arrived at with no in-depth consideration being given to it. Our trustee had no prior knowledge of the proposal which came from senior staff almost casually.

This decision was reconsidered at the Board’s May meeting and was passed 7 - 6. However, there was no trustee for Amherst Island/Bath present. There was no trustee at all. Our trustee had resigned on March 20 and despite the very clear requirement in the Education Act to appoint a replacement before the next regular board meeting this was not done. No appointment was made until the end of the May meeting - after the vote had been taken that so affected our students. This is not only a flagrant violation of a provincial statute, it is also a travesty of the fundamental fairness that we have come

to expect from our democratic institutions.

Our school board representatives should be a good example to our students and to our teachers. At the very least, I would like to see the Chairman of the Board, Karen Mifflin, removed from the Board for this impropriety.

Secondly, Alex Scott made an excellent point in the interview on Radio Noon interview on Sept 15. Alex stated: “The Board, as far as we are concerned, has never made a case to show us in what areas we lack. I might say in that regard that if they did there is no better community to work with than Amherst Island. They would get all the support and help and parental input that would be required to improve the situation.”

Willis Boston, the Superintendent, and Mrs Mifflin have both referred to the difficulty of providing an expanded curriculum to Grades 7 & 8 in our school. We have several parents trained in education on the Island and there are also others of good-will who would be prepared to meet with members of the Board and its Staff to discuss this. Failure to do this, I think, can fairly be interpreted as the Board preferring to use power over logic.

Mrs Mifflin has said, Feb 27/89, “financial consideration was not the main consideration in this matter”. If that is true than please explain what the main consideration is.

Today, Sept. 17/89, I talked with Reeve Bruce Talbot of Bath. He stated that the Municipality of Bath is expecting a 20% increase in population per year starting in 1990 and continuing until the turn of the century. Loyalist Homes are expecting to build a minimum of 75 houses per year for the next ten years, Village Meadows is planning to build 50 to 100 houses in the next 2 or 3 years and there is another development of 97 houses in the east end.

This growth has got to translate into a lot more elementary students for Bath Public School. Is the School Board aware of these plans? Will the present school be expanded or will students be bussed to other schools - perhaps even to Amherst Island?

I strongly believe that this school situation is one that involves the whole community of Amherst Island. I sincerely expect that our Township Council will stand solidly behind our Education Committee in seeking reasonable justice from the Lennox & Addington Board of Education.

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For Sale / Wanted

Garage Sale

At Jeanne Johnston's (the Fowler House).
Sunday Oct 8th from 1:00 p.m.
Rain date is the next day (Thanksgiving Monday).
Collectables - Old Dishes, turn-of-the-century
magazines, sealers, 9'x 9' carpet, plus much more.

Odd Jobs - Housework - Etc
The kids are back to school and it's time I went back to
work.
Contact Dianne Marshall at 389-4070

For Sale
Tomatoes for sale by the bushel, 1/2 bushel or basket.
Contact Barbara Reid at 389-0675.

For Sale
Do You Sew?
I have a lot of lovely material for sale.
Some dress lengths, suiting, etc
Take your pick, \$1.00 each.
Contact Chris Glenn at 389-2647

For Sale
One Emerson pre-programmed 13" colour TV 7 months
old - \$195.
One Casio CW16 - Electronic Typewriter with text
memory and built in spelling check system. 7 months
old - \$150
Phone 389-6425

For Sale
Picnic tables - super design.
Custom made all steel weather vanes.
Call Keith Miller

General Contracting
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Amherst Island Sweatshirts are still available at Glenn's
Store.

Babysitting
Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and
weekends.
Call 389-5385

For Sale
Honey and Lamb from Topsy Farms.
Contact Ian or Chris at 389-3444.

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden
tractors, etc.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Glenn's Home Repair
Call John P. Glenn at 384-5318

Property Maintenance
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and
painting.
Reasonable. References.
Call Bob North at 389-2916

Clothing
If you have a tear, I will repair.
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory
Still available at Glenn's Store

Electric Fence Supplies
Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Cisterns Filled
Competitive Rates.
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Glenn's Store Book Exchange is still in operation, but
we are running low on paperbacks. We are willing to
accept any and all used books.

VCR Rentals
Glenn's Store also has a super selection of more than 70
VHS movies to rent. We have a VCR and Nintendo

Game Machine to rent as well. Is there a special movie you have been looking for but can't find? We take requests, we also reserve movies.

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Bart's big barg. Bart barks, "Bye-Bye b#@&*!%
belugas. Bravo Bev."

In This Month's Award Winning Beacon
How To Contact The Ferry In An Emergency
The OPP Invited To Island
Beacon Subscriptions Up To 111
Plus
Our Regular Contributors, Awards And Much, Much
More.

Council Report For October 3rd
- C J Kennedy

All members of council were present. After the agenda was approved, Dr Alex Scott spoke to council about the school situation. There will be a separate report elsewhere in the Beacon. Jim Whitton, who has been acting as a private citizen, reported on his pursuit of the School Board. Council passed a resolution supporting the Education Association in its endeavours. There was a discussion of busing problems, and council sent a letter to the School Board asking that the Board not put on empty bus on the 8 a.m. ferry.

There was a discussion on the ownership of the shoreline near the proposed road closure on the way to Long Point. The closure will proceed. Council will ask Mr Sheppard, a Kingston lawyer to give his best legal opinion on the ownership of shoreline on Amherst Island. Most properties in Ontario extend to the high water mark, and are surveyed that way. The early grants on Amherst Island appear to extend to the low water mark, so the actual ownership of the shoreline is confused, and council will try to obtain legal guidelines for the future.

Council will send round by householder mail information on the best way to contact the ferry and ambulance in an emergency. Kim deHaan has been appointed as the new full-time deckhand. Bob Marshall and Andrew Richardson (Caroline Ackerman's son) have been hired as part time deckhands. Caroline declared conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion and vote.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held in the spring.

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Bureaucratic red tape prevents one this fall. Council received the regular Municipal Recreation Grant for 1989. The plan to hold some council meetings at the school has been abandoned, because the acoustics were so bad.

The Nut Island Hunt Club has stated that it owns the Back Beach, and Council claims it is a township road allowance, and has posted a notice to say so at the end of the beach.

Jim Baker received a building permit for a garage, and Keith McGinn a permit for an addit

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Thanks to the tens of Beacon readers who have pointed out a major oversight on my part. OK, so I'm not perfect, but forgetting (in the last 2 issues) to welcome the Batemans to the Island is surely a sign of premature something. So, welcome Jim, Gwen, Dave, Amanda, Jason and Patrick Bateman. We're glad to have you with us.

And Andrew. What can I say? He undoubtedly has the distinction of being the most-ignored person in this column. I agree (as he recently pointed out) that I have done a great disservice by forgetting to welcome him to the Island. So here it is Andy - you're very own paragraph (in a box no less, thanks to the cooperation of the publishing staff). Andy (Richardson) is in fact Caroline Ackerman's son, and moved here from England several months ago. He has been working on Ron Miller's and Jim Bateman's houses and, more recently, has been seen pretending to park cars on the boat. Andy is a former windsurfing instructor. He is unmarried, early 20's, lives in the white house on the corner and claims he can cook. I could go on a lot longer here, but we have a lot of other news to catch up on.

Believe it or not, we actually have more new residents to welcome this month. Rob Wemp, Heather, Chris and Nathan Maleska will be moving to the house owned by Duncan and Coralie Marshall, sometime before Christmas.

Unfortunately that means the house must first be empty. I'm very sorry to report that John, Maureen and Leslie Glenn are in fact moving home to Sudbury. John, in fact, has moved already, having started his new job October 10. Maureen and Leslie will be leaving October 21. John and Maureen, by the way, are expecting their second baby in

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April.

In the new baby department, congratulations to Terrance and Andrea Laverty on the birth of their first child. David Nigel was born September 15 in London, Ontario.

Best wishes to Rod Barr, recovering at his St. Catharines home from a heart attack. Best wishes also to Kay Wolfreys who underwent hip replacement surgery at Hotel Dieu Hospital October 11.

We were all very sorry to hear about the death of long-time Islander Tommy Brown. Our sympathy to Marj, Shirley and David.

In a special report this month, Vera Hogeboom tells us that Stuart Miller, Kerry and Liz Hogeboom and Anna Wlasuk recently attended the wedding of Paul Lauret Jr and Susan Harper in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Paul is the grandson of Kenneth and the late Annie Miller. Paul Sr. and his wife Gwen are spending a few days with relatives on the Island before returning home to Grand Cayman Island.

One final note - a very happy 65th birthday to Councillor Whitton. Is it a coincidence his birthday fell on Thanksgiving Day? And of course a most enthusiastic happy birthday to John Leslie Glenn who turned the big 01 on October 15.

Library News

- Karen Fleming

Oct. 16-21 is Ontario Public Library week, so why not come out and spend it Among Friends? On Wednesday, October 18, coffee and goodies will be served at the library, so come for a visit and bring a non-member friend with you.

This time of year, school projects are starting, so I'd like to remind all you school kids to let me know what you need, as soon as you know, not a week before it's due. Also, when you have a choice of subject, how about trying something new and radical, and see if there's anything already here that interests you before you make your choice.

Large Prints changed Sept 25 and there is a regular rotation coming up Oct 16. We now have our own copies of "Star" by Danielle Steel, and "While My Pretty One Sleeps", the newest by Mary Higgins Clark (this one comes highly recommended by your local librarian). Anything you want that isn't in our branch, remember I will be glad to order it for you on interloan.

The Stella Branch loaned out 583 books in September as opposed to only 325 for September 1988. Similarly our total books loaned to the end of September for 1989 is substantially up from last year: 4171 books to 3511 books. We are the smallest library but not the smallest circulation. If our circulation keeps going up, maybe we can stay open longer.

See you at the library.

From a loyal subscriber-

"Thanks for another sensational issue of what is doubtless, page for page, the finest newspaper in the known World!" (Syracuse, NY)

Our mothers couldn't have said it better.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I want to thank Donna Chadband for these tasty and easy freezer recipes. After tasting both, I wholeheartedly recommend them both. Thank heavens for freezers.

Freezer Cole Slaw

- 2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 tsp mustard seed
- 1 tsp celery seed
- 1 large head cabbage -finely shredded
- 2 medium carrots -finely shredded
- 1 medium onion -finely shredded

Mix sugar, water, vinegar, mustard seed and celery seed; bring to a boil then remove from stove and cool completely. Pour over shredded vegetables and let stand at room temperature for 1/2 day then refrigerate overnight (or 8 hrs), then stir and pack into freezer containers and

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freeze.

When ready to use, thaw at room temperature and eat as is or can be mixed with mayonnaise.

Freezer Pickles

- 2 qts peeled and sliced cucumber (1 1/2" diameter)
- 2 medium onions sliced

Sprinkle 2 tbsp pickling salt over and let stand for 2 hours (stirring occasionally). Drain well.

Make a syrup of:

- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp celery seed
- 1 tsp dry mustard

Bring to a boil and cool, pour over cucumber and onions, pack in freezer containers and freeze.

When ready to use, thaw at room temperature.

Field Naturalists

- Ms Know It All

Alex and Janet are up to their beaks in other business, so I'm going keep their roost warm by giving you an amateur's perspective. (A little birder's joke, darlings. Haw Haw Haw on should I say Caw Caw Caw.)

Yep, there sure are a lot of birds around this time of year. Over here we got oodles of lgb's (little grey birds) and not quite as many LGB's (Large Grey Birds). We

also have some coloured birds but I don't know their names because they never get into the same poses as the pictures in my book. I'll just have to go with the rather broad categories lcb's and LCB's (little and large coloured birds, respectively).

Actually, we amateurs have to spend more time looking out for the birders than looking at the birds. I was driving to Stella the other day when I spotted a car pulled over at the side of the road. As I approached to pass, out pops from the window the biggest telephoto lens I've ever seen. It looked like one of those guns on the American battleships. I had to slam on my brakes to avoid hitting it which certainly would have totalled my car. Then he had the gall to motion me to be quiet. I must say I was speechless which doesn't happen very often but what do you say to someone with the nerve to stick a tree-trunk out his window blocking both lanes, the shoulder and the road allowance. Well, we sat there like that for a good five minutes, with my car still trying to do a headstand, while he got his picture and then he pulled away as if nothing unusual had happened.

Bird Of The Month - The Uppy Woodpecker

Closely related to the Downy Woodpecker in that they are the same size, shape and colouring. They also share the same territory which makes them even harder to distinguish. In fact, the only way to tell them apart is to watch them work a tree. The Downy works down the tree and the Uppy works up the tree (and hence their names).

Public School

Welcome to our new Educational Assistant, (N.T.A.) Eleanor Ramshaw. She works Mondays, Wednesdays and alternate Fridays when the Junior Kindergartens are in school.

Previously, she was at Westdale Public School working with one child in the Kindergarten. She particularly enjoys nursery and kindergarten levels.

She taught up until her children were born and her husband finished university. Then she remained at home but was a volunteer parent at Westdale for 13 years. Now that her children are grown she is back to teaching.

Besides teaching she is involved with curling and enjoys baking.

Congratulations

To Shannon Eves who managed to take more than her share of the NDSS Special Awards. She took first place in the Highest Proficiency Award for the Grade

11 Advanced Program. Shannon was also the recipient of the Geography Award for the Grade 11 Advanced Program and the Dramatic Arts Award for Year 3 Advanced Level.

Just in case you don't understand what all these awards are for, we can't help you because we don't have a clue. We can say,

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however, that Shannon is a girl who isn't afraid to succeed, and that her effort and abilities have been duly recognized. Congratulations once again.

Education Update

- Rosemary Vrooman

The Amherst Island Education Committee is continuing to press for negotiations with the school board to resolve the current problems over the busing of grade 7 and 8 students to Bath and the long term question of keeping Amherst Island Public School Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 facility.

We believe that pressure from the Ministry of Education would encourage our board to enter into serious discussions.

One of the ways you can All help to bring about pressure from the Ministry is to write to the Minister, expressing your opinion about our school issue. One or two letters will not make a big difference. But a flood of letters from Amherst Island cannot be ignored. We have been told that 40 letters constitutes a major issue to the Minister.

We would ask every resident, adult or child, who has strong feelings about keeping our school intact to write, Soon, to:

Sean Conway

Minister of Education

22nd floor, Mowat Block

900 Bay St

Toronto, Ont M7A 1L2

ISLE

- Sally Bowen

Our new members, Dave Willard, Stuart Reid, and Lynann Clapham were welcomed this month. The executive will be nominated and reported in next month's Beacon.

Our playground proposal has passed the first level of approval but it will take until after Christmas until we receive final OK. Because of that, most of our spending is on hold, but we did decide to buy a chinchilla for the senior room, at the students' request,

and approve one swimming outing this fall.

Please remember the Zeller's "Z" number to give the school your purchase credits. It is 943 199 922.

Thanks.

4-H News

- Amy Caughey

The Amherst Island 4-H club has started! Our theme is "Good Foods Fast". Our club name is the Island Quick-stirs. Members are Amanda Bateman, Heidi Hitchins, Tracy Hitchins and Amy Caughey. Leaders are Ann-Marie Hitchins and Gwen Bateman. We held our first meeting Oct. 10 at the Hitchins'. We made Spicy Apple Muffins. We also had an election of officers.

President - Amanda;

Secretary - Tracy;

Treasurer - Heidi; and

Press Reporter - Amy.

Our next meeting will be on Tues, Oct 17th, at the Hitchins'. New members welcome.

Sunday School

- Karen Fleming

A Sunday School meeting was held on September 28, to try and attract teachers, and to decide our future. Unfortunately, no new faces turned up, and no phone calls came.

Because of this, and also because it's so late in the season already, and it takes time to get books, etc., there will be no Sunday School this term. Sunday School will resume next spring (or late winter, if weather permits). Please give some thought to becoming a teacher, or superintendant then. Thank You.

Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

The season for gathering fresh food and sending it to the Food Bank is drawing to a close. I hope there are still gardens with extra carrots or squash or pumpkins, or that someone has an apple tree whose fruit they could donate.

If you have any extras, please either take it to the 10 a.m. ferry, Thursdays for John Hall to deliver, or call me at 389-3444 to arrange delivery on other days.

The Food Bank receives very little fresh produce, and they are very grateful for what we send. Many people who receive the hampers are only temporarily in need, and

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are struggling to make their situation better. They all need and deserve our help.

Thank you to Duncan and Coralie Marshall, Marian and Marshall Glenn, Jean and Earle Tugwell, Chris Glenn, Leslie Gavlas, Francis and Nessie Welbanks, George and Diane Gavlas, Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts, Mary McCollam and Ron and Cathy Hartling, Susan and Terry McGinn, Janice and Eric McGinn, Mr. and Mrs Lamb, Steven Street and Lorraine Burton, Donna and Ed Chadband, Brian and Marie Ward, Elsie and Eldon Willard, Judy and Don Miller, Keith and Shirley Miller and to John Hall and Headlands Community for your donations. My apologies to anyone missed.

Letters To The Beacon

(Editorial Staff: We do not have a fixed editorial policy concerning what letters we will print or will not print. Basically it boils down to this: anything that is not controversial, fairly reasonable, not abusive and - most importantly - signed, will be printed. To those who wish to remain anonymous, abusive, controversial or unreasonable, you will have to find someplace else to publish your letters. Thank you.)

from Ivan Groves

Dear Sir

Note from the enclosed (Ed: see below) that it took only one complaint from a parent to the Prescott-Russell County Separate School Board that a child's safety was endangered for the Board to take decisive action to correct a condition involving a child's safety even though the decision is bound to be controversial in today's divisive society.

Why are a majority of trustees of the Lennox and Addington Board of Education so stubbornly, and one might say cruelly unconcerned about the health and safety of Amherst Island School children when another Board treats the safety of school children as paramount to all other considerations?

from the Winchester Press, Oct 4/89

Unilingual Bus Driver Fired By School Board
Winchester-

After two years as a school bus driver, a village woman has lost her job following a parent's complaint her French was inadequate.

Carol Mallows was informed this week by the Dockstader Bros. Bus Lines she would be replaced by a French-speaking driver.

The Prescott-Russell County Separate School Board received a complaint from a parent claiming Mallows' inability to speak fluent French posed a danger to their

child's safety.

Apparently this person's daughter said something to Mallows in French and the bus driven didn't respond.

"I don't remember this happening," Mallows explained. "The kids usually speak to me in English."

Mallows' route includes Winchester and South Mountain on her way to a French-language school in Marionville.

She says it is "unfair and wrong" that a board policy states drivers must speak fluent French, when this area is predominantly unilingual. *****

Requested Warning!

- Tom Sylvester

It has been brought to Council's attention that there are some noisy motorcycles in the village. The Ontario Provincial Police have been invited over to observe.

This note was prompted by the request of an Island parent. It was eloquently stated that losing one's drivers license as a result of misusing a motorcycle would be a serious hardship to any young adult; at the least the motorcyclists deserved warning that the Police have been requested to visit.

Perhaps this message should be addressed to all road users. The OPP have rarely been to the Island. We take it for granted they will not be here and we sometimes do not comply fully with the Highway Traffic Act. Conceivably the fact that the Police may be invited over, will have a positive effect on our driving habits. Staff Sergeant Bert Kea has stated, ". . . if we are over there, we

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will enforce the Highway Traffic Act".

I find it interesting, the publication of this warning alone can act as an effective deterrent according to the OPP.

Thank You Notes

Bill and Helen Bulch wish to thank friends, neighbors and relatives for their expressions of sympathy, cards and acts of kindness after the death of their loving brother, Bill Kay. Your thoughtfulness has been comforting and much appreciated.

I would like to thank family, relatives and friends for cards, candies, flowers, telephone calls and food brought to my home and visits while in hospital and after coming home.

I also want to thank the crew on the Amherst

Islander for saving a car space on the 6 a.m. ferry and regret the inconvenience to the regular early travellers.

A thank you to Dr Scott for his visits and care.

Anna M. Hitchins

Thank you to my friends, relatives, the Anglican Church Women and The Women's Institute for being so kind to me since my leg injury.

A special thanks to The Scotts for lending me the crutches.

Kristy Grange

Notices & Announcements

Township Of Amherst Island

Ontario Home Renewal Program

If your "adjusted family income" does not exceed \$21,000, you may be eligible for a low interest loan up to a maximum of \$7,500 for essential home repairs. Depending on your income, up to \$4,000 of the maximum loan may be forgivable. For applications and more information, contact the Township Office at 389-3393.

Recycling

Tricil, which is doing the recycling for Kingston Township, is glad to accept bundles of newspapers at their depot on Lappan's Lane. Lappan's Lane runs off Counter Street beside the P.U.C. building and the depot is at the end of the lane beyond the curve.

Leslie Gavlas

Emergency Contact with the Ferry

For Medical Emergencies requiring assistance at all times, call the

Ambulance - 544-5555. (The ambulance will contact the Coast Guard who will contact the ferry.)

For Other Emergencies between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. call the captains in the following order until an answer is reached:

Lloyd Wolfreys (Acting Sr Capt) (D Crew) 389-5945

Warren Kilpatrick (A Crew) 389-4078

Earle Willard (B Crew) 389-3901

Lloyd Strain (C Crew) 389-1736

Eldon Willard (Sr Capt) 389-4874

Cardinal Coast Guard 1-657-3147

The Halloween Masquerade

The Amherst Island Legion Branch 539 will be

holding the Halloween Masquerade on Saturday, October 29th, at 7:30 p.m. at the school with the unmasking at 8:30 p.m.

Children are free and Adults are \$3.00. Come and join the fun!

Note change: the regular October meeting for Branch 539 will be held October 25th at 8 p.m. Remembrance Day Service is November 5th, 11 a.m. at St Alban's.

The Legion is again holding an Essay,

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Poems and Poster contest for the Elementary Students. We're proud of your past record - keep up the good work.

Amherst Island Ball Team Fish Fry And Dance

October 21st

Music by Sue Pilon & Shanty

Dinner 7 p.m.

Dancing 8:30 to 12:30

Tickets \$20.00 per couple

see J. Forester, R. Wemp or D. Shurtliffe

Amherst Island Driving Club

New Years Eve Dance

December 31st

Music by Shilo

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Dance 9:00 to 1:30

Tickets on sale now, at \$40.00 per couple see Al Caughey, Jack Forester, Harry Filson for tickets.

Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

Fire Fire Fire Fire

- Jim Whitton

We now have the makings of a good Fire Department with much better equipment than ever before. However, the more advanced equipment we get, the more volunteers are needed to operate it effectively. In an effort to drum up more volunteers, we have arranged for members of the Bath Fire Department to come over on October 16th at 7 p.m. to describe their training methods. We hope that this will prove to be sufficiently interesting that more Islanders will be

motivated to join our Fire Department. These talks will be given in the school gym and will be in place of the normal training session.

The members of the Bath Fire Department are giving of their time freely and willingly and have indicated that, given sufficient interest, they will be prepared to come across to help in our regular training sessions. This is an offer of which we should take full advantage so we hope for a very good turn out on Monday evening.

Is Yours Shore Well Deep Enough?

- Tom Sylvester

Last winter a fair number of neighbours had problems with running out of water. I recently observed a telephone pole line drilling rig that could feasibly deepen existing shore wells. Before I make any further inquiries, I would appreciate hearing from anyone considering participating. If we cooperate and coordinate the work it should be more successful and cheaper. If you cannot reach me by phone, drop me a line.

Awards

The Sleet & Snow Award: to Canada Post for effort in getting a book from England to Chris. The address was as follows:

Name- Chris Kennedy,

City- Topsy Farms,

Province- Ont,

Postal Code- K0H 250,

Country- Canada.

It took 28 days which isn't substantially longer than other book mail from England. So to the one person in Canada Post who made the effort, who went the extra mile, who gave 110%, who perspired while the others retired for coffee, who strove for greatness, who reached for the unreachable star, who tried to right the unrightable wrong, to ... to ... (Enough already!); we offer this recognition for a job well done (as it should be always).

The Environmental Concerns Award: to Maggie Thatcher for showing such innovation in fighting pollution. She was able to take Britain's polluted rivers and, with the stroke of a pen, make them safe by merely changing the definition of polluted to a level above the actual pollution levels of the water.

What a woman! What a politician! Who else but Maggie could have thought of this?

Think of the money and effort that can be saved by the Ontario government by

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following her lead.

For example, a beach would now be closed when the fecal coliform count reaches 100/100 ml. All our wimp politicians would have to do to keep the beaches open is to raise the acceptable level of fecal coliform to 200, or even 300 if necessary.

The Let's Stamp Out Monopolies Award: to Canada Post for failing to supply Stella Post Office and other regional post offices with enough stamps earlier this month.

The Smoking Fingers Award to Diane Pearce. It seems that she was typing away on the brand new township computer when (we can only presume from her story) she got going so fast that the keyboard started to smoke. Now we've heard of smoke pouring out of someone's ears but that's a figurative expression. And we've heard of a blazingly fast baseball pitcher throwing smoke but that's also figurative. But we have in our midst, yes right here on little Amherst Island, a literal smoking fingers. Nice going 'Smoking Di', the only person in the history of the world who managed to destroy a keyboard while typing (or did you 'Hit Any Key To Continue').

Beacon Notes

We've smashed through the 100 subscriber barrier, having 111 as of this month. Subscribers represent about 1/3 of our total print run. As a matter of fact we haven't been printing enough because Glenn's Store has been running out about a week before the next issue is due.

We know all you folks out there are thinking hard about Christmas right now. For that special person who has everything, why don't you get them a subscription to the Beacon? How about a subscription for a birthday present, anniversary present, new Island resident welcoming gift, moving away gift, or any other reason you can think of.

Reader's Survey

We have a little extra space this month so we thought we would try a reader's survey. If you would be so kind as to check off what you like and offer any

comments as to what else you would like to see in the Beacon, we would be most interested in hearing from you. Island readers can just put the survey in the envelope at Glenn's Store and off-Islanders can mail them back.

	Like
Council Report	___
County Council	___
The Neighbourhood	___
A.I. Women's Institute	___
Library News	___
Cook's Corner	___
Field Naturalists	___
Housecalls	___
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For Sale / Wanted

Garage Sale

Oct 21st at Tim Glenn's in the village.

My junk may be your treasure.

For Sale

One Dinette Suite consisting of a Pecan Laminated Table (extends to 60 inches) and 4 leather arm chairs. All in excellent condition for \$350.

Call 389-1540.

Odd Jobs - Housework - Etc

The kids are back to school and it's time I went back to work.

Contact Dianne Marshall at 389-4070

For Sale

Do You Sew?

I have a lot of lovely material for sale.

Some dress lengths, suiting, etc

Take your pick, \$1.00 each.

Franklin Fireplace with brass trim.

Kenmore Spin Washer/Drier (very good condition)

Griddle (new)

Electric Frier and Slow Cooker combination.

Contact Chris Glenn at 389-2647 evenings.

For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller

General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,

Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Amherst Island Sweatshirts are still available at Glenn's Store.

Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5385

For Sale

Lamb from Topsy Farms.

Contact Ian at 389-3444.

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store

Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Glenn's Store Book Exchange is still in operation, but we are running low on paperbacks. We are willing to accept any and all used books.

VCR Rentals

Glenn's Store also has a super selection of more than 70

VHS movies to rent. We have a VCR and Nintendo

Game Machine to rent as well. Is there a special movie

you have been looking for but can't find? We take

requests, we also reserve movies.

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{Masthead caption}

Beaten, bashed, bruised Bart backstrokes back beside barge, but before boarding Bart bemoans barge's beaten-in bow. Bev blows bagpipe ballads brightening Bart's blueness.

Beacon Notes

Well, well, well. Look at what we found hiding inside the computer program - clip-on graphics! And more amazing yet, some are even appropriate (some more than others as you will see when you get to Meynard). And most amazing of all, we actually can make them work!

We were going to give the results of the survey sheets included last month, however, the number of responses was underwhelming to say the least (4 returns for which we are thankful). Looking on the positive side - "silence is approval". There's a rumor going around that people cannot bring themselves to desecrate the Beacon by tearing out the Survey. We suggest that you photocopy it and then send it back.

Council Report For November 7th, 1989 - Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. Ena and Bonnie Baker asked council if the township could plough snow out of their driveways for the school buses. Council decided it was not their policy to plough private driveways, but if Trentway-Wagar approached council something might be arranged. A letter will be sent to all householders about how to call an ambulance when the ferry is not running.

Tom Sylvester introduced a lot levy bylaw. This requires everyone severing a residential building lot to pay a levy (\$500), to the township, for recreational purposes. This was tabled by council until commented on by the township solicitor. All severances will be

tabled until the new bylaw is finished. Kenneth Albertan and Wilbert Willard had severances approved in principle and then tabled.

Plans are going ahead to provide a vibration-free platform for the ferry captains to stand on. There was another discussion about the safety arrangements for all school-children on the ferry. The captain is, in theory, in charge of the ferry and the passengers on it. A school board representative will be asked to attend the next ferry committee meeting to discuss the matter.

The ferry subsidy agreement expires at the end of this year. The negotiations for a new agreement are held up because the municipal head office of the Ministry of Transportation has moved to Timmins, and many of the senior staff have quit. The present agreement is extended a year to cover 1990.

The township has a splendid new grader. It has not yet received a supplementary subsidy to pay for it, but remains optimistic.

The Fire Committee is transferring some money from the capital fire budget to the operating budget to hire some expertise to train the fire department. Lynann Clapham

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has agreed to coordinate this. David Fleming attended a Fire Prevention Officers Seminar, which was worth while.

The Rezoning fee has been raised to \$800, as costs have risen. The ferry rates for the next year remain unchanged, but the student pass is being eliminated. However, when the Charlevoix is on, all drivers including pass-holders will pay a \$0.50 surcharge per vehicle to cover the extra costs involved in running the Charlevoix (extra crew and fuel).

An interim budget report was presented - the first done on the new computer. Most items are under budget. Two building permits were issued, to J. Harrison for a new residence on a lot bought from Kaye and Dorothy McGinn, and to Alan Caughey for an addition to a garage/shed.

The Management/Pay Equity Study has arrived. A copy is available at the township office for people to read and copy if they wish. The Management Study recommends a fairly major reorganization of the way council works. Council put off discussion until there has been more time to study it. The Pay Equity Study recommends minor changes.

A letter has been sent to the Nut Island Hunt Club's lawyer stating that the township does not need an agreement dictating the terms on which township

residents may use a township right-of-way (the Back Beach).

Council supported a resolution from the city of Orillia opposing provincial Bill 8 (the French Languages Services Act).

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

October-November have got to be the busiest months yet for injuries and surgery. Starting with those who are, or have been in hospital, best wishes to Anna Hitchins, Lucille Brown, Phyllis Strain and Debbie Fleming. Horse-related injuries include Karen Fleming and Betty Wemp. And in the miscellaneous injury category, Chad Miller and Ruth Scott. We hope everybody recovers quickly!

Thankfully the only recent deaths have been in the deer population. Congratulations to Darrell Miller and Rob Wemp who both got one on the island. This was Darrell's first. It was not a first for Rob. However, he did remember to use his bow this year - running them over must have gotten too expensive.

And of course congratulations to Don Miller (Jr) who, with the help of Kerry Hogeboom bagged his first deer at the Miller Hunt Camp. Don Sr. and Stuart Miller also pulled in one deer each. An unusually successful hunt for this crew. Let's hope they all like venison.

Last, but not least, congratulations to Billy, Andy and Nick McGinn who bagged 3 deer near Sydenham.

In the good news department this month, Stewart and Kathy Reed have produced another (so I'm told) magnificent son; William Robert. Congratulations Stu, Kathy and Christopher.

Andy, of course, gets to make his appearance in this column again this month. I am pleased to report, exclusively, that he received his Canadian Citizenship a couple of weeks ago. Way to go Andy!

Also hot off the press - congratulations to John and June McGinn (J.J.M. Chinchillas), whose pelt fetched the top price of \$70 at the Eastern Ontario Fall seminar for the National Chinchilla Board of Canada. The seminar was held north of Coburg, October 21 and 22.

Education Update

- Lynann Clapham

As many of you may be aware, the Board at its October meeting passed a motion to establish a third party committee to re-examine the Amherst Island school issue. The Education committee replied to this, proposing some minor changes to the Terms of Reference. We were then told that these changes would

not be acceptable to the Board, so we withdrew our original proposal and sent them an alternate one which we felt was more acceptable. In this "new" proposal, we expressed our strong desire to have this committee formed and asked only for one small change - that the third person on the three member committee be

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someone who was acceptable to the other two members (the Board had originally proposed that this third member be the Ministry Liaison officer with the L & A Board). We also stated that our Education committee would recommend to the 7 and 8 parents to send the children back as soon as the independent committee was formed.

The November Board meeting on Monday, November 13th was held in Cloyne, a one hour and 25 minute drive from the ferry. Twelve Islanders were present at this meeting. There was a considerable amount of discussion regarding the Island's proposal, with Storing saying that any change to the originally proposed committee was unacceptable, and Campbell and Ibey arguing that the small change we requested should not be a problem, particularly since it meant that there was a good possibility of resolving the issue. Finally, Collins proposed that the Islanders request be implemented, and she was informed by Mifflin that the original motion for the independent committee would first have to be rescinded. The Board defeated the motion to rescind the original proposal (For - Babcock, Campbell, Collins, Ibey, Leonard, Savage. Against - Mifflin, Pixley, Marshall, Petzold, Storing, Yanch, McFarland). Peters was absent, however this would have made no difference to the outcome). What this effectively means is that the Board will accept no compromise solution, no matter how reasonable (surprise, surprise). So they have won another skirmish, but the war isn't over until we say it's over.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Scott Marshall has a recipe he would like to share with all the junior cooks on the Island. It comes from his summer issue of the Kelloggs Kids Club News. We tried it and needless to say it didn't last long before every sandwich was gobbled up.

Rice Krispies Sandwich

1/2 c corn syrup
1/2 c peanut butter
4 c Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal
2c very slightly softened ice cream

In medium bowl, stir together corn syrup and peanut butter. Add cereal and stir until well coated. Press mixture firmly and evenly into buttered 13"x9" pan. Place in freezer until firm, about 15 minutes.

Cut cereal mixture in half crosswise. Spread one half with softened ice cream and top with second half to make one large sandwich. Freeze until firm, about 2 hours.

Cut large sandwich into 2" squares. Wrap individually in foil or freezer wrap and store in freezer until needed.

As promised, here's my recipe for Jambalaya, a cajun favorite immortalized in song. It's a quick and easy stew, very tasty and hearty for this cold weather. Feeds 4-5 big eaters.

Jambalaya

- 12 1/2 oz drained chunk light tuna, or
- 1 pkge frozen fish (white-fish)
- 1/4 c butter or margarine
- 1 c chopped celery
- 1/2 c chopped onion
- 1/2 c chopped green pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (I was generous)
- 2 chicken oxo cubes
- 1 1/2 c boiling water
- 3/4 c uncooked rice
- 1 big can tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 whole bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 1/8 tsp cayenne (I used about 1/2 tsp)

Saute onion, celery, green peppers and garlic in butter. Dissolve oxo in boiling water and add veggies, along with rice, tomatoes (cut up a bit), salt, bay leaf, thyme and cayenne. Simmer 1/2 hour, stirring occasionally til rice is tender. Chop fish into chunks and add, heat through and serve. Good with new-made biscuits or bread!

Caroline Yull

Field Naturalists

- Alex & Janet Scott

First a word of thanks to Ms. K.I.A. who filled in for us so well last month. Certainly no-one could knock holes in her

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comments about Uppy Woodpeckers. We have received reports of several sightings of this bird from enthusiastic Islanders.

Unfortunately, with the school situation, we missed

the vast majority of the fall migration. However we did have a few interesting visitors at our feeding station, and we have had a number of reports of interesting finds on the island.

One of the advantages of setting up your feeder early in the fall is that you attract a large resident population of local birds. These in turn attract many migrant birds, the ones which are most interesting. We now have 2 - 300 House Sparrows, far too many for my liking, but on Nov. 12, I noticed what appeared to be an immature White-throated Sparrow in the flock, common enough in migration but a little late at this time of year. I had just said to Janet that it just shows one should examine the common birds more closely when, following my own advice, out popped what appeared to be a House Sparrow with a yellow breast. Closer examination showed it to be a female Dickcissel, a bird of the mid-western, prairie states.

The period late September through mid-November is a good time to watch for hawks in migration too. North-west winds push migrating birds along the northern shores of Lake Ontario while they seek a point to cross south. November 3rd was a day of strong north-westerlies. In about three hours we counted almost 80 hawks, mainly Red-tails and Rough-legs but with a scattering of Red-shouldered and others although many were too high to identify. Overnight brought a total of at least seven Saw-whet Owls to the Owl Woods, but by the next day these had all disappeared but one which seems to be hanging around along with a number of Long-eared Owls.

Rarities reported on the Island this fall include Common Eider, Little Gull, Franklin's Gull, Laughing Gull and Foster's Tern, all seen in the Field Naturalist's property at the foot of the Island. By the way, bird enthusiasts should dig out their field guides and bone up on their winter birds. This is shaping up to be a good year for birds from the far north. Already there have been many reports throughout the area of Crossbills, Bohemian Waxwings and other birds that erupt into southern Ontario only sporadically.

Bird Of The Month: Dickcissel

This bird is reported to have nested from southern Saskatchewan to extreme southern Ontario southwards throughout the U.S.A. It is considered to be one of the rarest breeding birds in Ontario. Prior to 1988 there were only four known nestings in this province. In 1988 there were 31 nests reported in Ontario, all of them in the extreme south-west portion of the province. This marks the tenth sight record in the Kingston area, most being found at local feeders.

They are similar in size to a House Sparrow, and

look almost identical from behind. The females have a light yellow breast while the males have a bright yellow breast and black bib giving them the appearance of a miniature Meadowlark.

Public School

Co-operative Chart Story

- the Primary Class

We had a busy time at Hallowe'en. We did lots of Hallowe'en art. Kindergartens carved a Jack-O-Lantern. Later Wendy's group cut up that pumpkin and boiled it. Ryan, Shawna, Scott and Jason helped. Pumpkin cookies were baked by Jill, Jessica, Jacob, Mark and Helen. They were enjoyed at our party! The pumpkin seeds were soaked, salted and baked by Tyler, Kyle, Bonnie, Shannon and Tanya. They counted 609 seeds all together. We compared the taste of the smaller, thinner, whiter seeds from the small pumpkin to the bigger, thicker, darker seeds from the Seniors' big pumpkin. We saw interesting costumes on parade. There was a fairy, two cats, a ghost, a witch, a pirate, Batman and many others. A visit to the Spooks haunted house was a highlight of Hallowe'en. Willa Witch, Sam Spook and Digby, their dog, moved into our store. If we wrote a poem that Willa liked, we could read it to here and then go in. It was scary! Willa had a potion, some cooked, peeled worms, and some

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lizards' or wizards' gizzards at her house. Sam never spoke! We did other activities too. What an exciting Hallowe'en.

Poems

Helen-

When a witch is there
She'll give you a scare
But when she's gone
Life can go on.

Wendy-

W - Will you please let us in
I - I will help you with your brew
L - Let me help you with your potion
L - Look at how much fun we'll have
A - Afterwards I'll share my treats.

Ryan-

Witches and spooks are out Hallowe'en night
To scare trick or treaters out of their might.
Although Digby barks and makes a fuss
But not one bit does he scare us!

Remembrance Day Service

- Nikki Banks

Students and teachers assembled in the Primary classroom at 2:45 p.m. for our Remembrance Day Service. The program began with the singing of "O Canada" followed by the poem "Flanders Fields" recited by Jamie Silver. After which time Jason Silver recited the poem "Why We Remember". Next on the program were two Remembrance Day dedications from Nikki Banks and Crystal Bedford. Then we all sang a hymn. After the singing of the hymn the last of the dedications were made by the following students: Ricky Bedford, Kelly Baker, and Douglas Gavlas. Lori Caughey recited the poem "Why We Wear A Poppy". Shannon Baker and Helen Bell-Smith laid the wreath. We then had our two minutes of silence. The program concluded by the singing of "God Save the Queen."

4-H News

Quick Stirrs Club

- Amy Caughey

The Amherst Island Quick-Stirrs are still making "good food fast". At our second meeting we made cinnamon biscuits and at meeting 3 we made salad with 1000 Island Dressing. At meeting 4 we had meat loaf in a mug and at meeting 5 we made sandwiches. Achievement night is November 29.

Make it Snappy

- Lori Caughey

The Make It Snappy Club organized in late October and has been meeting regularly in school time as part of the Family Studies requirement for grades 7 and 8. The Club work is studying and cooking nutritious foods that are prepared quickly.

Our club officers are:

Pres., Jason Silver;

Vice Pres., Lori Caughey;

Secretary, Nikki Banks;

Treasurer, Jamie Silver;

Telephone Convenor, Sarah Scott;

Recreation, Ruth Scott;

Reporter, Ricky Bedford.

Our volunteer leader is Susie Caughey.

We have achievement night with the other 4H Clubs throughout the county November 29 in Napanee.

Environmental Concerns

Recycling Week Nov 20-26th

- Caroline Ackerman

Did you know that every person in Ontario produces 2.2 lbs (1 kilogram) of waste per day?

North America has 8% of the world's population and produces 50% of the world's waste.

Don't groan and turn to another item - it's serious - think about it.

We aren't into the Blue Box system yet but we should all be aware how important the 3 Rs are. Reduce Reuse Recycle

Our landfill (the Dump) is looking better. We hope to keep it that way but we must work at it.

Buy, but with a thought towards Reduction. Use large containers of fruit juice rather than the little single serving boxes. Drinks taste just as good out of a thermos. Buy your fruit and vegetables 'loose' not packaged. Use refillable sprays instead of aerosol cans.

Reuse - have a garage sale (one person's junk is another person's treasure!). Compost is great for the garden and it really doesn't smell! Take your own shopping bags to the store for your

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groceries. Those plastic bags will be with us forever.

Recycle - We hope to organize a newspaper collection in the near future but, until then anyone with a load of newspaper, glass bottles and even plastic pop bottles can take them to the Tricil Recycling Plant on Lappins Lane. (It is off Counter Street - the PUC office is on the corner - the plant is at the end of the road.) Thanks to the Women's Institute we have those large barrels at Glenn's Store and at the Dump for small aluminum pop tins. This is all done on a voluntary basis, the people who collect the tins get only their gas paid for. Surely we can make the effort to put the tins into the barrels instead of along the roadside or loose in the Dump. It all helps towards improving the environment for the next generation.

We hope to have a Hazardous Waste Collection organized on the Island in the spring. This will mean you can get rid of all that motor oil, empty pesticide tins, the nearly empty paint cans - you won't ever get around to scraping the bottom - old batteries and whatever else clutters your garage or barn and ours.

Before we go ahead and finalize this collection we would appreciate some idea of demand. Please contact either Diane Pearce: 389-3393 or Caroline Ackerman: 389-6435.

The Island is a great place to live... let's work to keep it that way and be conscious of what you buy, its wrapping and the method you will use to dispose of it when it is no longer needed.

Cleaning up the Environment is up to us all - not just

the 'Other Guy'.

Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

The Amherst Island Brownies and Guides (and their shivering leaders) provided a fine community service, picking the apples donated by Vic and Joan Ellis for the Food Bank this month.

The fresh food season is just about done, but if any of you find you have more squash or cabbage etc. than you require, please remember us.

Sincere thanks to all the ferry crew members who cheerfully help load and unload, relay messages, and generally ensure all goes smoothly.

Thanks also to our drivers this year: John Hall (who drove regularly), Duncan Marshall (who was his backup) and Erie Jackson (who did pickups from Bath). Your dependable assistance made the whole project workable.

There is too much hunger in urban centres in our country, and I think the entire community of Amherst Island has reason to be proud that we are still the only community that for three years now has made regular, sizable donations of fresh food to our local Food Bank.

Amherst Island History

(Staff: We would like to publish more articles like the following submitted by Garnet MacDonald. So if you have an article describing some aspect of Island life or an old letter or a personal reminiscence you would like to submit, we will be happy to make room for it.)

Poultry Day on Amherst Island Fall 1932

(Staff and Garnet McDonald)

A meeting called by a Mr Buker and Mr Haggerty to help form a poultry pool for the Island which was held in the Town Hall (now the Fire Hall). The purpose of the proposed pool was to get better prices for their poultry rather than selling them individually to the buyers who would come around. A motion was passed that Amherst Island form an organization for pooling their poultry and it was moved by B McDonald and Seconded by H.S. Patterson that it be called Amherst Island Poultry Pool. The committee that was named at this meeting was as follows:

A.N. Hitchins

Edwin McDonald (Sec-Tres)

Hugh Drumgoole

Wm Scott (Vice Pres)

Chas McMullen

Ben Wemp

John Richards

Wm Taylor

Claud Willard
 George Howard (Pres)
 Jr Henderson
 Thos Glenn
 George Wemp
 Chas McGinn

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Percy Howard
 James Gibson and
 George Cork.

The poultry packing day was November 29th, 1932 and was held at both the Stella Town Hall and the Emerald Hall which is the present house of Terry and Sue McGinn.

The fees charged were as follows:

Selling- 1/2 cents per lb,
 Freight to Montreal- 1/2 cents per lb,
 Boxes for packing- 1/3 cents per lb.
 A total of 1 1/3 cents per lb over and above charges was assessed for ferry and hall rentals. The graders were provided free.

Prices Paid	Gross Price	Paid Out
MFA chickens	17 ct/lb	16 ct/lb
MFB chickens	15 "	13 "
Selected A	16 "	14 "
Selected B	13 "	12 "
Selected C	12 "	10 "
Fowl A	14 "	12 "
Fowl B	12 "	10 "
Fowl C	10 "	8 "
Fowl D	8 "	6 "
Turkeys A	17 "	15 "
Turkeys B	15 "	13 "
Turkeys C	12 "	10 "
Geese A		10 "
Geese B	10 "	8 "
Geese C		7 "
Ducks	12 "	9 "

The total pounds of poultry packed on that day was 20,219 lbs.

Poultry Days were also held in Napanee (3 day affairs) which were done to attract more buyers and thus more competition, However, the buyers got together and fixed the prices. After this some of poultry people got together and formed the Lennox and Addington Poultry Pool.

Letters to the Beacon

from Caroline Yull

Today my dog, the dalmatian from hell, ate about 115 grams of mouse poison, from the Salsbury All Weather Bait Bar. Like a fool, I had relied on child-proof latches on the under-the-sink cupboard to protect him, but of course they only work if someone closes the cupboard.

Aside from the fact that my fully-planned day was disrupted by an emergency trip to the vet in Napanee, and that the dog will have to stay for 5 days (at an estimated cost of millions), the whole thing really has me spinning.

This particular rat and mouse poison contains an ingredient that, unlike Warfarin, (which it also contains) can be lethal after only one ingestion. Sulfaquinoxaline (there'll be a test at the end) is at least 10 times as toxic as Warfarin. As the vet says, if you want to kill mice, this is the stuff.

However, I'm morally certain that none of us wants to kill the family pet (well, maybe there's an occasional temptation), or our children. So this is a reminder: keep poisons locked away, and if your loved ones (two- or four-legged) eat anything containing Sulfaquinoxaline, take it seriously - get help immediately!

P.S. to the above:

Dopey Deano, Dumb Dalmation Dog, Didn't Die. He's home now, and OK, so fast treatment does work. We won't discuss the costs, OK?

First-aid treatment for dogs is:

- (1) induce vomiting ASAP
 - (2) injections of Vitamin K daily for 5 days, minimum
 - (3) close observation for those same 5 days.
- (May be somewhat different if it's a kid.)

Comments:

from A. Bruce Caughey

The controversy over the Amherst Island Public School still rages with no prospect of being resolved. The L.&A. County Board of Education seem to be firm in their decision that such decision as they have foisted upon Amherst Island has been made in the interests of providing a "better" standard of education for our Island young people. It is therefore interesting to peruse

the graduation list of Napanee District Secondary School's commencement exercises, held on Saturday evening last, November 4th, to see the standards that have been attained by those graduates who received their Public School basics in the Island School's grades. It might be of

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interest to list, for Beacon readers, the awards which were made at these commencement exercises.

Awarded Certificates of Excellence, as having previously been awarded an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, having attained 30 credits:

David Brown

Stephen Willard

Awarded Ontario Secondary School Diplomas (H, indicating Honour standing)

John E. Eves (H)

Julie E. Forester (H)

Trudy Strain (H)

Penny Thornhill (H)

Steven Ward (H)

Richard Welbanks (H)

Awarded Ontario Scholarships (over an average of 80% on 6 O.A.S. or Grade 13 subjects)

John B. Eves

Julie E. Forester

Steven Willard

Recipient of The Charles S. Froud Award was Julie B. Forester

(This award is given in recognition of high academic standing as well as Extensive Participation in non-academic activities.)

(Staff: we understand that Leah Murray also received an Award of Excellence - much to her surprise.)

from Barbara Hopper:

Thought you might like to hear from a "satisfied" customer. And I am. Your paper is proving to be a welcome monthly respite from the daily drivel and verbosity that passes for journalism in the "Nation's Capital" (can't you just hear the Peace Tower bells chiming in here!!). It's a continuing pleasure to read a paper that's put together with obvious love and affection for a craft that seems to be nearing extinction - namely that of good and careful use of a great language. My thanks to you for the obvious joy you take in your vocation.

Haven't yet filled out the questionnaire in the last issue, but will do so. Feedback isn't much good unless you get it! I do, however, enjoy the "Amherst Island" section 2nd personal info on Island residents. It's part

and parcel of the genealogical research I'm still doing on the Hoppers, and McGinnisses.

In a recent issue, you recounted that a local student had produced a thesis on the history of Amherst Island. If a copy of that thesis could be made available to me, I might be persuaded to kiss your toes. Please take the preceding reference with a soupcon of salt as this writer does tend to jest upon occasion. Perhaps you could put me in touch with the young lady, and I could correspond with her directly.

Well, the fat lady just sang, so I guess the letter's over. Keep up the extraordinary newspaper; it's a treasure in the dark.

(Staff: Cathy Wilson's Master's Thesis is available at the Library for anyone who is interested.)

from Beth Samuelson (North Carolina):

To the surprise of my husband and I, yesterday's mail brought a copy of your very interesting newspaper. We really enjoyed it. We have cousins on Amherst Island, and recognized a few of their names. Also, the name of Helen Bulch.

In 1981, it was Helen who put me in touch with my relatives on Amherst Island. Being an amateur genealogist, I had written to the library at Stella asking about any Tugwells in the area, and she immediately answered and said two of my cousins were neighbors of hers. Then, in the fall of that year we visited there and stayed with Tena and Chester Tugwell, and were very warmly welcomed by all of the Tugwells on the Island and in Kingston. We also visited there in April 1983. My grandfather was born there in 1851, son of Gideon, brother of Caleb.

Now, who do you suppose sent us this newspaper? Do you have any idea? We enjoyed it so much, and now might even like to subscribe to it. Just to keep in touch with this family would be nice. We would appreciate it if the person who sent us this newspaper would please step forward!! We are very curious.

We might greet all our cousins for us through your paper. That might surprise them, eh?

Keep up the good work you are doing, and keep printing and sending informative news. Greet Helen Bulch for us, too, if you see her.

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Obituary

- A. Bruce Caughey

Thomas Louis Brown:

A well known and long time resident of Amherst Island, in the person of Thomas L. Brown, passed away

in St. Marys of the Lake Hospital, Kingston, on October 6th last in his 74th year. The late Mr. Brown came to Amherst Island in 1928, when 14 years of age, coming from a home in Bancroft, Ontario, where he was a member of a family of 11 children.

Tommie, as he was known among Island people, came to the home of the late Mr and Mrs Edward Scott in the village of Stella, where he assisted in the operation of the family farm for the next 11 years, following Mr Scotts' death, he was employed by the Benjamin Wemp family, the Moutray Wemp family, residing on their farm on the Lake Shore, as well as part time employment with a number of other farm operations on the Island.

On July 4th, 1942 he was married to Marjorie Bhay, also an Island resident. Following his being partially disabled, the family resided in the village of Stella, where Tommie spent his leisure hours as an ardent fisherman, where he was a well known figure on the Island ferry dock, where he "hooked" many sizeable bass in season.

In September 1984, Tommie suffered a stroke, from which he never recovered, after a confinement of some 8 months in Kingston General Hospital, he was transferred to St. Marys of the Lake hospital to undergo treatment and where he passed away.

He is survived by his widow Marjorie, one daughter, Shirley and a grandson David. Funeral services were conducted in The James Reid Cataraqui Chapel on Monday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island with services being conducted by Rev. Kenneth Weaver, Rector of St. Alban the Martyr Church, Adolphustown. Pallbearers were: Leigh Wemp, Douglas Wilson, Arthur Ackerman, Lance Eves, Vincent Eves and Avery Brown.

Meynard Laltin

It's me, definitely! Despite what everyone else around here thinks, I see a remarkable likeness. Maybe I was Rodin's model in a previous life. Or better yet, maybe I was Rodin doing a self-portrait. This reincarnation business is great for self-aggrandizement.

Well, that's not why I'm writing this column. I wanted to talk about one of the little irritants in life. One of the things that drive me wild with frustration - namely, hot-air hand-dryers in public rest rooms. Arrrg! I'm going crazy just thinking about them. Some fiendish ghoulish has designed them so that they shut off 5 seconds before my hands are dry. Further, I'm sure, he's installed some sort of moisture sensor because I've tried only washing my finger tips and it still leaves them wet. Surely one of these damnable devices was the trigger

which pushed Genghis Khan into attacking all of the civilized world. He wasn't after conquest. No! He wanted to wreak the justified vengeance of mankind upon his head of the inventor.

Ms Know-It-All

Dear Mrs K.I.A.

I was deeply shocked by the glaring headline in the latest Beacon. You depict Bev in the Beacon blinding Beluga whales, and I have therefore informed the Humane Society of Bev's despicable action. Bart then adds insult to injury by swearing at the poor Belugas, and I no longer feel I can leave a copy of this garbage around the house where my children might see it. Lastly you cannot spell barge, but I suppose I cannot expect anything from such a violent and profane person. I request a refund of my unexpired subscription, and

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please correct your boasting subscription claims to a 110.

A disgusted ex subscriber

Dear Disgusted:

I'm sorry you're an ex-subscriber because you won't be able to read my reply to your obviously heartfelt repulsion to all of the apparent violence. I am sure that many people were shocked, as I was, so I had a little chat with the artist who was able to reassure me (I think?). He said, and I quote, "These particular Belugas are rogue-belugas which have been expelled from their school. They are the most feared and vicious fish in the sea and they make 'Jaws' look like a basking bass in comparison." Well, this sounded a little 'fishy' to me but who am I to argue with an experienced fisherfellow (two can play at this alliteration game). He continued, "Bev, being a bang-up beacon bulb buffer knew full well the temporary blinding power of the bulb, and also being a fantastic fly fisherfemme knew Bart's only hope against these beastly belugas was to blind them long enough for Bart to barge away before the belugas became sighted again. Ah-hem." I was unable to find fault in his answer as I know nothing about fish, but I figured I could well take him to task concerning the misspelling of 'barge' and the word 'b#@&*!%'. He, however, calmly commented, "Friday-the-13th computer virus strikes again," and I was left with no rejoinder.

So what can I say except that, due to an extreme lack of knowledge about Beluga-beasts, I am going to accept this tall tale at face value. Perhaps we all should.

You know, after this discussion I was thinking about

the violence we live with every day. Think of the thousands of crickets crushed on the road this year because people didn't want to wait until they got out of the way. How about the grass we mutilate by cutting our lawns week after week. We all murder flies and mosquitoes by the thousands because they irritate us. Maybe we all should look at our own lives and think about the rights of the insects, plants and even rocks before criticizing the rescuing of someone helpless in the face a vicious beluga-beasts.

One last point which someone can point out to Mr Disgusted is that he mistakenly misspelt Ms (Mrs).

Thank You Notes

The ladies of St. Alban's A.C.W. sincerely wish to thank everyone who either contributed food or their services to make our turkey supper and bazaar a success once again.

A very special thanks to Linda Wemp and Anne-Marie Hitchins who graciously offered to cook us turkeys.

With everyone's hard work and cooperation our reward is truly appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who stopped in to visit, or phoned, sent food, flowers, cards and gave donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of dad. Thank you to Helen and Billy for opening their home for the luncheon, Caroline, Diane, and Irene for serving the food and to everyone who made the goodies. A special thank you to Art Ackerman and Doug Wilson.

Marj, Dave and Shirley Brown

I would like to thank family, relatives and friends for cards, candies, flowers, telephone calls and visits while in hospital and after coming home. A special thanks to all the P.C.W. ladies for their kind messages.

Kay Wolfreys

Many thanks to all my family, relatives and friends for all the lovely cards, flowers and gifts I received during my recent operation. They all helped to brighten the days.

Phyllis Strain

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Notices & Announcements

Turkey Supper

Contrary to what anybody was told at the door by our ticket sellers, St. Alban's A.C.W. most certainly welcomes any orders for suppers to take out and we are very sorry for those that were turned away.

Sincerely
Pres. Barbara Reid

Amherst Island Driving Club New Years Eve Dance December 31st

Music by Shilo

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Dance 9:00 to 1:30

Tickets on sale now, at \$40.00 per couple see Al Caughey, Jack Forester, Harry Filson for tickets.

Baseball

Where are the Baseball trophies??? Please call Jack Forester at 389-5582.

Notice re Millhaven Parking Lot

The parking lot at Millhaven is provided solely for the use of ferry passengers. Council requests that the limited space available not be used for storage or transfer of abandoned vehicles or vehicles for sale. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Tea & Bazaar

The annual St Paul's Tea & Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 25th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Rink Maintenance Supervisor

Recreation Committee is taking applications for the position of Rink Maintenance Supervisor. Please apply in writing to Jim Whitton, Chairman. Further details available from Jim at 384-5027.

Township of Amherst Island Emergency Contact with Ferry

1- For Ambulance, at all times, call the Ambulance 544-5555. The ambulance will contact the Coast Guard who will contact the ferry.

2- For Emergency contact with the ferry not requiring an ambulance when the ferry is in service call Cardinal Coast Guard 1-657-3147

3- For Other Emergencies between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00

a.m., call the captains in the following order until an answer is reached

Lloyd Wolfreys 389-5945

Warren Kilpatrick 389-4078

Earle Willard 389-3901

Lloyd Strain 389-1736

Eldon Willard 389-4874

Township Of Amherst Island

The Assessment Office will be holding an Open House on Monday, Jan 15th, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Township Council Chamber.

Awards

To Dianne Marshall as Bread Maker of the Month, whose bread upon being eaten by one youngster was heard to comment, "Hey, this is really good! It's just like Wonder Bread!" Needless to say, this child was informed in no uncertain terms as to the differences between the two and the consequences of repeating such remarks in public.

The 'True Colours Showing Through' Award goes to the government of China, who "on Sept. 20,

bestowed Shantao tain 13.98 51T2B A2d0h (est) Tj8 Tj9.84 (a) Tj8 d d 0 lus.) Tje G42 h T 0 r 12 K 0 2 j 6 8 . 4 8 0 1 3 a 2 T o k s) T j 0 . 0 T j D c 0 6 D c 1 0

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Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

For Sale

Honey and Lamb from Topsy Farms.

Contact Ian or Chris at 389-3444.

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Amherst Island Phone Directory

Still available at Glenn's Store

Electric Fence Supplies

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Glenn's Store Book Exchange is still in operation, but we are running low on paperbacks. We are willing to accept any and all used books.

VCR Rentals Glenn's Store also has a super selection of more than 70 VHS movies to rent. We have a VCR and Nintendo Game Machine to rent as well. Is there a special movie you have been looking for but can't find? We take requests, we also reserve movies.

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Season's Greetings

Beacon Notes

More! Better!! Bestest?? Not yet, but we're trying. As you can see we have a new masthead which is the result of a new program we just got this month. With thanks to Tracy Filson for some technical assistance, we can now draw our own graphics to put in the Beacon - so keep watching for more, More, More!!

On the down side, we hear that some of the Beacons had a page with nothing printed on it. It appears that the Gestetner threw another curve at us in that it occasionally picked up two pages at once which meant that one page did not get printed. If this happens to you, get another copy from the store and let us know.

This month we've got everything your heart could want in a newsletter - new ads, notices coming out our ears, regular features, Christmas gift ideas, reviews, etc. Bart and Bev will be returning next month as they are vacationing in Bora Bora (or is it Brasilia, Brazil) over the holidays.

Council Report For December 5th, 1989 - Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held before the Regular Meeting to consider the rezoning of a section of Lot 18, South Shore Concession, to Rural Residential. The Councillors did consider and then they approved this change.

All members of Council were present for the Regular Meeting which began promptly at 8 p.m.

After several preliminary housekeeping items were dispensed with, Ed Chadband reported on the dog shooting incident November 25th in Stella. Ed said he was notified the next day and, after asking around, he could not find who was responsible (which, he said, was not his responsibility anyway). Ed then reported the

incident to the OPP which is where it now stands. The dog survived but not without considerable vet bills.

Three building permits were issued during November: one for an addition to a garage to J. McGinn, one for an addition to a barn to A. Bruce Caughey, and one for a new residence to Burke. This was the 8th new house to be issued a building permit this year. By-the-by, the new lot levy has come into effect as of November 7th which requires a \$500 fee be paid upon severing a building lot. This money is designated for use for capital recreation projects.

Ed Chadband resigned from his municipal duties as By-law Enforcement Officer and Fence Viewer. This was accepted 'with reluctance' by Council which complimented him on the good job he did and on the even-handed fairness with which he carried out

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his duties. Ed said he would stay on to help train his replacement who will have a new title of Provincial Offences Officer. Council decided to advertise for someone to fill this position and that of Fence Viewer.

The Ferry Committee reported on several items:
1- A reply will be sent to Brian and Marie Ward (who had written Council arguing for the retention of the Student Ferry Pass) saying that their concerns will be considered during next year's ferry operations review.
2- A draft by-law authorizing the towing of abandoned vehicles in the Millhaven parking lot was approved.
3- Warning gates now being installed on each dock will be modified so they swing inward only - thus eliminating a hazard for both cars and people. These gates materialized shortly after someone from MTO just about drove off the Millhaven dock during a thick fog.
4- the question of what should be done about smoking in the lounge (and on the deck) will be referred to the Ferry Committee for their consideration.
5- Finally, as you will note later in the Beacon, the Township will now request the local radio stations to broadcast information on ferry cancellations.

A by-law restricting parking in Stella was approved in principal. Its basic thrust is to provide a fire route to the dock and help snow removal in winter. Speaking of snow ploughing reminds me of our wonderful new, snow-ploughing grader - MTO has approved a subsidy of \$88,500 for the new grader which leaves \$10,000 for the Township to finance.

Council authorized a letter be sent to Marj Brown thanking her for the work she has done keeping the Municipal Offices clean. An advertisement will also be placed in the Beacon for someone else to fill the

position.

A.R.D.A. has refused the Township's request to buy a small portion of the Community Pasture which was to be used as the new municipal land-fill site. As the Township cannot expropriate Crown Land, Council will have to try other means to obtain approval.

Starting next month, Council will have a new look - fewer committees with fewer members. Many of the new committees will be composed of only those directly responsible for making the decisions. This is a modified recommendation put forward in the recent Management Study. How the committees will actually operate will be worked out in the coming months. Also the Council meetings will be much changed. The first part of the meeting will, essentially, be an open meeting during which the public and the Councillors can make recommendations for Council (a committee-of-the-whole). Later Council will consider these recommendations and act as it sees fit. It appears that the Management Study thinks that Amherst Island is too small to have so many committees and is suggesting that Council get more input from the public. If you have something to say, come on out to Council. (Chris and I get lonely being there all by ourselves and it's awful hard to anonymously heckle the Councillors when you are an audience of one.)

There were other business items dealt with before the Council adjourned at 10:13 p.m. which made for a mercifully short, but interesting, meeting.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Jim McMullen and Jack Forester, both of whom have undergone surgery this month. Best wishes also to Jim Reid and Earle Tugwell, who both fell from ladders: Earle received some damage to his ribs, and if you've seen Jim Reid, well the cast speaks for itself. Former Islander Evelyn Taylor is reported to be critically ill as well, and is at Napanee Hospital.

Our condolences to Piet Witteveen and family. Piet's grandson passed away recently following a lengthy illness. Our sympathy also to new part-time resident Harley Smythe on the loss of his mother. Former Island resident Isabelle Andwith also died recently - her father was a

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cheesemaker here at one time.

For those who don't keep up with Island movements, Jim and Gwen (a.k.a. Maggie) Bateman and family finally got moved into their new home. And longtime residents Marj and David Brown have moved from the

Island to Amherstview.

Many thanks to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for their caring and concern over Mongo. Thanks especially to those who have attempted to help us locate the genius responsible. While the police, (when contacted by Ed Chadband) were less than responsive to Ed's request for an investigation, it's a sure bet those who live in the village look most unkindly on someone firing a shotgun in the village on a Sunday afternoon.

Last, but certainly not least, a very happy birthday to Heather Welbanks, December 14, and a very Merry Christmas to all our Beacon readers. A very special Merry Christmas to Leslie, John and Mo.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Leslie Gavlas on Wed. Nov. 15th at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was a novel idea to recycle something into a useful item.

The Convenor, Leslie Gavlas, introduced Kathy Edwards, County Health Nurse, as guest speaker for the evening. A public meeting to discuss "Drug Use and Misuse for Seniors", may be planned for sometime next year.

The President conducted the business portion of the meeting. It was reported that \$889.72 had been collected for the Blind Canvas. Plans were finalized for the Sr. Citizen's Christmas Party and it was reported that donations from the Canadian Legion and Burleigh Orange Lodge had been received. May 16th, 1990, is the date set for the W.I. District Annual to be held on the Island. Marlene Kelderman is the new County Dairy Princess. Marion Glenn to be responsible for the purchase of the necessary quilt material for our anniversary quilt.

The Christmas meeting will be held on Tues. Dec. 19th, at the home of Anna Hitchins. Anyone interested in joining the W.I., come and join us at the meeting!

North Channel Freezes

It's been Cold this month! How cold do you ask? Well, the North Channel and Upper Gap froze completely during the nights of December 14 and 15. During the 14th it froze from the Brother Islands up past Stella and the next night the rest of it froze over. This is the earliest freeze-up in our memory (albeit only two decades). The cold and snow this month has made it feel like an old-fashion Christmas - you know the kind - the ones from the 'good old days' your grandfather told you about. They were characterized by blizzards that block

roads for days on end, by weather so persistently cold that you run out of firewood and end up burning the furniture, by vehicles which won't turn over even with block-heaters, and by a deep penetrating frost which freezes all water lines so you have to carry water by hand from a hole chopped in the ice. By the way, the Almanac had predicted an early cold winter, but it also predicted that spring-like weather would be starting in February.

Education Update

- Don Tubb

The Tribunal met last night (Dec 15th) at the Public School to receive input from the Island residents concerning the future of the Grades 7 & 8's. About 70 Islanders turned out on a very cold stormy night for the meeting. Also, Mr Boston (Director of Education, L&A County) and Ms Pixley (School Board representative) along with their respective spouses turned up for most of the meeting.

Seventeen different people or groups spoke to the gathering, with several people

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speaking twice. These formed a real cross-section of the Island population - from new residents through 4th generation Islanders - from the school children involved through those who contribute to the school in their retirement.

The Tribunal was set up in an attempt to break the impasse between the parents of the Grades 7 & 8's and the School Board over sending the students to Bath P.S. full-time (starting next school year). Peter Trueman is the Island representative on the Tribunal while the Board of Ed chose Jack Callaghan, a former School Board Chairman in Victoria County. These two men chose Larry Pringle from Napanee to be the third person who apparently will try to facilitate between the other two representatives in order to reach unanimity with their recommendations. The terms of reference state that the findings of the Tribunal will not be binding on the School Board, but they will carry weight. The Tribunal is to present its recommendations to the Board of Education by January 25th. The mood of the meeting was very business-like with attentive panellists, concise presenters and an interested audience. Even if the Tribunal recommends against the Island, it will not be for lack of diverse arguments effectively presented.

The arguments ranged from technical considerations (fulfilling the contractual obligations of the Board to the teachers) to parents relating how the school and the Island have improved their children's scholastic

performance and behaviour. The main arguments had several thrusts:

1- That the Board was hasty in its initial decision and that it had manipulated (illegally) the situation around the resignation of our previous representative so as to pass a motion to move the students.

2- That, if the Tribunal took into account a complete cost/benefit assessment of the situation including the emotional needs of the children, it would balance on the side of not transporting the 7's & 8's. This analysis should also, it was argued, take into account the full costs of transporting the students (extra buses and drivers).

3- That if the Tribunal consider the longstanding relationship between the Community and the school, it would realize that this showed the Island's commitment to having a school here. This commitment included the initial building of the school, the Community Centre, the playgrounds, the lights and bleachers for the ball diamond, the skating rink - all of which were done by the Community and given over to the Board for their use without cost to them. Also, it was related that the community provides significant volunteers to assist the teachers. Finally, it was suggested that if anything in the school was lacking, then the Island would provide it.

4- That the Tribunal should take into account the explosive growth happening in Bath which will more than fill the existing school (already over-crowded in some grades). It was argued that it would be better to leave the students here where they would not be part of this worsening situation.

5- That the Tribunal consider the high success rate of our students, not only

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academically but, also, as contributing members of society. During the 80's Amherst Island P.S. has yielded 15% of the County's Ontario Scholars from less than 1% of the County's population. It was suggested that this success is not only due to their schooling but also to the unique situation of a small island community.

6- It was suggested that the present arrangement of two teachers is unworkable in that the teachers cannot possibly do all that is required of them and that the contract between the teachers and the Board cannot be fulfilled. This situation will worsen as the number of students increase (which they are). A couple of alternatives were offered to the Tribunal as face-saving gestures for the Board. They included using the Island school as a base for a Nature Centre for the whole county which would mean a full-time Science teacher could be provided, or providing a French teacher who would not be counted as a regular teaching position.

7- The grades 7 & 8 students, themselves, argued that they were not accepted as full members of the classes they presently take in Bath - that they were segregated at the back of the room around a table because there were not enough desks to go around, that their homework was not always checked and that they were seldom called on to answer questions in class. They also said they received no breaks until afternoon recess on the two days they presently go to Bath. Finally, they touched on both their dislike of getting up at 6 a.m. to catch the bus and their fears of having to stay on the mainland if the ferry was not running for some reason.

Obviously I cannot do justice to the presentations in a few sentences. What I can say is that the presentations were made with the confidence of being right and that their arguments should be enough to sway the Tribunal to our point of view.

{the following appeared in a box on page 4 but to maintain the above article's continuity, it has been placed at it's end}

Exclusive To The Beacon

No Smoking In Ferry Lounge

Reeve Murray announced last night (Dec 15th) that smoking would no longer be permitted in the lounge on the Amherst Islander. This was announced during the Tribunal meeting held at the Community Centre and drew an enthusiastic round of applause.

In an exclusive interview with the Beacon, Reeve Murray said that this prohibition was in effect immediately but would not be enforced until signs could be posted.

Food Bank

- from Sister Evelyn Leonard
(addressed to Sally Bowen)

Thank you for your letter containing all the news clippings from the Beacon and especially the November one which included your thanks to all those who helped over the summer to provide fresh vegetables and fruit to the Food Bank.

I would like to add our sincere Thanks and appreciation again to you and all who participated for their tremendous part in this very worth-while project. You are right, the Community of Amherst Island has every right to be proud of its efforts over the past three years. Please convey to them our thanks.

May God bless you and your families and bring you peace and happiness in the New Year. You will be remembered in the Christmas Novena of Masses celebrated at the Provincial House for our families,

relatives and friends.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Christmas candies, cookies and cakes are so much a part of the festive season. Many of our past memories of childhood Christmases bring back the smells of cinnamon, ginger and cloves. This month we have two favorite Christmas recipes. When I phoned Irene Glenn she was right in the middle of baking "Mistletoe Cookies". We thank her for the following recipe.

Mistletoe Cookies

2/3 c butter or shortening
1 c brown sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 c all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp soda
1/4 tsp almond flavor
1/2 c red cherries, cut
1/2 c green cherries, cut
1/2 c chopped pecans
1/2 c cocoanut

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg, flavoring and rest of ingredients. Divide dough in 3 parts. Roll in long roll about 1 1/2" across. Wrap in wax paper. Chill in frig. Cut in individual cookies. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degree

F for approximately 10 minutes. (Watch them!)

This recipe is Nessie Welbank's and can be

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found in the Presbyterian Cookbook.

This recipe is for prize Canadian Shortbread. I have included the recipe info exactly as I found it. "Use the best unsalted butter you can get. One la-de-da socialite gushed so much over what she assumed to be a family secret, I didn't have the heart to tell her it was adapted from the recipe on a Canada Cornstarch box." Shortbread

1/2 c cornstarch
1 c flour
3/4 c butter
1/2 c icing sugar

Sift cornstarch, sugar and flour together. Blend in creamed butter with a fork, mixing until a soft smooth dough forms. Pat into a round shape, then pinch edges to make a fancy border. Prick all over with a fork. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees F until done - up to 45 minutes or until pale golden. Cut into 8 pie shaped

wedges when warm.

One more recipe for all you people who do not feel yourself up to cooking shortbread. This recipe comes from Meynard Laltin, who is not known as a cook.

Instant Coffee

1 kettle

1 pan

1 stove (working)

water

instant coffee (3 tbsp/cup or more)

Roll downstairs in the morning, open eyes long enough to turn element on 'high' under kettle. Collapse into chair to wait for water to boil. Wake up and scrape dry, melted, kettle off stove. Select pot so water at least covers the dints in the bottom but doesn't come up to the hole in the side (due to target practice with the '22'). With your fingernail, pick off the rest of the Kraft Dinner missed during its last washing. (If too much, put back in cupboard and select next size larger pot.) Turn on element under pot while you measure the amount of water you want. Answer the telephone. Turn off element and remove melted pot. Re-select pot with Kraft Dinner leftovers. Place measured water into pot and place on element ('high'). Answer telephone. Scrape boiled-dry, melted pot off element. Go next door for coffee.

Public School

- Georgie Allison

I am pleased to announce the winners of the recent "Remembrance" competition held at Amherst Island Public School under the auspices of Branch 539 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Posters

1- Sarah Scott

2- Lori Caughey

3- Crystal Bedford

Intermediate Category (Gr 7&8)

Essay

1- Sarah Scott

2- Ruth Scott

Poem

1- Lori Caughey

2- Sarah Scott

3- Nikki Banks

Junior Category (Gr 4-6)

Poem

1- Jessica Gavlas

2- Angela Fleming

3- Jason Hutchings

Girl Guides & Brownies

- Janet Scott

At a special candlelight ceremony on Wednesday December 6th Amanda Bateman and Angela Fleming were enrolled as Guides, while Shannon Baker and Tanya Chakoski were enrolled as Brownies.

At the same occasion there were several other awards given out: Wendy Fleming received her Golden Hand and Bonnie Marshall her Golden Ladder; Wendy, Bonnie, Helen Bellsmith and Shawna Phillips received their Cyclist Badges; Shawna also received her Horsewoman's Badge. The Girl Guiders have also been busy. Kelly Baker, Jill Caughey, Crystal Bedford, Jessica Gavlas, Kristy Grange and Heidi Hitchins received their Cyclist Badges. Jessica also received her Laundress Badge and Kristy her Camp Badge. Heidi was awarded her Advanced Camper Badge. Congratulations girls and keep up the good work.

We would like to thank all those who have been faithfully giving Annette their

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Campbell Soup labels, please don't stop! The Girl Guides send them on to Evangelical School For The Deaf in Loquillo, Puerto Rico. With the One Million One Hundred And Thirteen Thousand labels sent by supporters this year they have purchased through Campbell Soup's Labels For Education Programme 2 vans (1989 Dodge Maxi Wagons), 2 refrigerators and a few items of sports equipment. Thank You!

Another project on the go is the saving of used stamps. These are sent to England and raise money for our centre there which is called Pax Lodge. Think about us when you open those Christmas cards.

If you haven't bought a Girl Guide calendar yet please ask any Brownie or Guide. They cost \$2.50 and have large enough squares to write your appointments beside the dates. Thank you.

4-H News

(from the 4-H News Lennox and Addington)

On November 29th, one hundred 4-H members completed the projects that they have been working on since September. A very successful Food Fair with a social recreation break was held.

A hearty thanks go to the 4-H leaders for guiding the members with their clubs! Congratulations to all members for setting a goal and achieving it!

First Project Completions:

(the following 4 Islanders were among a total of 25 recipients from the county)

Amanda Bateman

Rick Bedford

Heidi Hitchins

Jamie Silver

Six Project Completions:

(the following 2 were among a total of 5 recipients from the county)

Amy Caughey

Tracy Hitchins

Floyd Patterson On 4-H Clubs

(submitted by Susie Caughey)

News trendiness prevents some really right-on causes from getting their share of the limelight. If I can read about Tragically Hip, a rock group from Kingston, really making it, why can't I get a better fix on how the 4-H clubs are doing? I found out Thursday night that they're doing great ... 4-H is young men and women being constructive, learning a lot, and enjoying it more. When we're talking the right values, 4-H Clubs should be making the front page.

(Floyd Patterson is Public Affairs and Talks Director, CKWS, CFMK-FM and CFFX-AM.)

Environmental Concerns

Tip of the Month

Don't throw away those plastic milk bags. You could have an unlimited supply of 1 quart freezer bags by just cutting the top off and washing. They're tough.

Amherst Island History

(submitted by Earle Tugwell)

I am not a connoisseur of buildings nor do I know what a building has to have to be designated historical. I feel however that most old buildings have character in one way or another and the one I am going to write about I think should be in that category.

Let us call this building "The Shanty". The Shanty was built by Ernest Wolfreys in the cedars constructed out of cedar down the sand beach almost at the beginning of the bar going to Nut Island. Ernest by the way was a very good friend of mine and also the rest of my family.

Ernest used to do some commercial fishing from the Shanty along with many other jobs. When spring arrived Ernest, unlike other young men, whose thoughts turned to love, turned his thoughts to making dandelion wine. I understand that he excelled at this hobby.

Ernest loved company and on week-ends many young men would go down the beach and judging from the erratic tracks in the sand

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most of them stayed too long. There may be some of these men still living but whether or not they still like dandelion wine is questionable. No! I wasn't old enough at that time.

After a period of some years Ernest vacated this locality and Alex Glenn moved the Shanty by way of the ice in the lake up to his home. Alex's home was where Keith McGinn now lives. Now instead of a home for a human it became a home for Alex's model 'T'.

If the Shanty could talk I am sure it would say it is nice to be settled, but no, in the early 40's it was once again on the move. It seems a syndicate consisting of Frank Fleming, Bruce Caughey, Harris Beaubien, Bob Brown and Irve Tugwell bought it and mounted it on skids. Then with two teams of powerful horses and probably some fairly loud instructions to the beasts, (I am quite sure no profanity would be used) it eventually arrived in a weakened condition at the place where Irvine Tugwell lived. With care and the addition of some new braces a northern addition was added to accommodate a truck. The Shanty now became the "third concession milk truck garage". A door did not seem necessary but a nice neat opening was made for the truck to enter and exit. Due to my father and Harris Beaubien being novice truck drivers the opening gradually grew in size until it was very easy to drive in or out.

Eventually the milk situation changed and I bought the garage for a shelter for tractors or whatever.

I am taking the building down now and as I started doing this these many memories came to mind and I thought they might be of interest to some people. I did save a 1931 license plate - probably off of Alex's model T.

I am sure in the spring of 1990 the swallows and robins will scold me for destroying such a good home as "The Shanty".

(submitted by Steven Willard)

Recently, I did some research on Amherst Island at Queen's University. It is apparent now that Amherst Island is one of the oldest townships in Ontario, dating well before the Loyalist Townships of 1784.

First some history. The French explorers, Frontenac and Lasalle did a lot of traveling in this area. They subsequently built a fort at Kingston. The remains of this fort can still be seen at the foot of Queen street near the waterfront in Kingston. This fort had been named Frontenac, after the Governor of New France at the time. Lasalle, a lieutenant of Frontenac, appealed to Louis XIV to grant him a seigneurie around Fort

Frontenac.

Louis XIV sent back a decree which read:
(Originally in French, this translation was probably done in 1862.)
Decree Accepting The Proposals Of Robert Cavalier de Lasalle.
Compeigne 13th
May, 1675.

“The King having caused to be examined, in his Council the proposals made by Robert Cavalier SR. De Lasalle, setting forth that if it should please His Majesty to grant him, his heirs, successors and assigns, the Fort called Frontenac, situate in New France, with four leagues of adjacent country, the islands named Ganounkouesnot and Kaouenesgo, and the adjoining islets... His Majesty wills that all donatory and concessionary letters herunto necessary, be issued to the said De LaSalle together with those for the government of said fort Frontenac and letters of noblesse for him and his posterity.”

Draper, W.G. A History of the City of Kingston. Creighton:1862. (Special Collections, Queen’s University)

Kaouenesgo was the native name for Amherst Island. Hence on the 13th of May 1675 Amherst Island was legally established as a township of seigneurie. This makes Amherst Island 315 years old. We are the oldest political entity in Lennox and Addington outdating the Loyalist Townships by 109 years. We were founded only 55 years after the first Pilgrims landed in North America. As a result Council on December 5th 1989 recognized 1990 as the 315th Anniversary of the founding of Amherst

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Island. Something should be done to celebrate this, so council is open to suggestions.

A question begging an answer. Does anyone know the origins of the phrase, “the barber is rising”? It’s used to describe the steam coming off the lake before freeze-up. Write us at the Beacon or call, if you wish, at 389-3802.

Letters To The Beacon

Comments - A. Bruce Caughey

During the past week, a well known resident of our Island Community, for many years, has left us to take up apartment living in Amherstview, along with her Grandson. Marjorie (Mrs Thomas) Brown came to the Island, in her very early childhood, with her father, the

late Thomas Bray, following his employment on the C.N.R. Section Gang at Ernestown Station.

Marj, as she is affectionately known among Island residents lived where the Greg Hudsons now reside and from where she attended S.S.#4 school (on the Emerald Crossroad). Following the death of her father in 1936, she went to live with her aunt, Mrs Benjamin Wemp at the foot of the Island, where she became a part of a very active family, who operated a substantially large family farm.

Following her marriage to Thomas Brown, she entered in to a period of twenty years employment with the Tugwell family and resided on one of the Tugwells’ farms on the South Shore.

Upon the family’s removal to the Village of Stella, Marj became a very active and useful person, she had numerous caretaking duties, including Victoria Hall, for many years the home of Burleigh L.& A. #482, as well as the social centre of our Island community, St. Albans Anglican Church, the local branch of the Royal Bank and more latterly the Municipal Office. In addition her kindness to the older people, living in the village, will long be remembered. Mail delivery, errands to the store and post office were a great part of her daily routine. Of a friendly disposition, Marj kept abreast of, as well as keeping her neighbours up to date with current happenings in the community. The community truly appreciates her long years of service and I am sure we all wish her continued Health and Happiness in her new environment.

In a few short days, Island residents will be deeply involved in Christmas Festivities and then a week later we will be bidding farewell to the current year and looking forward with anticipation to the beginning of the last decade of this century.

At this time, one cannot help but look back upon the year that is rapidly drawing to a close and review the many projects that we, as an Island municipality, have experienced during the past months.

A new Reeve and Municipal Council had assumed office, as of December/1989 and one of their first considerations was a revision of rate structure for the Amherst Islander, which resulted in a substantial increase in fares, along with the Annual Pass system. Further, negotiations with the some twenty-five crew members of the Islander saw the provision of a carefully chosen uniform, for the different seasons, added to the previous provision of foot and rain wear. This has now attained a uniformity of dress by the crew, as well as an indistinguishable identity of the various ranks. I compliment those crew members who are possessed of pride and meticulous appearance in wearing these uniforms.

As a member of a family farm operation, I am extremely grateful for the combination of weather conditions which smiled upon us so graciously and in so doing gave us a good seed-time, a bounteous hay harvest, a splendid grain yield as well as an excellent yield of both ensilage and grain corn.

The tile drainage program carried out by our neighbouring Miller Family Farm along with our own second experiment in tile drainage certainly gave proof of the results that are obtainable. Not only did such drainage program enable an early

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seeding of a substantial acreage, but also produced a very gratifying yield on an acreage that has produced absolutely nothing since the early thirties.

Having very little knowledge of "Tree Crops", I am unable to comment on the success experienced by those who have chosen to transform, previously good agricultural land in to reforested acreages.

The early months of the year saw the purchase of a used, but presumably more modern piece of fire equipment, for our volunteer Fire Dept., let us hope that there may be a long period before we will have to witness the capabilities of this equipment in the fighting of a fire.

In the early summer months a substantially large project was carried out in a effort to make "our Dump" more acceptably usable in the eyes of one of our Provincial Ministries, under whose jurisdiction this facility is provided. I would suggest that henceforth, it is dependent on the care that is exercised by "dump users" as to how long this disposal site remains usable. Much of the materials that find their way to the dump could well be disposed of at home by good house-keeping.

The next parcel from Santa Claus was the provision of a \$12,000 vehicle (per Beacon columns) for the use of the Road superintendent and his employees, let us hope that the comfort and convenience of this half ton vehicle may enhance our road program in patrol duties etc. Again, the road budget made it possible to make purchase of a more recent model of road grader, this, in the span of my memory, is the third motorized grader that our little Township was able to purchase, and now I would like to again suggest, as I have to some members of Council, in the past, the desirability of providing, as Townships in our immediate area have done, in-door storage for these expensive pieces of equipment, which presently sit, exposed to the elements month after month.

Some 20 plus years ago, the Township entered into a long term leasing arrangement on agreement for a

substantial area belonging to the Amherst island Agricultural Society, which no longer offers park facilities, for which it was originally intended and certainly presents costly maintenance, through grass cutting etc, whereas it offers an excellent site for a storage building site.

It perturbs me when I think of some of the purchases that have been made in the past of maintenance equipment which seems to quickly become forgotten, only to disappear completely. Would it be acceptable for me to suggest that I feel that a little ingenuity could have used our last International truck combined with a large 1000 gal. tank to provide dust control on our non-surfaced Island roads - it angers me that our most used "Island Crossroad" escaped application of dust control during the past summer and we old-time, fourth generation residents, drove through dust clouds for weeks on end. More recently, our oldest fire department dept truck seems destined for scrapping and I feel it could still be of use as a back-up unit, in case of a disastrous fire in our Township.

During the early months of the year, the razing of the Willard home, at the entrance to the Island Dock and the levelling and gravelling of same, carried out by road crew, has provided a much used parking area.

The re-alignment of road allowance carried out on the Lake Shore Road, following satisfactory negotiations with Mr. Mathews, has alleviated what has long been considered a dangerous and hazardous stretch of road, one would hope that the eventual erection of cable or steel barriers in this area will complete this project.

A further project was carried out at the Amherst Bay stretch of road on the Western end of Third Concession road, whereby a project, began some more than forty years ago, under the direction of the Late William A Glenn, then Island Road engineer, has been completed. Substantial sums of money have been expended, down through the intervening years, to maintain the accessibility of this road. I well

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remember, during my twenty-two years as a School bus operator, the numerous times when "wash-outs" of this particular section of road, made it a necessity for those children living on the Western end of this section of road, to walk to a pre-arranged point, in order to be transported to our Amherst Island School, both Elementary and Secondary.

I cannot help but comment that in my humble opinion, a more detailed agreement should have been carried out with adjacent land owner, Mr Mathews, whereby a more acceptable straightening of this road,

leading to better visibility, the destruction of the unsightly old willow trees and could have resulted in a retention of a substantial area of beach property, for public use, for recreational uses. I hope that more Island residents are aware of the dangerous "Blind-spots" that exist in the third Concession road between Amherst Bay and the village of Stella - there is definitely an increase of "off- Island residents' traffic" on our Island roads with three definite "blind-spots", two such spots being when the road passes over the new tile bridge over the Miller Drain, where only an installation of a row of cedar posts offers protection - I shudder to think of the possible tragedy that might accompany an accident there, where I was under the impression that a built-up approach on either side of the tile bridge was to complete this bridge job. The last blind-spot, on the much travelled Stella cross-road at "Fanny's Hill" is the result of the incompleteness of a previous contract, where McKendrys were contracted with to build up the north side of the approach, which was halted by the then Reeve of the Municipality.

Having exhausted your reader's indulgence, I will delay any further comment concerning our concerns regarding the situation or questionable position of our Amherst Island School - it would be in poor taste to so comment when the considerations of the "Tribunal" are in progress.

I would close with reference to the concerns of Island residents, both off and on, who are expressing to me their concerns of a 20% increase in their 1989 tax bills and wonder what lies in store in the 1990 tax demands. Would it be reasonable to ask, through your columns, for a statement of the percentage costs, applicable to our next years tax base, including the costs of Santa's bag of "Goodies" recoverable through immediate governmental assistance grants.

One more parting shot - Isn't it nice to see the, in progress, erection of safety gates at the Millhaven and Island dock approaches. It is many years ago, that through your columns, that I expressed my concerns over this dangerous situation. Aren't we fortunate that only once, a tragedy was narrowly averted at the Millhaven dock. While these barriers do not provide a complete protection, they do, at least provide a clear warning. Congratulations M.T.O.

Smoke Alarms (submitted by Jean Tugwell)

Smoke alarms have proven to be an economical and efficient means of providing detection and early warning of fire in homes.

Every year, approximately 8,000 fire incidents in homes claim 130 lives and injure 600 persons.

According to the Canada Safety Council, Canada has the second highest annual death rate from fire in the world - 297 people per million. Approximately 85 per cent of fire deaths occur in residential property and most deaths are caused by smoke inhalation, not burns.

Lives can be saved and injuries reduced by providing detection and early warning of fire in a fire situation, time is very important; the minutes and seconds gained through early warning may save lives and will reduce the loss of property due to fire.

Wood Heat Chimney Fires (submitted by the A.I. Fire Department)

This is the time of year when those of us with wood stoves and fireplaces are

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beginning to get some warmth and enjoyment from them. Please don't cut your pleasure short by allowing a chimney fire to occur. Unfortunately this is what happens many times each winter in Canada. Proper burning and cleaning can eliminate this hazard.

If you do detect a fire, call the fire department. Then you can take some action yourself to put it out. The simplest method is to throw 1 or 2 cups of water on the burning wood, then close the door and drafts. This should make enough steam to smother the fire in the chimney by blocking off the air. Also, there are extinguishing flares commercially available which work quite well at smothering the fire when placed inside the stove. Extinguishing powders sprinkled on the coals work well too.

Remember, with any fire, you should always call the fire department. It is much better to be safe than to find out that the heat was passed on to ignite wooden framing. Also, reports received by the Fire Marshal's Office are necessary to compile statistics on the frequency and severity of all fires. These statistics can be used to help find weak points in manufacturing and installation processes.

Reminders:

- Keep Christmas trees well away from heating appliances.
- Don't stick all your Christmas wrapping paper at once into the stove to get rid of it.

Tip:

Need a last minute gift? A smoke detector or fire extinguisher can show that you care.

Thank You Notes

The members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute would like to thank the 4-H members and all the ladies who helped in the kitchen or in any other capacity at the Sr Citizens Christmas Party on Fri. Dec. 1st.

A thank you to the Canadian Legion No. 539 and the Burleigh Orange Lodge No. 482 for their generous donations and to the private donors, of which all are most appreciated.

It is with your generous help, both financially and freely given time, that we are able to continue providing this dinner entertainment for our Sr. Citizens. Thank you all!

I would like to thank my family, friends, Presbyterian Church Women and Women's Institute for visits, calls, flowers and cards while I was in hospital and during my convalescence on the Island.

Debbie Fleming

To Art & Caroline Ackerman:

A public Thank You for braving the cold and combining your artistic and technical skills to decorate the outside of the Municipal Office for the festive season.

Your efforts will be enjoyed by everyone walking or driving through the village.

Diane Pearce

Notices & Announcements

Christmas Church Services

The Ecumenical Carol service was held December 17th at St. Bartholemew's.

Christmas services are as follows:

St. Alban's

Dec 24 9:00 p.m.

Dec 31 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul's

Dec 24 11:00 a.m.

Dec 24 7:30 p.m.

Dec 31 11:00 a.m.

St. Bartholemew's

Dec 24 1:00 p.m.

Dec 31 1:00 p.m.

The Township Of Amherst Island requires the services of a Janitor to clean the Municipal Building on a regular basis.

Applicant must supply vacuum cleaner. For

information regarding duties and payment, please call Diane Pearce at 389-3393.

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The Township Of Amherst Island requires the services of 2 Fence viewers to perform, from time to time, the duties set out in the Line Fences Act.

If you are interested in this position, or would like more information, please call Diane Pearce at 389-3393 before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 1990.

The Township Of Amherst Island is requesting applications for the following part-time positions:

- 1- Chief Building Official (Building Inspector)
- 2- By-law Enforcement Officer (including Dog Control) / Provincial Offences Officer
- 3- Zoning and Property Standards Officer

For details, please call Diane Pearce at 389-3393.

Please send your application, stating relevant experience and training, to the Municipal Office on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 1990.

Public Notice - Official Plan

The Township planning consultant, John Uliana, has been invited to attend the regular January council meeting to discuss official plan preparation. An official plan, if adopted, will affect all properties on the Island. Anyone interested in learning more about the official plan process and its implications is welcome to attend the Council meeting on January 2nd, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions before the process begins.

Public Notice - Ferry Interruptions

Please be advised that the Captains are now notifying the following radio stations when the ferry is out of service and again when the service resumes:

CFFX-AM

CFMK-FM

CKLC-AM

CFLY-FM

Turn your radio on!

Reader's Survey

We received 6 surveys back from our readers which probably says more about the survey than anything about our loyal readers. As with more than a few items in the Beacon, the Reader's Survey was a last minute

filler which received about as much thought as turning on a light. Overall we received better than passing grades, and a couple of suggestions were offered which we will try to incorporate into future issues.

First, we will try to get Community Calendar back into production which is difficult as we are usually fighting a self-imposed deadline.

Second, if someone out there is willing to do the interviewing, we will gladly run articles about new residents. This is a good way to break the ice and to find out what they have to offer the community (and if they are willing).

We would very much like to make the 'Amherst Island History' section a regular feature. So, if anyone out there has anything (and we mean anything) vaguely historical to relate, we will do our best to get it into one issue or another. If you just want to send us some notes, we'll put it into the form of an article (the best we can with our limited writing skills). The last two months we have had excellent articles.

Awards

The Writer of the Month Award goes to P.J. O'Rourke. We have just discovered he has written 4 books (we've sampled two) which are collections of his magazine articles. He is a very twisted individual whose writings are always funny, often abusive, and occasionally go beyond even poor taste. He has taken up the mantle of Hunter S. Thompson's 'Gonzo' journalism (a literate Hunter S. Thompson).

A Christmas present for all our loyal readers - an extra two pages this month. We had so much material and we just couldn't make 12 pages work so we said, "Well, what the heck!" and "Gosh darn it all!" and "We'll just darn the costs and go for it!" and "Gee whiz!" and "Groovy!" and "Far out, person!"

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For Sale / Wanted

Amherst Island Education Committee
We have incurred about \$300 in expenses.
A jar has been placed in Glenn's Store and we would greatly appreciate donations.
Thank you very much.

For Sale
Decoys and Carvings.

Various sizes and prices.
Marjorie Baker 389-2404

For Sale
One Man's Suit (Grey) with two pairs pants (W38), reversible vest and jacket. Worn Twice. \$200
Call 389-5782

For Sale
1 Man's Suede Jacket with lambskin collar and borg lining. Like new. (Size 42) \$150
1 Man's Leather Coat with zip out borg lining. Excellent Condition. (Size 40) \$100
Phone 389-1540

For Sale
Full Length Muskrat Coat with fox trim on collar and bottom. (Size 14) Price \$400
Phone 389-5569

House Sitting
House - Plants - Animals & Other
Reliable caring person will look after your needs during your short or long term absence. Will live in or do daily checks to suit your needs. References available. Please call Nicole anytime at 545-7859.

For Sale
Picnic tables - super design.
Custom made all steel weather vanes.
Call Keith Miller

General Contracting
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Babysitting
Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

For Sale

Honey and Lamb from Topsy Farms.

Contact Ian or Chris at 389-3444.

Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Electric Fence Supplies

Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Lew MacArthur at 384-4071

Glenn's Store

We have a selection of more than 70 VCR titles.

Movies \$2.50

New Releases \$3.00

Nintendo Games \$2.50

Kids Movies \$2.00

VCR Rentals \$6.00 Weekdays and
\$10.00 Saturdays

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Island Telephone Directory

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

and probably more!