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Stella Cheese Factory Burns October 22,1971

When Allen Veech, cheesemaker at the Stella Cheese Factory, arrived for work on Friday morning it was discovered that a fire had broken out in the curing room. From 7:15 a.m. on the place was a torrent of activity. The fire truck and brigade were summoned and rushed to the factory, and soon jets of water concentrated on the smouldering section.

People rushed to rescue anything that could be carried or dragged to safety. Firemen endeavoured to ascertain the exact place to halt the imminent outbreak of flames. The fire had apparently originated from the waxer and had spread to the upper floor and roof.

A hole was torn in the roof to get at the source, but success was realized when a wall in the office was demolished so as to permit a direct attack on the flames creeping through the beams and sub-floor of the curing room. Insulation of sawdust and shaving, according to some source, proved a hindrance to the spread of the fire as it prevented an air supply to support the blaze.

Approximately 225 cheeses, weighing 90 pounds each were taken to the Black Diamond Factory at Belleville for reprocessing. Damage to the factory is estimated at \$15,000.00.

- And what of the future? - Owner, Mr. Robert Tugwell, was in Toronto on Tuesday, and reports that they are anxious to continue factory operations. Insurance adjustors surveyed the situation on Wednesday.

According to Mr. Tugwell, there is every reason to believe the factory will return to operation for the winter. Contractors estimate that a three to four week operation will restore the building and machinery.

Currently, the bulk milk truck is transporting milk to the mainland, and Lorne Veech is drawing the can milk to Pet Milk in Napanee.

. Staff.

Stella Cheese Factory By Genevieve Fleming

In 1864, William H. Moutray came from Ireland and settled in Stella. Very soon after his arrival he built and managed Stella Cheese Factory.

It was a very large, long structure which stood in the same location as the present one. At the west end was the residence where the cheesemaker lived, the factory was next with a driveway and then a large engine room - all of this under one roof. The first cheesemaker was Mr. Vanblericomb.

Around 1888 or 1889 the factory burned to the ground. It was said that the cheesemaker - Mr. Sport had been smoking, and as a result, Mr. Moutray was able to collect only a small amount of the insurance. The factory was rebuilt immediately but while it was being built, the farmers' wives had to make butter which was difficult since it was summer time and thus the task was much harder than if it had been cool weather.

Mr. Moutray managed the factory until 1922, when it was purchased by Reginald Instant who managed it until his death in 1937. Mrs. Instant and her daughter, Estella Sharpe, managed it until 1942 when her son, Jack Instant, took over until 1946 when he sold to Gordon Tugwell, who operated it until his death in 1967. The present owner is Robert Tugwell, brother of Gordon.

Cheesemakers since the factory began operation have been Vanblericomb, Sport, Kent, Sandwith, Bateman, Walker, Stanley, Fred Addis, Donald White, Harold White, George Bierma, John Burt and Allan Veech.

Miss Meta Moutray who related this information to me, thought that the Cheese factory was built by Peter McGratton.

Boat Rescued

The Amherst Islander was called on to rescue a boat which was adrift for approximately five hours on Tuesday night, Oct. 26th. The two Bath men aboard had left Picton earlier that evening and had apparently exhausted their fuel supply.

An O.P.P. cruiser managed to signal the Amherst Islander as she left the Millhaven Dock for the 12:30 a.m. trip, and the ferry proceeded to the distressed vessel and towed it to the Bath marina. The two men had flashed a light to get the attention of the O.P.P. cruiser on Highway 33. The rescue was completed by 2:00 a.m.

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Conservatives Sweep Island

On October 21st, Amherst Island delivered a clear vote of confidence in Syl Apps, Conservative Member in the provincial legislature from Kingston and the Islands. The breakdown of the polling stations reveals: at Emerald, NDP 2, Lib. 24, Cons. 47; at Stella NDP 5, Lib. 24, Cons. 107.

Thus NDP hopeful Mrs. Lloyd Jones garnered a mere 7 votes; Liberal Dr. John Hazlett received 48 votes; and Syl Apps polled 154 votes.

However the riding proved a much tougher vote to carry, and the vote from Amherst Island seems to have been a deciding factor in the total picture as less than two hundred votes tipped the political scale in Mr. Apps favour.

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Stella Dock

Repair operations continue on the Stella dock. With extensive alterations being made to the west side, the dock area is congested with traffic on many occasions. The metal building to house the compressors for the bubble system has been erected.

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Athletic Club Annual Banquet

With the first frosts of fall and the subtle transition from summer to autumn come the traditional rounds of harvest festivities and turkey suppers. The annual Athletic Club Banquet on Oct.22 was a delightful evening, crowning the close of summer sports activities and heralding the approach of autumnal competitions.

Approximately ninety persons attended the banquet which was catered to by the Women's Institute. Mr. Bruce Caughey proffered grace, and following the Toast to the Queen all enjoyed the repast.

Mr. Ian Murray, President of the Athletic Club, addressed the assemblage after dinner. He expressed gratitude to the members of his executive who had assisted him most heartily; Lee Filson, Cathy Glenn, Hazel deHaan, Cliff Sudds, Rob Howard, and Glenn Sheil. Mr. Murray extended thanks to Frank Fleming, Frank Welton, and Allan Glenn for the "loan" of the home-run fence.

Scorekeeper, Lee Filson, Patti Jo Neilson, and Holly Brady, received special commendation for their volunteer work. Cliff Sudds who was umpire-in-chief and, indeed assumed umpiring duties most often, merited much praise. Glenn Sheil, who continued to be a mainstay of the club's activities, was recognized for

his contribution. The president thanked the W.I. for a truly fine dinner, and also, the
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Athletic Club Annual Banquet ladies who volunteered to serve the meal. Special recognition was awarded to the loyal fans and spectators.

The awards' presentation were conducted as follows: Amherst Island Public School Trophy, presented by Leslie Glenn and James Neilson was accepted on behalf of the Crusaders by Sandra Willard and Cheryl McGinn.

Glenisle Trophy was presented by Mr. Allen Glenn and accepted by Laurie Kilpatrick, captain of the winning team, the Mavericks.

Tugwell Memorial Trophy was presented by Glen Sheil and accepted by Warren Kilpatrick, captain of the first place team Canditas.

M.V. Amherst Islander Playoff Trophy was won by the Reds (Locally known as the "Hippies"). This trophy was presented by Sterling Glenn on behalf of the boat crew and Glenn Filson accepted the trophy for his team.

The Robinson Trophy, honoring that member of the club best displaying combined attributes of gentlemanly conduct and playing ability, was awarded to Cliff Sudds. Bruce Robinson, former president and donor of the trophy, made the presentation to Clifford who received a resounding ovation.

To the Athletic Club and President, Ian Murray, the community owes much for their contribution.

Staff

Card of Thanks

To my friends and neighbours and to the Amherst Island Fire Brigade who did a magnificent job to prevent extensive loss to the Cheese Factory on Amherst Island, I wish to express sincere gratitude and commend one and all.

Bob Tugwell

Remembrance Day

Memorial Service at the cenotaph on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Allison will conduct the service.

The local legion Branch 539 will canvas on November 6th. Please be prepared to donate to this worthy cause. Wear a Poppy on Remembrance Day!

Rabies Clinic

A free anti-rabies clinic (vaccination) will be held at Stella in Victoria Hall on November 17th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Everyone is asked to present their dogs and cats for vaccination. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a bag or basket.

Sponsored by the Canadian Department of Agriculture / Health of Animals Branch.

Farm File

Tuesday was election day for a number of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board for Region No. 4. Amherst Island milk producers were out in full force and we are happy tonight to hear that Allen Ketcheson was re-elected to this office. We have experienced some trying times in our dairy industry and Allen has always been available for advice and help.

Cheese-making which has been our chief industry since the 1860's came a stop on Friday, October 22nd when fire damaged the cheese factory to such an extent that it may not be feasible to attempt to put it back into operation again.

Five members of the Federation of Agriculture with their wives attended the Federation banquet and Annual meeting on Tuesday night, October 26th. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Frank Wall, First Vice-President of the O.F.A.

High School Report

Last year, the Christmas exams, which usually began in the first of November, were abolished. Although the exams may be eliminated - tests are not. During the next two weeks the students, much to our dismay will be writing tests, to show our progress in the first term. Reports should be out by the end of November.

Patti-Jo Neilson has been trying out for the Bantam Basketball team, and staying over at Bierma's in Newburg. Joan is also trying out, so here's hoping they both make it.

Events on the agenda are the Sadie Hawkins dance on November 5th and Commencement on November 6th.

Laurie Kilpatrick

You and Your Dollar Sense - of course
Are you getting your dollar's worth?
Is estate planning a necessity?
What are your rights as a consumer?
Would you like some tips on shipping?
How can I do pattern alterations?

If you find that these are questions that need an answer. If you have questions plan to attend the course at the public school, November 2nd, 4th, and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bruce Hart;

Department of Agriculture

Out Our Way

Garnet and Gene McDonald and Bill and Dorothy Kilpatrick were guests at the Connie Spencer - Mike Coulter wedding at Sault Ste. Marie. Connie is the granddaughter of Harris Tugwell, a former Islander.

John and Mary Hall, Montreal attended the 25th reunion of John's Commerce class, Queen's University. Susan spent the weekend with Les and Irene Glenn. The previous week John Jr. and his parents spent the weekend here at their cottage.

Frank and Phyllis Welton spent last weekend with their friends Vern and Mary Klemp, Kitchener.

Ella Brown, Kingston, holidayed at the home of Florence and Wilfred McCormac.

Mrs. Bessie Tugwell, Providence Manor, Kingston, was entertained at the home of her niece, Mrs. Elias Andrews (Mildred Caughey) on the occasion of the 88th birthday. Guests were Mother Jean, former Mother Superior of the Manor, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Lalonde, Miss E. Storrie, Helen Smith, Gene McDonald and Dorothy Kilpatrick. We extend our best wishes for continued health and happiness.

James and Violet Mullin were callers at the home of Barbara and Harry Filson on Saturday. They were en route from the Maritimes to their home in Hartley, Manitoba.

Dorothy Hill, Kingston, spent the weekend with Ross and Iene Filson.

Mrs. Dyer, Picton, spent a week recently with Edmund and Lois Bongard and on Wednesday of this week they had as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fox and Marshall and Marion Glenn.

Members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute catered for the annual banquet and awards night of the Athletic Club.

On Saturday evening Sally Henderson entertained at the home of Chris Glenn when a shower was held in honour of Lee Filson prior to her forthcoming marriage on November 12th.

Born to Brian and Roberta (Hitchins) Reil at Hotel Dieu on Wednesday October 27, twin girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Perce Wartman, Kingston picked ripe raspberries on October 23 from their garden.

Genevieve Fleming

Down the Lane

Stella November 14, 1941

Wet weather still continues. Some land is too wet to plough - low land is very wet.

The death occurred of Francis Henderson on Wednesday morning. He was an old resident of the Island and followed farming for most of his life. The funeral was from his late residence to St. Pauls Church. The Rev. R. K. Earle officiating. Interment was made in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery. He leaves to mourn his wife, formerly Jennie Bulch. The pall-bearers were H. Fleming, Thos. Glenn, J. Filson, S. Connors, Samuel Reid and Robert Filson.

George Brown passed away Tuesday, November 4th. He had been ailing for some time. He was born on the Island and followed far

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Emerald Cheese Factory

A meeting of all those people interested in establishing a cheese factory at Emerald was held on February 13th, 1895. The meeting was addressed at some length by Edward and Arthur Phippen of Conway. Arthur announced that he was prepared to build and equip a factory at his own expense if the people would support him and deliver the milk to the factory. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the meeting pledge its support and the farmers would deliver the milk. Mr. Phippen began construction and the factory was ready for operation on May 1. Cheese was produced at 1 1/4 cents per pound for a three year term. First year of operation was considered quite successful and at the annual meeting, in 1896 each old patron contributed \$1.00 and each new patron .50¢ for operating expenses for the coming year. After three successful years Mr. Phippen offered to make the cheese for the year 1898 at 1 1/8¢ per pound. The cheese was insured for \$1000.00 and a teamster was engaged to transport the cheese to Emerald wharf at 1/2 cent per box. By this time all patrons were contributing 50¢ per year for operating expenses. In 1899 Mr. Phippen sold out to Mr. R.A. Fowler who agreed to produce the cheese at 1 cent per pound, the cheesemaker being his son Charles Fowler.

In 1907 Mr. Fowler sold the business to Reginald Instant who agreed to make at the same rate as the previous year - 1 1/16 cents per pound, that he would begin operation on April 8th, also that he would make cheese on Saturday nights during the hot weather if the patrons would protect him against the "Lord's Day Act." Patrons promised that in case of fines, they would pay them. The industry was carried on under Mr. Instant's management until the time of his death in 1937. His daughter, Estella Sharpe continued the business until 1946 when she sold to Gordon Tugwell who had purchased the Stella factory also. It was

becoming more difficult each year to find capable men to do a good job of making cheese and by the end of 1951, Mr. Tugwell closed down the Emerald plant and all milk was taken to the cheese factory at Stella. Cheese makers during the years of operation at Emerald were, Arthur and Edward Phippen, Charles Fowler, Harold Sandwith, McEwen, Donald White, Harold White, Eddie Hounslow, Edward Reid, Donald Bell, Mike Holt.

Whey butter was made by Maurice and Cyril Glass from 1911-1916, when they volunteered for service in the 1914-1918 war.

The factory looks much the same as when it was built except that the room for butter - making was added in 1911.

. . . . Genevieve Fleming

Council Corner

With nominations in the near future, many Islanders will no doubt be looking with interest toward township politics. Members of the council expressed a sincere concern that the last two years have seen a poor turnout for the annual meeting. They feel, and rightly so, that every taxpayer should exercise his right to a freedom of choice. In order to do that, he cannot sit idly by while a handful of men accept the positions by acclamation. In addition, a willingness to serve in municipal offices should be in order, as every person should appreciate his immediate environment and be determined to act instrumentally for its development.

The report from council includes items of past note which remain prominent:

. . . . the zoning by-law is in the hands of the lawyers and will be forwarded to Municipal Board for final approval.

. . . . investigations into the construction of a dam on the former Leslie Wemp farm continue; the council and the Department of Lands and Forests view this operation negatively.

. . . . the bubble system has been installed, however, the contract contains a liability clause which requires interpretation and clarification before council will affix their seal of approval.

. . . . the need for a township and/or a community hall has been much discussed. The possibilities afforded by the Victoria Hall location were considered but no action has been taken as yet.

. . . . due to the year's extensive winter control costs the road budget was depleted and an order for "no snow until January 1" has been placed.

. . . G.F. Sheil

Remembrance Day Service

Under leaden November skies, the Legion Branch 539 and the public gathered to honour the memory of those who had answered their country's call.

A small contingent of local legion members formed ranks in the Village of Stella and led by piper David Allison, they marched to the Cairn on the site of the public school grounds. Rev. N.A. Allison conducted the service. Mr. Sam Reid placed the wreath on behalf of the Legion; Mrs. Gordon Mills placed a wreath. The Honour Roll was read by Earl Tugwell. A quiet, very solemn ceremony, and yet - a touching tribute to those whom we owe so much.

"We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields."

. . . . Staff

Stella Hockey Club

An exhibition game was played on Friday, November 12 which saw the local hockey team upset a team from Kingston, Svenson Bros., 6-3.

The season opens on Wednesday November 17 at the Napanee Arena and coach, Jack Forrester, is optimistic over prospects for this year. He states that the line-up is not set at this time, but anticipates that a blend of talent from the Island and from the mainland will form a strong unit.

The coach promises that a list of the players will be available for the next edition. Since games are slated on Wednesday night, he foresees a good turn-out from the fans to show their support.

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Driving Club

The Amherst Island Driving Club which has not had a regular meeting in many months has seen its annual-year end (September 30), come around and pass by without any reorganization at all. There is some doubt as to whether winter ice racing will be possible this year, with Frontenac Downs planning on racing two days per weekend.

This author counts approximately twenty standardbreds either in training or which shall be in harness soon on this Island. These horses and trainers

need training facilities and why then is the Driving Club not the means to provide these facilities with the outlook of summer racing, fair, or perhaps a 4-H standardbred club.

A. Caughey has moved his tock to Frontenac Downs in Kingston where he is having much success with a recent purchase of Mrs. Beatrice Neill's, Scotch Tan. Al now has nine horses in his stable at the Downs. Spencer Heir has been racing faithfully for Stuart Miller while Earl Willard is beginning to get a good horse, Preston Starr, closer to the front after his layoff.

Also racing at the Downs are Gorgeous Dianne owned by Ross Hitchins, and Ruth Dear owned by Earle Willard.

. . . . Local Driver

Farm File

The Dairy Farmers of Ontario will welcome the Canadian Dairy Commission's decision to lower the holdback from payments on inquota deliveries of manufacturing milk. It will be retroactive to April 1st, 1971. The new rate will be 10¢ per hundred lbs. of milk or 2.85 cents per hundred lbs. of milk.

At one time Dairy farmers were taken for granted and practically ignored by the public press, but not so any more, they are involved in the setting up of a great many policies such as Dairy import controls, price support levels, disease control programs, milk quality nutrition education, dairy export policies, pesticide regulations and many others, so that the farmer is no longer just seen and not heard his influence is being felt at all levels of government. He most certainly is in the news.

. . . . Ernest Fleming

African Violets

Finally I've given in to the fact that I am an African violet addict and it occurred to me that maybe some of you readers might be likewise afflicted.

From time to time problems have presented themselves, some I have found the answers to and some I have not. The goal of this column will be to ask and to answer questions about African violets. So please write to Violet, c/o The Island Beacon, Stella, Ontario with your questions, answers, or comments.

To start the ball rolling (hopefully) I wonder if any of you have had "albino violets." I started two variegated leaves in vermiculite and both produced cream coloured new plants. From what I have read they are difficult to keep alive because of the lack of chlorophyll in the leaves. If anyone has had this happen I'd be interested to know how they turned out as mine

are very small yet.

How many know the origin of the African violet? Well it was discovered in 1892 in Tanga province of East Africa by Walter von Saint Paul Illaire, the German Governor of East Africa. He sent specimens home to his father who turned them over to a botanist Herman Wendland of Herrenhausen who was the director of the Botanic Gardens. Wendland described the specimen as "Saintpauli ionantha" in the June 10 1893 issue of "Gartenflora." Hence the proper name "Saintpaulia." In 1894 two plants were imported by a nursery in New York but the violet remained practically unknown on this continent until the 1920's when a Los Angeles firm produced a quantity for sale. They were grown from three leaves obtained from a local private estate. Since then violet lovers, professional and amateur, have constantly experimented until now there are countless different colours, shapes and sizes.

Official Openings Of L And A Schools

Two new school buildings in Lennox and Addington were officially opened recently. The educational complex at Cloyne, the North Addington Education Centre, was officially opened on Tuesday, November 2nd.

The general public school, staff, board officials and administrative personnel attended the ceremonies. The Honourable R. S. Welch, Minister of Education, was present.

The new Morven School was officially opened on Friday, November 5th in similar fashion.

Mr. Bruce Caughey from Amherst Island who is a member of the county board attended both openings.

. . . . Staff

Household Hints

To get the most from your hand lotion, soak your hands in warm water to open the skin pores. Massage as you work in the lotion. This manipulation will limber up your hands which are never very supple in cold weather.

For chapped hands - salvage an old pair of cotton gloves and use tillet lanolin, apply the lanolin and wear the gloves while you sleep.

. . . . Florence McDonald

Nominations-

Nominations will be accepted for the positions of Reeve and Councillors for the Township of Amherst Island at the public school on November 23rd, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

. . . . Francis Welbanks, Clerk

Schooner's Crew Rescued Near Main Duck Island (from the Whig Standard)

A 72-foot schooner sank about five miles north of the Main Duck Island at about 10:00 P.M. on October 30th. John Little of Ajax and his crew, William Foley and Austin Foley, both of Kingston, were rescued by the crew of the Calgadock, a Montreal tanker. Distress flares were spotted by the officers of the Calgadock, and they picked up the three men who were only briefly in the water after their schooner sank. An engine room fire was reported as the cause of the vessels trouble,

An Amherst Island resident, Bruce Robinson, who spotted the distress signals and watched the rescue with binoculars, contacted the R.C.M.P. who dispatched the patrol boat Cutknife 2 to the scene. The two boats met near Nine Mile Point and the three men were conveyed to Kingston aboard the Cutknife 2.

Highschool Report

Commencement '71 was opened by our NDSS School band on Saturday night. The auditorium was full of students teachers, members of the school board and guests. Marcia MacCrimmon and Barry Strain were presented with their Secondary School Graduation Diplomas, and Judy Bierma received her Honours Graduation Diploma. One of the Student's Council University Awards went also to Judy who is attending Queen's this year.

David Fleming is receiving an honour pin for year one and Joyce Wemp, a pin for year two. Congratulations on their fine efforts.

The Sadie Hawkins was a great success on Friday night with over three hundred students attending. Wednesday night is the skating party, a sure sign that winter is coming fast.

Deer Hunting

The Island hunters who sally north to bush and swamp in search of deer spent several fine days on the hunt. However only three men returned who had dropped their deer.

Albert Henderson and Anthony Henderson each shot a doe in the Denbigh area. Another large camp of Islanders who hunt on the Madawaska River halfway between Mountain Chute and Barrett Chute include Keith Miller, Stuart Miller, Kerry Hogoboom, Paul Glenn, Fred Welbanks, Eric Welbanks, Kenneth Miller, and Donald Miller; among these Stuart Miller shot two does. James Eves, David Wemp, Andy Gavlas, Elmer

Willard, and Lance Eves hunt an Effingham Lake and on Little West Lagoon; they returned empty-handed this year.

One person reflected that "It was a mighty good year - - - for the deer!"

. . . . G. Sheil

Chalk Talk

Remembrance Day was observed by the students at the public school in an afternoon program conducted by the senior pupils. Diana Willard was the chairman of the service, and all the students assembled in the senior room.

The compositions for Remembrance Day were submitted to the Local Legion; First prize - Diane Henderson, second prize - Janice Willard, third prize - Maureen Wemp and Diana Willard.

Soccer continues as the seasonal sport with three teams competing in noon hour games. The team captains, Mike McCormick, Jim Baker, and Jack deHaan, are really pleased with the progress and effort displayed by their team members.

A Christmas choir has been started by Miss Borris and the choir will practice for carolling in the yuletide season.

An Open-house evening will be held on an evening next week. A letter will be sent home to tell parents about this special event.

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Out Our Way

Jean Wires returned home recently after three weeks with David, Julie, and family at Shearwater, N.S.

The A.C.W. bazaar and dinner on November 6th was a decided success.

Bill Coulson has left for Toronto for the winter months.

Arthur and Helen Hinch are enjoying their new home in Hollywood, Florida.

The Houslanders spent a few days at their home here last week.

Harry and Syke Fleming, Wayne and Debbie spent Sunday in Peterborough with Leonard and Zwantze Kehoe and family.

Kenneth, Stuart, Ronnie, Keith and Donald Miller; Eric and Ted Welbanks, Kerry Hogeboom and Paul Glenn went on their annual safari to the north county. Ren Hicks and Jack Hennessy joined them for a day or two. Deer were very scarce and Stuart was the only successful hunter in the party.

Harry and Barbara Filson returned home on

Thursday, after two weeks in Hollywood, Florida with Joe and Doris Crackle and Janice and their aunt, Helen Farrington.

Glenn and Shirley Sheil and children spent the weekend at Franktown with Shirley's parents, Bill and Myrtle Saunders.

Mrs. Etta Henderson has returned home from Hotel Dieu, much improved and is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Lucille Brown.

Tena Filson underwent eye surgery on Tuesday of last week at Kingston General Hospital and will be out of hospital on Tuesday.

The Home Management course offered by the Department of Food and Agriculture was very poorly attended, average attendance was three.

The dressmaking course is coming along well with around twelve participating.

A few of our W.I. members attended the 20th anniversary of Grandview W.I. last week at the County Memorial building in Napanee.

Genevieve Fleming and Marian Glenn attended the fall executive meeting of the Kingston Presbytery W.M.S. at Strathcona Park church on Wednesday November 3rd.

Several women from St. Paul's had a pleasant afternoon on Saturday at the Christmas tea and sale which was held at Trinity Church, Amherstview.

Les and Irene Glenn returned home Sunday evening after a pleasant four days renewing friendships with Les' former "service friends" at Orillia, Whitby, Hamilton and Oshawa.

Bruce Caughey and Helen Miller left on Monday to attend the managers' and secretaries' conference of the Mutual Fire Underwriters Association of Ontario at Niagara Falls.

Congratulations and best wishes to Clifford Sudds and Lee Filson who were married Friday evening November 12th at Morgans Memorial chapel, Dr. Elias Andrews officiated at the ceremony. They spent the weekend in Toronto returning to the Island late on Sunday, when Mary and Jim Neilson entertained at a reception dinner.

Members and friends of Trinity U.C.W. held their annual "Loyal Friend" party at the home of Marian Fleming.

Henry and Anna Hitchins and Lulu Strain were guests on Saturday at the marriage of Lynne Lawson and Peter Sword in Zion United Church, Kingston.

. . . . Genevieve Fleming

Over The Line Fence

There was a young fellow named Hall,

Who fell in the spring in the fall;
“T would have been a sad thing
If he’d died in the spring,
But he didn’t - he died in the fall.

Here’s a toast to the future,
A toast to the past,
And a toast to our friends, far and near,
May the future be pleasant;
The past a bright dream;
May our friends remain faithful and dear.

The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on
parachute work, concluded: “And if it doesn’t open -
well, gentlemen, that’s what is known as jumping to a
conclusion.”

. . . . Our Bill

From “The Houston Museum of Natural History.”
A diorama dominated by the figure of Rene Robert
Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, France’s most celebrated
explorer, is being started in the Hall of Texas History.
Artist Mark Storm will paint the background; Yocum
will craft the figures of La Salle and his brother, a friar,
standing on the shore of Matagorda Bay and gazing at
the wreck of the “l’Aimable”, one of the ships of their
weak and bedevilled foray.

Two years earlier, La Salle had navigated the
Mississippi River from the Ohio Valley to its spill into
the Gulf of Mexico. All the lands of the watershed of
the Mississippi and its tributaries had been claimed by
him for France - roughly two-thirds of the present U.S.
Artfully, LaSalle named the country after the king,
Louis XIV, and the river after the minister, Colbert,

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Annual Council Report

Following nominations on Tuesday evening, Mr. Fred Neilson, former treasurer of A.I., was nominated as chairman of the proceedings, and in the balance of the evening the audience thoroughly enjoyed the progress reports, the exchange of ideas, and the obvious concern and interest exemplified by the discussion periods.

Reeve Aitken, who had hoped to see other nominees for the reeveship, thanked the members of his council for their efforts of the past year and as everyone is aware - it must have been a most trying year in the face of the severe winter, real estate unrest, and the ferry involvement. Mr. Aitken acknowledged the great and long service to Amherst Island of Mr. Fred Neilson, former treasurer, and Mr. Frank Fleming, former reeve and later head purser on the Amherst Islander. He also commended Jean Tugwell for the way she had taken command of the Treasurer's role.

Reeve Aitken who assumed the commitment of manager of the ferry gave a full report on the ferry budget, and answered several questions in this regard. He also stated that, with the advent of the bubble system Amherst Islanders will enjoy, hopefully, more convenient winters. The Island will accept only the management of the system, while the department assumes the cost of the power necessary to operate the compressors. Another problem the liabilities connected with the operation of the bubble system - will be covered by an insurance policy now in the formulative stage.

Mr. Ian Murray whose council function included that of investigating and learning the implications and regulations involved in subdivision control, zoning by-law, and holding by-law delivered a detailed report on these important issues. These were areas into which council needed to make incursions this year, and it was

fortunate that the Island had a councillor with Mr. Murray's ability and interests. He stated that a "development" trend on Amherst Island 69-70 reached 20% of land use, and due to several complaints to the Department of Municipal Affairs, council had been approached by DMA and subdivision control was initiated. However, this measure is now a thing of the past and a holding by-law was passed for a period of six months to serve as a stop-gap until a zoning by-law could be drafted. So as soon as the holding by-law was in the hands of the Ontario Municipal Board a municipal planning consultant was hired to draft a plan and present it to council. At present the township council and solicitor are studying the zoning proposals. Mentioned by Mr. Murray was Trailer By-law No. 438, which will be enforced next spring. This by-law will control trailers by licensing.

Mr. Allen Glenn who was chairman of the roads and employment incentive remarked on the enjoyment and learning of his first year on council. He reflected on the necessity to become acquainted with the situation, and having done so - the tremendous involvement in the affairs of the township. The road budget is shown at the conclusion.

Mr. Charles Densem, chairman of the fire department, garbage control, and parks reported on the aspects of his responsibilities. He extended special thanks to the volunteer brigade who had been called to two major fires, and two minor ones this year to date. Mr. Densem gave a list of new equipment received by the department - six boots, coats, and winter liners; a ladder donated by the W.I.; first aid kit donated by the public school; two sirens donated by Les Glenn and Eldon Willard. He also mentioned the painting and repairs to the fire hall done through the work incentive program. Mr. Densem stated that the Waste Management Act now regulates disposal methods and that the future of our municipal dumps is very much in the hands of those availing themselves of its facilities.

Chairman of the property committee and senior advisor on the council, Keith Miller, commented on the demanding nature of a councillor's life. The involvement and time consumption were factors which lead Keith to decline the nomination for another term.

Mr. Bruce Robinson is the building inspector and is both thorough and satisfactory in this capacity. Forty-nine permits were issued - three for new homes, one for a new cottage, and several of a miscellaneous nature. Of concern to Mr. Miller is the dam under construction on Lot 66-67, former Leslie Wemp property, owned now by a group of hunters. Investigations by the Department of Lands and Forests and by Mr. Miller show that the

40 foot creek bed has been interrupted by a 16 foot clay and chain-link fence dam which will effect (continued on next page)

Fire Destroys Home - November 16th

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Seward and their five children were made homeless by a fire which completely destroyed their home late Tuesday evening. The Seward family had left for Kingston in the late afternoon and Mr. Seward first became aware of the fire when he sighted the blaze from Highway 33.

Meanwhile, shortly after 7:30 P.M., Mr. Henry Hitchins a neighbour discovered the house fire. The alarm was turned in and the A.I. Volunteer F.D. and residents rushed to the scene. However nothing could be done to avert the outcome, and in the face of the advanced blaze, the only thing to do was to ensure that the fire could not spread to other buildings or the fields; fire trucks stood by in this event.

The Swards had taken up residence on Amherst Island in late October, and will stay with relatives for a time. The home owned by Mr. Lamming of Kingston. was located on the Second Concession and was locally known as the Jimmy Gibson place.

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Santa Claus Parade

The annual Santa Claus Parade on Amherst Island is now being organized and any interested parties may contact Mr. Sheil for details. Our parade has been most successful in the last two years and this one should be fun for all.

The date is set for Sunday, December 19th at 1:00 P.M. and the parade route will be similar to past routes.

Our organizational meeting will be soon, and posters will announce details and other items.

The Merchant Trophy, won last year by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welton, will be presented again for the best Christmas Decorations on Amherst Island.

The Beacon Trophy, won last year by the Glenisle Lunchroom, will again recognize the best parade entry.

. . . . G. Sheil

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Council Report Continued - a four foot rise in the water level with a mere 18 inch outlet for control. He appreciates the anxiety of many neighbouring farmers as he anticipates serious back flooding on several

properties.

Discussions following the annual reports were very lively with several items of interest:

... removal of stock yards on Millhaven dock to meet parking requirements

... free ferry for crew members?

... opening of unused roads

... Victoria Hall as a Community Hall or - a more complimentary municipal offices, garage, quarry on a suitable site.

... free ferry for Amherst Island

In connection with the last point, the question of a free ferry will be put to the people on December 7th at which time the general opinion can be tallied so that council will have an indication to justify action in this matter. The question will be included on the ballot on December 7th.

AI Township Budget Report

Amherst Islander

Total Salary (15 men) \$101,106.93

Total Revenue (10 months) 24,363.85

Estimated balance of Revenue 5,000.00

Expenses to operate:

Insurance, dock lights, ramp repairs 8,034.03

Total operational expenses \$109,201. 23

Road Budget

	Estimated	Actual
Surfacing	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 5,677.00
Gravel	19375	20,694.00
Culverts	2704	2,517.00
Overhead	5300	7,058.00
Land Purchase	1300	388.00
Ditching	2900	1,255.00
Winter Control	2700	5,005.00
Brushing	800	295.00
Grader	4200	5,989.00
Truck	2500	2,820.00
Loader	500	858.00
Chain Saw	100	131.00
Snow Blower		6,813.00
Total	\$49,979.00	\$59,504.00
Estimate to year's end		3,600.00
Total		\$63,104.00

. . . . Staff

Nominations

8:00 P.M. and a sparse number of residents were on hand to witness the November 23rd, 1971 Nominations and Council report at the public school. Anxiety turned to frustration by 8:15 when only an additional few arrived. Clerk, Francis Welbanks, was apparently disappointed as it was painfully evident that municipal politics offered such little attraction to the public. However, he was to be surprised for - by the time nominations were officially declared closed at 8:30 P.M., ten names had been presented for the 1972 council and approximately fifty people were in attendance.

December 7th is election day; Reeve Aitken remains unopposed and will serve his third term as Reeve of Amherst Island. Six people qualified for the position of councillor; they are incumbents: Ian Murray, Allen Glenn, Charles Densem; and Betty Bedford, Robert Brown, and Henry Hitchins. Councillor Keith Miller declined the nomination; he has been a councillor for five years.

. . . . Staff

Chalk Talk

On Tuesday evening, November 30th, the teachers and students of the public school invited the parents to the school for a "Getting Together" night. A large number attended. School work, learning materials, etc. were displayed. The parents and students visited in the class rooms and the Dew Drop Inn. Mr. Sheil showed slides of school activities to the audience.

We are planning our Christmas events now. There will be a day concert in the morning on December 22nd with each room taking a part. The public may attend.

Mrs. Caughey's room completed Christmas murals; Miss Borris's room have many lovely decorations up; Mr. Sheil's room completed a bulletin board about the West Indies. Chris Willard received much information and weather maps from Kingston for a science project.

The films "Toys", "I Know An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Fly," "The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes" were shown at the school on our new projector.

By the way, Mr. Sheil's bark is much worse than his bite. - for a while anyway.

. . . . School Reporter

Out Our Way

Friends and neighbours spent a pleasant evening on Thursday, November 18th when they gathered at the home of Avery and Annie Brown on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

On Thursday evening November 25th, Harry and Barbara Filson, Mel and Chris Filson, Henry and Anna Hitchins, Garry and Anne Hitchins, Ross Hitchins, Bob Howard, Helen Miller, Lulu Strain and Dorothy Kilpatrick were guests at a social evening at 401 Inn when Mr. Syl Apps entertained his party workers.

Noreen Welbanks and Elsie Willard were delegates at the 105th session of the Synod at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston.

Ross and Tena Filson returned home last week after some time in Kingston at the home of Wallace and Catherine Wemp following Tena's release from Kingston General Hospital.

Stratton and Barbara Reid, Marshall and Marion Glenn, Ernest and Genevieve Fleming attended the Lennox County Holstein club banquet and awards night at the Oddfellow's hall in Napanee.

Mrs. Kathleen Wemp is spending a few days in Kingston with Glenn and Sandra Filson and family.

Fred and Kaye Moeller and family, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. and Mary Neilson, Toronto spent the weekend with their parents, Fred and Nellie Neilson. On Saturday evening Jimmie and Mary Neilson and family

joined them at a reunion dinner.

Ian and Randi Murray have moved to Kingston for the winter months and will return to the Island in the Spring.

Would you like to send Season's Greetings to your friends by way of the "Island Beacon"? Write or call 389-4017 by Monday December 13th and we'll have it in the Christmas edition.

. . . . Genevieve Fleming

Down The Lane

(from an old 1925 newspaper clipping)

Stella, December 29th -

The steamer Wolfe Islander which made a special Christmas trip from Stella to the city on Monday last, carried a large number of passengers, and was heavily laden with freight in the evening. J.A. Tugwell, butcher, shipped a number of live hogs from here on the return trip.

The annual concert held under the auspices of the five Public Schools of Amherst Island, in Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening last, was decidedly successful. The building was crowded to capacity. The programme was very interesting and was composed of songs, recitations, drills etc. After completing the programme, the Christmas tree, which was nicely decorated and heavily laden with gifts was unloaded of its stores by Mr. George Beggs, who kindly accepted the part of Santa Claus, assisted by the teachers and others. After the distribution of the gifts, Glenn's orchestra furnished the music for 2 hours dancing. Those in charge of entertainment were Miss K. Heinmiller S.S. No. 1; Miss Ruth McCormick S.S. No. 2; Clarence Hogeboom S.S. No. 3; Miss Arlein Miller S.S. No. 5. The schools are closed for the Christmas holidays.

Brown Bros., Blacksmiths, have installed a Delco lighting plant in their shop.

W. Wemp, R. Smith, W. Marshall and H. Marshall, have returned home from Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss Ruth Marshall, R.N. Buffalo, N.Y. arrived home on Monday to spend Christmas with her parents here.

Mrs. D. Caughey is spending Christmas with her brother in the city.

Capt. Sylvester MacDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. MacDonald, Buffalo, N.Y., are spending a few days at Wm. MacDonald's.

Miss Gladys Wemp, Toronto, is spending her vacation with her parents at Lake View.

There are a great number of holiday visitors from nearby places here at present.

. . . . Marj Aitken.

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Hockey News -

The season opened for the South Lennox League players on Wednesday, November 17th, 1971. Stella played the 8:20 game, going down to defeat to Deseronto with a score of 7-3. Stella's goals were scored by Gary Filson, Greg Hoselton and Wayne Dolan. The next two games showed Stella holding their own until the last 10 minutes of the third period, when they lost to Hawley 3-0 and to Grentna 5-0. The following is not a signed list of players, as yet, but indicates those people who have been playing the last 3 games. Goalies: Burgess Stevenson, Jack Forester. Defence: Lance Eves, Bruce Caughey, Raymond Wemp, Steve Conway, Pete Vanluven. Forwards: Clifford Sudds, Gary Filson, Peter Wemp, Harry Hodgson, David Kerr, Larry Fleming, Greg Hoselton, Grant Wemp, Dennis Wilberham, Wayne Dolan.

Presently the League is operating at a loss. A better representation of spectators from the Island would be appreciated, as well as a boost to the morale of the players. On December 8th Stella's team plays at 8:20 P.M. The following week they will play a later game at 9:40 P.M.

. . . . Jack Forester

Highschool Report

This week the high school kids have been busy breaking in our new bus driver, Lorne Veech. We've entertained him with snow ball fights on the dock, and breath-taking games of euchre and chess. We all wish him the best of luck on his new job.

Events at the school have come to a standstill due to Xmas' approach but with the coming of the new year studying for exams on January 11th will keep us well occupied.

. . . . Laurie K.

Violets Anyone?

Even though I didn't receive any questions or comments yet I know you violet lovers are out there and I'll keep hoping to hear from you.

Write: Violet c/o Island Beacon, Stella Ontario.

Maybe some of you would be interested in trading leaves with one another. You know a healthy leaf will keep a long time in a plastic bag with out any added moisture and as long as it is packaged carefully a leaf can be mailed quite easily. At this time of year extra precautions are necessary due to the danger of frost.

If a leaf should wilt it can usually be revived - by

placing it right side up in a saucer of luke warm water so that all but the top side of the leaf is wet. Should a leaf start to rot, nip off the brown end; let the leaf stand in the air for a few hours so the end of the stem can "heal" and lessen the chances of its rotting again.

When choosing a leaf to start consider that a young center leaf may continue to grow rather than send up new plants. Those that do come may be slow, small and delicate.

An old leaf may have lost all its vitality; again be very very slow starting.

I start my leaves in vermiculite; it is said to be a bit slower but, much better roots seem to develop and I have no luck rooting in water.

4-H Club - Achievement Day

On Saturday, November 27th, eight Island girls saw the culmination of their 4-H club's activities of the last few months when they attended Achievement Day at Odessa public school.

The girls were led by Ena Baker, assisted by myself, and the club they completed was called the "Jacket Dress."

Miss Fackie Graham, the county home economist, and Mrs. Joyce Patterson, a visiting home economist, officiated. In the morning the girls were asked to judge dresses and answer quizzes to show what they had learned.

The Women's Institute was a welcome sight at noon with free hot dogs, milk, tea and ice cream.

In the afternoon mothers and visitors were entertained by exhibits (our's was entitled "The Versatile Jacket Dress") narrated by Diane Henderson, and a fashion parade in which all the girls modeled their dresses; Diana Willard was our commentator. The other girls in the club were Yvonne McGinn, Lois Henderson, Joyce Wemp, Cathy Wemp, Pattie Jo Neilson, and Sandra Willard. They all did an excellent job and even though it seemed we'd never be ready on time, I have enjoyed working with the girls and I hope Mrs. Gayle Willard who is the new assistant will enjoy 4-H work also.

Other clubs also participating on Saturday were Sandhurst, Mill Creek, Maple Ridge, Hawley, Wilton II and Hay Bay.

The day came to an end with the presentation of certificates and awards to those who had earned them and a silver spoon to each leader and girl who completed the club work.

I'd like to thank the girls and Mrs. Baker for surprising me with a Baby shower. It was held in the lounge of the ferry on our way to 4-H Achievement Day (probably a first)

. . . . Mrs. Shirley Miller

Assistance For Fire Victims

Numerous boxes of clothing and other items, plus an amount of money was delivered on Saturday, November 20th to the temporary home of Ron Seward and his family. As they have five little boys to care for, Ron and Jean were very grateful for the generosity of several Amherst Islanders.

Glenn Sheil, who organized the drive, would like to sincerely thank those who gave, whether by cash or gift: special thanks to Shirley, Randi and Barb who helped bring a little happiness to the Seward family.

. . . . Staff

Christmas Carol Service

Monday, December 20th at 8:00 P.M. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Allison will take the service. There will be an adult's and children's choir.

Rehearsals begin Monday, November 29th and continue December 6th and 13th at 8:00 P.M.

. . . . Charles Densem, choir director.

Church Services:

St. Alban's

Sunday, December 5th - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th - to be decided

St. Bartholomew's - Services cancelled for the winter months.

St. Paul's

Sunday, December 5th, - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th, - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 11th - The Community Sunday School will be caroling in the village during the early evening and afterwards will hold a Christmas party in the school at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The Community Carol Service, under the direction of Charles Densem, will be held in St. Paul's church on Monday, December 20th, at 8:00 p.m.

. . . . Genevieve Fleming

The Amherst Island Sunday School will hold its Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11th, 1971. Children meet at the school at 7:30 for caroling, then return to the school for refreshments, etc. Everyone welcome.

Household Hints

To Carve fowl or turkey - (from recipe book)

Place bird on platter with neck to left of carver, who holds bird with carving fork astride the breastbone.

Using a sharp carving knife, leg and thigh are separated from nearest side by cutting at thigh joint pressing leg away from body and with fork still in place. Next separate nearest wing in like manner cutting around joint and sever wing completely.

Now slice the breast meat, start at angle near tip of breastbone. Cut thin slices always working toward joint where wing was removed.

Then separate thigh from leg at joint. In case of a turkey cut thin slices from these two pieces. For second helpings turn the platter and repeat process.

Never let gravy, dressing or cooked poultry stand at room temperature for even a few hours - refrigerate them right after finishing a meal to avoid food poisoning.

. . . . F. McDonald

Over The Line Fence

Father -I don't think you could support my daughter, I can hardly do it myself."

Suitor (brightly) -"Let's pool our resources!"

The class had been instructed to write an essay on winter. One child's attempt read as follows:

"In winter it is very cold. Many people who are very old die in winter, and many birds also go to a warmer climate."

A Hebrew exclaimed to his partner at the club:

"Great heavens! I came away and left the safe open."

"Vat does it matert?" said his partner, "Ain't ye both here?"

. . . . Our Bill

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{An article had been cut from the original so several articles are not reproduced here.}

Island Beacon
Amherst Island, Ontario
Glenn Sheil, Editor
Phone 389-1751
Thursday, December 23rd, 1971

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all our ... {missing text}

{The first missing article is on snowmobile safety.}

Chalk Talk

The nine students in grade eight visited high school on December 13th. They reported an interesting day and all hope to be there next year.

The school is hopping with the Christmas spirit; all the rooms have a tree and each room is beautifully decorated for the season.

Nine senior girls are practising their march for the Santa Claus Parade on December 19th. The concert rehearsals become more frantic as December 22nd approaches.

The primary pupils received a letter from Santa Claus on December 16th and Santa wrote to every child in the room. Miss Borris was quite surprised and happy that Santa had found time to write.

... School Reporter

Election Results

A fairly large group were on hand at the Fire Hall on December 2nd to observe the results of the 1971 township elections. The final tabulations were Henry Hitchins - 130; Allan Glenn - 127; Betty Bedford - 101; Robert Brown - 101; Charles Densem - 74; Ian Murray - 49.

Reeve Aitken, who was returned to office by acclamation will head the council comprised of the

front-running four.

The much talked about and often maligned ferry question was considered at elections. Each voter had the opportunity to vote "Yes" or "No" to a preference for a free ferry. Since yes received a majority of 132 to 35, it now is obvious that council had public opinion behind them to investigate the ways and means to persuade the department into such a move.

... G. Sheil

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He whizzed up the high-ways and down the road ...
In a station wagon delivering his load ... The tropical
moon gave the city a glow ... And lighted the way for
Santa to go.

As he jumped from his auto he gave a weak chuckle
... He was dressed in bermudas with an Ivy League
buckle ... There were no chimneys, but it caused him no
gloom ... For Santa came in through the Florida room.

He stopped at every house but stayed only a minute
... to empty his pack and the things there were in it ...
And before he departed, he treated himself ... To a glass
of orange juice that was left on the shelf.

Then he turned with a jerk and bounced back to his
car ... Remembering he had yet to go very far ... then he
shifted the gears, and stepped on the gas ... And up the
road he went like a flash.

And I heard him exclaim as he sped on his way ...
Merry Christmas Fr. Lauderdale, how I wish I could
stay.

Submitted by : Dorothy (Wemp) Anderson

{article missing}

Weather

Sunday, December 12th was almost spectacular;
residents of the area were tempted to question the
calendar as temperatures soared to the mid-fifties, and a
balmy breeze, evidently perplexed by the absence of
leaves, skirted absently through the trees. The sun
belied the season and transformed the atmosphere into
autumnal warmth.

Heavy sleet and rain were evidenced on December
15th. Thursday was somewhat cooler but even the most
pessimistic couldn't acknowledge that winter was very
close.

... Staff

Racing Accident

Al Caughey, driving Jay Diamond, was involved in a
racing mishap at Frontenac Downs. Gale Hour, driven
by Len Canfield, caught its foot in a sulky after
breaking stride. In the ensuing melee the Island driver
saw his \$300 chrome cart smashed but fortunately
escaped serious injury when another horse, Burns
Abbey, crashed into his back.

... Staff

Highschool Report

On Wednesday, December 22nd the whole of
N.D.S.S., some 1600 students will attend the Christmas

assembly at the school. Every year at this time we are
entertained by skits, band music, gymnastics and of
course, Santa Claus. Everyone, counting off the days
till Wednesday and the Christmas dance on Friday, is
ready for some holiday fun.

So from the Island's kids at N.D.S.S. have a "Cool
Yule".

Out Our Way

Jay and Sharon Muirhead and children, Orangeville,
spent last weekend with Frank and Phyllis Welton.

Steve Jobinski and friend, Southgate, Mich. spent a
few days this week with Hugh and Minerva Drumgoole.

Gordon and Georgia Reid have moved to Stella for
the winter months.

Harold and Nellie Marshall, Conneaut, Ohio spent
several days recently with their family.

The annual dance sponsored by Burleigh L.O.L. 482
was a decided success and they plan to hold another on
New Year's Eve.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Women held their annual
Loyal Friend party last week at the home of Chris
Glenn. The following evening the Anglican Church
Women held their party - also at the home of Chris
Glenn.

The Women's Institute Christmas party was held at
the home of Anna Hitchins.

Several people attended the funerals this week of
two well known former Islanders - Mr Edward
Kilpatrick and Mr. Irve Tugwell. We extend our sincere
sympathy to the members of these two families.

{a cartoon by Shirley Miller}

Card Of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Electors
of Amherst Island for the confidence you have placed in
me by electing me as a member of the Township
Council. I will do my beset to serve well and at this
festive season, I wish all my friends a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Betty Bedford

Household Hints

Thaw turkey completely before cooking.
1. Place in original wrapper or box in refrigerator for 5
or 6 hours per pound.
2. For quicker thawing of turkeys or chickens place
whole bird in cool running water. Do not allow to stand
in water after thawing.

F. McDonald

Church Services:

St. Alban's

Friday, December 24th - 8:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, December 26th - 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's

Sunday, December 26th - 7:30 p.m.

The Season's Greetings and all Good Wishes for
Christmas and the Coming Year to all our friends.

Gordon & Nanette Glenn & family

Stella - Ontario

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Island Beacon
Amherst Island, Ontario.
Glenn Sheil, Editor
Phone 389-1751
Thursday, January 6th, 1972

Down The Lane
Courtesy of Clarice Filson -taken from a 1960 Whig-Standard article, written by Nanetta Glenn.
(Islanditis is Unlisted in Medical Journal but Doctors know it.)
Stella
January, 1960

A disease which is not mentioned in any medical text book but is nevertheless common to many people is "Islanditis". A few doctors in the district are quite aware of it, and all who live on the near-by islands or ever have lived on one of them, know the symptoms well. Members of parliament and of the department of highways are apt to hear of it at times too.

The first outbreak of 1960 on Amherst Island has passed over very lightly. As islanditis is a disease of the nerves it is excited by many conditions, but this year they combined to cause a mild attack to most of the chronic sufferers.

From the first real cold days in the fall the residents keep a wary eye and ear open for signs as to how the ferry is running. Any rumor of a breakdown in her engine is enough to bring on an attack. While no one enjoys having her laid up in summer for repairs it is much worse after the small boats have been taken out of the water.

This year, after a brief breakdown early in the fall and some unpleasant rumors of further trouble at that time the Amherst Islander continued to make regular trips right up until Saturday, January 16, when she finally stopped at Millhaven with enough ice on either side of her track for safe travelling. Last year it ran until February 6th.

Mailman Arthur Drumgoole is crossing the ice with a sleigh and one horse. The members of the staff of the CIL Terylene plant who live on the Island crossed to work on Sunday in old cars.

The ice is 3 1/2 inches thick in the channel but is not yet thick enough to bear a load.

There are 2 snowplows operating on Amherst this winter and they have been successful in keeping roads open through the first storms. Just knowing you are not shut in is a good feeling as Mainlanders will agree.

So from now until break-up time, islanditis is apt to take on a more feverish aspect. This is the time when you can leave at 9:30 a.m. If it suits you, or at 10:00 o'clock, for a trip to town. Or farmers can do up chores a bit early and get to the city before the stores close, have the evening meal there and see a show or call on friends. Hockey fans and horse race followers have themselves a time.

It is a thrill (even if you are so nervous that your heart seems in your mouth) to sail onto the ice and off again in a few minutes onto the highway. Common sense advises you that your chances of accident are greater on the highway - on the ice there are no deep ditches, no poles, no trees and no other cars only feet away to risk hitting. But common sense has a way of deserting at times and so some people just take a deep breath when they drive onto the ice and let it out when they get across. That is for the first few trips anyway, and then the fear usually leaves and it is a grand race with time to see how many trips can be got in while the free highway lasts. Of course, such obstacles as heaving cracks and heavy snow drifts may turn any trip into a real adventure.

Break-up time produces the same tensions as freeze-up time, to those who fear to have to travel because of illness, to the ones who have mainland jobs, to the mailman, the grocers and the farmers with produce to ship.

One thing of which the islanders have no fear is starvation. Fresh bread may not arrive daily and the stores may run out of a few items but in a farming community there is plenty to eat. A shortage of fuel can be serious for those who depend on coal or oil but most people make sure to have plenty put in, in the fall.

A few years ago gas supplies got so low that any who had extra shared with others and helped keep the school buses going for the last few days before the ferry started. But there are better storage facilities now.

The disease of "islanditis" affects others, some in this district and others many miles away. The symptoms are all quite different. Families in Toronto, Montreal, New York and other cities feel it and get ready to come to open cottages or visit friends. With some of these the fever grows until they are spending more time here than in their homes. (continued on next page)

African Violets

Well it's a brand new year and in the next month or so we will see a new burst of growth in all our plants.

If you are planning on potting any new plants, here are some points to remember.

1. Soak new clay pots in water for a couple of hours before potting because a dry pot will draw the moisture out of the soil and leave your newly potted plant very dry.
2. Soak all used pots in warm soapy water and then scrub them clean. Remove all the salts which have accumulated around the rim of the pot. Discard any pots which are beyond cleaning as these salts may dissolve sometime when your plant is quite moist and they could burn the "crown" of the plant. This is one of the main causes of "crown rot".
3. Dipping the rim of the clean pot in melted paraffin wax will help stop salt damage to the stems of leaves which rest on the edge of the pot. A strip of foil pressed over the rim will also help.
4. A square of fine plastic fly screening pressed into the bottom of each pot helps keep soil from washing away. Most of the violets troubles are caused by over watering or watering with the wrong type of water and salt damage. Continual watering with hard water can cause an accumulation of salts which are deadly.

Rain water or melted snow is pure and salt free and the best water for violets.

Chemically softened water is deadly to all plants.

These chemicals gather on the hair like roots and can actually draw the moisture out of the plant leaving it to die of thirst.

Write: Violet c/o Island Beacon:
Stella, Ontario

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Mrs. C.H. Densem of "Headstrong" at the western tip of the island is staying this winter for the first. At the other end of the island the Murphys of Montreal make a final trip at New Year's. This year when they arrived on New Year's Eve they had to leave their car at the road where the snow plow had plugged their driveway, drag their supplies along their private road, only to find the door covered with a solid layer of sleet and the keyhole filled with ice.

Early in the spring the Clutes will be back from Staten Island to stay at "Journey's End" on Stella Point until next fall. Mr. J.E. Goodman of Toronto is apt to make several trips through the winter to see his fine herd of cattle.

Rev. F. O'Hare, who has been bringing his family

for July the past few years and preaching in St. Paul's church expressed it well in his farewell sermon one summer.

He said you would hear people in many places mention "the island" and to different people it meant a different island. In the Maritimes it could be Prince Edward Island, in Kingston some mean Wolfe and others Howe. Always there is a nostalgic tone when people anywhere mention "the island". To the O'Hara family it would always mean Amherst Island because it reminded them of their native Ireland.

Thus we see that "Islanditis" is a widespread disease, not only of the nerves, but often of the heart, in which case it is not bad at all.

. . . . Marj Aitken

Chalk Talk

The Christmas concert was an excellent show. About fifty adults attended the morning event on December 22nd and everyone fully enjoyed the program. The primary, junior, and senior rooms each presented several numbers.

Following the concert, the students returned to their own rooms for gift exchanging and treats.

January 3, 1972 has come and the New Year begins. The holiday seemed to fly by on wings.
. . . . School Reporter

Amherst Island Drivers Invitational

On Sunday, January 2 at Frontenac Downs in Kingston the third race was slated as the Amherst Island Drivers Invitational. Super Indian, driven by Leigh Wemp, took the honours with Spencer Heir (Stu Miller) and Flashie Guy (Hugh Wemp) taking second and third respectively. Also-rans included Old John (Ben Wemp), Preston Star (Earl Willard), Gem's Billy (Bruce Caughey), Willow Brook Smokey (Al Caughey).

This idea certainly merits praise as Amherst Island support by fans, drivers, and horses is very much a factor in local racing circles.

. . . . Staff

Birthday Greetings and a one year subscription go out to Mr. Vernon Richards, Kingston. From Marion Richards, Stella, Ontario,

Happy New Year and a one year subscription go out to John F. Miller, Memphis, Tennessee. From Maurice and Vera Hogeboom, Stella, Ontario,

Council Corner

January 4, 1972

Inaugural Meeting

Reeve Vince Aitken welcomed the three new members to Council - Betty Bedford, Bob Brown and Henry Hitchins.

Allan Glenn is the only hold-over from last year's Council. Francis Welbanks and Jean Tugwell continuing as Clerk and Treasurer respectively with Harry Filson as Road Superintendent.

Unofficial Minutes and Comments

1. Bob Tugwell and Seaver Wemp, appointed sheep evaluators.
2. Marshall Glenn, Keith Miller and Stuart Miller, designated as fence viewers.
3. The following were appointed pound keepers: Lloyd Strain, Chas. Howard, Hugh Drumgoole, Edwin Hogeboom, Kenneth Miller, Robert Brown, Clinton Baker, Kaye McGinn, Sam Reid, Fred McCormick, Mel Filson, Avery Brown, Marshall Glenn, Stuart Miller, Jas. Neilson and Lorne Veech.
4. Vince Aitken, appointed ferry manager.
5. Reeve Aitken named the following chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively: (duties are following the list)

(a) Road Committee - Betty Bedford and Allan Glenn

(b) Development and Finance - Allan Glenn and Henry Hitchins

(c) Property - Henry Hitchins and Bob Brown

(d) Township Services - Bob Brown and Betty Bedford

Duties

- (a) 1. Budget forecast
2. Close liaison with Road Superintendent
3. Advisory capacity with D.T.C. and County Engineer
4. Input necessary for operation of Winter Works Incentive Program - Township has a \$1500. grant. Two possibilities: cutting of elms and removal of stockade beside the Millhaven dock.
5. Monthly progress report.
- (b) 1. Holding and Zoning By-laws
2. Guidance to the building inspector
3. Monthly statement
4. Investigation of township facilities - e.g. building from scratch or rebuilding something that is already in existence
5. Investigation into feasibility of a township library. Charles Densem was much experience in library work and has volunteered to help in this matter.
- (c) 1. Reopening of township roads.
2. Cemetery committee.
3. Dam on western end of Island.
4. Weeds on deserted property and elsewhere -

including the townships roads.

- (d) 1. Fire department
2. Abuse of Township dump.
3. Fence viewing
4. Sheep killing
5. Parks
6. Payment of \$175. for liability insurance pertaining to bubble system.

7. A letter was read from Bell regretting that Amherst Island cannot be listed separately in the forthcoming directory. Rather it will be mentioned as Moscow is in the current edition.

8. Monthly ferry and road's payrolls and expenses were approved making totals for 1971 of \$109,132.49 and \$62,503.44 respectively. The appropriate subsidies have been received from the D.T.C.

9. Misc. bills paid: Sheep bill - \$292.00 Hydro - \$12.50 Clint's Garage - \$23.52

10. Council resolved that the Service's committee investigate possibility of hockey rink and be empowered to spend up to \$25. if considered advisable.

11. Borrowing by-law passed for \$60,000 to float township until subsidies arrive.

12. Purchase of second hand sanding equipment for \$40. was approved.

13. Moved that arrangements be made through Mr. Syl Apps, M.P.P. for a delegation to meet with the Minister of Transportation and Communications regarding a free ferry.

. . . . Ian Murray

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Out Our Way

Mrs. Fleming, our social editor, was quite ill recently and found it impossible to write her column. However, she is progressing on the road to recuperation and her column will appear in the next edition to keep our readers informed of the "homey" aspects of the news.

. . . . G. F. Sheil

Santa Claus Parade - December 19

Amherst Islanders had their annual parade for the festive season on Sunday afternoon. A light snowfall and lower temperatures combined to highlight the Christmas celebrations. Though the absence of a band was noted, the parade entries may compliment themselves on a really fine effort.

Following the parade the Women's Institute served coffee, cocoa, and donuts at Victoria Hall while Santa gave candies out to the children.

Mr. Bruce Caughey, parade marshal, announced that the winner of this year's Christmas Decoration Trophy was Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Glenn. Mr. William English, manager of the local Royal Bank of Canada, presented the Beacon Trophy to the public school for the best entry in the parade.

Parade chairman, Glenn Sheil, was somewhat disappointed in the response this year. Several interests were not represented in the procession and the attendance seemed to be less than expected.

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Island Beacon
Amherst Island, Ontario
Glenn Sheil, Editor
Phone 389-1751
Thursday, February 3rd, 1972

Down The Lane
From an old newspaper clipping - no year marked -
make a guess!

Stella
March 3, 1920

The Amherst Island sailors held their annual ball in Victoria Hall on Friday evening last. It proved to be the event of the season. First class music was supplied by Walter's five piece orchestra of Napanee. The door receipts amounted to about \$115.00. The committee in charge are to be congratulated on the success of the affair. The hall was fittingly decorated for the occasion and an exquisite luncheon was served at 1:30.

Mr. And Mrs. Joseph Bulch, Concession 2, opened the doors of their spacious home on Monday evening last to about fifty invited friends and neighbors. Cards and dancing were indulged in until the "wee small hours". Lunch was served at midnight. Music was furnished for dancing by Messrs. Cork, Cochrane and Nightingale. All left in the morning feeling that they had spent a very pleasant time.

John Miller has recovered after his recent illness. Miss Rose Glenn, who has been seriously ill for the past week is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Robt. Glenn Sr., an aged resident of the village is in poor health.

Quite a number from the Island attended the auction sales at Collins Bay and Odessa on Tuesday and Thursday last.

Arthur Drumgoole, the well-known Emerald stage driver met with an accident while on the return trip from Kingston on Wednesday. On coming down the grade at the penitentiary, a clevis bolt came out. The horses became frightened. Getting clear of the heavily loaded sleigh, they ran up the Front road to "Ellisland", the farm of James Henderson, where they were caught.

They received some slight injuries and the harness was badly broken.

Reeve W.J. Glenn spent a few days in Toronto on business last week.

... Marj Aitken

Car Snaps Pole - Jan. 27

On Thursday morning at approximately 1:45 a.m. a late model car driven by Rick Bedford of Stella crashed into a pole in front of Sterling Glenn's garage in the village. The pole which supported a transformer was broken and several homes in the village and east along Front Road were without hydro for some three hours. Mr. Bedford was uninjured in the mishap.

The Amherst Islander made a special trip after the accident to transport a hydro crew to carry out repairs.
... G.F. Sheil

70 M.P.H. Winds
January 25th

Westerly winds gusting up to 70 m.p.h. buffeted the Island on Monday night and Tuesday. Due to the very mild January temperatures the ice in the Bay was quite thin and the winds swept the ice out, leaving the Bay completely open.

The Amherst Islander was tied up at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday and remained so until the 5:00 p.m. trip. Power to the Third Concession and along the South shore was interrupted for a few hours.
... G.F. Sheil

Ferry Service

The Amherst Islander continues to make regular trips. However the ferry track is getting "heavy" and each run is about thirty minutes. The bubble system is quite evident, however, there appear to be several gaps where the line is not operating to capacity.

Violets

Last week I received an interesting note from a lady from Enterprise. She has a problem with "green plane lice" on buds and stems of her pet violet. I haven't had this problem yet but in my doctor book for violets I find that "aphids" are described as greenish coloured plant lice - so I'll guess that aphids are the villains.

The ISOTOX I mentioned before should rid of them and it can be purchased at a nursery or co-op store. It is of course a poison and unless you have a lot of plants

you probably would never use it all. There are however, insect spray bombs made especially for house plants that will do the trick on aphids, spiders, mites or flies that can spread trouble from one plant to another. These sprays are sometimes listed in seed catalogues. The one I have is called "house plant insect killer" and I bought it a Vandewoorts hardware in Kingston. Raid insect spray might even do the job if you were very careful not to over spray or it might do the plant some harm.

Most books suggest that any new house plant be kept off by itself for a while until you are sure it isn't bringing any new bugs or diseases to your healthy plants. I must confess that I have misplaced this ladies note but the plant she described sounds so pretty that I hope she will write again especially if she would be interesting in trading a leaf. Write: Violet c/o Island Beacon, Stella, Ontario.

P.S. Have you tried a discarded violet leaf as a curry comb to dues and clean your violets.

High School Hi-Lites

Examinations have been the dominant factor recently and the N.D.S.S. students, involved in study and testing, experienced much time free from school as the schedule was extended for two weeks. Hence, the brevity of this column.

Chalk Talk

If weather permits, the public school will be visited by a group of actors on Wednesday, February 16. The presentation will be "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and "The Magic of Muddesuch".

The House League is in full swing with four teams, Wolfgang, Bobcats, Javas, and Stingrays, competing in games, relays and skills. Each house or team uses the activity room for fifteen minutes each day. "Toboggan races" are upcoming.

Friday, January 28 we had a school dance and Mrs. Caughey's room decorated the gym. Everyone had a great time.

Mrs. Caughey's room is busy with a pioneer project; Miss Borris's room has completed their breakfast charts; Mr. Sheil's room is finished up several large cartoons.

... School Reporter

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Out Our Way

Marion Fleming returned home last week after

spending a few days with the Ward family, Oshawa.

Edmund and Lois Bongard were supper guests at the Ross McKee home, Napanee, on Monday.

Mr. And Mrs. William Neill and family have moved into St. Paul's Manse.

Elsie Willard is home after being under observation in Hotel Dieu.

Recent weekend visitors include: Bob and Linda Fleming, Brampton and Elmer and Sharon Ward and Roger, Oshawa with Frank and Marian Fleming.

Leonard and Zwantze Kehoe, Michael, Donna and Patrick with Pete and Ytze Witteveen.

Joyce Griese, Smith Falls, with Bert and Chris Glenn.

Herman and Carol Langwald, Amherstview with Garnet and Gene McDonald.

Earl and Phyllis Twofoot, Battersea, with Allan and Cathy Glenn.

The members of the "Knack of Sewing with Knits" class will be participating at the Summary Day on Thursday at Mowen Church. We hope to have 18 attending. This is one of the classes provided by the Extension Service of the Women's Institute. All are welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon, the fashion parade and a cup of tea.

On Sunday evening February 13th at 7:30 the Dr. Murdo Nicolson, Moderator of the 97th General Assembly will be the speaker in St. Paul's Church. Dr. Nicolson is presently the minister of Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where he received the major part of his education. He has travelled widely. Part of his ministry has been in Peru where he served on the mission field. He is well known throughout the church for his eloquence in the pulpit. His influence on young people is borne out by the fact that nine men have gone into the ministry and three women have become deaconesses while under his pastoral care. We are looking forward to his visit to St. Paul's and we extend a warm invitation to all congregations of the Island to join with us. A reception will be held after the service.

Congratulations and best wishes to David Wemp and Betty Galbraith who were married in St. Alban's Church, Stella on Friday, January 28th. Rev. E. Carne officiated. After spending the weekend in Toronto and Niagara Falls, they returned to their home on the second concession where David farms with his father.

Prior to her marriage, Betty received many lovely gifts when Mary Neilson entertained at a miscellaneous shower.

Marshall Glenn and Bruce Caughey attended Frontenac County semi-annual Loyal Orange Lodge meeting in Kingston on Friday evening.

... Genevieve Fleming

Notice

Would the gentleman from Amherst Island who wanted to buy cut glass please call 389-1218?

Household Hints

An asparagus tip - Always open cans of whole asparagus spears from the bottom so the tips will not break as you ease them out of the can.

Advice re glazed or candied vegetables - Heat the greased pan before adding the vegetables. It will wash easier.

... F. McDonald

Amherst Island Sunday School Financial Report 1970-71

We, on Amherst Island, are unique in the fact that we have a community Sunday School. We, too, are proud that it has been such a success, for without the help of all our denominations, we could not succeed. Following is our report for last year with 60 students enrolled.

Balance forward... \$88.30

Collections... 153.09

Special donations, carol service,
individual donations... 37.37

Teaching supplies and student books... 134.88

Bank Interest... 1.77

Bank service charges... 1.80

Expenses for picnic and Christmas (gifts, candy, prizes,
etc)... 53.79

Balance... \$90.06

Linda Wemp - Sec Treas. Amherst Island Sunday
School

Wanted On Amherst Island

Small lot with frontage on lake or access to lake,
preferable on North shore and accessible by road.
Please sent replies with details and price to H.B.
Sheppard, Suite 402, 35 Widdicombe Hill, Weston,
Ontario.

Council Meeting, February 1, 1972

Reeve Aitken in the chair and all councillors present.
Unofficial minutes and comments:

A. Frank Fleming on behalf of the United Church stated that the Township can obtain the United Church

building in Stella for the nominal fee of \$1 plus a few incidental expenses. The building probably be used as Township offices and, possible, for a library. A resolution was passed to the effect that the building be acquired and that a letter of gratitude be forwarded to the United Church. Mr. Fleming is to be commended for his efforts in this matter. It is hoped that the Township makes good use of this building.

B. Minutes read and passed with the comment (Allan Glenn) that a notice should be published listing the fence viewers, pound keepers and sheep evaluators.

C. No contact has yet been made with Mr. Apps, M.P.P. with respect to the proposed meeting pertaining to the free ferry question.

D. The Reeve read a letter from the D.T.C. regarding liability insurance on the ferry requesting comments on a possible duplication of coverage. The disadvantages of the present \$250 deductible clause were discussed with the Reeve to investigate the matter further with the D.T.C.

E. Three men have been employed under the "winter works" program for a total of \$265 (\$2 per hour). Harry Floon, road Supt., Estimates that 25 elm trees have been cut down along the Township roads. Some \$1500 has been allotted to the Township under the winter works program.

F. Miscellaneous bills and paysheets were presented to Council and approved for payment.

G. A grant of \$100 to the Federation of Agriculture was approved by council.

H. As a manager of the ferry, Reeve Aitken, reported that the designers of the bubble system will examine the system this week to see if the operation might be improved. Contrary to a recent Whig-Standard the ferry is encountering some difficulty with the ice and it appears that cold weather might ice the track. Advertising of the open track will be commended this week, signs are to be placed at the dock; the local radio stations and the Whig-Standard are to be approached.

I. Betty Bedford, Chairman of the Roads Committee, presented a budget proposal for 1972. The need for a larger truck with a snow plow attachment, road building and maintenance, and roadside care were discussed. All roads that are not going to be plowed shall be barricaded with snow fence and notice of this published.

J. A motion was passed to raise the road wages to \$1,90 per hour (the minimum wage).

K. Allan Glenn, Chairman of the Finance Committee, discussed the results of a meeting with a representative from the financial section of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs. Recommendations made with respect to Township financing, handling of the cemetery and the County Road system were of especial interest.

L. Henry Hitchins, Chairman of the Property Committee, recommended that Ernest Fleming, Bert Glenn, Bruce Caughey, and Earl Tugwell be appointed to the cemetery committee. This was approved by Council and it is hoped that the cemetery matters can be straightened out.

Over The Line Fence

First idle braggard: Say Sam, do you see that fly crawling across the roof of that barn two miles away?

Second braggard: No, but I can hear the shingles cracking under his feet!

Judge: I fail to understand, how this man can be charged with striking his wife with a leaf. Surely such minor matters are not court issues!

Prosecutor: But your honour, the leaf was an oak one from the living room table.

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Island Beacon
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Condition Improves - April 3

Mr. Anthony Broeders is still on the critical list at Hotel Dieu Hospital but some improvement is reported. Mr. Broeders was injured in an accident near Crosby on Sunday evening March 30th when the vehicle he was driving collided with another car driven by Arthur Lockwood of Kingston; Mr. Lockwood was killed in the accident. Both automobiles had three passengers; Mr. Broeders and his companions were en route to Ottawa where they were attending trade school; Mr. Lockwood and his friends were returning from a weekend bowling tournament.

Mr. Broeders received multiple injuries - broken neck, pelvis, leg and injuries to his head. The other men received minor injuries; one of them is still hospitalized. Mr. Broeders, his wife - the former Dorothy Bulch, and their young son reside in Amherstview.

Spring

Amherst Islanders experienced the first winter with ferry service open to the mainland throughout. The spring ice is starting to break up, and at other times in other years the Islander would just be "back on the line", however, she ran all this winter with the channel open because of the bubble system.

Even the most pessimistic cannot deny the influence of the bubbles on service to the island. On many occasions during the winter engineers were on hand to adjust and improve the operation of the compressors and the lines. Today it seems very possible that residents will not have to depend on ice crossings in future years.

. . . Staff

African Violets

You might think I had taken a holiday last paper but I didn't, I had better things to do and we now have a new baby boy at our house. Won't he play havoc with

my violets in a few months?

Now that the furnace won't be running as much and its still too cool to have doors and windows open, you may find a form of powdery mildew on flower stems and on the sides of clay pots. This is due to poor air circulation. A fungicide such a "Acti-Dione" will control this or maybe a small fan running for a while each day will be enough.

Here is part of an article which appeared in the "African Violet Magazine" called "Importance of buying Labeled Varieties". I thought it might give you a better idea of what goes into new variety.

"Tommie Low", "White Pride," "Deft Imperial". What do these names mean to you? For one thing, they mean that someone took the time and effort to hybridize them, that is to cross two different varieties thus creating a seed pod, then planting the seeds and growing new plants. This takes special knowledge of genetics, a long period of waiting while the plants grow and incidentally a lot of room which might have been used for other purposes. A hybridizer gives a lot of thought to a name which fits the plant, places a label in the pot, and then with pride presents it to the public. Sometimes he even takes it through three generations and has it registered with A.V.S.A.

Often when looking at a plant of an amateur I ask "What variety is this? Where is the label or marker?" I am met with a blank stare and finally out comes, "Oh, you mean that stick? I threw that out." The label identifies the plant not only as to name but as to hybridizer. It is important and pains should be taken to keep it always with the plant and with any leaves that you propagate or give away.

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Regular Council Meeting

March 6th, 1972 - all members present.

The 1972 budget has been approved as follows - Roads \$56,650.00, Ferry 132,330.00; Total \$188,980.00. Subsidy \$148,398.00, Township Share \$40,582.00.

Motions passed that the Road Superintendent be sent to the Road Superintended School at Guelph in May.

Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 1972 with all members present.

The United Church building is available for \$52. and library books can be obtained from Denbigh. The possibility of remodeling this building into a combination library and council chambers was discussed.

The existing and apparently continuing confusion in the provincial government's planning operation seems to be holding up the progress of the Township's proposed zoning bylaw. No answer has been received from Council's latest written query to the planning consultants. It was decided that a meeting between Council and those consultants should be held as soon as possible.

A meeting of the new cemetery committee was held recently with the result that caretaking services have been advertised for in the local stores.

Council reiterated its position that the dam on the west-end of the island should be removed as soon as possible as complaints have been received that the neighbouring property has been flooded. As this dam was placed without a proper permit, it is hoped that the Department of Lands and Forests will order the removal of this illegal dam.

The Island weed-control problem was discussed.

A \$50. donation to the Junior Farmer's was approved as it was felt that this organization does invaluable work in the practical education of farm children.

The subject of ferry passes was discussed at some length with Terms of sale and conditions being considered.

The following letter was read -
Mr. Vincent Aitken, Reeve,
Amherst Island Township,
RE: Fatal House Fire, Feb. 25/72
Dear Sir,

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the efficient manner in which members of the Amherst Island Township Volunteer Fire Department performed their duties at the disastrous fire at the residence of Michael Chusroskie on the above mentioned date.

The efforts of members of the Volunteer Fire Department in particular, and of other Township residents in general greatly assisted in the search and swift recovery of the bodies of two of the three victims. This co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Signed by Prov. Const. B.L. Browning, No. 4161

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When someone tells you that they have "Coon Valley", you immediately know that you either have it or you don't, what it looks like or whether you want to see it and also whether you would like to acquire a plant or a leaf.

When showing plants in an African Violet show,

your plant must have a name. To be sure, the classification committee may identify it for you but it will take them time unless it is a well-known variety. A plant that has no name is in the same class as a mongrel dog. Sure you may love it but everybody else wants to know. "What is it?" Sometimes a label-lacking plant is really a fine plant but because someone was careless and lost the label or threw it out, it now has lost its identity and is rather worthless. (From an article by Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Favares, Florida.)

Out Our Way

Recent visitors included -

Steve and Gladys Jubinski; Southgate, Mich, with Hugh and Minerva Drumgoole.

The Rod Barr family, St. Catherines, with their relatives.

The Willem Witteveet family, Cobourg; Zwantze and Eddie Kehoe, Peterborough, with Pete and Ytze Witteveen.

The Wayne Watson family, London and Bill and Joyce Griese, Smith Falls, with Bert and Chris Glenn.

Born to Keith and Shirley Miller, a son, Adam Keith.

Emily Wemp and Maurice Hogeboom have return to full time duty at Neilson's Store.

Several Islanders attended the 25th anniversary of Morrison and Isabel Scott and a most pleasant time was enjoyed in their new home.

Syke Fleming, Zwantze and Mary Kehoe spent Easter weekend in Washington, D.C.

Several members of St. Paul's Church attended the Easter service at Trinity Church, Amherstview.

Helen Caughey entertained last week at a bridal shower for Beth Borris. Guests were the members of Presbyterian Church women and the mothers of Beth's students. On Friday, Beth received word of the passing of her grandfather and we extend our sympathy.

The Anglican Church women met at the home of Barbara Reid, and the Presbyterian Church women at the home of Genevieve Fleming on Sat.

On Sunday evening Bishop Creegan administered the service of Confirmation at St. Alban's Church and a reception was held in the school.

. . . . Genevieve Fleming

Household Hints

To freshen bread or rolls, cover crusts with cold water using a pastry brush - Place in oven for 10 minutes at 325 degrees.

Use biscuit mix for other than biscuits. Follow

package directions, then try other uses as waffles,
dumplings and nut bread etc.

. . . . Florence McDonald

Horseman's Dance - April 7

Several couples from Amherst Island attended the annual horseman's dance at the Oddfellows' Hall in Kingston. The Brown Brothers orchestra supplied the music and sources report the evening was an enjoyable one.

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Gymnasium for School

In the very near future the L & A County Board of Education will be drawing up plans for the conversion of two classrooms of the public school into a gymnasium. This will include raising the height and increasing the width of the present room. The two rooms concerned are those in the centre of the school facing south. Construction could begin by September,

. . . . Staff

Amherst Island Athletic Club

The annual general meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 7:00 p.m., at the school. Those members who still have sweaters from last year please bring them to the meeting.

. . . . Ian Murray, President

{There may be issues beyond this one but we have no information to confirm one way or the other.}