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## BEACON NOTES

The Amherst Islander has disappeared for what is rumoured to be a brief period. While we have no confirmation, it apparently will return so the Wolfe Islander III can be taken out of service to be painted.

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Spring is officially here, because the ice is gone in front of the Frame House. The waves can be heard again.

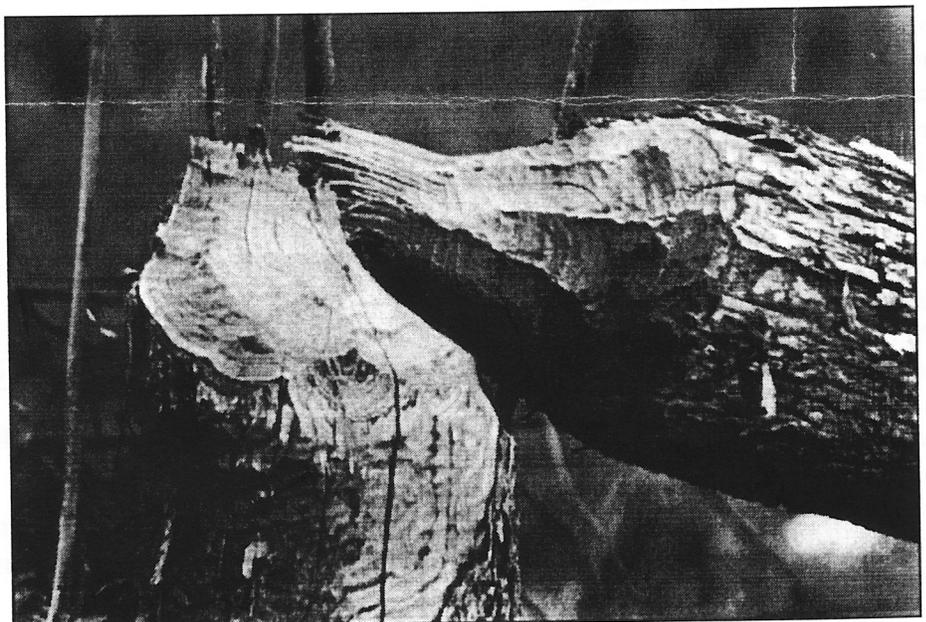


## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- DON TUBB -

FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS

A short report as there is not much to talk about this month. All members of Council were present at the Feb 28<sup>th</sup> meeting but Councillor Bresee was not present for the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Certainly was a beaver

photo by DT

THE item for the February meeting was signing the OPP contract. This was done with appropriate representation from the OPP and Council.

In other news, it was mentioned that the Loyalist Township logo has been trademarked. That means it cannot be used without licence.



Opps! Hopefully we won't be in violation of copyright by advertising this fact?

The Loyalist Township Groundwater Management Study will now go ahead. Oliver, Mangione, McCalla & Associates' tender was accepted (\$84,601).

A new schedule of miscellaneous charges was approved. For us, only the ones concerning excavation and construction in road allowances would apply. An excavation permit is \$25 plus actual inspection costs. A driveway entrance permit is the same. An entrance culvert is +\$30 per foot (minimum charge of \$600).

One item of interest in the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was that a lease agreement has been signed between the Township and the Weasel & Easel for part of the Stella Bay building (the old Neilson's Store). The Township is still exploring what does need doing to the building for basic use and what can be done with it in the future.

THE item for the farming community was Council passing an interim control by-law to regulate the uses of land for intensive farming operations. There are actually two by-laws... one to set up a steering committee to figure out what is needed for a permanent by-law. This committee will be made up of an OFA member, a Health Unit representative, a member of the Cattleman's Association or the Ontario Pork Producers, a mainland farmer, an island farmer, the Planner, a rural non-farm resident and a Council member. The second temporary by-law prohibits new intensive farming operations from being established or expansion of any operation to the point that it would become an intensive operation. While not stated, it

## NOTICE

**The Women's Institute will not be canvassing door to door for Cancer but will be sending contribution envelopes to everyone on Amherst Island. Donations from the Island will be separately recorded.**

is presumed that existing intensive operations would not be allowed to expand. The by-law kicks in for buildings accommodating 150 livestock units or 50 livestock units with a livestock density of greater than 5 livestock units per tillable hectare. The temporary by-law will continue in effect for a year (but can be renewed

if the permanent one is not ready).

As I said, a short report...



## *The Neighbourhood*

*- Lyn Fleming -*

Get well wishes this month go to Tom deHaan and Barbara Reid, who have both had major surgery and hospital stays this month. Also to Faye Wemp, Coralee Marshall, Lillian Miller, Audrey Miller, Ryan McGinn and Stephanie Fleming who have made trips to the hospital or medical facilities due to illness or medical procedures. We wish you all a speedy recovery. Condolences to Marion Glenn, Elsie Willard, and Stratton Reid and families following the passing of their father (grandfather and great-grandfather). Gordon Reid died March 13, following a brief illness at the age of 95. Also our sympathy to Emily Tugwell and family on the passing of Emily's sister, Dorothy Wills, on March 12, 2000.

John Mayman recently attended the Mining Millennium 2000 conference in Toronto. The week long conference ran from March 5 - 10, and dealt with mineral exploration and mining among other things.



Loyalist Township invites everyone  
to attend a

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

On Monday, March 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.  
at Odessa Community Hall

Come out and see what Loyalist Township  
and your Community are doing to promote  
safety for our residents.

coffee and doughnuts will be served

John is a mining engineer and geoscientist.

Congratulations to Mary Kay Rumbout who recently became a grand mother when her daughter and son-in-law became the proud parents of a daughter, Charlotte.

Happy 65th birthday to Steve Street, who celebrated with friends and family at dinner and dance at the community centre.

Doug and Helen Lamb traveled to Florida for some warm weather and Jim Whitton traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, to visit family and play some golf. Congratulations to the 4 AIPS students who were finalists at the school Chess Tournament. Geoffrey McDonald, Matthew Coleman, Talia Fleming and Beth Albertan all earned the chance to compete in the Limestone District School Board - west division - Chess Tournament recently. All 4 students placed well up in the standings, with Geoffrey winning his level's medal. He will go on to the eastern Ontario Championship to be played April 2 at the Kingston Centre. Good Luck Geoff!! The entire student body and staff, along with some parents enjoyed an hour's skate at

Henderson Arena this month. Loyalist Township Recreation donates free ice time to township schools. Spring break has officially begun for the local elementary, separate and high school students. Too bad last week's balmy weather couldn't have stayed around for the week.

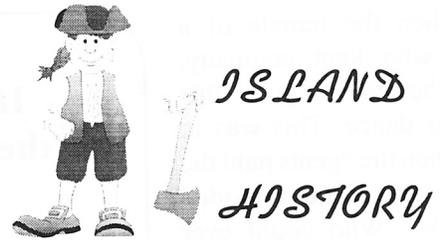
Islanders were pleasantly surprised this month with the sudden return of the Frontenac II

## A.C.W. BEEF DINNER

The A.C.W. is holding a Beef Dinner at the A.I. Community Centre on Saturday, April 8, 2000 from 5 - 7 p.m.

The tickets are: Adults - \$10.00, children 4-12 - \$5.00 and Pre-school - free

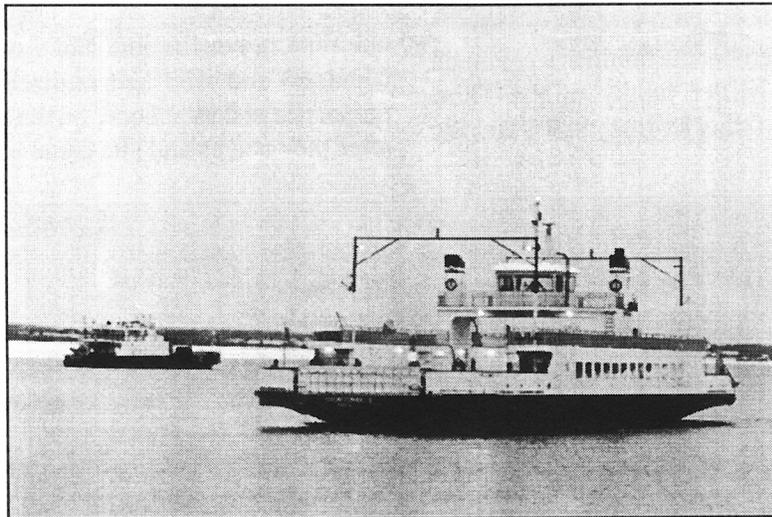
Advance tickets only.



- A. Bruce Caughey -

Some Island history that comes to my mind on this Leap Year day - I realize that there are few, who can verify unless it would be Ernest Fleming or Vera Hogeboom.

You have often heard me say that Amherst Island was a Dancing Community. Young People, especially teachers who gained employment in Island schools and came to the Island, soon found out that if they were going to be part of the Community that they would have to learn to dance. The round dances in this era were the Fox Trot and the Waltz. The square dances, the Cottillion and Lancers.



Coming in to be fitted at Millhaven

photo by DT

Two teachers that come to my mind were girls who boarded in our home and taught school in S.S. No.5

school - Neita Mitchell, who came from the hamlet of Twin Elm (some 20 miles from Ottawa) was hired in September of 1928, one of the years that I was a sailor on the great lakes. The other girl was Margaret Pentland, from the hamlet of Dungannon in Huron County, where her parents, who had migrated from Amherst Island, were devoted members of the Methodist Church, who did not think highly of dancing as a pastime. Kenneth Miller who was a good dancer, kept company with both girls, who very quickly learned to dance, perhaps with some assistance from my mother and father, who never missed a dance in Victoria Hall. I remember, that along with my parents, another Island couple, Tom and Lillian Glenn drove to Wolfe Island to attend a dance there, staying overnight with May Taylor (nee McCormick). My parents were also very pleased to be invited to attend an Annual dance which was held in the "Dairy School" each winter ----- enough of this! I have gotten away from the topic of history, about which I intended to write.

It was a custom on Amherst Island when a Leap year came, every four years, to organize a "Box Social". This was the

night when the female of a couple, who kept company, invited the male to go to this particular dance. This was in an era when the "gents paid the fiddler and the ladies provided the lunch". Who could ever forget the delicious cakes, many of them from their particular favourite recipe, coated with delicious icing, as well as chocolate layer cakes, at least two layers high.

The "Box Social", which I remember attending was with the following arrangement-remember the families were much larger at that time - eg: the Miller family of the Third Concession were three girls - Arlene, Dorothy and Vera; the McGinness family of Emerald were four girls - Marjorie, Mary, Rachel and Annie.

The girls prepared a box, or in some cases, a basket of food, which contained the girl's name inside, with the outside being disguised with wrappings such as newspaper or brown paper, perhaps from a recent Eaton's order. When the girls arrived at the Hall, usually with some other male, these boxes were displayed on the platform on a large table, where from time to time the gents could look at them and try to figure out which one he should bid on. When midnight arrived, an Auctioneer, usually John Glenn proceeded to conduct the auction. Sometimes bidding became very brisk and it was not unusual for bids to exceed \$10.00. When all the boxes had been disposed of and the successful bidder hastened to open or remove the outside papers he would then find a seat with her to eat. (Coffee was provided by the organization sponsoring the dance).

I guess I was a little slow at

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**of their marriage**

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**Amherst Island Community Centre**

**R.S.V.P. 389-2916**

placing a bid, or else I wanted to get a cheap box! At any rate I was the one that got the last box, and to the great amusement of my fellows, the box had been prepared by Margaret Wilkinson. Well anyway - "he who laughs last, laughs best!" When I opened this box, it contained wonderful food - a variety that you couldn't imagine! The box had been prepared by Aunt Meta, who was the "king pin" of the Moutray family. She at

one time in her lifetime had worked in a Nursing Home in Montreal and who had realized that her parents and two unmarried sisters at home on the Island, could no longer look after themselves and she came back to the island.

One of the rules of the "Box Social" was that you had to have the first dance after lunch time with the girl you had eaten with. Margaret was not a good dancer, but I struggled through that and furthermore you were required to see this girl home and I remember walking down the street with Margaret and seeing her to the door - where Aunt Meta was waiting to be satisfied that her grand-niece had got home safely.



**Maureen, Bill and Lynann about to save a life at a recent EFRT training session.**

**photo by Diane Pearce**

born on the Island on February 29th, which meant that they could only celebrate their birthday every four years. I am unable to give the names, other than Kenneth Reid, the second son of David and Edna Reid (nee Beaubien).

Since originally writing this article, it has been noted that Margaret Wilkinson Quinn (Adams Upchurch) recently passed away at Trillium Ridge Nursing Home.

*[Staff: Would anyone have any photos we could print next month showing some of our history?]*

## FOR RENT

**Cottage for rent. North Shore.**  
**Phone Cherry at 634-1212**

## Some Notes on the Family of George McGinness, U.E.L.

- Leslie Gavlas -

Ms Catherine Evans, a direct descendent of this family has provided me with some interesting material.

As a United Empire Loyalist, George McGinness, who had fought with Sir John Johnson in the war of American Independence, was entitled to a grant of 200 acres of crown land. Each of his children had the same entitlement when they reached legal age. Among the papers I received are copies of the petition of George, in 1782, and of his daughter, Catherine, in 1817. George was granted lot 11 in Ernestown, and later donated some of this land for the building of St. John's Church and Cemetery in Bath. Catharine's lot was in Violet.

George subsequently settled Amherst Island, where early maps show some of his sons. In 1879, there is a copy of a document, witnessed by R.A. Fowler, which records a deed of land to "The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario" by William George McGinness and Caroline McGinness (a great grandson and his mother Caroline Howard) of lot 12 in the first Concession of Amherst Island for \$1.00. This is the site of the Emerald Anglican Church, now St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church. The home of Delbert McGinness, to my knowledge the last of that surname on the Island, was to the west of this site beside the Daniel Fowler house. The building is presently neglected and owned by someone in Toronto.

William George McGinness was married to Rachel Eva

Howard and they were the parents of Annie, who married Kenneth Miller. They were the parents of Stuart Miller and his sisters, Anna Wlasuk and Gwen Lauret. Annie's sister,

Ethel, married Royal Wemp, and their son Wallace married Catherine Filson. The youngest son of the family was Delbert, who married Mavis McGinn. Their children were Harold, Jean, Robert, Delbert, Judy and Cindy. It is interesting to note that William George's wife was a Howard, as were also his mother and grandmother. Other Island names I note in the genealogical tables: McMullen, Taylor, McKay, Hopper, Baker and DeForest.

George's daughter, Catherine married George McLeod whose name appears on the early maps of Amherst Island drafted by Tom Sylvester. In 1841, according to a copy of another legal paper sent to me, George McLeod sold to Stephen Mount Cashel, for the sum of 1000 pounds, "lots 24, the west half of lot 25, and the rear of lot 27 on the north of said Island on the shore of the Bay of Quinte". At the same time his wife, Catherine, yielded her dower rights. This land is known as the Glebe and is to the west of the dump road by a road allowance leading to the Hamilton place. Catherine Evans is the great-great-grand daughter of George and Catherine McLeod. She writes that her great-great grandfather had a cottage on this land and his oldest grand daughter, Eva, used to row across to Millhaven every Friday evening during the summer to pick up her father from a stagecoach.

Thank you Mrs. Evans, for this interesting look at History. [Staff: alternate spellings: McGuinness; McGinis; McGiness; McGinnis]

### DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE MCGINNIS

- 1 George McGinnis 1751-1822
  - +Ann Nancy Staring 1755-1837
- 2 Anna Margretha McGinnis 1777 -
  - +William Eadus
    - 3 Sarah Eadus 1796-
    - 3 Martha Eadus 1798-
    - 3 Nancy Eadus 1800-
    - 3 George Eadus 1803 -
    - 3 William Edward Davy Eadus 1805-
    - 3 Elizabeth Charlotte Eadus 1809-
- 2 Timothy McGinnis 1782-1851
  - +Elizabeth Hartman
    - 3 Mary Anne Catherine McGinnis 1811 -
    - 3 Catherine McGinnis 1811-
    - 3 Adeline J McGinnis Abt 1815-
    - 3 Jane McGinnis Abt 1820-
    - 3 George McGinnis 1825-1894
      - +Harriet Matilda Bates 1829-1912
    - 3 John McGinnis Abt 1825-
- 2 Nicholas McGinnis 1783 - 1785
- 2 Sarah Ann McGinnis 1798-
  - +Joseph Stapley
- 2 William McGinnis 1788-1837
  - +Margaret M Howard 1789-
    - 3 James McGinnis 1827-1879
      - +Mary Ann Baker 1832-
    - 3 Gus McGinnis Abt 1808-
      - +[1] Caroline Howard 1828- 1904
    - 3 William Eadus McGinnis 1809-1852
      - +Christy McDonald 1806-1852
      - \*2nd Wife of William Eadus McGinnis:
        - +Chris McDonald 1823-1875
    - 3 Mary Anne "Nancy" McGinnis Abt 1815- 98
      - +Stephen Aney 1836 -
    - 3 George Howard McGinnis 1816-1882
    - 3 Mary Catherine McGinnis 1821 -
    - 3 John Howard McGinnis 1822- 1869
      - +[1] Caroline Howard 1828 - 1904
    - 3 Margaret Catherine McGinnis 1813-1866
      - + Angus McKay 1814-1866
    - 3 Elizabeth Thompson McGinnis 1826- 1878
      - +James Jackson Wemp 1823- 1905
- 2 George McGinnis 1792-
  - 3 John McGinnis
- 2 Elizabeth McGinnis 1793-1806
- 2 Catherine McGinnis 1795 - 1881
  - +George McLeod 1790- 1879
    - 3 Alexander McLeod
      - +Frances Vosburgh
- 2 May Anna McGinnis 1798- 1876
  - +Thomas Hopper 1796-1873

## GARDEN CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- Start tuberous begonias and caladiums in pots.
- Plant brassicas (cabbage family) and hardy annuals for April-May plantings.
- Start tomatoes, lettuce and other fast growers late March to early April.
- Order summer flowering bulbs.
- Check and repair gardening tools.
- Apply combination dormant spray to fruit trees and pest-prone shrubs when non-freezing weather permits.
- Start forcing branches of spring-flowering shrubs and lily of the valley roots pips after buds start to swell.
- Prune summer flowering shrubs and vines.
- Loosen up packed winter mulch and press back heaved perennials.
- Plan to add a few native bird-attracting berry plants.

### ATTENTION GARDENERS

- Sally Bowen -

Are any gardeners interested in organizing a spring tour of each other's gardens? Betty Wemp suggested we might find a few folks interested in sharing seeds or roots, ideas, stories of muddles etc. All are welcome no matter the colour of your thumb.

If interested, please call me at 389-3802. We'll probably have one brief meeting to plan where, when, how etc.



### Thank You Notes

We thank the members of the "Emergency Response Team" for their assistance in the care of our Daddy - Bill Morton, on January 9/00. Your skill, knowledge and quick response enabled Bill to have an opportunity to recover.

We especially thank Elsie and Eldon Willard for their friendship and loving care.

Amherst Island is truly a special place to find peace.  
Thank you.

Martha, Alice and Colleen.

## An Open Letter to the Residents of Amherst Island

The Odessa Agricultural Society extends a warm welcome to the residents of Amherst Island as we are now both part of the newly formed Loyalist Township. August 17-20, 2000, we will be presenting the 165th. annual Odessa Fair at the Odessa Fairgrounds. With the increasing urbanization of Loyalist Township, we look to our rural sectors to keep the focus of our fair on agriculture. Indeed, in recent years, it has become more difficult to involve the farm community in our organization. We look to any and all interested Amherst Island residents to participate in our fair board. We are a not for profit corporation operating under the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. As residents of Loyalist Township, this is your fair board too.

We currently offer competitions in the following categories: Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry and Pet Stock, Horse Show, Horse Draw, Hay, Grain Seeds, Vegetables, Fruit and Roots Domestic Science, Homecraft, Photography, Floral, and Arts and Crafts. Many of these categories also offer Junior and under competitions. Conspicuously absent are Sheep and Swine competitions. We would welcome any assistance you could offer us toward establishing these categories. We also invite all residents to compete in any

and all categories at our fair. Other exhibits we would readily welcome include sheep-shearing demonstration, taxidermy, sheepdog field trials demonstration, canine club training and/or field trials demonstrations, wool spinning and any aspects of conservation and rural environmental issues.

This year we are considering the return of the Demolition Derby on Friday night in addition to our 4x4 Mud Drags held Saturday afternoon and the Heavy Horse Draw on Sunday. We hope to introduce a Fair Ambassador program for youth 17 and over. The winner goes to the annual convention of the Ontario Agricultural Societies in February and to the CNE in August, 2001 for the all Ontario competition where the winner is crowned fair ambassador of the CNE involving a

### WANTED

**I am still collecting the following: - used stamps - any country including Canada - for guide dogs for the blind. Good clean clothing for the animal shelter thrift shop and knitted squares, blankets, pet food, paper towels, etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Please call me if you have anything to donate or leave in my front porch. The animals really need our help.**

**Freda Youell 384-4135**

two week stay in a first class hotel in Toronto as well as other exciting prizes and benefits. We would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone interested in such a competition.

While our fair is relatively small compared to some other fairs in Ontario, our community spirit is big and our fair is growing with our new township. We are reaching out to all the residents of Loyalist Township and especially to the rural communities. Your unique rural island community has a great deal to offer a small fair like Odessa's. We welcome your participation and your patronage this year and for many years to come. If you have any comments, please phone or write me at the address below.

Yours truly,

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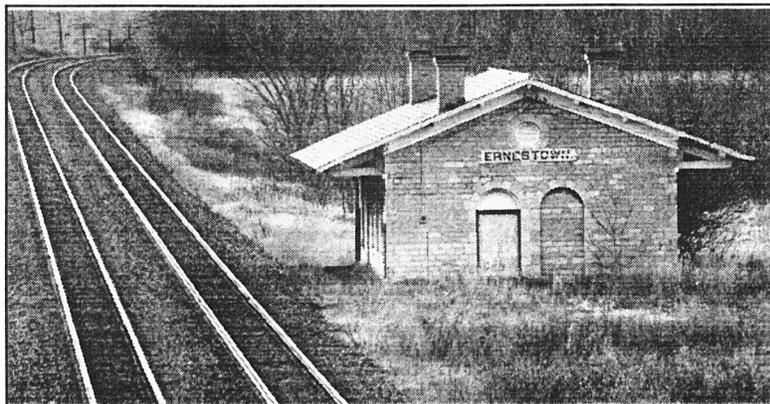
## Memories of Amherst Island

- V. Garth Orchard -

[Issue 54- July 15, 1982]

It is such a pleasure to read all the Island news in each issue of the Beacon we receive, that I thought it might be of some interest to its present readers to recall some of the pleasant memories of my early life there. They could fill many installments!

As a lad of fourteen, fresh out of high school, times were very hard in England, with few opportunities for good employment, so I opted for the promise of the new land of Canada. I was the youngest of a group of forty emigrant youths who were contracted to be placed with farmers here. After a stormy ten day crossing of the Atlantic, and a two day train ride, then a two mile walk from Ernestown station, I had my first glimpse of Amherst Island, only to find that there was no way across till the mail boat



A very quiet Ernestown Station.

photo by DT

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next day!

That was undoubtedly the loneliest moment of my life! Thousands of miles from the home and family I had left to seek my fortune in the New World, without any idea of the farm family I was directed to, or what the future held. I must have presented a forlorn spectacle! Then the friendliness of this new land took over. I was told to go to the Fred Wemp farm (now the Millhaven Inn) where Mrs. Wemp served up the heartiest supper I could remember, then led me up to a deep feather bed, warmed by a hot brick out of her oven. If life in Canada was like this I was going to love it.

Next morning I woke with the sun and hurried out with Mr. Wemp to watch the morning milking and help with chores. Breakfast seemed like a feast when Mrs. Wemp set down a dish of boiled eggs and a platter of bacon, saying "Dig in and eat hearty." (At that time, in England, eggs were sixpence each, and once a week we each had half an egg, as a treat!) It seemed certain then that my 84 lb. frame was soon due to expand.

As noon approached I met the mail boat at Millhaven, driven by Art Drumgoole, and was surprised to see him towing a flat platform built on oil drums, surrounded by a fence of farm gates. They backed this to the flimsy dock and carefully loaded a new 1929 Chev. car on to the 'Lighter'. Tucking my bag, and a couple of sacks of mail in the boat, with a cheery "Hop in!", Art pulled out for the Island with a few curious onlookers grinning at the sight of the car riding the gentle waves, like a miniature dry-dock hooked to a tug. I had made many small boat trips off the Welsh coast, but never one quite like this! The bay was relatively calm and we landed safely at Neilson's dock, where several Stella residents waited curiously to see the unloading of the car. Art told me that this would probably be his last haul like this, because the Island was due to get a new ferry that summer

which could carry four or five cars across the bay. I must have presented a curious sight to the villagers also, with my school cap and short English pants!

William Hill was the farmer I had been directed to and he was at the store with his team and spring wagon to meet me. He suggested that the first thing should be to outfit

me with suitable farm clothes. The Neilson store soon provided the right size of overalls, shirts, work boots and high rubber boots. These proved to be the most necessary item, as this had been a very wet spring, and the mud was a foot deep in the roads and barnyards. After loading groceries from the store, and a set of harrows being sharpened at Pringles blacksmith shop, (then opposite Neilson's store) we set out at a plodding pace for the Hill farm two miles up the Second Concession. This was my first ride behind a team of horses, and I soon learned how

the name 'buckboard' came to be applied to a spring wagon!

Addressing my new employer politely as Mr. Hill, he laughed and said his 82 year old father was the only Mr. Hill, so just call him Willie. That ride sealed a friendship which lasted till his early death five years later. Whatever doubts he may have had about the suitability of this little pink cheeked English schoolboy for the heavy farm work, were kept to himself as he introduced me to his two sisters, Becky and Sarah, and his white bearded father in the rocking chair beside the stove. I was welcomed into the home with a warmth I shall never forget, and their kindness made those first few homesick weeks bearable. I had to wait till my own letter telling of my arrival and new location reached England, before my family could reply. My first letter from home arrived a month later, and no mail was ever more welcome!

No time was lost in learning the meaning of 'Chores'. My jobs included cleaning out the cow and horse stables, pig pen and hen house. It was a real revelation to me to



**Coyote Heading To The Mainland**

photo by DT

see how much good 'fertilizer' could be produced each day. Climbing up to the mow to throw down hay for the day's feed was fun after that. Then off to gather the eggs from all the curious places the hens found to lay. I gleefully reported that one hen had laid three eggs that day! There was plenty of teasing over my naive ignorance of farm life. But it didn't take long to catch the meaning of all the different farm expressions which sounded so confusing at first. Heifers 'Coming around' and 'Coming in' didn't necessarily refer to their wanderings! And the feisty rooster didn't deserve to be slaughtered just because he did nothing but chase hens all day. Setting the 'broody' hens was a novel experience and the resulting flock of fluffy chickens were an endless source of delight for me. I marvelled at the way each hen could collect her own little family from among that chirping throng. There was nothing but sympathy though for the hen who hatched ten little ducks, then spent her days clucking frantically on the edge

while her brood frolicked in the muddy barnyard pool. How she ever stood the smell as they snuggled under her each night amazed me.

Milking was the hardest skill to learn. My hands seemed incapable of coaxing more than a trickle of milk from the uncooperative cow, who took one look around at me and promptly put her foot in the pail. But perseverance prevailed, and it wasn't long before I could milk three or four cows each day. My greatest yearning was to drive a team in the field, but Willie felt I was a bit tender to stand walking behind the harrows all day, so had his brother-in-



**Safe From One Nasty Coyote But...**

photo by DT

law out to help with the seeding. But I would hustle out to the fields at quitting time, for the chance to drive one of the teams in to the barn, and help unharness and feed them. From the first day on the farm I was a confirmed horse lover and work was too hard if it contributed to their comfort and well being. It was a pleasure to curry and pet them. Willie noticed this, and more and more allowed me to handle them, so that before Fall I was working my own team, and very proud of it.

Church union was a very hot issue at that time, with many neighbours bitterly divided between continuing Presbyterians and those who chose the United Church. It was hard for me to understand the cause of all this bitterness, but it was taken for granted that I would be a Presbyterian. My first Sunday on the Island I donned my little Eton jacket and striped pants, hitched up the grey mare to the buggy, and proudly drove to the beautiful church on the hill with Becky and Sarah. It was easy to see that few present had ever seen the Sunday dress of an English private school, so this proved quite novel. Rev. Laughland was the minister at that time, and showed considerable interest in my emigration and background. My reception by the congregation was most warm and friendly. However, I never again wore my Sunday dress suit, which somehow seemed out of place in this simple country church.



## *A Letter Home*

Spring has arrived... the mud is here! Shearing and lambing can't be far behind. Thus starts the busy season. Things get started rolling with a short but seriously intensive few days for shearing at the start of next month. Then sheep management comes to the fore getting the sheep tuned up for lambing. Then all heck breaks loose but let's not get too far

ahead of ourselves here... one job at a time. Actually the pasture fences all need their spring tune-up also. And, winter projects need to be finished.

Of course, we are going to throw a curve into the scheduling by renovating our living room. No surface will remain untouched with new finishes for all. Chaos will be added to our usual confusion.

There is a bit of a story behind the pictures of the



**But Not From This Gianormous Deer Stomping  
Emu Spotted Behind The School**

photo by DT

Frontenac II.... I had heard it had left Kingston at 10a.m. and was expected to take perhaps 5 hours to get out here. I went across on the 11 boat and started working my way into Kingston looking for it. Of course, there was an intense little snow squall going on which limited my view of the water to about zip. So, I continued in looking and looking ending up at the Pump House Museum. There I saw a boat track through the ice so I figured I had missed it. Well, I chased the ghost westward until I got to Amherstview where I could find on boat track. There are places where the channel is obscured such as around Lemoine Point.

At this point, I started back and finally ended up at the Kingston ferry dock where the Frontenac II was just pulling out. After some inquiries, the story emerged that the FII got just past the Kingston Yaught Club when the engines overheated. It had to go back for repairs which took (including testing the boat by racing around Kingston harbour) several hours. When it did finally leave, it just walked through the ice like it wasn't there. Someone said that an ice free trip from Kingston takes about 2 hours.... well this trip with ice only took about 2½ hours. So, I spent a good part of the day chasing a boat that wasn't there because it first left at 10a.m. and didn't get to Millhaven until 5:30p.m. However, I was finally able to get some pictures which appear on the last page.



**FOR SALE**

COMPUTER - 486i cpu, 15" monitor, mouse, keyboard with Windows 3.1 - \$500.00. Panasonic Dot Matrix printer with colour capability and small quantity of paper \$65.00. Computer Desk - \$80.00. Two drawer filing cabinet - \$20.00. Phone **Caroline** - 384-5606

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Contact **Dianne Marshall** at 389-0554

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Homes built or renovated  
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Light yard work & homework  
Call **Stephanie** at 634-2509

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389-5596 Reference available.

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Home, farm and commercial work  
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Quick service for all kinds stamps (self-inkers, daters, signature, logos, business & personal)  
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Alterations, mending, custom clothing, home deco, gift items.  
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Hairstyling for women, men, and children  
Contact **Shelley Glenn-Hawley** at 634-3079  
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Your Personal or Group Assisted Shopping Service  
Call **Laurene Kilpatrick** at 634-7869

**WHIG HOME DELIVERY**

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**SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES**

**Frozen Dinners**

For orders, menus & information  
Call **Freda Youell** at 384-4135

**A.I.P.S. Club Z**

**account number is**

**9 4 3 1 9 9 9 2 2**



**THE AMHERST ISLAND LANDFILL SITE  
HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MARCH

Monday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Community Safety Forum at Odessa Comm. Hall  
 Monday, Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Council Meeting

## APRIL

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm ACW Beef Dinner  
 Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Council Meeting  
 Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm Bob & Diane's Celebration  
 Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Council Meeting

### ISLE

**DATES TO NOTE FOR ISLE CHEESE ORDERING:**

Order In By	Pickup Date
Fri. Mar. 10	Wed. Mar. 22
Fri. Apr. 14	Wed. Apr. 19
Fri. May 19	Wed. May 24
Fri. June 16	Wed. May 21

### AMHERST ISLAND

#### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

meets Thursday a.m. - 0945 - 12 noon

April	Karen J. Fleming
May	Ann Albertan
June	Helen Lamb
July	Janet Scott
August	Janet Scott

Join in a time of prayer and studying God's word. All welcome.

## Amherst Island GENERAL STORE

389-0417

### \*WINTER HOURS\*

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> - APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

Monday - Thursday - 9am - 6 pm  
 Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 7 pm  
 Sunday - 10am to 5pm

### CANADA POST

Monday - Friday ..... 9 am - 11:30 am  
 ..... 2:30 pm - 5 pm  
 Saturday ..... 9 am - 12 noon

*The Saturday Beaver will now be available at the Amherst Island General Store.*

We have a wide variety of products available.  
 If we don't have what you need, it can be ordered with deliveries.

Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays.  
 Just call a day ahead to place your order.

Our deliveries arrive at 10:50 a.m. and we ask that you pick up orders around 11a.m. as we have no room for storage in coolers at this time.

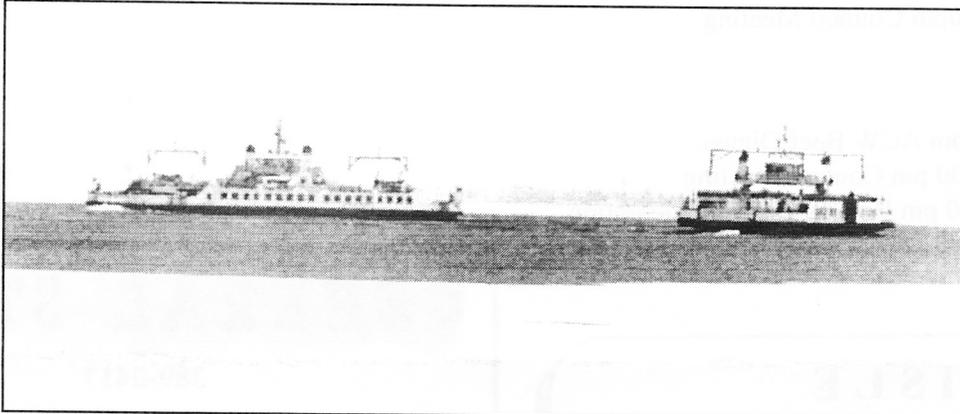
### FAX SERVICE

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 Mon - Fri only

To send - Local - \$1 for first page  
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 Long Distance \$5.00

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 FAX# - 613-389-0417

# CHANGING THE BOATS



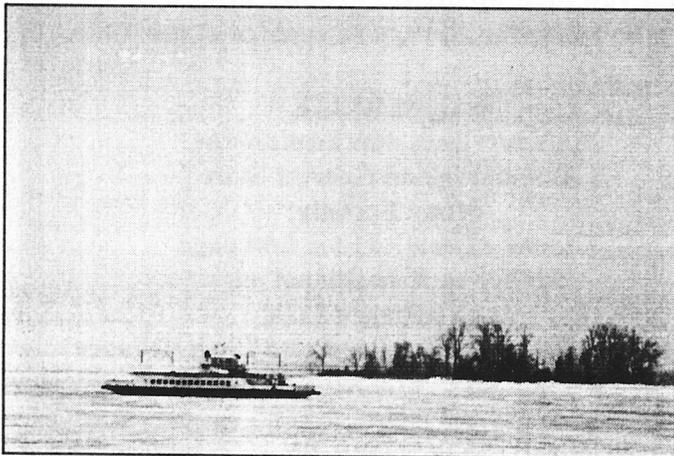
The FII playing tag with the Wolfe Islander III

photo by DT



Past Richardson's Pavilion

photo by DT



Made It To The Brothers

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Up The Channel

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