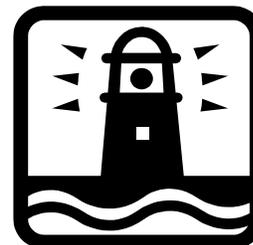


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Annual loss	\$6.44	\$10.88	\$14.12

This shows losses per customer of mailed Beacons. There are now less than 100 paper-subscriptions. I expect that there will be even fewer if subscription rates are increased to cover production costs.

My inclination is to stop producing the paper-Beacon, pay off the unfulfilled subscriptions and produce a free e-Beacon. This would mean, for me, no more money out of my pocket and no more stuffing envelopes, attaching address labels and adding postage. Don would also not have subscription work to do.

Sally, when I told her what I wanted to do, insisted that the Amherst Island community be notified to see if there is a way to keep the paper-Beacon going.

I want to keep producing the Beacon with Sally's help. I do not want to deal with subscription issues or mailing labour.

Anyone interested in discussing this, phone or e-mail me.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Val Wolfreys, and Susan Filson.

Condolences to Janet Scott and family, after the loss of her sister Margaret in Waterloo.

Condolences also, to Grace Bailey, following the recent passing of her brother-in-law Frank Bailey.

Our sympathy to Janice McGinn (Eric) and Doug Willard (Gail) and their families, and to Marion

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THE PAPER-BEACON

-Ian Murray, Editor

The paper-Beacon is now costing significantly more than what the subscriptions bring in. It is unfair for e-Beacon subscriptions (which cost significantly less to produce) and myself to cover the shortfall.

“Other mailing costs” include: envelopes, share of postage machine rental and ink, address labels and so on.

Here is a breakdown of the paper Beacon costs:

Glenn, on the loss of their mother, grandmother and sister, Elsie Willard. Elsie passed away unexpectedly following a short illness. Our thoughts are also with her extended family and friends here on the Island. Elsie will be missed by many.

Congratulations to Brian and Eva Little, who recently celebrated their 25th anniversary.



Photo by Zander Dunn

Happy 60th Birthday to Larry Fleming, who celebrated at home with family and friends and later by touring the Island from the air, with his son Jason and daughter Stephanie .

Congratulations to Amherst Island Public School

students who raised \$1700.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. (Not quite enough for their teachers to jump off the ferry dock!)

The 11th annual Harvest Festival was held at Reidview Farms on a perfect, warm, sunny fall day. Although attendance was down, the visitors that did come out enjoyed music by Dan Simpson and friends, exhibits, 4-H calf show, apple press demonstration, Rec. Association canteen, as well as the competitions – best apple pie; bale rolling; cross-cut saw; nail driving and lots more! (See some pictures later in this issue.)

It has been interesting, watching the stone crusher and associated machinery arrive by ferry and barge this month – sometimes a little frustrating too, when the ferry was off or road was blocked, but in the end we will have gravel for the roads.

Fall arrived early on Amherst Island. Brisk temperatures in mid-September arrived even before the official start of Fall. Late September has seen warmer temperatures again, with lots of sunshine and blue skies. Leaves are changing – another pretty season on Amherst Island will be coming to an end tho' as cooler, windy and rainy weather is forecast for early October. A sure sign of fall is the cottagers and summer people packing up for the season.



Wynter Truman, Angus, Katie, Eva, Brian, Jack, Daniel Little. Cake by Lynn Fleming

Photo by Zander Dunn



A bit of nepotism - congratulations to (my grandson) Braden Fleming (above centre), who recently finished 3rd in the Provincial BMX races in Milton, ON. Not bad for his first year competing.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with family and safe travels

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Judy Greer

The meeting was held September 17th at the home of Marilyn Pilon with 12 members and 1 guest attending. Guest speaker was Jacob Murray who spoke about his June trip to Ireland to a Stone Fence convention and workshop. In Ireland Jacob was partly hosted by Islander Kitsy McMullen and he gave an excellent presentation with pictures and stories. Both Jacob and Andrea were thanked for their efforts on the Stone Fence Project and our branch offered further support as needed, especially during the 2015 activities.

Regular business was conducted. The Advocacy Committee is concerned with 2 issues: one is

protesting the sale of kits to install High Intensity Car Headlamps (a FWIO objective), and the second is protesting use of balloons during Canada Day celebrations as they pose a hazard to the environment.

A newsletter has been received from the L&A Historical Society and will be available to the public at the Neilson Museum.

The District WI meeting will be held October 15th at the Selby Hall and members are invited to attend. Carol has agreed to take on the Good Cheers Committee and she will appreciate notifications.

The final weekend for the market coffee cart will be Thanksgiving. Members were thanked for donations of baking for our cart at the Emerald

Music Festival. Volunteers were requested for our fall Roadside Cleanup which will take place October 2nd at 9am. The group discussed donations to be made for 2014-15 and expenditures to Friends of Honduran Children (Ashley McGinn), to the Ameriks Scholarship, and to the KIVA organization were approved. Further discussions will continue at the next meeting.

Planning is underway for the annual Seniors Christmas Dinner to be held Sunday, December 7th at the Community Centre. Liz has offered to start to organize the work in the kitchen and Debbie will circulate a volunteer signup sheet.

The meeting finished up with a Brown Bag auction and a delicious snack was provided by Marilyn and Mary Kay.

The next WI meeting will be held October 15th at 6pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church followed at 7pm by an open presentation by Loyalist Recreation Co-ordinator Megan Smith, introducing the new Activity Centre in Amherstview. Everyone is welcome to attend the 7pm presentation.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Greer



Above Left: Apple Press with Keith Miller and Wayne Fleming

Above Right Victoria Rybka demonstrating bale rolling

Both photos by Charles W. Plank

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Fall Flights and Fantastic Returns

Tringa melanoleuca: (Sounds like a bad disease doesn't it?) but it means bird with a white rump. During the fall days as you wait in line for the ferry you have probably been treated to the melancholy three note call of the Greater Yellowlegs as he feeds along the shoreline searching for tasty morsels at the water's edge. The call is a slightly descending series of three or more "tew" sounds and is quite loud. Greater Yellowlegs like the other shorebird species feed on aquatic worms, insects and small fish.

The Yellowlegs species nest across northern Canada and southern Alaska. The pair nests in a shallow depression on the ground and raises four chicks which like the more familiar Killdeer are

feeding for themselves shortly after hatching. They nest in the tundra and muskeg during the breeding season and migrate shortly after as they make their way south towards the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and south to the Gulf of Mexico. Returning migrants have been spotted here on Amherst Island as early as July 31st and as late as November 4th.

The Greater Yellowlegs is about 14 inches or 36 centimetres in size. The back is dark brown and mottled. The bird is heavily streaked on the throat and breast and its belly and sides are spotted. Both the Greater at 14 inches and its finer cousin the Lesser Yellowlegs at 10 ½ inches have bright yellow to orange legs. We get both species here but the difference in size is not always easily seen. The Lesser has a higher, shorter call and appears to have a finer and more delicate beak. On August 6th in 1983, Marnie Matthews recorded 50 Lesser

Yellowlegs that had been grounded on Amherst by rain, but by August the 8th they were all gone as the storm front passed and the winds changed. The Greater Yellowlegs has a very slight upturn to its beak and the beak is two-toned in the winter plumage. You might think that it had run into a wall and slightly deformed the tip.

These shorebirds leave the Kingston Area by November and continue their southern migration on to warmer beaches and tropical mudflats but they will return to us in May on their more frantic flight north to arctic breeding grounds.

Catherine Doucet, who some of you met when she worked with Short-eared Owls on Amherst Island in 2009 has been working in the North. She was able to recapture a female Lapland Longspur on Bylot Island in 2013 that she had banded there the summer before. Can you imagine this bird weighing about 27 grams or less than an ounce flying this distance, possibly all the way to the Gulf of Mexico? Fantastic!

Other Shorebirds that you might also see could be: Whimbrel, Least Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Sanderling, Black-bellied Plover, Golden Plover, Semi-palmated Plover, Godwit or Turnstone.

Shorebirds at first appear to be a whole bunch of mottled, speckled brown birds but as you watch and observe you will begin to learn the slight differences that make Bird watching so much fun!

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 17th Meeting of Council, August 25th

“Moved by Deputy Mayor Bresee and seconded by Councillor Ashley THAT . . . the contract for Tender 2014-09 be awarded to Bricaza Corporation for the supply of Stone Crushing & Stockpiling Services Amherst Island Quarry for the cost of \$57,150.00 plus HST.”

Motion passed.

“Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bresee that . . . By-law 2014-060, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign a Licence Agreement with Ducks Unlimited for the Wemp's Bay Wetland Project, be adopted.

Enacted and Passed this 25th day of August, 2014.”

From 18th Meeting of Council, September 8

“Moved by Deputy Mayor Bresee and seconded by Councillor Ashley that the report from the Project Supervisor, September 2, 2014 re: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Lot 8/9 Front Road Amherst Island, be received,

1. AND THAT Council approve Option 3 as designed by AECOM as the preferred option for the Front Road reconstruction,
2. AND THAT Council authorize staff to expedite the Land Transfer of the existing road allowance which lies adjacent to the Sally Bowen/Kyle Murray property in exchange for the lands required to construct the Option 3 realignment.
3. THAT staff be directed to negotiate a land transfer for Option 3 such that an option for a new easement to allow limited public access across the existing road allowance with ownership of the road allowance being deeded to the adjacent landowner.”

Motion passed.

AIMS Meeting September 13th

- David Pickering

0800 hrs – St Paul’s Church – Amherst Island

The meeting started with breakfast. Thank you to Bill Barrett for arranging.

23 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Beacon.

Our presentation was started. Neil McMullen provided details of his family on Amherst Island. His records commence in 1783 with discussions of Neal McMullin, who started as a servant boy and ended up marrying the boss’s daughter in Pennsylvania. This eventually resulted in the establishment of ‘McMullenVille’ when six lots were bought on the west end of the Island by family members. With the surge of Irish immigrants during the potato blight, the prosperous family had access to skilled tradesmen. It was during this time that the stone house was erected, as were many other impressive homes on the Island and in Kingston.

Francis McMullen (b1828) was an entrepreneur who established a hotel and a clothing store in Bath. Unfortunately, the railway was established on a route which went through to Napanee instead of Bath. Both businesses failed in subsequent years, and Francis moved to Chicago once the rail line was

extended. His son (Neil b1855) was a traveling salesman in yeast and travelled extensively throughout the United States. Neil's brother, John (b1859) stayed on the Island. His house still stands today, on the property owned by Brian and Carol Finlay. The family moved back and forth between the Island and Chicago as their business fortunes changed.

Robert McMullen, who lived in Chicago, the current Neil McMullen's father, returned regularly to the Island in the 1930's, staying with his uncle John who had never left. Robert reacquired Lot 3 in 1951, and rebuilt and extended the present-day stone house. Paul (the current Neil's son) and Ben (his grandson) make 8 male generations since the original Neil.

Descendants, under either the McMullen name or other names, extend to almost 500.

Request for funding. Ashley McGinn requested support for her humanitarian relief mission to the Honduras in October. Discussions highlighted the importance of encouraging charitable work by young Islanders. The request was approved for \$200.

Transportation report. Two runs were completed since last meeting – three if you counted the heron. Recognition was also made to those members who had conducted private runs.

Breakfasts. Options were discussed. Should we continue to self-arrange as we have during the summer period, or go back to the school? It was pointed out that these breakfasts were a source of funding for the senior class year-end trip, which is something we want to support. It was decided to continue with the school. Brian Little will coordinate. Members are asked to confirm when they will attend, so that less wastage will occur.

New Year's Dance. Discussions were made as to the possibility of providing a New Year's Dance as has been done in the past. Since no members expressed interest in taking on the task, we voted to abandon the dance.

Parade of Lights. A suggestion was made that AIMS produce a float for the Parade of Lights. This was supported, with Marc Raymond, Brian Little and David Pickering being named for coordination.

Next Year's Auction. A committee was established: Marc Raymond and Brian Little.

Retirement initiative. Hugh Groot opened

discussions about a possible retirement facility on the Island. (Moolenbeck, Jenny, Pepper, Albertan participating.) AIMS encouraged the group to continue developing the ideas. The planning group requested support for a fact finding meeting - up to \$150. This was approved.

New Business:

Dayle Gowan reminded the members that we have to request Township funding for next year's hanging flower baskets and museum flower bed support. Thank you to Bill, Bruce, Jeff, Paul, Dale and Anders for flower basket support. Bill will submit the request to the Township with input from Ross Haines. Approved

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS -Zander of DUNN INN

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, at the home of Lorna Willis, about 50 people gathered to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Brian and Eva Little. Of course, a great time was had by all. Jokes were told, toasts were made, hugs were exchanged, cards were presented, food and drink were consumed, and, this being Brian and Eva Little's party, many pictures were taken.

As I watched the good times roll, I got to thinking about the importance of anniversaries in our lives. Every wedding anniversary marks the end of a length of time and the beginning of another length of time in a relationship based on love.

Insofar as Love is of God and Time is of God, every anniversary is an opportunity for us to thank God. Obviously the Littles have enjoyed the gift of Love from God for over 25 years. Their God-given love has produced a happy family of four children all of whom do well in their lives. The two oldest children, Katie and Daniel, were the ones to propose a toast to their parents. The two youngest children, Jack and Angus took pictures of the guests to put into a book, which the guests signed, to mark the big day.

Time is also a gift of God and the Littles have enjoyed 25 years of Time together. Over those 25 years both Brian and Eva have used their talents wisely and well for the good of others. We, on Amherst Island, have benefitted from their presence for over 15 of those years. Brian has worked on the ferry, has been much involved in The Amherst Island Men's Society in many ways, has blossomed as a photographer and has, through his pictures,

chronicled our progress as an Island community. Eva has been a great support to Brian but has also served us as a devoted mother, school teacher and a concerned citizen.

The Littles deserve our gratitude and praise for all they have done among us and for us. But their anniversary celebrations serve also to remind us of all the other people on the Island whose contributions to our welfare deserve to be highlighted.

Life is not fair, even in this regard, because we are singling out the Littles for special recognition while, at the same time, others who deserve equal time and praise are never mentioned. The Littles are only one family in our community which is so varied, so rich and so unusual.

Think about the different people among us. Fifty years ago most Islanders were farmers. Now almost every occupation and vocation is represented among us. Most of the people who live on the Island are rich, perhaps not in money, but certainly in talents, abilities and history. (Perhaps we are rich in money too. Dr. Love, alias Keith Miller, from his viewpoint as the custodian of the Land Restoration Site has told me that those who collect the old clothes we discard in the used clothes bin on his premises have declared that they get more and better used clothes from Amherst Island than from anywhere else). Many of us are unusual. Not only are there distinct characters among us but those characters are outstanding in their achievements and personalities.

How fortunate we are to live on this beautiful Island, among such excellent people and to have so many friends with whom to share and to celebrate life. Life's special moments remind us of God's goodness to us through Love and Time. Those special times, such as the Littles' 25th Wedding Anniversary challenge us to give our Love more generously and to share our Time more often with those in need of our Love and our Time.

After all, it's not that we own Love or Time. We are only stewards of those gifts from God. Our task is to ensure that we lavish our love upon those who need it (and who doesn't need it?) and to spend our time with those who are lacking friends and helpers. We are to make sure that all the members of our community are honoured and thanked for their contributions to our welfare.

The Little 25th Wedding Anniversary reminded me of all that. I hope that your next anniversary (and

it doesn't have to be of a wedding) or celebration of any kind will serve to remind you of our common good fortune.

BATS

-Christopher Kennedy

There was a full house at the Presbyterian Church for the talk on bats on September the 19th. This was put on by the Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council. This is a volunteer group that works to promote responsible land care and stewardship of our natural resources. In cooperation with other groups on the Island they have worked on a grassland species program, the Short-eared owl habitat assessment and the Owl Woods.

With a lot of encouragement from Cherry Allen they have brought Toby Thorne to study the bats on Amherst Island. Toby Thorne is a Master's student at the University of Western Ontario, working on several sites around Ontario. He described how he has been fascinated by bats since he was a child in England.

He first gave us a brief overview of bats around the world, including a species of Fruit Bat with a six foot wingspan. We don't have those on Amherst Island. All our bats are insect eaters, so either hibernate or migrate during the winter.

On the Island he set up several monitoring sites. These are sound recorders that record the echo location sounds put out by the different species of bats. When these are analyzed he can identify the different species present, and get some idea of their frequency. The commonest bat on the Island appears to be the Big Brown Bat, which is the most likely one to find in your house. There are also Little Brown Bats, but these seem to have been hard hit by the White-Nose syndrome, which is a fungus relatively new to North America that has been devastating bat populations in the U.S. and Canada. He also recorded several other species.

Toby also talked about the place of bats in the ecosystem, how they control insect populations, and some species help with pollinating flowers. I always enjoy hearing an enthusiast talk about their passion.

The volunteers who organize events like this make the Island a rewarding and interesting place to live. Thank you.



Stone Wall at Caughey's
Photo by John Shaw-Rimmington

STONEWALL WEEKEND -Robert Fairfull Smith



Photo by Sally Bowen

We assembled in the Caughey's barn on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to meet our instructors and the rest of the students who had signed up for the Dry Stone Walling course. The rain was pounding down. I sat back, hoping that Sean and Eric, our two lead instructors had a long introductory talk prepared. In vain! Sean gave us a quick introduction and then out

to the cold, wet building site. Fortunately the gang from DSWAC [Dry Stone Wall Association of Canada] had the foresight to put up an awning over the area where we would be working.

So to work. Under the patient guidance of Sean and his crew we cleared the site to prepare for the dry stonewall construction. Some of those stones were heavy! Then we learnt to place stones the right way. How to produce a level course. How to follow a taper or "batter" as the wall become higher. We exercised both our hands and our brains as we figured out the puzzle of fitting stones together to provide a strong and even wall. And we learnt about "hearting", the small stones that need to be placed around all the big stones to wedge them in place. You can't have too much hearting!

Soon the group was working smoothly as a team. The rain seemed less significant and with all the lifting and carrying, it wasn't cold any more. It seemed no time at all before we broke for a hearty lunch provided by Susie and Amy Caughey. Too bad there was no time for a post lunch siesta. In the afternoon we continued. Hands were really flying now. Sean let us off early, he said we were ahead of schedule, or maybe he was being kind because of the weather. We stood back and admired our work, we had a wall.

By late Sunday morning the wall was up to height and merged into the old wall. We broke early for another great lunch. Then after lunch we placed the coping stones along the top of the wall. In this wall, stones laid vertically providing weight to stabilize the wall. We had done it!

After suitable celebration, for an added bonus, our stone guru, John Shaw-Rimington, built a dry stone arch aided by the group. It was amazing, and just to show his confidence in the arch, John and Farley, his dog, went under it and posed for pictures.

All in all it was a wonderful experience. Beats me why people go and sit in classrooms to learn team building. Go on a Dry Stone Wall course. And at the end, you have something to show for it. Where do I sign up for next year?

The DSWAC instructors were terrific, John and Bill were both a fount of knowledge and wit, and the Caughey's hospitality was wonderful

RETIREMENT FACILITY

-Hugh Jenney

Thanks to the 10% of Islanders who responded to our questionnaire which we tabulated September 30th. Nine people answered yes to downsizing in the near future. Ten people are waiting before committing themselves and nine people said no to downsizing.

The nine yeses translate into six units as do the ten who are not quite ready yet.

We feel encouraged enough to press ahead to find a suitable location near enough to the ferry to be within walking distance.

We will be calling a general meeting of all those who showed an interest, once we have more solid information on a suitable location.

Meanwhile feel free to communicate your ideas to any of our committee members: Hugh & Joyce Groot, Hugh Jenney, John Moolenbeek and Don Pepper.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Amherst Island Fall Store hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9 am - 11:30 am; 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Thurs: 9:00 am - 11:30 am; 3:30 pm - 6 pm

Sat: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sun: closed

With the closure of Stella's Café for the season, the Internet Café will also be closing for Thursdays. We will continue to provide Tuesday (9-11) and Wednesday (1-3) drop-in support and answers to your computing questions at our normal location at

the Neilson Museum. Watch for the yellow and red sign.

Mayo is looking for an old-fashioned baby scale - the kind with a dial. If you have one, please contact her at 613 389-2480

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Fall hours: Saturday (10 am to 4 pm), Sunday (1 to 4 pm) Holiday Mondays (1 to 4 pm)

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Fall hours: Saturday (10 am to 4 pm), Sunday (1 to 4 pm) Holiday Mondays (1 to 4 pm)

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Issue 81, October 15, 1984

COUNCIL REPORT FOR OCTOBER

- Chris Kennedy

Before the regular Council meeting there was a special meeting to consider a revision to the Zoning By-law. The Reeve and councillors Tugwell and Fleming were present, as well as Syl Apps, Duncan Marshall and the County planning officer. Syl Apps and Duncan Marshall want to sever three building lots and have them zoned Rural Residential. The County planning officer explained that these would be very close to the farm buildings on the property, so he thought that the farm buildings should be zoned Rural Residential also, and if the land was used for farming, new buildings could be put up on the other side of the road.

Later at the regular meeting the matter was discussed, and Council decided to grant two severances, but not the third closest to the farm buildings which would be left as rural.

Ted Welbanks then arrived for the regular Council meeting. Ian Murray was away working in Huntsville. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The building inspector wants to attend a Seminar on the Revisions to the Residential Building Code and Plumbing Regulations. Council will pay his expenses. The Reeve reported that he had been to 12 extra meetings in September. He discussed the

bridge on the Third with Totten-Simms-Hubicki
There were several meetings about the ferry, which
is repaired, until it hits another log. The new
gearbox was about \$35, 000 and the new front light
\$600. Norman is going to run for Warden of Lennox
and Addington, and the election is in December.

Jim Bell-Smith and George Gavlas will be hired as
additional relief crew for the ferry. All the ferry crew
will have medical examinations during the next few
weeks. These will take place during the working day.
Work will start on the toilets on the ferry docks at a
cost of about \$10,000.

Totten-Simms-Hubicki have been studying the new
bridge on the Third Concession. It will cost about
\$30,000. Council is to check that it will not conflict
with the Miller Drain.

The Township has received another grant of \$2000
from the Ministry of the Environment for the dump.
This is to "assist" the local municipality in
upgrading its waste disposal site in accordance with
the provincial legislation."

A budget update was presented, to Sept. 17th. Unlike
the Federal Government, the Township manages to
work within its budget. Details are available at the
township office. The Recreation Committee wants to
start volleyball again in January. There were a
number of pieces of correspondence dealt with, and
Council then adjourned.

LEGION EVENTS

Our annual Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance will be
held at the school on Friday, October 26th
commencing at 7:00 p.m. This customary event is
primarily for the young fry and is about a break-
even venture. However many adults have contributed
greatly to its success in the past and we hope this
will continue. Complete details are posted at
Glenn's Store. See you at the unmasking.

This year Remembrance Day falls on Sunday and it
is hoped that a joint church service can be arranged
although details have not been completed. Our Zone
Headquarters has declared the 3rd of November as
official Poppy Day. Therefore our members will try
to visit your homes on that Saturday. A Poppy Box
will also be placed in Glenn's Store.

Chester Tugwell Pres. Branch 53 9

SCHOOL NEWS OCTOBER 1984

- Steven Ward & Trudy Strain

The students have now settled in for another year of
hard work and some fun. Because of this there isn't
much news except the following:

In late September the Junior room went on a field
trip just below Stella. The main objective of the trip
was to identify plants and some small animals. The
students really enjoyed the trip.

On Oct. 1st, representatives from the senior and
junior rooms travelled to Tamworth Public School
for a soccer tournament. The team won one game 1-
0 but lost the two others 2-1 and 3-2. The team
played very well against the much larger schools
and just finished a bit short of the finals.

The students' council had a small rummage sale Oct.
2nd and raised \$13.00 for school use.

The Council is also planning a Hallowe'en party
and dance for Oct. 30th. Some money for the school
will also be raised then.

The new Students' Council for 1984-5 consists of:

Steven Ward - Head person

Penny Thornhill - Head person

Rick Welbanks - Senior representative

Mike Strain - Junior representative

Jason Silver - Primary representative

Lori Caughey - Primary representative

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

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EDITOR'S CORNER

-Don Tubb

Fall's here! The trees have turned! The weather
has turned! Thank goodness it has been a
spectacularly fine September and October - just a
nice way to slide into fall. Have you ever noticed
how much people appreciate good weather in the
fall?

Of course, with the coming of this fall, we have
an election to keep us entertained. Well... maybe not
entertained but at least interested. We'll be doing
our part with some information for you and some
sage advice for the candidates. We start with a quote
from Dan Needles book Letters From Wingfield
Farm:

'People run for Council when they run out of stupid
things to do at their own places.' That was said to

the city slicker turned farmer who had just announced his intention to run for Council. This book, by the way, is a riot.

YOUR CANDIDATES....

Standing for Election Are:

Reeve:

Duncan Ashley Allen Caughey

Councillor:

Ken Albertan Lyn Fleming

Alex Scott Jr. Jim Whitton

Ralph Woods

Public School Board:

Bruce Caughey (acclaimed)

COUNCIL REPORT OCTOBER 4, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Ralph Woods was away in China for this Council meeting.

Robert Mackenzie, the planner for the Township, has lived to complete the Official Plan and the new Zoning By-law. He presented the final version of the Zoning By-law which has been three years and more meetings than anyone cares to remember in preparation. After a couple of minor alterations this was finally passed, signed and delivered amid sighs of relief and mutual congratulations. Even more remarkably, all parties seem to be still talking to each other. Some townships have had to call in the police to maintain order or to rescue council when Zoning By-laws have been passed.

The Road Crew has been busy ditching on various parts of the Island. They have also been working on the southern-most of the blind hills on the Emerald Forty Foot. Vision is much better there now, and the road has been widened to two full lanes. They have also finished the helipad and it is ready for use.

M.T.O. was contacted to find out when they wanted the Frontenac II back. They did not seem to be concerned as long as it was returned before the ice came in. Council therefore decided to keep it at least until the end of October, and possibly longer if we can afford it. The Frontenac II is more expensive to run than the Amherst Islander, as it uses more fuel, but Council felt that most people would be prepared to pay a little more if we could keep the bigger ferry for longer.

Plans are still going ahead for the work on the Stella dock, but the Reeve is having great difficulty finding out what is planned. He is lobbying for it to be made suitable for an end loading ferry. It appears that the work may go on during the winter. Council, in particular Allen Caughey, were eloquent that this was very bad timing, particularly because the Amherst Islander may not survive another winter being pushed through the ice by a tug. However, if the Ministry of Natural Resources says we cannot disturb the (-----) fishes, the M.N.R. carries the whip hand.

Jessica Gavlas wrote to Council requesting that shelters, be erected on each dock for foot passengers. Council discussed this for some time, and decided to ask the Public Works department what the cost would be for something like a bus shelter.

The lawyer for the Back Beach has submitted another bill. After some debate Council decided that it would not be paid until the agreement was signed and the final bill was received, as the business seems to be dragging on and on.

The Ameriks Scholarship fund has been divided up equally between: Leah Murray, Steven Ward and Michael Strain, attending Queens; Amy Caughey, Guelph University; Chad Miller, Trent University; and, Michael Horth attending St. Lawrence College.

Jim Whitton had written to Council complaining that the public had been kept poorly informed about the progress and direction the Back Beach agreement, particularly considering the enormous cost to the Township. The Reeve will therefore write a progress report to be published in this Beacon.

One more regular meeting for this Council.

LETTERS TO THE BEACON

BACK BEACH UPDATE FROM THE REEVE

- Reeve Willard

Council has followed up the negotiations begun earlier this year for public access to the Back Beach property. I expect that in the next few weeks the final negotiations will be complete and can be presented to Council for a final vote.

In essence the agreement states that the Hunt Club will accede to the Township's claims that it is a public road allowance. The property will be surveyed, the road will be opened officially and then it will be closed. Deeds will be

registered that will give the Corporation of Amherst Island and Nut Island Farms joint ownership. The Township will own it from January 1 of each year until Labour Day of the same year. For the hunting season on, Labour Day to December 31, the Hunt Club will own it (although the public can use it on Sundays in the fall). Council has been negotiating the final agreement as to signage and litter control and a few other small items. With this agreement the Public will have access forever to the property and this trying and expensive exercise will be finished.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

- Councillor Ian Murray

This afternoon, October 17th, I chaired (in Reeve Willard's absence) a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the proposed construction work to the Stella dock. The meeting was attended by representatives of both Transport Canada and M.T.O.

Transport Canada indicated at the start of the meeting that construction would start in December. Apparently, the Transport Canada representatives were unaware of the problems experienced during the winter construction of the Millhaven dock. They were quickly made aware that there were problems aplenty and that, as far as the Island is concerned, winter construction is Not a good idea.

To Council's considerable relief, both levels of government agreed that construction should not be done in the winter. It was further agreed that work done should be compatible with end-loading. Council expressed its desire that the work be done in the early fall of 1995.

This was a productive meeting and hopefully, there will be no foul-ups at higher levels of government.

An honest politician is one who, when he or she is bought, will stay bought. - Simon Cameron -

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

Congratulations to Bruce Barrette and Gloria Jane French on the birth of their first baby, a son. Cole was born at Kingston General Hospital, Thursday, October 6, weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz.

Congratulations to Chad Miller on being awarded a Canada Scholarship for outstanding

academic achievement. Chad is a graduate of ESS and is in the concurrent Education Program at Trent University in Peterborough.

Our sympathy to friends and family of Jack Instant, a former Islander who passed away last week.

Congratulations also to Debbie Fleming and Alex Scott Jr., who announced their engagement at Thanksgiving.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The September meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Jean McIntyre. The meeting was opened with the Ode, Collect & O Canada. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Bruce Caughey Sr. who spoke to us of 'Communications on Amherst Island'. He started with the earliest system and took us right through to the present day telephone system. It was a very interesting and informative evening. We hope he will come back again and tell us of the Island's Transportation System, which will be just as interesting and informative.

After lunch, a business meeting was held and the meeting closed with the singing of 'The Queen'.

LAWS OF RANDOM PERVERSITY

1. Everybody lies; but it doesn't matter, since nobody listens.
2. Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.
3. For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.
4. Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.
5. A closed mouth gathers no feet.
6. The secret to success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you've got it made.
7. People who love sausage and respect the law should never watch either one being made.

a.k.a. Machiavelli's Rule

a.k.a. Bismark's Law

LIBRARY NEWS

- Karen Fleming

Summer is over, and with it, another successful Summer Reading Club. Seven children took part,

and while the number may be small, all the participants were enthusiastic. For each book the kids read, they can enter their name in draws for prizes. The prizes are bought with money donated by the local Legion branch, as well as smaller donations from two parents. The winners of the main prizes are as follows:

Tape Player - Mindy Flemming

Badminton Set - Kyle Murray

Snorkel - Andrew McDonald

Volleyball - Angela Fleming

The other participants were Crystal Bedford, Wendy Fleming and Jacob Murray.

Our thanks to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 and Sally Bowen for their donations, from all the children, Stella Branch and Lennox And Addington County Library.

TOWNSHIP OF AMHERST ISLAND

Wallet Found

A wallet was found on the ferry by the crew. Anyone describing the wallet correctly may reclaim it at the Township Office.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

- Karen Fleming

Calling all children - from 2 to 92! The Halloween Masquerade is coming up quickly - on Friday, October 28. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and unmasking will be at 8:00 p.m. for children and 9:00 p.m. for adults. This will get the little ones out of hot masks early, so they can enjoy games, etc better, while giving older kids and adults more time to enjoy being in costume, or to get there after work, etc. The dance is free for children up to grade 8, and \$3.00 for those in grade 9 or older. Hope to see you there.

If you happen to drive past the cenotaph on the morning of October 1st, you would have seen four industrious young ladies planting tulip bulbs. When the Netherlands were invaded in 1940, Crown Princess Juliana - later Queen Juliana - escaped with her family to Ottawa, where she lived through the war. Returning home in 1945, the Dutch Royal Family sent a gift of 10,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa in appreciation not only for refuge, but also to thank Canadians for their military role in the liberation of the Netherlands. In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary we have The Tulip Tribute: Shore To Shore.

Commemorative gardens are being planted in communities across the country. Each tulip planted is dedicated to someone who played a part, however, small, in the success of the war effort. For every tulip planted locally, another will bloom in Canada's Capital as a symbol of what Canadians achieved in difficult times. Thirty bulbs have been purchased by the Legion, and were planted by the 1st Amherst Island Brownies (Whitney Fleming and Alicia Wolfreys) and the 1st Amherst Island Girl Guides (Mindy Fleming and Samantha Pollock), assisted of course by the Tasmanian Devil, also known as Tommy. Watch for these to bloom in May, and be proud. Remember that many people contributed to the success of the war effort - from servicemen all the way to the women who knitted socks or went to work in a factory. Virtually everyone who lived in Canada at the time made a contribution and deserves to be honoured.

In closing, Remembrance Day will soon be here. Please wear a poppy to remember and honour those who fought and died for our freedom. There will be a Remembrance Service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on November 6, as well as a service at the school on November 11. Please try to attend one or both.

ISLAND HISTORY

The Lennox & Addington Historical Society is compiling a history of all from the County who served in World War II. If readers served, or know of any who did, they are requested to contact:

Frank Streek.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Hugh Filson and Sally Skene would like to invite family and friends to join them in celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents, Melville And Chris Filson on October 28, 1994.

The dance will be held on the second floor at Kingston Park Raceway, McAddoos Lane, Kingston, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

Best Wishes Only Please.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to say Thank You for the flowers, cards, phone calls, etc. during my recent illness. Visits by the PCW, ACW and WI were much appreciated. Special thanks to my family, and to

Helen Miller for watering my plants and to Helen and Lyn Fleming for making sure my cat was in for the night.

Irene Glenn

Many thanks to the Anglican Church Women for the excellent turkey supper. The dinner was consumed with great gusto and kept us well feulled for the long cool evening.

"A" Crew Amherst Islander

BEACON AWARDS

We add a Beacon Award to Moist who recently won a Canadian Music Video Award for the Best Alternative Video for Push. We have yet to see it but what the heck... it can't be All bad if Jeff Pearce is in it... right!..., at least, that's what we keep telling ourselves..., right? Seriously we do offer a Special Beacon Award to Jeff, et all.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bruce Caughey on being acclaimed to the L&A School Board.

We would also like to congratulate all who are running for municipal office on their civic mindedness. To the winners, we wish you good luck, excellent timing and wisdom in the coming term.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

-Don Tubb

As reported in a recent issue, the government has brought in new procedures for buying ammunition. After a rather weird experience at a sporting goods store (three staff - two customers - only one person getting served - lasting 10 minutes before the second customer left - me), I went up to Canadian Tire where I did get good service - ah... the power of Walmart. The person went and got the keys for the display case, got out the ammunition but rather than giving it to me took it to a cashier who stored it out of sight below the counter while I looked around a bit more. When I checked out, I had to produce my driver's license which was copied virtually completely on the back of their portion of the transaction tape. (The clerk was looking rather like she wanted to draw a freehand likeness of me too but I guess decided against that so presumably the sketch is optional.) This took some time which I

supposed could be justified in the interest of public safety. You know.... I could have carried the ammo through the store, picked up a set of bolt cutters, gone over to the gun rack, cut one down, loaded it up and run amuck through the store with my 1500 BB's. You go figure...

APPRECIATION WHERE DUE

This is just a straight ahead appreciation of Hay Bay Sand and Gravel which will deliver 12 tons (a big truck load) of pit run gravel for \$140. This is excellent for farm laneways and wet holes in barnyards.

GLENN'S STORE NEW HOURS

Effective Tuesday, October 8, our business hours will be the same as the Post Office hours.:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please note the building will be closed between 11:30 and 2:00 on weekdays.

What's Staying: Cigarettes; cans of pop; potato chips; movies; Crystal Springs water; chocolate bars and penny candy; coffee; The Napanee Beaver.

What's Going: Groceries; bread; milk; subs and sandwiches; cold cuts; ice cream; the Whig Standard.

We are pleased to have a large stock of Island crafts and artwork on display. We currently have gift items by Keith Miller; Marjorie Baker; John McGinn; Laurene Kilpatrick; Shirley Miller; Fred Werthman; Peggie Coulter; Stanley Burke; Tom Sylvester; and Lorna Seaman. In the near future we will also have an artwork display by Shirley Miller and the group at Watercolours, Etc.

We will continue to carry the t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, hats, bumper stickers, Nevada tickets and miscellaneous items we handle for our local service groups.

EDITORIAL NOTE

-Don Tubb

We, at the Beacon, would respectfully remind those who will sit on Council not to say things that they would not like to see in print. Plus, we hope all

Council members will read the relevant documents early in the term so there are as few problems as possible with procedure, conflict of interest, etc. We overlook more than we probably should but there is a growing intolerance around the Beacon office for cheap shots towards individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 19... W.I. Meeting at Jackie Sylvester's with topic - International Affairs by Allan & Cathy Glenn

Oct 28... 50th Wedding Anniversary for Melville & Chris Filson

Oct 28... Halloween Masquerade Doors opening at 7:00 p.m. & unmasking at 8:00 & 9:00 p.m.

Nov 5... Poppy Day for the Royal Canadian Legion

Nov 5... Municipal Election - Advance Poll 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Nov 9... Municipal Election - Advance Poll 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Nov 14... Municipal Election 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Office

Nov 16... W. I. Mtg with topic - Cultural Activities

November 26.. P.C.W. Xmas Tea & Sale from 1-4 p.m. at the Community Centre

A LETTER HOME

-Don Tubb

Fall's really here - for better or worse. Do you get the same feeling I'm getting.... that we're being led on by all this nice weather, and that it isn't going to last until May? We'll see...

So, the race is on for Reeve and Councillors with just enough people to make it a race. It will be interesting as always. The final group of candidates wasn't decided until late Monday afternoon (October 17) as Ralph Woods and Allen Caughey had submitted papers for both the Reeve and Councillor positions. For some unknown reason, it seems to be against the rules for one person to hold two positions at the same time - for the life of me, I can't see what's wrong with it.

Hey... isn't it nice to see that big boat still here? Maybe we could persuade M.T.O. to let us have it except when the channel is frozen - April to December. I'd pay more not to line up if it was necessary. And, if we can persuade all parties to do the right thing (for once) and repair the Stella dock with a view to making it suitable for end-loading.., wow... wouldn't that be something?



Above: Monarchs preparing to migrate - photo by Bonnie Livingston.

Left: The Islanders provide music at the Harvest Fest L to R -Ellis Wolfreys, Dan Simpson, Anthony Gifford, Lloyd Wolfreys, Keith Miller - photo by Charles W. Plank