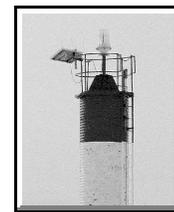


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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, Editor

A gentle reminder to those sending us articles, ads, photos, or whatever: our deadline is the 25th of each month.

A gentle reminder to myself: try to get the Beacon text to Don by the end of each month so he can get going with integrating text and photos.

I always appreciate additions and/or corrections to the family trees that appear in the Beacon.

HILDA GLENN McCAUGHERTY KILPATRICK

(June 30, 1917 to July 10th, 2013)

Hilda was born on Amherst Island to Harold and Agnes Jane (Jennie) (Glenn) McCaugherty.

She was directly, and through marriage, related to the Glenn's, Kilpatricks, McCaughertys, Beaubiens, and through them to many of the old Amherst Island families.

She was raised on the McCaugherty farm on the 3rd Concession of A.I., across the road from Bruce and Helen Caughey's (The Harold House). She attended school at S.S. #5 and Stella Continuation School.

On June 8th, 1946, she married Herbert Cecil Kilpatrick at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. In 1966 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was predeceased by her husband on June 25th, 1997. She was also predeceased by 3 brothers, Elmer, Edgar, and Glendon and two sisters, Eva Duff and Myrtle Cuthill. She is survived by her youngest brother, Melton and his wife Joyce and also by her sister-in-law, Marilyn plus many nieces and nephews.

Hilda worked as a driver for the blind for several years in Kingston, then worked for the Ministry of Health for 16 years. She retired in 1982.

Hilda and Herb were among the founding members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Amherstview and were very active members until they died. She was an eager card player. Her nieces and great-nephews figured when they beat her at cribbage they'd beat the champion. She and her husband were very active socially.

Hilda lived alone in her own home in Amherstview up till 6 weeks before she died. She passed away at Helen Henderson Nursing home on July 10th, 2013 at age 96 and was buried at Glenhaven Cemetary beside her husband.

EMILY IRENE CORKE WEMP TUGWELL

(March 31, 1918-August 8, 2013)

Emily was predeceased by her husbands Seaver Wemp and Robert Tugwell. Dear mother of Cedric Wemp (Faye) and Raymond Wemp. Special "Gram" to Lisa (Rob); Steven (Bonnie); Beverly (Fred); Mark (Julie) and great-grandmother to Kayla

and Keigan Wemp. Remembered by her sister Mary MacGillivray. Also predeceased by her sisters Gertrude, Gladys, Edna, Dorothy and Hilda. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

[Editor: we hope to have more on Emily for the October issue.]

HEATHER MARIA YOUNG

Heather died on August 1 at KGH in her 54th year. She is survived by her brother Owen and sons Christopher and Nathan Maleska.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Janice McGinn, Bernadette Filson, Judith Harrower, Cherry Allen, Steve Street, Joyce Haines, Ted Wemp, Helen Lamb and Susie Caughey.

Condolences to Ted and Faye Wemp and family and to Raymond Wemp and family, following the passing of their mother and grandmother, Emily Tugwell. Condolences also to her extended family and friends on the Island.

Rita Brown travelled with friends to Ireland, seeing a good bit of the country in her time there.

Carl McCrosky and Leah Murray are also visiting the south of Ireland.

Leslie Gavlas' son, John and his wife (from Nova Scotia) and their family spent a couple of weeks with Leslie on the Island, catching up with family and friends.

AIMS held its annual auction quite a bit earlier this year, opting for the Labour Day weekend instead of Thanksgiving.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church held a fund raising Fish Fry Picnic at the church on Labour Day weekend as well.

There was a large tugboat and drilling platform at each of the Millhaven and Stella docks for a few days this month. Both were quite impressive and were interesting to watch while waiting and riding the ferry. Captains had to do some maneuvering to get into the docks at times. Apparently they are doing some test drilling in preparation for the end loading docks of the future.

Well, it seems everyone I talk to is surprised to find this summer has passed so quickly. We have had funny weather this year, with it hot and humid weather early

in the summer, and August a little cooler. It is hard to believe that school is back in already. The good news is that the water levels are much higher so far this year. We have had some beautiful, calm and clear evenings lately, making for some great star gazing!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

August was a busy and fun month for the members of the branch and their friends and acquaintances. We didn't hold a regular meeting; as we often do in the summer, we skipped a formal meeting and went on an all-day outing, arranged this time by Judy Greer and Norma-Lynn Cole. It was Wednesday, August 21st, a beautiful sunny summer day, and some nineteen of us (members and guests) shared cars and headed over to Bath for a visit to the Fairfield-Gutzeit Society Museum and the adjoining 1812 Discovery Centre. At the Discovery Centre, originally the boat house of the Fairfield-Gutzeit home, we watched a most interesting video about the Flight of the Royal George naval schooner during the War of 1812. As well, we enjoyed several paintings and other artifacts from that historic time. The Fairfield-Gutzeit House was built in 1796, one of the earliest homes to be built on the shores of Lake Ontario. It was originally the home of the Fairfield brothers, United Empire Loyalists who were involved, along with their ship, in defending the British naval fleet in eastern lake Ontario against the American fleet in the skirmishes involving the Royal George. The name Gutzeit honours the last descendant of the Fairfield family to live in the house, Mabel Fairfield Gutzeit and her husband, Dr. William Gutzeit, in the late 1930's and 1940's. The house has been furnished and restored in the Victorian tradition.

Steeped in history, but getting hungry, we then trooped over to the Loyalist Golf & Country Club restaurant for a fine lunch on the patio. Then it was off down Highway 33 to the Bergeron Estates Winery, located on the Adolphustown Reach, just east of the Glenora Ferry dock. Having duly tasted, purchased and walked around, we headed back to Bath for our last stop of the day: the MacKenzie Chocolate store, where tasty treats again awaited us. A day full of fun and tasty goodies.

Another event that we are proud to report on is the afternoon of August 13th at the Lodge with author Kate Hewitt, arranged under the WI's ROSE program (Rural Ontario Sharing Education). Organized by WI member Andrea Cross, this delightful couple of hours featured a

talk and get-acquainted social hour with this established author of some 30 books and many articles and short stories. More than fifty people enjoyed her visit and her readings from her novel Down Jasper Lane. She is American-born, now lives in Northwest England with her family, but spent many summer days in her youth in rural Ontario and visiting relatives Sally and Ross Wilson on Amherst Island.

Down Jasper Lane is situated on our island on this fictional lane; it is the first of what will be a trilogy. In her book she relates the story of a fictional family and life on the Island in the early 20th century, and the offering of a piece of homemade pie appears frequently in her novel. After listening to Kate and participating in a lively question and answer period, we all enjoyed slices of fresh homemade pie (what else?) and beverages in the Lodge's dining room.

I want to mention also that in August we held two of our famous bake sales, on the Friday afternoons of August 2nd and August 30th. We thank you all for your support of these fund raising events. Then there was our day (August 10th) of offering sweets at the Emerald Music Festival; that too was successful with the pie slices fairly leaping off our wagon.

Our next meeting will take place the evening of September 18 at Marilyn Pilon's home. Guests are welcome.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Fowl School

I walked out the door on Friday, August 23 to feel cool morning air and poplar leaves whipping and dancing around in the eddies between the house and barn. I looked at Troy and said "Feels like back to school time." I threatened to do the Happy Dance because I didn't have to go back to school but we realized that we both like school so he really wasn't sad to be going back and as I told him that I guess that I wouldn't have become a teacher if I hadn't liked school too!

Do birds go to school? Young birds are taught the important rules of survival as quickly as possible. The world out there can be a hard place to make it if you only weigh a few grams and are covered with soft fluffy down. Gardner McBride was sharing an interesting learning story with me a few days ago. The adult Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were bringing their fledglings to the feeder and then feeding them. After awhile they stopped feeding and appeared to be expecting the young

to feed themselves. They showed by example how to suck the sweet mixture from the feeder and by refusing to transfer it to the squeaking babies initiated the new Hummingbirds to the sustaining food source. Our Hummingbirds will be gradually doubling their weight as they prepare for the long trip from Amherst Island to the Yucatan Peninsula, about 3000 km.

Killdeer teach their young from the moment they hatch how to forage for food. They are never fed and swallows have to learn to eat, to drink, and to fly all in the same day. The rest of their life from 2 weeks on is spent in flight. Young Geese are also never fed but are shown by example to graze on young grasses and to keep up with the flock for their own protection. Their growth from hatch to flight is dictated by their need to be ready for migration.

Fall Migration began in August and many of North America's birds are leaving the Arctic Tundra, The Canadian Shield and even Amherst Island hoping to find safe havens with food available in the southern climes. As the birds shift their territories they push up against the Great Lakes and then await favourable winds and conditions in order to cross our inland seas. Many tiny birds use the protection of night to follow star patterns and find their way hundreds of miles to reach the Gulf Coast for a winter vacation. Who taught them the way? How do they know the route? Somehow this information is passed as genetic knowledge from one generation to the other so that new fledglings without map or GPS can find their way, even without an older bird, to the wintering grounds. Their Geography lessons include star reading, length of light recognition and fuel economy.

How efficient they are!

Young shorebirds making the flight from the Arctic breeding grounds all the way to the Gulf of Mexico know how to travel and that the mud flats on Amherst Island are excellent staging areas for feeding up and restoring their fuel supplies before heading across the inland sea that we know as Lake Ontario. Many shorebirds feed on the crustaceans and insects that they find in the gooey mud along our shores. You may see shorebirds hanging out at the Eastern Bar - sounds like they're at a pub, doesn't it? - such as Semi-palmated Plovers, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Semi-palmated Sandpipers, Least Sandpipers, Pectoral Sandpipers, Sanderlings and Short-billed Dowitchers. Many are hoping to reach Brazil and Argentina by November and December so that they can escape our frozen ground. Their parents left them behind in the Arctic and yet they know that here is a resting spot and from here we

will reach South America.

Amazing isn't it!

Cool nights and dry weather have depleted our source of flying insects so the Martins packed their bags and left for southern regions about two weeks ago. Cliff Swallows seem to have gone as well although you still see a few Tree Swallows and Barn Swallows along the wires. The same conditions have moved the Warblers south from the Boreal Forests and into our woods and thickets as they forage here. Warblers change their brilliant colours for more drab outfits as they travel. Insect eaters need to travel south for food. Martins are aiming for Ecuador, a distance of 4786 km. It never ceases to amaze me that these tiny bits of fluff and feathers, without maps or motors, navigate a fantastic flight half way around the globe, fuelled only by insect protein.

What a feat!

NATURE RESERVE SIGN UNVEILING ON AMHERST ISLAND

- submitted by Janet Scott

On Tuesday September 10, the Kingston Field Naturalists (KFN) unveiled a sign at their nature reserve on the east end of Amherst Island. The sign will name the property the "Martin Edwards Reserve" in honor of our recently departed, Honorary President. Dr Edwards was a world renowned physicist, naturalist, conservationist and birdwatcher who accumulated a life list of 8,456 species of birds among many other accomplishments. Over the years Martin was President of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Canadian Nature Federation and he was Canada's representative on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Martin contributed greatly to major conservation efforts made by the KFN, including the establishment of both our nature reserves and the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area.

A ceremony took place at 10:15 a.m. on the property near the south end of the Lower Forty Foot Road. Edwards family members will be in attendance.

Kingston Field Naturalists was founded 65 years ago as a nature club and charitable organization. It aims to stimulate public interest in nature and in the protection and preservation of wildlife. In addition, members acquire record and share knowledge of natural history. The Club also acquires, receives and holds lands for the purpose of preserving their natural habitat.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 19th Meeting of Council, August 12th

"Moved by Deputy Mayor Bresee and seconded by Councillor Ibey that Council direct staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature to the Minister of Transportation and Kathryn Moore, Regional Director, Ministry of Transportation, to express Council's great concern about the ferry service failure to Amherst Island, that occurred during the transfer of service from the Glenora Ferry to the Frontenac II and requesting assurances that such occurrences will not occur in the future.

"Motion carried"

AIMS Meeting August 10

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: A continental style breakfast was prepared by AIMS members.

Attendance: 16 members.

Convenor: Hugh Jenney

Agenda

1. Presentation

The speaker was Talia Fleming who has just completed a 3 year programme at St. Lawrence College. Talia was selected as a third year student to take part in a research project on Rhinoceros in Kruger National Park in South Africa conducted by a professor from Queens University. The cost for her participation this summer in the study was in part defrayed by a grant from AIMS.

Talia had prepared a slide show that vividly portrayed the wildlife in Kruger National Park as well as pictures of her role in the project and of the surroundings outside the park. She had been very stimulated by her experience and would like to go back to Africa.

Hugh Groot thanked the speaker for a stimulating presentation and wished her well in her future endeavours.

2. Breakfast.

Since the breakfast this morning (extended continental) was a departure from the usual hot breakfast, there was some discussion on the format of future breakfasts. Ken Albertan volunteered to prepare the breakfast for the next meeting in a style similar to the one this morning.

Dayle Gowan moved that the senior class at the school be asked if it is willing to prepare a light continental style breakfast on an ongoing basis to help

raise money for their annual trip.

The motion was passed. The secretary will report back on this matter at the next meeting

3. Arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

a. Flower baskets. Hugh Groot reported that the Township had no objection to lowering the position of the baskets in the village, but the poles belong to Hydro and he was informally advised not to change the present arrangement. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter regarding the height at which the baskets are hung for next spring.

In connection with the flower baskets Ross Haines brought to our attention that more fertilizer is needed. Larry Jensen agreed to pick up fertilizer from a company in Bramalea where it is available at a considerable discount.

b. David Pickering reported that enough people had signed up as volunteer drivers for Islanders who are in need of a lift to a medical appointment.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer reported on various expenditures and the bank balance. He also indicated that he would like to step down and that another treasurer be found.

5. AIMS auction.

6. Woolly Bully Race. Joe du Val represents a community of runners who has decided to do one of their runs August 18 on the Island. Net proceeds go to the school. Volunteers are needed between 8:30 and 11 am.

7. Need for a steering committee.

To provide continuity of AIMS from one meeting to the next it was suggested that a steering committee be established. Such a committee would insure:

1) That a convenor to chair the next meeting is selected.

2) That arrangements have been made for breakfast at that meeting.

3) That a speaker has been found, although this is not always necessary.

4). It may be a good idea if the steering committee prepared the agenda, again to insure continuity.

5). In addition the committee may take on any other tasks as it sees fit.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a steering committee be established. Tentatively Bill Barrett, Larry Jensen and David Pickering agreed to form the committee.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am

WOOLY BULLY RACE

- Sally Bowen

The Second Annual Woolly Bully Race took place on Sunday August 18th.

There were 56 runners overall who registered for either the 5K or 10K race. There was also a 1K race for 5 – 12 year olds that attracted 12 runners. Runners assembled at the Township Firehall area, then ran along the Stella Forty Foot to the second, and along the Second to the appropriate turning point. AIMS provided several volunteers including Jack and Angus Little, who manned various safety points. Laird Leeder and Don Miller from the AI Fire Department were also on hand in case medical assistance was required. Robin Stockfish and Marie Craigen also helped out with one of the water stations.

Four Island women, Laurie Kilpatrick, Sherry Miller, Anita McKee, and Julie Leeder raced in the 5K. Laurie won top female in her age category.

Two Island boys ran, Sam Miller and Nathan Murray. All proceeds from the race, \$450, will go to the A.I. Public School.

Thanks to Joe Du Vall, his good friend Carol Sinclair, who are the volunteers who organized this event, endorsed by I.S.L.E. and by the Rec Committee.

WHY VIOLENCE HAS DECLINED

- Zander of DUNN INN

I've been reading, to discuss with my book club, "The Better Angels of Our Nature" by Steven Pinker. The subtitle is, "Why Violence Has Declined." When I began to read the book I didn't believe that violence had declined. I thought of the violence in Syria, The Congo, The Sudan and Mexico, which is going on today, to bolster my case. But after reading the 700 pages of this book I am convinced that violence has declined. It has not only declined over many years but it has declined recently.

Pinker reminds us of the Crusades, the Inquisition, the incessant wars that took the time and effort of our ancient ancestors and of how we have nothing comparable to them today. Yes, we continue to have wars, religious violence and murders but not on the scale of years past.

Pinker reminds us that we have not had a world war for almost 70 years. Almost 70 years ago the U.S. used the atomic bomb against Japan but none of the nuclear powers has ever used such a bomb since. Seven or eight countries have the nuclear bomb but they have refused

to deploy it. Some countries even had the capacity to produce nuclear bombs but decided not to go that route.

While it is true that our world has been enmeshed in many small wars and some countries have tortured their people, the victims involved have been many fewer than in the past. We are, in most places becoming more peaceful and peace-loving.

Pinker, a Canadian Jew who is an atheist, blames religious people for much of the violence in the past. He can point to the wars and the genocides in the Old Testament and to the violence commanded in the Koran to support his argument. He is especially concerned that fundamentalists who take their religious books literally promote violence even today.

There is much truth in what he says and any of us, who are religious, should admit that and confess our need of forgiveness. Pinker goes even farther and argues that many changes which have led to the drop in violent crime have come recently in our history. He states that “briefs against slavery, despotism, torture, religious persecution, cruelty to animals, harshness to children, violence against women, frivolous wars and the persecution of homosexuals” have, for the most part, been diminished within our lifetime.

I would argue that although slavery flourishes in our world in many forms we can see that more countries have become democratic, official torture has been outlawed by many nations, religious persecution is not legal, cruelty to animals has been reduced by the societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, children are no longer strapped at school, rape is a criminal offence (even within marriage), and homosexuals are accepted and are permitted to marry in many countries.

One reason we are becoming less violent is that we are trading more with other countries and therefore do not want to go to war with them because we need what they have to trade with us. Our improvement in trade has led to prosperity and often people who are prosperous want to enjoy their wealth, not use it against others.

The author claims that our recent ancestors were morally retarded. Many of our modern leaders extolled the beauty and goodness of war. They pointed out the evil of all religions other than Judaism and Christianity. They believed that women were lower in value than men. They had no qualms about torturing animals in experiments. They thought that homosexuals were defective human beings.

Now we see war as hell; now we believe God is not limited to any religious expression; now we understand

women are equal to men; now we try to avoid hurting animals in any endeavour; now we know there is nothing inherently wrong with homosexuals. All these beliefs have enabled us to turn from violence to peace.

Pinker contends that religion has not been responsible for this change although he does commend the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King Jr., Bishop Tutu and other religious leaders who took non-violent stands at special points in history.

I would go along with Pinker in most of what he says but I think his atheism prevents him from seeing that God works through people to bring about change and improvement from violence to peace. The Old Testament writers were Jews of their day who saw God in the violence of nature and war. But Jesus, a Jew, also saw God in people and spoke to them to persuade them from violence to love. That he did not succeed with all of us is obvious, but it is also obvious that he did succeed with many of us because we are less violent today than ever before.

If you don't believe me, read Pinker's book.

STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS THOUGHTS ABOUT AMHERST ISLAND

- Sharen English

Weekly yoga classes inside the school or on the lawn

Kids playing in Centennial Park

The Salmon Islands lush and green in the summer

The coo of the Mourning Dove

Ida, keeping us well informed about the ferry

Bake Sales, Market Carts and baked goods sold at the

Emerald Festival for the Women's Institute

The Men's Society and their cart of goodies

If I miss the 6:30 p.m. ferry I am not home until 8 p.m.

The same applies for the 10:30 p.m. ferry, when I am

tired and want to go to bed I am not home until

midnight

When I want something sweet I am not able to have it

because we don't keep it in the house. I can't run to the

store and get that treat right away as I could on the

mainland

Huge, monster zucchini that Joyce Reid grows in her

garden and gives to us

The tomatoes that Barb Filson gave us too

Endless weeding

Watering our new tree

The baa-ing in the middle of the night

The bunnies we see sporadically

Kildeer yelling at us when we disturb them
Carol and Sue and their cats which lie all over their
lawn in the summer
Our small but friendly computer class in the spring,
summer and fall
The Weasel and Easel with its eclectic collection of art
work. It is a great store for gift giving items.
The museum, which has a wealth of information on the
Island's history
The pink sunrises; the different shades of blue at sunset;
my favourite blue is the one in the sky just before
sunset
Visitors to our home in the summer
Feeling so good to be home after a long day in town or
after a trip
Rubbing the dog's and cats' bellies while sitting on my
back deck watching the water
Watching T.V. but glancing towards the lake in the
summer and thinking wouldn't it be better to be sitting
outside
Sitting outside
Art shows at the lodge in summer
The smell of the island in the morning, which reminds
me of my days at sleepover camp in the country
Feeding the baby lambs at Topsy Farms
Seeing multiple sets of fireworks displays at one time
from our backyard on Canada Day
Bundling chores on a visit to the mainland
Cobwebs; mushrooms on my lawn
Watching Bob and Bernadette tending their garden
The regulars walking the road for exercise

AIMS AUCTION

-Hugh Jenney

The Auction was held Sunday afternoon on the first
day of September, 2013. It was a warm sunny day
which was in stark contrast to our original auction day.
I agonized over switching, but after consulting with
many people, we agreed to go for the sunshine. We had
a good crowd and made over \$2,000 so Sunday
afternoon was a good day for us all. Brian Little sold
his last sausage at 3:15 and declared Sunday afternoon
as a good time to have our auction from now on.

Many thanks to our generous donors for their quality
goods. Lots of bidders received high value for their
money.

Our auctioneer, Bruce Caughey, was able to squeeze
out every available dollar from our bargain-hunting
crowd. Well done, Bruce!

Ever-vigilant Bonnie Caughey and Peggy Edwards

recorded the bids. Diane Pearce and Michelle LeLay
not only registered the bidders, but also kept records of
who bought what.

Bruce Burnett supplied the microphone for our
auctioneer who stood in front of Allen Caughey's
loaded wagon.

Don Pepper (our oldest volunteer at 78), Bill Barrett,
Hugh Groot, Gardener McBride, Marc Raymond and I
worked the displaying of goods.

Thanks to Dayle Gowan for the use of his Radio
Station Barn for storage. Ever-helpful Noel McCormick
let us use his storage barn at the Market for this
occasion and to store AIMS stuff as well as the WI
wagon. Thanks to the AIWI for keeping us all from
dying of thirst.

All in all, the day was enjoyed by the whole
community mainly because the whole community came
together to support: AI Museum, CJAI Radio, Ameriks
Scholarship Fund, Stella hanging flower baskets, Tree
Planting to beautify our roads and lanes, and to provide
transportation and assistance for Islanders in need.

Please call Don Pepper 634-7859 or Hugh Jenney
384-7830 when you have articles to donate for another
AI Community Auction.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

- Sally Bowen

Amherst Island vegetable gardeners have been
generously donating fresh food to the Loving Spoonful
group. This organization distributes our bounty to 20
different Kingston and area agencies, shelters and food
programs. (www.lovingspoonful.org)

Every week since late June, Mary White and Cary
Allen (who live in Jean Tugwell's former home) gather
and weigh the produce on their verandah once a week,
then Mary drives it to town where it is received and
distributed or preserved the same day.

Island donors include: Anders Benneck, Laura
Gartner, Perry McDonald, Diane Pearce and Michelle
LeLay, Gord Thompson and Dave Rattray, 4 gardens at
Topsy Farms, Mayo Underhill, Sarah and Rick Van
Stone, Betty Wemp, and Bernadette and Bob Filson
Others may contribute too, depending on fall crops.
Vicki Keith and Mayo have also been drivers.

I have been co-ordinating this, so anyone who has an
excess of kale or chard or cucs or whatever, please
contact me at 613 389-3444. You don't need a great
quantity. By combining our products, we've been able
to help.

NEWS FROM THE MUSE

-Janet Scott

On July 13 the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre sponsored a Car Rally with a Difference. The difference was that we didn't race around the Island attempting to beat other participants to various check points but instead with a map and a list of questions we drove around the Island learning about its history. Do you know where the three cemeteries on the Island are located? Do you know who fell from the mast of The Star of Hope? Ask a participant in this year's Car Rally and they'll tell you.

This year's Car Rally featured Cemeteries and Fences. A series of about 80 questions were compiled by the Committee and about 50 people took part in this event. Beth Forester and her food committee provided wonderful sandwiches, veggies, fruit and cold drinks which were enjoyed by all the participants sitting in the shade of tents after they returned from their scenic tour. We had four children compete this year and we hope to encourage more children to participate.

Thanks to wonderful sponsors such as Wemp and Smith Construction, Creative Baskets and Gifts, Norma-Lynn Cole, The Village Ice Cream Shop and Café, Stella's Café, Terrace Green B&B and all the Museum Board members there were prizes for everyone. Thanks to all the participants without whom it wouldn't have been a success.

The trophy was presented by Gordon Miller, who started the first Museum Car Rally back in 2009, to our intrepid trio Margaret, Ed and Sheila Mooney.

Thank-you everyone for the help and support! The prizes, the antique cars, the tents and chairs just don't happen magically!

Car Rally Committee: Ali MacKeen, Beth Forester, Bonnie Livingstone, Carol Glenn and Janet Scott

REMINDER: The next Backroom Talk will be at the museum on Friday, September 20th at 7:00 pm and our Speaker will be Talia Fleming sharing her African trip with us. What does a Vet Tech do in Kruegar National Park? Come and find out.

THANK YOU NOTES

It is with deep appreciation that we thank Paul Payne's Funeral Home of Odessa and the following pallbearers: Steven Wemp, Lisa Wetters, Mark Wemp, Beverly Wemp, Vernon McGinn and Christopher Willard.

Many thanks for phone calls, flowers and donations to

St. Alban's Church and the Alzheimer's Society. They are so much appreciated, knowing you remembered Mother at this time.

A special thank you to Father Don Bailey for his wonderful and warm service. Also special thanks to Cathy Glenn for her organ playing skill.

Thanks to the ladies of St. Albans who supplied the delicious and plentiful lunch that everyone enjoyed after the funeral.

Raymond & Ted Wemp and families.

Thanks to all the volunteers and to all who came to see a great Lineup of talent. See you next year August 8, 9, & 10, 2014.

Dan & Joan Simpson

I would like to express a heart-felt thanks to my friends, neighbours and family who recently helped me celebrate my 65th birthday at a surprise party. It was a wonderful evening that helped me to remember why I live where I do. Again, thank-you to everyone involved.

Rick Bedford

On August 24th I experienced a near fatal medical condition and was in need of immediate care. I would like to thank our neighbours, Dan and Joan Simpson, the First Response crew of Amherst Island, the Paramedics who arrived by ambulance across the ferry, and the doctors, nurses and staff in the Emergency Department at the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital in Napanee.

All of you responded with the highest standard of care and professionalism. Your quick and skilled efforts resulted in my recovery. I will be forever grateful for your actions.

Sincerely, Steve and Laura Street and family

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS

Amherst Island Women's Institute is assisting island residents by offering a Medical Equipment Loan Resource. Items such as walkers, bath seats, raised toilet seats, commodes, crutches/canes, and tubrails may be available. At present the items are stored at the home of AIWI member Sharen English.

If you need to borrow pieces of equipment or if you have equipment in good condition that you would like to donate please call Sharen at 613-384-6535.

Note: additional loan cupboards are located at Seniors Outreach Services, at L&A Hospice, and at Oddfellows. Equipment can be rented at Medigas, Motion Specialties, Shoppers Home Health Care and at Kingston Oxygen.

BEACON ADS

FOR SALE

KENMORE Freezer 12.2 cu ft. Excellent Condition
\$200.00

RIDGID

12 " Compound Miter Saw with Exactline™ Laser

\$400.00

Inclusive Two Wheel Stand EXCELLENT

CONDITION

RIDGID

Heavy Duty ½" 2-Speed Hammer Drill \$60.00

RIDGID

Heavy Duty Variable Speed 3" X 21" Belt Sander

EXCELLENT CONDITION \$80.00

DEWALT

50-Degree 7-in Corded Circular Saw EXCELLENT

CONDITION \$120.00

VW PASSAT - Four Winter tires on Rims \$600.00

EXCELLENT CONDITION (used only for one season)

JOBMATE

3 Gallon Oil-Free air Compressor EXCELLENT

CONDITION \$50.00

PLEASE CALL: 613-634-9280

Looking for a bush-hog operator with equipment to clear 2-3 ac. of tall weeds and brush on South Shore Rd., west of Marshall 40 Foot Rd.

Call William 613-936-1686

AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For appointments call 613 328-8892

AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon)

Sunday: closed

BETTY'S HOME COOKING

My Market Goodies are available!

Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your cooking for company is over.

Call Betty 389-7907

COLIN BRADY

Spider Spraying / Fruit Tree Spraying

Call: 613-634-6680 (cottage) or 289-385-7217 (cell)

FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:

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Goodman House (waterfront)

- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths

- available year round

FOR SALE

Wooded, hilly, 4-acre-plus, waterfront lot next to the Fowler House. Ask for details.

Call Hugh & Claire Jenney 613-384-7830 for an appointment to see the property and enjoy tea on the patio next door where Sir John A MacDonald's wife rested while her husband campaigned in Stella.

HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE:

Septic Pumping & Inspection

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I AM NOW SELLING WATKINS PRODUCTS AS WELL AS RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS.

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LOCAL ELECTRICIAN 30yrs exp, \$25 an hour. Also Home Renovations, Tree Removal, Pressure Wash. Call Cary 389-8327.

GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE

We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on Amherst Island for their continued support of our product.

Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chilli & Lime; Maple Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast.

Now selling packages of 4 sausages!!

See more at: "thewholehogblog@blogspot.com"; Facebook, "Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on "Twitter@Godden Farms".

Please call ahead for large orders, 705-653-5984.

With Sincere Thanks Lori Caughey & Family.

HELP STILL NEEDED. We need the following items for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A.. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand, Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well.

Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter.

Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135.

ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

POPLAR DELL FARM BED & BREAKFAST

3190 FRONT ROAD, AMHERST ISLAND

Welcoming guests for over 30 years.

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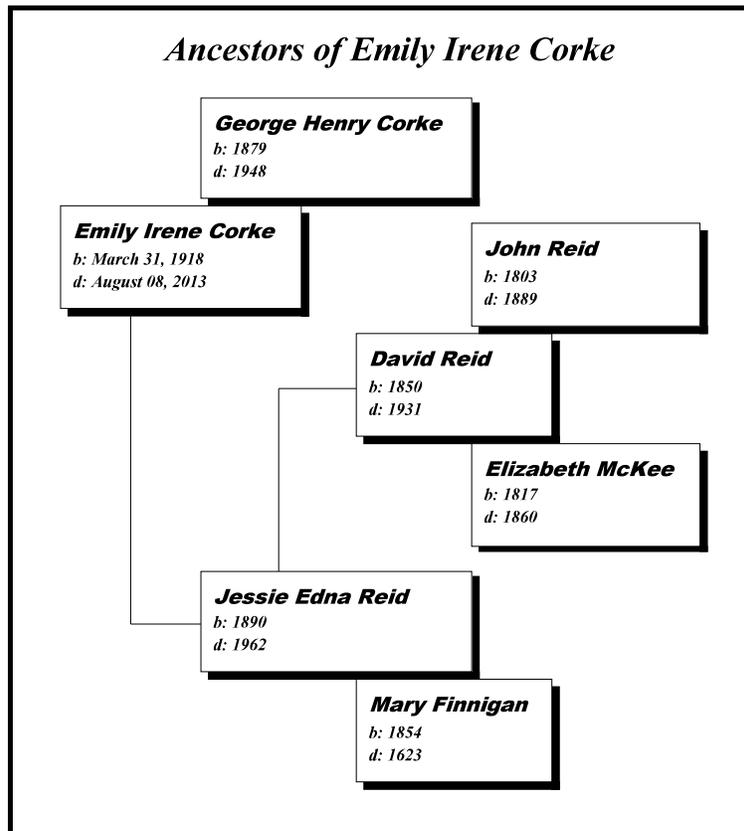
Call Susie @ 613-389-2012

TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED 613 389-3444

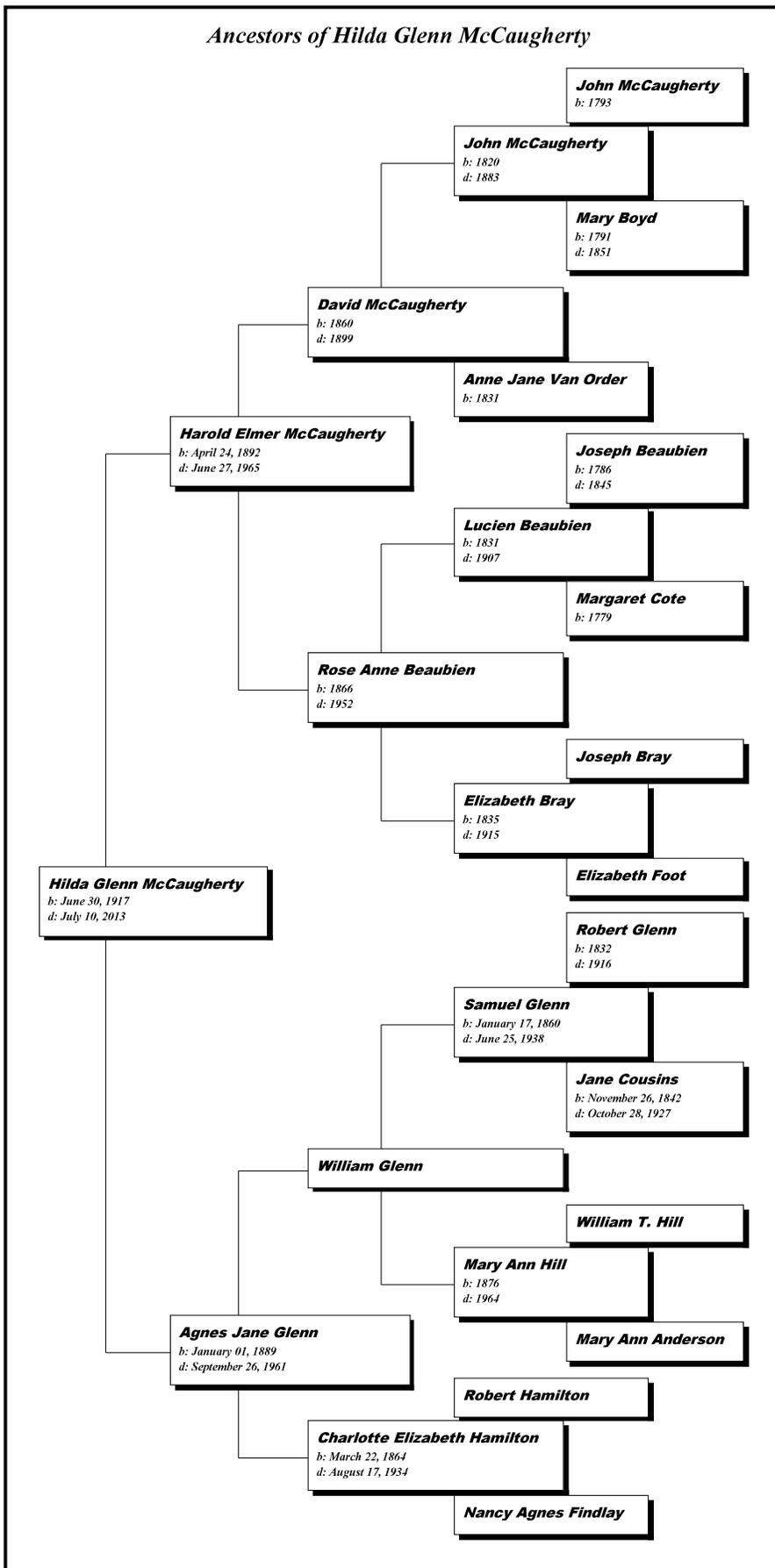
Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, crafts, and individual photos, books and booklets by Don Tubb.

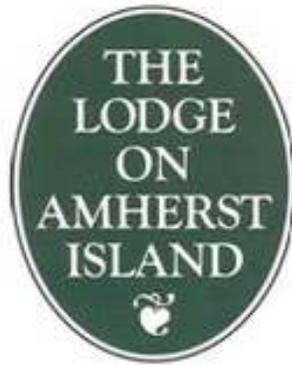
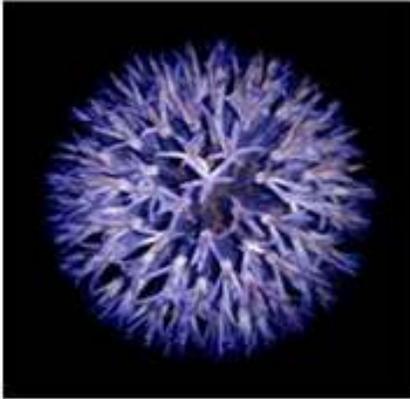
Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

TOPSY FARMS has fresh frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool Shed.



Ancestors of Hilda Glenn McCaugherty





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Colour, Light and Personality

Renee & Woody

Art Show

August 31, 2013

Opening Reception

2pm-5pm

Sales Start at 2:30pm

**Come enjoy some refreshments
and meet the artists**

**Show will remain hanging until
September 30, 2013**

Call for viewing 613.634.1388

Four Pictures of Noreen Welbanks from Dale Filson via Graeme McDonald



Noreen and Howard Welbanks on their wedding day.



Elburn Welbanks (father) with Noreen, Howard and Dale (in wagon).



Noreen and Howard on the fishing boat.



Noreen

Two Pictures of Hilda Kilpatrick (McCaugherty) from Alan McCaugherty



Hilda with her immediate family:
back row: Harold, Myrtle, Edgar, Eva, Hilda, Jennie
front row: Glendon, Milton



Hilda Kilpatrick on her 90th birthday.

Kate Hewitt's Island visit.



Photo by Zander Dunn

Left to right: Caroline Swartz, Kate Hewitt, Andrea Cross
On Tuesday afternoon August 13, the Women's Institute hosted the popular novelist, Kate Hewitt and her daughter, Caroline, at The Lodge. Kate Hewitt spoke about writing 200 short stories for magazines in England and 30 Harlequin books. Because she has recently published the first of a series of three books on Amherst Island (which she visited as a young person) Andrea Cross arranged for her to return to Amherst Island and speak about her work. The 52 people who attended enjoyed Mrs. Hewitt's presentation which involved reading a short excerpt from the first of her books in her trilogy about Amherst Island entitled, *Down Jasper Lane*. Mrs. Hewitt, the wife of a vicar of the Church of England, is also the niece of Sally Wilson, a summer resident in the former home of the cheese maker in Stella. Kate and Caroline were later entertained over a wonderful supper at the home of Bill and Deb Barrett on the South Shore.

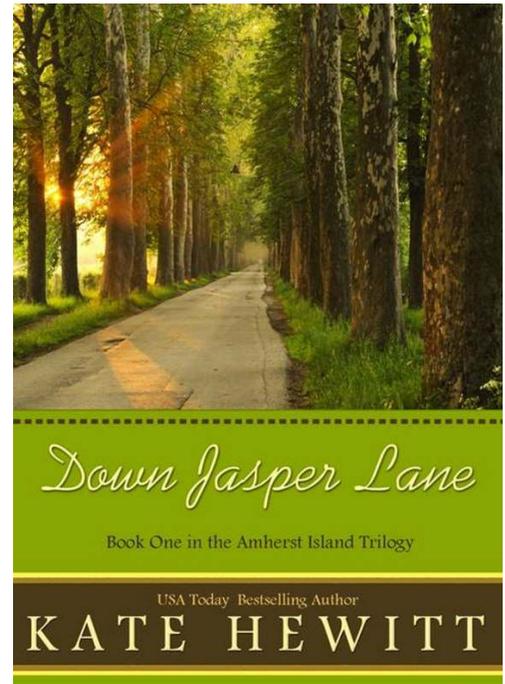




Photo by Sally Bowen

Team Mooney takes the win in The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Car Rally.



Photo by Don Tubb

The core sampler over on the mainland side. (Somewhere along the way we lost Ida's picture of same so I've substituted one of mine... sorry Ida).

Wooly Bully run 2013



Photo by Sally Bowen
Laurie Kilpatrick, Sherry Miller, Anita McKee, Julie Forester



Photo by Sally Bowen
Sherry pinning on Sam's number.



Photo by Sally Bowen
Laurie Kilpatrick with her medal.



Photo by Sally Bowen
Nathan Murray and Sam Miller were the only Island children in the run.

The Emerald Music Festival 2013



Photo by Joan Simpson

MC Gord Miller introducing THE LAWS.



Photo by Roxanne Gutton

Jim and Brenda Van Alstyne taking in the music.



Photo by Roxanne Gutton

Keith Miller and Emma Wronski.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS,

- Allan Glenn

John and Madlyn Kerr are currently vacationing in Britain and, as guest editor of this month's paper, I will exercise this privilege and make a few random cheers and jeers.

Cheers and congratulations to Beth Forester and her many helpers, for the organization of the Reunion. Judging from the numerous, positive comments I heard, everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the events.

Cheers to John and Madlyn Kerr and a few regular contributors for the continuance of the Beacon but Jeers to many of us who could contribute and don't.

Jeers to any thought of closing the Island school. Commuting is very taxing for adults let alone subjecting young children to a lengthy day. And for what? A better education? A few dollars less? No, on both counts.

Conversely, Cheers to David and Karen Fleming and any others who are, or plan to, keep the student population of the Island such that the school will always be needed. . . .

Lastly, Cheers to Reeve Allison and Council, for your many accomplishments such as the paved Front Road. Toilet facilities at both docks is also a good idea now that long waiting periods are often sustained. Good financial management is also indicated by the accompanying letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

REEVE N.J. ALLISON AND COUNCIL

Dear Reeve Allison and Council:

We have recently reviewed your 1982 Financial Report and updated this information by contact with your office. You and your staff are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The effort and success in reducing your tax

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arrears is a case in point. Also, it is apparent that you are aware of the positive effect of a good reserve for working funds on cash flow management.

It is always a pleasure to serve the Township of Amherst Island and to work with your staff.

Yours truly,

Spencer A. Hope

Manager

Field Services Branch Kingston

COUNCIL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1983

- Chris Kennedy

All council members attended.

Council adopted the minutes of the August meeting.

At a special meeting on August 18th, Council had started the work necessary to proceed with the Municipal Drain, as the Drainage Referee had dismissed all the appeals. However, since then, the appellants have appealed the Referee's decision to the Divisional court, so the drain cannot proceed until that appeal has been decided.

Council asked the Beacon to publish a notice saying that cars moved on to the ferry by the crew at the owner's request are at the owner's risk; also requesting that cars that are left on the other side to be brought over later are parked in the parking area, not the loading zone. The crew put on the cars as a favour to people; they are not required to do this as part of their job.

Council reviewed the Township's spending up to August 30th, and it seems that they are well under the projected budget. Council are negotiating with Bruce Caughey about purchasing rock for crushing from his quarry.

The dump will be pushed back again. People are still leaving garbage all over the ramp. The Gibson lot in Emerald has been sold, subject to approval for water and sewage systems.

Council discussed the dilapidated buildings on the island, and are to invite the owner of the old store in Emerald to discuss the matter with them.

Four building permits were issued during the last month: a garage for Alan Kidd; a granary for Albert Henderson; a garage for Mr. Bailey; and, a garden shed for Warren Kilpatrick.

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Finally, various pieces of correspondence were studied and thrown away.

A correction. I fear that my accent must have confused the O.P.P. officer I called about the correct procedure at a 4-way stop. The correct answer, according to the Ministry of Transportation – Driver Education Centre is that the vehicle on the right goes first. The person on the left always yields to the person on the right. If you are turning you yield to oncoming traffic as well as observing right of way.

NOTICE RE AMHERST ISLAND FERRY

- N.J. Allison, Ferry Manager

Township Council deems it necessary to advise the travelling public that:

- a) Cars moved on to the ferry by the crew at the owner's request are moved at the owner's risk;
- b) Cars left behind will not necessarily be brought over on the next trip; and,
- c) Cars left on the other side to be brought over later are to be parked in the parking areas, not in the loading zone.

Please be reminded that the crew brings over cars as a courtesy to the public. Please give them your full cooperation.

DEAR EDITORS

- R. Keith Earls

I thought the following might interest the Islanders.

The ashes of the late Mrs. Walter McCree were interred in the Union Cemetery at Westmeath, Ontario, beside those of the late Rt. Reverend Doctor Walter McCree M.A.D.D. who was one time minister of St. Paul's Church, Amherst Island and later moderator of the General Assembly.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Keith Earls and attended by Mr. Hugh McCree, his sons and a group of friends.

NOTEWORTHY APPOINTMENTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

In recent years two well known "Part time" residents of our Island Community have received appointments to duties that are worthy of note.

On July 15th last the minister of Tourism and

Recreation, Hon. Reuben Baetz, announced the appointment of Syl Apps, former M.L.A. for Kingston and the Islands and a cabinet minister in the Provincial Government and a well known N.H.L. hockey great while Captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs to a responsible position in the distribution of \$10 million which is provided annually by Queen's Park to Ontario Sport.

At present 79 sports share this amount and the government is insisting that a single body handle distribution and accounting of same. The portion of this money allocated to hockey promotion will be one of Mr. Apps' greatest concerns in the way of resolving disagreements within the various associations as to the proper distribution of these government funds.

Mr. Apps has until September 30th next to complete his task.

On July 18th last the appointment of J. Roderick Barr, Q.C. as Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario was made by the Federal Minister of Justice in Ottawa.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Barr was sworn in on Tuesday, August 30th last in Courtroom No. 1 Osgoode Hall, Toronto by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario and in the presence of a large gathering of Judges of the Supreme Court as well as representatives of the Judiciary on the Federal level.

In attendance at the colourful ceremony from this area were The Honourable Justice Wm. J. Henderson of Amherstview, Mr. & Mrs. A. Bruce Caughey, Mrs. Harold R. Marshall and Mr. H. Allen Caughey of Amherst Island.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Judges' Dining Room, Osgoode Hall, following which Judge and Mrs. Barr entertained their family and friends at a dinner party at "Winstons".

Hon. Justice Barr has until his appointment, been the senior partner in a large law firm in the City of St. Catharines over a period of 32 years.

TO THE REUNION COMMITTEE

(Typical appreciations)

Thank You

Hi Everyone,

Just a sincere thanks to all of you for a most successful weekend. We thoroughly enjoyed

ourselves and I know all of you worked very hard for it to be a success, but the end result made it worthwhile. All who took part in the play had a barrel of fun, we grumbled about learning the parts, but just the same we had a grand time.

Once again thanks for a lovely memory of seeing all our school friends.

DEAR AICS REUNION COMMITTEE

Thank you for a super organized reunion. Your hard work in planning the event was evident in all the activities.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely

Pat Eves Johnson

That folks is the end of the Archives for this month... stay tuned for another exciting episode of the past in next month's issue.

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Photo by Roxanne Gutton

Nathan (on left) and Don (on right) help keep the ewes on the road as they drift by Reid's on the 2nd Con heading to their fall pasture.