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Beacon Notes

Caroline Ackerman is not here to type in the copy so I am left to struggle with it. We do have a new aide in the form of a bigger, faster, Stronger computer - yes!!! For those who are interested, it is a 486DX-66MH with a 406MB hard drive and 8MB of ram. By my standards that's fast, fast, fast with unlimited space to store programs but we'll see in a year or so if there is any space left. The most amazing thing about it is that it cost less than half of our first computer of 11 years ago which was a 640K machine with two floppy drives. I don't know what the difference is in capacity or speed but would guess we're looking at thousands of times faster.

Well, so much for me... How have all you folks been over the holiday season? We hope you had a fine Xmas and New Year. As you can see by the masthead, we managed to start the year on the right foot by getting 1995 up there which was a major effort.

Reporting back, now... After getting the copy into the template and basically working it into columns, I am happy to announce that the computer has worked well - no freezing of the program and no thinking for 2 minutes before printing a page. So, on with the show...

Council Report January 3, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Jim Whitton is away in Australia, using some big machine for his research in Physics.

Ken Albertan asked Council about the details of how the 5% lot levy is determined. He also asked Council about the status of the old section of the Front Road south of his house. This has never been surveyed or transferred, so Council will find out what is needed to straighten out the matter.

The Road Crew has been busy cleaning out and repairing culverts. They have also cleaned up the dump for the winter, worked on the docks and have stock-piled some gravel at the new Roads Shed. They plan to cut some trees and brush in January, weather permitting. Plans are going ahead for the passenger shelter on the Millhaven dock.

There were two accident reports from the ferry in December. The present policy for accidents is that the damage should be reported by the owner of the vehicle to their insurance company, and it is up to the insurance company to approach the Township if they consider the damage to be the Township's responsibility. The new Council decided to continue with this policy. Council has received no applications for the Ship-keeping jobs.

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There was a discussion about a new Fire Hall. The present buildings are slowly sinking into the ground because they lack proper foundations, and Council has applied to the Federal / Provincial Infrastructure programme for funding. This would cover 2/3 of the cost, Council decided to have a Fire Committee meeting on Jan. 6th to discuss the whole fire budget. Chris Kennedy is the new Deputy Fire Chief.

Council then discussed several items in the Procedural By-law. A second member of Council, Ralph Woods, has been added to the Ferry Committee. Various small alterations were made to the Municipal Control Group, and a few other minor items were changed.

Two building permits were issued in December, to Jack Forester for a porch, and to Brian Reil for a house, which is going up in a field just to the east of Garnet McDonald's. Council then went into closed session to discuss some personnel items.

Valentine Dance

Put On By: The Royal Canadian Legion

Music by: Rock'n Roll Cowboys (Tim & Bev Hallman)

Tickets: \$20 from any Legion member or at the door.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sincerest condolences to Sally Bowen and family on the death of her father, Lloyd, in Toronto this past week.

Elaine Tooke recently died. We offer our condolences to her husband Tom. She was a niece to

Helen Miller, Jean Tugwell and Ralph Wemp.

Howard Welbanks is back from hospital recovering from minor surgery. We wish him a speedy one.

Bonnie Baker is also recovering from a minor injury.

Good News

- Caroline Ackerman

When she hung up the phone in mid November, Lynann realized that because of the news she received, her whole life had changed yet outwardly nothing was different.

She had been adopted as a baby, but it was only after the birth of Ben she began to realize how difficult it must be to give up a child for adoption. During a conversation with others who had been involved with a search for their birth mothers, she decided she should try to find her own.

In the spring of last year she signed up with an agency which matches registered birth parents and their children. Time went on and, hearing nothing she thought perhaps her mother hadn't wanted to find her, she shifted it to the back of her mind and went on with her life. Then came the phone call.

Sandra, her birth mother, had registered shortly before Lynann but had put down the wrong birth date - no match. She then figured out the correct date after talking the hospital into reluctantly dusting off their files. With the correct date the match was immediate. Lynann was working for a week at Chalk River on some experiments when the call came. She couldn't believe the news, was unable to share it with anyone, and, because of her work, had to return the agency's call later in the day to find out the details. They told her what they could and said that Sandra was expecting her to phone about seven that evening!

As she later said, she probably would have mulled the news over in her mind for a couple of days before phoning but, with the commitment made for her what would she say?

At the appointed hour she dialed Sandra's Montana home. "I guess you know who this is?" was her opening sentence. They talked for an hour.

"Where is Stella, we can't find it in the atlas?" was one of Sandy's opening questions. She relayed the answer to her husband standing at the ready with the open atlas, also the news that she had a grandson, her first.

The contact brought Lynann a whole family, a grandmother, aunt, three uncles and two brothers

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who were quite astonished to learn of their sister's

existence.

There followed frequent phone calls, "I always know when it's Sandy calling, I can just tell". Unknown to each other they had each tried to find a way to meet before Jim, Lynann and Ben were due to leave for Australia just after Christmas.

Lynann had no luck trying to find a flight and phoned to tell Sandy. She had been more fortunate and, encouraged by an understanding husband, her travel plans were made. She would arrive in Syracuse on Christmas night and could make the 9:30 p.m. ferry from Millhaven.

Luckily Dianne Marshall was working that evening and had her camera handy to photograph the historic moment as mother and daughter met.

The two day visit rushed by and, all too soon, Sandy had to return to her home. The bonds have been forged and a new dimension has been added to both their lives.

Island History

Wemp Family Genealogy Foundation

July 29, 1995 on Amherst Island

The Wemp family reunion will be held at the family farm on Amherst Island, Ontario. Plan to attend the memorial and plaque dedication service 1:00 p.m. as well as the getting acquainted/re-acquainted activities. Please spread the word so we can make this a reunion to remember.

Those concerned in documenting our family history: it would be helpful to have this information as soon as possible to give us time to organize it into a cohesive package. We have record sheets to assist you.

Further information or to volunteer your time please call:

Leigh Wemp... (613) 386-3501,
Herb Wemp... (613) 386-1140, or
Sharon Sands... (613) 353-2358.

All donations are gratefully accepted.

Obituary

John (Jack) Kerr

Family and friends are mourning the loss of a respected and loved member of it's community. John Sheard Kerr died peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital, December 24th, following complications from a stroke suffered three weeks earlier. He was 72 years of age.

Jack was the husband of Madlyn (nee Kilpatrick) of Amherst Island, dear father of David and his wife Brenda of Camden East; and Suzanne and her husband Peter Wemp of Tweed. Loving 'Papa' of Lindsay and Sarah Wemp and David and Tracey Phin. Survived by

brother Bob and his wife Fern of Powassan, and sister Verne Coutts of Stouffville.

Jack lived his life to the fullest, inspiring many people through his 35 year teaching career at Amherst Island, Cataraqui, Amherstview, Portsmouth and Rideau Public Schools.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Allan Glenn summed it up well by saying that Jack had a one way ticket to heaven.

Thank You Notes

The family of the late John S. Kerr would like to express their sincere "Thank You" to relatives and friends for their many acts of kindness, cards, phone calls, flowers, visits, and for the donations of food during the time of his illness and death. A special "Thank You" to the Amherst Island First Response team for their assistance and support and Rev. Lindsay McIntyre for his many visits and prayers. A grateful Thanks to the P.C.W. Ladies for the excellent luncheon served following the service. Special thanks to the Community Carol Choir for their dedication service and card, and to the students of A.I. Public School for their many delightful cards and wishes. And to all

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those who donated to the Heart & Stroke Foundation and the Memorial Fund of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island, again, a sincere Thank you.

Madlyn, David, Suzanne and Families

Thanks for your comfort, my friends. I wish my wonderful Dad could have had even more than his 91 years.

Sally Bowen

To the Amherst Island Women's Institute

Thank you for your kind words and thoughts of Marg. She often spoke of the Institute.

Thank you.

Vince Aitken and Family

Thanks to all who called, visited, offered help and (my personal favourite) brought food during my recovery from my accident. I'm also extremely grateful for the excellent help and support received from the V.O.N. We're fortunate that we have access to such a great service.

Llew MacArthur

We would like to thank everyone who came to help celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Also thanks for the gifts, cards, phone calls, and to everyone who helped with the lunch.

Thanks to everyone.

Mel & Chris Filson

Many many thanks for all the goodies, greetings and good wishes during the Christmas Season. All were appreciated.

All the crews of the M.S. Amherst Islander

The Amherst Island Driving Club would like to thank those that supported and helped with this year's New Year's Eve Dance.

We have on hand in the lost and found, 5 fake acrylic finger nails found under a table on the south wall. Owner may contact any of the horsemen if wanting them returned.

The Royal Canadian Legion

Remembrance Day Competition

Branch 539 of the Royal Canadian Legion is proud to announce that the following people won prizes at the Zone Level of competition:

Mindy Fleming- 1st- B&W Poster, Grades 4, 5, 6

Shawna Phillips- 2nd- Colour Poster, Grades 4, 5, 6

Jessica McGinn- 3rd- B&W Poster, Grades 7, 8

Sara Pollock- 1st- Colour Poster, Grades 7, 8

Ryan McGinn- 1st- Essay, Grades 4, 5, 6

Mindy's, Sara's and Ryan's entries will go to the District Level to compete.

Attention

Whig Standard Customers

We will continue to do our best to deliver your newspaper on time.. However, when the weather slows us down a little, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sandra & Jim Reid

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Beacon Awards

The San Francisco 49'ers get our vote for Football Team Of The Year. Loved the way they let the

Cowboys shoot themselves in the foot three times in the first half of the first quarter resulting in three touchdowns for San Fran. Yes!..Yes!!...Yes!!! It was too sweet.

Meynard Laltin Reviews

The movie selection is getting better but there really isn't anything really great so far. Be that as it may, we offer for your discerning taste, the following choices:

Ruby In Paradise

This is what they call a 'small movie' meaning no big names and no big budget for anything, so there won't be many copies in your video store. The story opens with a woman driving and driving, and ending up in Florida. It's a character study about self-worth and her struggle for same. Quite entertaining; quite well done in all respects and worth a look-see. {7 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

True Romance

Christian Slater & Patricia Arquette star in this violent adventure as a couple who try to sell a suitcase of cocaine they have stolen. Extremely well done all the way through with spots of absolute brilliance but remember that there are violent parts (by the same director who did Reservoir Dogs). {8 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

Pump Up The Volume

Speaking of Christian Slater, here is an earlier work (1990) which is no-where near as good but still watchable. The new boy in school is shy but creates an alter-ego which is given life on his pirate radio station. Sounds weird? Well, it is. However, any film with Leonard Cohen in the sound track can't be all bad. {6 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

Romeo Is Bleeding

Gary Oldman & Lena Olin star in this dark, violent film about a cop gone bad and a hit-person. Not as consistently compelling as True Romance but if sex and violence are your cup of tea, then this should fill the bill nicely. {7 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

Bad Girls

Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson and Drew Barrymore star in this Western as a group of women sort of caught between the Pinkertons and some nasty bad guys. It's okay but Drew is the only one with any spark... there's an unpredictability about her which really gives her an edge. The rest all have this look like they're thinking,

"What am I doing here, anyway?". Okay if you like westerns. {6 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

The Client

Susan Sarandon and Tommy Lee Jones star in this thriller which, while not top-of-the-heap, is pretty good - no small thanks to the child star. Good and solid but the bad guys aren't bad enough nor competent enough except in their ability to pour 50 year old concrete. {6 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

Errors And Omissions

We received the following note from Leslie so instead of paraphrasing it, we will reprint it (hopefully without error).

Please note the following errors in the Dec. Beacon.
P.2 Women's Institute

I stated that Susie Caughey organized students to set up the tables and Lyn Fleming organized the girls who served and cleaned the tables.

P.4 Thank you from Marg Blenkinsop

The Thank you from the ACW for the lunch should have been included in the Friends of St. Alban's following the note on the St. George's Choirs.

We will try to do better in the future... this new computer should help as it seems more than capable of handling the Beacon's size and complexity which was not the case with the previous computer.

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Community Calendar

January 18... Women's Institute Meeting at Irene Glenn's at 1:30 p.m.

February 7... Regular Council Meeting at the Council Chambers (usually) at 8:00 p.m.

February 11... Valentine Dance with tickets from any Legion member or at the door.

Don't Forget

Order Wilton Cheese from ISLE prior to the Friday before the third Wednesday of each month from:

any A.I.P.S. student,

Ann Albertan... 389-2662,

Karen J. Fleming... 389-9869,

David Willard... 389-1656 or

Karen Fleming... 389-0210.

The Zeller's Club Z account number for a microwave for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

We'd appreciate more volunteers either to help us cook at the School or to help us deliver about 5 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of each month.

A Letter Home

Well, this is more like the weather I like.... some cold and some snow but some warm too so I can thaw out occasionally. I vividly remember the persistent deep cold of last winter so you won't hear any complaints this year.

This is pretty much a quiet time on the farm apart from the daily chores. All the lambs have been shipped so we await our next lambing. Our new shop is now heated which puts us into the lap of luxury compared to any time in the past. All in all, it's been a pretty good year on the farm and we hope for that trend to continue.

At this moment, I can not think of another thing to say.... which is rare considering everything that happens on this Island.

Perhaps this is the time for our yearly apology to everyone for mistakes that occur from time to time. We are not professionals and we make mistakes reading the notes we get, typo's that get by the proofers, etc. So, we offer this blanket apology for past and future errors.

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A.I.P.S. Reporters

Alien Sighting In West Amherst Island

Ryan McGinn -

Grade 6

Kyle Murray, a long time resident of the island, claims he saw about 200 lights land on the bluffs at about midnight on October 21, 1995.

Kyle was racing his little blue and grey car going about 11 m.p.h. Kyle raced over to the bluffs, but there was nothing there except a big crater 1 mile long and 1 mile wide - perfectly round.

Kyle told his dad. They went over to the bluffs on the morning of October 22 and in the centre of the crater, they found a little round piece of metal. Mr Murray took the piece of metal to Dr. McPharlan of Queen's. Dr McPharlan was surprised. He said that it was like no metal they had ever seen before. He said he would conduct several studies to try to determine what it was.

Gymnastics Is Fun

- Shannon Baker

Grade 5

At Kingston Gymnastics Centre, ten mid-teenagers are gathering into a circle to do splits both ways. Going on the uneven bars, trampoline and vault and beam is a lot of fun. Learning new things every time and having fun is the best.

Most people in my class like the trampoline the best. You jump up, sit down, or run around.

My coach, Karen Monney, is very nice and supportive. She is the best coach I've ever had. I really like her.

Gymnastics is my favourite hobby and sport. I asked my friend Kindsy how she like gymnastics. She says that when she grows up, she will be an Olympic gymnast.

Car Hits Transport

- Brent McGinn

Grade 4

Mr. Parish was driving along Highway 401 when a car cut him off and forced him to crash into a transport. Both the car and the transport hit a tree. Mr. Parish was taken to hospital. He remains in critical condition. No one was injured in the transport.

Mr. Parish was borrowing the car at the time from Mr. Andrew Fleming. Mr. Fleming wasn't too happy about his Porsch.

Mr. Baker, the driver of the transport was on his way to Toronto to drop off a package.

The man who cut Mr. Parish off, Mr. Brent Pollock, got a ticket for \$75.00.

Hallowe'en Nightmares!!

- Alison McDonald

Grade 5

You are sitting at your desk. It's normal day.... Or is it? No! It's Hallowe'en Day. You see shadows in the hall. How could it be? Everyone is at their desks. It's recess! You get your coat with your friends. Their faces keep on glaring. They are goblins! You walk outside. You see a...

"Wake up. It's morning. You're going to be late for school". You open your eyes. It was a dream. Thank Goodness!

Island Is Better

- Samantha Pollock

Grade 4

Samantha Pollock thinks that the island is much

better than the city. Samantha thinks that the island is better than the city because the air is much cleaner than the city. Samantha has been on the island for four months. She says that the island is much safer than the city. Samantha says that the city gets two thumbs down and the island gets two thumbs up.

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For Sale / Wanted

Carpet Cleaning

Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.

Contact Scott at 389-4872

PJ Coleman Genealogical Services

For more Information, contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Jessica Gavlas at: 389-3199 on evenings and weekends.

Guitar Lessons

Drew Ackerman is available to teach on Thursday afternoon and evening. Far more information please contact, Caroline Ackerman 389-6428

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Bill Halferty's

Small Engine Repair

Call 384-2544

Babysitting

Kelly at 389-2404

Bible Study Group

Wednesday Mornings 9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing Repairs and Alterations

Drapes Made and Altered

Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995

General Contracting

New construction & renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

Glenn's Store 389-0417

Movies Pop Candy Crafts

Post Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

GLM Construction

General Contracting & Renovations & Designs

Contact Garry McDonald at 384-1456

House Cleaning

Professionally trained house cleaner.

Call Laurel at 384-6617

LIN - BAR - Mechanical- Peter Wemp

Heating and Cooling - Sheet metal fabrication and installation.

Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

Need A Babysitter

Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

Now Available

A,.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's Store.

Great gift ideas from the P.C.W.

Odd Jobs Done?

Call Scott Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

Printing

A complete printing and design service.

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Propane

We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John McGinn's.

Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger quantities can be arranged.

Call 384-3047

Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural Water System Maintenance

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Shorewell Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Visitors Welcome at

Watercolours Et Cetera

3rd Concession (389-2588)

If we are home, we are open.

Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc

Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Beacon Notes

A banner month to you all!! We've got some good news and some good news... First, the good news - we're going to try printing the Beacon on a photocopier having found someone who can do it quickly and inexpensively enough for us. We'll see how this works within our present budget but it looks pretty certain that there is a minor price increase in the future.

Now for the good news - We got a scanner to play with. This is a device that you run over a document or picture producing an image which can be dealt with as would be any other graphic. Well, why not show you... we do have to be careful not to infringe upon anyone's copyright but I don't think that Logitech will object to a little free advertising. This image is from their installation manual for the Scanman 256 costing about \$250 including the taxes. As you can see, this is a hand-sized device with what looks like a little green fluorescent tube in it that you roll over whatever you want to image (ie copy). Through some miracle of magic (aka technology), it picks up the image and saves it. There is some technique to learn it but, on the whole, it was far simpler to install and learn to use than I had imagined.

This is the first benefit of having a Bigger, Faster, Stronger computer. We'll have to see what else we can do to stretch the computer to its limit. It certainly passed its first test last month in that it didn't even hiccup once during the finally editing. The old one would do the strangest things - mysteriously eliminating letters or just plain freezing. I'll have more to say about this and other Beacon related topics later.

For now, let's get on with the Council Report and other noteworthy items....

Council Report February 7, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Jim Whitton was still in Australia and Duncan Ashley, the Reeve, was away still recovering from his recent mishap with his car. In his absence Alex Scott chaired the meeting.

Stuart Miller reported on the roads. The snow ploughing budget for this January was low, and the Roads Crew has been doing some brush cutting along the roadsides. The survey work along the Front Road near Ken Albertan's was reported almost finished. This is work that might better have been done when the road was first moved ten years or so ago. The new road actually runs on about 2 1/2 acres of the Shantz family's land.

It was decided that there will be no passengers allowed on the ferry trips designated as fuel trips. At

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present this is the first boat from the mainland on Wednesday mornings. There was considerable discussion about Fire fighters not being available for work on the ferry when called to a fire. It was decided to discuss the whole matter at a meeting of the Emergency Planning Committee due shortly. The Coast Guard is raising the berthage fees for the ferry by 25% this year. This, they say, is part of a more business like approach and will contribute to the deficit reduction initiatives of the government.

There is a site capacity study being done on the dump. The results will be presented to Council later this month. Council is finding out the details of how to get the Kingston Area Recycling Committee's mobile household hazardous waste collection unit to the island. This will take old paint, used motor oil, propane cylinders and car batteries. Sounds like a good idea to me.

Council and the Fire department are working on getting the safety checks completed on the fire trucks. This involves getting a piece of paper to say that a qualified mechanic can use the Fire Hall to inspect the vehicles, and then getting the inspections done.

In January, the Building Inspector issued a permit to Ken Albertan for renovations, and to Robert and Judith MacKenzie for occupancy. In 1994, the Inspector issued twenty-one permits in all, including two permits for new houses, three new garages, three additions and six demolition permits.

Syke Fleming has donated to the Township four prints of the past and present Amherst Island ferries, in memory of Harry E. Fleming, a former Reeve. Council

received the gift with great appreciation, and I look forward to seeing them in the Council Chamber soon. Council then went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Township Of Amherst Island Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #28-94, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her.

Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

Fees

	Prior to March 31	After March 31
- for each neutered dog*...	\$10.00	... \$15.00
- for each non-neutered dog...	\$25.00	... \$30.00
- Kennel license fee...	\$40.00	... \$45.00

*(veterinary certificate or other proof of neutering must be presented)

After March 31, 1995, an additional of \$5.00 will be charged for each dog. In addition to the application fee, a fine of \$25.00 applies to dog owners who fail to purchase a license by March 31, 1995.

By-law #28-94, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control shelter at 354-5907.

A Reminder

1994 Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic April 29th, 1995 at the Firehall 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Neighbourhood - Annette

Best wishes to those who have been sick and/or in hospital this month: Vaughan McMullen; Marg Blenkinsop; Thelma Howard; Phyllis Henderson; Doug Gavlas; Faye Wemp and Tom Phillips. Best wishes also to our Reeve, Duncan Ashley who took a bad smack on the head in a car accident this month.

Our sympathy to Dennis McGinn on the loss of his brother, Vincent McGinn, and to Garnet McDonald on the loss of his brother, Roger McDonald. Former Island resident Lois Bongard also passed away this month.

On the up side, our local celebrity, Jeff Pearce and his band, Moist, has been nominated for two Juno Awards. Congratulations and the very best of luck.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute - Jean E.S. McIntyre

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn on Wed., Jan. 18th at 1:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Ode, Collect and O Canada. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Leslie Gavlas who spoke on the changes to the Income Tax Laws pertaining to the Capital Gains Tax. Leslie also took us through the steps for filling out an Income Tax Form. It was a very interesting and useful programme. The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have compiled a collection of Environmentally Friendly Hints for use in the home, and have put them into a book, a copy of which is to be put in the Amherst Island Library. Hints such as using Tomato Ketchup to clean brass. I tried it and it works! If you would like to own a copy they are, or will be, available at Glenn's store at a cost of \$8.00.

March Meeting:

Wednesday, March 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas

Topic: Rural Beautification of the Island

Speaker: Mrs. Pam McCormick

It's An I.S.L.E. Ham Luncheon

Where: Amherst Island Community Centre

When: Friday, February 24, 1995

Time: 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults... \$6.00

Jk To Gr 8... \$2.00

Preschool... free

For Tickets Please Call:

Ann Albertan... 389-2662

Karen J. Fleming... 389-9869

Susan Caughey... 389-2012

Leslie McDonald... 384-1456

Dave Willard... 389-1656

Karen Fleming... 389-0210

Jim Baker... 389-2404

Before Tues., Feb. 21/95

Everyone Welcome!!

Letters To The Beacon

[Staff: We received the following letter... perhaps remembrance is a better description from Vic Ellis this month. Coming on the heels of Caroline Ackerman's piece last month, we can only hope that this sort of submission will become a regular feature.]

Life is not rich in comedy, one has to cherish what

there is of it and savour it during the bad days.

This from Graham Greene in 'Ways Of Escape' made me think of two long time residents of Amherst Island who are no longer with us but are well remembered by many. Both had a quick, delightful sense of humour, a great fund of jokes, and a pleasure to be with.

Bill Coulson, a neighbour who lived along the road from us would drop in; often when the sun was just over the yardarm. Once after being handed a libation, Bill said to me 'Do you mind if I pasteurize this?' Me puzzled, 'Of course not Bill' whereupon he raised his glass to the top of my head, brought it down past my face, saying 'Past your eyes! Gotcha!'

Our garden corn patch suffered greatly from the depredations by blackbirds and raccoons which I thought I might prevent by installing a radio* in the midst of the patch. One day when I was busy tuning the radio to the raucous noise of a Kingston station, Les Glenn came up behind me, tapped me on the shoulder and said "You should be playing 'Bye Bye Blackbird'".

Both of these fine gentlemen were army veterans. Les was with the RCASC in WWII and was wounded at Ifs, just south of Caen during the invasion of Normandy in 1944.

Bill was wounded in France during WWI but I don't know the details.

* It doesn't work. The raccoons wait until the corn is ready and to their liking. Then one night they have a party. I can picture them dancing around to the rock and roll music and

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having a go at the cobs. The result: complete and utter devastation - not a cob left intact. Suggest an electric fence.

[Staff: Another letter and poem was received secondhand from Alena and John Schram in Accra, Ghana through Peggie Coulter from which we quote liberally - actually completely.]

Here is our painful Christmas doggerel adopted as a temporary measure when time ran out this year. I hadn't even managed to get Change of Address notices out by the time the festive season arrived.

We think of you often, daily in fact. Peggie's painting of our beloved Greywood has pride of place in our study (the only room on the main floor which we are officially permitted to decorate) and is the first item friends encounter when they enter our inner sanctum. It never fails to attract (flattering) attention and provides us with the delightful opportunity of describing life on

wonderful Amherst Island to a new audience.

We're enjoying Ghana as much as we'd hoped. John has managed to unearth quite a number of his old cronies -- now wealthy capitalists -- which gave us a good grounding for our debut. Now our social life has gathered such momentum we wish it would all slow down. For a while before Christmas I began to feel I was living in the foyer of the Hilton. The Residence is quite lovely and large and we want to make the most use of it as a showplace for Canadian interests but there were evenings when I came down the stairs to find roomfuls of strangers making themselves at home in what is, at the same time, our living room. My loyalties to the Motherland and to my own privacy became sharply divided. I've sorted all that out in my own mind now.

We've had several trips to this north and spent a night in the conflict zone where recent tribal fighting has had tragic results (the first diplomats to do so) and visited a couple of hereditary paramount chiefs, one of whom asked for the hand of one of our daughters. In my haste to marry her off, I inadvertently forgot to negotiate a bride price. She's quite a catch and should therefore fetch a goodly number of cows.

But I'll spare you any further details until we see you. We're hoping to spend the month of July on the island and hope you'll be in situ and not off visiting assorted grandbabies. Meanwhile, our fond regards to you both. Have a healthy and prosperous new year.

World Day Of Prayer

March 3 at 2:00 p.m.

To be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Babysitting provided by the Pathfinders, will be available.

A light luncheon will be served after the service.

The theme for 1995 is "The Earth is a House for all People" prepared by the WDP committee of Ghana.

Schram's Christmas Tidings

(with apologies to Hallmark)

We landed here in Ghana, end of August '94,
It was a grand homecoming and we couldn't hope for more;

Our twenty years of dreaming had now climaxed in a wish,

We had returned, and quell surprise, John was the High Commish!

I quickly started teaching school, to eight through ten year olds,

The rudiments of writing and the saving of their souls;*

I published two short articles to stress Canadian aid,
Both met with great approval and for me were tailor-
made;
And one hot day I woke upon the siren of the cock
To drag my jaded body through a hobbling twelve
mile walk.

But recently I've taken on a scholarly pursuit,
To learn the local language which I hope will bear some
fruit
While John continues to unearth his pals from Legon**
days

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Who, just like him, have settled down and mended
errant ways;
His girl friends now have given my old jealousies no
cause,
For most of them are manifesting age from menopause.

John's often on the television, radio, in type,
His message given prominence, his presence given hype,
But luckily he's modest, unpretentious, and discreet,
For humbleness in HOM's*** can be no facile feat;
He makes a case for Canada, for business and for trade,
And makes it clear that otherwise our nation's interests
fade.

And so we have been journeying through Ghana's
northern zones,
Admiring CIDA**** projects in warm, hushed and
hallowed tones,
Encouraging Ghanaians and supporting where they lag,
And giving widespread coverage to our dear Canadian
flag.
But later on this month we'll have a little gap because
We'll be the host and hostess to much more than Santa
Claus.

Our family will be coming here to spend their holidays
In Ghana's hot and humid climes (could there be better
ways?)
Elizabeth's bringing Grady, her new husband of one
year,
While Katherine's bringing Andrew, just to keep him
nice and near;
Our Peter, on the other hand, is coming by himself,
Expecting, on some sultry beach to find some torrid elf.

So John and I will think of you and then will raise a
glass,
Recalling fervent friendships, that can stand the test,
and last,

We'll wish you every happiness, good health, good
luck, good cheer,
And all life's richest blessings, throughout this the
coming year.

* I teach 180 children Creative Writing and Values &
Ethics at the Ghana International School.

** John was at the University of Ghana, Legon, from
'65 - '67.

*** Head Of Mission

**** Canadian International Development Agency

{Letters To The Beacon will continue after the
following request}

I.S.L.E.

Requesting Donation Of A Working Refrigerator For
School Use Only.

Plus The Hot Lunch Program Could Use More (Lots
Of) Bowls And/Or Teaspoons.

Please Contact

Ann Albertan 389-2662 or

Karen J. Fleming 389869

Your cooperation is appreciated.

{Letters To The Beacon continues}

[Staff: Lastly but not leastly, we received this letter
from Peggie and Stanley Burke.]

Att: Beacon ? or (Dump Committee Project?)

Perhaps you heard the interview today on CBC noon
with Nick Jones of Perth, Ont. He was always dismayed
by the "good" waste he saw in his community dump and
was equally frustrated with what to do with his own
"good junk". With the local paper they now publish
"free" a column called "The Waste Exchange". People
call and place ads to list their good junk (free) and
readers call and come and get it if interested (free). Its
working he says and its fun as well as environmentally
sound. Everyone wins and all prices are free - if the
Beacon would like to have a column like this it might
help our dump pile a lot and recycle some "useful to
others" stuff.

Nick Jones (for more info) is (613) 267-4200 ext
151.

Good idea we thought.

From the Beacon:

Yes, we can try running a column for exchanging or
giving away good junk. As with all our submissions,
they are printed without charge with one exception...

that being the Township which provides us with a copy of the Agenda and Addendum in return for our blanket coverage of Island homes for its notices. We have mentioned, in passing, that a voluntary contribution for ads would not be refused but we certainly have never required one which remains our

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policy. We are thankful for the contributions sent as they go into the pot helping to keep the newsstand and subscription prices down.

Come Out And Enjoy An Evening With Agnes MacPhail As Portrayed In A Dramatic Reading By Diane Gordon At Trinity United Church, Napanee 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 1995

For Just \$10.00, you will

- be entertained by the story of Agnes MacPhail, the first woman elected as a member of Parliament in Canada ('Diane Gordon becomes "Aggie" in this one-woman show.')

- enjoy coffee and scrumptious desserts after the show

- support Lennox and Addington Interval House

- celebrate International Women's Day

Reserve Your Tickets in Advance (Call 389-6725 or 354-0808) Or Buy Them At The Door.

This Is Going To Be A Great Evening

Bring Your Friends!!

Thank You Notes

Jean and Earle Tugwell and Helen Miller wish to express their appreciation for the concern and loving support shown by friends during Elaine Tooke's illness.

Sincere thanks to friends and relatives for all their acts of kindness and the delicious food brought to our door.

A special thanks to nieces and great-nieces for helping to organize and serve lunch following the committal.

Also many thanks to the W.I., the A.C.W., Branch 539 Legion, friends and relatives who called, sent cards and delivered treats to Earle following his visit to KGH.

Jean, Earle and Helen

Beacon Awards

To Logitech we offer the Product Of The Month Award in recognition of a job well done on their scanner. Not only is their scanner a piece of cake to use, the tutorials were simply written and effective in what they taught. And, their software was excellent. This

converts imaged text to characters so you can deal with the passage in your word processor. I didn't even have much trouble getting items from Windows to WordPerfect.

An award for Excellence In Satire is issued this month to the makers and performers of This Hour Has 22 Minutes. The quality of the satire is so good that it's difficult to tell when the show stops and the commercials begin particularly when the ads are Government of Canada ones. Good work folks. NB. It is interesting to note that the writers listen to CBC Radio and shamelessly steal the good bits they hear. Even with my limited listening time, they stole a song title from Heather Bishop and several lines from a group interview on Morningside. While we're on the subject of Morningside, I will digress to mention that there really are budgets at the CBC because Peter wanted to play the theme to CBC's Hockey Night In Canada (someone thought that this was 'the' definitive Canadian song) and he couldn't because it would cost too much.

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Congratulations

To Moist we offer hearty congratulations on getting such high exposure for one of their songs. It was played as the feature song on Due South - you know the show about the Mountie in Chicago... or is it Detroit? Well anyway... nice job guys. Needless to say, you folks must have already noted that Moist has been nominated for two Juno Award: Best Single; and, Best New Group. Is there any end to their accomplishments - the next thing you know they will be appearing on the Letterman show or hired to keep the crowd entertained between fights at the Frontenac's home games - the sky's the limit!

Don't Forget

Order Wilton Cheese from ISLE. See the Community Calendar for Order and Delivery dates. Please note the changes in the ordering and pickup dates detailed in the Community Calendar. Orders can be placed with:

Any A.I.P.S. student,

Ann Albertan ... 389-2662,

Karen J. Fleming... 389-9869,

David Willard... 389-1656 or

Karen Fleming... 389-0210.

The Zeller's Club Z account number for a microwave for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

We'd appreciate more volunteers either to help us cook at the School or to help us deliver about 5 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Beef Dinner

The Anglican Church Women are sponsoring a beef dinner at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, March 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets only. These are available from members of the A.C.W.

Price:

Adult... \$10.00

Children (4-12)... \$5.00

Pre-School... free

A Letter Home

Winter's here.... winter's not here.... not bad, eh? My kind of winter especially with the snow to cover the fields again. The ferry crew isn't throwing the rope uphill so far these days which means the lake is rising. Seems early to me but I guess all that warm weather must have allowed the watershed to drain. And, last weekend, the boat had trouble with a large section of ice which kept drifting into the channel.

Now this is the last of the computer stuff - okay... One of the computer programs I bought to fill up my hard disk was a house design program (3D Architect). It's used to design a room layout for a new house or to help planning renovations and, if you want, to produce a materials list. That would be good enough except it has a couple of features that border on the miraculous, It uses colour which you mix yourself. It has a camera feature with which you select a view and it will give you a three dimensional view of the room from any perspective. And, it has an overhead view in which you can see the whole house with the roof off. To give the rooms some added reality and perspective, it has a library of kitchen/bathroom cupboards, tables, chairs, desks, fixtures, etc. It really is impressive and at a pretty reasonable cost of about \$90. This program is a step on the way to a reno... Save Me Please!!!

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{The following accompanies a three dimensional view of the Frame House - after the reno which was not started yet}

Here's a sample of what it can do not that this is an approved plan by the bosses. This shows Topy Farm's frame house without the second floor (north is to the bottom by the way). Not bad, eh! And, this is only one view of thousands available.

Community Calendar

February 17... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for Feb. 22 pickup and payment

February 24... ISLE Ham Luncheon at A.I. Community Centre from noon to 1:30 p.m.

March 3... World Day Of Prayer St Paul's Presbyterian at 2:00 p.m.

March 8... Interval House Fundraiser 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church in Napanee

March 15... Women's Institute Meeting at Mrs Leslie Gavlas' at 1:30 p.m.

March 17... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for Mar. 22 pickup and payment

March 25... A.C.W. Beef Dinner at A.I. Community Centre on Sat. from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

March 31... Dog License Deadline Tags available through the Township Office

April 21... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for Apr. 26 pickup and payment

May 19... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for May 24 pickup and payment

June 16... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for June 21 pickup and payment

July 29... Wemp Family Reunion (we don't know if the Wemps need reminding of their own party but what the heck., better safe than sorry.)

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For Sale / Wanted

Chimney Services

Wood & Gas chimneys sold and installed.

Also Woodstoves & Fireplaces installed.

Certified and Insured Reasonable rates

Contact John Nixon at 384-6617

Computer For Sale

Commodore Amiga

2 - 3 1/2" & 1 - 5 1/4" disc drive

Colour Monitor with sound,

Keyboard, Mouse & Several Software Discs

Price \$895.00
Phone 389-2647 or 352-5939

Toshiba Microwave Oven For Sale
1.8 cu. ft. Excellent Condition.
New Cost over \$800.00
Price \$100.00

Port-A-Potty for Sale
Never Used - Cost \$100.00
Price \$100.00

Canoe for Sale
Fibreglass - Good Condition
Price \$100.00

Need A Good Car?
1990 Pontiac Grand AM for sale
Low milage 87 km, 4 cyc., air conditioning, fuel
injected, cruise control, bucket seats, new brakes, power
steering
Excellent Condition Can be seen at Gregg's or call
389-2647 for all or any of the above.

For Sale
Car Roof Rack- \$25 / Portable Shower- \$38
Heavy Duty Heater- \$80 / Portable Heater- \$8
2 Screen Storm Doors (36"x79")- \$30 each
1 Insulated Storm Door (Brand New)- \$190
Misc. Panels, Floor Doors
All Prices Negotiable
Call Berni at 389-5389

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
Contact Scott at 389-4872

PJ Coleman Genealogical Services
For more information, Contact Penny Coleman at 634-
3828

Babysitter
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Jessica Gavlas at: 389-3199 on evenings and
weekends.

Guitar Lessons
Drew Ackerman is available to teach on Thursday
afternoon and evening. For more information please
contact. Caroline Ackerman 389-6425

Albertan Homes
Homes built or renovated.
Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Bill Halferty's
Small Engine Repair
Call 384-2544

Babysitting Kelly at 389-2404

Bible Study Group
Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian
Fellowship Hall

Cisterns Filled
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing Repairs and Alterations
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Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-8869

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 834-1995

General Contracting
New construction & renovations
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

Glenn's Store 389-0417
Movies Pop Candy Crafts
Post Office Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Saturday 9:00 a.m. . 5:00 p.m.

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Professionally trained house cleaner.
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Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

Need A Babysitter?
Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

Now Available
A.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's
Store.
Great gift ideas from the P.C.W.

Odd Jobs Done?
Call Scott Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

Painting Classes
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes on Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

Printing
A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Propane
We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John
McGinn's.
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3047

Property Maintenance
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,
painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural Water System Maintenance
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Visitors Welcome at
Watercolours Et Cetera
3rd Concession (389-2588)
If we are home, we are open.

Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Beacon Notes

I kind of liked last month's issue - nice and sharp. It did cost somewhat more than we thought - \$113 for 300 copies. That cyphers into \$0.38 per copy printed and because we will likely only sell about 275, it really means over \$0.40 per issue. Obviously, we cannot operate at a loss so we have got to make a decision - do we go back to the Gestetner or raise the price. If anyone has any comment, let us know. Personally, I'm leaning towards a \$0.50 per issue price. We will lose some money on our subscribers for a while but we can absorb that until they renew.

We can always go back to doing the production ourselves but printing it in town does save Chris 3 to 4 hours of tinkering, cajoling, tolerating and just plain fighting the 'beast of the west'. It also saves collating and stapling (that part is worth 1/2 cent per copy or \$1.50 for the print run which is a really good deal). When we collate and staple, anyone and everyone who is around gets into the act from us at Headlands to visitors to anyone who has dropped in for coffee. It takes about half an hour for 4 people - 2 collating and two stapling.

Enough about the Beacon.... Super weather for March break and for the lambs which grow on mother's milk and sunshine.

Council Report March 7, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Ralph Woods was away in China.

The Reeve at the start of every regular meeting declares his conflict of interest with regard to any matter relating to the wages and benefits of the pursers on the ferry.

The Roads Superintendent reported that the expenses for this February were about \$9,000 less than for last year, no snow, but that the frost was coming out of the roads for the fourth time this winter, so it was hard to keep them smooth. News of the regular Roads Subsidy from the province has been received, and Council will apply to the Ministry of Transport for a supplementary budget to repave the Front Road for one mile east and one mile west of the village.

Jim Whitton spoke to Council about people speeding through the village and failing to stop at the Stop sign in the village. It was decided to send round a notice by householder mail requesting compliance with the law.

The Island has received formal notice that the ferry subsidy this year will be 90% of the total eligible costs, as in previous years. With a Provincial election due I suspect that we will not hear too much more about ferry fees for a few months. Council has received a letter from Dick Dodds complimenting the crews on their handling of the ferry during the windstorm on January 5th.

The Township has to have a Health and Safety

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Committee for the ferry, and to have two people trained to be on it, one from labour and one from management. These people have to take a course in Kingston, that costs over \$1,000 each, and they have to be paid while they take it. This is a Ministry of Labour requirement, and Council has no option in the matter.

There was a discussion about the best and the cheapest way to get the fire trucks certified. One possibility is to get the Township garage equipped and licensed to be an inspection station, and another to get them taken into town to a commercial truck garage. After some discussion it was decided not to get the Township garage licensed, but to get them done in town.

Some members of Council were confused as to whether the new Fire Hall has been officially decided on. At the moment no final decision has been made. There is a grant available from the Federal/Provincial infrastructure programme for two-thirds of a total cost of \$81,100. A consultant engineer has been hired to draw up plans to see what can be built for this money, and Dave Hieatt has been asked to give an opinion on the sale value of the old fire sheds. It is hoped that enough money will be raised from selling the old buildings to pay the Township's share of the new building, so that No money will have to be raised by taxes for this project. When all the facts and figures are in Council proposes to hold a public meeting before

making a final decision.

The First Response Team asked for its own budget this year, rather than being an adjunct of the Fire Department. This budget is to cover costs such as C.P.R. recertification, workers compensation and some training materials etc. The First Response Team is working on acquiring a Cardio Defibrillator and Council discussed the project and gave its encouragement.

Then there was a long discussion as to whether the Fire Chief should respond first to a fire emergency or to the ferry. No clear guidelines were laid down, Council merely asked that the Ferry Committee consider a recommendation that the captains be given a list of alternate crew members to be called out to replace a ferry crew member who is required to respond to an emergency.

W. Bruce Caughey has been reinstated on the Cemetery Committee. Council requested the Cemetery Committee to bring up to date the master plan of the Cemetery and that a copy of the up-to-date plan be kept at the Township Office.

Council considered the first draft of the budget for 1995. This did not look too disastrous for our taxes, but there is a lot of work to do on it yet. The bill to finish the surveying and legal work on the Back Beach is estimated at \$10,000, down from about \$25,000 last year. Insurance rates are up over 30%, which will not help. Of course, the Township is only responsible for about 30% of your property taxes, the

{Council Report will continue after the following notice}

Township of Amherst Island
Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #28-94, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her.

Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.
Fees

	Prior to	After
	March 31	March 31
- for each neutered dog*	\$10.00	\$15.00
- for each non-neutered dog	\$25.00	\$30.00
- Kennel license fee	\$40.00	\$45.00

*(veterinary certificate or other proof of neutering must be presented)

After March 31, 1995, an additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each dog. In addition to the application fee, a fine of \$25.00 applies to dog owners who fail to purchase a license by March 31, 1995.

By-law #28-94, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control shelter at 354-5907.

A Reminder

1995 Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic April 29th, 1995 at the Firehall 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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County and the School Board decides on the other 70%.

Council then went into closed session. In the minutes it was recommended that Pavel Koulaev be added to the list of temporary relief engineers. Council also decided to discuss with Dave Hieatt listing the old fire sheds for sale.

[Staff: To clear up the confusion in some people's minds, the Beacon is an independent newsletter. We publish what we think is relevant to a community newsletter and often include notices for Council. However, Council does not tell us what to print, or what not to print.]

Pancake Brunch
Sunday, March 19
11 am - 2 pm

Adults \$4 / Children \$2

Price includes one order of sausage and all-you-can-eat pancakes. Additional orders of sausage \$1.

A project of Bath and District Lions Club in support of the Amherst Island First Response Team Defibrillator

Campaign. Tickets available at the door only.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

[Staff: Annette is not available and so we will stand in for her.]

Jim McMullen had back surgery this month and now is home recovering. Margaret Blenkinsop was also in hospital but has returned home. Lucille Browne is still in hospital. A speedy recovery to all.

Beef Dinner

The Anglican Church Women are sponsoring a beef dinner at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, March 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Euchre to follow at 7:30

Advance tickets only. These are available from members of the A.C.W.

Price:

Adult ... \$10.00

Children (4-12)... \$ 5.00

Preschool ... free

Letters To The Beacon

[Staff: We received a copy of a letter sent to Council from R.A. (Dick) Dodds and reprint the body here.]

Dear Reeve Ashley & Council:

This is a belated letter of commendation and appreciation for the efforts of the ferry crews who were faced with the major windstorm on January 5, 1995. I had occasion to use the ferry twice that day and although I shall never forget the crossings, I must say I shall never forget the work of the two crews. Safety was their prime concern.

Both Earle Willard and Doug Shurtliff (last trip) piloted the ferry skilfully and the crew members were most efficient and sensitive to the needs and safety of the passengers.

We have always been impressed with the service on the ferry and the cheerful manner in which we are greeted, but on January 5, 1995 the crews were exceptional.

Thank you.

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Sirs:

It was with some surprise that on a recent Sunday morning's newscast that I heard the announcement that

Amherst Island was going to get a new fire hall at a cost of \$82,000 to be completely built by June next to be built on Lot 1. Later I read in "The Heritage" glowing commendations by our Reeve, along with our M.L.A. and M.P. for this constituency getting such generous consideration.

For many months, the media has provided us with nothing but concern concerning our horrendous indebtedness and of the steps that are being taken to clear this. Now I wonder where this money is coming from? A year ago now, there was great consternation being expressed concerning the payment of ferry fares on the Wolfe Island and Glenora ferries, a matter that our then Reeve chose not to be involved in and only two of our members of Council chose to support. Now, with a Provincial Election in the offing and the Premier of our Province bringing his cabinet to Kingston for a regular constituted meeting, bringing with them "bags" full of handouts, not once did I hear "Ferry Fares" mentioned, or if it was, our media chose not to mention it.

In a conversation with Peter Milliken, M.P. for Kingston and the Islands, last summer, I inquired if he was doing anything about the provision of "end-loading facilities" to better accommodate the operation of the Frontenac II. His reply, of course, was evasive, emphasizing the problem as being the ownership of the docks was with the Federal Government and the use being by the Provincial Government. I learned lately that a substantial increase has been made in the rental imposed upon use of the Millhaven and Stella docking facilities? Is this correct?

Now, our two Governments have combined to substantially support construction of a new fire-hall, which I question whether this is a priority?

Substantial amounts of money have been expended in the acquisition of cast-off equipment from other municipalities and I note, from time to time, the appeal for more members of the Community to serve on our "Volunteer department". Where have all those hard-working, dedicated people gone, who were the nucleus of the department in its initiatory days? Why have they declined to serve?

Doubtless, I will be considered "old fashioned" and a "grouch", but I feel impelled to express my views.

Sincerely

A. Bruce Caughey

You are invited to join in the celebration of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Anne-Marie and Garry Hitchins on Saturday, April 1, 1995 at the Amherst Island Community Hall, Amherst Island Public School. Dancing: 8 pm until Midnight

Best Wishes Only Please

Island Gardens

- Sally Bowen

“I grow a garden because I like to eat” says Earl Tugwell.

Many Islanders are gardeners. Some grow mainly flowers, others only grow vegetables. There are huge plots and little ones. I propose to write a column for the next few months, talking about Island gardens. You see, it gives me the excuse to go visiting and ask lots of questions. I’m hoping the column will be an easy way for some people to tell their neighbours about extra plants or seeds they might have to share. (I have enough Johnny Jumpups ((Violas)) in May to empurple half the island as an example.) Most people I’ve suggested the idea to so far have said they “don’t do anything special”, but most have figured out effort-or cost-saving methods, have favourite varieties to suggest or practical tips to share.

This is about the time of year some Islanders start indoor seedlings. Marion Glenn says “Whatever I want in my own garden I start.” She finds that mid-March is too early for most planting, and that mid-April does fine with her setup. Barbara Filson says she generally starts hers “too doggone early”, and uses a diary to keep track of last years results. She starts her own seedlings because “it costs too much to buy them”. She goes together with a friend when ordering, to share delivery charges and to share packages when only a few seeds are needed.

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Tom Sylvester’s parents and Tom and Jackie manage a huge garden area between them. Jackie emphasizes not starting seedlings too early also. She will start just a couple of early tomatoes at the beginning of March, then she and Mrs. Sylvester will begin the slow growers such as eggplants, peppers, leeks, onions, celery and parsley in mid-March. They start their own because they get better quality - they have so much more variety to choose from in the seed catalogues than in local bedding plant sales.

Timing depends on how warm your space is too. The year we switched from a wood stove to a wood furnace with good vents, And put new storm windows on, my starting date should have been put two to three weeks later. My overgrown leggy specimens that year proved the disadvantage of starting too early.

Next month I plan to talk about techniques used by a variety of Islanders for starting indoor seedlings. I also want to talk to a few who do a good job of starting

the outdoor planting early.

If you are willing to have me visit your garden or want to encourage me not to miss a neighbour’s garden, please call me at 389-3802.

Open Bridal Shower to be held for Laura Wemp on May 6, 1995.

Place: Amherst Island Public School (Lunchroom)

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments to be served.

Everyone Welcome.

Contact: Sherry Ward at 389-6918

Emergency First Response Team
Cardiac Defibrillator Fundraising

Since its inception in 1991, the Emergency First Response (EFR) team has proved to be a valuable asset to the Island community. Over the last 4 years we have operated quietly but effectively, responding to more than 35 calls ranging from cuts and bruises to heart attacks. We have worked closely with the Ministry of Health to try and make ambulance service to the Island more efficient, and we were instrumental in establishing the helicopter landing pad (next to the new township shed).

So what’s up? The EFR team would like to purchase a Cardiac Defibrillator, a device which can be used to restart the heart of a person in cardiac arrest. This machine also serves as a monitoring tool; using it we can closely monitor the heartbeat pattern of a cardiac patient while we wait for the ambulance to arrive. Cardiac defibrillators are carried in ambulances, and last year Kingston City Council authorized the purchase of defibrillators for all of its fire departments.

So what are we waiting for? Money!! The cost of a cardiac defibrillator is around \$10,000. So the EFR team is launching a Major fundraising effort, which Annette Phillips will be co-ordinating. Bath Lion’s Club has already donated \$500 to the cause, and they are also helping us to kick off the campaign by holding a Pancake Brunch this Sunday (March 19th) at the school, from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, with 75% of the proceeds going to the Cardiac Defibrillator fund. So come along, eat your fill of pancakes and sausages, and support our cause!! See You There!!

OBITUARY

[Staff: We received the three following obituaries that we think all appeared in the Whig Standard over the last month.]

Vincent P. McGinn

Vincent P. McGinn of Kingston, Ontario, died at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital on January 27, 1995. He was 74. Mr McGinn was the son of Henry and Helena McGinn and was born on Amherst Island. He attended Amherst Island Public School. Mr McGinn resided in Kingston for 30 years and previously lived in Cornwall and Oshawa. He was a Veteran of the Second World War, drove Colonial Bus and Charlton Transport, and had been retired from the City Parking Lots for 10 years.

Mr. McGinn was Roman Catholic and his special interests were at home with his family.

He is survived by his wife Audrey, daughter Elaine Sillett, Kingston; son Terry and wife Roxanne, Edmonton; five grandchildren Daniel, Angela, Bryan, Kirsten and Stefan; sisters Helen Lutz, Kingston; Serena Trent, Lindsay; Eleanor Taggart, Wolfe Island; several nieces and nephews; brothers Angus and Mike, Kingston; and Dennis, Amherst Island. He was predeceased by brothers Stanley, Emerson,

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Neil and Leo and by his sister Olga. The Funeral was held on January 30, 1995 with Monsignor Clement officiating. Interment Cataraqui Cemetery.

Roger Duncan McDonald

Roger Duncan McDonald of Kingston and Tiffany Crescent, Ottawa, died at Queensway Carleton Hospital, Nepean, on February 4, 1995 from a sudden heart attack. He was 73. Mr McDonald was the son of Florence and Edwin McDonald and was born on Amherst Island. He lived in Kingston while attending Queen's and he grew up on Amherst Island. He was with the R.C.A.F. for over two years as a radio navigator and then was a Research Scientist. He had been retired 10 years. Mr. McDonald attended Public and Continuation Schools on Amherst Island, Napanee Collegiate and Queen's University. He attended Kanata United Church (where funeral service was held), he was a Charter Member and was active in several church committees. He was involved with American Society for Metals, Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and various community organizations. His special interests were family, friends, curling, music, genealogy, reading, church and community affairs. Described by family as a gentle man of compassion and integrity.

Mr McDonald is survived by his wife Marion (Gilbert), children Alison, Bruce, Douglas, grandchildren Sarah and Geoffrey Williams, all of Ottawa; brother Garnet McDonald, Amherst Island; and

sister Doris Henderson, Kingston. He was predeceased by his parents.

The funeral was held on February 8, 1995 with Rev. Peter. Lougheed and Rev. Kenneth Robinson officiating. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

Marion E. McGinn

Peacefully at Extencicare Kingston, on Wednesday, March 1, 1995, in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late Charles McGinn, loving mother of Donald and his wife Mary of Cobourg; Arthur and his wife Susan, John and his wife Jane, all of Stella; predeceased by Leona McGinn; Bryce McGinn, Jane Gibson, Annie Ferguson and Mavis McGinness. Fondly remembered by her several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; predeceased by her two brothers and one sister. The family will receive friends at the Paul G. Payne Funeral Home, Main Street Odessa on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Liturgy of the Word to be held on Friday at 10 a.m. in the Funeral Home with Father Peterkin Officiating. Interment St. Bartholomews Cemetery, Stella. As expressions of sympathy, Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Easter Services St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Good Friday 10 a.m. at Strathcona Park Church

This is a combined service with Trinity Presbyterian Church, Amherstview, Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island.

Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian
Supper.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Community Hymn Sing

Where: Amherst Island Public School

When: Sunday evenings 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Who: Anyone interested in music either singing or listening.

Bring along your favourite hymns or songs and share them with others.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Glenn.

Thank You Notes

I wish to express my thanks to relatives, friends, neighbours, Amherst Island Women's Institute, St. Alban's A.C.W., and St. Paul's P.C.W., for the cards and phone calls of sympathy after the sudden loss of my

brother Roger.

Garnet McDonald

We wish to thank all those who helped provide lunch on the day of Roger

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McDonald's burial and especially Anna and Henry Hitchins for opening up their home on that day. It was greatly appreciated. We also thank those who sent cards and letters of sympathy.

The McDonald Family

A note of thanks to the various persons and groups on the Island that came to my aid after my automobile accident on February 3rd. Special thanks to Harry and Barbara Filson, and the Emergency First Response Team, for their efforts immediately following the accident and to Maureen McGinn for following the ambulance to the hospital. The baked goods and best wishes of the women of the P.C.W., A.C.W. and W.I. were also greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Susan Sedore and Garry Filson, and to Hans and Hazel, for offering the use of their vehicles in spite of my recent driving record.

Sincerely

Reeve Duncan Ashley

I.S.L.E.

Requesting Donation Of A Working Refrigerator For School Use Only. Plus the Hot Lunch Program Could Use More (Lots Of) Bowls And/or Teaspoons. Please Contact Ann Albertan 389-2662 or Karen J. Fleming 389-9869 Your cooperation is appreciated.

Beacon Awards

Well, this month we offer the Truth In Advertising Award to one of the big banks (the Royal, I think) for its commercial showing a ferry captain running around his ship like it was the Queen Mary circling the globe. Not only does the Captain have to be in constant communication with the far flung shores by walkie-talkie but he must also carefully chart his course. We see shortly, however, that the commercial is being shot on the Adolphustown ferry. For those of you who don't know, the run is about three stone throws long taking approximately 37 seconds from dock to dock. Nice try folks but it somehow loses some credibility - nicely

shot, though.

The Beacon has gone to extraordinary lengths to provide you with a detailed analysis of the recent Federal budget. Hours and hours of number crunching on our bigger, faster, stronger computer has led us to the conclusion that the Feds are trying to pull a fast one on us. So, we offer them The Smoke And Mirrors Award because their budget can be summarized as follows:

Send Us All Your Money And We'll Send Back Any Left Over.

By-the-by, did anyone hear if any of the 45,000 staffers to be laid off are from Revenue Canada - fat chance, eh!! Got to keep that money rolling in!

Okay girls and boys... what is it? I'll give you a hint - it is a computer program and what follows is the opening paragraph of what I received as a discount advertisement from Borland (a software company). New Delphi (Trade Mark), winner of BYTE'S Best Technology of Comdex 1994, is here!!

Delphi, the next-generation visual technology, provides you with RADical performance never seen before in the industry. Delphi facilitates rapid application development (RAD), allowing you to smoothly progress from prototype to production. Delphi is the only Windows development tool that combines a high-performance optimizing native code compiler with a visual design environment and integrated database access. It is the first application environment to offer the productivity of an object oriented 4GL with the performance of an optimized compiler.

I don't have a clue what they are talking about and because of that it's obviously something I don't need -- I hope?!

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Fearless Predictions

You can bet the farm on this one.... Coming soon to a tv near you as a Movie of the Week will be a re-enactment of the Kevin Mitnick's (apparently a hacker extraordinaire) career and his eventual capture after he broke into the wrong person's computer - Tsutomu Shimomura. A true to life case of the victim getting his revenge by doing what he does best - tracing down Mitnick by following his trail in cyberspace. Of course, there will be the inevitable embellishments and exaggerations to develop a crisis - you know... Mitnick is honing in on the- ICBM missile launching sequences

or stalking a Hollywood star through virtual reality....
or putting the life of Shimomura's child's big fluffy dog
at risk by altering the computer chips implanted by the
vet so if the dog is picked up, the readout will show it to
have a history of vicious behaviour. Well, the last one
would be hard to do unless the dog had his or her own
modem but rest assured that the writers will find an
appealing angle.

Odds & Ends

[Staff: The following article was sent to us from the
February 4, 1995 issue of New Scientist.]

Voies' urine is their downfall

Voies, if you were to keep them as pet, could never
be house-trained. As they travel around, the small
rodents mark their environment with urine. The smelly
marks allow the voies to navigate through familiar
territory, and to communicate with one another. But
Finnish researchers have now found that this habit has a
deadly side effect. The marks are visible in ultra-violet
light, and are used by kestrels to home in on their prey.

Researchers led by Erkki Korpimaki of the
University of Turku gave captive kestrels a choice of
areas to swoop and hover over. The areas either
contained urine trails left by field voies, or were clean.
They were lit with visible, or UV light. The kestrels
showed most interest in the UV-lit area containing vole
trails, and spent the least time hovering over the clean,
UV-lit area. The researchers also tried some
experiments in the field laying artificial trails with vole
urine in areas where few voies live. The trails attracted
kestrels who searched in vain for their prey (Nature, vol
373, p 425).

The researchers have not investigated in detail how
kestrels detect UV light, but the eyes of other birds are
known to be sensitive to these wavelengths. Korpimaki
and his colleagues believe kestrels use UV vision to
focus their hunting on areas that contain large numbers
of voies. This is important, as voies occasionally suffer
catastrophic local population crashes. When this
happens, kestrels may have to emigrate over many
hundreds of miles to find their prey.

Don't Forget

Order Wilton Cheese from ISLE. See the
Community Calendar for Order and Delivery dates.
Please note the changes in the ordering and pickup dates
detailed in the Community Calendar.

Orders can be placed with:

Any A.I.P.S. student,
Ann Albertan ... 389-2662,
Karen J. Fleming ... 389-9869,

David Willard ... 389-1656 or
Karen Fleming ... 389-0210.

The Zeller's Club Z account number for a microwave
for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the
third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-
0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

We'd appreciate more volunteers either to help us
cook at the School or to help us deliver about 5 p.m. on
the 3rd Monday of each month.

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A Letter Home

So, what does spring bring? Lambs, lambs and more
lambs... floods of lambs, avalanches of lambs - nay
lamalanches. It also brings long days of too much to do
in too short a time, and too little sleep for complete rest
so there is the slow but inevitable running down of body
and spirit. On the other hand, it brings coffee and lunch
breaks with better than average treats plus the 'miracle
of birth' keeps us going. A mixed time as you can see. I
have no idea what shape we'll be in next month but for
now, we're hanging in there. We do have to pace
ourselves as there is no break in the farm work until the
snow flies again.

Rumours of spring abound... The first sighting,
reported to us, of a Robin on February 22 by Eleanor
Trueman. Obviously a mutant if he thinks it's really
time to stake out his territory. We hope he has a warm
home to snuggle away in and lots of worms in the
freezer.

Our recent blessing of warm weather has done the
snow in - quickly, painlessly and hopefully for the
season. Next we wait for the ice to go out of the channel
and the sound I wait for all winter - waves which, for
me, is the official beginning of spring.

We congratulate ourselves on resisting the urge to
make further comments on computers and the doodads
with them. It took considerable will power (actually in
this case it was won't power). We are sure that many
are grateful for the lack of blathering.

Glenn Miller 634-3741
Income Tax Preparation

In your home or office, or mine. Individuals \$85,
Couples \$135. Fee quotes for small business, farm, T-3
Trust and U.S. Tax Returns. 25 years related

experience.

Community Calendar

March 17... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for Mar. 22 pickup and payment

March 19... Pancake Brunch at A.I.P.S. from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

March 25... A.C.W. Beef Dinner at A.I. Community Centre on Sat, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Euchre at 7:30

March 31... Dog License Deadline Tags available through the Township Office

April 1... 25th Wedding Ann. for Anne-Marie & Garry Hitchins at A.I.P.S. 8:00 p.m. to midnight

April 14... St. Paul's Good Friday Service 10 am, at Strathcona Park Church

April 16... St. Paul's Easter Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

April 21... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for Apr. 26 pickup and payment

April 29... Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Firehall from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

May 6... Bridal Shower for Laura Wemp A.I.P.S. (Lunchroom) from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

May 19... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for May 24 pickup and payment

June 16... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for June 21 pickup and payment

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Chimney Services

Wood & Gas chimneys sold and installed.

Also Woodstoves & Fireplaces installed.

Certified and Insured

Reasonable rates

Contact John Nixon at 384-6817

Carpet Cleaning

Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.

Contact Scott at 389-4672

PJ Coleman Genealogical Services

For more information, Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Jessica Gavlas at: 389-3199 on evenings and

weekends.

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Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

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Call 384-2544

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Wednesday Mornings 9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

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Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995

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Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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Movies Pop Candy Crafts

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Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Professionally trained house cleaner.

Call Laurel at 384-6617

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Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating and Cooling
Sheet metal fabrication and installation.
Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

Need A Babysitter?
Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

Now Available
A.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's
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Odd Jobs Done?
Call Scott Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

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Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

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Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John
McGinn's.
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3047

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Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,
painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

Pumps Of All Kinds
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Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Visitors Welcome at
Watercolours Et Cetera
3rd Concession (389-2588)
If we are home, we are open.

Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Beacon Notes

A big thank you to Peter Trueman for his recent article in the Whig Standard written about the Amherst Island Beacon's 25th anniversary. Peter's last sentence is: "Amherst Island continues to be a special place and the Beacon continues to reflect it".

In an effort to reflect the Island better, we've made a few changes up here. Sally and Ian are now responsible for "hustling copy" getting more articles from Island residents and thereby covering more events. Chris will do the 'Letter Home' and most Council meetings. Caroline will continue typing. Dianne will continue with her recipe column. Don, after carrying the brunt of the work for a long time, will only be involved in layout and getting the printing done in Kingston. This will still take Don a lot of time but much less than before. He'll also be reporting on the occasional Council meeting.

This 25th anniversary edition will be sent to all households on the Island as a gift.

From the Archives...

The First Edition is still a very interesting read. It was issued Thursday, April 16, 1970. Following are some excerpts for those who do not have a copy.

From Council Corner by Marj. Aitken:

Council meets in the school through the kind permission of the Board of Education of Lennox & Addington.

A new building by-law is in effect for Amherst Island... Keith Miller is chairman of the Twp. Building Committee and Bruce Robinson is building inspector. With some of the island properties now under subdivision, this firm by-law of building regulations

will be of much help to all property.

Plans for some adequate fire protection for the township are going ahead under the leadership of Glenn Sheil. A tank truck has been bid on and this bid hopefully will be accepted, and money set aside to remodel the township hall to house it and other equipment. Your cooperation in this effort will be expected.

Clinton Kilpatrick is chairman of the Road Committee. The crew, under Stuart Miller's direction, are making progress with repairing the damage to the roads that the long winter made...

Ralph Wemp, chairman of township parks and the maintenance of the dump and opening township roads that have been closed in the past years, reports work on these assignments progressing. When the

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dump is pushed back, your co-operation in keeping it reasonably orderly would be appreciated. Council was sorry to accept the resignations of two who have served the Island well - Tina Filson, who kept the road books and Albert Mulders, who is leaving the ferry captain's job to farm. Both are wished well in the future.

Reeve Vince Aitken has contacted the Bell Telephone, re the poor service, many times through the winter, with disappointing results.

From Amherst Islander by Genevieve Fleming:

When the secondary school students were ready for school on January 5th the ice wasn't safe yet for travel so they took along their bags and stayed in Napanee... January 13th was really cold and the road supervisor took his men out to measure the depth of ice and they decided it was safe enough for ski-doo's so they put in the familiar cedar trees making a road across to Ellismere and wisely placing a sign on the first tree out from Stella, stating the road was for ski-doo's only and those who travelled otherwise did so at their own risk. The weather was ideal for making ice ... and in a day or two a few folk began crossing with old cars. On January 15 the ferry made only three trips and on the 16th she tied up at Stella. Cold weather continued for nine weeks and we had a perfect highway.... On the morning of March 31 [the icebreaker] returned At 9:30 p.m. the Amherst Islander loosed her moorings and set out on her first trip of the new season, but ill fortune awaited her for she had only sailed a few hundred yards when a gasket blew on the water pump. [Repairs were made and regular service started the following day.]

The next few days were really busy. Feed trucks, oil trucks, gas trucks, cream trucks, cheese, repair men, soft-drink trucks, hydro trucks, real estate agents, income tax consultants, students, teachers, drivers, preachers, all hurrying to come and go, and we Islanders are happy to once more be able to come and go in safety....

Spring has come again - it surely must be Spring for today I saw three robins and two meadow larks and the geese have flown north.

From Stella Cheese Factory:

A sigh of relief swept over many milk producers this evening when it was learned that Mr. Tugwell would continue operations at the cheese factory. He plans to purchase milk from the Milk Marketing Board.

From Amherst Island Athletic Club by Bruce Robinson:

The new executive is as follows: Pres. Bruce Robinson; Sec.-Treas. Allan Glenn; members at large, Earle Tugwell, Dave Kerr, and Paul McCormick, and the group at the meeting agreed that we should invite two members from the ladies' softball teams to become part of the club's executive.... Valerie Filson and Anne McCormick [were] designated as representatives.

From Stella Hockey Team by James Neilson:

The rewarding part about the whole season for me, in my position as coach, was the wholehearted co-operation from the boys, their willingness to learn and try and their dauntless effort.

From out Our Way by Marion S. Fleming:

The welcome mat is out to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Murray. They recently moved into the Presbyterian manse, and I am sure Randi will find it more enjoyable teaching with less commuting time involved.... Steven Richard, infant son born recently to Capt. and Mrs. Earl Willard Mr. Garry Hitchins was recently married at Stratford, Ontario, to Miss Anne-Marie Rickarby, in St. John Anglican Church.

From Editorial by G. F. Sheil:

It is our ambition that the "Beacon" will, in large measure, become an integral factor to Amherst Islanders - and to this end, we have directed our

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The Back Kitchen Restaurant Hours of Operation

Spring & Fall

April 7 - May 19

Sept. 5 - Oct. 8

Weekends only:

Friday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Summer

May 20 - Sept. 4

Open Daily including Holidays (closed Tuesdays)

Daily - 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday & Sunday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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efforts. With this in mind, the "Beacon" will attempt to communicate to the people of Amherst Island the news, information, and developments which are pertinent to our municipality.

Your suggestions, involvement, and encouragement are invited and welcomed for the success of the "Island Beacon".

The final page is a cartoon by Shirley Miller in which Reeve Aitken is shown, on the left, dreaming of the Amherst Islander being pulled through the ice by a tug. On the right, Minister Gomme [Dept. of Highways] dreams of puffing the plug on the Island.

The First Edition was truly an issue to remember, and re-read.

Memorandum of Meeting With Harbours and Ports and MTO April 6, 1995

-Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

In Attendance:

Marie deSouza and Scott Walker, Harbours and Ports.

Rick McLuckie and Roger Horizon, Ministry of

Transportation

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front face free for docking of the Frontenac II until sometime after Labour Day. The work on the west side will take approximately one month. The Amherst Islander will be brought back into service and docked against the newly repaired west side.

The specifications will indicate that construction on the front face is not to begin until after Labour Day. The specifications will call for transportation of material by barge. It is expected that most of the work will be done from a floating plant.

Environmental approval is required but no problems are anticipated. The end-loading potential of the dock will be assisted by the repairs but not facilitated. No dredging is planned.

The existing dock is in an accelerated stage of deterioration. The funds have been allocated. Estimate of work: \$375,000.

Estimated cost of end-loading facility is \$300,000. Rick: No room for MTO to participate in the project because no dredging is planned. Main advantage to the Province would have come from dredging, environmental approval and fish compensation agreement done by the Feds. \$300,000 for end-loading docks is not available.

It is expected that the Frontenac II operating as a side-loader will address the needs of Amherst Island beyond the year 2000.

Council Report April 4, 1995

- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present for this meeting plus the Clerk-Treasurer, the Building Inspector, two delegations, and several members of the public. This was my first meeting with this Council so there was interest on my part to see how this Council functioned as a group. After the usual preliminaries: adoption of March 7th minutes; approval of agenda; disclosure of interest (Councillor Woods on any item concerning Lot 8, South Shore Concession, and Reeve Ashley in matters concerning the wages and benefits of the purser position on the Ferry), the meeting began with two delegations:

- First up was John Gerretsen (provincial Liberal candidate) who asked a leading question, "How can Queen's Park serve you better?". He was then given a quick but complete course in ferry fees and landfill sites. He did not commit his party to any position but listened.

- The second delegation (Lynann Whitton and David Fleming) outlined the Emergency First Response Team's fund raising campaign for the purchase of a defibrillator. Council agreed to help by advancing the initial capital to purchase the merchandise the EFRT

wish to sell (roughly \$2600). The council members were impressed with the detailed plan laid out by Lynann and David.

No firm date was set for a Public Meeting to discuss the new Fire Hall. Councilors differed on

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what information they should have before calling a meeting but all agreed that the budget process needs to be started and the preliminary drawings received from the consultant. At a later point in the meeting, there was more discussion of the proposed Fire Hall with the Reeve talking about the technicalities involved in selling off the existing Fire Hall and property. Before the Township can get any firmer sense of the property's value (beyond the appraised value of \$20,000 to \$25,000 as reported by a Councillor), it has to be declared surplus. Once it is declared such, the Township is more or less committed to selling it and to building the new Hall. The Clerk pointed out that it could always be declared needed or un-surplus or something... I didn't catch the exact word but the intent was clear in that the Township isn't committing itself to a sale until it agrees to a deal. By the way, just in case anyone wasn't clear on the reason to sell the existing property - it is to pay for the Township's share of the \$81,000 infrastructure grant. [Staff: More information and opinions concerning the proposed Fire Hall will follow in this issue.]

A few items of interest came up for action from a Ferry Committee meeting (March 29, 1995):

- Council will sponsor only full-time employees to go to the Marine Emergency Duties course and thus part-time employees will have to pay their own way if they wish to attend,

- Council will inform the Ambulance Service that they will not get priority for space on the ferry and the ferry will not be held when it is bringing people home (this applies to commuter runs both morning and afternoon), and

- Helen Trotter is now a permanent member of the ferry crew having successfully completed her probationary period.

An application for a \$80,000 supplementary road subsidy was approved. This would cover the estimated cost of paving 1.4 km of the Front Road west of Stella. Councillor Woods wanted to make sure that the soft spots going up the hill from Eves to Gavlas' is taken care of whether this means better ditching or a better base for the road. He would like the County Engineer to get involved.

Applications to the Ministry of the Environment and Energy for a Waste Management Grant and to the

Financial Assistance Program were approved. The first is to do additional monitoring of the ground water and accompanying analysis; monitoring of the leachate; and, site closure which total \$54,000. The second is to cover the costs of public consultation, design, land purchasing, site preparation, hydrogeological studies and structures totalling \$125,000 to be spread out over the three years starting in the year 1995-96. The land purchased would be for a 20 acre buffer around the existing landfill site. It should be pointed out that this is simply an application to MOE to see if they think that this is reasonable. It is not a commitment by Council to spend whatever our share of it would be. In the past, I think we had to put up about 25% but, as the Clerk said during the meeting, there is no guarantee of what the percent granted would be as it could be as little as 50%.

The first Budget Meeting was set for Thursday, April 6 so by the time you read this, the budget is in the works.

The Dog Control By-law will be re-drafted in order to rationalize the fine structure.

A discussion centering around the definition of a 'barn' was set off when Ida Gavlas asked Council to settle a disagreement between her and the Building Inspector. In the end, Council decided to declare Gavlas's now levelled building a barn and, to return the \$25 demolition permit fee.

In response to a news release from the County which stated that there would be no increase in County property taxes in 1995, the Clerk pointed out that Amherst Island's share was an increase of 3.4% over 1994.

{Council Report will continue after the following two ads}

Open Bridal Shower to be held for Laura Wemp on May 6, 1995.

Place: Amherst Island Public School (Lunchroom)

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments to be served.

Everyone Welcome.

Contact: Sherry Ward at 389-6918

Stag Party for Rick Wellbanks

Saturday, May 6th

8:00 p.m.

A.I. Community Centre

Cash Bar

{Council Report continues}

Usually there are several letters from far flung municipalities asking for support of a specific resolution. This month was no different with Thunder Bay objecting to hundreds of millions of dollars being spent (as considered by the Federal Government) on the Port of Churchill so it could ship 8-10 shiploads of grain each year. Council received this. Another resolution from the Town of East Gwillimbury was also received without action. Finally, a resolution from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters was voted on and passed with one abstention (Councillor Whitton). Council voted in favour of the Federation's position against the Federal firearm's legislation (Bill C-68 and the Government's Action Plan).

Several other (actually many) items were dealt with but with the rather lengthy Beacon this month, I think I will stop here.

Mother's Day Ham Dinner

The W.I. will be sponsoring their Annual Ham Dinner on Saturday, May 13, 1995, at the Amherst Island Community Centre.

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Price: Adults... \$7.00

Children... \$4.00

This is the only fund raising event the W.I. has each year.

Fire Department Meeting

April 12, 1995

- Ian Murray

The fire fighters met with Chief Silver and Deputy Chief Kennedy to discuss several issues of concern to the well-being o

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Brunch done on our behalf. Proceeds from the Brunch totalled \$452.00 and more than 100 people attended. Thanks also to the individuals who have made private donations: Helen McCormick; Larry and Lyn Fleming; Caroline Yull.

Cost of Defibrillator: \$7,400.

Money raised to date: \$1,185.

(Donations to the EFRT Defibrillator campaign will be gratefully accepted at Glenn's Store, or at the Township Office. All donations are receipted and are tax-deductible).

Coming up: T-shirts and leather strap caps on sale at Glenn's Store May 1.

Check out our blood pressure clinics the last Sunday of every month from 2-4 pm at the school. Cost to be \$1.00. EFRT members will take your blood pressure and maintain a confidential file for your information.

New phone directory. EFRT Fundraisers are updating the Island phone list and changing the format to a booklet. We are currently selling Business advertising space to offset printing costs. Deadline to the printer is set for May 1. New books should be available by May 15. Thanks to Don Tubb for the project.

Watch for the EFRT Newsletter next week with information on these and other EFRT Projects.

Our thanks to the community for your support of our fundraising effort to date.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Following a brief pep talk by one of your esteemed editorial staff earlier this month, I consider myself properly reproached for letting my poor column suffer from lack of attention. This has been a slow, downward process over the past five or six years, where we have gone from a true Island information column to a record of births, deaths and weddings. The following column, then, will be an indication of the way I will proceed in the future. If you don't like it, please say so. If you have any suggestions, please submit them, and if anyone out there is interested in calling "The Neighbourhood" your own, please, please speak up. I have written this column for about the last 10 years, and a new columnist is long overdue for this space.

Anne-Marie Hitchins is currently in hospital where she will undergo gall bladder surgery Thursday. Anyone wanting to reach Anne Marie with Easter greetings can contact her at KGH - Connell 974. Best wishes Anne.

Susan Caughey has been laid up in bed with multiple cow injuries - she was kicked in both legs. While no

bones were broken, Susie has been ordered to stay off her feet. She was unfortunately unable to attend the shipping away of the cow yesterday. Speedy recovery Susie.

Dorothy Kilpatrick has undergone heart surgery in an Ottawa hospital. At the time the column is written Dorothy has been transferred out of ICU to her room and is in stable condition.

Those who remember former Island residents Bert and Mary Nesbitt (parents of my brother John's wife), will be sorry to hear that Bert has inoperable cancer. John, Maureen and their three children just came back from a two week vacation where they spent a week in Banff with Bert and May. Maureen says he is very weak, and that the best the doctors can do is manage his pain. I have their address at the store if any of their friends wish to contact them.

We have several new Island families that I don't think have been introduced in this column yet. Frederic Mahood and Christine Quinn have moved into Doris Henderson's house on the Front Road. They have a pre-school daughter, Fiona.

Richard and Donna Thompson purchased Brian and Wendy Burke's house (village side of Mark Ritchie's sheep farm). They have been living here most of the winter.

And while they aren't new residents, Rick Welbanks and Laura Wemp (next month to be Laura Welbanks) are new additions to the Head of the Island - they recently moved into Millicent Harrison's house (which was Peachy Eve's house).

Vernon MacCrae and Charlotte Reid (past Kay and Dorothy's) kind of moved in last fall, then spent the winter in Florida, and now are officially unpacking. Welcome home to all the snowbirds, all back with the exception of two couples. Hope you enjoyed your winter - we're always glad to see you because we know it means warm weather is on its way.

Cook's Corner

The following is a recipe from a cookbook published by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion. I've had the book ever since 1984. The recipes are simple and have been contributed by ordinary everyday cooks like me.

I use the following recipe often when I am in a hurry or just want some quick warm

Mile High Biscuits

3 cups all purpose flour

3/4 tsp cream of tartar

3/4 tsp salt

4 1/2 tsp baking powder

2 Tbsp sugar

- Mix all the above together in a medium size bowl.
- Then cut in 3/4 cup shortening. I use margarine or butter.
- Stir together
- 1 beaten egg and 1 cup of milk.
- Add this to the above.
- Knead on floured board approximately 3 minutes.
- Roll out or press out to desired thickness 1/2" to 3/4"
- Cut with round cookie cutter. Place on cookie sheet and bake for 12 minutes at 450 F.

Another recipe from this book is "Sex in a Bowl", but I think I'll leave that to your imagination at least until next month.

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Laura Anne And Richard Jason together with their parents Mr. & Mrs. David Wemp and Mr. & Mrs. Ted Welbanks invite you all to share in the joy of celebrating their wedding at our open Dance on Saturday, May 20th, 1995 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight. Come and have fun.

Letters To The Beacon

The letter from A. Bruce Caughey last month prompted 3 replies. Since there is considerable over-lap in the 3 letters, staff (with each writer's permission) have edited as follows:

From Alex V. F. Scott, Councillor and former Deputy Fire Chief

Over the last couple of months a few concerned taxpayers have made some comments about the proposed fire hall for Amherst Island. After some thought I decided the best way I could inform the taxpayers about this project would be through a letter to the Beacon.

I would like to start by first explaining where this money comes from, provide some background information on the project and the steps council has taken so far. After the Liberals swept to power last year, they setup a program called the Canadian Infrastructure Program. They allocated each province in Canada a percentage of the six Billion Dollars the Liberals put toward this program. One condition of the program was that to receive your allocation of the funding, the province and the municipality had to put up an equal amount. The Island's allocation was \$81,100. of this the Federal Government's share was \$27,033, the Provincial Government's share was \$27,033 and the township had to come up with \$27,033. As for

newspaper articles saying the Island had been awarded \$81,100, in fact the Island is receiving \$54,066 from the other two governments and the building won't be built before June....

In response to Mr. A. Bruce Caughey's letter in last month's Beacon, the Canadian Infrastructure Program was setup to get the economy growing again, and to provide jobs to the local economy. Whether or not this will/has worked is still open to debate. During a meeting on April 6 with MTO and Harbours & Ports Canada, the infrastructure money was offered to MTO for one end-loading dock to be built on the Stella side during the construction work taking place this fall. I received a call from MTO on April 12, and was informed that at this time, they don't have the money to proceed with the end-loading docks. The current estimate is around \$300,000 for an end-loading dock on the Stella side. Mr. Caughey also mentioned the fact that the fire department has purchased cast-off equipment from other fire departments. I wasn't quite sure what his point was here, either we should not buy any used equipment or we should only buy new equipment. I'll assume since a new pumper runs around \$150,000 that he would prefer that the fire department not buy any equipment. I don't believe that this option is acceptable.

Council has not made a final decision on the new fire hall. The decision won't be made until after a public meeting and the budget has been looked at. Council will not commit to this project unless we can afford it. We have taken the step though of hiring a consultant to help council come up with some estimates as to the possibility of selling it, to help pay for the new building. We hope that with the sale of the old property that the township can recoup our costs for a new one.

From Chris Kennedy, Deputy Fire Chief

The present buildings are barely adequate. We can just squeeze all the trucks in, but there is nowhere to train, no water to clean up with, not even a toilet. Most important of all, the one shed is built on mud sills and is slowly sinking into the ground.

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As long as we keep cutting bits off the bottom of the doors it will last a few more years, but soon it will have to be replaced or have major work done on it. But then the money from the Infrastructure programme will be all gone, and I cannot see governments handing out money like this again... The Infrastructure programme covers two-thirds of the cost of a new building, and the township has to come up with the other third. Council has got an appraisal of the old buildings and by selling

them, most, if not all, of the Township's share should be covered. Any shortfall will be covered out of the regular fire department budget. The end result should be that the tax-payers of Amherst Island will have a fire-hall that will last for at least the next fifty years without any increase in property taxes to pay for it. Sounds like a bargain to me. If we turn it down we will have to replace the old building a few years down the road and pay for it out of our property taxes.

{Letters To The Beacon will continue after the following two notices}

Community Yard and Craft Sale

Where: The Back Kitchen property in the village

When: June 10 with a June 17 rain date

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Requirements:

1. Set up your own table that morning and you are ready for business
2. Contact Garry, Susan or Kristy before May 30 to confirm your participation so that we know how many tables there will be. Phone: 384-7866 or 389-7200
3. The Back Kitchen will advertise the sale in the Beaver and Kingston This Week. If we have a large number of participants we can advertise it as a Giant Sale.
4. There is no cost to the sale participants.

June 11th

11 a.m. Service, St. Alban's

The St. George's Cathedral Girls Choir

All Welcome

Potluck Picnic After

{Letters To The Beacon continues}

From Ian Murray, Volunteer Fire Fighter and former Reeve:

Over the years Bruce, you and I have been on the opposite sides of several issues and I'm afraid that this is another time that we are going to have to disagree. I will say that, although we have often disagreed, I have always respected the far04 ej4.c 0.4ebSa

gardeners are eager to get earth under the fingernails once again.

A hint to reduce “gardeners nails” - scratch a bar of soap before getting into the earth.

I’ve learned something new. Barbara Reid and Kaye and Dorothy McGinn plant potatoes Early. Barb’s went in March 28; the McGinn’s planted Sebagos in early April. Both gardens have high areas that are reasonably dry in the spring. That is the key factor for eating spuds in late June/July, more important than heat they say.

Because we’ve had an early and dry spring, quite a lot of folks have started their first spring outdoor planting. George and Ida Gavlas last year had a wonderful late crop of peas, accomplished simply by taking the lawn mower through the remains of the spring crop, then plowing it under. George is pretty sure the fall crop will have self seeded too. He allowed some lettuce and some spinach to go to seed in the fall, and is expecting them up soon. Garnet MacDonald has a strain of very tasty lettuce that self seeds nicely. He says he always ends up with more than he can eat. Some of the cold hardy seeds that can be planted anytime you find a slack space between visitors and jobs and showers are peas, lettuce, spinach, and also sweet peas.

Irene has been working on the earth texture of her flower beds for some time, as she says the village soil is hard clay. She bought one of the first composters provided by council, and likes the results. She throws all non-meat kitchen scraps, some green grass and dry leaves into it, and lets it sit for a year. If the summer is very dry, she sprinkles it with water occasionally. She also uses two big tires to compost big stuff that might be slower to break down - cabbage leaves, apples etc, and layers it with earth and leaves. Once a year these are dumped out into a big hole and mixed with old manure. She is pleased with the result.

Irene has one perennial bed that is a constant reminder of islanders. “Whatever someone gives me, I stick it in.” My garden too: Hank’s poppies, Jean Baker’s white violets, Mrs Sylvester’s sweet williams, Leslie’s cone flower, Shirley’s iris, Lynann’s poppies - my friends are in my garden. This column can be a way to offer any extra seed or roots to others. (I have extra annual poppy seed. That can be sprinkled now, anytime.)

You know that wonderful hill of orange Oriental Poppies facing the ferry dock on the mainland? Lyann Clapham decided she wanted lots of those, so she started seed indoors one spring, planted them out in peat pots (they don’t flower the first year), then transplanted them, as they were too thick. Apparently the only time

they are dormant enough to transplant is in early-mid August. They looked beautiful the second year.

Two requests: Diane Hieatt has asked people who enjoy the summer music festival to please plant some extra cutting flowers. Everyone enjoyed her bouquets last year but she needs more gardens to raid. I would also ask people to plant a little extra for the Food Bank in Kingston. I will have some free tomato plants for people who will donate a portion of their produce.

I.S.L.E.

The Hot Lunch Program Could Use More (Lots Of) Bowls And/Or Teaspoons.

Please Contact

Ann Albertan 389-2662 or

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Obituary

Marion E. McGinn

Marion E. McGinn of Amherst Island died at Extendicare Nursing Home March 1, 1995. She was 95. Marion McGinn was the daughter of Robert Smith and Annie Smith (nee Wemp).

The wife of the late Charles McGinn, she was married in 1917 at the age of 18. She was born in 1899 and lived on Amherst Island all her life till moving to Extendicare Nursing Home in 1990. She had a family of 8 children: Leona, Donald, Mavis, Brice, Arthur, Annie, June, and Johnny. The grandmother of 138 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Mother-in-law to Mary, Delbert, Susan, Emmet, Junior, and June. Sister to Mildred, Maurice, and Arnold. She was a Roman Catholic.

Welcome to the New Anglican Minister for Bath & Amherst Island - Reverend & Mrs. Davis and their family.

Letter From the new Anglican Minister:

The Davis family look forward to joining your community. First things first - we should introduce ourselves. Christopher (Chris) comes from Hamilton, and Winsome comes from Jamaica. We met and married at Seminary in Vancouver, where Jonathan (13) and Lydia (11) were born. The ministry has taken us to Montreal, Quebec’s Eastern Townships, James Bay, and Land O’ Lakes (1 1/2 hours north of Kingston). We have enjoyed every place we have lived, and look forward to making new friends on Amherst Island. An

Island sounds intriguing! Our guess is that you have a strong sense of community. No doubt being surrounded by Lake Ontario makes for a unique lifestyle as well. We will start tasting it for ourselves on Sunday, July 2, when we participate in our first service at St. Alban's. We look forward to meeting some of you then.

Congratulations On Their 25th

- A "devoted" friend

A very enjoyable party was held on April 1st to honour the occasion and celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Garry and Anne-Marie Hitchins. (Their anniversary was really April 4th.). What a wonderful crowd! They even ran out of chairs!

It began with a beautiful roast beef dinner for approximately 57 family and friends served by the A.C.W. Guests arrived from Stratford, London, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Sherbrooke, Quebec, to support the happy couple.

After dinner an overwhelming crowd of well wishers just kept coming and a good time was had by all.

We wish them many more years of "wedded bliss" and in 25 years, if they decide to celebrate again, hopefully many of us will still be around to help.

Even in the '90's Amherst Island is still a very caring and supportive community, and this proves that Garry and Anne-Marie are very much a part of it.

God Bless you both.

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank all the A.C.W. members and those who provided lunch on the day of Marion McGinn's burial. Also we would like to thank Mrs. Helen Caughey for the plate of home baked cookies, Dorothy McGinn for the delicious scallop potatoes, and Betty Wemp for the lovely bread buns. Great thanks to our Community Centre.

Sincerely

The McGinn Family

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The McGinn family would like to thank Geoff Matthews and Margaret Stevenson for the ascension music and words from "The Rose" in the sending off of Marion McGinn.

The McGinn Family

A special thank you to Ray and Zelma Koenders for all the generous help and kindness and also for all those

who sent the sympathy cards. Thanks also to Father Peterkin and Sister Hammond for Mass.

Thanks again

The McGinn Family

A Letter of Appreciation

- An "appreciative" A.C.W. Member

Congratulations goes out to all members and associate members of St. Albans A.C.W. for one of the most successful Beef dinners ever. It was held on Saturday evening March 25th.

Approximately 285 people came out to enjoy good food, meet and greet old friends who they probably hadn't seen since the last "dinner". It was a joy to see so many "main-landers", as we refer to them, especially those who support us from our adjoining parish of Bath.

Some of these people who support our "Feasts" probably grew up on the Island, and it is an opportunity for them to return to renew old acquaintances.

Once again it is a joy to see so many people come together in the '90's, in supposedly a time of restraint, to enjoy an evening of good food, friends and fellowship. I think this proves that a combination of "Island hospitality and good old-fashioned country-cookin", pays off.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ryan McGinn, son of Eric and Janice. His essay has won first prize at the District Level - Napanee to Cornwall to Deep River - in the Royal Canadian Legion Poster and Essay contest. The next level is for the whole province. Good luck Ryan.

Beacon Awards

- Jacob Murray

The Greatest Band in History award goes to Moist for their stunning performance at the Juno awards. Well this is how I, and half the population of Canada, saw it. They were amazing!

After performing their hit single "Push" they got (at least in my opinion) the greatest amount of noise from the crowd. Actually, the Tragically Hip may have got a little more but they were away playing on "Saturday Night Live" so I'm not counting them.

Moist won the Best New Band Award but they lost the Best Single Award to Jann Arden. Moist also won three Canadian Rock awards, the night before the Junos, for Best Vocalist, Best Keyboard, and Best Video.

Best wishes to Moist, especially to AIPS graduate

Jeff Pearce, on behalf of the senior class at Amherst Island Public School.

Caroline Yull nominates this as the Best Refrain
From A Country & Western Song:

Hey blame it on your

Lyin' cheatin'

Cold dead beatin'

Two Timin'

Double dealin'

Mean mistreatin'

Lovin' heart.

Loyalist College Presents
Water Colours on Amherst Island

July 3 - 7

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fee: \$84 (Seniors \$33.25)

Phone Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

A Letter Home

In March I really thought that spring had sprung. We had some beautifully warm days, I saw a robin on the 13th and heard a killdeer during the night on the 14th, two sure signs of spring. The next day the ice-breaker went up to the cement plant. This year the ice never really moved out, it just sort of broke up and hung around until it faded

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away near the end of the month.

Then, wouldn't you know it, it turned cold again at the start of April, just when we had booked in the shearers. I could see the look of resentment on the ewes' faces as the wool came off. Still, they could all find shelter and seem none the worse for it. Busy time, and it is always a treat to watch good craftsmen like the shearers plying their trade, and the price of wool is even up a few cents.

Today it is raining, for the first time in a month it seems. Rain is the water that falls from the sky, in case anyone has forgotten what it looks like. This has been the driest spring I can remember, but perhaps the warm rain today will bring on the grass. I see Keith and Don have the duals on their big tractor, and I am sure the seeder is greased and ready to go. The lake is still quite low and I bet some people's wells are too.

Rumour has it that the Big Ferry will be coming soon. Those in the know say to expect it as soon as it is seen steaming up the bay. Perhaps we should hail that

as the first sign of summer.

Don't Forget

Order Wilton Cheese from ISLE. See the Community Calendar for Order and Delivery dates. Please note the changes in the ordering and pickup dates detailed in the Community Calendar. Orders can be placed with: Any A.I.P.S. student, or Ann Albertan 389-2662, Karen J. Fleming 389-9869, David Willard 389-1656, Karen Fleming 389-0210.

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Community Calendar

April 21... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for Apr. 26 pickup and payment

April 29... Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Firehall from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

May 2... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

May 6... Bridal Shower for Laura Wemp A.I.P.S. (Lunchroom) from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

May 6... Stag Party for Rick Welbanks A.I.P.S. at 8:00 p.m.

May 13... Mother's Day Ham Dinner A.I. Community Centre 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

May 19... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for May 24 pickup and payment

May 20... Open Dance (Wemp / Welbanks) 8:00 p.m. to midnight

May 27... Waterside Summer Festival St. Alban's at 7:00 p.m. Musick's Pleasures & the Quinte Consort

June 11... St. Alban's Service 11 am. with St. George's Cathedral Girls Choir

June 16... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for June 21 pickup and payment

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For Sale / Wanted

Garage Clearout

Saturday, May 13, 1995

Fine Junk

Some firm prices

Some make an offer items
Some take away (charity box)
Also - a few momentos of India
Come have a look.
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Call Jessica Gavlas at: 389-3199 on evenings and weekends.

Albertan Homes
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Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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A complete printing and design service.
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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Propane
We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John McGinn's.
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3047

Property Maintenance
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Visitors Welcome at
Watercolours Et Cetera
3rd Concession (389-2588)
If we are home, we are open.

Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Waterside Summer Festival 1995

The Friends of St. Alban's take pleasure in announcing the Second Waterside Summer Festival at St. Alban's Church, Amherst Island. To help you with the preliminary planning of your summer, here is the Festival information.

Saturday May 27, 7:00 p.m. - Musick's Pleasures & the Quinte Consort

The Festival opening concert combines two groups who perform works from the Renaissance period to the 17th Century. 'Musick's Pleasures', a madrigal group dressed in medieval costume, will perform songs and dances for your pleasure. The 'Quinte Consort' play a variety of recorders (sopranino to great bass), and the harpsichord, viola da gamba, and various percussive instruments.

The glowing tapestry of medieval costumes together with music by candlelight create the performance ambiance of older times.

Saturday June 10, 7:00 p.m. - Piano and String Quartet

Three outstanding musicians from the Toronto Symphony join with their internationally renowned guest pianist to present an evening of chamber music including Brahms, Mozart, and Dvorak. The performers are: Ronald Turini (piano), Arkady Yanivker (violin), Thomas Wiebe (cello), and Ronald Hurwitz (viola).

Saturday June 17, 7:00 p.m. - Valery Lloyd-Watts
From Heart to Heart

If you missed Valery Lloyd-Watts last summer, be sure to attend this concert of music from her heart to your heart.

Ms Lloyd-Watts will perform the music of the titans - Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, as well as some enchanting themes from the great movies, arranged especially for her by Clifford Crawley.

Sunday, June 25, 3:00 p.m. - Wassermusik

Once again, this talented group led by Inka Brockhausen will provide an evening of fine chamber music including works by Schubert, Bach and Mozart.

The musicians of Wassermusik are: Cathie Goldberg (violin), John Kruspe (piano), Eric del Junco (cello),

Denis Lehotay (viola), and Inka Brockhausen (piano).

Saturday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. - George Thurgood "The History of Jazz"

George Thurgood will present a recital demonstrating various jazz piano styles from Ragtime to Modern Jazz from the point of view of a pianist and composer who is fluent in both jazz and classical musical languages. Good fun and great music.

Included will be the styles of Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, Art Tatum, Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, Errol Garner, Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans and McCoy Tyner.

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Saturday, August 5, 7:00 p.m. - Nick and Joy Hunter "Comedy & Drama"

As a change in pace, this performance shifts to the spoken word. Nick and Joy Hunter, who are professional actors, will present selected readings from Charles Dickens, focusing on his sharp and acute sense of humour. Come and encounter some of his most famous and comical portraits - Mr. Chadband, Mrs. Gamp, Mr. Pecksniff and the Mantalins.

The Hunters will also read an edited version of C. S. Lewis's 'The Great Divorce' - a triumph of style and wit celebrating our ultimate dignity and worth as human beings.

Saturday August 12, 7:00 p.m. - Violin Favourites and Gypsy Music

Arkady Yanivker (violin) from the Toronto Symphony is accompanied by Inka Brockhausen (piano). Mr. Yanivker will play J.S. Bach's 'Sonata for Violin Solo in C Major', Tartini's 'Sonata for Violin in G Minor' (Devil's Trio), and a selection of gypsy music and virtuoso violin favourites.

Saturday, August 26, 7:00 p.m. - The Kingston Ceili Band

A rousing evening of music of the Celtic countries including Canada's rich Celtic heritage. This multi-talented group makes music with fiddles, tin whistles, hammered dulcimer, guitar, banjo and the human voice. A really fun wrap-up to our concert season.

Ticket Prices:

Single Tickets: \$9.00 per concert, (includes taxes)

Concert Series: \$40.00 for five concerts (includes taxes)

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\$56.00 for seven concerts (includes taxes)

\$64.00 for eight concerts (includes taxes)

- To order by mail, please fill in the form below and

send with a cheque/money order payable to "Waterside Summer Festival", c/o Jan Sneep, R.R.#1, Stella, ON, K0H 2S0.

- For information by phone, please call Jan Sneep at (613) 634-1995.

- For information by Fax, please fax Dave Heatt at (613) 389-7003.

- Due to the limited number of available seats we are forced to sell on a first come, first served basis.

Waterside Summer Festival 1995 Season

Name _____

Address _____

Evening Phone Number () _____ - _____

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Total # Of tickets Ordered: _____

May 27 - Musick's Pleasures & Quinte Consort

June 10 - Piano & String Quartet

June 17- Valery Lloyd-Watts

June 25 - Wassennusik

July 15 - George Thurgood

August 5 - Nick & Joy Hunter

August 12 - Arkady Yanivker

August 26 - The Kingston Ceili Band

Note: All off-Island tickets will be held at the door in your name, to be picked up at your first concert.

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Beacon Notes

Something new this month with our first try at getting photographs into the Beacon - not bad for a Polaroid. The thing with pictures scanned into the computer is that they take up a lot of space. This one, for instance, represents approximately 20% of the total memory required for the whole Beacon - and that is at the lowest possible quality setting.

Council Report May 2, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

Council opened with a brief campaign speech from Sally Barnes, the Progressive Conservative candidate in this riding for the provincial election. Then Dave Hieatt spoke to Council about deeding land to the Township for road widening in front of the old Drumgoole place. If lots were severed and the usual land taken for road widening the shore-line would disappear in places. Dave suggested that land be given in the middle of the property when the road is relocated, some time in the future. Council decided to refer the matter to the Township planning consultant, Robert MacKenzie, for an opinion. I hear that at a later meeting Dave's suggestion was adopted.

Council will request the OPP to keep a record of the number of police visits made to the island, and that Council be informed each month of the total, if any.

Stuart Miller reported that the Road Crew had put on a lot of gravel and that the roads were almost ready for the Calcium. The Township has received a \$62,900 supplementary grant for paving the Front Road west of the school. The road crew has to do a lot of repair work to the drainage and the ditches during the summer before the paving can be done. Stuart hopes to have this

done before the work starts on the ferry dock.

Meanwhile tenders for the paving will be requested.

After considerable discussion about non-emergency

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ambulance trips on the ferry it was decided to try to coordinate better with the ambulance service, but in no case will the ferry schedule be altered for a non-emergency trip.

Two building permits were issued in April, to Dave Fleming for his new house, and to Jim Bowman for a house on Lot 18, North Shore Concession. Council then passed a By-law about the disposal of real property of the Township. This was based on the County By-law.

Council hopes to finish the budget by 31st of May, after the decision has been made on the new Fire Hall. Insurance rates are up over 25%, as many people are suing municipalities as they usually have good insurance and deep pockets. The Lennox and Addington Board of Education is requesting a 1.55% increase in taxes for 1995, and the Separate School Board a 14.83% increase.

The Dog Control Officer will be asked to approach all those that have not yet paid their dog tax for this year. Council then adjourned, for once, before the 11:00 pm curfew.

Laura Anne and Richard Jason together with their parents Mr. & Mrs. David Wemp and Mr. & Mrs. Ted Welbanks invite you all to share in the joy of celebrating their wedding at our open Dance on Saturday, May 20th, 1995 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight. Come and have fun.

Pathfinder Car Wash

Sat., May 29th, 1995

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

At the Gavlas Residence

\$5.00 - Car Wash

\$2.00 - Vacuuming

Emergency First Response Team

- Annette Phillips

The First Response Team would like to thank all the businesses that have supported our telephone directory. Special thanks to Diane Pollock / Island Designs and Peter Morgan / P&P Typesetting for assistance. The new phone book will be available at Glenn's Store on or

about June 1.

Our thanks to all those who have made private donations to the defib campaign - to date we have received approximately \$1200.

Thanks! Jack Sylvester; Lance and Tamara Pope; St. Albans ACW; Bill & Helen Bulch; Art & Caroline Ackerman; Glenn & Jane Miller; Jan Sneep; Syke Fleming; Charlie Dopking; Guido & Dan Visintin.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Susie Caughey still in bed after being kicked in both legs by a cow last month. Susie spent a few days in hospital undergoing treatment for blood clots in her legs. She is at home but relatively immobile for an indefinite period of time.

Marshall Glenn is still in hospital, also being treated for a blood clot in his leg -the result of flying debris from a lawnmower. Speedy recovery to both Marshall and Susie.

The remarkably resilient Mark McCormick is back on his feet after his bike met head-on with a hydro pole last week. No permanent damage to Mark, but the bike was a write off.

Lucille Brown is again in hospital, probably for a long-term stay this time.

Bruce Caughey (Sr.) is having the second of two cataract surgeries this week.

Congratulations to Rick Welbanks and Laura Wemp, who will be married in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 20. Best wishes.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

On April 19th the monthly meeting, followed by the Annual meeting and the election of Officers was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Baker.

During the monthly meeting arrangements were made for the only fundraising event the W.I. has each year - the Mother's Day Ham Dinner. Plans were also made for the "Island Clean Up" which is to be a joint effort with the school children and many thanks to the volunteer drivers from the Royal Canadian Legion and I.S.L.E. for their help with his project.

A tour of Potters Nurseries was confirmed for May 9th and this was met with great enthusiasm by all the members present.

The Annual meeting then proceeded with the following members being elected for the coming year.
President - Jackie Sylvester

1st Vice President - Helen Miller

Secretary -Marion Glenn

Treasurer - Irene Glenn

P.R. Officer - Freda Youell

Appreciation was expressed to the outgoing Officers for their services and at the conclusion of the evening's business the hostess served some great refreshments which were enjoyed by all and was, I suspect, the downfall of more than one diet that day.

In April the W.I. canvassed for the Canadian Cancer Campaign and would like to thank all the people that supported this worthy cause.

The next meeting is to be held on May 24th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Helen Lamb and anyone that would like to attend, either as a new member or as a visitor, would be most welcome.

Hotel Dieu Food Bank Blitz

Wed, May 31st, 1995

You may leave donations at Glenn's Store.

The Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders will be going door to door on Wednesday, May 31st between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

We need your help!

If you can drive a route or help sort would you please report to Karen Fleming at the Store Corner. Amherst Island is always generous with its donations to this worthwhile project.

Thank-you

Janet Scott & Karen Fleming

Community Yard and Craft Sale

Where: The Back Kitchen property in the village

When: June 10 with a June 17 rain date.

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Requirements:

1. Set up your own table that morning and you are ready for business
2. Contact Garry, Susan or Kristy before May 30 to confirm your participation so that we know how many tables there will be. Phone: 384-7866 or 389-7200
3. The Back Kitchen will advertise the sale in the Beaver and Kingston This Week. If we have a large number of participants we can advertise it as a Giant Sale.
4. There is no cost to the sale participants.

News Release

Dated: June 1, 1995

Women's Institute Kicks off Centennial Celebrations

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will

welcome over 3,500 members and friends to the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton, on Wednesday, June 14th, to a Quilt Show and Turkey Barbeque. Visitors from across Ontario are expected to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for a full day of events to kick off the celebrations planned to honour the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Institute.

The first Women's Institute branch was formed in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ontario, in response to a concern for the safety of food. The determination of those early members was rewarded when the pasteurization of milk became a reality. It was not long before the reputation of this Women's Institute branch spread, and,

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new groups formed across Ontario, across Canada, and, finally worldwide. Today, Women's Institute members are proud to uphold that "community spirit", of which Ontario can be so proud, as they meet the needs of the community, and, the personal growth of its members.

As the February 19, 1997, Anniversary date approaches, the Federated body of the Women's Institute in Ontario has been actively orchestrating a number of Centennial projects to involve members from across the Province. To date, competitions have been held for members to design a logo, the face of a Limited Edition porcelain plate, the words and music to a Women's Institute song, and, a quilt.

On Wednesday, June 14th, the winning quilt from the quilt competition will be unveiled at the Agricultural museum. Entries to this quilt competition will hang in the Gambrel barn for public viewing throughout the summer months.

Contact: Katharine Garwood Tel: (905) 854-2470 or Fax (905)-854-1973

June 11th

11 a.m.. Service, St. Alban's
The St. George's Cathedral Girls' Choir
All Welcome
Potluck Picnic After

Pitch-In

May 2, 1995

- Jean Baker

The children of Amherst Island Public School pitched in. Their teacher really pitched in. Grandmothers made cookies and eleven adults drove cars, walked the ditches with the children and had fun. Cookies and juice at the school.

We used plastic bags provided by the Pitch In

Organization - underwritten by our sponsors the Ont. Mm. of Environment, McDonalds etc. We all wore plastic gloves provided by Keith a Smith.

The Public Works Dep't picked up 1/2 ton truck loads of debris for disposal - all retrieved from Stella Dock, Stella, and roads radiating out from Stella for about 1 km.

Participating organizations were the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539, ISLE, and the Amherst Island Women's Institute.

Community

Sunday School Picnic

June 18th, 12:30 - 2:30

Centennial Park, Stella Potluck Lunch

Paper Plates And Beverages Provided

Please Bring Your Own Cutlery and Lawn Chairs

Races - Games - Tug-O-War

Everyone Welcome

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Well this is the moment you have all been waiting for since April. I can only imagine the passing back and forth of whispered ingredients and raised eyebrows whenever "Sex in a Bowl" was mentioned. I am now going to reveal the contents and cooking instructions of just such a recipe from the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliaries cookbook.

Sex in a Bowl

3/4 cup finely chopped almonds

1 cup all purpose flour

1/2 cup margarine

Combine the above and press into a 9 X 13 pan.

Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Cool.

Mix one 8 oz package of cream cheese and 1 cup icing sugar until creamy, then spread on cooled base. Beat together 1 package of instant vanilla pudding with 1 1/2 cups milk. Let stand 2 minutes, then spread on top of cream cheese layer. Beat together 1 package of instant chocolate pudding with 1 1/2 cups milk. Let stand 2 minutes, spread over vanilla layer. Let stand 15 minutes and top with cool whip. Yum!

Samantha and Sara Pollock will do yard work

389-9077

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Debbie Fleming and Alex Scott invite our friends and

neighbours to attend an Open Dance to share in the celebration of our marriage Saturday, June 24, 1995.

8:15 pm - 12:30 am

Amherst Island Community Centre

Best Wishes Only

Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women are sponsoring their annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Sat. July 8, 1995 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available from members of the A.C.W. after June 15.

Adults \$8.00

Children under 10 \$3.00

Advance Tickets Only

Island Gardens

- Sally Bowen

There's a raging debate on the Island about how soon is too soon to plant most of the garden. I'm typing this May 14, and there is a cold windy gale blowing - not the ideal condition for vulnerable transplants. The May 24th long weekend is the traditional time.

Patrick Grey (the Old Fowler House co-owner) has most of his garden planted except for such sensitive souls as peppers, tomatoes and eggplant. Some people get an early start using plastic or ground covers to warm the soil. Garnet McDonald says he never feels he's much ahead if he plants a garden early. He figures nothing thrives until the soil is warmer. At least it has been dry enough to work the soil and get it ready. It is important to try to till before the first crop of weeds ripens and spreads seeds.

Anyone who has started plants indoors needs to "harden off" the seedlings (help them adjust to outdoor conditions). Gradual is better. I sunburnt some tomatoes.

Raymond Wemp said that he and Ted plant everything at once on the 24th weekend in their big gardens. They have a mechanical planter for potatoes. They can only get water to one of their gardens and he emphasized the importance of watering enough. I asked why he plants so much, and he said "I always have - I love gardening".

Jean Baker has a beautiful perennial spring flower garden, much of it in semi-shade or under old trees. She gave me lots of plants this week. This is the perfect time to transplant perennials from your generous neighbours. Jean has significantly improved her garden soil with worm castings. She has used "red wiggler" composting worms to consume her kitchen garbage for the past few years, and is very pleased with effectiveness of the composting as well as the health of both indoor and

outdoor plants. She'd be glad to give advice to anyone wanting to consider this technique.

I asked Barb Reid's advice about trimming raspberry canes. I've noticed several Islanders plant them in the middle of their gardens, where they can till around them. Smart. I put mine near a fence, and the field has grown through and happily taken over. Anytime after the canes start to leaf out, she cuts off everything that is dead. A pick-your-own operator advised me to really thin them out, to one every 6 or 8 inches, with the row about a foot across.

Mary McCollam, a weekend visitor and ex-Islander, has offered masses of chive plants to give away. Anyone interested, call me.

I still have too many Johnny Jump-ups. I was so glad Lyn Fleming accepted my offer of poppy seeds and other stuff. I know someone is reading this! I still have lots more. Lyn tells me that Lloyd Wolfreys has absolutely gorgeous irises and they should be out later this month. I hope to see them. He and Shirley Miller order their irises from Cruickshanks in Toronto.

Please remember the Food Bank when planting vegetables, and the request of the Waterside Summer Festival for extra flowers.

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Fire Call

- Ian Murray

When my pager went off around 7 p.m. a week ago Sunday, I jumped as always. I quickly relaxed as it was announced that we were being called to a fire at the land fill site. Any call that doesn't involve an ambulance or a burning house or large grass fires can't be too bad. Well it may not be bad but it can sure be a hassle. The fire had got in under the clay pad that the Public Works crew had placed over the garbage. Garry Filson, called from his supper after a week end working at Back Kitchen, spent maybe 3 hours meticulously pulling apart months of our accumulated garbage with the back hoe so that every bit of garbage could be soaked with almost 20,000 gallons of water. It was fairly unpleasant work for all involved. Perhaps it was more unpleasant for Ron Miller and Garry who had spent considerable time placing the garbage into a very neat pile the previous week.

By the time the equipment was put properly away - trucks and pumps re-fueled and the hoses hung to dry - it was past 11 p.m.

Neither Fire Chief Silver nor Public Works Superintendent Miller know what caused the fire. This was the first fire since the dump became a land fill site. All involved hope it's the last.

Loyalist College Presents
Water Colours on Amherst Island
July 3 - 7
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fee: \$84 (Seniors \$33.25)
Phone Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

“Please Help”

When Garry and I celebrated our 25th anniversary party someone gave us four beautiful anniversary glasses and unfortunately the card fell off or something, so if that person would please call us so we know who they are from. The glasses were bought at Mayhews in Napanee.

Thanks

Garry and Anne-Marie

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Letters To The Beacon

This month being M.S. month and since I have multiple sclerosis, Sally has asked me to do a short story on what it's like living with this disease.

M.S. attacks the central nervous system and affects each person differently. I have trouble with my left leg, my memory, fatigue and a lot of pain.

Since a cure hasn't been found as of yet, people try many different techniques to cope. I like to take vitamins, follow a sensible diet and exercise and when things are going good I reward myself with one of my father-in-law's cold beers or my mother-in-law's great pies.

Two years ago I walked with a cane and when the doctor suggested a brace might help my leg I got scared. I started walking short distances to improve the strength in my legs. Now I walk 7 1/2 kms every day (except Sunday) and do one hour of aerobics a day (except Sunday). I no longer use a cane and don't require a brace.

I guess if I sat around and worried about having M.S. things might be different, but my wife won't let me do that. I get a lot of support from my wife Diane and my daughters Sara and Samantha and for that I'm

grateful.

Four of us were diagnosed with this disease at the same time in 1989. Larry died four years ago, Norma and Joel both need wheel chairs to get around and I'm still fighting. I may not win this fight, but at least I'll go down swinging.

Thank you

John Pollock

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 will hold a bake sale on the Friday of each long weekend throughout the summer months, at Glenn's store. Proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fresh, homemade bread will be available.

Community Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 in our homes.

April: Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

May: Janet Scott 389-4608

June: Helen Lamb 384-6521

July: Ann Albertan 389-2662

August: Cathy Glenn 389-0214

Sept: Coralie Marshall 389-5031

October: L. Karen Fleming 389-0210

Please feel welcome to come and join with us at any time.

Thank You Notes

Special thanks to my family and friends for all their love and support while I was in hospital, and since returning home.

Debbie Fleming

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Amherst Island Legion, and especially Audrey Miller and her committee for the generous meals-on-wheels that they get ready every third Monday in the month. I find them very tasty especially the large piece of pie, or dish of pudding that goes with it for \$3.00. I don't know where you could get as good anywhere. I find that it's one evening that I don't have to look in the fridge and think what am I going to have for supper tonight.

A satisfied customer

Ernest Fleming

A great big Thank You

To my neighbours and friends for the goodies, phone calls, and cards, and a special thank you to my good neighbours and friends Doug Lamb for taking me to the emergency and Helen Lamb for all her visits while I was laid up with my back.

Tena Tugwell

We would like to thank everybody who was involved in aiding Mark at the time of his "annual" mishap. A special thank you to the First Response Team for their care, comfort and professionalism. To Nate, who called for help so quickly, we extend our appreciation, as well as to the rest of Mark's friends who stayed with him until the ambulance arrived. Thank you to those who called and visited after the accident. It is very comforting to be a part of such a close and caring community.

The McCormick Family

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and for the lovely gifts, cards and phone calls.

Thank-you to the A.C.W. for the lovely supper and an extra thank-you to Elsie Willard for the beautiful cake. Also thank-you very much to Susie and Jill Caughey, Debbie Miller and Fern Willard for setting

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out the luncheon and to the ladies who supplied the veggies, dip and dessert trays.

Thanks to the people who stayed & helped us clean up after the party.

A big thank-you to our children for all their help and support.

Yours truly

Garry & Anne-Marie Hitchins

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my friends and family for all the visits, cards, calls and lovely flowers I received while I was in the hospital.

Also thank-you to the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for the goodies and visit.

Thank-you

Anne-Marie Hitchins

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Get Met It Pays!!

Phone Communications

- Alan Kidd

[Staff: We asked Alan whose title is Senior Satellite Systems Engineer at TELESAT to write a brief article related to his work in satellites.]

This month the MSAT communications satellite was finally launched. A second satellite will be launched later this year. They will provide high priced mobile communication all over North America for mainly corporate clients. The satellites were mostly built in Canada.

However, the real change in phone communication will be coming in about 5 years. By the end of the century, two or three world wide communication systems are scheduled to be in operation. This will mean that any phone in the world can be reached by any other phone. Eventually prices will come down as they have with hand-held calculators, computers, and so on.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant Hours of Operation
Spring & Fall

April 7 - May 19

Sept. 5 - Oct. 8

Weekends only:

Friday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Ms KIA

[Ms Know-It-All, aka Ms KIA, has returned from her working sabbatical. For the past several years, Ms KIA has, among other activities, worked as a pollster for one of the world's largest opinion sampling companies.]

What Do You Do On The Ferry?

Following are the results of a poll commissioned by the Beacon and carried out during April 1995. 519 people were extensively interviewed and the results have been cross tabulated and massaged by multiple

regression/digression analyses and further cross checked against similar polls conducted on the

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ferries to Wolfe and Staten Islands.

Activity %
Dozing... 29.6
Talking/visiting... 23.7
Fantasizing... 22.3
Reading... 18.6
Working... 3.5
Studying... 0.2
Other... 2.3

(Note: results may not equal 100.0% due to cross winds.)

Tree Planting

Extensive study of aerial photographs, both from aeroplane and satellite, supplemented by unauthorized helicopter reconnaissance, has revealed the following:

- Trees planted on A. I. between June 17, 1977, and Sept 19, 1994: 227,388.
- Surviving planted trees as of Sept 19, 1994: 1,892.

Meadow voles, drought, poor soil, and farm machinery have taken a heavy toll.

Signs Of The Times

An extensive survey of the Kingston Area conducted by 236 Queens' political science graduates on May 7 revealed the following temporary signs on private property:

Vote Tory... 97
Vote Liberal... 108
Vote NDP... 66
Destroy Your Ballot... 13
For Sale... 1,892

Farm Report

-Ian Murray

Many people have the impression that farming is dying on the Island. I believe that it is still a significant activity, as can be seen below. Farming is, however, changing. High input costs - hired labour, interest, parts, fuel, medical, and so on - and relatively low returns, will continue to affect everyone in agriculture. Most farmers are making changes to reduce costs and adapting to changing markets and will continue to farm.

The following people both actively farm and live on Amherst Island:

Avery Brown

Grace Eves Family
Miller Family
Caughey Family
Fleming Family
Clinton Kilpatrick
Geoff Mathews
Russell McGinn Family
Brian Reil
Garnet McDonald
Reid Family
Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen
Dave Willard Family
Bill & Beryl Stoker
David Wemp Family
Garry Hitchins Family
Dennis McGinn
Kelly & Maureen McGinn
Allan & Cathy Glenn
Topsy Farms

Among the farmers from the main land who bring livestock to graze on the Island are: Bob Hanna, Paul Burns, Mr Mangan, and Clarke Simpson. And then there is Quinte Pasture which pastures a large part of the 2nd Concession.

The above amounts to at least 40 people earning a large proportion of their income from farming. And, this doesn't count the many people hired to help out on a job by job or seasonal basis. Farming is far from being dead or irrelevant on this Island.

Please let me know if I have missed anyone from the above list.

I.S.L.E.

The Hot Lunch Program Could Use More (Lots Of) Bowls And/Or Teaspoons.

Please Contact

Ann Albertan 389-2662 or

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

Your cooperation is appreciated.

A Letter Home

Spring seems to be slow coming this year. We've had lots of sun, and enough rain to bring on the grass, but the wind off the lake is still cold. Good weather for the lambing though, with little white dots appearing all over the fields at both ends of the island. We have copied Mark and Cherry this year and are lambing some of the ewes on pasture.

A couple of people have commented on the large funny looking sheep in the pasture at Emerald. This is actually our guard dog, a Komondor, who is meant to keep wily coyote at bay. We will have to see how he

does, but

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he certainly loves to be with the sheep, even if the feeling is not always mutual. He is cautious of strangers, and is likely to warn them off if he is disturbed.

The Millers have their new Big Green Machine, and Adam gave me a guided tour of the latest in tractor technology, from the top of its front end loader to the bottom of its radial tyres, with a short stop at the small refrigerator for his lunch on the way. They are giving it a good work out now that spring seeding is on.

About ten of us spent a very unfunny evening last Sunday putting out the fire at the dump, where about three years of accumulated Amherst Island garbage was burning. It smells no better after a couple of years of rotting. There are many better ways to spend a fine spring evening.

Now we can look forward to the summer. There are weddings coming up, warm weather and swimming, and, we hope, one of the biggest bonuses of all in the summer, the Big Ferry.

[Staff: Due to the extraordinary number of events happening in the next month or so, we have run long and will not be including the ads to our subscribers this month but they will return. Also a re-print of the Landfill Site regulations is not included.]

Don't Forget

Order Wilton Cheese from ISLE. See the Community Calendar for Order and Delivery dates. Please note the changes in the ordering and pickup dates detailed in the Community Calendar. Orders can be placed with: Any A.I.P.S. student, or Ann Albertan 389-2662, Karen J. Fleming 389-9869, David Willard 389-1656, Karen Fleming 389-0210.

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Blood Pressure Clinic at the school on the last Sunday of each month - May 28, June 25, July 30, etc.

Community Calendar

May 20... Open Dance (Wemp / Welbanks) 8:00 p.m. to midnight

May 24... Public Meeting re Firehall Postponed Until Further Notice

May 24... WI. Meeting 8 p.m. at Mrs. Helen Lamb's

May 27... Waterside Summer Festival St. Alban's at 7:00 p.m. Musick's Pleasures & the Quinte Consort

May 28... Blood Pressure Clinic 2 - 4 p.m. A.I.P.S.

May 29... Pathfinder Car Wash 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Gavlas residence

May 31... Hotel Dieu Food Bank Blitz by the Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

June 10... Community Yard & Craft Sale 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Back Kitchen

June 11... St. Alban's Service 11 a.m. with St. George's Cathedral Girls' Choir

June 16... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline for June 21 pickup and payment

June 18... Community Sunday School Picnic Centennial Park from 12:30 - 2:30

June 24... Open Dance (Fleming / Scott) 8:15 - 12:30 at A.I. Community Centre

June 25... Blood Pressure Clinic 2 - 4 p.m. A.I.P.S.

July 3-7... Water Colours on Amherst Island at Loyalist College - Call Shirley Miller

July 8... A.C.W. Chicken BBQ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Election Results

How the island voted...

Barnes... 112 P.C.

Dumfey... 2

Garrotson... 78 Lib.

Pacheo... 3

Wilson... 44 N.D.P.

Total... 239

2 ballots spoilt

for a total of 241 votes

Voice Lessons

Bell Canto style

Teacher on Island has openings for students 15 years
and up. Serious enquiries only. 384-8599

Council Report June 6, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

Council was busy in May, with the regular meeting, and then a meeting on May 9th with the insurance agent and auditor, along with some other business. At a meeting on May 15th the Fire Hall tenders were opened. All the tenders were considerably over the budget, so Council decided to postpone the public meeting on the project until they had negotiated with the two lowest bidders to try to come up with a more realistic figure. Council also decided that a fence should be put along the east boundary of the Stella Forty-foot at the south end from the travelled road to the high water mark, after the adjacent landowner had been asked to remove all his items from the township road allowance.

There was also a Public Works Committee meeting on May 15th, when it was decided to draw up a long

term plan for the development of the former Clyde property near the ferry dock. The Township heard that a hazardous waste disposal day would cost almost \$3000, so the public will be asked to store their hazardous waste until a better solution is found.

At a meeting on May 24th, the Fire Hall project was again discussed. The latest figures from the lowest tenderer, B. Haegele Enterprises Ltd., are much closer to the money available for the project. The Public Works Department are generously offering to do much of the site preparation work on their own time.

On May 29th council met to hear proposals on the Fire Hall from Ken Albertan and Llew MacArthur. Ken proposed to divide and reconstruct the existing barn on his property along the Front Road to make a Fire Hall. He would donate the land. Llew proposed to construct a frame fire hall on the proposed site by the Public Works Building, and he would take the old fire hall as the Township's share of the cost.

On May 31st council again met to discuss the fire hall project. They received revised quotes from B. Haegele, and planned a meeting with him. Council also discussed the budget. Council decided to get a new photocopier and a better printer for the Township office. It was decided to offer John McGinn the combined jobs of animal control officer (dog catcher) and livestock valuer, at a fixed salary. The

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present livestock valuers are paid for each call. This item was a recorded vote, Whitton and Scott voting against. It was also proposed that the building inspector, John McGinn, be paid on a monthly retainer plus a portion of the building permit fees. At a later meeting this was approved, with a recorded vote, Scott voting nay. At the same meeting it was decided that the implementation of the decision on livestock valuers would be tabled until the July meeting to allow public input from those directly affected.

The regular meeting for June was on June 6th. Caroline Yull spoke for Llew MacArthur on the proposed fence at the south end of the Stella Forty-foot. Caroline said that the decision to put up the fence was arbitrary, the fence was unnecessary, that it would create a road hazard, block Llew's access to his property, was in the wrong place and a waste of the taxpayers' money. The full text of his letter is available at the Township office. George Gavlas had also written to Council supporting Llew's arguments. Council later stated that it had the right to put up the fence and that it was designed to stop Llew's items encroaching on

township property.

Ken Albertan brought Council's attention to the problem of broken glass in the school playground, and enquired if a free dump day was planned this year (not likely according to Council). Council had a vigorous discussion about the cost of a sign in the village that is to say "Thank you for visiting Amherst Island". The Clerk is to try to find a lower quote. Council then approved the tender from Dibblee Construction for \$60,733.20 for paving part of the Front Road west of the school. There may be enough money left to repair some of the road east of the village.

The Road crew has started the ditching and culvert work needed before the paving can be done.

Council is concerned about reports of garbage and barrels being brought to the island and ending up in the landfill site. No foreign garbage should be brought to the island at all. The clerk will discuss the matter with the Ministry of the Environment.

Council then passed the budget for 1995. This had been discussed extensively in previous meetings. Full details are available at the Township Office, but the bottom line is that there will be a decrease of 0.81% in the Mill Rate. The ferry subsidy will be \$1,084,100 this year, with \$120,455 having to be raised from ticket sales. The general roads subsidy from the province is \$85,400, apart from the extra for repaving part of the Front Road. Dog Licences should bring in \$1,730, dump charges \$5,000, Lot levy fees \$2,600, and a \$7,760 transfer from reserves. The Back Beach is budgeted at \$10,000 to finish the survey work and other legal expenses. Let us hope that this year will see the end of that. The new fire hall is included in this budget, with no income from the sale of the old fire hall, so if it is sold this year that will be a bonus.

In May two building permits were issued, one to Stratton Reid and one to Earl and Donna Willard, and an occupancy permit was issued to Doug Shurtliffe.

Council decided to send letters to the appropriate authorities expressing concern about the pollution from the Celanese and Du Pont plants, which were recently listed as some of the top polluters locally. For once Council actually managed to finish its business before 11.00 p.m.

Announcement

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Marjorie and Jack Sylvester, June 24, 1995. Tom and Jackie invite Islanders to help celebrate Marjorie and Jack's anniversary. We are having an afternoon "at home" beside a water garden within sight of Marjorie's vegetable plot.

Lost

On Thursday, June 1, I took a bouquet of lilacs to the school in a clear, cut glass vase. Arriving at the school a few days later, I discovered that my vase was gone.

If anyone has placed it somewhere in the school or accidentally packed it up with some of their items, would they please return it to the school. It is a wonderfully big vase for lilacs, peonies, etc., and I would greatly appreciate getting it back.

Please! Please! Please!

Karen J. Fleming

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Special Council Meeting June 14, 1995

- Ian Murray

This meeting was held at the Fire Hall and was attended by about 30 members of the public. After considerable discussion the following decision was reached: B. Haegele Enterprises is to build a new fire hall beside the Public Works Building for a cost of \$80,456. All other expenses are estimated to be \$8500.

Canada Day Parade And Fireworks

Saturday, July 1st

Parade starts at 7 pm from St. Alban's church

Decorated bikes and floats and costumes encouraged

Free hot dog and pop at the school

Emergency First Response Team

- Annette Phillips

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has made donations to the "Defib Fund". Private donations are now up over the \$2,000. mark. Thanks to: Doug Wilson / Barry and Laura Gartner / Chris and Don Gregg / Piet Witteveen / David and Betty Wemp / Alan and Cathy Glenn / Gertrude Maude / Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys / Royal Canadian Legion Branch #539 / Don and Rosaleen Emmons / Mary Robinson / Vera Hogeboom / Madlyn Kerr I Dave Kerr / Suzanne Wemp

Special thanks to Sally Bowen who has been selling plants at the store with proceeds to the "Defib". And thank-you to Jean Baker who is selling composting worms and donating her profits as well.

Thanks also to Dave Youell, for building the fundraising gauge you will soon see at Bob Marshall's. And thanks to Bob Marshall for letting us use his lawn.

Please remember our Blood Pressure Clinics, the last Sunday of every month from 2-4 at the school. This

month our clinic will be on Canada Day, in conjunction with the Rec Committee celebrations. Our first Corn Roast (really a corn boil but we didn't think it sounded very appealing) will be held Saturday, August 5. Dance following. Tickets on sale July 1 from Annette Phillips, Laurie Youell, Sue McGinn and at Glenn's Store. \$22.00 per couple.

Fred Werthman has kindly donated a set of his ferry paintings to raffle. Tickets will be on sale within the next couple of weeks.

We apologize for the delay in the Amherst Island phone directory. We are truly expecting it anytime soon. Price is \$3.50. The books will be on sale at the Store and at EFRT Blood Pressure Clinics.

Finally a brief but poignant note. ERFT members were called out at 4:30 this morning to a "suspected cardiac arrest", according to the 911 dispatcher. While everything turned out fine, those 11 volunteers raced from their homes at this early hour knowing full well that if it were a cardiac arrest there was very little they could do without a defibrillator. This patient was a neighbour and a friend, and a family member to many. Please give generously to the "Defib Fund".

Strawberry Social

Where: A.I. Community Centre (Inside)

When: July 1- Canada Day 4:30 - 7:00

Who: Presbyterian Church Women

Cost: \$3 per person

Ice Cream Cones \$1

Come and enjoy the fresh taste of strawberries with shortcake and ice cream. Any questions can be directed to Cathy Glenn (389-0214).

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sympathy to Marianne Eves and family on the loss of her mother this month. Condolences also to the McGinn family on the death of Harry Westwood. Island resident Lucilie Brown also passed away this month.

Congratulations to Alex Scott and Debbie Fleming who will be married on the Island Saturday, June 24th. For the third month in a row Susie Caughey is still not completely recovered after being kicked by a cow. The good news is that Susie is now seen out and about occasionally so her condition has improved somewhat. Helen Caughey has also been suffering leg ailments the past few weeks.

Best wishes to Doug Gavlas who has been extremely ill from a bout of chicken pox. Best wishes to Thelma

Howard who is currently in hospital undergoing dialysis therapy. And best wishes to the dozens who are suffering this cold/walking pneumonia thing that is going around.

After teaching in Italy this past school year, Julie Forester is expected home sometime this summer. Although she spent a year studying in France she has come home to take a Canadian French course in order to teach here. Figure that out!

We had so much fun last year let's do it again.

Front Road Garage Sale

July 2 - starts at 10:00 a.m.

Some locations include: McDonald's, Koender's, Kilpatrick's, Morgan's, Tom and Audrey Miller's and anyone else on the Front Road who gets organized.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The monthly meeting was held on May 24th at the home of Helen Lamb and the members present were pleased to welcome a new member and a visitor.

After the Ode and Collect the National Anthem was sung and the usual reports were dealt with.

Participation in two June events was discussed, the first being the Women's Institute Country Fair being held on June 17th at the Napanee Fairgrounds to raise funds for the Provincial Office of the W.I. being built in Guelph. It was decided that our contribution would be in the form of a bake sale table at the fair. The second was a Tea and Dessert evening being held by the Maple Ridge branch of the Associated Country Women of the World on June 22nd at the Selby Township Office at 7 pm. Jean Baker will be contacting members to arrange what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Our hostess, Helen Lamb served a tasty late lunch and the evening ended with a "Plant Exchange" and everyone went home with some healthy additions for their gardens.

There has been a lot of publicity about the Government's "Substitute Decisions Act" which came into force early in April of 1995, but just how important this is to each of us can easily be overlooked. How legal are our present Wills? Will our wishes regarding our property and personal care be allowed should we become unable to manage them ourselves? At our June 21st meeting to be held at 8 p.m. at the home of Freda Youell, these new laws and concerns arising from them will be studied and discussed. This will be an interesting and informative evening and we invite anyone wishing to explore this subject to join us.

Debbie Fleming and Alex Scott invite our friends and neighbours to attend an Open Dance to share in the celebration of our marriage Saturday, June 24, 1995
8:15 pm - 12:30 a.m.
Amherst Island Community Centre
Best Wishes Only

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ISLE

On behalf of ISLE we would like to thank the Amherst Island Community for supporting all our endeavors this year.

As a community effort you supported the following:

- a) Three muffin/cookie drives
- b) Seven months of Wilton Cheese being offered
- c) Ham Luncheon

Because you supported the Amherst Island School students they received the following:

- a) Two Napanee swimming pool trips
- b) Senior/Primary Napanee Museum trip - dinosaur experience
- c) Hot lunches - December - March
- d) Milk available each day for students
- e) Bottled drinking water supplied, container for water bought by ISLE
- f) Refreshments following school play
- g) Library books
- h) Senior and Primary - Agnes Etherington Art Gallery Trip
- i) Senior Class - Science Quest & Kensington Market/Science Centre trip
- j) Primary Class - Bog and Stream Experience - Cataraqui Conservation Area
- k) Senior/Primary QEVCI - Theatre 5 production
- l) Mountain Ash tree bought and planted in front of school
- m) Picture frames bought for graduation pictures
- n) Lunch supplied for each students last day of school
- o) Free milk for each student the week of June 19-23

Special thanks to:

Val and Dan Wolfreys - donation of fridge
Lyn Fleming - donation of microwave
Elsie Densem - donation of bowls
Dorothy Scott - glasses and juice containers
Syke Fleming - complete place setting for 8 people
Ray and Zelma Koenders - monetary donation
Bath Legion - monetary donation towards Senior Class end of year trip.

Thanks ever so much from your ISLE committee
Ann Albertan / Karen Fleming / Leslie McDonald /
Karen J. Fleming / Jim Baker / Susan Caughey / David Willard / Keitha Smith

Student reps:

Wendy Fleming / Nate Maleska
Special School Representatives:
Mrs. P. Rice / Mrs. M. Farrar

Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women are sponsoring their annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Sat., July 8, 1995 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available from members of the A.C.W. after June 15 or phone Leslie at 384-2807.

Adults \$8.00

Children under 10 \$3.00

Advance Tickets Only

A New Community Resource

St. Alban's now has a floor standing candelabra which holds seven candles. Perfect for a wedding or any other event. It may be rented for \$10.00 Call Caroline Yull (389-4071) for more information.

Piano Tuning

The piano tuner from McAdoo's will be over to tune pianos for the Waterside Concerts on June 17, July 15 and August 12. Anyone on the Island wanting to take advantage of getting their own piano tuned while he is here should contact Caroline Yull (389-4071).

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Loyalist College Presents

Water Colours on Amherst Island

July 3-7

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fee: \$84 (Seniors \$33.25)

Phone Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

As you read each Cook's Corner you may notice a definite pattern emerging as to my addiction. I must admit that I Love desserts and this month's recipe is no exception. This time of the year I am busy freezing rhubarb. When a food grows freely it seems such a shame not to take advantage of it. Therefore, I bring you the...

Rhubarb Dessert Torte

...from the Harrowsmith Cookbook Volume Three. This dessert, as with most of my cooking, is quick and easy.

Base

- 1 cup soft butter
- 2 cups flour
- 2 Tbsp sugar

Combine ingredients for base and blend well. Press into 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350 for 10 minutes.

Custard

- 5 cups finely chopped rhubarb
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup cream
- 6 egg yolks
- 4 Tbsp flour
- 1/4 tsp salt

Juice and rind of 2 oranges Combine custard ingredients and pour into baked crust. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

Meringue

- 6 egg whites
- 3/4 cup of sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- coconut

Beat egg whites until peaks form, adding sugar 2 Tbsp at a time. Add vanilla and spread on baked custard. Top with coconut and bake at 400 degrees until browned - 10 minutes. Drool!

(Make sure you seal the edges of the pan with the meringue and after baking let cool on the counter before refrigerating).

Wemp Heritage Day

- Leigh Wemp

Wemp United Empire Loyalist Descendants Will Reunite Saturday July 29, 1995 For A Family Reunion On Amherst Island

Wemp Farm Cairn

1 - 4:30

- God Save the King
- Plaque Dedication
- Town Crier
- Reeve's Speech
- Loyalist Shoot
- Prayers and Gospel Sing
- Old Time Fiddlers
- Get Acquainted / Family Photos

Amherst Island Public School

5 - 7 pm

- Dinner - tickets on sale

8 - Midnite

- Dance to music by the Haliman's

Island Gardens

- Sally Bowen

It has been a good month for planting: no murdering frosts (yet?) and almost enough rain. Some Island gardeners managed to plant everything on the May 24th weekend, others (like me) are still planting the occasional cold sensitive bedding plant, and tucking seeds in leftover spaces.

Have you ever noticed that tomato plants will put out small roots wherever they touch the ground? I take advantage of that by burying my plants, either on a slant or vertically, leaving only the top whorl of leaves exposed. This protects them from wind and chilly temperatures when small, and gives them a much stronger base to obtain nutrients from the soil. Ron and Darrell Miller do that too.

I'd always admired Ron's neat flower beds in the village. He gave me a tour of his gardens to show me his large number of iris. They multiply rapidly for him. He'd be glad to trade rhizomes after flowering season, with someone who has other colours. Daffodils multiply for me. I counted over

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60 bulbs I removed from part of one clump. It is ok to move narcissus or tulips at this time of year, as long as you immediately put them in earth somewhere, to let the leaves die slowly, sending nourishment back to the bulbs.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall just returned from a 5 week tour which included the Orkney Islands. Coralie described the miles of daffodils lining the long farm lanes and the hedgerows.

Irises are gorgeous now. Lloyd and Helen Wolfreys have a spectacular garden with a wide variety of colours, all huge, originally purchased from Cruikshanks. Keith and Shirley Miller have beauties too. Keith's tulips were particularly grand this year. Shirley says he sometimes cleans the tractor onto the bed, adding mulch and fertilizer.

I really like using mulch. Grass clippings are my favorite - Shirley showed me how to use that method years ago. It stops the weeds, and keeps hard to weed areas neat. Carmel Horth used grass clippings effectively around the school hedge last year. Diane Pearce is experimenting with various ground covers this year, to help reduce maintenance. I used hay mulch to plant potatoes in a newly ploughed area a couple of years ago, placing the potato eye on top of the soil, but under the mulch. It worked very effectively for part of the garden, but provided an attractive home to the voles in their peak year. Result? A few potatoes in two of the rows and staggeringly fat voles. When I plant potatoes

in the soil, I put them in a depression, not a hill. That helps more moisture get to them and makes it easier to fill in and hill later in the summer.

Others recommend trenching too. Marion Glenn always plants her beautiful gladioli in a trench, then gradually fills it in, providing much more support for the top heavy flowers. I do the same for sweet peas and for leeks. Garnet McDonald says they used to eat lots of sugar mangles but he can't find the seed now. As a substitute, he plants lots of beets, too close, then harvests them very young, eating tops too. (He recommends butter and vinegar when serving.) He does successive plantings to maintain supply.

Caroline Ackerman invited me to tour her garden. She and Art have done a wonderful job reclaiming the ugly lot next door, and creating great beauty. She emphasizes watching the plants to know if they are happy in a location, and if they are not, try them somewhere else. I like that perspective, learning from the plants. I know Shirley is always moving hers around for better effect.

Will anyone share their garden ideas, or recommend a neighbour's? Please call me.

Please remember the Partners in Mission Food Bank. They greatly appreciate fresh produce you might have extra. Duncan and Coralie have once again offered to transport your food. They usually leave on the 10 am ferry Thursdays. Remember the soup kitchens are glad to accept last year's frozen produce. Just send it in a cooler with the Marshall's, and they'll leave your cooler at the store.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 will hold a bake sale on the Friday of each long weekend throughout the summer months, at Glenn's Store. The Proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fresh, homemade bread will be available.

Letters To The Beacon

[Part of a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Holmes regarding repairs to Pentland Cemetery.]

We keep hoping that we would see a "progress report" on the work being done at Pentland Cemetery. Almost a year ago my husband and I attended a fund-raising event for Pentland and were most interested in what was being planned. A couple of your local stone masons were to do the work, a Mr. David Nourry and a Mr. Bill Hedges. I am wondering if they would be willing to give you a report... I am sure that more than just my husband and I would have an interest in hearing about what is being done. (Some of my ancestors are buried in Pentland).

Staff:

Bill Hedges reports that in the fall of 1994, David Nourry of Battersea worked on the gravestones in Pentland Cemetery. He worked with two students from Bill's class at QEVCI. David told Bill that about half of the work needing to be done was completed. Bill thought that most or all of the funds were spent.

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Waiting for the Beacon

- Linda Wemp

Each month around the 15th, I find myself asking if this month's Beacon is out yet. I just expect it to be there, like it has just dropped in from Heaven. It wasn't until recently during a conversation with one of the volunteer staff that it was inadvertently mentioned that the Beacon was not ready to be printed yet and Don had already spent 30 hours preparing it. My first thought was surprise at the time involved in preparation, and this of course was only from one volunteer. These hours were somehow shuffled at lambing, one of the busiest times of the year. My thoughts began to travel as to how much time, energy, and further consideration must be involved in preparing this. It seems that this little creation that I look forward to each month is a lot of work for a few people. Few people on the island, and many off it, are not willingly subjected to our little paper. We use it for announcements of all descriptions, advertising, etc. ,etc. So in recognition to all those who donate all those charitable hours to our Island Beacon just a simple thank-you for all your work in presenting us with a publication that I thoroughly enjoy.

[Staff: Thanks, Linda]

UFO Encounter

- Stan Burke and Peggy Coulter

The alien space craft came down in a field behind the Woods' house on the May 24th weekend. The visitors seemed friendly enough when approached by locals.

The aliens, in surprising English, produced an astonishing cover story: that they were the Ottawa Valley Balloon Company and that their craft was lifted by hot air. Their true intention soon became evident when they attempted to lure locals into their craft. Islanders were not taken in by the ruse having learned that earlier victims had only been returned on payment of a \$150 ransom.

Having failed in their abduction attempt, the aliens left in the direction of Kingston saying that they would remain there through much of the summer.

Islanders who survived the close encounter were:
Ralph and Beulah Woods, Caroline Yull, Helen
BellSmith, Llew MacArthur, Stan Burke and Peggy
Coulter.

Music

Waterside Summer Festival

- Eleanor Trueman

The Waterside Summer Festival at St. Alban's
opened with a flourish of Renaissance music and dance.

Two local performing groups, Musick's Pleasures
and Quinte Consort, delighted their audience. The
members of these groups devote many of their leisure
hours to practice and performing the period music.

They donated their time and rich talent to St. Alban's.

A strong group of musicians, singers and dancers in
medieval costume captured their audience from the first
madrigal. Their music, particularly the madrigals, are
taken from the 13th to the 17th century. The singers,
often unaccompanied, have a sparkling repertoire and
some remarkable pure notes.

Music was played on replicas of old instruments and
the Consort especially enjoys performing Renaissance
music (c. 1450-1600). There was a haunting
"Greensleeves" played on a harp made by the musician.

The dancers, despite space constraints were graceful
and free. Experienced Islanders were pleased for all
performers that their turn came in spring

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coolness, rather than in August.

Both groups, in their velvets, furs and silks took
such possession of the chancel, glowing with candlelight
and tulips, it was startling to look around at our own
20th century dress at the end of the program.

Yet another wonderful Island evening, to be enjoyed
in memory for a long time.

Waterside Concert

Saturday, June 10th

Piano and String Quartet

- Fern Willard

An incredible experience would best describe
Saturday evening's concert offered by three members of
the string section of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra
and an internationally acclaimed guest pianist.

It was inspiring to see and hear individual talent
blended together to produce such enjoyment for the
audience. I enjoyed watching the expressions of the
performers as they were completely immersed in what
they were doing. I consider it a treat to have been able

to attend this concert. Thanks to all involved.

[The concert was taped by CBC and will be aired on
July 9th at noon on "Music Around Us" and on "The
Arts Tonight" July 31st, about 7:30 p.m.. Staff]

St. George's Cathedral Girl's Choir

Sunday, June 11

- Laurene Kilpatrick

The St. George's Cathedral Girl's Choir treated us
to a glorious display of singing Sunday morning. The
rich harmonies made it a joy to be present. Thanks for
the experience.

Some Big Moist News

- Jacob Murray

The band will be performing at the "Molson
Canadian Canada Outdoor Concert" in Newfoundland
on July 1. They will also be playing in the "Molson
Ice Labour Day Show" where Moist will be on the bill
with "Metallica", "Hole" and "Veruca Salt" in
Tuktoyaktuk, NWT. The song "Silver" has been played
several times on 106.7, ZRock. (Finally).

Community Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00
in our homes.

June: Helen Lamb 384-6521

July: Ann Albertan 389-2662

August: Cathy Glenn 389-0214

Sept: Coralie Marshall 389-5031

October 14: Karen Fleming 389-0210

Please feel welcome to come and join with us at any
time.

Obituary

Lucille Brown

- suddenly at Kingston General Hospital, on Saturday,
May 27, 1995. Lucille Henderson, beloved wife of the
late Robert J. Brown. Dear mother of John, Kingston;
and William, Amherst Island; and brother Albert
(Phyllis) of Amherst Island; also survived by sister-in-
law Doris Henderson, Kingston. Dear aunt of Diane
(John) Pollock, Lois (Kevin) Mullen, Jane Henderson,
Richard and Anthony Henderson and their families.

Harry Westwood -

Peacefully at home, on Amherst Island, on Friday,
May 26, 1995, in his 89th year. Harry Westwood,
beloved husband of the late Mary-Ellen (nee Flannigan),

dear father of Dreta; lovingly remembered by eight grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Harry Westwood "Gramp" Born in Kingston on May 7, 1907. He moved to Amherst Island on May 18, 1918 to the home of the Glenn family. Gramp worked as a farm hand for island families, until he married Mary Ellen Flanagan on December 5, 1934. They had one daughter, Dreta Ellen Westwood.

Gramp ran his own farm on the island until he retired in 1977. For the next few years, he would spend his winters in Amherstview and return to the island for the summers. Gramp came home to live with Jane & Russell in November of 1987. Here he stayed until he passed away on May 26, 1995.

Gramp is sadly missed, and will never be forgotten by his family.

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(Ian adds) One day in the summer of 1976 or '77, Harry stopped Chris on his way to Kingston and asked Chris if he'd bring him back a bag of pig feed. Later that afternoon, Chris stopped at Harry's, opened the trunk of the old Pontiac and asked Harry if he, Chris, could carry it in for him. (This was before Trudeau's metrification program so the bag weighed 100 pounds.) "Oh, that's OK," said Harry, as he reached into the trunk and hoisted the bag to his shoulder. Harry then stood talking to Chris for at least 10 minutes about haying and livestock and whatever. Then he ambled off, still carrying the pig feed. He must have been powerful when he was a young man. Harry was a good neighbour and we're glad that he had a comfortable old age surrounded by his family.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

Hours of Operation

Summer May 20 - Sept 4

Open Daily Including holidays (closed Tuesdays)

Daily - 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Thank You Notes

Dear Amherst Island Friends, words could never express my thanks to all of you. To the people in all three Island Churches who said prayers for me, along with congregations in Cataraqui, Orleans and Brockville. Oh, the amazing power of prayer! For the phone calls, beautiful cards and letters - many people who I have not been in touch with lately and have

missed so much.

To the people who made arrangements so Laurene and Warren could be with me and finally my family. I am truly blessed.

Thank you all,

Dorothy Kilpatrick

Marshall and Marion wish to express their deep appreciation to their many friends, relatives and neighbours for their prayers, visits, and cards, and gifts of flowers and fruit and candy, especially the beautiful flowers from Marion's Loyal Friend, while Marshall was a patient in K.G.H. for a month.

A special thanks to our nieces and nephews and to Elsie and Eldon for grass cutting and extra chores. Also thank-you for gifts of food since coming home.

Marshall and Marion

We would like to thank everyone who helped out in our time of sorrow. A special thank you for those who sent expressions of sympathy. The gifts of food were wonderful and sincerely appreciated.

The Family of Harry Westwood

Thank-you to all the drivers and everyone who contributed to the Hotel Dieu Food Drive on May 31st. We all appreciated the help we received.

Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders

I wish to thank Kay McGinn and the Response Team for their wonderful help. Also all those who sent get well cards, and the Church ladies who called after my accident.

Geraldine (Jerry) Phillips

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Track and Field Competition L & A County

The students from our tiny school are always at a disadvantage when competing at county level. We

seldom have enough girls or boys at one age group to form a relay team. However, two intermediates ran at the senior level, and lots of individuals competed. We even doubled our prizes from last year - two!

Jessica McGinn once again dominated the shot put, winning the Senior Girls competition by a significant margin with a throw of 9.63 m. She is just in grade 7, so has another year to compete. Kyle Murray won 6th in the county in the Intermediate Boys hop, step, jump event.

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Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Municipalities urging their ratepayers to reduce-reuse-recycle: potty training for adults.

Warning Labels

I was looking at a new ATV the other day and was astounded by the number of warnings stuck to the machine. It seems that nearly everything one buys these days is covered with warning stickers more to protect the manufacturer from suits by the foolish than to protect the foolish.

It strikes me that it would be a good idea if some people came with warning labels: "Do not speak before I've had my first cup of coffee"; "This person lies and steals"; "Beware, I'm very boring"; and so on.

Congratulations

Congratulations To:

- 1) The Back Kitchen for hosting a very enjoyable "Community Yard and Craft Sale". Aerial photographs indicate that more than 1/3 of the Island residents attended this recycling extravaganza. The good weather - triumphing over a lousy weather forecast - certainly encouraged the large number of sellers and buyers. The Back Kitchen hopes to make this an annual event. They expect that more advertising would attract more off-Islanders.
- 2) The EFRT Fund-raising Team for their great newsletter (an "A" for EFRT's effort). It was well-done and quite informative.
- 3) The Houston Rockets for their play in the NBA finals - especially Hakeem and Clyde. Those young whipper-snappers in Orlando are just going to have to wait their turn 'cause the old men still have the juice.
- 4) The Canadian Rugby team for their incredible play at the World Championships. Just as an out-classed hockey team can sometimes carry the play through determined fore-checking, the Canadians aggressive ball-handling and running made the Australians and the

South African teams really work for their victories. It also made for very entertaining rugby: running and tackling is a lot more interesting than kicking, jumping and pushing.

5) Gary Wilson for representing this riding at Queen's Park with considerable quiet dignity during, what must have been, a very trying period.

6) The students and staff of AIPS for an imaginative and very enjoyable production of "Romeo and Juliet".

Farm Report

-Ian Murray

Many Islanders have been saddened this year by the passing of some old barns. Among those recently torn down are: the Veech barn; a Gavlas barn; and,

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several barns used for many years by Garnet McDonald. Each of these barns had served its owners well for many years but the returns from agriculture were not enough to pay for the required maintenance. It is a sad fact that each of the properties increased somewhat in value with the removal of buildings which had once been an asset vital to an operating farm.

New houses increase the tax base but many of us preferred those old barns.

This is a banner year for red clover. Many Island fields are blanketed by its dark luxuriant foliage. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to make good early hay from it as its very luxuriance makes it slow to cure properly.

Beacon Fees Debate

- staff

We have a dilemma. Now that we are having the Beacon professionally printed and collated in Kingston, it costs more than the 35 cents/copy we are now charging.

We have a few options, and need public response to help us decide what to do. We could:

- maintain status quo and go bankrupt in a few months
- return to printing on the cranky gestetner (that takes Chris a full evening), and collating on the dining room table (that takes 4 people about 1 hour). [At least one staff member refuses to return to a shoddier looking product produced by home printing.]
- or raise the price.

We are arguing amongst ourselves what price increase to propose.

If we print 300 copies or more, and only 10 pages, it costs us roughly 50 cents/copy. Unsold copies in the winter make this more costly. Would 75 cents/copy be feasible?

Other proposals:

1. that the price be put to \$1 per issue with the extra revenue generated going to the the EFRT or other worthy cause.
2. that the Rec. committee sponsor the Beacon by holding an annual Beacon dance or whatever. The Beacon could then be sent free to every house via householder mail.

We have been receiving more than 10 pages of copy lately (which pleases us and hopefully you) but that raises another dilemma, as mailing costs jump if we send over 10 pages. Subscription costs, are calculated for the lower postal rate. If we cut out the back page for mailing (usually the ads and calendar) that's not fair for the Islanders who have subscriptions.

Another concern is availability, as fewer people are using the store since the cutbacks of time and groceries, and the Back Kitchen is the only other sales outlet.

Thoughts on that?

Deadlines

- staff

We know that people are very busy and that events happen at the last minute, and that people forget. But...

The Beacon Deadline is before the 12th of each month. That's the day Caroline Ackerman types in all the rough copy. We will accept small notes the next day dictated over the phone, or articles delivered to us that day. Please help us get closer to our goal of "hitting the newsstands" on the 15th.

A Letter Home

I wish you could see the Island at this time of the year. The lilac and apple blossoms are out and the grass and shrubs are a tush green. With all nature's beauty around, I'm so glad I live here.

In April I thought we wouldn't get enough rain for a good hay crop. Well, I was wrong. The spring rains have given us so much grass that the sheep can't possibly keep up with it. If only we could keep some for August or September. All we need now is some dry weather to get the hay off!

Our BIG lambing is done now for another year. After the three week hustle and bustle, the barn has been put to bed until next May. It's always a mixture of relief and a let down when lambing is over. I miss the thrill of another lamb being born and working with the

older ones. The work is hard but we also have fun. However, getting by on only a few hours sleep does wear me down.

You'll be sorry to hear that several of the old barns along the north shore have been torn down. Yes they were worn out and had outlived their usefulness. However, I can't help but think of the work, excitement and pride that went into their construction.

A piece of good news. The Big Ferry is here! I no longer have to leave home 45 minutes early to make

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sure I get on the boat. What a sense of freedom. Unfortunately, we won't be able to keep her as long this year as they are going to be fixing the Stella dock before there is no longer a Stella dock to dock at.

Summer is creeping up quickly. It's the busiest time on the farm and I wish we could squeeze two more months in between June and September. Summer also brings weddings, parties, yard sales, music festivals and plain old visiting. I sometimes feel that summer is all used up before it starts.

School will be out soon. Last week about half the island turned up to watch all the kids in the school put on an updated version of Romeo and Juliet. What a performance! Over an hour of acting, singing and dancing all written by the kids and never a dull moment. I wouldn't dare single out individual performances, but we have some real comedians on the island, and in the upbeat Amherst Island version Romeo and Juliet live happily ever after. Who said you can't improve on Shakespeare?

Well I'd better go now. I'll be thinking of you and hope all is well in your little corner of the world.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Blood Pressure Clinic at the school from 2-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month - June 25, July 30, etc.

Community Calendar

June 21... W.I. Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Freda Youell's home.

June 24... 50th Wedding Anniversary for Marjorie & Jack Sylvester at Tom & Jackie's
June 24... Open Dance (Fleming / Scott) 8:15 - 12:30 at AI Community Centre
June 25... Blood Pressure Clinic 2 - 4 p.m. A.I.P.S.
July 1... P.C.W. Strawberry Social 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre
July 1... Canada Day Celebrations Parade at 7:00 p.m. at St. Alban's to A.I.P.S.
July 2... Front Road Garage Sale starts at 10:00 a.m. in many locations
July 3 - 7... Water Colours on Amherst Island at Loyalist College - Call Shirley Miller
July 4... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber
July 8... A.C.W. Chicken BBQ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
July 29... Wemp Heritage Day see advert, in this month's Beacon
August 5... Corn Roast & Dance

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Welcome to Rev. Christopher Davis, his wife Winsome, and children Johathan and Lydia. He is the new minister at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

Council Report July 4, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

All Councillors were present, though the Reeve was late for the start of the meeting. Council first briefly discussed the announcement by the new Provincial government that Wolfe Island will continue with a free ferry, but we will continue to pay. The Reeve will talk to the appropriate politicians.

Council is starting the procedure to sell the old Fire Hall and Roads Shed. There will be a meeting on the 18th of July to discuss the matter.

Stuart Miller, the Roads Superintendent, said he was pleased with the paving job. The road crew will be doing some ditching this month. The roadsides have been trimmed.

There was a short discussion over the accident on the ferry involving the shore power connection. The problem has been fixed.

The muddle over the ownership of the land in the front of Ken Albertan's where the road was moved is being sorted out. The land the new road sits on has now been conveyed to the Township.

Lori Caughey has been hired as swimming instructor for this year and lessons have started at Shurtleff's pool. Larry Fleming has been appointed to the Rec. Committee.

The Cemetery Committee was discussed at some length. Plans are still going ahead to produce a master plan of Glenwood Cemetery.

John McGinn has been appointed as Livestock

Valuer for one year, at a salary of \$1000. This was a recorded vote, Scott and Whitton voting against.

Two building permits were issued last month, to John McGinn, and to Jill Greenaway, at Long Point, for renovations.

The dog catcher has been asked to chase up people who have not bought dog licences. The Reeve pointed out that it was Council that was insisting on dog licences and that all problems would be referred back to Council, who fully support the dog catcher.

The old township photocopier will be offered for sale.

Council has received a notice from the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Health Unit that under the Tobacco Control Act all smoking is banned on all school property at all times. This information will be passed on to all groups that rent the school.

Several items then came up under 'any other business' that did not occur on the agenda.

Lyn Fleming raised some concerns over the hiring of part-time and full-time ferry workers. These will be referred to the Ferry Committee. The hiring of part-time and seasonal workers by the Township was discussed. It was decided that all temporary workers

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would be hired from the occasional list or the jobs, such as snow ploughing, would be posted.

The Reeve proposed a motion that all emergency personnel, fire fighters and First Response people, who left the ferry to respond to an emergency would have their pay docked for the time they were away. In a recorded vote this was passed, Scott and Whitton voting against. As a result of this motion, the Fire Chief resigned on Friday.

The Council meeting finished just after 10:30 p.m. In an attempt to shorten the meeting the Reeve frequently closed discussion on motions after a few minutes, and at the end of the meeting Councillor Scott said that he felt this had been done in an uneven and arbitrary manner. I did not find this a pleasant meeting to listen to.

Jim Whitton wished it to be known that he and Lyn Fleming voted against the new fire hall, because he felt that more discussion of other options was required.

First Response Team

Corn Roast and Dance

Saturday, August 5

Amherst Island Community Centre

Dinner / Dance 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

\$22 / Couple

Tickets At The Following Locations:

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/ Rolls / Coleslaw / Cherry or Lemon Cheesecake

Help The Team Get A Defibrillator!

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Amy Caughey who was recently rewarded for her contribution to 4-H with a trip to Winnipeg. Amy participated in a 4-H selection weekend last February in Orangeville. Over that weekend 49 4-H members from across Ontario were considered for a variety of inter-provincial trips as well as one trip to the U.K. Amy's trip was sponsored by the Royal Bank and hosted by 4-H families. (Keep working 4-Hrs and see what you can achieve).

Congratulations to new grandparents Lawrence and Bonnie Baker and new mom Tessa Fabian. Tessa's new baby boy, Cody, was born in early June.

Best wishes to Art Ackerman, Ernest Apps, Lance Eves, and Ernest Fleming who all underwent surgery of one type or another this month.

Our sympathy to Earle and Chester Tugwell on the death of their nephew this month. Bob Wing was husband to Norma, the daughter of Gladys (Tugwell) Martin, Earle and Chester's sister.

In the "interesting people who visited the Island this month" file, anyone who remembers seeing Peter Trueman on Global probably also remembers his coworker Jan Tennant. Jan spent a few days here last week at the Trueman's, sightseeing and enjoying the Island. She also visited the Burke's and attended the Ladies' Sewing Circle to work on her knitting. Jan is currently out west working on a program for seniors.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The June 21st meeting at the home of Freda Youell opened with the Ode, Collect, National Anthem and reports. Both June events - the Tea and Dessert evening and the Country Fair - were enjoyed by all participants. The Bake Sale table at the Fair was empty by noon and we are sure that Amherst Island's reputation for great baking was responsible for the fast sell-out. Thanks to our members who donated, we were able to put on a good showing for our small group.

Jackie Sylvester led our discussion regarding "Living Wills" and had obtained a Ministry of the Attorney General kit for each member present. Very informative and scary material when you realize its potential. This took up the rest of the meeting and it was time to finish off the evening in our usual way with a late lunch before heading for home.

Jackie Sylvester will be hosting the July 19th meeting at 8 p.m. in her home and we shall be welcoming Peggy Coulter and Stanley Burke. They will be telling us about their travels in the Far East. Why not join us for an enjoyable evening?

Copies of a book called "Environmentally Friendly Hints" by the Ontario Women's Institute are available at Glenn's Store. Full of alternatives to harmful products and uses for everyday items we all have in our kitchens, this book is a help for any household concerned about their family's health. Makes great gifts as well so it would be a few moments well spent if you take a look at one next time you are in the store.

Attention

Kawartha Muffin/Cookie Purchasers

If you have had any problems with the quality of the cookie batter or muffin batter in the last Muffin Drive, please contact

Ann Albertan 389-2662 or Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

Responsible, reliable baby-sitter and "mother's helper". Will also do light yard work and housework. Call Stephanie 634-2509

ISLE

Students Join I.S.L.E.

- Wendy Fleming

This year for the first time A.I.P.S. students were

welcomed on I.S.L.E. The Senior Class, when they received the invitation, elected two representatives, a boy and a girl, to attend the I.S.L.E. meetings. Nate Maleska and I were to represent the A.I.P.S. students. It was a good opportunity for us to express our own opinions and ideas as well as those of our friends from school.

Now that it is the end of the school year, Nate and I would like to thank both our class and I.S.L.E. for the chance to be involved with some of the decisions about how our fund raising money is spent.

We would also like to thank our community members for supporting all of the various fund raising projects we have done this year. In addition, we would like to say good-bye to two longstanding members of I.S.L.E: Lesley McDonald and Susie Caughey. Their contributions over the years have been greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you have done.

I.S.L.E. is now in need of three new adult and two new student members. The student members will be elected by the Senior Class in September. If you would like to be a member of I.S.L.E. please contact Mrs. Ann Albertan at 389-2662. Thank-you very much.

We would like to say thank-you to Phyllis Henderson for picking up the cheese orders for us. The proceeds from the cheese orders went towards end of the year trips. The Senior Class

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went to Toronto and the Primary Class went to the Cataraqui Conservation Centre. It was greatly appreciated.

I am off to high school next year and I would like to say best wishes to the old and the new I.S.L.E. members.

Amherst Island Public School
Grade Eight Graduates

Congratulations and Good Luck to the following students: Stephanie Fleming, Wendy Fleming, Nate Maleska, Scott Marshall, Mark McCormick, and Jacob Murray.

The Jack Kerr Award
- Jacob Murray

In past years Mr. Kerr came to the school on his own time to help kids who were having problems with mathematics and spelling.

To honour his memory the Senior Class of 1995 decided to earn money by doing odd jobs for an award in his name. It will be presented to the student who

shows the best improvement in basic maths skills over the year. We are well on our way to achieving our goal with almost \$200.00. If anybody has any work they need doing contact any member of the senior class. It's for a good cause.

Cook's Corner
- Dianne Marshall

Catherine McMullen gave me this recipe. She served it at the Sylvester's potluck and several people asked for the ingredients. Those who enjoyed the Salmon (Or Shrimp) Dip can now make it at their leisure.

1 10 oz can Campbells condensed tomato soup
1 large package cream cheese
1 cup finely diced celery
1 tablespoon gelatin (1 package) dissolved in 1/2 cup water
1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice (to taste)
1 small can salmon or 2 small cans shrimp
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
dash worcester sauce
cayenne pepper & celery salt to taste

Heat soup to boiling. Add cream cheese, mayo and dissolved gelatin. Beat. Cool a bit and add rest of ingredients. Chill in mold or serving bowl for several hours.

Seeing as this is strawberry season I have to include at least one recipe using these berries.

I've been getting a magazine called A Taste of Home and this Strawberry Glazed Fruit Salad is in the June/July 95 edition.

1 quart fresh strawberries, halved
1 can (20 oz) pineapple chunks, drained
4 firm bananas sliced
1 jar or pouch (16 oz) strawberry glaze

In a large bowl, gently toss strawberries, pineapple and bananas. Fold in the glaze and chill for 1 hour.

Yield 6 - 8 servings

Piano Tuning

The piano tuner from McAdoo's will be over to tune pianos for the Waterside Concert on August 12. Anyone on the Island wanting to take advantage of getting their own piano tuned while he is here should contact Caroline Yull (389-4071). {actually 384-4071}

Island Gardens
- Sally Bowen

Gardeners with good watering systems have a definite advantage this year. (Even the weeds are dying in gardens with no water.) I've seen a few different systems that work nicely. George Gavlas uses big diameter pipe to bring water near the gardens, the Sylvesters take a pipe right down the middle of theirs, then both have a system of taps and hoses with sprayers. They have a much larger volume of water at higher pressure that way. My raised beds didn't grow root vegetables well, until I buried a drizzle hose at planting time. This works well, keeping the lower layer moist, making the roots reach down and the potatoes multiply. There is quite a variety of drizzle hoses on the market now, many made from recycled tires. (Some seem to cost as much as a new truck

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tire, so go figure.) For starting late plantings like my storage carrots and beets, I like the ones that are porous everywhere, and just ooze quietly. Less expensive are the ones that have water openings at certain intervals. Patrick Grey has these laid out in his garden, and a timer attached to a switch so that this year, when the family is not here, the garden still gets watered. The additional advantage is that the weeds in between the rows quietly wither from drought.

Mrs. Maude showed me her garden and orchard. She has great quantities of fruit trees, carefully pruned and healthy. This year she is experimenting with hanging a bag of human hair in the trees as a deer deterrent. She told me coons not only raid corn, but are ravenous plum eaters. She has had a tree entirely stripped in a night. She uses an electric "pet fence" to protect her vegetables, and garden fruit, as well as netting to cover the strawberries and raspberries. That didn't protect her petunias from the rabbits. She prefers old nylons or pantyhose instead of string as ties for staked tomatoes. Her garden is meticulously kept, though she regrets it is so much smaller than it used to be. She emphasizes that a good garden needs constant care.

Tom and Jackie Sylvester are doing interesting landscaping. Their new water garden is beautifully done, the huge surround rocks looking entirely natural. (Tom and the tractor just missed tipping in, lugging one.) They are working on lots of roses. Tom has a whole section of the garden devoted to rooting cuttings from neighbours. Jackie explained to me that even Montrealers can grow some tea roses that we can't, because of our lack of snow cover and the wind. She's experimenting with lots that are beautiful and hardy. She said the bugs are particularly bad this year because of the mild winter. They have a system of glass "cloches" made simply from panes of glass and wood

blocks with slits as holders. They had salad stuff much earlier than most, and many garden plants were very advanced.

Announcing an Island competition. The first real vine-ripened tomato grower gets - of course - a free Beacon in August. Chris Kennedy, Beacon staff, has graciously offered his services as taster.

Flash: Dorothy McGinn is eating her own full sized potatoes already.

Township of Amherst Island Occasional Workers Needed

The Township of Amherst Island occasionally needs people to do various short term odd jobs, e.g. office assistance, swimming registration, rabies clinic, deliveries, traffic control on the ferry dock, painting the ferry, temporary work for the Public Works Department.

If you are interested in being called for such jobs from time to time, please sign the list that is posted in the Municipal Building and on the notice board at Glenn's Store before 4:00 p.m., August 1, 1995.

References and a summary of work experience maybe requested.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant
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Open Daily including Holidays
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Fire Department - Ian Murray

Following the resignation of Chief Phil Silver, Deputy Chief Christopher Kennedy called all fire fighters to a meeting on July 10.

The new executive members are: Fire Chief, Alex (Sandy) Scott; Deputy Chief, John Nixon; Training Officer, David Fleming; Assistant Training Officers, Christopher Kennedy and Fred Werthman; Maintenance Officer, but not a fire fighter, George Gavlas.

Chief Scott plans to have training sessions every 2 weeks. By having half the sessions on Saturday morning, he hopes to attract more fire fighters. He also expressed the desire that 4 or 5 people will take intensive training and thus form a core group of skilled personnel.

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Township of Amherst Island
Call for Tenders for the Disposal of Surplus Equipment
Item: Canon NP120 Photocopier and Stand

The Township of Amherst Island is inviting sealed bids for the purchase of a Canon NP 120 photocopier under the following conditions:

1. Payment by Cash or Cheque
2. Equipment to be removed from the Township Office within one week of bid being accepted.
3. Sealed tenders to be forwarded to the Township Office by 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 1995.

The equipment may be viewed at the Township Office during regular working office hours.

Music

Waterside Summer Festival - June 17
- Cathy Glenn

Another inspirational evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Waterside Festival at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Saturday, June 17. If you had been fortunate enough to hear Valerie Lloyd-Watts perform last year, then you were anticipating with great delight another evening of outstanding musical selections.

Caroline Yull gave Valerie probably one of the most uplifting introductions. When a performer's music can bring healing to the heart of a fellow man, then the performer feels that impact as well.

Last year Caroline's dad heard Valerie play and bought one of her tapes. Since then, he suffered a stroke and the one thing in life that seemed to bring him a great deal of joy was listening to the tape of Valerie Lloyd-Watts.

Valerie Lloyd-Watts is a very charming, warm person who not only plays, with much expertise, the music of the great composers, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, but also tells her audience a little bit about these composers and what the composer was experiencing when he wrote his music. We all learned a little history.

When Valerie played this beautiful music, she would pass on to her audience great depths of emotion. You could follow her facial expressions and see the peacefulness, the joy, the anger, the confusion of her musical selections and then, she could make you feel all of these emotions as her fingers moved deftly over the keys of the piano. Such a gift! At one point she had us laughing as she seemed to play cat and mouse games with the keys.

As we left the beautifully decorated church that evening, we carried with us a deeper appreciation for the great composers and a sense of awe and amazement

at such a developed musical skill. Some of us even went home and tried to find a deeper sense of emotion in our own playing, even if that meant holding onto the final notes of our music for a longer finale.

Waterside Summer Festival - June 26
- Leslie Gavlas

The very popular "Wassermusik" program was presented on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. This year the performers, organized by Inka Brockhausen, included Cathie Goldberg, violin, John Kruspe, piano, Ann van Egmont, violin, Denis Lehotay, viola, Ester Gartner, cello, Craig Vallom, base, and Inka, herself on piano.

Inka introduced the program stating that she hoped we were hungry as we would be served trout, however, the program would start with some hors d'oeuvres.

The hors d'oeuvre were, delightful, a well chosen selection of musical offerings comprising duets and solo numbers featuring the various artists, and concluding with the, John Sebastian Bach Piano Concerto in F Minor which employed all of the "Wassermusik" group with Inka as pianist. The excellence of the performers whetted the appetite of the large audience.

After intermission, The Schubert Trout Quintet in A Major, Opus 114 was a real delight. The musicians combined their skills in an excellent rendering of what is a general favourite for chamber music fans. As a member of the audience it was wonderful to watch the intensity of the musicians faced with the extreme heat of the afternoon. In particular I noticed Cathie and Esther, obviously under the spell of the music, as their facial movements

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and body language responded. The enthusiastic audience responded with a drawn out standing ovation which the group had clearly earned.

Moist News
- Jacob Murray

Moist performed in NFLD on July 1st in front of 700 contest winners for the First Molson Canadian 'out there' weekend: Moist had the audience 'Moshing' (Crazy dancing) and singing along.

The single "Silver" is being played on approximately 21 stations across the United States.

In the following months Moist will be playing in Jasper, B.C., Regina, Sask., Saskatoon, Sask., in High River, Alberta for the Big Sky Festival, and after some concerts in the U.K., back to Canada for the CNE.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 will hold a bake sale on the Friday of each long weekend throughout the summer months, at Glenn's store. Proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fresh, homemade bread will be available.

Thank You Notes

Debbie and Alex Scott would like to thank their family, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts, and best wishes received for the occasion of our wedding.

A Big Thank-you to Everyone!

I would like to thank my friends and neighbours for their get well wishes and gifts of fruit and candy after my short stay in the hospital, also I would like thank my family who are looking after me so well.

Ernest Fleming

Bill, Annette, John and Maureen would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who helped make Mom and Dad's 35th Anniversary Party a wonderful success.

Thank you to all those who travelled the distance to be with us: Ron and Lillian; Ted and Heather; Eric and Linda; Keith and Shirley; and the rest of the Miller/Glenn/Filson/Cox crew. Thanks to Doug Shurtliffe, Adam Miller and Helen Trotter for help prior to and during the event. You helped us create a truly memorable weekend Mom and Dad will treasure forever.

Our Thanks

Thank you for the cards and good wishes from the ACW and WI, after my stay in hospital. Thank you also to Leslie Gavlas for the rolls.

Arthur Ackerman

My many thanks to our family, friends and neighbours for their help and concern during my visit to emergency and after. A very special thanks to our Emergency First Response Team. Also thank you to the ACW for their visit and goodies.

Sincerely

Audrey Miller

Dear Family and Friends,

Only on Amherst Island could it be "almost" worth it to get kicked by a cow! During the past

months I've been showered with kindness, wonderful visits, cards, letters, flowers, phone calls, books, goodies, casseroles and pies by the dozen... even volunteers to wash the dishes! I thank each and everyone of you for the love and cheer you have brought my way.

The family of the late Lucille Brown would like to thank the endless number of friends and relatives who helped in any way to make Lucille's life easier, and to make it possible for her to remain in her home where she was most comfortable with what she had to bear. What touches us, is the joy that each and every one of you brought her during her years of rehabilitation and right to the end of her battle. What comforts us are the memories we will always share and what lasts, will be our love for her as always. The Island community came together once again to make this loss easier for our family. We would like to thank a very special pair of ladies, Bonnie Baker and Maraget McMullin for their never ending patience and care of Lucille. Thanks also to the VON home care, Bill Davis and the James Reid Funeral Home and the A.C.W. for their lunch after the service. All of the sympathy cards, food and donations in her name were greatly appreciated. We felt that the donations to the Bath Lion's Club was Lucille's way to thank them for all they have done to try to purchase and electric wheelchair for her so she could get around. We hope that this will help them to help someone else. There are so many more people to thank over the years but little room to do it in. So accept this as our thanks to each and every one of you who touched her life and helped make it more full in any way.

John and Bill Brown and the Henderson Family

Wemp Family

- Ian Murray

While cutting hay at the Wemp homestead, I took a break and had a good look at the Wemp Cairn. It is in good shape and a lasting tribute to Barnabas Wemp and his wife Catherine Gates. It's also a tribute to Moutray Wemp and to the recent work of Leigh Wemp.

I asked Leigh how he was related to Barnabas and this is the information that he gave me.

Barent Wemp of Holland begat Jan Barentsch Wemp: born 1620 in Holland and came to North America in 1643-45.

Jan Barentsch Wemp begat Barent Janse Wemp: born 1656 at Albany in what is now New York state.

Barent Janse Wemp begat Hendrick Wemp: born

1701.

Hendrick Wemp begat Barent, also

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known as Barnabas, Wemp: 1738 - 1843. Leigh told me that Barent Wemp also used the surnames Wemple, Wimple and Wemes. Loyalist times were a time of turmoil and changeable spellings and it was not uncommon for names to be somewhat confusing. Barnabus moved to Amherst Island.

Barent (Barnabas) Wemp begat John Wemp: 1785-1865.

John Wemp begat William W. Wemp: 1848 - 1937.

William W. Wemp begat Benjamin Wemp: 1872 - 1948.

Benjamin Wemp begat William H. B. Wemp: 1899 - 1952.

William H. B. Wemp begat Leigh H. Wemp: 1938 - .

Leigh H. Wemp begat Herbert D. Wemp: 1962 - .

Herbert D. Wemp begat Kaily M. Wemp (1992 -) and Adam D. Wemp (1995 -).

That's 12 generations.

Leigh doesn't know if there will be 30 or 300 descendants of Barnabas and Catherine coming to the Island on July 29.

I hope that we can include more Wemp family - as well as other Island family - history in future Beacons.

Heritage Day: July 29, 1995

United Empire Loyalist

Wemp Families

Celebrate 211 Years

In Canada

MS KIA

I was eavesdropping on 2 farmers who were discussing the various tools and equipment parts that they'd lost over the years, when I had a flash of insight. Was it in one of the old Tarzan movies where the bad guys are searching for the elephant graveyard? All old and sick elephants go to die at this graveyard - a vast store of ivory for the bad guys. Anyway, somewhere on the Island there must be a graveyard for tools and miscellaneous odd bits of farm equipment. I can picture it now: Barnabas' missing scythe nestling contentedly with the 27 pairs of vice grips that have wandered away from this neighbour's farm. In some thicket, there must be a small mountain of rusting metal and rotting harness leather growing larger year by year. I'll bet that thicket is made up of prickly ash, too.

A Letter Home

Sorry I haven't written since last month but we've been busy, busy, busy. The weather brings good news and bad news. The good news is that it has hardly rained and we have had a good run at the hay. With well over a thousand large round bales to be put away there is not much time to sit and daydream. The bad weather news is that we are experiencing a terrible drought. It's been over a month since any real rain. The pastures are drying up, the crops are burning and vegetables are dying on the vines.

Wish you could have been here for the Canada Day Celebrations. Everyone enjoyed the parade of bicycles and floats. The visiting piper provided the music and those who weren't in the parade lined the sidewalks to wave and applaud. A great evening to watch fireworks, visit, eat strawberries and complain about the weather. The mosquitoes weren't invited this year and nobody missed them.

The next time you visit, bring your rollerblades or rollerskates. We have the most wonderful strip of new pavement both east and west of the village. Every time I drive over it I'm grateful for having all the lumps and bumps and broken pavement removed.

You should see John McGinn's house, it was raised several feet in several days. A number of men and large equipment arrived one day and started jacking the house up. An interesting process. A foundation has been placed underneath and June and John can now look down on the Front Road traffic.

One last bit of news. The raccoons have taken over the Island. They are in people's houses, vegetable gardens,

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granaries and corn fields. I've always found it difficult to like anything that wears a mask and sneaks around at night (except Batman).

Well we're off to the Bluffs for a quick swim, to wash off the hay dust.

Stay cool!

Until next month.

P.S. The storm of early Saturday morning (July 15th) left the Island comparatively unscathed. Napanee and Prince Edward County really got whacked with trees and utility lines down plus damaged barns and houses. The thunder and lightning were spectacular and there was a wicked wind which seemed to be just above the trees.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school

is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Blood Pressure Clinic at the school from 2-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month - June 25, July 30, etc.

Community Calendar
July 29... Wemp Heritage Day
July 31... Surplus Equipment tender deadline
August 1... Occasional Worker signup deadline with list at Mun. Office and Glenn's Store
August 5... Corn Roast & Dance in aid of the Defibrillator campaign

The Great Fee Debate

We have thought, pondered, talked, discussed, surveyed, weighed results, statistized, calculated, and even guessed about the rates with the following non-unanimous result. Starting next month the following fee structure will come into effect:

Single Issue (Glenn's Store or Back Kitchen)... \$1.00
Subscription to Canada... \$19.00
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We realize that this is a substantial jump but with postage going up and the fact that we have been losing money over the last few issues because of much higher printing costs, we feel that our readers will get their money's worth with this the improved Beacon.

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Dog Wash

Bonnie Marshall and Sara Pollock are holding a dog wash on Sunday, August 27th from 10-4 at Bob Marshall's. For \$5.00 your dog will be shampooed, towel dried and brushed. Dogs must be wearing collar and must be friendly. To make an appointment call Bonnie at 389-0554 or Sara at 389-9977. Best Doggone Deal In Town!

Special Council Meeting July 18, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

This was a special Council meeting half way through July to de

handling of hazardous materials. This will be held on the Island for Ferry workers and Fire Fighters, and presumably anyone else interested.

Mike Harris has cut the supplementary roads subsidy in half. This includes the money for the new paving on the Front Road, so Council is out about \$33,000. (I didn't vote for him). The situation is not completely clear, but it seems that we might be able to get the money next year if we can renegotiate with the paving contractor.

The new Fire hail is being built under Alec Scott's watchful eye, and he reports it is going well.

The Dog Control Officer reported that four people have refused to pay dog tax. Council will proceed with the enforcement of the By-law. The Parish of Bath and Amherst Island have bought the old township copier.

Under any other business Alec Scott proposed that the no smoking regulations of the ferry should be enforced, and that all smoking should be banned on the ferry. After a short discussion Council passed this. It will apparently be the Captain's job to enforce this. Alec also proposed that the Captains should not leave the bridge unless replaced by another crew member with mate's papers. This motion failed for lack of a seconder.

This peaceful meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. without a single recorded vote.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Noreen and Howard Welbanks

The family of Noreen and Howard Welbanks wish to invite family and friends to share in an Open House celebration on September 1, 1995, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 7 Queen Victoria Road, Camden East, Ontario.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The July 19th meeting was held at the home of Jackie Sylvester, and after the Ode, Collect, National Anthem and reports, the Roll Call response was "Report on Product from a Far East Country". This lead into a presentation by Peggy Coulter and Stanley Burke of their travels in Borneo, Bali and Bangkok and we were given an interesting, and often humorous, account of the people, customs and climate complete with large boards covered with photographs. This enjoyable evening closed with a

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tasty lunch provided by the hostess. Although not a part of the meeting, an added pleasure was a look at Jackie

and Tom's water garden and roses. There is no meeting in August therefore no Beacon report but just a reminder to any members interested, "Marketing The Women's Institute" workshop is on September 16th in Roblin and on September 21st the Historical House tour in Adolphustown area to raise funds for the Cultural Centre in Adolphustown Park. The September meeting will be on the 20th at 8 p.m. at the home of Jean McIntyre and we will be joined by Mr. Bruce Caughey Sr. who will be giving a talk on the history of transportation on Amherst Island and, as always, we would welcome any new members or visitors.

Tamara Grant and Noel McCormick

Invite our friends and neighbours to attend an Open Dance

To share in the celebration of our marriage

Saturday, September 16, 1995 8:15 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Amherst Island Community Centre

Historic Plaque Dedication At Wemp Cairn on Amherst Island

- Herbert Wemp

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!...On Saturday, July 29 in fine Town Crier fashion the ceremonies started with the ringing of the Crier's bell and gathering of about 150 people around the plaque to be dedicated to the memory of loyalist settlers Barent and Catherine Wemp. Most of those attending were descendants of the loyalist settlers.

Two Kings Royal Regiment soldiers in period uniform (John Wannamaker and L.W. Joyner) stood at attention on either side of the plaque which was veiled with The British Union Jack. The Town Crier (David McKee from Brantford and also a Wemp descendant) gave an inspiring introduction to the unveiling.

All true to the memory of King George III and to his loyal subjects, hear ye now this proclamation: "Whereas, United Empire Loyalists Barent and Catherine Wemp endured hardships of the American Revolutionary War and began a new life in the wilderness of this very island 211 years ago, and whereas, if it were not for their will to survive, we would not be standing here today. Now therefore, it is my pleasurable duty to proclaim the unveiling of the plaque upon this site in memory of our ancestry, Barent and Catherine Wemp. May this plaque remind us and our descendants of the heritage that caused our family and many other loyalist families to carve and build a strong, united Canada. This proclamation cried this 29th day of July in the year of our Lord, 1995. God Bless all descended from this honourable parentage. God Bless Canada. God save the Queen".

The plaque was unveiled by Leigh Wemp, organizer of the ceremonies and his son Herb, author of the plaque text. The plaque was then read by the Town Crier.

The American Revolutionary war was the setting for their courtship and marriage. Barent was a soldier of foot in Colonel Guy Johnson's Loyal Foresters. As the war was drawing to a conclusion, Barent and Catherine remained loyal to the crown of England. They had to flee their home in the Mohawk Valley leaving everything they owned behind. They were with the Captain Mike Grass Company at Camp Cataraqui in the fall of 1784. In the late winter of 1785, while Barent was monitoring rebel movements south of Lake Ontario, Catherine gave birth to their first child John, who

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became known as the first child born in the new loyalist community. Barent was enlisted in the King's Royal Regiment in 1786. By 1803 they settled here on Amherst Island on a 200 acre parcel of land. They raised seven children from whom some of today's island residents are descended. Barent and Catherine both died in 1843 and are buried here on the site of their family farm.

Erected July 1995 by the descendants of Barent and Catherine with the assistance of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and the Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

The Reeve of Amherst Island, Duncan Ashley then said a few words of his personal encounters with some of the Wemp family. How he first came to the Island, the jobs he had and the people he worked with.

He congratulated Leigh for organizing the day and told him he should be pleased with what he has done. The president of the Kingston branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, Terry Hicks, spoke next on the hardships the loyalist settlers faced during the Revolutionary War and their first years at Camp Cataraqui. He spoke of the first winter a group of 17 from Captain Grass Company spent at Fort Frontenac which Barent and Catherine Wemp were a part of. He suggested for those who want to know more about the hardships the loyalists faced to read the historically accurate book "Drums Along The Mohawk".

The ceremonies then moved to the Cairn as it is now. A large monument of stones topped with a wooden cross on a small rise along the fence line some distance from the road. The monument is enclosed with an iron chain and post in each of the four corners. With the regiment soldiers on either side of the Cairn the Town Crier lead everyone in Canada's National anthem.

The minister, Christopher Davis lead everyone in prayer. There was a weak start to the gospel song Amazing Grace but a strong finish to How Great Thou Art. As the ceremonies came to an end the two regiment soldiers raised their rifles and shot into the sky to the surprise of everyone there.

Some of those in attendance were: Ryan Henderson from Igaluit, N.W.T.; Maureen Tasker from Winslow, P.E.I.; Jack and Peggy Wemp from Clinton Corner, N.Y.; Keith, Derek and J. Nelson Wemp from Kelowna, B.C.; Liz McKee from Whitehorse, Yukon; Tom and Jan Spowart from Madison, WI. Also in attendance were Peter Aykroyd and sister Judy Aykroyd Harvie.

More attended the dinner and dance held at the school on the Island that night. The dinner was put on by the A.C.W. and music provided by the Haliman's. A little extra entertainment was provided when the Town Crier and his brother (Dave and Bifi McKee) each sang...very well I might add.

Leigh and Herb would like to thank Sharon Sands, Betty Ennis, Joyce Titley and Doris Wemp who were involved from the beginning as the W.F.G.F. Thanks to Cathy Richards for donating the gifts to hand out. Also thanks to Les Mills for helping out. A special thanks to Al Lawlor and the group for providing the entertainment in the hot sun. It's too bad the tent blew down in the storm.

The Wemp Family Genealogy Foundation would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity and to Tom and Jan Spowart, Emily Tugwell and Yvonne and Bob Hart for their extra support and generosity.

Anniversary

Henry and Anna Hitchins and family, invite friends and relatives to help celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary party at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Friday, September 29th, dancing starting at 8 p.m. Your presence and best wishes is all that is necessary to make this a memorable day.

"Tea With A Tenor"

"Tea With A Tenor" will begin its second season beginning Sunday, September 17th. For brochure and entertainment schedule, call 384-8599.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Zucchini the Z word. What do I do with all the zucchini that always grows so well in the garden? Most of the time I can't bear to look at it and so I grate it and put one or two cups in a ziplock bag, freeze it and then when I am feeling strong in the winter I take it out of the freezer and make the usual loaves, cookies, cakes etc. The easiest thing to do with small zucchini is to slice it in 1/4" coins and gently fry it in butter and minced garlic.

The Harrowsmith Cookbook Vol 3 had a recipe for Carrot-Zucchini Squares which I have been wanting to try...

2/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup butter

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 1/2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teasp salt

2/3 cup coarsely grated carrot

2/3 cup coarsely grated zucchini, drained

1/2 cup raisins

Beat sugar and butter together. Add egg and vanilla and beat thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients and stir together. Spoon into greased 9"x9" pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

The following is an easy Zucchini Cheese Casserole (from the same Harrowsmith Cookbook)

4 medium zucchini sliced

1/2 cup chopped onion

2 tbsp oil

1 lb cottage cheese

1 tsp basil

1/3 cup parmesan cheese

Saute zucchini and onion in oil. Whip cottage cheese with basil in blender. Place alternating layers of zucchini and cheese in 1 1/2 quart casserole dish; top with parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes.

If the Beacon Editor's will allow it I must include just one more recipe for 15 Minute Chili Sauce. I cut this recipe out of the paper many years ago and it

simplifies and encourages the making of chili sauce.

6 lbs ripe tomatoes (3 quarts)

2 cups finely chopped onion

1/2 cup finely chopped sweet red pepper

1/4 cup coarse pickling salt

2 cups granulated sugar

1 cup white vinegar

1 tbsp celery seed

1 tbsp. mustard seed

pinch cayenne pepper

Blanch and peel tomatoes. Chop finely. Mix tomatoes, onions, sweet pepper and salt. Let stand at room temperature for 3 1/2 hours. Drain off liquid.

In a large, heavy saucepan combine drained vegetables and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil uncovered for 15 minutes or until sauce reaches desired consistency. Pour into hot sterilized jars. Makes about 7 cups. This sauce has a very fresh flavour.

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund in Memory of Frank Fleming

Students who are residents of Amherst Island and are proceeding with university or college education should pick up their applications for the Ameriks Scholarship Fund from the Township Office. Applicants must show proof of registration and full time attendance at a recognized university or college. Applications will not be accepted after October 31, 1995.

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Island Gardens

- Sally Bowen

Can anyone top this for a "varmint damage" story? Gary Filson planted 68 tomato plants, and deer ate every decent sized tomato from every plant! The same deer (he's sure) ate most of his pepper plants too.

I asked how he managed to have such a steady supply of young delicious corn for sale at the Back Kitchen. He orders his seed through Lois at Simmons Feed and Seed in Wilton. He gets 4 different varieties, then does three different plantings of each, 3 weeks apart. This year he sowed 4 acres, but has had some problems with the drought affecting the earliest variety; and the blackbirds are a hassle all the time. He says plastic owls will only scare them off a 10 foot area.

Is anyone else finding vole damage? I hear they've chomped Heather Welbanks' Morning Glories, and I just gleefully picked my first melon to find it totally hollowed out by the wretches. Some of my early potatoes were gnawed too.

A different dilemma faces Sheila and Peter Whiting. (They built the brown house on the front road on Emo's former property.) They moved their perennials to the only real patch of soil on their property. An enthusiast hired to grade their hill found this nice patch of soil and spread it over their acreage (Not an island man).

Announcing; the grand prize winner! Tena Tugwell provided a luscious sample of vine ripened tomato to Beacon staff (a few days before ours were ready). Congratulations on winning one month's free copy of the Beacon.

Please remember the Food Bank if you have any extra garden produce. Coralie and Duncan Marshall regularly travel on the 10 am ferry on Thursdays, and are clad to deliver for us.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 will hold a bake sale on the Friday of each long weekend throughout the summer months, at Glenn's store. Proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fresh, homemade bread will be available.

Emergency First Response Team
- Annette Phillips

Since we missed the deadline for last month's Beacon, we have a long, long list of people to thank for making donations to the Defib Fund:
Mary Peason / Stewart & Kathy Reed / Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. / Emily Tugwell / Leslie Gavlas / Stuart Miller / Amherst Island Women's Institute / Gian & Patricia Frontini / Sid & Myrna Alport / Stanley Burke & Peggie Coulter / John & Ann Luscombe / William Belsey / St. Paul's PCW / Rod & Rhoda Barr / Frank & Margie Bailey / Steve Hart / Richard & Donna Thompson / Jane Droppo / Leonard Langevin / Howard & Noreen Welbanks / William Morton / Jack Ellis / Ross & Sally Wilson / Dick & Wilma Dodds / Robin Gavlas / Dan & Valerie Wolfreys / Ray & Zehna Koenders / Roger & Jacqueline Porretti / Margaret Blenkinsop.

The campaign stands at this moment at \$3,764.56.

Our Corn Roast and Dance, held last weekend, was not a huge success. The net profit shown on the dinner/dance was \$722.11. Although we do not see this as a spectacular financial success, a lot of people had a really good time working together. Again, there were a huge number of people who contributed in many ways to help us make the profit that we did. Our sincere thanks to the following:

The Back Kitchen - Gary, Susan and Kristy. Thanks for donating all of the corn.

Mike Conlin and Cam Naish - National Grocers - for

donation of the ham and paper products.

Kim Redden / Glenn and Sandra Filson / Paul and Carol Glenn / Judy and Don Miller / Helen Miller - for help in the kitchen and with setup.

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Terry McGinn / Rob Wemp - for setting up the cooking apparatus

Heather Young - for invaluable assistance in cooking the corn

Freda Youell / Lillian Miller / Helen Lamb / Roxanne Wolfreys / Charlotte Reid / Maureen McGinn / Karen Fleming / Judy Miller / Janet Scott / Diane Pearce / Tena Tugwell / Helen Miller - for the fabulous cheesecakes.

Caroline Ackerman / Helen Miller / Irene Glenn / Helen Trotter / Lynann Whitton and Diane Pearce - for helping cook the meal.

A&P / Coles Bookstore / The Shamporium / WalMart / K Mart / K.T. Billiards and Sports Lounge / Glenn's Store / Loeb's - for donation of door-prizes

Amherst Roofing - for donating use of the burner and drum to cook in

EFRT Members of helping with setup and cleanup.

EFRT Blood Pressure Clinic will be held the last Sunday in August from 1 to 3 pm. If you wish this service to continue, please attend the August clinic and let us know!

Watch for a second issue of the EFRT newsletter in the upcoming weeks, and thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to the campaign.

Amherst Island Telephone Directories

The brand-new, 1995 Phone Directories are now on sale at Glenn's Store for \$3.50. We only ordered 300 copies for sale, so be sure to pick yours up as soon as possible.

If we have overlooked or forgotten a number, please let us know and we will publish it in the next issue of the Beacon.

EFRT Pool Tournament

The EFRT Fundraising Group, in conjunction with KT Billiards and Sports Lounge, is investigating the possibility of a charity pool tournament, probably in October or November.

For our part, the EFRT needs to find 20 people who would be interested in playing in an amateur tournament. The Tournament would be held on a

Saturday, late afternoon. If you are interested, please leave your name with Annette, Sue or Laurie by the end of August.

Music

Waterside Summer Festival - July 15

- Marion McDonald

An enthusiastic audience enjoyed the presentation, "History of Jazz Piano", at St. Alban's Anglican Church on July 15, 1995, featuring George Thurgood. Mr. Thurgood has an excellent background for these lecture-recitals. He obtained a master of Arts in Musicology, having studied piano with Reginald Godden and Antonin Kubalek and composition with Derek Holman and Talivaldis Kenins. In addition, he studied for two years in Boston at the Berklee College of Music - the leading jazz school in the U.S.

After working in rock and jazz bands and studying science and philosophy at the University of Toronto, he entered the Faculty of Music at the U. of T. He worked as a solo pianist, organist, and teacher of both children and university students. Since 1990, he has been a member of the faculty of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto where he is now Chairman of the Theory Department and teaches jazz and classical piano, and theoretical subjects.

Drawing on his experience as a composer, pianist and teacher, he took his audience on a musical tour of jazz piano as it has evolved from the late 19th century. He started with ragtime and the compositions of Scott Joplin, then moved through stride, swing, blues, boogie-woogie, gospel, Latin, modal, and beyond. He also discussed the relationship of jazz to classical music using examples from his own compositions. To top things off, he demonstrated the art of improvisation.

It was a very enjoyable evening, as evidenced by the rapt response. May we hope to hear more from George Thurgood at future concerts?

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Open Daily including Holidays (closed Tuesdays)

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Thank You Notes

I want to take this opportunity to thank my family, neighbours and friends for their kindness shown to me

with food, cards, phone calls and good deeds when I unfortunately dis-located my shoulder. A very "special" thank-you to Martha Morton for relinquishing her Sunday to take me to the hospital.

Your help and concerns were very much appreciated.

Elsie Willard

Art Ackerman would like to thank both the A.C.W. and the P.C.W. for the goodies they brought over to him. There were much appreciated.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 539

Wishes to extend a hearty Thank-You to all the people who helped make the Zone G1 Lob Ball Tournament in July a success. A special thank-you to Donnie Miller and Brian Ward for putting teams together to represent this Branch, and finally to all those too numerous to mention, who helped by putting the ball diamond in shape by giving you time and equipment.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Tom Miller

Branch President

A Letter Home

We were just sitting having breakfast and realized that the feel of Fall is in the air. The light and shadows have begun to change and the wind is gently howling through the open window. Oh dear!

July 15th brought a jim dandy storm. Around 4 in the morning the wind picked up and it rained hard for a few minutes. The wind gusted up to gale force and I began to wonder how much worse it would get. Lightening danced all over the sky and the trees on the front lawn shook. Areas around us were hit hard but apart from a few trees down, some phones and hydro not working, we escaped the worst of the storm.

The hay bales have started their trek home. Bringing 1600 large round bales back to the home farm takes almost as much time as bailing the stuff. With 2 tractors pulling 2 loaded wagons each, we hope to have all the hay home and under cover long before the Fall rains start. Having the hay done is like squirrels putting nuts away for the winter. So satisfying!

We still haven't had much rain. Pastures are not regrowing and we may have to start feeding hay soon. However, we did get a good grain crop off and are pleased with that.

The Island was a busy little beehive the last weekend in July. On the Saturday, the Ferry hauled well over

500 cars back and forth. At one time the Ferry was full and there were still 21 vehicles left on the dock. All the traffic was created by the Wemp family reunion, Presbyterian Garden Party as well as several other parties and reunions (and you wonder if we ever get bored living here?). I can only imagine the chaos if the Amherst Islander had been here.

You remember me telling you about the First Response Team trying to raise money to buy a defibrillator. Well, last weekend they had a dance and corn roast and I heard they raised around \$700.00. When Islanders pull together it's amazing what we can accomplish!

By the next time I write, the kids will be back in school, the leaves will be thinking about changing and I will be wondering where I put last year's long underwear.

Miss you and hope you can visit soon.

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Where Is Stella?

- Christine Quinn

Amherst Island resident Fredric Mahood was featured on the Max Ferguson Show on Saturday, August 12th (FM 93, 9-10:30 a.m.) when they played the Welsh folk song "The Ashgrove", a track from his tape "Fredrick Mahood Sings Out".

When I sent in the tape, I didn't mention Stella is on Amherst Island, and this has led to it being asked nationally, "Where is Stella, Ontario?". I wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear on future shows Fredric's voice and letters from others telling (nationally) that Stella is on beautiful Amherst Island.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Community Calendar

Aug 27... Dog Wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bob Marshall's

Aug 27... Blood Pressure Clinic from 1-3 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

Sept 1... Noreen & Howard Welbanks Open House 7-10 p.m. - 7 Queen Victoria Rd, Camden East

Sept 5... Regular Council Meeting usually at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

Sept 16... Open Dance for Tamara Grant & Noel

McCormick at 8:15 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre

Sept 20... Women's Institute Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Jean McIntyre's home

Sept 29... Henry & Anna Hitchins 50th Wedding Ann. Party 8 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre

Oct 31... Ameriks Scholarship Fund application deadline

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Council Report September 1, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

Jim Whitton was away on holiday for this meeting.

Council first corrected the minutes to show that at the last council meeting all smoking was banned on the ferry, not that the existing no smoking regulations were to be enforced.

Work on the Stella Ferry dock may start in October. Getting the tenders out has taken longer than expected, and some confusion seems to have existed about whether all the heavy work has to be done from barges. It does. One result of this is that we may keep the big ferry for longer than expected.

Council has renegotiated the contract for paying for the new paving on the Front Road. Prompt action on the part of the township staff means that the province will also cover the increased interest costs. Council will send a letter protesting their retroactive cuts to the politicians involved. Stuart Miller is preparing a new tender for crushing gravel.

Council then discussed the ban on all smoking on the ferry. Doug Shurtliffe pointed out some of the problems of enforcing it, particularly on people in their own vehicles. There followed a long and acrimonious discussion of smoking policy, which seemed to generate much heat but very little light on the subject. Finally Alex Scott recommended that the motion be tabled until input was received from the Health Unit, Ministry of Transport, Coast Guard and Ministry of Labour on current regulations on Government owned ferries, and that consideration be shown by smokers to other employees who are nonsmokers. Council officially received a letter from Laurel Nixon requesting that the

smoking regulations in existence since 1989 be enforced.

Council laid down a policy that ferry workers wishing to upgrade their skills will have their course fees paid, but not their incidental expenses. Council also decided to provide WHMIS training for all ferry workers, and to get some ferry workers certified to teach

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the course. This course is a Ministry of Labour requirement.

Grants are available for s 50% of the cost of a household hazardous waste collection day. Council will circulate a letter by householder mail explaining the costs and asking if people are interested.

Alex Scott left the room for the discussions that followed. It was decided to send the Fire Chief, another Firefighter and the Chair of the Fire Committee to a Fire Chief Management Programme in November. The Training Officer (David Fleming) will attend a three day course in December to improve his training techniques. Volunteer Firefighters will be paid \$16/hr for the time they actually spend at a training course approved by Council, but no incidental expenses will be covered. This was passed by a recorded vote, Ashley voting against. Alex then returned to his chair.

Elsie Densem, Ian Murray, Bifi Phillips, Syke Fleming and Caroline Yull all wrote letters to Council protesting about township employees being docked wages while on emergency calls. In discussions between the EFRT Chief, the Fire Chief and Councilor Fleming an agreement has been worked out. It was decided that all EFRT and Fire Department members working on the ferry at the time of an emergency call will not respond unless specifically requested to do so - at which time they will attend the emergency with full pay. Further, that Diane Pearce, as an EFRT member, will answer all EFRT calls with full pay during business hours. This agreement was ratified by the Council with a minimum of discussion.

The Recreation Committee is purchasing new (second hand) chairs for the school, at \$5 a piece.

Council then voted to go beyond the 11 pm curfew. Building permits have been issued to Allen Caughey, Don Henderson, Bulest Agaoglu and Grace Eves, and Phil Silver has an occupancy permit for his new house.

Council then discussed changes to the township's procedural bylaw, which governs how the township is run. The Standing Committees for the Ferry, Public Works and Fire Departments have been abolished, and

their business will be covered by the full council, without the voting membership of the department heads. Ferry Captain Doug Shurtliffe pointed out some of the problems he thought might arise without the input from senior staff to their committees. In a recorded vote, Council unanimously passed the new arrangement. Capital budgeting for all departments will also be handled by all of the council.

Representatives from Celanese and DuPont will be invited to talk to Council about some of the pollution problems in the lake that have recently made the newspaper headlines.

Council finally adjourned at about 11:40 pm.

“Tea With A Tenor”

“Tea With A Tenor” will begin its second season beginning Sunday, September 17th.

For brochure and entertainment schedule, call 384-8599.

A.C.W. Turkey Supper

The Anglican Church Women are hosting their Annual Turkey Supper at the Amherst Island Community Centre on:

Saturday, September 23, 1995

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets:

Adults- \$10.00

Children 5-12 years- \$5.00

Under 5- free

Tickets will be sold at the door.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Howard and Noreen Welbanks and Henry and Anna Hitchins, both celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries this month. Congratulations to Avery Brown who turns 70 this month.

Freda Youell is a grandmother once again. Son Peter and daughter-in-law Nora have a new baby girl, Emma.

Best wishes to those who have been sick or in hospital: Keith Miller, Art McGinn, Barry Gartner and Marion Glenn.

For those fortunate enough to get the Arts and Entertainment Channel, Peter Trueman is writing and narrating a new series on National Parks. Over the past couple of months he has been

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to the east coast, and out west.

Ian, Sally, Jacob and Kyle visited the east coast in August, as did Bonnie and Lawrence Baker. Welcome to our new Island residents, the Bowmans (new house at the foot) and Mr. and Mrs. Krauklis (Browns's - South Shore).

Very best wishes to Noel McCormick and Tamara Grant who will be married on the Island Saturday, September 16.

Jeff Pearce was home for a week long visit last week on a brief holiday from travelling the world with his band Moist. (For details please follow Jacob Murray's column "Moist News", which regularly appears in the Beacon).

Anniversary

Henry and Anna Hitchins and family, invite friends and relatives to help celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary party at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Friday, September 29th, dancing starting at 8 p.m.

Your presence and best wishes is all that is necessary to make this a memorable day.

The First Response Team Charity Pool Tournament sponsored by

K.T. Billiards & Sports Lounge

Saturday, September 30

5:00 p.m.

at K.T. Billiards

(Hwy 2 at Bayridge Drive)

Entry Fee: \$10 per player

Amateur Fun Tournament

Prizes Awarded by K.T. Billiards

Limited spaces still available

Please leave your entry fee at:

Glenn's Store no later than

Friday, September 22.

Spectators Welcome!!

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

Women's Institute 95th Anniversary Tea

The Amherst Island Women's Institute invites all our friends and neighbours to our 95th Anniversary Tea at the Community Centre on Saturday, October 21, 1995, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Amherst Island Women's Institute was organized between November 1900 and March 1901. Ours was the first to be organized in the district of Lennox and Addington, and the fourth in the Province of Ontario.

The first formal organization of a Women's Institute took place in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, as

an outgrowth of Farmer's Institutes. The organizers were Erland Lee, and his wife Janet, encouraged by Adelaide Hoodless. The date was February 19, 1897, and the object was stated as follows:

"The object of this institute shall be to promote that knowledge of Household Science which shall lead to improvement in household architecture with special attention to home sanitation, to a better understanding of economic and hygienic value of food and fuels, and to a more scientific care of children with a view to raising the general standard of health of our people." This branch is now known as the Stoney Creek Charter Women's Institute. On February 6, 1919, the various Branch Institutes were organized under the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. This was followed by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in February 13, 1919. Clearly the initial Branch had started something of importance! In 1930, the Associated Country Women of the World was organized, joining the worldwide Women's Institutes and other women's organizations. The members of the Amherst Island Institute are proud to belong to this group.

To-day's aim is closely built on the aim of the original founders. We now live in a rapidly changing world, with diminishing distances. The problems of one nation have a bearing on many others, and all women everywhere are confronted by many of the same social and economic problems.

We are pleased to celebrate our long association with Womens' Institutes, and hope you will come and join us.

Quilts!, Quilts!, Quilts!

The Women's Institutes of Ontario have undertaken a project to assemble information on historical, and more recent quilts.

Quilts formed an important part of the

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history of Canada and we feel it is important to make a record of this activity for the future. The information received will be compiled and preserved in the Tweedsmuir History Books maintained by each Branch of the Womens' Institute. I am writing on behalf of the Amherst Island Branch to ask for the help of readers of The Amherst Island Beacon. Are you the possessor, or do you know of, a quilt treasured in your family? If so, would you be willing to provide me with some information?

- Date of manufacture (approximate will do)
- The name of the person/people who made it

- The types of material used
- The quilt pattern used
- The history of the quilt
- Any other pertinent or interesting information

If at all possible I would welcome a photograph of the quilt. I would be very grateful for any response to my request.

Leslie Gavlas

Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0

Tweedsmuir Curator, W.I.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

With all those tomatoes dying to be eaten, Shirley Miller has a wonderful marinade that uses ripe tomatoes sliced in 1/4" rounds, or cherry tomatoes may be added whole. Mix together:

a handful of chopped basil

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

1/2 cup olive oil

1 clove of garlic minced a little salt

Add tomato slices to marinade a few minutes before serving.

When I have the time I like to make my own cookies. They're so much healthier and more filling than the store bought variety. I must add that we do eat the store bought ones more than I would like to admit. These Healthy Oat 'N Raisin Cookies are considered a delicious and nutritious treat by Robin Hood (and Chris).

1 cup All Purpose Flour (or whole wheat flour)

1 tsp soda

1/2 tsp salt

2 cups of 1 minute Old Mill rolled oats

1/4 cup wheat germ

3/4 cup butter or margarine

1 1/2 cups of lightly packed brown sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

3/4 cup coconut

3/4 cup raisins or chocolate chips

Combine flour, soda, salt, oats and wheat germ. Stir well.

Cream butter, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla together thoroughly.

Add oats mixture. Mix well.

Stir in coconut and raisins (I then let all this sit for a few minutes to let the oats absorb the moisture)

Drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto lightly greased baking sheets. Flatten slightly with hands or floured fork. (I did neither)

Bake at 350 for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes about 4 1/2 dozen cookies. I always like Big cookies and usually double the recipe.

2nd Annual Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance

October 21st

At The Community Centre

From 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Dinner: Sausage, Ham,
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Catering by Pineridge

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Country Music provided by The Rock & Roll Cowboys
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You can get tickets from:

Adam Miller 389-2588

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Rick Bedford 389-8434

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Our New Teacher

- Sally Bowen

Warmest welcome to our new teacher at A.I.P.S., Miss Susan Sidorchuk. Susan teaches the primary grades to grade three.

Her father's family escaped from Russia when he was small. He became a dentist, married an Irish woman, then settled in the Prescott area. Susan attended French language public school and has lived and worked in Montreal, so is a very fluent French teacher.

She studied science for her B.Sc. then obtained her masters degree in Business. She combined those interests, working in the pharmaceutical industry in marketing and then sales. She discovered it was the people part she liked best, so has retrained for teaching.

She loves science, and arts and crafts. (Her Dad is a photographer and bird carver so she grew up working with wood and with paints.) She plays the piano and enjoys nature. She welcomes volunteers in her class.

She lives in Kingston and is enjoying the adventure and challenge of our school. Please welcome her.

Township of Amherst Island
Ameriks Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming

Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide financial assistance to any student attending any recognized institute of higher learning.

Conditions: that the student has had a residency of at least five years on Amherst Island.

Applications, available from the Township Office, will be received at the Township Office until October 31, 1995.

D. Pearce September 13, 1995

Island Gardens

- Sally Bowen

Plants and people are preparing for the cold weather now. Many flowers and vegetables set seeds that can be gathered for replanting next year. I always plant scarlet runner beans because the hummingbirds love the flowers (the beans are great too if you catch them small). They set giant seeds that are easy to gather from the pod. Vegetables that are not hybrid will give you seeds for spring planting too. I gathered seeds from the City of Kingston wildflower mixture they grew last year (with permission and to the great amusement of passing drivers). One orangy type dominated, and I'll have those seeds in profusion for anyone interested. I'll also have Rudbekia (bright yellow big daisy type) and Calendula seeds (small, orange, lasts til hard frost). Maybe your neighbour will have others. Be careful to watch what the plant does, and emulate that. If it drops seeds on the surface to germinate, do the same. Flowers such as poppies will not germinate if seeds are covered. Work up the earth first, then leave it alone next spring, until plants - and weeds - germinate. Barb Filson says she used to gather petunia and snapdragon seeds, so check them out. It may not be too late for sweet peas too. The fall is the best time to plant garlic. Just separate individual bits from a clove and plant them, base down. It is probably better to buy the cloves from the Apple store, or nursery or health food stores, as some in grocery stores are treated to prevent germination. Some lettuces and most spinach can be planted in the fall too. Wait until your last fall plowing, then throw them in.

This is the time of year I'm already dreaming about the perfection I'll achieve next year. (Ever notice most gardeners are optimists?) Fall catalogues of spring bulbs make me greedy. Several naturalize well - that means you can plant them in bunches in areas outside your garden where they should multiply over the years. You just have to let the leaves die down before mowing. Daffodils and scylla are two I enjoy.

Shirley Miller was lifting amaryllis bulbs this week,

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washing and drying them, potting them in peat, watering once, then storing dark and cool. When she wants them to stop resting, she waters again, and gives them some light. Dahlias, glads and many other species are not winter hardy, and need to come in from the cold.

If anyone has any Food Bank fall contributions (squash, carrots etc) please donate them. Duncan and Coralie Marshall travel on the 10 am ferry, Thursdays.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant Hours of Operation
Fall Sept 5 - Oct 8

Open Weekends only:

Friday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Needed

A Volunteer Organist

The Anglican Church needs to recruit a volunteer organist who lives on the Island or within easy driving distance. The two people who presently play, come from a distance and winter driving may present a problem. You don't have to be concert class, your music will be greatly appreciated.

Please call Dave Hieatt - 389-9294 for further information.

Island History

The McMullen Family Of Amherst Island
- Thomas Sylvester

The readers of The Beacon were misled May 1994 when the imminent completion of this book was announced. There was always one more detail to pursue. Tom has attempted to compile the McMullen family history or genealogy of both male and female descendants to the present. It was a joy to document the incredible sense of family from grandmothers who did remember 30 birthdays.

Readers are invited to consult the 121 page draft copy at Glenn's Store to eliminate obvious errors. The 18 page index lists everyone by maiden name to assist consultation. Approximately one quarter of the "Islanders" appear in the index. Many are not aware of their maternal connection to the McMullens. The McMullen / McMullin surname was the second largest count at 115, second to McGinn at 120, Wemp 57, Gibson 45, Denee 41, Richards 39, Reid 33, Kearney 31, Mills 21, deHaan 20, McCormac 20, and Kay 20.

The John McMullen family was one of the largest groups of the early community of Amherst Isle. By 1794, John's family had settled on the Island frontier,

Lots 2 to 6, Concession 1. His nine generations of descendants have demonstrated a remarkable legacy of kinship. Many of the successive generations of Islanders, particularly within the "west end" of the Island, can be traced to John McMullen. The historical Roman Catholic congregation of the Island, including a significant portion of French Canadians, were related by marriage to descendants of John McMullen. The McMullen family burial plot, circa 1802, located on their land developed into the Amherst Island Roman Catholic Cemetery circa 1871. The McMullen Islanders who chose to move on participated in the western migration to the American Midwest. Their destination was strongly influenced by kinship. Further, the "leavers" remembered they were Islanders and some McMullens returned to their community even generations later.

There are already extensive Island genealogies completed on the Wemps, Glens, Howards, and Flemings. One of the observations of the Island is that everybody is inter-related, yet my research of the John McMullen descendants demonstrates distinct groups within the community. Recently, concerning the Island school, many denied there was a historical Roman Catholic component to the community. This was a continuum of the Loyal Orange Lodge sentiments. Many of the McMullen descendants on the Island have worked with their hands and were the last of the Maxwell Estate tenants.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Just a little note from the Recreation Committee...

Well, plans for Oktoberfest are proceeding with ease. Don't forget to get your ticket. There will be a live band and some good food. So come on out.

We are hoping to get some dance classes organized for this winter. If you think your child would like to take part in dance please drop us a line and let us know if you are interested.

To all those people who sit in great discomfort on the chairs at the school, good news. The Rec Committee is slowly purchasing new softer chairs. Isn't that great!

Hope to see you at Oktoberfest.

Names Omitted From The Island Telephone List

Klaus and Inka Brockhausen 389-3525

Mary McCollam 389-2338

Ron Hartling 389-2338

Cathy Rivera 389-2338

Music

The Festival Continues...

Bonus Concert Added!

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have been offered an additional concert by an internationally-known chamber ensemble from Osnabruck, Germany. This group, the Nordwestdeutesches Kammer Ensemble, is comprised of Hans Meier, cello, Inge Sauer, piano, Hansdieter Meier, violin and Gunilt Gehi, viola. Mr. Meier and Ms Sauer, parents of Hansdieter Meier and friends of Ms Gehl, are travelling in this country, visiting friends. While on a visit to Inka Brockhausen, they heard about the Waterside Festival, and asked if they could come and be part of it. The opportunity to hear such a group doesn't present itself in such a way very often, and we were happy to accept their offer, in hopes that an Amherst Island Thanksgiving will prove fair exchange.

The quartet, all members of the Osnabruck Symphony Orchestra, will be playing mostly from the music of Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Johann Christian Bach. The concert will be held in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Amherst Island, on Saturday, October 7, at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$9.00 each, and once again you may contact Jan Sneep, at (613) 634-1995 to purchase them. Because this is Thanksgiving weekend, and many people will be bringing guests, you might want to speak for tickets early, to avoid disappointment. Sitting outside in lawn chairs will not likely be a viable alternative by that date! Because we have our intermission and treats outside at about 8 pm., we advise that you bring a warm jacket for this one.

At this point in the year, which would normally have been the end of the Festival season, we would like to thank all those who have volunteered countless hours of their time, their hospitality, their flowers, their baking, their serving, their talents and their enthusiasm. Most of all, we would like to thank our fabulous entertainers, who have given us so much pleasure. We hope they went away with memories of their visits to the Island that give equal pleasure! We hope to see you all again next year.

For Tickets, Call Jan Sneep at (613) 634-1995

Moist News

- Jacob Murray

The Moist concert at the CNE was stupendous! Nate, Leah, her friend Dan and I attended it with over 2000 screaming Moist fans. Nate and I were "moshing" (crazy dancing) and "body surfing". The two other bands, "Crash Vegas" and "Trebel Charger" suc... well they weren't as good. Graeme McDonald gave all four of us back stage passes, we met and mingled with the

whole band (Nate did enough schmoozing for all of us combined.) Moist just finished the long-awaited last of the Molson Ice Labour shows in Tuktoyaktuk. Jeff said "It was a great experience for me," Metallica rocked and so did "Hole".

The band is taking a six-week break.

years in an elite girl's academy), I can state that of those involved in our education system, the trustees are the least to blame. (Not counting the custodians.)

Most at fault is the Ministry of Education: it keeps adding more and more to the curriculum while still expecting sound teaching of the basics - reading, writing and arithmetic. Its contradictory and faddish mandates during my teaching lifetime were enough to drive a less principled class room teacher to drink!

Next in the line of blame is the powerful teachers' unions who demand more and more for less and less. (Now that I am enjoying my excellent pension, I can afford to be critical.)

Following closely in the blame parade are the administrators: a pack of self-serving bureaucrats in my experience. It has been said that by far the most meaningful act that a trustee ever gets to do is to choose a new executive director - and that's not often enough.

Lets not leave out the parents who send their ill mannered children to school and are astounded that schools are not able to teach their children discipline.

I say to the government: leave the trustees alone! They represent us as best they can - probably better than we deserve - in a system that is stacked against both tax-payer and student.

Some amalgamation is a good idea. If Lennox & Addington County did not exist it would never occur to anyone to invent it. I can be in Toronto quicker than I can get to the north edge of this county. On some winter days, I could get to Detroit quicker than Denbigh. The northern parts of this county and the

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northern part of Frontenac County have a lot more in common than either have with the southern parts of their respective counties. Lets get on with some amalgamations.

[Editor's note: I don't know what's got into our ace journalist but we're short on material for this issue so I'm letting her rant run on. See what happens when you don't send us enough stuff to print?]

A Letter Home

After reading last month's Letter Home I'm sure you had a good laugh when you read "the feel of Fall is in the air." I know the days and nights were still sweltering when I wrote that but I Was right after all. Summer ended one day late in August and Fall began the next.

We've weaned the lambs and they're getting ready to send to market. Later this month 3 shearers are coming for 3 days to do the lambs and 200 ewes. What a process! There will probably be 8 to 10 people to

organize and feed. Nothing like the old harvest gangs but it still keeps us moving at warp speed and we all collapse at the end. We don't get much for the wool but it still needs to be done.

The Big Ferry is still here. The tenders for the dock repairs have taken longer. So we all breathe a sigh of relief leaving home or town knowing we'll get on the boat.

Last weekend was Allan Kidd and Judy Roberts' annual Pig Feast. There's always a wonderful cross section of Island people and off Island visitors. The food laden tables were happily relieved of their burden and we all went home with memories of Pig Feast '95.

David & Karen Fleming and Debbie Miller & Phil Silver have moved into their newly built homes. I imagine it's very satisfying and exciting to move into a home you helped build yourself.

We've been harvesting from the garden. Thanks to the work of our resident gardener we have two very large vegetable gardens to collect from. I only wish I had more time and energy to do the food justice. I always picture vegetables happily growing with no other purpose in life except to feed us and I hate to let them down.

The new Fire Hall frame work has gone up and the work is proceeding with hopes of moving in before the snow flies. We'll give you a tour when you get a chance to visit.

Seeing as the kids are back in school I finally have 10 minutes to quietly sit and let you know what has been happening in our little corner of the world.

Hope all is well in your little corner. Until next month.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month, Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Community Calendar

Sept 20... Women's Institute Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Jean McIntyre's home

Sept 23... ACW Turkey Supper at the Community Centre from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sept 29... Henry & Anna Hitchins 50th Wedding Ann. Party 8 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre

Sept 30... First Response Charity Pool Tournament at K.T. Billiards at 5:00 p.m. (see ad for more)

Oct 7... Extra Waterside Concert at St Alban's Anglican Church at 7:00 p.m.

Oct 21... Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance at the Community Centre from 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Oct 21... W.I.'s 95 Anniversary Tea at the Community Centre from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Oct 31... Ameriks Scholarship Fund application deadline

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale - Hammond Organ with synthesizer and many features.

Paid \$2,800. will take \$900.

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Phone: 389-5569 to view

For Sale -

1987 Chev Celebrity - very clean and well maintained.

Air Condition, high mileage - certified \$2,280.

See next to Firehall or call 389-6425

For Sale - Cooper P215/70R15 steel belted radial - good tread

asking \$38.

Phone: Bill Bulch - 389-3411

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St. Alban's candelabra

Contact: Caroline Yull at 389-4071 {should be 384-4071}

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

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Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper

Light yard work & housework.

Call Stephanie at 634-2509

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Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends.

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Contact Penny Coleman at 384-6091

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Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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quantities can be arranged.

Call 384-3047

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95th Anniversary Tea

The Amherst Island Women's Institute invites all our friends and neighbours to join us at the Amherst Island Community Centre for an Afternoon Tea, Saturday, October 21, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. We do hope to see you all there.

Council Report October 3, 1995

- Don Tubb

Chris was unavailable to report on Council this evening so it was between me and 'Lucky' the dog as to who would go. She declined saying that her shorthand still looked like doggerel. This left me as the chosen one and, if I might add, I could not have been chosen for a better night. Council was brief (done by 10 p.m. or so) and Councillors were to the point and non-combative with their comments.

There was a Closed Session of Council before the Regular Meeting began at which it decided to accept an offer of purchase for the Old Firehall and property. There was also a Closed Session of Council after the Regular meeting to discuss 'temporary employees'. [Presumably the two Job Postings are the result of this meeting.]

The Regular Meeting led off with the usual formalities and quickly proceeded with the two delegations. First to speak was the Director of Social Services, County of Lennox and Addington, George Moniz. He gave a brief explanation of the social assistance program within the County. His visit was both an opportunity to introduce himself to the Councillors and to answer questions of which there

were few.

The second delegation was ex-Reeve Steven Willard who tried to interest Council in re-opening the Ducks Unlimited proposal for the Big Marsh. His information suggested that the new Government was willing to review the project. With the Big Marsh continuing to deteriorate (according to Steven), he urged Council "to go back to the batting box and take another strike at the ball". The Councillors responded with caution but will look at the documentation available.

Stuart Miller, Public Works Superintendent, gave his monthly report to Council. There were the usual items plus completing the bus shelter on the mainland dock for the school children. He also talked about the quarry at some length. Apparently he was to have a tender ready to be issued for this meeting but has discovered a problem at the quarry. Where the next crushing is to come from has much deeper soil over it than was previously found - like maybe 10-12' of overburden. It might be possible to work around this section but Stuart invited members of Council to come and have a look so they can discuss their options. The bottom line

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is that crushing is not expected to take place until very late in the year.

Council then proceeded into Committee of the Whole for the rest of the meeting. First up was the Smoking By-law for the ferry. The Clerk gave a verbal report of phone conversations with both representatives of the Coast Guard and MTO. From the information received, she had then prepared a draft by-law for Council's consideration which they passed. This by-law is printed later in the Beacon. It defines the areas where smoking will be permitted which are:

- on the Amherst Islander:
 - within vehicles, and
 - the outside deck around the passenger cabin.
- on the Frontenac II:
 - within vehicles,
 - on the upper passenger deck, and
 - outside the captain's cabin.

No smoking is permitted within any of the enclosed spaces of either ferry nor will it be permitted on the vehicle decks. The Reeve will discuss enforcement with the Captains. Several options were tossed around like keeping the ramp up and calling the OPP, using the By-law enforcement officer, or simply throwing people overboard but nothing was decided during the meeting. From what was said, it appears that enforcement will be

an ongoing problem where John Q. Public is concerned. Certainly there is recourse for employees to enforce the by-law within their enclosed work spaces.

In other ferry news, two compact life jackets will be purchased for the crew to use when lowering the lifeboats. And, the Amherst Islander will be brought back a little early so the corner of the Amherst Island dock can be done before the boat has to start tying up on the west side. [By the way, progress seems steady on the west side re-building.] There was also some information about liability insurance which seems just that and not anything that needed Council's attention.

Council also received a letter from the Ministry of the Environment about our landfill site. It is a report of an inspection made in September, 1995 and ends by recommending the following:

"It is acknowledged that the best solution to the Amherst Island waste problems would be to seek expansion to the existing waste disposal site, provided questions concerning leachate production are resolved and appropriate buffer land is obtained. The District should encourage this option and support the municipality's application for Ministry funding." This is good news.

There was a letter from MTO. The letter simply said that government directed cuts in spending for that ministry would be handled as deferrals to next year.

The old firehall has been sold for the sum of \$25,000 with a closing date of December 8th. The new firehall has a projected completion date of October 15th with an official opening to be announced after that. Some bad weather has delayed the project a bit so the original date could not be met. An extra allocation to the original estimate is being made so gutters can be installed (\$600).

The Recreation Committee report was brief and accepted by Council. It has bought 66 used chairs from Kingston General Hospital. Plans are proceeding with Oktoberfest. Future events are being looked into - dance classes for children, line dancing classes, plus Euchres and Bingos. The Committee also donated \$50 to the EFRT fund.

{Council Report will continue after the following ad}

2nd Annual Oktoberfest Dinner And Dance
October 21st
At The Community Centre
From 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 am.
Dinner: Sausage, Ham, Salads and More
Catering by Pineridge
Barbeque Company
Door Prizes

Country Music provided by The Rock & Roll Cowboys
(Tim Hallman's Band)

So slip into those dancing shoes and come on out

Tickets:

Dinner \$8.00/plate

Dinner & Dance \$25.00/couple

You can get tickets from:

Adam Miller 389-2588

Lynn Fleming 634-2509

Rick Bedford 389-8434

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The mapping of the Cemetery is proceeding. The trees are going to be looked at to see which need removing or trimming plus an assessment of the headstones will be done (repairs).

The report on our financial situation was next. The Clerk gave a brief overview of the budget basically saying that it looked pretty much on target with only a couple of items running higher than projected. These (building inspection and bank charges) do not seem to involve major amounts of money. While no official information was available, Councillors engaged in a bit of speculation regarding the Conservative government's announced 20% cut in grants to municipalities (with a further 20% possible for the next year). These reductions would be applied, it was thought, to not only the general municipal grants but also to the ferry subsidy. With no official announcement or even any way to confirm this, Council was left with nothing to act upon and so quickly left this very scary subject.

Two building permits were issued last month - one to R. Jones and one to D. Youell - both for buildings. In a related matter, Council approved a revised wages schedule for the Building Inspector. It ends up being rather complicated so I won't bore you with the details.

In other news, Council acted as follows:

- Two applications for tax readjustments have been finalized with the total adjustment of \$323.03 being involved. Ronald Shantz's was for \$312.04 (a barn was incorrectly assigned to his property) and Duncan Marshall for \$10.99 (a re-assessment of a 'decrepit' barn).
- The Back Beach has been posted closed to the public which goes from September 5th to December 31 of this year.
- A meeting is being set up with Celanese Canada concerning their pollution control program.
- The Reeve will write a response to the Board Of Education to their letter. It requested that any County

council with an interest in the Board's budget respond by submitting their questions in writing so the Board can 'research the questions'. A meeting will be held at which time the answers can be given.

- Held a short discussion of the potential ramifications of an amalgamation of the communities around Kingston. A move to remove Ernestown from the County tax base would mean at least a 35% reduction for the County. Whether this will happen is in question.
- A letter will be sent to our police liaison person about the on-going problems with speeding in the Village and the lack of respect for the Stop signs. By-the-by, the OPP sent Council a Police report which stated that 'no criminal occurrences were reported on the Island during September' and that there was a September 3rd property damage accident; a vehicle patrol for 2 1/2 hours on September 14; and a marine patrol on September 29.

Council then rose and reported before going into closed session.

Lennox & Addington
Historical Society Lecture
Early Residents of Amherst Isle
Thomas Sylvester
October 25, 1995 7:30 p.m.
L&A County Museum
97 Thomas St., Napanee

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Llew and Caroline on the birth of their daughter, Fae Charlotte MacArthur. Fae was born at K.G.H., September 21, weighing in at 8.9 lbs. Mom and baby are in excellent shape.

Welcome to new residents Paul and Nancy Henshaw who purchased Phyllis Strain's house. Nancy is the sister of Barry Gartner. The Henshaw's are permanent residents.

Best wishes to Paulette Apps, suffering from a broken ankle. Janet Bews is in hospital, and had to have surgery for a broken hip after she fell at home. Error in last month's column - Peter Truman's new series on Canadian Parks will be shown on the Discovery Channel, not A&E.

In the "really neat news that you don't hear very often" department:

- Betty and David Wemp have won a trip for two to the Barbados in November. The prize was from a CFLY phone-in contest.

- Those who bought chocolate bars from Doug Gavlas will be pleased to hear that Doug was the top chocolate

bar seller at NDSS and took first prize of

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\$250.00. Way to go Doug!

- Ryan McGinn has been selected for the Greater Kingston Minor PeeWee Hockey Team. Ryan is now playing AAA - the best class of hockey in his age group. His team is under the auspices of the Kingston Frontenacs. Good work Ryan!

Probably not news to everyone, but it is to me: Jennifer Pearce and Greg Bell are engaged and planning a June wedding. Congratulations.

And finally, our sympathy to Anna Hitchins and family on the death of Anna's sister, Helen Glenn.

Township of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township of Amherst Island is inviting applications for the Part Time Winter Work Crew.

Hourly Rate \$8.00

Written Applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township office until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 1995

Diane Pearce Clerk-treasurer October 11, 1995

Township of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township of Amherst Island will receive applications for the position of Temporary Part Time Deckhand on the Amherst Islander.

Hourly rate: \$14.37

Job Description and qualifications are available from the Township Office. Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 1995

Diane Pearce Clerk-treasurer

October 11, 1995

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Our September 20th meeting was held at the home of Jean McIntyre and we were pleased to welcome another new member. After the usual opening and business reports, our plans for the 95th Anniversary Tea to be held on October 21st at the Community Centre from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. were discussed. We then had the roll call which was "Memory of an early car ride" and we all had some nostalgic stories of our trips and experiences of car rides which were then a treat and

not the norm as it is today. This was to have been followed by Mr. Bruce Caughey Sr. giving us a talk on the "History of Transportation on Amherst Island" but unfortunately he was unable to attend. We hope to have this rescheduled for a later meeting. As Leslie Gavlas had the Tweedsmuir Book with her, she gave us a talk on it's origin and contents. This book will be on display at the Anniversary Tea. Finally, before heading home we were served an enjoyable late lunch by our hostess. There will be no monthly meeting in October as we are having the celebration on the 21st and we hope to see all our friends and neighbours there. Come along and see what the Women's Institute is all about and enjoy the tea and good company at the same time. The November 15th meeting will be at the home of Leslie Gavlas at 8:00 p.m. with the scheduled speaker being the Agriculture Dairy Educator.

What Is the Tweedsmuir History?

This is a question I have been asked since, as Curator of the Amherst Island Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Book, I have been approaching people for various information regarding the Island history. It was Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of our then Governor General, who suggested that the Institute Branches undertake to compile ongoing histories of their local communities. This idea was quickly adopted and our history compilations were named in the honour of Lady Tweedsmuir.

Not having been born and raised on the Island I find there are many

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areas about which I know little or nothing; hence I have asked for historical information not covered by our Tweedsmuir Book to date. (I have other queries to make and plan to approach many other people!) An item in the Whig Standard some months ago by Morrison Scott recounting an experience in crossing the ice back from Millhaven has suggested that this area of the Island History should not be neglected! I am asking you, the readers of the Beacon, to share your experiences on the "ice bridge", both good and bad. Maybe an experience of mine can prime the pump?

I believe it must have been in February of 1962, a year when ice conditions were very good. Myrtle Veech and I were to attend a 4-H Leader's Training session in Napanee, but the morning found us facing a heavy snowfall. Nothing daunted, I asked my husband to put chains on the car, and we started off following Art Drumgoole who was travelling with horse and sleigh to fetch the Island mail. The trip was uneventful though

we did pass one or two abandoned cars. At the Millhaven side Art whipped up the horse to get through the heavy snow-drift and I gunned the car to follow. I finished up with all four wheels off the ground!. After they stopped laughing three or four men shovelled me out of my predicament, and Myrtle and I were among the very few 4-H Leaders to reach the Training session.

I do hope this will jog some memories, and that you will share them with us. The present generation of Islanders have no idea of conditions before the Bubble System!

Leslie Gavlas

c/o Amherst Island Beacon Stella, Ontario KOH 2S0

The Corporation Of The Township Of Amherst Island By-Law # 26-95

Whereas the Smoking in the Workplace Act has been established to restrict workplace smoking by establishing minimum standards that limit exposure to tobacco smoke in the workplace;

And Whereas the Act prohibits smoking in enclosed workplaces;

And Whereas, in accordance with the Act, smoking is banned in the workplace unless the employer designates a smoking area;

And Whereas a designated smoking area cannot exceed 25% of the floor area of the workplace;

And Whereas Canadian Coast Guard recommends that smoking on the vehicle deck of passenger ferries (other than inside vehicles) be restricted;

Now Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Township Of Amherst Island hereby designates an area on the outside passenger decks of the MV Amherst Islander and the MV Frontenac II, including the outside bridge deck, not to exceed 25% of the floor area of the workplace, as the smoking areas;

And Further, that, effective November 1, 1995, smoking be prohibited in all other locations on the MV Amherst Islander and the MV Frontenac II, except inside vehicles, and that signs be posted to this effect.

Read on the. motion of Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Woods, carried and passed in open session this 3rd day of October, 1995.

Duncan Ashley, Reeve

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I recently tried Anne Lindsay's version of Winter Berry Trifle (Anne Lindsay's Light Kitchen). It is much lighter than the typical trifle and just as yummy.

1 angel food cake

1/2 cup brandy, sherry or raspberry juice
1 pack of each (300g) frozen unsweetened blueberries
and raspberries, thawed and drained reserving juice

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Custard Sauce

I make my own custard using Harry Home's vanilla custard powder and doubled the recipe to make 5 cups of custard

Make up custard sauce. Remove from heat and place plastic wrap directly on top.

Let cool

Cut cake into 1 inch cubes.

Line bottom of 10 cup glass bowl with half of the cake, sprinkle with half of the brandy (or reserved juice if using) and all of the blueberries. Spoon half of the custard over top. Repeat layers using raspberries. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Makes 8 servings.

Lest We Forget

Just a reminder that members of your Legion Branch 539 will be distributing Poppies to your door on Saturday the 4th of November, 1995. One week before Remembrance Day.

Your Poppy Chairperson

Tena Tugwell

EFRT

Pancake Brunch

Sunday, November 5, 1995 at A.I.P.S.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adults ... \$5

Kids 6-12... \$3

5 & under... Free

I.S.L.E. News

The representatives of ISLE, the teachers and students of Amherst Island Public School would like to thank the community for their support of the October Muffin Drive.

Thank you to Mrs. Faye Wemp for donating the ice to keep our drinks cold for the Barbecue preceding the Parent/Teacher night at the school.

Your 1995/96 I.S.L.E Representatives are as follows:

Ann Albertan (chairperson),

David Willard (treasurer),

Allan Glenn,

Cathy Glenn,

Karen J. Fleming, and

Keitha Smith.

Miss Sidorchuk will act as secretary. Our student representatives are: Sara Pollock and Kyle Murray with back-up representatives Bonnie Marshall and Andrew McDonald.

Thanks again

I.S.L.E. will again sponsor cheese sales as a fund raising effort. Students will assist by taking your orders or you can order through any I.S.L.E. member. Additional information will be mailed to you, along with the first order form.

The committee, the staff and students of A.I.P.S. would very much appreciate your support.

Attention Community

There are some items needed by the school for the library and also the Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten classroom. These items are as follows:

- An iron (child size) and small ironing board (child size)

- A stroller and/or baby carriage

- A small or medium size couch.

For donations of above please call Ann Albertan at 389-2662.

More from The School

- Keitha Smith

Occasionally we transport our students to various activities on the mainland. If you might be available to help with an outing, please call the school at 389-4582, and leave your name and number.

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Attention Cheese Lovers

I.S.L.E. is offering Wilton cheese

Don't forget to phone your order in to an A.I.P.S. student or:

Ann Albertan 389-2662

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

Dave Willard 389-1656

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Cathy Glenn 389-0214

Your support is much appreciated

Orders in by	Pick up and payment
Friday, Nov. 17	Wednesday, Nov. 22
Dec. 15	Dec. 20
Jan. 19	Jan. 24
Feb. 16	Feb. 21

Mar. 22
Apr. 19
May 17
June 14

Mar. 27
Apr. 24
May 22
June 19

Letters To The Beacon

To the Editor

- George Gavlas

Did you admonish me, after Ms. KIA, for not sending you enough to print? But I did send you stuff. I have sent humour. I have sent editorial comment, I have sent letters directly to you, and you have not printed any of it. I know you only print good news and recaps of last month's weather or like the P.Q., the upbeat side of controversial issues. But you must remember Amherst Island is a tiny place and only so much bliss abounds. I could have told you that I bought an Oldsmobile and it has air and a power seat and an 8 track player and Keith Miller said where did you get the big ugly car and I said from a big ugly car salesman and we put an air conditioner in the dining room window because the heat was bothering the dog but he died anyway and then the other one died and we miss them both terribly but who besides me gives a... [expletive deleted]?

It's not that nothing happens on Amherst Island.... Many topics could spawn a good deal of discussion: the ferry dock, firehall, smoking on the boat, sale of township sheds and associated real estate, but the Beacon is not a forum. Even internally generated comment masquerades as Ms. KIA disguised as anonymous submissions from fictitious retired teachers and subsequently disclaimed.

This being the case you will have to accept the fact that you must continue to fill your own pages.

Don't think you will print this either.

Reply - Ian Murray

First off George, I want to say that we are quite willing to print material that you send us: provided that it is factual, non-personal, not too mean-spirited, and fit to print in a newsletter read by all ages.

Our recollection is that the material that you have sent us so far has been in the nature of tirades which do you little credit. We would be embarrassed to print such articles. (The only exception to this has been a short bit of obscenity which was certainly funny but not suitable to share in a community newsletter.)

I believe that a review of past Beacons will show the fair-minded reader that we have often acted as a forum for opinion - most recently regarding the new firehall. A certain amount of Council coverage is not particularly good news. And there are deaths and illnesses: hardly

good news.

What we do not print, and have no intention of printing, are articles dealing directly with unpleasant happenings in the personal lives of our neighbours. We do not mention marital problems, court cases, illegitimate births, brawls, nor any such matters. Such events certainly add spice to daily life. However, we believe that it would only cause harm and bad feelings when written up in a community newsletter. As you say, Amherst Island is a tiny place: there is only so much room for bad feelings.

The Beacon welcomes articles dealing with the ferry dock, the firehall, smoking on the boat, sale of township property, and so on, provided that the material is factual and not written with a mean spirit.

[I edited George's letter a bit and will discuss this with him over the phone.]

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Christmas Tea and Sale

Saturday, November 25th

From 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

At the Community Centre

Bake Table

Tea and Goodies

Santa's Post Office

Treasures and Crafts

Township of Amherst Island

Notice of Proposed Sale

In accordance with Bill 163, an Act to amend the Municipal Act, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island hereby gives notice of the proposed sale of Part of Lot 2, North Shore Concession and the existing Fire Department Buildings located thereon.

The sale is effective December 8, 1995

Dated October 4th, 1995

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

Island Gardens

- Sally Bowen

We have had a wonderful, prolonged autumn, with fall flower gardens blazing colour, and vegetables and fruits still slowly ripening.

I picked a full shopping bag full of broccoli just after the Thanksgiving weekend, and there is lots more coming. (If yours has flowered, just pick everything off. The plants may again produce for you.) Some Islanders enjoy tomatoes so much, they take the special care it requires to ripen green tomatoes indoors. The most

successful method I've heard is to choose green tomatoes with no blemishes or frost spots, wrap them individually in newspaper, store them at room temperature, and check frequently. When they are pink, put them on a windowsill to continue ripening. (I've got the green tomatoes to donate if anyone wants to try this.

People are digging their carrots and potatoes now, spreading them out for a few days to dry the mud, then brushing them off and storing. Potatoes do best in bins in cold rooms - someone told me they put theirs in plastic milk cartons first, thus letting more air circulate. Carrots are most often diced, blanched and frozen. I grate the misshapen ones with the food processor, then freeze them in measured amounts for favourite recipes. Dorothy McGinn stores her carrots in dry sand in bins in the basement. This can be very successful for carrots and for beets too. (It doesn't work if the carrots already have the tiny black lines indicating carrot worm - it just keeps chomping.)

I believe squashes taste better if they are harvested after a few quite cold nights - the gamble is hard frost spots will shorten shelf life considerably. It is best to cure them after picking by leaving them in quite a warm place for a couple of days, then storing cool.

It can be an active time for flower gardeners too. Any bulbs or corms etc that are not winter hardy should be brought indoors now. Any indoor plants you put out in the spring should come in before frost too. (For some reason its easier to remember to put them out than bring them back in.) There is still time to plant lots of spring bulbs. White Rose and what used to be Kingston Co-op have lots of choices left, if you haven't ordered through catalogues.

It is easy and satisfying to "force" some of these bulbs. Buy the ones that indicate they are good for forcing, plant them in pots with a lot of peat in the mixture, water once, then store in a cool, dark place. Once the shoots are up a couple of inches, move them to the light, and enjoy late winter flowers.

Asiatic lilies are one of my favorite garden flowers. In rich deep soil the bulbs multiply energetically. If you have a neighbour with a thick bed, they might donate a few bulbs carefully removed from the edges. This is the best time now.

Please remember the Partners in Mission

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Food Bank if you have more fall food than you need. Duncan and Coralie Marshall will still deliver for you, from the 10 am ferry, Thursdays.

Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department

Used office equipment is wanted for the Fire Department.

Will pick up.

Contact Alex Scott, Fire Chief at 389-2379

Corrections to the 1995 Telephone Directory
Grace Eves 389-2901
Gordon Thompson 389-2585
Steven & Laura Street 384-6855
Hans and Erica Krauktis 634-2484
Marianne and Vincent Eves 389-4125
Richard and Donna Thompson Unlisted
Robert and Corrine Thompson 389-8190
Phone Books on Sale at Glenn's Store - \$3.50

Island History

Tom Sylvester, Early Residents of Amherst Isle -
L&A Historical Society Meeting,
7:30 pm, October 25, L&A County Museum,
91 Thomas Street, Napanee.

The early community of Amherst Isle was very different from the other Cataraqui settlements. The Crown planted the Loyalists in organized townships on the mainland in 1784, water was the only form of transportation and the Bay of Quinte linked all of these Cataraqui settlements.

The highly prized water-front frontier of Amherst Island must have tantalized potential settlers. Sylvester has researched the origins of the government policy reserving all islands. The Island never was a Loyalist settlement. It was not designed and regulated by government, nor did it respect regimental boundaries. Consequently, no government sources exist for the settlement of Amherst Island. The Crown granted the entire Island to Sir John Johnson in 1788 and was not involved, nor interested, in any of the subsequent business. The absence of a recorded lot system, usually developed by Crown Survey, created considerable confusion in the County Land Registry Office. Further, three-quarters of the Island was occupied by tenants; their leases and names were never recorded in the Land Registry.

Anyone researching the early community of the Island or simply tracing family roots has had to rely on a composite or alternate, scarce, sources. Sylvester has compiled community lists using contemporary sources, including: resorted land Registry lot abstracts, available rental lists, church registers, and various government records where people happened to state their address as Amherst Island.

Sylvester's text is composed of sequential lists of

Island residents, pre-1800 to 1865. Initially, the Bay of Quinte so linked Amherst Isle with Ernest Town that often the latter was the address used, the Island was merely the other side of the street. The Island had become insular by 1865, since the relative importance of marine transportation had reversed.

Sylvester presents some analysis of Island settlement, land policy and the management of the estate. Three examples are presented to disprove any preconception that the early residents were dull or unmemorable. The first civil servant of the Island had a life track-record of deserting the army and two successive families. Another family illustrates the rich sources still available. The axe-murder of Thomas Jackson, 1816, was just the beginning. His significant estate was left to his daughter. The young heiress married by age 13, died at a suspiciously early age. A previously unsuspected murder was investigated. Thirdly, a brief-lived financial dynasty of mortgage lending in the Bay townships is reconstructed.

Sylvester is still having difficulty completing this book since the nature of the subject is infinite. He wants to complete it to continue on to three other history manuscripts. Clearly his presentation will dwell on the process and joy of historical research.

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4-H News

Our Name: the Tootle Frooties

Members:

Leader Susie Caughey

Co-Presidents Kristy Grange and Heidi Hitchins

Secretary Stephanie Fleming

Treasurer Wendy Fleming

Social Convenor Jill Caughey

Phone Convenor Nathan Maleska

Reporter Scott Marshall

Every Thursday after school, we all meet at the Caughey's and cook up the yummiest things imaginable.

So far, we have prepared:

Tomato Brushetta

Restuffed Potato Skins

Sangria Punch

Minestrone Soup

Baked Apples with Maple Sauce

Fresh Fruit Crisp

B.T.O. Pizza

Rutabaga Au Gratin

Apple Sauce and

Cranberry Streusel Coffee Cake!!!

The achievement night will be held at Selby School.

All of the 4-H clubs in the county will meet together. Two Clubs are asked to tackle a segment of the schedule (food, skits, etc). Our club is going to prepare a skit. We give great thanks to the A.I. Women's Institute for their sponsorship of our club.

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank family friends, and neighbours for sharing our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations, and for all the best wishes, beautiful cards and gifts that we have received.

Many thanks to the A.C.W. for the delicious meal that they served. Also thank you to Steven Willard for acting as Master of Ceremonies and to Dorothy McGinn for the making and decorating for the cake. A thank you to the Brown Orchestra for providing us nice music for the evening.

Sincerely

Henry and Anna Hitchins

Now that I have my cast off and can write, I would like to thank all my relatives, neighbours and friends and especially my taxi people. Also the A.C.W., P.C.W. and Loyal Friend for their gifts, food and candy.

I didn't think I would keep my sanity, but I did.

Thanks again to all.

Marion Glenn

Thank-you to all the people who bought chocolate bars from me to support Napanee District Secondary School.

Douglas Gavlas

Frank Fleming

- Ian Murray

At the end of this month, post-secondary students from Amherst Island will receive a small sum of money from the "Ameriks Scholarship Fund in Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming". The Beacon staff thought that it would be a good idea to do an article on Frank Fleming. I contacted his son, Arthur Fleming, and he sent us a package containing Frank's photo, an article on his being elected warden of the county, and an obituary.

Frank was in his last year as purser when I first came to the Island. I doubt that I ever said more than good day to him when he took my ferry money. I have often wished that I had taken the time to get

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to know him. During the time that I represented the Township at the County, I often looked at his photo - the wall facing the Amherst Island chair was lined with photographs of all the previous county wardens - and wondered what he would make of the current meeting's agenda.

Frank was reeve from 1952 to 1963 and county warden in 1956. He was the son of Samuel Fleming and Eleanore Jane Beaubien. He farmed where Annette and Bill Philips now live. When I came to the Island, he and his wife, Marion, were living on the property now owned by Hugh Filson. Frank Fleming was much respected on the Island and I have often heard what a fine man he was.

Township of Amherst Island

Ameriks Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming

Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide financial assistance to any student attending any recognized institute of higher learning.

Conditions: that the student has had a residency of at least five years on Amherst Island.

Applications, available from the Township Office, will be received at the Township Office until October 31, 1995.

D. Pearce September 13, 1995

A Letter Home

We've had a glorious start to Fall. The leaves are changing colours and the nights are cooling down. One night the tail end of hurricane Opal hit. We had about 2 1/2" of rain and the Ferry crew had to stay on all night to make sure she stayed tied to the dock. Other than a tree or two down, we got off pretty easily. I slept through the whole thing and awoke to a rather pleasant morning.

The deer have started appearing a few at a time. Nothing like the numbers a few years back. At that time I hardly went up or down the road without seeing ten to twelve deer quietly grazing the hay fields.

Repair work has started on the west side of the Stella dock. There's a crane, a backhoe, 2 trailers and lots of stuff piled here and there. A regular beehive of activity. Driving onto the dock can be interesting as you weave your way through the construction site.

We've just finished spraying all our trees as the vole numbers seem to be on the rise again. After all the destruction they caused 2 years ago I hope we can prevent any more damage. Those furry little critters ate trees, shrubs, bulbs and anything else they could get their little teeth into.

Shearing is now over and as I predicted, we all collapsed afterwards. I suppose the next job will be spreading manure. It's our chance to put some goodness back onto the land. Having 2 tractors and spreaders working helps to get the job done reasonably fast. The rams are now visiting the March lambing ewes, the details of which I'll leave out. Our spring lamb crop will tell whether the courtship was a success or not.

I'm sorry the Back Kitchen has closed for the season. We celebrated an anniversary and 2 birthdays there. We enjoyed eating at the picnic tables while Stella went by and it was a great place to sit and visit. Burgers and Fries and wonderful homemade pies will sound pretty good when next May rolls around.

I want to share one last human interest story. A few weeks ago a Seagull was attracted to the glitter of a fish lure in the water on the Millhaven side. It managed to hook the lure through its beak and foot. After struggling

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for quite some time it managed to wash up on the shore. Two Amherst Island crew members donned heavy gloves and while one held the Seagull the other unhooked the beak and foot. The Seagull flew off for another day of fishing. A happy ending always does the heart good!

I want to take this time to thank you for the bright red long underwear. I'm sure I'll be using them soon and often.

All our best to all of you.

Zebra and Quagga Mussels

- Ian Murray

I have twice visited with the 2 environmental scientists who have been taking mussel samples from in the shore just east of the Roman Catholic cemetery. At my request, they sent me a package of information on the mussel problem. The following information is from this material.

Both mussels come from the Caspian Sea area of Russia and they have set about colonizing suitable habitat since canal building in the late 1700s gave them the opportunity. They reached the Great Lakes in the 1980s and the shore of Amherst Island sometime in the early 1990s. This year they are very populous and are in the process of becoming very significant. There are physical differences and varying habitat preferences between the mussels, but to the layperson the differences are not very important. They are both going to cause us a lot of problems.

In addition to cutting the feet of swimmers, the mussels disrupt the aquatic food chain by removing

nearly all the small particles in the water. What they don't eat they convert into loose pellets called pseudofeces that are ejected and accumulate among the shells of the colony. Thus there is little food left to support fish that are sought by the commercial and sport fisheries.

The filtering action of these mussels is very likely to remove most of the pollutants from the water. In the short term, this could be good news. However, as those fish and waterfowl that are able to eat the mussels increase in numbers (due to the abundance of mussels) the concentrated pollutants will enter the food chain causing health problems to organisms higher up the chain - including humans.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Community Calendar

Oct 21... Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance at the Community Centre from 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Oct 21... W.I.'s 95 Anniversary Tea at the Community Centre from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Oct 25... L&A Historical Society Meeting Tom Sylvester talking on 'Early Residents of Amherst Isle'

Oct 27... Legion Masquerade 7:00 p.m. doors open with judging starting at 8:00 p.m.

Oct 31... Ameriks Scholarship Fund application deadline

Oct 31... Township Job Postings Deadline at 4:00 p.m.

Nov 4... Legion Poppy Day

Nov 5... EFRT Pancake Brunch at A.I.P.S. from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Nov 15... A.I. Women's Institute Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Leslie Gavlas' home

Nov 17... ISLE Cheese Lovers Order deadline for pickup Nov 22

Nov 25... St. Paul's Christmas Tea & Sale at the A.I. Community Centre from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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For Sale / Wanted

Pumpkins For Sale - Call 389-4856

One baby crib, like new, only used for the last run of grandchildren.

Paid \$128 for it, asking \$75.

Call Beatrice Wemp - 389-2594

Boating and fishing season is just five months away. Don't delay! Look at my 9.9 Mercury for sale at \$980.

Easy interest free terms might be arranged. All attachments and instructions available.

Chester Tugwell 389-5569

Anyone interested in buying Amway products, or viewing Amway catalogues please call and I will be glad to talk to you. Darrell 389-7742

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

Reasonable Rates

and Carpet Cleaner for rent \$10/day

Annette 389-0417 or 389-0512

For Rent St. Alban's candelabra Contact:

Caroline Yull at 389-4071 {should be 384-4071}

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-sitter & Mother's Helper

Light yard work & housework.

Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends.

Babysitting

Call Bonnie Marshall

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course at 389-0554 or 389-4070

Babysitting Kelly at 389-2404

Bulldozing Done

\$30 / hour plus fuel
Call Lew at 384-4071

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
Contact Scott at 389-4872

Cisterns Filled
Call Lew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing Repairs and Alterations
Drapes Made and Altered
Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995

General Contracting
New construction & renovations
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

GLM Construction
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

Glenn's Store 389-0417
Movies Pop Candy Crafts
Post Office Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

House Cleaning
Professionally trained house cleaner.
Call Laurel at 384-6617

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office)

LIN-SAR
Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating and Cooling

Sheet metal fabrication and installation.
Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

Painting Classes
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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For more information,
Contact Penny Coleman at 384-6091

Printing
A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Propane for Sale
Co-op Propane available at John McGinn's
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3047

Property Maintenance
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.
Call Mike Horth at 389-2916

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural Water System Maintenance
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Visitors Welcome at
Watercolours Et Cetera
3rd Concession (389-2588)
If we are home, we are open.

Voice Lessons - Bel Canto style

For serious students 15 yrs & up

Call 384-8599

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc

Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

Yardwork

Samantha and Sara Pollock will do yard work.

Phone 389-9977

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 Masquerade

Friday October 27th

Doors Open 7:00 p.m.

Judging Starts 8:00 p.m.

High School Students and up... \$3.00

Up to Grade 8... Free

Prizes

Games

Dancing

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Council Report November 7, 1995

- Beacon Staff

A hiring committee comprised of Reeve Ashley, Councillor Fleming, and Captains Wolfrey and Shurtliffe met on the above date to review applications received for the position of temporary part-time deck hand. Five applications were considered. David Redden and Paul Henshaw have been hired for a three month period.

All members of Council were present for the regular meeting.

After the reading of the minutes Council proceeded into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Applications for the Winter Works crew were reviewed and the following applicants have been hired to work as required. Kerry Hogeboom, Adam Miller, Dan Wolfreys, Garnet Willard, Larry Fleming, Reginald Hitchins, and Jeff Forester.

Council received estimates for the survey of the former Firehall property and have hired Deiter Eberhardt. They also received a letter from Art and Caroline Ackerman requesting permission to use the former firehall for storage prior to the closing date for the sale of the property.

A letter was received from John Nixon resigning as Deputy Fire Chief. David Fleming has been appointed to take his place.

There will be an official opening of the new Firehall on December 2, 1995.

Council discussed the cemetery perpetual care investments and other Township investments. It was decided to leave them as they are at present and that a representative from the Royal Bank would be invited to

attend the next Cemetery Committee meeting to discuss the investments. It was also suggested that the Ameriks Fund be invested in the Public Sector Group of Funds' money market fund for a three month period subject to the Funds historical rate being higher than the Royal Bank's rate. Councillors Woods and Fleming asked Council to approve a By-law to authorize the investment of Township funds in the Public Sector Group of Funds. A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Scott. Councillors Whitton and Scott against. Reeve Ashley and Councillors Fleming and Woods for.

Efforts to expand the land fill site are continuing. Council has received approval for the grants requested for: leachate monitoring; public consultation; design; and related work.

The Ameriks Fund Awards in memory of former Reeve Frank Fleming will go to Amy Caughey and Lori Caughey, University of Guelph; Tracy Hitchins, Loyalist College, Belleville; Chad Miller, Trent University, Peterborough; Jason Silver, Algonquin College, Ottawa; Steven Ward, Queen's University, Kingston; and Steven Willard, University of Windsor, Windsor.

After discussing some general business matters Council adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Former Island resident and Presbyterian Church Minister, Norman Allison passed away last week. Sympathy to his wife Georgina and family.

Former resident, Thelma Howard is currently in hospital in very serious condition.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The rainy weather certainly did not help dampen the attendance at the October 21st Anniversary Tea. Many guests helped us to celebrate an enjoyable afternoon which started off with punch being served and the signing of the Guest Book before getting settled at the tables. Our President, Jackie Sylvester, gave a welcoming speech after which everyone sang the Ode. Marion Wannamaker, the President of the Lennox and Addington District, gave congratulations and greetings as did our Reeve, Duncan Ashley. The 'Hymn of All Nations' beautifully sung by Laurene Kilpatrick

accompanied by Cathy Glenn on the piano came next and then Anna Hitchins gave our Branch History. "Tea With A Tenor", Fredric Mahood and his accompanist Ted Brown, entertained with a trio of songs. Afterwards our Birthday Cake, cleverly decorated by Karen Fleming, with our Crest set inside an outline of Amherst Island was cut and the W.I. Grace was sung.

We were honoured to welcome Nellie Neilson, our oldest member who joined the Island Branch some 60 years ago, especially as she had made the trip from Toronto to be with us. We were also pleased to welcome the following Visiting Past Presidents - Georgina Allison, Ena Baker, Phyllis Strain, Reta Miller, Vera Hogeboom and Diane Ida Gavlas. We took the opportunity to take a group picture of All past Presidents who were at the Tea as well as a photo of our present Members - these will be a great addition to the Tweedsmuir Book.

Jackie Sylvester read a very much appreciated letter from Chester Tugwell who, along with his congratulations, recalled how much the Women's Institute's efforts during wartime helped the Servicemen know that they were not forgotten. During the tea, Fredric Mahood sang for us again and the afternoon took on a very congenial air with a lot of table hopping to chat with our visiting W.I. Branch members from Maple Leaf - Maple Ridge - Grandview - Tamworth - Hawley - Victoria II Camden East and Roblin. To all of them and our friends and neighbours that came - thank you for your good wishes and comradeship which made our Anniversary Tea a truly memorable occasion.

The November 15th meeting is to be held at the home of Leslie Gavlas and the guest speaker will be the Agriculture Dairy Educator.

Christmas Services

St. Alban's Anglican Church
Sunday, December 10 - 11:00 a.m.
St. George's Girls' Choir
Sunday, December 24 - 9:00 p.m.
Holy Communion

St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church
Sunday, December 10 - 7:00 p.m.
Community Carol Service - all invited
December 24 - 1:00 p.m.
Regular Service

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 17
11:00 a.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m. Candle Light Carol Service

Conducted by our Young People.

Community Sunday School Children will also take part.

December 24 - 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

December 31 - 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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Sick Home Syndrome

- Jean Baker

Resolution Director

Amherst Island Women's Institute

Air inside our homes is more polluted than air outside our homes.

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has studied the personal air quality of many volunteers in Toronto, Windsor, and Hamilton and found air pollution in their homes to be higher than outside, travelling to work, and at work. There was a consistency in the amount and type of pollution in the homes regardless of location or life style. In all homes where tobacco was smoked levels of pollution were much higher.

Sources of pollutants in the home were introduced by the householder as products for personal care; cleaning agents, building house and furniture products, home furnishings and decorating, insecticides as well as dust mites, high humidity, inadequate ventilation, combustion of heating products, etc.

Ontario Ministry of the Environment officials have said "surveying individual homes for indoor air quality is impractical at this time" and they advise that each householder must be prepared to assume responsibility for maintaining safe air in the home.

Resources

Canadian Lung Association -

CAN-DO: The movement for Clean Air Now -
practical information for households -
1-800-97CAN DO.

Women's Institute of Ontario -

Environmentally Friendly Handbook.

- safer products for home and personal use.

- available through local branches.

Ontario Mm. of Environment -

Agencies have prepared on request:

C.M.H.C.

- information packages

K.F.L. & A. Health Unit

- or have current information.

Amherst Island Women's Institute prepared a Resolution 4/95 advising the Ontario Board of Women's Institutes that these new research findings of Ontario Ministry of Environment 1992-1994

“Indoor air is more polluted than outdoor air”, be shared with the householders of Ontario. The Resolution has been endorsed by Kingston Area Women’s Institute and will be considered by the Board of Women’s Institute of Ontario.

Cook’s Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I would definitely consider the following recipe comfort food. While cooking and when eating they remind you of the taste and smells of home. One of the great things about this time of year is being able to have bushel baskets of ripe juicy apples just waiting to be eaten. This recipe is from Harrowsmith Cookbook volume 2:

Apple Gingerbread Cobbler

- 4 medium apples , peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup buttermilk (I used sour milk)
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cornstarch

Combine apples, brown sugar, water, lemon juice and cinnamon. Cover and cook until apples are tender.

Beat together sugar, egg, buttermilk, molasses and oil.

Stir together flour, baking soda, baking powder, spices and salt. Add to egg mixture and beat until smooth.

Combine cornstarch and 1 Tbsp cold water and stir into apple mixture. Pour into 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Spoon gingerbread mixture on top.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes.

As always best with ice cream!

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I.S.L.E. News

It has been noticed that one of the members of I.S.L.E. has not been mentioned in the October Beacon and also all the Island mailing for the cheese.

Don’t forget to get your orders in soon. That member is John Pollock, sorry John!

The 1995 I.S.L.E. member roster is as follows: Mr. John Pollock, Mr. Allan Glenn, Mr. David Willard, Mrs. Cathy Glenn, Mrs. Karen Fleming, Mrs. Keitha Smith, Mrs. Karen J. Fleming and Mrs. Ann Albertan. The student reps are: Sara Pollock and Kyle Murray; student backups; Bonnie Marshall and Andrew McDonald.

Thank-you to Mr. Dick Dodds for donating a chair and couch for the library.

I.S.L.E

A volunteer is needed at the school for:

- a) lunchroom/playground supervisor - Wed. lunches and occasional Friday lunches, and/or
- b) occasional driving.

Attention Community

There are some items needed by the school for the library and also the Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten classroom. These items are as follows:

- an iron (child size) and small ironing board (child size), and
- a stroller and/or baby carriage.

For donations of above please call Ann Albertan at 389-2662.

Amherst Island Firefighters Association

- Ian Murray, Pres.

On behalf of the Association, I wish John Nixon and his family best wishes on their return to the mainland. Thanks for your work with the Fire Department, John. We’ll miss your cheerful willingness to pitch in whenever needed.

All the equipment has been moved into the new Fire Hall. Chief Scott and others have been working hard at setting things up and putting the finishing touches to the building’s interior.

We hope to see many of you at the Open House on December 2.

The Fire Department is just like fire insurance: it’s an expensive waste of money, until it’s needed; but when it is needed, it’s Really needed.

Police Report for October 1995

- Diane Pearce to Council

OPP Constable Bill Stanley advised that no criminal occurrences were reported on the Island during October.

There were no calls but Constable Stanley reported

that he spent 6-8 hours on the Island during the month including 2 hours (from 8:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.) on October 31, 1995.

Bargain Hunters Be Advised

The treasures at the P.C.W. Tea and Bake Sale (on Nov. 25, 1-4 p.m. at the school) include quite a selection of used clothing in all sizes and interesting rummage.

So don't miss it!

Want to donate to the treasures? Phone: Irene or Susie

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Letters To The Beacon

Letter

- Ellie Cochrane Moore

Enclosed is my subscription renewal for the year. After 29 1/2 years I've divorced and moved closer to my work head quarters. I'm all settled and happier than I've ever been in my life.

Since so many of your readers are my family members you may feel free to print this news if you care to.

Thanks to all of you for the great work keeping the Beacon going. The Island will always be home to me and I like to hear what's going on.

Retraction

In the October issue of The Beacon, a reply to a letter to the Editor was printed which contained the words "mean-spirited" and "tirades".

The Beacon retracts those comments and apologizes for any damage to the reputation of Mr. George Gavlas.

Amherst Island Fire Department and Emergency Response Team

Open House

December 2, 1995 at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone Welcome.

Island History

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund

- Leslie Gavlas

The October article on Frank Fleming was very interesting, but I believe a companion article on Alberts Ameriks is called for.

I never met Mr. Ameriks, so I contacted his neighbour, Earl Tugwell, and this is what he told me.

"Mr. Ameriks, and his son Emo, escaped from Latvia when the Russians took over. He was an officer in the Latvian Army, a Major I believe. He bought the Eddy Wemp farm that runs along the Upper Forty Foot and did mixed farming, cows, pigs, etc., for quite a few years. As a neighbour I knew him as a very honest and cheerful man. He did bring his wife to the Island at one time, but I understood that she didn't like it here and eventually went back to Latvia."

The rest of the story I got from Irene Glenn, who has kept in touch with Mr. Ameriks over the years.

Mr. Ameriks and Emo had three children, one of whom was a

Do the birds know something we don't? As we sit here writing this, snow is drifting down, the first flakes of an expected 30 cm, perhaps the prelude to a real winter. Already we're seeing species we haven't seen in several years. Last weekend there were large flocks of winter finches including Redpolls, Pine Grosbeaks, and Pine Siskins. We've had Evening Grosbeaks and Goldfinches at the feeder.

Cardinals on the other hand are moving northward throughout all of eastern Canada as this formerly southern species continues to expand its range. Last weekend we had seven of these bright red birds at our feeder, and more in the surrounding woods.

And Owls!! Already there have been three of the very rare Boreal Owls from the far north, the first on October 31 (very early), and two more on November 13. Most birders and listers would give their eye teeth to see even one of these. Every year the Boreal has appeared this early has heralded a massive owl invasion of several species including the Great Gray Owls of 1978-79 and 1983-84. The small Saw-whet Owls have also been abundant - at least 16 daily in early November as they migrated south to the upper states. At last count there were still six to eight of these "cute" little owls in the Owl Woods to the north of the house.

Another surprise visitor to the Owl Woods was a Barred Owl with its chocolate brown eyes staring at us from the branches of one of the great white pine trees for several days in October and November. Resident owls in this famous woods also include two Great Horned Owls, about 25 Long-eared and a few Short-eared Owls. We have yet to spot a Heffalump however, but we did see some tracks several days ago in the first snows.

Large numbers of Rough-legged Hawks have also begun to appear to feed on what appears to be a bumper crop of meadow voles. These large arctic birds visit us yearly to join the local Red-tails and Harriers and are typically seen over Island fields as they hover like "hanging bananas" as Janet likes to say.

So get out your winter boots and snow shovels, and don't forget to fill your feeders. It may be a long winter. A little chickadee told me!

New Year's Ball
Live Band Music by Shylow
Full Course Roast Beef Dinner
Dancing 8:30 to 1:00
Door's Open 6:00
Dinner at 7:00
Tickets available from:
Garry Filson
Jack Forester

Al Caughey
\$40 per couple.
Must be 19 years old or over.

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Miscellaneous
from the Economist, Oct 28/95

Halloween is now second only to Christmas as a holiday ... in money spent as well as in the imagination devoted to new ways of marking the occasion...
Halloween is a \$42.4 billion industry . [in the U.S.]

from Guinness Book of World Records

The largest island in a lake is Manitoulin Island (1068 sq. mi.) This island itself has a lake of 41.09 sq. mi. [Amherst Island is 25 sq. mi.] on it, called Manitou Lake, which is the world's largest lake within a lake, and in that lake are a number of islands.

In Great Britain and Ireland, there are 5 indigenous tongues known besides English: Cornish, Scots, Gaelic, Irish Gaelic, Welsh, and Romany (gipsy).

The most overworked word in English is the word "set" which has 58 noun uses, 126 verbal uses, and 10 as participial adjectives.

In English, the most frequently used words are in order: the, of, and, to, a, in, that, is, I, it, for, as. The most used in conversation is "I". The commonest letter is "e" and the commonest initial letter is "T".

A Letter Home

The Fall seems to be making up for the very dry summer we had. The last month it seems to have rained every other day, all the ponds are filled up and you need rubber boots to cross the fields now. Then we had a lot of wet snow, just to make everything sloppy, and remind us to finish putting up the storm windows.

Another sign of late fall is when all our friends and neighbours disappear for a week or so, "Off to the hunt camp" we are told. I heard a discussion on the radio the other day as to whether going deer hunting was a legitimate excuse for missing a week of school. On Amherst Island I think I know which way the vote would go.

At the farm here we know winter is coming when we start getting the sheep ready for the late breeding. The ewes are on the last green grass around, and will soon get some corn, and the rams are already being fattened up ready for work. This Sunday some new blood should

arrive on the farm, four Charollais rams and a Texel ram. The Texel is an international traveller, as his sire lives in France, his dam in the Isle of Man, in the Irish Sea, and he was born in Ontario, as a transferred embryo. This is all a way of bringing in new genetics without bringing in new diseases. The real test of all this will be next May, when we hope the lambs start appearing.

We still have the big ferry. The rumour early in the fall was that it would go when the workmen started on the face of the dock, but they seem to have put out bumpers and to keep right on working. Perhaps M.T.O. will forget that we have the big ferry and leave it here all winter.

It has been quiet here since I last wrote, but the Christmas carols are starting in the stores, so life will get busy again soon enough.

Bye for now.

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Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 943199922.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

I.S.L.E. is offering Wilton cheese

Don't forget to phone your order in to an A.I.P.S student or:

Ann Albertan - 389-2662

Karen Fleming - 389-0210

Karen J. Fleming - 389-9869

Cathy Glenn - 389-0214

Dave Willard - 389-1656

Orders in by Pick up and Payment

Dec. 15 Dec. 20

Jan. 19 Jan. 24

Feb. 16 Feb. 21

Mar. 22 Mar. 27

Apr. 19 Apr. 24

May 17 May 22

June 14 June 19

Community Calendar

Oct 15... Archery Deer Hunting Season Begins

Nov 19... Archery Deer Hunting Season Ends until Nov 24

Nov 20... Shotgun Deer Hunting Season Begins

Nov 23... Shotgun Deer Hunting Season Ends

Nov 24... Archery Deer Hunting Season Begins again

Nov 25... St. Paul's Christmas Tea & Sale at the A.I. Community Centre from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Dec 2... Open House at new Firehall 10:00 a.m.

Dec 10... St Albans Service 11 a.m. with St. George's Girls' Choir

Dec 10... St Bartholomews Service Community Carol Service at 7 p.m.

Dec 17... St Pauls Service Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a.m.

Dec 17... St Pauls Service Candle Light Carol Service at 7:30 p.m.

Dec 24... St Albans Service Holy Communion at 9 p.m.

Dec 24... St Bartholomews Service Regular Service at 1 p.m.

Dec 24... St Pauls Service Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

Dec 31... St Pauls Service Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

Dec 31... Archery Deer Hunting Season Ends

Dec 31... New Year's Ball See advertisement for details

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Cataraqui Town Centre

389-2046

Special Offer to Beach Readers

10% Off Art Work On Personal Calendars

Just bring in your November '95 Beacon to become eligible for this limited time offer... until December 15, 1995

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Township of Amherst Island

Notice of Proposed Sale

In accordance with Bill 163, an Act to amend the Municipal Act, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island hereby gives notice of the proposed sale of Part of Lot 2, North Shore Concession and the existing Fire Department Buildings located thereon.

The sale is effective December 8, 1995

Dated October 4th, 1995

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer

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For Sale / Wanted

Honey - Peter and Sheila Whiting have honeycomb for sale in 1/2 lb containers. \$3.00 each at their place -

brown house on front road east of Rick Bedford's.

House for Sale - South shore road, east of Stella 40 ft.
300 ft waterfront; fireplace; Jacuzzi; shed.
Contact Elisabeth Jud - 547-5502.

1988 Chev. Celebrity Stationwagon - 140k, certified,
a/c, new radiator. \$3,500.
Phone: 389-6425.

Storage Space for rent - available from December 8th in
old firehall. Heated or unheated. Phone 389-6425.

Anyone interested in buying Amway products, or
viewing Amway catalogues please call and I will be
glad to talk to you. Darrell 389-7742

Albertan Homes
Homes built or renovated.
Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-sitter & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & housework.
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and
weekends.

Babysitting
Call Bonnie Marshall
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course at 389-
0554 or 389-4070

Bulldozing Done
\$30 / hour plus fuel
Call Llew at 384-4071

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning
Reasonable Rates and Carpet Cleaner for rent \$10/day
Annette 389-0417 or 389-0512

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
Contact Scott at 389-4872

Cisterns Filled
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Clothing Repairs and Alterations
Drapes Made and Altered
Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995

For Rent
St. Alban's candelabra
Contact: Caroline Yull at 389-4071 {should be 384-
4071}

General Contracting
New construction & renovations
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

GLM Construction
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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Mon - Fri 9:00 am. - 11:30 a.m.
Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 am. - 5:00 p.m.

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Professionally trained house cleaner.
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Island Financial Planner
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Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office)

LIN-SAR

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Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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For more information,
Contact Penny Coleman at 384-6091

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A complete printing and design service.
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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

Propane for Sale
Co-op Propane available at John McGinn's
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3047

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Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.
Call Mike Horth at 389-2916

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural Water System Maintenance
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Visitors Welcome at
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3rd Concession (389-2588)
If we are home, we are open.

Voice Lessons - Bel Canto style
For serious students 15 yrs & up
Call 384-8599

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

Yardwork
Samantha and Sara Pollock will do yard work.
Phone 389-9977

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Happy Holidays

Council Report December 5, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the previous month's meeting were approved. There was a special meeting on November 21, at which the old Fire Hall property was rezoned from Institutional to Commercial. Several other minor matters were considered.

Stuart Miller reported that the weather was hard on the roads last month. Council has received a tender for crushing gravel from Harvey Benn. Council accepted the tender, and expects the new gravel to be ready for spring. The township will be responsible for pumping the water out of the quarry.

Council has heard that there will be no major cuts to the ferry in this round of provincial budget cuts, but it will come up for review in the spring, when anything is possible. Council will purchase hand held radios for use on the ferry and in the life-boat. This will provide direct communication between the rescue boat and the ferry captain.

The Township will go ahead on the work required on the dump, provided that the money from the Province is still available.

The new Fire hall is officially opened. The work is almost finished, just the radio tower was not up on December 5th. The building came in almost exactly on budget, and seems to be most satisfactory. The exact figures are not yet in, but of the \$27,000 that is the Township's share about \$20,000 will be recovered from

the sale of the old buildings, and the rest will come from the Fire Department's budget.

Council is going ahead with the advanced 911 system. This requires a standard numbering system for each property on the island. The County is ordering the new signs, and the township will put in its order at the same time. These will cost \$13 each, and this could be added to next year's tax bill. This will make it much easier for emergency vehicles and others to find any place on the island.

Paul Henshaw and Hans Krauklis have been asked to join the Recreation Committee.

The Clerk/treasurer had a budget updated to October 31st., which held no nasty surprises. It seems certain, however, that there will be big changes to the Township in the next few years. For a start, there will be severe cuts to the Province's grants to the Roads budget. The exact figure will probably not be known until mid-January, but it may well be around 30%, so either the taxes go up or road

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repair and maintenance is drastically reduced, take your pick. Another huge change possible will be caused by amalgamation. Hit-man Harris and his gang in Toronto have stated that they want to halve the number of municipalities in Ontario by the next election. Small municipalities will be forced to join together, or have their budgets slashed. At the moment the details are vague, and it is impossible to say how this will affect us, but I am sure we will not escape unscathed. Jim Whitton and Ralph Woods attended a meeting in Napanee where amalgamation was discussed, and I am sure they would be happy to answer questions as best they can. Changes are coming, and the Beacon will try to keep you posted as we know more.

Council then went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Doug and Helen Lamb on the birth of their new granddaughter, still unnamed at press time.

While it makes for dry reading, I am pleased to report no island deaths or serious illnesses this month - what a nice prelude to Christmas!

Aside from the traditional 'Merry Christmas' greetings I would like to extend a thank you and a pat on the back to the folks at Headlands for another

successful year publishing The Beacon. Caroline Ackerman has been a super addition to the Beacon team and has become quite proficient at hounding us columnists for copy. A community newspaper of this quality is hard to find any place - a good job guys, and thank you.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

New Year's Ball

Live Band Music by Shylow

Full Course Roast Beef Dinner

Dancing 8:30 to 1:00

Door's Open 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

Tickets available from:

Garry Filson

Jack Forester

Al Caughey

\$40 per couple.

Must be 19 years old or over.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

Our November 15th meeting held at the home of Leslie Gavlas was the day it decided to give us our first snow storm so our Program had to be cancelled. It was wisely decided that the driving was not safe for the Dairy Educator to make the trip. However, as there was no meeting in October, there was enough business to be dealt with to fill up the entire evening. Welcoming another new member was a great start to the meeting and hopefully this upward trend in our membership will continue. Among the business items discussed was the value of our Island Tweedsmuir Book and it was decided to have a duplicate made to preserve the original. Jean Baker gave a report on the Annual Convention and plans were made for the Seniors' Dinner to be held on December 8th. The Roll Call was the "Importance of Milk in our Diet" and while it was almost unanimous that it was beneficial, especially for calcium, it was also pointed out that some of the diets that are fed to cows, specifically the Bovine Growth Hormone additive, may have detrimental effects on the quality of the milk and beef, as well as the general health of the animals. Certainly this should be a real concern and should be carefully watched.

On December 5th our group will meet at the home of Anna Hitchins for our Christmas Dinner and gift

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exchange and the January 17th meeting to be held at the

home of Irene Glenn will be at 1:30 p.m. Please note the different time. The Roll Call will be in the form of each member submitting a favourite Lamb Recipe and for the program Chris Kennedy will tell us about the Modern Practices in the Canadian Sheep Industry. There will also be a Brown Bag Auction which is great fun, and the proceeds will be going to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. As always we would welcome any one interested in being a member or visitor, so please join us.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You
All from the Women's Institute.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Christmas is coming and so are the Cranberry Crumb Squares (Homemakers Nov/Dec 1995). As with many Christmas recipes these are not for the cholesterol or calorie counters. However, they are rather yummy!

3/4 cup butter softened

1/3 cup icing sugar

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

Cream together softened butter and icing sugar until fluffy. Gradually stir in 1 1/2 cups flour. Press onto bottom of 13 X 9 baking pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

1 pkg (250 gr) cream cheese softened

1 can (300 ml) Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk

1/4 cup Realemon lemon juice

In mixer bowl cream softened cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in Eagle Brand. Stir in Realemon. Pour over prepared crust.

1 Tbsp packed brown sugar

2 Tbsp cornstarch

Mix brown sugar and cornstarch together and stir in 1 1/4 oz can whole cranberry sauce. Spoon evenly over cheese layer.

Combine 2 Tbsp brown sugar and 1/3 cup flour. Cut in 1/4 cup cold butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle evenly over cranberry mixture. Bake 45 minutes or until golden. Cool. Serve warm or chilled. Makes 12 servings.

Christmas Services

St. Alban's Anglican Church

Sunday, December 24 - 9:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church

December 24 - 1:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

December 24 - 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

December 31 - 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

I.S.L.E. News

I.S.L.E. requires two new members starting in January. Please contact I.S.L.E. members listed below if you are interested.

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

David Willard 389-1656

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Cathy/Allan Glenn 389-0214

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I.S.L.E. is still in need of a carriage or stroller for dolls. Thanks for the donated iron and ironing board.

Township Of Amherst Island

Notice Re:

January Meeting Of Council

The regular meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1996.

Seasons Greetings!

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer.

The New Fire Hall

- Chris Kennedy

The new fire hall was officially opened on December 2nd. All the equipment had been moved in over the previous two weeks, and was all polished up for the open house. Our MP, Peter Milliken, and our MPP John Gerretsen both came, and made very short speeches, as did the Reeve and Alex Scott, the Fire Chief. About fifty people came to see the new building and have cake and coffee. There was general satisfaction with the building, which should last the township many years.

Many people helped with the project. It was very generous of the tax-payers of Canada and Ontario to pick up two-thirds of the cost. The Road Crew put in a lot of volunteer hours on site preparation. I think special thanks are also due to Phil Silver, the previous Fire Chief, who did a lot of work to get the project started and supported by Council, and to Alex Scott, who has put in a lot of work overseeing the construction and organizing the new hall. I think that the Township is very fortunate to have a brand new Municipal Garage and Fire Hall, as that kind of money won't be around in the foreseeable future.

Fire Department History

- Ian Murray

In recognition of the Department's 25th anniversary, I looked through some early Beacons to see what I

could find that might interest our readers. This item appeared in the 29th edition, May 13, 1971.

Observations

- A. Bruce Caughey

As indicated in a recent issue of the 'Beacon', the conversion of the Township Hall to the purposes of a splendid fire hall has now been completed and it is certainly hoped that this will provide a very useful, although we hope a little used facility in the community. We wish Messrs. H. Filson and J.S. Neilson every success in their endeavours to mould into shape an excellent fire brigade. We hope also that those who have volunteered to serve in this most useful capacity will enter in to their duties with the same enthusiasm that the members of Council, who have been responsible for this project did their part.

As of January 5th last, The Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company officially turned over to the newly formed brigade, the fire fighting equipment that was owned by the company. This equipment which was purchased in 1953, at a cost of \$1,200, consisted of a McCullough Portable pump, which if close enough to the water supply was capable of handling two lines of hose, about 700 feet of hose plus a 'fog' nozzle and all was carried in an antiquated half ton truck. This equipment was purchased by the Insurance Company, in the hope that it would be added to during the years and might prove to be of some use in time of an emergency. No other organization ever did come forth with additional equipment and down through the years it was 'cursed' and it was 'blessed' - cursed when the air cooled engine was slow in starting with a fire raging and blessed when the welcome streams of water were at least able to save adjoining buildings at an outbreak. When this

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equipment was purchased the late Estel J. Strain was appointed caretaker and operator and many times he did an admirable job under difficult circumstances. The drying of hose, particularly in winter weather was always a problem and I am sure we appreciate Mrs. Strain's tolerance in puffing up with the hose draped around her kitchen range, times without number. At Mr. Strain's death, his son Lloyd became the caretaker and latterly another son Leslie. Many people owe this family a debt of gratitude for their co-operation and patience in providing this service over the past seventeen years.

When the one long ring on the old magneto telephone struck terror to the hearts of all those within hearing of it and they rushed to the telephone to inquire 'where is it?', one could be sure that before putting this fire call out over the individual telephone lines that the operator

had already called the Strain residence and some member of the Strain family was already on their way with the equipment. A number of fires come to mind which would have been very severe losses except for this bit of meager equipment. I remember a hot dry September day when the MacCrimmon barn, in close proximity to the house burst into flames, it was this equipment, with an adequate supply of water from the bay, which saved the house, as well as other surrounding buildings. It played no small part in saving the Neilson Store from destruction one Spring morning when a stubborn smouldering fire was prevented from bursting into a terrible conflagration by the lack of oxygen. One of the cottages on Stella Point was saved when a grass fire got out of control, but probably the greatest 'save' to the credit of the equipment was just four years ago when Rossena's coffee ship, a large brick building was destroyed during the early morning, had it not been for the hundreds of gallons of water poured upon the nearby buildings by this much despised little pump, before the arrival of the Bath Fire Department by Ferry, the greater part of the upper part of the village could have fallen prey to the flames.

It is sincerely hoped that this additional equipment may prove of some value in the larger organization of which it may form a part.

The following three excerpt are from Marj. Aitken's "Municipal Affairs" columns
First Edition, April 16, 1970:

Plans for some adequate fire protection for the township are going ahead under the leadership of Glenn Sheil. A tank truck has been bid on and this bid hopefully will be accepted, and money set aside to remodel the township hall to house it and other equipment. Glenn will also be forming a volunteer fire department. Your co-operation in this effort will be expected.

Second Edition, April 30, 1970

Council's bid on the fire tank truck was accepted, so the island now has to arrange for adequate housing of this much-needed equipment. Chairman of the fire protection committee, Glenn Sheil, is making plans for getting our new acquisition home and for progress on the following responsibilities: organizing a volunteer fire department, remodelling the town hall for a fire hall, and instruction on the use of the equipment, etc.

Third Edition, May 14, 1970

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{the Fire Department History will continue after the

following notice}

Township Of Amherst Island Notice Of Upcoming Meeting To Consider Waster Management

A public consultation meeting is planned for some time in January to discuss waste management on the Island. A representative from the Township's environmental consulting firm will be in attendance to outline what is considered to be the most favourable option for the landfill site.

A householder mailing will be circulated to all residents when the meeting date is set. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Diane Pearce Clerk-treasurer.

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Third Edition, May 14, 1970

an item of importance is the arrival to the island of the fire truck. Glenn Sheil picked it up from the Kingston Township Fire Station on Days Road on Saturday and drove it out to the ferry and across. Does this not conjure up a proud sight? One can almost picture Glenn, sou'wester, coat, hip-length rubber boots (turned down) and hatchet - rushing out highway 33, with sirens screaming, and hoses, swaying around each bend in the road!... A small amount of repairs to the body, a coat of paint and it will look the part. Meanwhile it is here and in working order.

[The members of Council at that time were: Reeve Vince Aitken, and, Councillors Clinton Kilpatrick, Keith Miller, Glenn Sheil and Ralph Wemp. Francis Welbanks was Clerk and Fred Neilson was Treasurer.]

Reading through these early Beacons, one can track the progress of the Department: the conversion of the town hall to a fire hall; the selection of Harry Filson as the first Fire Chief with Jim Neilson as his Deputy; the signing on of the first volunteers; and, the first recorded call - a chimney fire at Alan Kidd's house.

4-H News

- Andrew McDonald

Press Reporter

Our newest 4-H Club on the Island is the "Power of Produce."

We call ourselves the "Fruit Fritters" and our members include;

Aunt Sarah - Received your postal Saturday evening and was very glad to hear from you. I will write latter but this card will do for this time. All are well on Amherst Island. Everyone is busy now as I suppose you know the cause of the excitement [sic]. As ever, Rubie. Card #2 (King George V stamp) reads:

Stella, July 9th, 1914. Hello Mrs. Murray: How was you these warm days? It aint too bad here so far but we want rain. Dad started his hay today. Mag was to town yesterday and got her teeth all out. Albert is getting along fine. If you come over this summer don't forget where I live. Hope all is well. As ever, Mollie.

Perhaps some of your readers know who Aunt Sarah and James Murray, Rubie, Mag, Albert and Mollie are. What was the family name and what was the "excitement" Rubie mentions?

Sincerely

Barbara Hopper, U.E.

24 Hillmount Crescent

Nepean, Ontario K2G 3E3

P.S. The stamps on the cards each cost one cent!!

A Letter From A. Bruce Caughey

I am sure that many readers of the Napanee Beaver and The Whig-Standard daily scan the list of Deaths contained therein. I was shocked, on receipt

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of this week's edition of the Beaver, to read the death notice of a wonderful friend of mine, Carl Wright.

I am sure that this name does not mean anything to Beacon Readers, but to me it brings back many fond memories of a friendship and respect that I have had for this person over the past 58 years.

It is 57 years since the residents of Amherst Island came to enjoy the pleasure and advantages of electricity in their homes and businesses, something that many of you do not know the background of.

The year was 1937, late summer, I do not know the exact date, but the Liberal Premier of the Province of Ontario, Mitchell L. Hepburn, who had been elected in 1934, decided to go to the country and seek re-election. One of the planks in his platform was "Rural Electrification". Being know as an Onion Farmer in that area between the City of London and the shores of Lake Erie, Highway #4, he well knew the benefits of electricity on the farm.

A well respected resident of Prince Edward County, Thomas Bowerman, had been chosen as the Liberal Candidate and a determined effort was being made to break the Conservative monopoly which had long existed in the Prince Edward-Lennox constituency.

Premier Hepburn was brought down on a speaking tour with arrangements made for him to speak in Picton tonight and in Kingston tomorrow night. Some of our Amherst Island staunch Liberals saw the opportunity to have the Premier visit Amherst Island and an afternoon meeting was arranged for Victoria Hall. On his arrival on the Island, a group of Liberals arranged a tour of the Island and the late George Beggs, who was the owner of perhaps the latest model car on the Island, at that time, a 1935 Chevrolet, was the driver. Mitch soon recognized the absence of hydro poles and remarked "you boys do not have hydro over here," the reply was, "No we never expect to have it", why? because of that 3 miles strip of water between here and the mainland - Mitch said "If I am re-elected you will have hydro!" Well, Mitch, a prolific speaker, filled Victoria Hall to bulging and repeated his promise of Hydro to those gathered. I will never forget his flow of oratory as he stood on the platform in the old hall.

Well, Mitch won the election and that very fall, a resident of Wilton area, Harold Peters, was sent to the Island to canvass for prospective hydro users. I well remember him coming to our place and asking my father, who was then Reeve of the Township to sign an application for hydro service. My father who had known this man through County Council Associations said "Why me?" Peters replied "Well it will help me in my canvass if I can say "The Reeve has signed an application!"

At this time Ontario Hydro was not the top heavy, money wasting organization that we know today. Highly Unionized, etc.

Public Utilities Commissions in various areas were responsible for the extension of hydro service into rural areas. A very strong such commission existed in the Town of Napanee with the late Charles Walters as the Secretary-Manager. A member of a highly respected Napanee family, Charlie had assembled a staff of very competent hard working linesmen whose watchword was "keep the service operating". Among this group of young men was Carl Wright, who learned his trade right from the ground up and was one of the crew who erected the first hydro line on Amherst, erecting transformers and running the lines in to the farm services. It was in January of 1938 that I received a telephone call from Charles Walters saying "Bruce, how would you like to read meters?" I replied "I do not know how," Charlie replied, "Well you can learn" and I did, for the next? many years, I carried out these duties, as well as changing meters and when an interruption of service occurred I was called and advised of same and I in turn called the office in Napanee and they usually depended on me to advise them of the nature of the problem and the location of the same.

No matter, the hour of the late afternoon when one called the office, there was never an answer such as, "I am sorry this is after hours, we will be over in the morning." The answer was always "we will be at Millhaven in half an hour, have Art meet us" (in winter with a horse and sleigh and in the summer with his boat, they knew that there was no ferry service to the Island after dusk). Once on this side they would load their equipment into Art's (Drumgoole) truck and go to the trouble spot. The repairs completed, their return was made - no grumbling, no complaints, it was all in service of the company.

It was in this era that I made the acquaintance of Carl Wright, he had started in service of hydro with the digging of pole holes and had gradually worked his way up the ladder, becoming a foreman of a gang of men, learned to climb poles and the many other skills associated with hydro service and he continued

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in the employ of Hydro for the rest of his working life, a very respected resident of the Town of Napanee, a respected and much loved member of the Masonic Fraternity and of his Church. I will always remember Carl and his wife Reta as some of our best friends and innumerable Amherst Island residents owe him a debt of gratitude for his devotion to his work in an era when Unions governed our every move and overtime was an unknown.

A. Bruce Caughey

Yesterday I celebrated my eighty-fourth birthday so my Island friends of the same bracket are very few. It seems that every issue of the Beacon I receive has more names that are unfamiliar which makes me sad. It doesn't seem like my Island any more. That is probably hard for you to understand.

I do want to congratulate those of you who publish the Beacon every month. I think you do an excellent job and I wish you every success in the future.

Most sincerely,

Hazel Reynolds.

[Staff: Hazel Reynolds is an aunt of Dorothy Willard.]

Island History

Historical Tid-Bits from the W.I. Tweedsmuir Book
Amherst's Famous Mud House

Architecturally Beautiful, Naturally Insulated,
Skillfully Constructed is This Historic Dwelling.

Visit Amherst Island and you will soon hear talk of the famous Mud House. Imagination may see a

primitive hut of some kind, but when curiosity seeks enlightenment we find that this is just one more fine example of the sort of dwelling in which millions of families have lived in many parts of the world since man began to build permanent habitations. Mud in this story means clay soil, wet for ease in handling. The adobe house of the south-west and the cottages of Ireland and many other traditional house, including those of brick, all are built of clay.

In 1820 William Scott came from Scotland to Canada, settled on Amherst Island and wanted to build a good house. So he sent to Ireland for skilled builders - his wife being Irish and accustomed to the well-built houses of her own land. The men made the long journey, built the house, and returned to Ireland, leaving a fine house standing on a Knoll overlooking the North Channel. At the time this was call Quinte Bay and the house was named Quinte View. It is still owned by William A. Scott, son of the first William, and the fine farm is managed by the third William. A new house has been built, in 1929, and the old mud house is used for storage, but still is in good condition and looks with dignity on a changing world.

Skill was needed to build such a house, and this was done by experts. Wet clay was mixed with straw; saplings were used for forms and are seen in a crumbling bit of back wall. When the clay hardened the structure might be compared to adobe or cement. Walls and partitions were two to two-and-one-half feet thick, giving perfect insulation the year round. That means deep, deep, window and door frames between rooms as well as in outer walls. Built in a cottage style best suited to the location, as well as to the material, the lines have dignity and the French windows lend a note of elegance. And for a

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century the house was a centre of hospitality and one hears many tales of the parties, the good times, the pleasant way of life, and the industry of this pioneer family.

Submitted by Morrison Scott, 1995

Pictures provided by Mrs. Mary Gunion.

(nb Morrison Scott and Mary Gunion are brother and sister, and the great-grandchildren of the builder.)

Thank You Notes

Card of Thanks

Queen Fae Charlotte wishes to thank all her loyal subjects for their kind visits, cards, gifts and good wishes since her ascension to the throne. The delicious baked goodies have certainly helped keep the peasants

of the realm happy. Chief courtiers Caroline, Llew and Helen join with their royal tyrant in offering sincere thanks.

Thank you

Note of Appreciation

I would like to extend my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Amherst Isl

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Mar. 22 Mar. 27
Apr. 19 Apr. 24
May 17 May 22
June 14 June 19

Community Calendar

Dec 24... St Albans Service Holy Communion at 9 p.m.
Dec 24... St Bartholomews Service Regular Service at 1 p.m.
Dec 24... St Pauls Service Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
Dec 31... St Pauls Service Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
Dec 31... Archery Deer Hunting Season Ends
Dec 31... New Year's Bali See advertisement for details
Jan 09, 1996!... Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers
Jan 17... W.I Meeting at the home of Irene Glenn at 1:30 p.m.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale:

Just in time for Christmas giving "Environmentally Friendly Hints" is back in stock

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Great Christmas Gift Idea

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Beacon Notes

Thank you for your thank you's.

Last month, we at the Beacon's publishing offices received many thank you's for the volunteer work bringing the Beacon to press each month. It is these occasional thank you's that lift our spirits and encourage us to continue. This in turn has led me to think about all the people in our community who volunteer their time and energy to make this a better place to live. Sitting down one night I started to do a mental list of all the people on Amherst Island who contribute to the comm

Township Of Amherst Island
Notice Re Bag Tags

The price of garbage bag tags has been increased to \$1.50 effective Saturday, January 20, 1996. The maximum number of tickets that may be sold to each household before the effective date is twelve (12).

Council has taken this measure in response to decreasing grants to the municipality from the province.

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

January 15, 1996

Sit down and strap yourself in 'cause it is going to be a bumpy ride for the next year or two... not only did the budget process get underway but there was talk of amalgamation, ferry docks, Bill 26, landfill site funding, the Back Beach, etc. We do live in interesting times.

The Reeve was absent but Councillors Fleming, Scott, Whitton and Woods were present along with the Public Works Superintendent (Stuart Miller) and the Clerk-treasurer (Diane Pearce). No members of the public were in attendance other than this reporter.

Reeve Ashley has apparently informed the Township that he does not know when he will return (because of health reasons). So, the first significant item of business was to elect as Acting Reeve, Councillor Woods. The Reeve's responsibilities were delegated among the Council members as follows:

- landfill site expansion will be handled by Acting Reeve Woods and Councillor Fleming;
- the Ferry Committee will be handled by Acting Reeve Woods (already sitting on the Committee) and Councillor Whitton; and,
- all members of Council will participate in amalgamation discussions.

The Clerk-treasurer gave an explanation of the 1996 Municipal Block Grant Calculation which leaves the Township with 21.86% less from the Province, amounting to about \$24,000. [Part of this money is that which the previous government committed itself to paying us for the paving last year. The present government (through MTO) will pay us only about \$23,400 out of the \$31,500 owed. This amounts to \$8,100 an additional amount that the Township will have to pick up.]

The Clerk-treasurer then went on, saying that there may be budget ramifications from Bill 26. She has been told that this bill will eliminate the County's authority to have a Road Levy meaning that this money will have to come from the General Levy. For us, it could mean a 30% increase in the County levy. This, of course, is not

set in stone as Bill 26 is not passed, let alone in force.

By the way, I am limiting the number of figures I put in this article because they were coming fast and furious, and because there were few exact figures available, so... you know... don't quote me. And, it should be pointed out that the initial Township department budgets are a first try only - not to be confused with what will eventually emerge as the budget.

A general discussion of what direction Council wanted to take in budget deliberations was interesting. While no Council member committed him/her-self to a fixed philosophical

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position, the general leaning appears to be for Acting Reeve Woods and Councillor Fleming favouring significant budget cuts while Councillors Scott and Whitton lean towards a mix of cuts and tax increases. All appear to favour more fee-for-services and higher rates for those already in effect.

Council decided the following:

- that the next budget meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 1996 in the Council Chambers,
- that, at this meeting, all departments will be asked to submit a budget that is 20% less than last year's budgeted amount,
- that the cost of tags for garbage bags will go up from \$1.00 to \$1.50 effective January 20, 1996, with households being limited to buying one sheet (12 tags) only between now and then,
- that all Township services will be examined to see what is a fair fee (for example - Animal Evaluators, Building Permits, Dog Licenses, etc),
- that members of Council will take a 20% cut in pay, down from \$100 to \$80 per meeting (which, by the way, was already down from \$125 not too many years ago).

In other business, Council has received invitations from both Bath and Ernestown to their separate restructuring talks. Council members expressed no particular interest in attending beyond the negative one that if we don't do something, someone else will decide our fate for us (ie the Province). No positive points (ie to the Island's benefit) were mentioned as possibly coming from restructuring. Council decided to invite the two parties over to the Island for a presentation during a Public Meeting. At this point, Council members appear to lean towards Ernestown if for no other reason than the Millhaven dock sits in Ernestown Township. Acting Reeve Woods said that the Island should be looking for a ward system where there is the possibility of the Island having its own representative.

That brings me to another point mentioned.... apparently there will be a transfer of the docks from Federal to Provincial or municipal control. No information was available to know whether the Province will accept them.

To continue the water theme.... Council asked the Clerk-treasurer to contact out lawyer and find out the legal status of the Back Beach agreement, as it stands now. Is it in enforce or enforceable despite not being signed by both parties?

Just as an aside, there is apparently a good possibility that Amherst Island will be shifted to another Federal riding... one Council member said it was a done deal while another said it was not but rather that Ernestown would be shifted.

Council has received a proposal from the Manley Insurance Group for the Township's group insurance which is significantly less costly (for what, apparently, is the same or better coverage). London Life, our present insurer, will be asked to re-examine our policy costs.

The briefly mentioned item about the Acting Reeve and Councillor Fleming dealing with landfill site expansion is a priority item because the Township stands to lose the money (reportedly about \$30,000) available for this as of March 1996. Not only that but funding for landfill site studies will dry up at some not too distant future date. Perhaps the report on the Landfill Site Public Meeting will provide some answers.

Finally, there were two closed sessions... the first with the Public Work's superintendent which produced no recommendations, and the second at the end of the meeting about which I have no information as I did not wait.

Township Of Amherst Island
Notice Of Public Meeting

Dear Residents of Amherst Island

On Thursday, January 25th, 1996, Arnold Adams, Deputy Reeve of the Township of Ernestown will be in attendance at a public meeting. This meeting will take place at the Amherst Island Public School at 8:00 p.m. This is concerning the possible amalgamation of Amherst Island with Ernestown and other municipalities in the southern portion of Lennox and Addington County.

We invite the residents of Amherst Island to attend for an informative exchange of ideas.

Yours truly,

Ralph T. Woods

Councillor and Acting Reeve

Special Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

January 16, 1996

Public Meeting

Waste Disposal Options

- Chris Kennedy

About 20 people attended a meeting to hear David Malcolm of Malroz Engineering outline the options for waste disposal on the island. The present dump is, technically, full. It may not appear to be so, but only about half of the dump is actually licenced as a landfill site and if the garbage in the unlicenced area was moved to the licenced area, the licenced area would

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be full. This, one might think, merely requires some paper work to licence the unlicenced area. But no. The Ministry of the Environment wants more hydrogeological studies, a buffer zone to be acquired, and other conditions to be met before they will approve an increase in area.

David Malcolm outlined 5 options for the Township.

1. Do nothing
2. Expand existing site
3. Close present site and open new site
4. Close site and truck garbage off island
5. Incinerate (not allowed under present regulations)

These options were discussed at some length. Doing nothing is the cheapest but the Ministry of the Environment could padlock the dump tomorrow and we could be up the proverbial creek. There is some money available until March 1st to expand the existing site and this seems to be Council's preferred option. Council will have to move fast to beat the deadline. A new site is very expensive and there are no grants available. Closing the dump and trucking off the island leaves us at the mercy of truckers and landfill site owners.

We will keep you posted on future developments.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Marion Glenn who broke her heel in a minor fall, and to Zelma Koenders who broke her ankle in a grocery store parking lot.

Art McGinn was in hospital for a few days but is now back at home. Don Gregg had hip replacement surgery last week and was recovering well last time we heard.

Happy Birthday to Tena Filson (Harry's mother), who turns 95 this month.

Happy 30th Anniversary to Glen and Sandra Filson, January 15th.

Finally, sad news that Thelma Howard, a lifelong resident of Amherst Island, passed away on Friday, January 12th.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The first week of December was a busy one for the W.I. starting with a combined Meeting / Xmas Party on the 5th. Our hostess was Anna Hitchins, who along with Jean McIntyre and Marion Glenn, put on a full turkey dinner and delicious desserts to start the evening. It must have taken a lot of work to put it all together and our appreciation was evident by the way we filled (and emptied!) our plates. A short meeting starting with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem followed and plans for the upcoming Seniors Dinner were finalized. Soon it was time to start the party and Helen Lamb read a story telling of the origin of the Salvation Army Kettles, after which Helen Lamb and Leslie Gavlas who were in charge of Entertainment, had us playing games before we exchanged gifts. We were fortunate to have Cathy Glenn join us for the evening and she kindly played the piano for our carol singing and what we lacked in unison we made up for in enthusiasm. The Seniors Dinner on the 8th was another success with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by Xmas pudding and delicious fudge. We can't take All the credit for this event - the members of the 4H Club helped from start to finish, setting up, serving, clearing dishes and, the heaviest job of all, putting the tables and chairs away at the end of the evening. As a fairly new resident I am constantly amazed at the willingness and politeness of the young people in this Community and we would like to sincerely thank them for the help they gave us. Entertainment was provided by tenor Fredric Mahood accompanied by Ted Brown on the piano and "Camden Express". Both, as always, delighted the audience with their songs and step dancing.

The January meeting will be at the home of Irene Glenn at 1:30 on the 17th and there will be a brown bag auction as well as our usual business and the program on Sheep Industry Practices by Chris Kennedy. Visitors would be welcome so please join us if you can and bring along your favourite lamb recipe to share.

Dance

February 17

Winter Blah's Dance (Post Valentine's Day)

Music by Rock and Roll Cowboys (Tim Hallman)

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Dancing 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

\$20 per couple

Tickets from any Legion member

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

The recipe for this month is for those who have cooked turkey tucked away in the freezer. The mere mention of turkey at this time make some of you shudder. However, on a cold February day you may just appreciate a nice hot bowl of Creamy Turkey Soup with bread fresh from the oven.

1 large onion, chopped

3 stalks of celery cut into 1/4 inch pieces

6 tablespoons butter or margarine

6 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon each of dried thyme, savory, and parsley flakes

1 1/2 cups milk

4 cups cubed cooked turkey

5 medium carrots, cut into 1/4 inch pieces

1 to 2 cups of turkey or chicken broth

1 package (10 oz) frozen peas

In large kettle, saute onion and celery in butter until tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in the flour and seasonings; gradually add milk, stirring constantly until thickened. Add turkey and carrots. Add enough broth until soup is of desired consistency. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

6-8 servings (2 quarts)

I'm presently working on Flower Pot Bread and will let you know next month how my initial experiment turns out!

Emergency First Response Team Report

Thank You! The EFRT fundraising group is ecstatic to announce that the Defibrillator Campaign is officially complete! The Defib has been ordered and should arrive by the end of January. Training date for the team has been confirmed for February 3rd.

It is impossible to thank each individual contributor in the Beacon without sending it over it's required mailing weight. Suffice it to say it would be nearly impossible to find a single person in this community who has not made a contribution to the Defib in one way or another. The total amount raised was just under \$10,000. (We would like to mention that a \$500. donation from the Driving Club was what finally topped

up the campaign).

So on behalf of the EFRT Team, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the community of Amherst Island. Your support of the Defib Campaign has shown that there is tremendous support of, and appreciation for the work of the EFRT Team; that is something that any amount of money can't buy.

Lynann Whitton, EFRT Team Captain, is preparing an information package which she would like to present to local service groups over the next few months. This program deals with the Defib and its relationship to CPR and other factors. Lynann will be contacting service groups over the next few weeks. The EFRT Fundraising Group is planning a community information night in April or May, once the weather warms up.

Again our thanks.

Annette Phillips

Sue McGinn

Laurie Youell

EFRT Fundraising Group

[Staff- And many thanks to the Fundraising Group for the effort and time invested in this worthwhile project.]

Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association

- Ian Murray

In 1996, the fire fighters will be studying and practicing the "basics". We will be working with the "Essentials of Fire Fighting" - a comprehensive text book with an accompanying work book. The book is very well written with clear explanations (and illustrations). This is a good time to join up and learn along with the rest of us. The next meeting is on January 22 at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact me or

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any other member of the fire department.

Fire Chief Alex (Sandy) Scott is now vice-president of our mutual aid group. This covers the counties of Frontenac and Lennox & Addington and includes the City of Kingston. There are over 900 fire fighters involved in this mutual aid area. Congratulations Alex.

Letters To The Beacon

From A. Bruce Caughey...

Your article regarding the post cards in the last issue of the Beacon interested me.

1. Re Aunt Sarah and James Murray: Aunt Sarah was one of the Montgomery family, a sister of William, John, Mrs. John Miller (Annie) and Margaret, who

married John Taylor. Their mother was a Cochrane, a sister of Robert Cochrane who lived on the present Woods farm on the south shore where Stanley Burke and Peggy Coulter presently reside.

The John Taylor Farm is Lot 1 on the South Shore Concession. Their family was as follows:

- (a) Rubie
- (b) William (Bill)
- (c) Raymond
- (d) Albert
- (e) Alice

a. Rubie married Herbert Lindsay, they had two sons, both deceased, they removed to Portsmouth where Herb worked for the City of Kingston and Rubie was a dressmaker.

b. William was born in the First World War after which he married Margaret Smith. They had a family of one son and two daughters. The son met a tragic death while hunting on Lake Ontario. I think his body came ashore on the south shore of Amherst Island. Daughters, Sylvia, who is deceased and Yvonne who lives in the Sydenham area. She had one son who is a Minister in the Beaches J Presbyterian Church, Toronto: Reverend Drew Strickland.

c. Raymond who was a sailor on the Great Lakes, a long time member of the crew of the Steamer Harvey H. Brown. He married an American girl and lived in Port Clinton, Ohio. He was killed in a car accident in that area.

d. Albert, who later in life married Evelyn Wemp. He died very suddenly in Bath where he operated a service station and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

e. Alice married Leonard Comeau. She had one son Bruce, presently residing in Ampah. Alice and Leonard resided in the Myles Hutchings house, which they later sold and removed to Kingston. Both are dead, buried in Glenhaven Memorial Gardens.

2. Re the card signed "Mollie". This was Mary Cochrane, always known as "Mollie". This card must have been written before she was married to Alexander McCormick and they lived next door on what is now the Frontini farm, which then belonged to my grandmother, Mrs. Robert Filson. My father and mother farmed this farm for some 8 years before purchasing the Caughey farm where we reside and my parents tried to sell this farm to the McCormicks but they could not be persuaded and instead moved to the Front Road to the farm where Leonard McCormick resides, from Alex's uncle, George Beaubien in 1922.

This was an extremely hot summer and Alex had gone down to the bay for a swim in preparation for

attending a school picnic on Kerr's Point. When he did not return someone went to the shore where Alex was found dead, presumably of a heart attack. Robert was too young to be able to take over the farm so it was sold to Hugh McCormick and family and Mollie and her young son moved to Kingston, where they resided with Mollie's aunt, Mrs. Hugh Fleming in an apartment at the rear of the "Dolan Harness Shop" on Princess Street. Robert enlisted in the Armed services during World War II and served throughout. I have lost track of his family any further than I have related except that "Mollie" is now deceased. I remember receiving an inquiry several years ago from a funeral home regarding a burial plot in Glenwood Cemetery. Unfortunately Mollie had buried Alex in the McCormick plot and no other grave remained in this plot. I expect that burial was made in Cataract Cemetery.

I hope that this may provide answers to some of your queries.

From Ellie Cochrane Moore....

My December issue arrived today and was a wonderful holiday treat - just the reason why I look forward to getting it.

Many thanks for including Bruce Caughey's history of the fire department. For some reason I never was aware of Estel's role in it before. Morrison Scott's history of the mud house was

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fascinating, as was my first tour of it as a child. Being from Buffalo, I just couldn't imagine such, yet it was a thing the family just always knew. The history of electricity on the Island was also great. Thanks again to Bruce. I remember being quite impressed when we visited Uncle Dave and Auntie Mary Filson because they didn't have it. Lots of facts that my parents knew probably just never got mentioned because they didn't seem important to them or else I didn't listen because I was too young to care.

One thing that struck me about the electricity story was the trips across the frozen bay with Art's horse and sleigh. One indelible memory I have is of the trip across the bay with Uncle Tom's sleigh and I believe more than one horse for Grandma's funeral in January of '47. I was not yet three and it made an impression.

It was also nice to read Hazel Reynold's letter and know she is doing well, not to mention Morrison who was one of the babies born on the Island the same year as Mom, 1901.

The mention of the I.S.L.E. cheese sale caused me to wonder if anyone could tell the history of the cheese

factory. I remember touring it as a child and we always took a wheel of that wonderful cheese. It had to be the best ever!

Thanks for keeping Amherst Island's history alive along with your accounting of current events. [Staff- Ellie is the daughter of Edna Strain and Sam Cochrane. Uncle Dave and Aunt Mary were Dave Filson and his wife Mary (nee Fleming) Filson. They were Ed Filson's parents and lived one house east of Glenn's Store. Art was Arthur Drumgoole who used to bring mail across the frozen bay with his horse and sleigh. He lived in the house now owned by Allen and Bonnie Caughey. Uncle Tom was Tom Cochrane who lived where the Pollock family is now - the former Veech place. Grandma was Annie (nee Fleming) Cochrane.

The Beacon staff very much enjoyed this letter and hope that more people will write us.]

Winter's Swan Song

- Alex and Janet Scott

Last week, just before the lake froze, the South Shore was visited by two large swans. These were Mute Swans, not the Tundra or Whistling Swans that are more commonly seen here in small numbers in the spring and autumn.

The Mute Swan is a native of Eurasia, but was brought to North America to grace parklands and other public areas. Over the years some of these birds escaped and now live in a wild state. It is non-migratory, although it can fly quite well, and in Ontario it is mainly found around the Great Lakes where there is some open water all winter. They are most commonly found in our area at Perch River N.Y.

It is slightly larger than the Tundra Swan, with an orange bill which tends to point downward from a gracefully curved neck, as contrasted with the Tundra's more horizontal black bill. The Tundra Swan also tends to carry its neck much straighter.

What promised to be a good year for hawks and owls has deteriorated badly with December's winter storm that followed several inches of snow j21, w

The good news is, by the time you are reading next month's Beacon, the first spring birds will be arriving! Watch for increasing numbers of Horned Larks on the roadsides about February 12, and Crows about February 18. Both these species are present in small numbers now, but will be the first migrants to return in spring.

Historical Tid-Bits from W.I. Tweedsmuir Book
- Alice E. Hogeboom (Mrs Clarence Hogeboom)
How Did the Island Get its Name?

Our Island, like most of Canada, was first inhabited by Indians who gave it the musical and descriptive name, Kaounesgo. This name meant "the drowned land" or "land under water". Why such a name should have been given is very hard to see unless, perhaps, the first Indians did land near the marsh and the name given to that part of the Island was given, eventually, to the whole place.

The first explorers were French. LaSalle, one of their foremost workers, with his right hand man, Tonti, explored the land around our Island. LaSalle claimed much of this land as an estate for himself. The estate included part of the mainland, Wolfe, Howe and Simcoe, Brother and Amherst Islands. It was the first land ever claimed by a white man in what is now Ontario. To honour Tonti, LaSalle named our Island after him. Tonti had lost a hand. To hide his defect he wore an iron hand covered by a leather glove. Of course, the Indians did not know this and one blow from Tonti's iron fist

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was enough to discipline any of the superstitious savages. And so Isle Tonti got its second name.

While the French owned Canada they did not try to make any settlements in what is now Ontario for very obvious reasons. They were interested only in hunting and trapping; and, of course, lack of roads and the density of its forests made settlement next to impossible. Only some very vital event would make settlement come about. That event came after the British took Canada from the French. In fact, it was another war; this time the American colonies to the south declared war against Britain. Some of the colonists refused to fight the Mother Country. After the war they found that living in the States could be very uncomfortable for those who remained loyal to England. England, to show her gratitude, offered these loyal people refuge in Canada. These United Empire Loyalists became our first settlers. With settlers in Upper Canada, a Governor was appointed in 1792. This Governor, Colonel John Graves

Simcoe, changed many of the French names to ones of English origin. He changed the name of Isle Tonti to Amherst Island; Amherst was a British general of that period.

Musty Papers

- Thomas Sylvester -

Islanders have been politely asking when will my book(s) be finished and what sort of stuff can be all that interesting on "old musty papers." I have had a great deal of luck stumbling on material particularly relevant to Philip Gillesse's research on boats & small craft. The memo reprinted below is significant in recording that residents had either craft or access to boats to transport their surplus flour. In fact, the memo details the preliminary exchange of agricultural products between Upper Canada and the United States:

Navy Hall 31st July 1793

Full permission may be given to the Inhabitants of Upper Canada to exchange their Flour at Oswego, in Boats or Craft (bone fide) Their property for the following enumerated Articles Viz. Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Spars, Planks, Boards, Knees, Futtocks, or any kind of Ship Timber; Hoops, Staves, Shingles, Clap Boards, Trees Wood, Lumber, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Tallow, Hemp, Flax, and every kind of Naval Stores, Seeds, Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Beans, Pease, Potatoes, Rice, Oats, Barley, and all other Grains, Butter, Cheese, Honey, Horses, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Poultry, and other live Stock and like Provisions and Fresh Fish, & whatsoever is of the Growth of the United States, and Gold or Silver Coin or Bullion.

Signed E B Littlehales

Military Brigade

Obviously, Thomas is enjoying himself which is the primary reason he is still looking for more, rather than committing himself to write. Next month for Valentines Day: Love letters of Island immigrants 1818 - 1821.

Obituary

Thelma Josephine Howard

- Staff

Thelma Howard died on January 12 in Kingston. She was born Thelma Josephine Glenn on March 14, 1921, at the house now occupied by Marshall and Marion Glenn. Her parents were Robert D. Glenn and Olive Kathleen Henderson (aunt to Albert Henderson). She had two older brothers Gordon and Marshall. She attended SS#5 public school - now owned by Bruce Caughey.

Thelma married Charles (Charlie) Benjamin Howard and they lived at the corner of the 2nd and the Emerald

40'.

Thelma was a brave person who was always cheerful regardless of life's trials. She worked as a Red Cross Homemaker from the mid-70s through the mid-80s. The Beacon staff remember her kindness to our friend and neighbour Charles Densem.

Surviving Thelma are: her brother, Marshall; her son, Robert, and his wife, Varlerie; her niece, Juanita, and nephews, Francis and Murray.

Her family requests that any donations in her memory be made to the Kidney Foundation or to any other charity of your choice.

Marion Ellen Eves

- Staff

Marion Eves passed away peacefully and full of years on December 27, 1995. She was born Marion Ellen Willard on April 17, 1898, in a house that used to be on the property now owned by Elsie Densem - Lot 6, Con. 1.

Her parents were Alfred Willard and Charlotte (Lottie) Adair. Marion attended SS#5 on the third when her family lived on Nut Island. Alfred, Charlotte and family eventually moved to Stella and lived in the house that was purchased from the Dave Willard estate for a ferry parking lot. Alfred fished in the summer and drove a stage in the winter. He is remembered as being a fine hand with horses.

It was a large family with Marion having 11 brothers and sisters: Charles (1895-1965), John (1896-1977), Fred (1898-1916), Hiram (1899-1922), Claude (1901-1985), Jessie (b.1902), Dave (1904-1988), Annie (1906-1990), Dorothy (1908-1987), Jenny (1910-) and Munro (1913-1929). Fred and Marion were twins.

Charlie and John both became captains on lake boats, married and lived in Kingston. They later became pilots on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Fred died in the First World War. Hiram became a sailor and drowned on the Great Lakes. Claude married Ruth McCormick (sister of Leonard), a

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teacher. They farmed next door to Avery Brown and later moved to Kingston. Claude is Eldon Willard's father. Jessie married Melville Ellerbeck and lives in Kingston. Dave, a bachelor, sailed the Great Lakes in the summer and returned home to the Island for the winter. Annie married Joe Clyde. They owned Clyde's Dairy in Kingston and also had a large farm on Counter Street. She was a very stylish lady - loved big hats - and travelled all over the world. Dorothy is remembered as "a real character". She married Mr. Laffrenier. Jennie

married Ford Kerr and had a large family. The girls became teachers. The boys were mechanics: they formed Kerr Bus Lines. Munro died of meningitis while a high school student.

Marion married James (Jimmie) Eves. He was an older bother of John Eves (grandfather of, among others, Lance and Vincent Eves). James was a sailor but later farmed on the Third and the South Shore. Marion lived in Stella for a while and eventually left the Island to live in Kingston. Her children were: Norman, Harvey, Wilmer, and Isabel. Marion lived a long and useful life. She enjoyed good health and had a sound memory into her 98th year.

Marion is survived by: her sisters, Jessie and Jenny; her children, Harvey and Wilmer; and numerous grandchildren, nephews, nieces and other family members.

Alice Elizabeth White, R.N.

- Staff

Alice Kearney died January 1, 1996, in Amherstview. She was born Alice Elizabeth Kearney on Lot 25, Concession 1, in the house now owned by Rick Bedford. She married Arthur White, a brother of Mrs. Madeleine Glenn of Stella. She is survived by: her brothers, Arthur, Gerald, and Donald; her sisters, Jean, Edna, Laurine, and Mary; and, her son, Donald. [The Beacon would appreciate more information on Mrs. White and on the Kearney family.]

Apology: The December Beacon incorrectly identified Hazel Reynolds as an aunt of Dorothy Willard. Hazel Reynolds is an aunt of Donna Willard.

Thank You Notes

I wish to thank my many friends, neighbours and relatives for their kind visits, phone calls, cards, deeds of kindness and concerns. And especially for the food treats brought to our door and mail box since breaking my heel on Dec. 30th. Marshall adds his thanks too. Two and a half months looks like quite a while to be chief cook and bottle-washer.

Marshall and Marion Glenn

A Letter Home

Happy New Year! New Year's Eve was a quiet event at our house. We had dinner with friends and after saying good bye to them, slipped into bed long before 1996 had a chance to be rung in. I trust there were many others still awake and partying to do the

welcoming of the New Year and that Father Time did not feel neglected.

Christmas on the Island is always a family time with church Carol Services, friends and family visiting and, of course, lots of food. I think that, like the turkey at dinner, we tend to stuff ourselves until we can hardly waddle around. Fortunately, the weather has provided a great source of exercise. We've been cross country skiing and there has been enough snow to toboggan. However, the Island is a little short of hills. I saw all the Kilpatrick's skating on the Bay. They had a large patch of ice cleared of snow and they seemed to be having a good time even if I could only see a group of black spots whizzing around.

I like living on the water. An old aunt of mine used to say that being able to see the water was like having company. There's always something interesting happening either with or on the water. Yesterday we saw a large white swan swimming among the ice flows at the Stella dock. How it got there and why it was there I have no idea. I only hope it survives.

The cold temperatures have caused the ice to come to stay earlier than it did last year and at this point the Amherst Islander seems to be making the trips reasonably on time. Yes, that's right the little boat has come home for a while. The dock repairs are about done except for finishing touches and cleaning up loose ends.

The farm is quiet this time of the year. There's mainly feeding, machinery repair and all the odd jobs we never seem to find time to do during the other 10 months.

We want you to know our thoughts were with you during the Holidays and we wish we could have been there to celebrate. Maybe next year! This will give us all something to look forward to.

Our best wishes for 1996.

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Mar. 22 Mar. 27

Apr. 19 Apr. 24

May 17 May 22

June 14 June 19

Events Calendar

Jan 20... Garbage Bag Tag cost rises to \$1.50 per tag

Jan 15... Public Meeting re Amalgamation at 8:00 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

Jan 30... Special Council Meeting (Budget) 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Feb 6... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. Council

Chambers

Feb 17... Winter Blah's Dinner and Dance (see ad)

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Beacon Notes

So, its February and the worst of the winter is behind us... we hope! Maybe we can start to wish for spring to show its face - even just for a few days.

Council has had a very busy month with lots of important meetings. The Restructuring (aka Amalgamation) meetings will involve travelling to the mainland which is not thought highly of around here but what can you do. We had better get used to it because its pretty unlikely that Amherst Island will be the government seat for any new municipality.

Not only will restructuring occur on a municipal level but rumours are getting stronger that we will be removed from Kingston and the Islands federal riding. And, it is strongly rumoured that the province will save money by piggy-backing their new ridings on top of the Federal ones. So we will have a new home on all political levels. Changes, changes and more changes... it is going to be a very interesting next few years.

So without further delay, we begin with Council...

Special Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

Amalgamation Meeting

January 25th, 1996

About fifty people attended the amalgamation meeting with Arnold Adams, deputy reeve of Ernestown. He explained that Ernestown had pulled out of talks with Kingston City because Kingston was only interested in joining with Amherstview and did not want the rural parts of Ernestown Township. He explained that Ernestown was looking at a 40% reduction in municipal grants, and the Council wished to see if there were savings to be made by joining with other townships. Ernestown is interested in exploratory talks, so that people have some facts and figures on which to base a decision. Until these are available Mr. Adams said that he had no opinion on whether amalgamation would be a good idea or not. Several people from the audience then spoke.

People raised several points: would we have as good service if we were part of a larger township; will we be forced into amalgamation by the province; will there be job losses; will our taxes go up or down? Nobody knows the answers to these questions until there are many more discussions.

The overall impression I got of the amalgamation business was that almost nobody wants it but local councils feel that they should talk about it in case the province comes along with a big stick and forces municipalities into it.

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Township Of Amherst Island

Notice Of Public Meeting

February 20, 1996 8:00 p.m.

Amherst Island Community Centre

Kelly Hineman, Reeve of the Village of Bath and Warden of the County Of Lennox and Addington, will be in attendance at a public meeting next Tuesday. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the possible amalgamation and/or joint service proposals and to hear Reeve Hineman's views on these matters.

Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer

February 14, 1996

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

Budget

January 30, 1996

All members of Council were present. Reeve Ashley was welcomed back by all. Before the budget deliberations began, several other items were dealt with in short order.

- The Clerk-treasurer updated Council on the Back Beach. Our lawyer, Larry Levine, has received a copy of a letter from Mr. Matthews to Mr Marshall in the Provincial government. The letter urges the government to complete their part of the agreement. Mr. Levine thought that this delay would not jeopardize the agreement.
- An invitation was approved to invite Federal, Provincial and local area municipal politicians to attend a meeting (8:00 p.m., March 8, 1996, at the school, if available) concerning the docks. Also present will be representatives of Federal and Provincial ministries.
- Councillor Woods was voted the Ferry Manager's honoraria for last month. He accepted it with reluctance.
- Councillor Scott gave an update on the defibrillator. Ours should be here within a month and training in its use will be proceeding in February.
- In a closed session, a recommendation was passed to proceed with the land purchase for landfill site expansion if the Ministry of the Environment approves.

Council then proceeded with the budget... We left the last meeting with Council asking all departments to produce budgets that were 80% of last year's budgeted amount. This in order to reduce the budget by \$24,000 or thereabouts which the Province won't be sending us this year.

The Emergency Response Team submitted a budget of \$2,200 (80% of 1995's \$2750). To achieve this, they will not purchase any new equipment or training materials.

I must have blinked but I didn't hear the Cemetery budget being submitted, however, at the recent Public Meeting, Mr Caughey did mention that they managed to produce a budget following Council's request.

The Fire Department submitted a budget of \$25,800 which is equal to \$100 per household for 258 Island households (actually its 261 this year). The Fire Chief said that he went to zero budget process - that is, he figured out what the minimum was that would run the department for 1996. This amounted to \$21,460 with the remaining \$4,340 going to the Firehall repayment. Within the budget, there were 7 options presented to reduce the budgeted amount. Of these Chief Scott wrote, "I do not agree with any of the following, and they could have a direct impact on the safety of the members of the department and the community." Some of the options were: to eliminate the honoraria (\$4,150 saved); not to safety check, maintain or insure Truck #4 - the pumper (\$2,400 saved); pull out of Mutual Aid

(\$430 saved); all the way down to eliminating the department (\$25,000 saved). After some discussion of this budget document plus a letter from Ian Murray as President of the Fire Fighter's Association (advocating no budget reduction), Council accepted them for future consideration.

The Public Works Superintendent did not present a written budget because he wasn't clear what Council was asking for. Superintendent Miller said he felt a 20% reduction of the grant portion could be achieved by a 36 hour work week with time off in lieu of overtime plus the resulting reduced machine time. If Council wanted more reductions, he said he would do his best to comply. He asked for Council's input as to how clean he should be keeping the landfill site and what were other priority items.

The Clerk-treasurer was not able to do a General Administration budget because of her heavy workload. She did not seem particularly hopeful that a 20% reduction could be practically achieved in this department as many of the costs are beyond easy control.

The other departments were then gone through one by one by examining the Budget Summary for the year past. While not in a lot of detail, the emphasis was to look for potential savings. It does not appear that many departments can be easily reduced by Council's desired 20%. [It is worth emphasizing that making up for a \$24,000 shortfall in Provincial funding is Council's initial goal in this round of preliminary department budgets.]

- Environmental Concerns may well require extra money to be spent if the landfill site is expanded.
- Emergency Planning already must absorb a 50% increase for

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the 911 dispatch service, and may have to purchase and put up road signs not to mention the individual identification signs.

- Back Beach had a budget of \$10,000 for professional fees. Council's initial thought was to leave it alone, just in case.
- Planning may need a larger budget this year if the Official Plan needs to be reviewed.
- The Clerk-treasurer asked Council to think about Animal Control as she questioned its cost/benefit. And the list goes on...

One surprise for Council was a \$70,000 over-expenditure on the ferry operation. This was largely extra fuel costs for the Frontenac II which was kept longer than normal because of the dock construction. Some of our portion of this money may well be

recoverable but funding arrangements are not as clear anymore with the new government re-arranging departments so there is no firm answer out there yet.

Two rumoured changes have proved false... first, the Province will allow counties to levy separately for roads, and; second, there had been a suggestion that funding for ferry expenditures would not be available until March or April which would have really put us behind the 8-ball. This has been cleared up so we will be getting our monthly checks.

So, that's where Council stands now... the budgets have, in large part, been submitted and they will be considered. The next budget meeting date will be set at the February council meeting. The submitted budgets show a saving of about \$22,000 which goes a long way towards the \$24,000 needed.

Just in case anyone was unclear of how much tax the Township collects, look no further than the 1995 numbers:

County... \$43,000
Public School Board... \$242,000
Separate School Board... \$18,000
Amherst Island... \$166,000
Total Collected... \$463,000

If you add this up, it doesn't... that's because of a wild card called the Telephone Tax which is either (and I'm not sure which) a tax to provide counselling for unwanted telephones, or a tax in lieu of providing cellular phones for a protected walrus mating area (a mandated requirement of the Free Trade Pact - it is amazing what you find in the fine print).

Township Of Amherst Island
Suggested Amendments to the Dog Control By-law

Council is considering amendments to the Dog Control By-law as follows:

1. (New) Registering and Licensing your dog would be optional. A license would cost \$10.00 for each dog or \$40.00 for a kennel license.
2. No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to run at large in the Township of Amherst Island.
3. (Revised) The fine for any dog running at large is \$50.00 for first offence, \$75.00 for second offence, and \$100.00 for the third and subsequent offences. The fine for a license dog is \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$75.00.
4. Any dog found running at large may be seized and impounded. All fees, including pound fees, must be paid before the dog is released to the owner.

Please forward your comments on these amendments to the Township Office by Tuesday, March 5th, 1996. A copy of the draft by-law is available at the Township Office for \$0.50.

Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer
February 14, 1996

Amalgamation Meeting

- Don Tubb

The Beacon will be following the amalgamation talks between the Island and several surrounding municipalities. These talks are important because we, as Islanders, may soon lose what control we have over our local government, the services provided, our taxes, etc. Consider our situation now with the influence 400 Island voters would have within a municipality of 20-30,000 people. Our relative control now starts to look pretty good.

As will be apparent soon, I was not impressed with what transpired at the meeting but I wasn't surprised having been forewarned. So, this item will be divided into two sections: first what happened and second, some impressions.

The facts...

- On January 31, 1996, a joint meeting of area municipalities was held at North Fredericksburgh Community Centre.

- Present were Council members from five area townships (Adolphustown, Amherst Island, Ernestown, North Fredericksburgh and South Fredericksburgh) with Reeve Ashley, Councillor Woods and Councillor Scott representing the Island.

- Also present were several Island residents, Clerk-treasurer Pearce, and a Ministry of Municipal Affairs representative.

- After an hour and a half of discussion, a resolution was passed to have the municipalities provide financial information to the MMA which will give some indication of the level of saving if this group were to amalgamate. The South Fredericksburgh Reeve said that providing their information would be dependent on Council's approval.

- Several other municipalities will also be requested to provide the same information including Bath, Napanee and Richmond. I don't know if Camden East and

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Newburg were also included as those names were being suggested but may not have made the resolution.

- Once MMA has had time to do the analysis, another meeting will be called which will be again held at the North Fredericksburgh Community Centre being centrally located within the area.

- The meeting was told that the Provincial Government has no guidelines to help groups of municipalities figure out if what they are trying to do is acceptable to the

Province but it is presently writing the regulations under which these new municipal areas will operate.

Some impressions...

It was plain from this two hour meeting that:

- none of the representatives wanted to be there, and, the only reason that they participated was 'if we don't do something ourselves the Province will do it for us' (to paraphrase several comments);
- none thought amalgamation was a good or necessary idea;
- some representatives wanted to limit discussion to the integration of services, common problems and common goals rather than amalgamation;
- animosities between various participants were evident and these may threaten the effectiveness of the process if not the process itself;
- finally, it was obvious that each council will work to maximize benefits for their municipality while minimizing negative effects (which is only natural as each council was elected to represent that municipality only... so we could easily end up with the group not working towards a rational and fair new municipality).

Whether this group of municipalities will or can work together is an open question because South Fredericksburg is already talking with Bath. South Fred's Reeve made it clear that he (personally) was opposed to attending this meeting while they are talking to Bath. This other set of talks may be one of the reasons why Bath did not attend the meeting. There is considerable uncertainty about everything because the make-up of the group may change with the possible inclusion of Napanee, Richmond Township, Camden Township, Newburg and Bath... that has not yet begun to play itself out.

No details were discussed about what could be shared, rationalized or eliminated. It was pointed out by Ernestown representatives that they have variable mill rates depending on the level of services provided to that area. The implication is that each region of this municipality would be expected to pay its own way. One exception to this area by area self-sufficiency was that the Ernestown industrial park would be supported by all because it is 'for the good of all' (sort of a quote from Reeve Gilmore).

No one wanted to eliminate the County, or County Council rather: L&A would just have fewer townships. And, no one at this meeting expressed a desire to have amalgamation talks at the County level - ie have the county as one municipal region. This option was, however, brought up by a couple of members of the audience.

So what can we expect from a group of municipal representatives who are very reluctantly doing something they don't agree with, for which there are no

rules or even guidelines, and who bring baggage to the table? Your guess is as good as mine.... I'm not optimistic that much constructive will be accomplished until one or more of the above conditions changes.

ACW Sponsoring a Beef Dinner

Saturday, March 23, 1996

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

Adults \$10.00

Children 4-12 \$5.00

Pre-schoolers free

Euchre starting at 8:00 p.m.

Township Of Amherst Island

Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, May 4th, 1996

Municipal Garage

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer

February 14, 1996

Regular Council Meeting

-Chris Kennedy

February 6th 1996

The Reeve was back in the chair for this meeting, and all the councillors were present. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were corrected and approved. It was decided that the Clerk should go to a seminar in Belleville on labour negotiations. The Township's contract with the Ontario Public Service Employee's Union is due for renegotiation this spring.

In response to a question from Lyn Fleming, Stuart Miller said that the Public Works crew fixes the ferry ramp when requested to do so by the ferry captains, so problems should be mentioned to the ferry crew.

The Township is moving ahead as fast as possible with the negotiations and paperwork

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needed to enlarge the dump, and Council hopes that all will be in place before the March 1st deadline.

The Township has requested the ferry captains to complete the yearly evaluations of all the full-time ferry employees. These will be reviewed by the Ferry Management Committee before being returned to the crew.

The Reeve left the room for the next item. There was considerable discussion of the use, and possible

occasional abuse, of sick days, by the ferry crew. It was finally decided that any crew member who has used six sick days without a doctor's certificate since June would be requested to produce a certificate before being granted any more sick days. This was a recorded vote, Scott voting against. The Coast Guard has ordered all marine engineers, including those on our ferry, to take a mandatory two week course, in Owen Sound, before the end of 1997. The course costs \$1200, and the Township will have to pay all the living expenses while the engineers are away. Let us hope that the course is worth all the money it will cost the Township.

Ralph Woods has talked to the local head of MTO about the ferry subsidy, and there is more elsewhere in the Beacon about that. There will be a special Council meeting on March 8th to discuss plans for the change in ownership of the ferry docks. The local M.P. and M.P.P. will be present.

All plans for the Fire Department have been put on hold until the budget is approved, and the Fire Chief knows how much money he has to work with. Likewise the cemetery maintenance contract was tabled until the budget is approved. Val Wolfreys has been appointed to the Recreation Committee.

The Dog Control By-law was discussed. Collecting the license fees has proved to be more trouble than it was worth. It was decided that licensing will be voluntary, but that the regulations governing stray dogs will be kept, with steeper fines if a stray dog is unlicensed.

The OPP have been over by snowmobile checking cottages. They have also been here enforcing the Stop sign in the village. The Township received a letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources stating that the open season for harvesting bull-frogs for either commercial or personal use, has been closed, so you have been warned. Two severances were granted in principle to the owners of the old Fowler house, subject to the usual conditions.

The Rabies Clinic this year will be held at the new Fire Hall on May 4th., with councillors volunteering as the extra staff required. Council then went into closed session to discuss personnel and other matters.

Help we need our home back!
Do you knit, do you sew, do you paint, do you carve, do you have a hobby that needs a venue to be seen and sold? Let's for a group to sell our wares in downtown Stella. Phone Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Special Council Meeting
-Don Tubb

Budget

February 15, 1996

This is definitely the last council report for this Beacon... too many as is. And they don't get any better...

All members of Council were present except for Councillor Woods who is away for a while. The Clerk-treasurer, one member of the public (Peter Morgan), and I were also there.

Council met to discuss various items, one of which was a very nasty shock from MTO. Are you sitting down?

The Township has received its monthly payments for the ferry operation but instead of getting \$89,700 for each month, we got \$76,300 which is a 15% decrease. When contacted by the Clerk-treasurer, a MTO representative told her that this was an interim decrease which might change when the Province sets its budget in the spring. The Clerk-treasurer thought that a change for the better would be in the class of a 'miracle' and that there was a good possibility that it would be worse. This means that we will have to raise another \$171,582 if the 1996 expenditures are as predicted. In the past, these seem to have been quite accurate. So, instead of \$127,102 we are now responsible for \$298,684 (perilously close to 25% of operating costs).

Council discussed this but made no decisions except to ask for suggestions from a committee called the Pro-Action Strategy Committee. It is composed of two members of Council, two captains (one is the Senior Captain) and four union members (one from each crew). They will be asked to make recommendations to Council by the next Regular Meeting. A decision by Council is needed as soon as possible because the ferry has been operated since the start of the year as if we were still getting 90% subsidy meaning that we have to pick up the extra in the remaining 10 months... if it stays at 25% for our share.

I think we need a blank line or two to give us a breather...

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There was a bit of potentially good news in that Council has received a proposal from Manley Insurance for the Township's group insurance. It is considerably less than what we pay to London Life which has been asked to provide a competitive bid.

The landfill site expansion is going ahead with no apparent major problems. That's all I can report... specifics were mentioned but I did not have the documentation to make sense of them.

Council then proceeded to consider the 1996 budget.

The Clerk-treasurer distributed a draft budget as a starting point for Council. It was gone over line by line with the Clerk-treasurer explaining the ins and outs of each section (and there are lots of ins and outs to be explained). The bottom line of that document was a 5.63% increase. To cut a long story short, Council members then proceeded to try and find savings which they did.

- Council passed a resolution that the landfill site be closed on Saturdays henceforth or soon;
- Council passed a resolution to reduce the Firefighter's honoraria by 20% (a saving of about \$800);
- Council re-worked the remuneration for the Livestock Valuer who instead of \$1,000 flat fee will get \$25 per call. Council will be examining whether they can charge a user fee to recover this cost;
- In conjunction with the above, Council also passed a resolution to pay the Dog Control officer a flat fee of \$1,000.

One of the big items affecting the budget this year is the landfill site expansion. The estimate is that our net cost will be around \$18,000 which is a pretty big chunk of cash.

The Clerk, as requested, has reduced the General Administration budget estimate by 20% across the board but looked to Council to figure out how this could be achieved. It is difficult to reduce each division (ie hydro, heat, telephone, general supplies, maintenance, etc) by 20%. Council noted this point and will look for what savings can practically be achieved.

It became evident as the evening wore on that not all figures were included in the budget estimates. These will be picked up the next time around. So, that's where we stand... a start, but more work to do yet which means that until next time, bye, bye....

Wanted - Summer Rental

Family of five from Prince Edward island is looking to rent a suitable sized cottage or house anywhere on Amherst Island for the summer of 1996 (July and August essential, June optional). Preference given to dwellings that are furnished or partly furnished with major appliances. Rent is negotiable depending upon the condition of the house. Must be willing to take pets. References available on request.

For more information please contact Brian or Marie Ward at (613) 389-6425 or Andy or Maureen Tasker at home: (902) 672-3485; Fax (902) 566-0832.

The House Doctor Is In...

- Don Tubb

Dear Doc:

What's cheap and effective to do to a house in the middle of winter to improve comfort and reduce energy costs..

Signed: Shivering In Bed

Dear Shivering:

There are several practical and very effective things that most homeowners can do to improve the thermal performance of their homes even in the winter.

First, change the air filter on your forced air furnace and do it about once a month during the heating season. If you have air conditioning then you will have to do it during the summer too (some people remove the filter and simply tape the filter opening shut). A clogged air filter can dramatically reduce the efficiency of a furnace. I have seen figures which suggest over 20% which means the furnace has to be on a lot more to heat the house.

Second, make sure the weather stripping on exterior doors is in good physical condition and well adjusted. Instead of trying to patch up older weather stripping it is often best to simply replace what you have. This is one of those cases where you do get what you pay for as more expensive weather stripping should be more durable and adjustable. Both are important because door weather stripping takes a tremendous beating through the year and often needs to be tuned up before each heating season.

Third, install foam pads behind the cover plates of any electrical outlet or switch on exterior walls. And put the child proof guards in any unused receptacle. Studies vary tremendously in their conclusions but they generally agree that for the average house, a lot of air enters and leaves the house through electrical outlets. A house has to be quite new before you find electrical boxes that have been 'draft-proofed'. [By the way, it is common for people to try and stop cold drafts coming into a house but virtually no-one thinks about the warm drafts going out. This pertains

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not only to windows where people put interior storms but also to electrical outlets and switches, and doors. Virtually any opening that allows cold air in will allow warm air out when the wind switches direction.]

Fourth, install an insulating wrap on your hot water tank if conditions allow. This should significantly reduce energy costs as roughly 15% of the total energy put into the tank is lost through the side walls. If you want to go a little further, put some pipe insulation on the first metre or two of both the hot water pipe coming out of the tank and the cold water pipe going in. [The condition mentioned above is if the tank is in a very wet

or humid location. Putting more insulation around the tank might cause rusting so it is not advised in this situation. And, you have to be careful when doing propane fired tanks to keep any insulation well away from the flame or air inlet or the flue which also goes for the pipe insulation too.]

So there you go, a few ways to improve the house which won't cost you an arm or a leg, which are easy and quick to do plus you should both feel better and see the difference in your energy bills. What more can you ask for...?

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Lloyd Wolfreys, recovering from broken ribs after a fall at work. Best wishes also to Dick Shurtleff, Vaughan McMullen and Reeve Duncan Ashley, all recovering from various illnesses and/or broken bones.

Former Island resident Jean Wires passed away earlier this month. Our sympathies to her son David, and family and nephew Peter Coulson.

A combination of flu and red measles vaccinations has really thinned out school attendance this week. More than one-third of the students at AIPS were either at home or sent home last Monday.

Speaking of vaccination - a round of applause for Earle Willard and his crew for pulling back into the dock last Thursday for the school bus. All the Island kids from JK to Grade 8 had been bussed to Bath for this vaccination. The bus arrived back at the dock just after the ropes were untied and this thoughtful crew went back into the dock for those kids. Many thanks. (And no we won't expect you to do the same for all of us).

For Sale

There are still a few copies of the Women's Institute book "Environmentally Friendly Hints" available at Glenn's Store. A price increase is probable for future orders so why not get your copies at the present \$8.00 each. Always a good idea to have one on hand for a gift.

A new shipment of Amherst Island sweatshirts (both crew neck and hooded) will be available in March. If you have special colour and size requests - please phone Susie Caughey at 389-2012. This is an ongoing project of the Presbyterian Church Women. Your support of this endeavour is very much appreciated.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Our January meeting was held at the home of Irene Glenn and we were pleased to welcome our guest speaker Chris Kennedy who presented each of us with a book by Jehanne Benoit called "Cooking Lamb for Sheer Pleasure". As we had already exchanged our own favourites during Roll Call I'm sure that we can all serve lamb a different way for many weeks to come. When our guest started he stated that he wasn't good at speaking to groups - he then proceeded to explain how he became involved in sheep farming, the different countries he had been to, finding out the methods used and how Topsy Farm is run, with such enthusiasm that the opening remark was proved totally wrong. We were treated to a very informative talk which covered all areas of sheep farming, after which our hostess served a lunch before we started on our Brown Bag Auction. This as always was a lot of fun and those Brown Bags can be very deceiving. (Anyone in the market for a three-headed burger flipper? My is in the book!)

Our February 21st meeting will be at the home of Helen Miller at 8 p.m. and a previously cancelled guest, the Dairy Educator, will be our speaker. We would, as always, enjoy your company so please try to join us.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Well, I did make the Sage and Garlic Flowerpot bread as I stated in last month's Beacon. I can tell you that it is truly a labour of love and if you want something uniquely different, phone me for the recipe.

Every now and then I want a meatless meal. Ann Lindsay's Light Kitchen has a good recipe for...

Pasta With Chick-Peas, Tomatoes and Herbs

2 cups penne pasta, corkscrew or other pasta

1 Tbsp olive oil.

1 large clove garlic, minced

119 oz can tomatoes (undrained) chopped

1 tsp each dried basil and oregano

1 can (19 oz) chick-peas, drained and rinsed

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or parsley

1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta according to directions.

Meanwhile, in saucepan, heat oil over medium heat; cook garlic for 30 seconds. Add tomatoes, dried basil, oregano and chick-peas; simmer for 5 minutes.

Add fresh basil; simmer for 5 minutes. Pour over hot pasta and toss to mix. Sprinkle cheese over each serving. Makes 4 servings.

(In the summer when Basil is plentiful, I freeze the leaves whole. Just before I am going to use them I take them out of the freezer and while still frozen I chop them up.)

ISLE

Cheese sales are the only on-going fund-raising activity by I.S.L.E. and we are appreciative of the support you have given the effort. Please continue to do so and new customers would help to keep the sales level stable. Also, please try to remember to pick up your order. The sales and pick up dates are listed monthly in the Beacon.

I.S.L.E. supports many school activities such as swimming excursions, sports trophies, bringing in performances or speakers, purchasing computers and library books and making hot lunches weekly. Help to do this is reaching a dangerously low level and the committee is in need of new members. Consider helping by joining I.S.L.E. The meeting time can even be changed to accommodate your working schedule.

To encourage reading and keep it affordable, ISLE is sponsoring a book trade/sale on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Anyone with books their children have outgrown, or wanting some new children's/adolescent's titles, may join us that day and take part. Please price your own books. Bring them to the school on February 22. The price categories are \$0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1.00. Leftover books will be donated either to the school library or a local charity. Now's your chance to clear some space on those overloaded bookshelves! For more info., call Keitha Smith at the school, 389-4582, or Caroline Yull at 384-4071. All are welcome -you don't need to have a child in the school!

Letters To The Beacon
from Ellie Cochrane Moore

The January issue just came and I'm beginning to understand how folks get into keeping track of roots. This one is sending me scrambling for some of Mom's old records.

I'll take the easy one first. The Grandma I referred to was not Annie Fleming Cochrane. Annie died in the fall of 1943 before I was born and not even aware that I was on the way. I referred to my other grandmother, Eleanor (Ellie) Glenn Strain, who lived with us and died in January 1947.

The house I remember Aunt Mary and Uncle Dave Filson living in without electricity was not the house in the village. They lived on a farm out on the north shore beyond where the Pollock family is now. (I called Madlyn to make sure my memory was correct because I

wasn't very old at the time.)

Again, thanks for the memories,
[Staff: Dear Readers: please do not hesitate to question historical information that we print. And if you feel like adding more facts or contributing your own memories, that would be great.]

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Island History

School Section No. 1 - 125 Years Old

- Gertrude Maude

School Section No. 1 was built in 1871 on the west bank of Preston Cove, one of five one-room schools on the Island. It seems an unlikely place to build a school - so close to a bank that drops abruptly to the water - such a headache for the teacher! I understand, however, that the land, on which it stands, was donated by the Preston family who owned the farm there. That may explain the unusual location. It was built of red brick with a belfry (long gone) at the front and a large chimney at the back. A woodshed was built across the front entrance. A box stove was placed just inside the front entrance with stovepipes extending the full length of the building to the chimney at the back. It seems very typical of the hundreds of one-room schoolhouses across Ontario at that time. Crystal-clear drinking water for the school came from a spring on the property. A number of large maple trees planted by the first pupils still stand.

After the one-room schools were closed on the Island this building was used as a cottage. My husband and I bought it in 1957 and it has been used as a cottage ever since. It was badly in need of repair back then and we started patching and that is still going on.

Over the years we have had numerous visitors interested in the school - former teachers & pupils and the children and grandchildren of former teachers & pupils. We've heard many stories from these people - e.g. how the schoolboys used to make skis from barrel staves and scoot over the bank and out on to the ice; how one of the first teachers (male) and the senior boys saved a cow that had fallen through the ice into the bay. I am sure many more stories could be told by islanders born and raised here.

The patching-up job which Clare and I started in 1957 has now been passed to the younger generation. I am confident they will preserve School Section No. 1 for a while longer.

Love Letters
- Thomas Sylvester

Valentine's Day may be past, most of us have shelved the promises and affection of the day until '97 or the millennium. But our ancestors loved for the year, their lives, and even longer. Forty love letters dated 1818-1821 of one betrothed couple were recently donated to the Lennox & Addington County Archives. The Island connection of the lovers-correspondents Mary B Swetman and Thomas Nash was that their families immigrated to Amherst Island in 1821. Five families of Friends, or Quakers, from the Bristol area, England, joined their resources and chartered a vessel to Montreal. Their surnames included Boone, Lamson, Moffat, Nash, Shephard and Swetman. They collectively bought 500 acres, sometimes known as the Rev John Stuart plot (Lots 23-27, Concession I or west of Wolfreys to Whittings). The Island Quaker community lasted for ten years before moving on to Prince Edward County and points west. Their descendants include Jane Foster, manager of the Lennox & Addington County Museum. We should pity Jane who was willing to book time off, to read these letters in her work place!

The collection of love-letters record the trials of Mary's health. Thomas had proposed by November 1818, "her illness [tuberculous] was her only damper." The letters record she was prescribed pills with essence of English Poppy. Mary succumbed to the disease by Christmas 1819; yet their professed love would bring them together after this world. One particularly interesting letter was, "An Inventory of the Valuable Relicks of Mary B Swetman," listing 33 items, 14 named books and 4 larger items.

Thomas Nash, the devoted suitor married Hannah, Mary's younger sister. Thomas and Hannah lived on the Island into the 1830's. Their six children and 23 grandchildren were listed in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904.

Obviously, the collection of letters were cherished by one of the immigrants, carefully preserved in a victorian letter folder, and then apparently forgotten in a mainland attic for numerous generations. How many other attics contain Island history treasures?

Island history is an ambiguous marriage of myth and facts. These letters are particularly valuable since they obviously document the writers' contemporary thoughts and experiences. Their information has not been reinterpreted or misrepresented by story telling or subsequent writers.

The January Beacon printed an excerpt from the W I Tweedsmuir Book which repeats the myth of the meaning of the Iroquoian name for the Island, "Kaounesgo." The First People's experience with the Island related to marine contact, decidedly not to viewing the land from an elevated tractor cab. They

would never have described the Island as "the drowned land or land under water." The Iroquoian meaning is, in fact, "big long island": a very appropriate, descriptive name for our Island. This myth was first recorded by Canniff, and sequentially repeated in Herrington, Burleigh, Hogeboom and Wilson (see p2, Sylvester, Amherst Island: a Detailed Survey...).

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Thank You Notes

The family of the late Thelma Howard wish to extend heartfelt thanks to friends, relatives, and neighbours for cards, flowers, food, charitable donations, support and kindness during the loss of our mother, Thelma. Thank you to the staff of Davies 3 at K.G.H., pallbearers, Reverend Barry Van Dusen for his visits and funeral service. Everyone's thoughtfulness during this difficult time has been greatly appreciated.

Bob and Valerie Howard

I would like to thank my many friends on Amherst Island for all the get well wishes and visits and goodies during my time with the broken ankle. I would especially like to thank the A.C.W., P.C.W., and Women's Institute for their thoughtfulness. We appreciated your visits. All are welcome to visit anytime.

Sincerely,

Ray and Zelma Koenders

I would like to thank family, friends, neighbours, P.C.W. and Legion for cards, visits, well wishes and goodies given to me while I've been recuperating from my fall. A special thanks to Larry Fleming and Roxanne for taking me to emergency.

Thanks again

Lloyd Wolfreys

Emergency First Response Team Report
Cardiac Defibrillator Training
- Lynann Whitton

The cardiac defibrillator has been ordered and is on its way, and on February 3rd the EFR team had a training course to learn how to use it. The training was organised through the Regional Base Hospital and two instructors were on hand to 'put us through our paces'. Initially, we were taught the emergency procedures for dealing with a cardiac arrest (when the heart stops): the protocol involves a three person team - one person

doing resuscitation, one on chest compressions and the third in charge of defibrillation. We also learned how to use the defibrillator to monitor the hearts of patients who are not in cardiac arrest. While the obvious use for the monitoring capability is for patients who are experiencing chest pains, we can also use it in many other situations - for example, those involving an unconscious casualty, patients having breathing difficulties or suffering from a stroke, to name a few. It was a very interesting and informative training course. We would like to offer Huge thanks to our instructors - Mark Halladay (Halladay Emergency Services) and Bill Barrie (Base Hospital Regional Training Coordinator). Both of them donated their services Free Of Charge to help us get our defibrillator programme underway - normally the charge is \$60 per instructor per hour (and they were each here for 9 hours!).

The defibrillator should be here within the next couple of weeks, so we should have it in the van and ready to go by March 1st. We would like to conduct a series of public information sessions on CPR and the cardiac defibrillator, and will be contacting various groups on the Island to arrange times for a presentation. Thank you again for your support!

Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Ian Murray

Deputy Chief David Fleming is currently taking the Trainer/Facilitator course with the Ernestown Fire Department. This course is put on by the Ontario Fire College and consists of 3 days of classes.

Upon completion, David will be able to conduct training modules for our department which will meet provincial standards. He will also be able to certify those who pass each module.

In Other News...

Island Farms Receive Awards

Three Amherst Island dairy farms received certificates of merit for milk quality. These awards are given for maintaining Grade A farm premises and producing milk of above average quality. These producers are Lance and Vince Eves, A. Bruce and W. Bruce Caughey, and Keith and Donald Miller (the 12th quality certificate for the "Millers").

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Bits and Bits

Farewell to the stately tree that graced the lakeside by the former Doug Miller farm - more recently owned

by Neil Babcock and Hank Bauer, and presently owned by Steve Street. This tree was a local landmark and will be missed by many local residents. It came down in the high wind a few weeks ago - the wind that closed the ferry channel.

Congratulations to Brian Tobin on his \$53,134 annual pension from the federal government. This certainly must sweeten the pot that the new Newfoundland premier has to dip his beak into.

No joke: ballroom dancing is an Olympic sport. Judged sporting contests are bad enough in themselves, but ballroom dancing is going a bit too far.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

I.S.L.E. is offering Wilton Cheese

Don't forget to phone your order in to an A.I.P.S. student or:

Karen Fleming - 389-0210

Karen J. Fleming - 389-9869

Cathy Glenn - 389-0214

Dave Willard - 389-1656

Orders In By PickUp and Payment

Mar. 22 Mar. 27

Apr. 19 Apr. 24

May 17 May 22

June 14 June 19

A Letter Home

The sun is shining, the kids are in school, my little dog is at my feet and all is well in Paradise.

This winter's weather has had me as confused as the sheep. For several days in a row, it pours rain, then overnight the temperature drops 30 degrees F. Mother Nature is having a great deal of fun with us this year.

The Ferry has had the occasional difficult day getting across the Bay. I've heard that there are a few people driving the ice, but not me! Do you remember the days when one never thought twice about it? At that time everyone drove the ice especially when the Ferry

was taken out of service during the winter. However, there was always the occasional scary crossing and many of us have become more cautious with age.

The early lambers are taking it easy during the last weeks of pregnancy. However, there is the occasional ewe lambing before the March 5th official date. It seems a ram has been wooing the girls on moonlit nights when the shepherd wasn't watching. One more thing to keep us humble!

The Island has been all abuzz about amalgamation, cutbacks and dump negotiations. There seems to be about one public meeting a week. No decisions have been reached but we are all curious as to how this will affect us as a community and individually.

The Amherst Island wildlife is flourishing. We've seen several large groups of deer grazing. I saw 2 close up the other night. In fact, they were 5" from my front bumper. The voles and rabbits have been happily nibbling away at the greenery. I can hardly blame them as their instinct to survive is simply kicking in. I'll try to remember that this spring when I find a dead bush or two.

The sun is setting, my tea is almost done, and it's time to say goodbye for now.

Write when you can.

Events Calendar

Feb 20... Amalgamation Meeting 8:00 p.m. at AICC

Feb 21... AIWI meeting at Helen Miller's at 8 p.m.

Feb 22... ISLE Book Fair 1 p.m. in the gym

Mar 5... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Mar 23... ACW Beef Dinner 5 -7 p.m.

May 4... Anti-Rabies Vaccination Mun. Garage 5 - 6:30 p.m.

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Amalgamation Meeting

- Ian Murray

February 20, 1996

This public meeting was chaired by Acting Reeve Woods for the purpose of hearing from Kelly Heineman, Reeve of Bath and Warden of Lennox & Addington County. There were about 32 concerned citizens, Council members and our Clerk/Treasurer.

Mr. Heineman spoke with pride of the actions taken by the municipalities of Bath and South Fredericksburg towards the creation of "Loyalist Township". He spoke of the well attended public meetings of the 2 councils and the support that they are receiving from their rate payers. He referred many times to the thickness of the binder that contained about 3 inches of papers generated by the 2 councils, their respective staffs, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs studying the possible amalgamation of the 2 municipalities. It is clearly Mr. Heineman's belief that it is far better to proceed in this active manner than with the bickering of the Kingston neighbourhood or the passivity of our own county. It will be interesting to see if Loyalist Township will be able to scoop the cement plant from Ernestown.

Mr. Heineman stated that Bath and South Fred. are interested in discussing amalgamation with Amherst Island. This would be of some interest if, in the process of acquiring a mutual boundary, it led to absorbing Millhaven Prison into Loyalist Township.

Concerns were raised about the scope of the ferry operation and the ownership of the docks.

It was an interesting and entertaining meeting. Many of us are wondering what the next moves will be in the amalgamation sweepstakes.

Sidebar:

The answer to the question: Why all this fuss about amalgamation? Municipalities are, without exception, much better off fiscally than the province. The most plausible reply to that question that I've heard so far is as follows. The provincial government needs to simplify the Ministry of Municipal Affairs but can only go so far as long as there are over 600 separate municipalities; each of which demands attention on an ongoing basis. It's the desire for a smaller number of municipalities that is driving this amalgamation business not any savings to the municipal ratepayers.

I welcome any other theories on this question.

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Township Of Amherst Island

Public Notice

Ferry Rates And Schedule

As you may have heard, the subsidy received from the province for the ferry operation has been reduced by 15% effective January 1, 1996. The Ministry of Transportation advises that further reductions may take place when the provincial budget is finalized in late April or early May. Because of the ferry subsidy reduction, the Township's share of the ferry operation for 1996 is estimated to be \$298,684 an increase of \$171,582 over last year's requirement. As a temporary measure until a revised ferry subsidy agreement is reached with the Ministry of Transportation, Council has take the following steps to cope with the reduced funding.

1. Effective March 18, 1996, the following ferry rates will be charged:

Individual rates

Car & Driver... \$5.00

Passenger (riding or walking)... \$1.00

Bicycle (with rider)... \$1.50

Bulk Tickets

28 Tickets... \$60.00

There will be no charge for pre-schoolers, elementary students and secondary students unless they are operating a vehicle.

2. Ferry schedule - Effective March 18th, 1996, the ferry will operate as follows:

Monday to Sunday - from 6:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m.
(Last trip will leave Stella at 12:00 midnight and Millhaven at 12:30 a.m.)

3. The Frontenac II will be in service from Victoria Day weekend until the day after Labour Day (approximately).

Council recognizes that these changes will not be popular and, in some cases, may represent inconveniences and hardship. Unfortunately, the subsidy reduction has left Council with few alternatives. Council will continue discussions with the province to find solutions to the funding problem.

Duncan Ashley
Reeve and Ferry Manager

Regular Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
March 5th 1996

All members of Council were present, and there were about fifteen people in the audience. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were corrected and approved. There was a special meeting on February 15th to consider the budget and the landfill expansion, and a meeting with Kelly Hineman, Reeve of Bath and Warden of the County, to discuss amalgamation.

Then Peter Morgan read a statement to Council about budget cuts to the ferry and the possibility that the township should take over the docks. He proposed that the Township refuse to take over the docks and that it refuse to operate the ferry if there are any more cuts to the subsidy. Council is due to meet with the local politicians and MTO bigwigs to talk about the matter on March 8th.

Stuart Miller reported that there have been no major problems with the roads. He hopes that the crusher will be here later this month.

Alex Scott put forward a resolution requesting that the Provincial Government not decrease the ferry subsidy until a new agreement is negotiated, as the Progressive Conservative government is believed to have promised. This was passed, to be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Council then discussed the cuts to the ferry subsidy. The ferry is very rapidly heading into a severe financial hole. The Reeve declared conflict of interest for much of the rest of the discussion, as his wife works on the ferry. The union has stated that they will not reopen the

Collective agreement, but that expires at the end of this month, when it can be renegotiated. As an interim measure Council decided to cut out the last round trip on the ferry every night, and the first round trip each Saturday and Sunday morning.

Then Council decided to raise the fares. An individual vehicle ticket will be \$5. Bulk tickets will be \$60 for 28., bicycles \$1.50, and foot passengers and passengers in vehicles \$1, other than elementary or high school students, who are free. All these changes will be introduced March 18th. This will give time for the tickets to be printed. Councillors voted to request the Coast Guard give Council permission to run the Amherst Islander with a four person crew.

Ted Wemp and Gary Hitchins are to take the Engineer's course in Owen Sound at the end of the month.

So far the news on the land-fill site is good. Against great odds the required work was done and the documents processed by February 29th, the deadline being March 1st. Apart from the problems caused by the public service strike, one of the lawyers involved had their office broken into and all the computers with the information stored in them stolen about three days before the deadline. All the required surveying was done on time as well. The rush is now off, and some of the hydrogeological work needs finishing, and then it looks as though we will have a new, enlarged landfill site to see the Township through for many years to come.

Alex Scott Jr. then read a statement about the proposed bylaw and the relationship between the Fire Department and the Emergency First Response Team. David Fleming had also sent a letter to Council about it. After some discussion it was

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decided to table the new by-law until more information was available.

Council then passed the new Dog Control Bylaw. This makes the purchase of dog licences voluntary, as it appeared that it cost more to collect the licences than the licences were worth. However the Dog Catcher will still answer complaints about straying dogs, and impound them. This is not a licence to let your dog run free.

There will be a budget meeting on March 19th.

The police have been over giving warnings about the Stop sign in the village. The next time they are over they will have their ticket book out, so you have been warned. Council then went into closed session to consider some personnel matters.

Amherst Island Ratepayers Association

March 14, 1996

The Ferry

-Don Tubb

About 200 people turned out to attend this meeting sponsored and run by the A.I. Ratepayers Association. They had invited all members of Council to attend which they did (Reeve Ashley, Councillors Fleming, Scott, Whitton and Woods). Bruce Caughey acted as the Chair and Alan Glenn as the recording secretary.

The meeting was called in response to Council's actions dealing with the reduction in ferry funding. They have reduced service and increased fares which will have come into effect by the time you read this. And, they would soon be starting to negotiate a new contract with the union.

The meeting was opened with a brief summary of what has been happening with the ferry and Council's reaction to that - fare increases and service cuts. The only new item was that at a recent meeting of Council (March 13), the first trip was re-instated.

Members of Council then made brief comments. Reeve Ashley began by apologizing for not having called a public meeting to discuss what was happening. He and the others had no new information but did mention various approaches that Council was considering. None expressed any real hope that the funding would be restored to previous levels and some expected it to be further reduced when the Province sets its budget.

Mr Caughey then asked those who wished to submit written questions for Council to answer and to make suggestions for Council to consider. This allowed Mr Caughey to group similar questions but still there were dozens of questions and suggestions made. The questions ranged from:

'When can we expect a free ferry?' (Answered by the Reeve and Councillor Whitton who said that Ferry Agreement negotiations will be taking place next month and that the Province wants to deal with Wolfe Island and Glennora first.), to

'Why isn't someone pounding desks in Toronto?' (Answered by Reeve Ashley and Councillor Scott who said that Council wished to be on a good footing with those we will be negotiating with soon.), to 'What happens if we run out of subsidy before the end of the year?' (Answer was that we tie it up.).

There were suggestions too, like:

- to reduce crew size to 4 on the Amherst Islander,
- to reduce administration costs or to privatize administration,
- to eliminate the 11 a.m and noon boats giving the crew an unpaid lunch,
- reduce number of crews to 3 and reduce size to 4 crew

members.

Council would not answer questions about crew size, benefits and wages as negotiations with the union will be starting soon which limited the answers somewhat.

After about an hour of questions and taking input, Mr Caughey broke those gathered into 9 groups who were to make suggestions and give direction to Council. These groups formed and about 15 minutes later the meeting was called to order again. Each group leader gave a summary of what was recommended (as you might expect some recommendations were contradictory).

Alan Glenn, recording secretary, has given us a copy (over the phone) of the recommendations that will be sent to Council which are:

1. Lobby the provincial government.
2. Make stronger efforts to maintain the 90% subsidy.
3. Use the media more extensively to air our concerns.
4. Effect a reduction in salaries, benefits, personnel and possibly service.
5. Look to reducing non-ferry costs - administration costs, salaries, benefits and personnel.
6. Continue attempts to reach parity with Wolfe Island: service, free-trips and management.
7. Make key politicians names and addresses available to residents for individual lobbying.
8. Don't use the Frontenac II at all - we can't afford the extra cost which is incurred mainly because of the influx of summer visitors.
9. Use a punch card system on ferry in lieu of books of tickets.
10. Eliminate ferry manager position and/or hire a neutral party to manage.

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The Neighbourhood

-Annette

Annette and her girls have gone north for March break so there is little neighbourhood news.

Our sympathies to Bob and Corrine Thompson on the death of her brother.

Welcome back to snowbirds Bea and Ralph Wemp who are home from Florida and Joe and Anna Vlasik who travelled to the Cayman Islands and then on to Florida. Donna and Earle Willard are also back from a shortened holiday to South Carolina... it was, apparently, not as warm as they hoped.

Nessie Welbanks has returned to the Island after spending the winter months on the mainland with Eric.

Howard Welbanks had a short stay in hospital after a snowmobile accident on March 8th and is now home and recovering slowly.

Mrs. Helen Bach, former owner and long time summer resident at "The Cedars" will be celebrating her 100th birthday on March 21. She is a resident at Trillium Ridge Lodge in Kingston. Perhaps you could send a card or drop in for a quiet cup of tea at 2:00, Thursday, March 21. Her daughter Jeanne Johnstone will be there with her.

Maureen and John Glenn are visiting the Island from Sudbury with their family during the March break.

Also, our sympathy to Gloria French and family, on the sudden passing of Tom French.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Freda Youell

The February 21st meeting was held at the home of Helen Miller and after the Ode, Collect and National Anthem, we delayed the rest of the business items to enable our guest speaker Glenda Hudgins, the Dairy Educator, to leave for home at a reasonable hour. After telling us about the many duties involved with being the Dairy Educator and the many schools and functions that had to be visited, we heard about the processes used to produce the different milks and milk products, the contents of each and the benefits gained by consuming the daily recommended amounts. Glenda and her husband have a farm and recently changed from raising beef cattle to dairy farming so she had a wealth of first-hand knowledge to share with us. After our hostess had served us lunch and our guest departed, the meeting took on a more serious subject - Fund Raising. Several interesting events are being planned so you will find that the W.I. will be more visible this coming year. Irene Glenn donated a beautiful handmade Afghan to be raffled and get our fund raising off to a good start. It is on display at Glenn's Store and the Draw will be made at the Mother's Day Ham Dinner on May 11th. Tickets, a bargain at 3 for \$1.00, can be purchased from any W.I. member. New members and guests are invited to join us at our March 20th meeting. This will be held at the home of Helen Miller at 1:30 p.m.

Township Of Amherst Island
Anti-Rabies Vaccination Clinic
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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

When the world around me goes crazy, I often find that making chocolate chip cookies helps to soothe my soul and puts everything in perspective.

I know there must be thousands of recipes for Chocolate Chip cookies. However, I found one in an American Country Baking cookbook that has lots of oatmeal in it. They never last long in our house as we are all addicted to them. I usually double the recipe so I can make lots of big cookies.

1 1/3 cups all purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

8 oz softened butter or margarine

1/4 cup vegetable shortening

3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cups old fashioned rolled oats (I use the 1 minute oats)

6 ounces sweet chocolate cut into coarse chunks (I use chocolate chips)

Preheat oven to 375 and lightly grease baking sheet.

In a small bowl, stir together the

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flour, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, cream the butter, shortening and sugars. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Gradually add the dry ingredients, stirring until incorporated. Stir in the oats and chocolate chunks.

Drop 1/4 cup portions of cookie dough onto prepared baking sheet.

Flatten slightly with finger tips. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned on the edges.

Let the cookies cool on baking sheet 2 to 3 minutes, then transfer to rack to cool completely. Makes about 2 dozen.

Annual Fish Fry And Dance

May 18 - 1996

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(Watch this space for more information next month)

Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association

- Ian Murray

In response to several queries, here is a list of the active fire fighters, those who I expect to see at our regular meetings: Chief Alex "Sandy" Scott, Deputy

Chief David Fleming, Larry Fleming, Wayne Fleming, Paul Henshaw (bought Phyllis Strain's house), Christopher Kennedy, Ian Murray, Mark Ritchie, Alex Scott, Dick Shurtleff, and Fred Werthman.

A real problem for this department is that 4 of us wear beards and are therefore not permitted to use breathing apparatus. This means that 4 out of 11 fire fighters are unable to do rescue work in a fire situation or to get very close to a fire for any reason: insurance and liability restrictions. The bearded ones refuse to shave but are useful for truck driving and so on.

The department needs more beardless members. The training is interesting and we are very welcoming. This is a great way for a newcomer to be useful to the community.

If you are interested in joining the department, or just want more information, phone Chief Scott, Deputy Chief Fleming, or any of the above noted fire fighters.

When you call 9-1-1 you will be asked the following:

- 1) The nature of the emergency: this is so that your call can be routed to police, fire, or ambulance.
- 2) Where the emergency is: every house on the Island has a grid number and each road has a name. Please write down both and have them by each phone.
- 3) Who you are.

Please stay on the phone and answer all questions as clearly as you can. Remember that all emergency responders would prefer to be called and not needed; rather than to not be called but to be needed.

If your emergency is fire or health related, both the local fire department and the emergency response team prefer to be called out as soon as possible.

Letters To The Beacon
from A. Bruce Caughey...

I have just finished reading the current issue of the Beacon and always appreciate your wide coverage of Council Meetings and the decisions that are made. I was rather disturbed to note that the budget for the operation of the Island Cemeteries was not in hand for consideration by Council. As I indicated in my remarks at the Public Meeting this request for a reduction of 20% had been met, a record of which was made by Ms Pearce, Clerk-Treasurer. I further posed the question as to whether this 20% reduction would apply 'across the board', e.g. Roads Dept., Fire Dept., Administration and Ferry operation.

Now I would like to refer to the question of amalgamation. I have had much concern about this for the past several years. Apparently this matter has been

before County Council for some time, with the elimination of Deputy Reeves being considered. When the Township of Adolphustown, North & South Fredricksburg and Bath were holding meetings, I could not help but wonder where Amherst Island would stand and my thoughts were that 'no one would want us'. When asked why, I replied 'because we have a ferry to operate'. I was therefore surprised when officials of the Township of Ernestown indicated that they would be glad to incorporate Amherst Island into a proposed amalgamation. There are so many details to be worked out before such amalgamation

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could become a reality! The Provincial government has not as yet drawn any guidelines? At least not to my knowledge.

I was in the company of William Vankoughnet M.L.A. at a social event recently and he was anxious to hear my opinions about possible amalgamation. I was shocked to hear his opinion wherein he suggested an area extending from the Town of Trenton to Gananoque. My mind and memories flashed back to the introduction of County Boards of Education in 1969. The elected personnel on this Board were all experienced people in school administration and the budget was some \$25 million. Today the budget for operation of the L and A school system is \$47 million, due to greed and overpayment!

As I understand, the present proposal for amalgamation is an effort to reduce costs and therefore tax burdens. I admire the proposal coming from Kingston Township, from Deputy Reeve Foster and Councillor Jim Bennett wherein they state that the only way savings can be effected is to wipe the slate clean and start over again. The first Council in our Island Municipality was in 1832, when a Reeve was chosen as well as a Clerk and Treasurer, (who chose to use some of the Township tax money for his personal use). After him having been given opportunity to replace these funds and being unable to do so, two brethren of his in Burleigh Lodge backed his note for repayment (my great-great grandfather and W.H. Morrow.)

I agreed that the only way a decrease of expenditures can be achieved is to start over again, discard recognitions of any form of unions. If it is necessary for engineers to take a course in order to qualify for their job, let them pay for it themselves. In my sailing days, if you did not have the necessary qualifications you never gained any promotion! Plus the fact that you bought your own clothing, for foul weather or fair. We have got into this mess through unnecessary generosity on the part of succeeding councils.

My father went to an early grave in his 68th year, because of his determination to control the level of ferry operation, when a 'family compact' was attempting to have a family member replace a moderate cost Captain. He was rebuked, sworn at and told that his abilities ended with the operation of his farm. I was not aware of this having happened, until sometime after his death when one of his fellow councillors told me the story of what had happened.

My fear with amalgamation being initiated is that a period of some 10 - 20 years might go by with some benefit being felt, then would come another period when we would find ourselves in the same situation as today, over-governed and highly overpaid with no recognizable benefits. Let's look at this whole matter very carefully! Let's keep an eye on what our fellow Islanders on Wolfe Island are doing! They are not going to accept what appears to be in the future for them! What we need is a "Statesman" with the intestinal fortitude to put our "house" in order!

See - The Whig-Standard of February 22, reports that Kingston Township Council "Seeks Union Rollbacks".

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Further to Bruce's Letter

- Ian Murray

In 1968, I started work with the Department of Highways of Ontario as a civil engineer. It wasn't my

first choice as an employer, but DHO was one of the few employers hiring that year and it had a good reputation as an employer. There was a good training program for young engineers and I was confident that there would be more opportunities in a few years. It was a truism at that time that a civil servant could expect lower pay than in the private sector but this was balanced by much greater job security.

My starting wage was \$6800 which was certainly less than I'd hoped for. However, the government of Ontario had just permitted the civil servants to form an organization called the CSAO (civil servants association of Ontario). My belief is that this was done deliberately by senior bureaucrats and their political

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masters. Every time the CSAO got more money and benefits for its members, management and politicians got at least as much. A 10% raise on \$6000 is one thing; a 10% raise on \$20,000 is an even better thing - particularly when the tax payer continues to think that it's business as usual.

In my case, by the summer of 1972 when I quit my job, I was earning over \$13,000 and had turned down a promotion. This increase in wages was, in part, due to my climbing the management ladder, but most of it was due to the whole civil service receiving raise after generous raise.

When I left the civil service, civil servants were earning significantly more than their counterparts in the private sector. And there was still the much greater job security.

It is now 1996 and things are changing: Ontario civil servants are on strike; the province of Ontario is deeply in debt; the federal government of Canada is deeply in debt. Some municipalities are deeply in debt (not Amherst Island). A lot of citizens are deeply in debt.

Like Bruce, I wish that we could start with a clean slate. However, there is a lot of debt to clean up. There are special interests everywhere - often with federal and provincial legislation protecting them. Does anyone think that it is a simple matter to remove the union from the ferry without the active cooperation of the membership?

The fundamental problem, as I see it, is that we the electorate have continually elected to office people who have provided us with services that we are not prepared to pay taxes for. We cannot continue to expect Swedish social programs at American tax rates. Until we, as a society, are prepared to pay for what we consume, we will continue to slide towards third world status.

Finally, I want to say how few of us are innocent in what our economy has become. When I look around this

community, I see union workers who earn far more than non-unionized workers doing the same work. I see retired people living on pensions resulting directly or indirectly from union activities. I see sheep and beef farmers who did very well on government incentive programs. I see dairy farmers who have thrived in a protected market. I see people who've drawn welfare and UIC while working for cash. And so on and on. Very few of us have not taken advantage of soft headed government decisions.

I do think that some of the present provincial government actions are really indefensible. To cut promised grants after the money has been spent is just not right. To unilaterally and with no explanation, cut our ferry subsidy is just not right. To promise tax cuts to well-off people is stupid. And so on.

But! the Harris government is on the right track and it is trying to correct, in the short time available, more than 20 years of over spending and over governing. I continue to support them and I hope that I am not alone in this.

[Staff: We would like to point out that when an article like the above is signed by a member of Headlands, it does not necessarily represent the views of the other members.]

The Millers are once again looking for The Whig Standard TV Times to use in the barn. Give Keith a call at 389-2588.

Island History

Re Letter in the February issue from Ellie Cochrane Moore.

From: Irene Glenn

The house Ellie mentions belonging to Aunt Mary and Uncle Dave Filson is the house now owned by M. Pearson and her husband. This house is between Vince Aitken's and Ernest Apps'. The Filsons lived there with their family and Mr. Filson drew mail around the foot of the Island, up to Long Point and back to the village. They sold this place to Rev. Wm. and Daisy Houslander - the original house was small and I believe Rev. Houslander built around it for his summer home on the Island. As for the house not to have hydro, that was not unusual in the forties and early fifties. The first hydro came to the Island in 1937 - the line came from just above Emerald, down the Front Road and serviced the village of Stella. Most of the Island did not have hydro until well after W.W. II.

[Staff: We do have another 'Tid-bit 'from the Tweedsmuir Book but it is fairly long and needs some work on our part to get it ready so with lambing going

on, it will have to wait for another month. We haven't forgotten it!]

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

- Lyn Fleming

After a somewhat hectic year last year (for all Island groups, it seems), the Rec Committee is off to a busy start in '96.

Last year we had several shifts in membership, with some long-term, hard working members leaving, and some new faces appearing. We welcome those who have joined us, and give many thanks to those who donated so much time and energy before moving on.

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Our "Community Euchres" have got off to a great start, we've had two so far, with three more to come.

Winners were as follows:

February 23, 1996

Men 1st Prize - \$10.00 - Ray Koenders

Men 2nd Prize - \$ 5.00 - Earl Tugwell

Ladies 1st Prize - \$10.00 - Susan McGinn (Mrs Art McGinn)

Ladies 2nd Prize - \$ 5.00 - Cora McGinn

Door Prize - Douglas Gavlas

March 15, 1996

Men 1st Prize - \$10.00 - Jason Hutchings

Men 2nd Prize - \$ 5.00 - Wayne Fleming

Ladies 1st Prize - \$10.00 - Susan McGinn (Mrs Art McGinn)

Ladies 2nd Prize - \$ 5.00 - Cheryl Hutchings

Door Prize - Earl Tugwell

Final preparations for our 1st Rec Committee Bingo are under way.

Years ago when we were raising money for a community centre, 1 - 2 Bingos were held in Victoria hall. So we've dusted off the equipment to give it another try.

Melissa Irwin (niece of Mrs Peattie, the JK/SK teacher at A.I.P.S.) is doing a great job of teaching the children's dance classes and from what I've heard, has the adult 'Jazzer-cise' class off to a good start too.

On the schedule for this year so far, are the following events:

Community Euchres March 29, April 12 & 26th (7:30 p.m.)

Bingo - April 13

Kids Dance Classes - Monday evenings

Adult Jazzer-cise - Monday evenings

Spring Dance & Fish Fry - Saturday, May 18

Canada Day Parade & Festivities - July 1

Swimming Classes - date to be set

Oktoberfest - date to be set

We are looking for anyone - groups or individuals interested in putting a float in this Canada Day Parade. Also anyone interested in becoming a Rec. Committee member. Please contact, Chairman Adam Miller - 389-2588, Lyn Fleming Sec/Treas. 634-2509 or any Rec Committee member.

Finally many thanks to all who support our events and functions.

Spring Is In The Air

If you have any problems with your lawn and garden equipment give me a call at 384-2544. Bill Halferty

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539
Easter Seals Sunday, 4 March 1996

For the past four consecutive years I have represented your 539 Legion on the C.K.W.S. Easter telethon drive, to help disabled children. I am proud to say that little Amherst Island promised donations that equaled or bettered much larger municipalities. For this the children and I thank you very much.

The Easter Seals financial help goes towards the purchase of many auxiliary aids to make life more liveable. Helping finance summer camps is one of the most memorable for the child. It is heart-warming to hear of the good times and the many friends made at camp. It is however a little sad to know that the most disliked word of the campers is "Goodbye".

Comrade Tena Tugwell

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539

Thank You Notes

I recently had a hip replacement and the operation went extremely well. The care received in the hospital after the operation and the VON and physio-therapy afterward at home was first class. I am now mobile without any assistance.

Just as important, if not more so, was the good wishes, the visits and the get well cards from so many Amherst Islanders! You make me feel even more at home than I did before.

Sincerely

Don Gregg

A big thanks to Chief Scott and my fellow fire fighters for responding to our chimney fire last week. Fortunately, the only damage was to my pride. I knew the chimney needed cleaning but I just kept putting it off I promise: a clean chimney every 3 weeks during the

wood-burning season.

Ian Murray

P.S. It's an interesting feeling listening to a fire call at your own home while sitting in the ferry line up at Millhaven.

P.P.S. It is even more interesting discovering the fire and dealing with it. - Don

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Beacon Creative Marketing Award to local real estate agent Dave Hieatt for his well-packaged information on the Island properties that he has listed for sale. The 2 Island maps are a great help to anyone wishing to look at the properties - or for any other reason. The inclusion of several Island based businesses is a great idea - and, I expect, a cost reducer.

On the other hand, it's always discouraging to see how many of our neighbours are wanting or having to leave.

Policy: The Beacon publishes, without charge, advertisements from fellow residents. On a case by case basis, we accept ads from off-Islanders if we think that the good or service offered is of particular benefit to our community. We have, for example, decided to include an ad from Bill Halferty because we understand that he has served Island customers well. If a competitor based on the Island starts up, we might consider pulling Bill's ad.

A Letter Home

The March lambs started arriving around the 5th. Of course, the winds, snow and freezing temperatures returned. Every year, we move lambing further into what we hope will be spring-like weather. Ha! Mother Nature does enjoy keeping us on the run. By this time of the year we are all tired of braving the elements and look eagerly for some hint of spring.

Here, at the end of the Island, one of the first signs of spring is the arrival of the Coast Guard helicopter. They quietly slip in and out leaving a blinking red light on the lighthouse. This is always a cheerful reminder that there will soon be ships using the Upper Gap and that can only mean Spring is on the way.

We are now into the middle of lambing. The days are getting longer and milder. The shepherd is usually out the door by 5 a.m. checking on the lambing ewes. Seeing as the sheep are shut in a nice warm barn at night, they often decide to lamb at the same time in close proximity. This leaves the shepherd puzzling over

which lambs belong to which ewes. I think they do it on purpose just to keep him on his toes!

Our Island Community has been all abuzz about the new Ferry rates and cuts in service. The Amherst Islander is our life line to the mainland. We're all concerned as to how 400 people can continue to pay for the rising portion that the government no longer subsidizes. Where will it all end? However, we've survived until now and somehow will continue to do so. It may mean changes in life style. Time will tell.

Do you remember the last time you were here and nearly drove into a birder parked in the middle of the road? Well, they're back. Carloads have arrived from New York State, New Jersey and Massachusetts as well as other places. I'm always amazed at the distances people will drive to see the owls. However, their enthusiasm is contagious and I may even make the six mile trek down the road to say I've seen the Owls.

The dogs are now insisting that it is 'walk time'. A special time for them when I can enjoy watching the sun go down, breath clean fresh air and count my blessings.

Our best to you all.

Church News

The Anglican Church Women are hosting a Beef Dinner at the Community Centre on Saturday, March 23, 1996.

From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets:

Adults \$10.00 / Children (4-12) \$5.00 / Pre-school free

Euchre to follow at 8:00 p.m.

For tickets call Leslie at 384-2807

Easter Worship Times

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 5th - Good Friday Service - 10 a.m.

Tri-Church Choir. Lunch served following the service.

All are welcome.

Sunday, April 7th - Sunrise Service - 7:30 a.m.

Youth led service. Breakfast served following the service.

All welcome.

Sunday, April 7th - Easter Service 11 a.m.

St. Alban's Anglican Church

Friday, April 5th - Good Friday Service - 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 7th - 9 a.m. Service

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Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

I.S.L.E. is offering Wilton Cheese

Don't forget to phone your order in to an A.I.P.S. student or:

Karen Fleming - 389-0210

Karen J. Fleming - 389-9869

Cathy Glenn - 389-0214

Dave Willard - 389-1656

Orders In By PickUp and Payment

Mar. 22 Mar. 27

Apr. 19 Apr. 24

May 17 May 22

June 14 June 19

Events

Calendar

Mr 20... W.I. Meeting at Helen Miller's at 1:30 p.m.

Mr 23... ACW Beef Dinner from 5-7 p.m. & Euchre at 8 p.m

Mr 29... Community Euchre at 7:30 p.m. (Rec. Comm.)

Ap 5... St Paul's Good Friday Service at 10 a.m.

Ap 5... St Alban's Good Friday Service at 11 a.m.

Ap 7... St Paul's Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.

Ap 7... St Paul's Easter Service at 11 a.m.

Ap 7... St Alban's Service at 9 a.m.

Ap 12... Community Euchre at 7:30 p.m. (Rec. Comm.)

Ap 12... Back Kitchen Restaurant opens for the season

Ap 13... Bingo (Rec. Comm.)

Ap 26... Community Euchre at 7:30 p.m.

My 4... Anti-Rabies Vaccination Mun. Garage 5 - 6:30 p.m.

My 11... Mother's Day Ham Dinner

My 18... Annual Fish Fry & Dance (see ad)

House For Sale

"Cozy Living"

Cozy Living was built for two or a small family. It is close so room to room talk is unnecessary. An exception perhaps, is the nicely appointed area set aside for ablutions and comfort breaks.

Pop in anytime by calling 389-5569.

Location, location and location is one of the basic value slogans for Real Property. Proximity to

Concession 1 may detract a little but closeness to the dock and the wide view of the waterway leading to the mainland gateway is a big plus. Often Cozy Living is asked by country dwelling Islanders to report on the exact location of our older not-big-enough bubble ride.

Cozy Living would like \$75,000 but your monetary opinions are welcome and might be persuasive.

Tena and Chester Tugwell 389-5569

P.S. No prudent vendor would ever place such a lengthy little detailed ad in the Whig or the Beaver but the Beacon has always tried hard to please even our wildest requests.

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For Sale
Wanted

Free Bed - (no breakfast)

An older body shaped mattress capable of sleeping two compatibles. Good night.

Chester Tugwell 389-5569

Occasional Child Care Required

I'm looking for someone to baby-sit in our home on occasional weekdays. For details please call Bonnie Azulay (Sneep) at 634-1995.

TV Times Wanted

The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's TV Times. Call Keith at 389-2588

Spring Is In The Air

If you have any problems with your lawn and garden equipment. Call Bill Halferty at 384-2544.

Anyone interested in buying Amway products, or viewing Amway catalogues please call and I will be glad to talk to you. Darrell 389-7742

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-shier & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & housework.

Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends

Babysitting

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070.

Bulldozing Done

\$30/ hour plus fuel

Call Llew at 384-4071.

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

Reasonable Rates and Carpet Cleaner for rent \$ 10/day.

Annette 389-0471 or 389-0512

Carpet Cleaning

Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.

Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing - repairs & alternations

Drapes - made & altered

Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995.

For Rent

St Alban's candelabra

Contact: Caroline Yull at 389-4071. {384-4071}

General Contracting

New construction & renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434.

GLM Construction

General Contracting, Renovations & Design Contact

Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Glenn's Store 389-0417
Movies / Pop / Candy / Crafts
Post Office Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

House Cleaning
Call Liz Hogeboom at 389-8511

House for Sale - south shore road, east of Stella 40 ft..
300 ft waterfront; fireplace; jacuzzi; shed.
Contact Elizabeth Jud - 386-5322.

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office).

LIN-SAR
Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling
Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation.
Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

Painting Classes
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 384-5172.

Printing
A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Propane For Sale
Co-op Propane available at John McGinn's.
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3047.

Property Maintenance
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned.
Call Mike Horth at 389-2916.

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Storage Space for Rent
Available from December 8th in old firehall.
Heated or Unheated.
\$50 for three months until April.
Phone 389-6425

Visitors Welcome At
Watercolours Et Cetera
3rd Concession (389-2588).
If we are home, we are open.

Voice Lessons - Bel Canto style
For serious students 15 years & up.
Call 384-8599.

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-5546.

Winter Storage For Boats, RV's, etc
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546.

Yard Work
Samantha & Sara Pollock will do yard work.
Phone 389-9977.

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In these uncertain times, we must take pleasure where it
can be found... so we report that Fred Mahood has
sighted the first Robin of the season (March 18th). Can
spring with its glorious mud be far behind? And, we
have just seen the ice breaker go by. And, and (of

course) we have our own calender... lambs filling the
barnyard, lambs filling the barn and lambs filling the
house.

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125 Subscribers

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Happy Earth Day

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

Tuesday, March 19

All members of Council were present for this meeting to continue discussions on the budget plus some consideration of ferry matters including a closed session on the collective agreement. Also at the meeting were Diane Pearce (Clerk-treasurer), Fred Mahood (delegation), three members of the public and this reporter.

The first item of business was a presentation by Fred Mahood. He is trying to mount a summer stock musical production this summer and wanted Council to waive the walk-on ferry fares for the cast and crew. This would have amounted to roughly \$7-800 for about 50 people coming over for 7 rehearsals and 9 performances. He said that this extra cost would make it impossible to hold this production on the Island. Council was supportive but said that waiving these fares would be inappropriate considering the state of

our ferry finances but did think that something might be worked out through the Recreation Committee. Mr Mahood seemed satisfied with that and, hopefully, will have an answer within a few days as he has to finalize location soon.

Councillor Woods proposed that Council send a letter of thanks to the Amherst Island Ratepayer's Association for holding its meeting (reported in the March Beacon) and its 'professional manner'. This was passed.

Next, it was decided to send a delegation to Toronto composed of the Reeve, one Councillor and two people representing the A.I. Ratepayer's Association. Using area provincial representatives, this group would try to meet with relevant Ministers. Relatively quick action is required because the provincial budget will be finalized soon. [Bye-the-bye... the Clerk said that MTO is calling the reduction in ferry subsidy a 'hold-back' and a 'temporary measure'. She did not get the impression that these words suggested that it would be restored.]

In a house keeping measure, Council amended the recent by-law so that the 6 a.m. ferry trip could be re-instated.

The budget was next on the agenda and, having just started into it, the power went out on the Island. After sitting in the dark for a few minutes, Council decided to adjourn to the firehall which has a generator. So, after a 15 minute recess, Council re-adjourned.

First up was a look

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at the Building permit fees as compared to surrounding municipalities. Amherst Island looks to be the highest but a direct comparison is difficult because each municipality has a different schedule of fees. So Council decided to let ours stand as they are.

Next, two budget scenarios were presented which were explained in some detail by the Clerk. Both showed the cuts that have been made to various departments but one had a larger Working Capital Reserve. The Clerk said that a letter had come from the auditors suggesting that we build up our reserves. Last year the reserve was \$2,000 which isn't a whole lot of money for a million dollar budget. To achieve a zero percent tax rise, the reserve could be as high as \$10,200. If Council wanted to have a modest 2% increase then the reserve could rise to \$13,500. [Of course, these are for the Township portion of overall tax bill - excluding school and county portions!] The balanced one is based on a 1.77% increase in spending being offset by a 1.78% increase in

assessment over last year.

There are several points worth noting about the budget:

- the Township has completed the land acquisition for the landfill site expansion so is now eligible for the last of the grants with the bottom line being that we will spend \$34,000 to purchase the land and \$31,400 for waste management studies (totalling \$65,400) of which the province will give us \$36,818 in grants - the bottom line is that this is a major expenditure of \$28,582 or 17% of the total 1996 amount to be raised.

- in the draft budgets presented, the following departments have been cut (these are my calculations which may not be completely correct):

- Planning from \$1000 to \$800 (20% cut),
- Cemetery from \$6,600 to \$6,000 (9% cut),
- Back Beach from \$10,000 to \$5,000 (50% cut),
- Emergency Planning from \$5,750 to \$5,200 (10% cut)... defibrillator removed as it has been paid for,
- Animal Control from \$3,500 to \$1,000 (71% cut),
- Building Inspection from \$4,000 to \$3,200 (20%),
- Council Honoraria & General Administration from \$30,200 to \$24,160 (20% cut),
- Roadways from \$240,500 to \$221,800 (8% cut).

- the following departments stayed the same or increased:

- Reserve for Working Capital from \$2,000 to \$14,540 (627% increase which includes Fire Department repayment for Firehall),
- Recreation from \$7,700 to \$7,700 (0% cut),
- Fire (operating) from \$20,000 to \$20,660 (3% increase)... the capital portion of this department's budget has been removed as it only confuses things with the new firehall costs and repayments,
- Street Lighting from \$1,500 to \$1,500 (0% cut),
- Environmental Concerns from \$16,500 to \$71,400 (333% increase but becomes only 210% once grants are applied).

- Ferry has not been included as it is financed exclusively from fares and not through general taxation.

I am no expert on municipal budgets but it is clear that Council is a long ways towards achieving a zero or modest tax increase. What is not so clear is how some of the proposed budget cuts will be implemented like Interest and Banking Charges over which we have no control, or what effects the reduced budgets will have on services such as: the landfill site not being kept as clean; or the Township office being closed one day a week. And, the new budgetary restraints imposed by the province will need new thinking, for example, in the area of purchase or repairs road graders, dump trucks, front end loaders, etc. These are no longer being paid for by MTO so Council may have to start saving or

considering other options such as renting equipment.

EFR Team Pancake Brunch

Sunday April 28 - 11 am to 2 pm

A.I. Community Centre

13 and up - \$5

6 to 12 - \$3

5 and under Free

The EFR Team is thrilled to present the Defib on display at our Pancake Brunch!! Brunch proceeds to purchase mannequin and assorted supplies for Defib.

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

This meeting held on April 2nd was the best attended Regular Meeting since perhaps the last one held the night before an eclipse. Council members Ashley, Scott, Woods and Whitton were on hand plus the Clerk-treasurer (Pearce), eight members of the interested public and two, count 'em, two reporters (Phillips and Tubb). Chris Kennedy was given the night off as Topsy Farms was shearing that day.

The first significant item of business was a delegation of two (Alan Glenn and Bruce Caughey) from the Amherst

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two (Alan Glenn and Bruce Caughey) from the Amherst Island Ratepayers Association. They reported on meetings they and two other members had with MPP's Garry Fox, John Garretsen and John Galt plus Joan Stern (an MTO liaison). They expressed the Island's concerns over the ferry subsidy and unfairness with respect to the Wolfe Island ferry. They said that they were well received. They thought that Council should be non-confrontational in their dealings with the Province and MTO but that they should keep this issue before their eyes. [Council has had no response to their request for a meeting and will try again as time is quickly approaching when the Provincial budget will be finalized.]

An interesting item cropped up when someone discovered that the Stella and Millhaven docks fall under the designation of 'remote docks', at least according to the National Marine Policy definition, and therefore should continue to be owned by Transport Canada. A joint letter (Twps of Amherst Island and Ernestown) to that effect will be sent to Harbours and Ports. Other information gathered through various sources suggests that the Province would end up with the docks rather than the municipalities so we can

breathe a little easier on that point. By the way, the Long Point dock is under the jurisdiction of Fisheries and Oceans and so is not, at this time at least, to be un-owned by the Feds.

Several other ferry matters were raised by various parties during the discussions:

- A couple of visitors to Poplar Dell B&B were given no exchange on their American money when they bought their ferry tickets. Council has not had a policy on this but decided that an exchange rate of \$1.25 will be implemented.

- A policy is now in effect that students will be defined as anyone in elementary school or with a high school student card or with a letter from the principal stating that the holder is attending high school. These people will not be charged (presumably on school days only but what do I know).

- An attempt will be made to iron out bugs in the way that vehicles and people are being charged on the boat. Apparently more than one truck has been charged different amounts.

A scheduled closed session was opened up and turned out to be the most interesting part of the meeting. This change was at the request of the Beacon. The subject was an update on efforts to reduce the crew size. The resolution passed was that 'Council continue to investigate the possibility of reducing the ferry crew complement to four by requesting MTO to consider financing the necessary modifications to the Amherst Islander to facilitate Coast Guard approval'. A recorded vote was called with Council members Ashley, Whitton and Woods voting 'yes' and Scott voting 'no'. Apparently MTO and the Senior Captain think that the boat can be safely handled with a crew of four but the Coast Guard doesn't. They think that five is

{Council Report will continue after the following notice and ad}

KFL&A Health Unit Public Notice Rabies 1996

A Rabies Clinic will be held at the Municipal Garage on Amherst island, Saturday, May 4th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

This service is being offered by your local health unit, City of Kingston, the Townships, the Counties and the Kingston area Veterinary Association, at a cost of \$10.00 per animal.

Note: Since June 2nd, 1986 it is required by law that all cats and dogs in the City of Kingston and Counties of Frontenac and Lennox and Addington be immunized against rabies.

Protect your family and pet by bringing your dog

and/or cat to this clinic.

ERT Team Pool Tournament

Saturday, May 4

5 p.m.

K.T. Billiards

\$10 per player

13 and up welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult

Register at Glenn's Store, or by calling Annette at 389-0512

Pizza by the slice will be on sale

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under-staffed because br a fire emergency, they want: someone in the wheelhouse, someone in the engine room, someone lowering the lifeboat, someone on the upper-most level getting the life rafts in the water, and two someones fighting a fire. This doesn't take into account any crew to shepherd the 145 passengers the ferry is licenced to the boats. Now for some reason they seem happy enough with 5 and are willing to look at re-assessing a change to 4 if a pump is installed for firefighting - that's the modification Council wants MTO to do. [Now it gets really weird... The Coast Guard which gives the approval for any change in crew size will not tell us what we actually have to do to get that approval. Go figure.. .eh! The above was just a hint at what we might do but not an official requirement.]

Getting the 911 Enhanced system operational continues to crawl towards implementation with the 2nd quarter of 1997 being the earliest target date. This means Island properties will not be getting their new emergency signs this year.

A householder mailout will be made by Council to document efforts made to have the ferry subsidy restored. This will not only include Council's efforts but those of other Island residents and organizations. This is to counter what several councillors felt was a general impression held by the public that they hadn't done anything or very little.

In other business, Council did the following:

- \$800 will be spent by the Cemetary committee to trim trees.

- Malroz Engineering's bill will be paid in full for their landfill site studies.

- The Fire Department draft by-law will be tabled until Councillor Scott has time to deal with the necessary changes.

- The group insurance policy will remain with London

Life at least until a new collective agreement is negotiated.

- Talks will continue with Ernestown on shared services and that Bath/South Fredericksburg invitation not be taken up.

- The Township will investigate its liability at the Community Centre for non-Township events (ie those not sponsored directly by the Township or the Recreation Committee or similar group).

Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sympathy to the family of Tom French, who passed away suddenly earlier this month, and to Ralph and Beulah Woods on the death of her sister. Former South Shore resident Edmund Bongard also died this month.

Anne Marie Hitchins is recovering at home after a few days in the hospital. Jim Bowman is also recuperating after a fall left him with some broken bones. Best Wishes.

Congratulations to Alison McDonald, who took third place in the Lions Club Provincial Public Speaking Contest in Peterborough. Alison, Shawna Phillips and Bonnie Marshall all competed in the Local Public Speaking Contest in Bath last month. Alison and Shawna also participated in the Legion Zone Competition held in Tamworth in February.

The former McNeil cottage on Lot 8, Con. 1 of North Shore Road, has been purchased by Bill and Penny Kingsbury of Kingston. Bill is owner of Kingsbury's Barber Shop in LaSalle Park Plaza and Penny is a piano teacher. They reside in Henderson Place but look forward to experiencing summer on Amherst Island.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Spring Dance and Fish Fry

May 18th

Band: Sitting Ducks

6:30 Dinner & Dance \$25 per couple

6:30 Dinner \$10 per person

8:00 Dance \$5 per person

Last Boat Leaving Island at 1:00 p.m. {a.m.}

For Tickets

Rick Bedford 389-8434

Adam Miller 389-2588

Lyn Fleming 634-2509

Val Wolfreys 389-8513

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

At the March meeting at the home of Audrey Miller we began with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem followed by the Roll Call which was "When our family came to Amherst Island and why". After the regular business had been dealt with plans for the Mother's Day Ham dinner to be held on May 11th were discussed, then Anna Hitchins gave her report of the District Women's Institute Executive meeting which was held on March 6th. April is the month that a member of the W.I. knocks on your door and asks for donations for the Cancer Society so if we haven't managed to find you at home yet be assured we shall be around before the end of the month. Led by our Team Leader, Helen Lamb, we are aiming to meet or surpass our 1995 total and if our neighbours are as generous as they have been in previous years we are positive we can reach that goal. No guest was planned for this meeting so, after our hostess had served us a tasty lunch we spent some time chatting about future projects and generally socializing, something we don't usually have time for when we have guest speakers. On April 17th at 8 p.m. we shall be holding our General Meeting and Election of Officers at the home of Jean Baker. The May 22nd 8 p.m. meeting at the Home of Helen Lamb will have a Roll Call "Current Hobby" and following the Annual Meeting there will be a plant exchange. We need guests and gardeners with cuttings and plants plus advice on the best care for them so we hope to see you at Helen's on the 22nd.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

Dinners, Burgers, Fries and Homemade Pies

Hours of Operation

April 12 - May 12

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

May 17 - Sept 02

Daily incl. holidays (except Tues)

11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Some grocery items including milk, eggs, butter and bread available as of May 17.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

It will soon be rhubarb season and I have yet to use up all of last year's harvest. The April/May 96 issue of Taste of Home has several rhubarb recipes which I want to try and also want very much to eat.

Go Anywhere Rhubarb Squares

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine

In a bowl, combine the flour and confectioner's sugar; cut in butter and press into bottom of greased 11" X 7" pan. Bake at 350 for 12 minutes.

Filling

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb

Combine the first four ingredients in a bowl. Stir in the rhubarb; pour over warm crust. Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm if desired. Store in refrigerator. 16 servings.

4-H News

- Brent McGinn

The 4-H project is Animal Friends. Our club name is Animal Crackers and we are learning proper care for our pets.

There are twelve members in our Club. The Leaders are Mrs Susan Caughey and Mrs Freda Youell. Youth Leaders are Heidi Hitchins and Jill Caughey. Officers are;

President Sara Pollock

Vice President Bonnie Marshall

Co-Secretaries

Shannon Youell

Andrew McDonald

Treasurer Alison McDonald

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Reporters

Mindy Fleming

Brent McGinn

Recreation

Jessica McGinn

Ashley Filson

Shawna Phillips

Phone Convenors

Helen Bell-Smith

Samantha Pollock

At our second meeting Connie Mallory of the Napanee Humane Society was our guest speaker on "Pets are a responsibility". Pat Graham and Pat Ljungh brought four dogs to our third meeting to show us how to obedience train your pet.

More 4-H News

- Mindy Fleming

At another meeting Ardis Shurtliffe came and groomed one of Freda Youell's dogs and told us how they were made ready for Dog Shows. We went on a tour and saw Samantha Pollock's horse Kermit and Jessica McGinn's calf, Cinnamon, then went to Mr Caughey's farm to see the dairy cows and calves and learned how the milking was done. Our last trip will be to the Napanee Animal Shelter after that we will get our Project Bars on Achievement Day.

4-H Draw to be held on Canada Day 1996 after the parade

Get your tickets from any 4-H member or leader on Amherst Island

Prizes:

1st Royal Doulton Figurine

2nd Quilted Wallhanging

3rd Quilted Pillow

4th Birdhouse

5th Wooden Plane Mobile

Tickets are 3 for \$2.00.

Proceeds are to assist with 4-H activities at local, county and provincial levels.

Special thanks to those donating prizes:

Doris Decorte (Freda's sister), Poplar Dell B&B, Audrey Miller, Peter Morgan and John Pollock.

Island History

From A. Bruce Caughey...

As we Islanders anxiously watch each day's weather, especially the velocity and direction of the winds and their possible affect on the shifting of the ice in the channel. We oldsters remember with vivid recollections the days when the Tug Salvage Prince was a part of our lives. With the arrival of the first winter weather following the July 1929 arrival of the first Amherst Islander, with the formation of ice in the Stella harbour and the necessity of the ferry breaking her way from the overnight tie-up area at "the cove" on Stella Point to the Neilsen Dock on the south side of the harbour. Time after time a bracket on the wheel (propeller) would suffer breakage in the ice - a phone call to Pyke Salvage in Kingston would bring the Salvage Prince to the rescue and the Islander would be towed out of the ice to Kingston Shipbuilding Co, placed in the dock there, the wheel replaced and she would be returned to service. (I will have much more to say about this in my book, when finished).

Later, in the years before the bubble system, the *Salvage Prince* was called upon to break a channel from Stella (the present dock site) to Millhaven dock, to enable the ferry service to be resumed, then one year, perhaps more, the service of the *Prince* was enlisted to run several trips per day to and from the mainland, there being a lot of sickness on the Island that year. We enjoyed our associations with the crew members on these occasions.

Grant Pyke was a skilful Captain and he made a trip to the British Isles when he contracted with British Shipbuilders for the construction of this tug. Upon completion she was sailed across the Atlantic and up the St. Lawrence to her home port of Kingston where the history of her life time would make interesting reading. At the termination of her long life, much to my disappointment, instead of her becoming a show piece in Kingston, as was the Toronto harbour tug *Ned Hanlon*, she was sold to Toronto interests and there where the purchaser proposed to convert her into living accommodations. Outside of stripping her of equipment, he never accomplished much and eventually she was purchased by a marina owner in the Town of Brighton. In attempting to sail her into the shallow waters of Brighton harbour, she grounded on a sand bar, where she remained for several years. She was then towed back to Toronto where she has reached the end of her long career as follows: "Scrapped over the summer at the Toronto drydock was the venerable steam tug *Salvage Prince*. Built in 1924 at Selby, England, this 93 foot tug operated for many years out of Kingston for the Pyke Towing and Salvage Company,

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which became a part of the McAllister fleet during 1960's. The *Salvage Prince* was best remembered for participating in many famous salvage operations as well as assisting many older lake vessels moving to overseas breakers". One of these that comes to my mind occurred in 1928 when an Island resident's remains were being brought from Kingston to the Island in a motor launch when the motor failed and they were drifting out onto the open lake. An observant farm wife on the mainland shore phoned Grant Pyke, who hastened to the rescue with his *Salvage Prince*, saving several lives!

Looking For A New Adventure?

Watercolours Etc. is moving to a new location in Stella, across from the library and within walking distance of the ferry. (No need to drive over from the mainland).

The new shop Weasel And Easel will be opening as

early as possible in May and welcomes any talented people as members of contributors of goods on consignment.

Paintings, Island wool blankets, woodworking, honey, antiques, hand design T shirts, pottery and woollen goods are just some of the items that will be available for purchase.

Would you like to join us in our new venture with your own special craft?

For further information please direct enquiries to any of these numbers.

Shirley Miller - 389-2588

Eleanor Truman - 389-3548

Caroline Ackerman - 384-5606.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Cutbacks Spread

- Alex and Janet Scott

Cutbacks are not confined to Ontario. The trend is apparently spreading across the Solar System and even the sun has been cutting back. Spring has been postponed and may be cancelled altogether. Accordingly our 'Spring Has Sprung' article has been put off for at least another month, and so we return to the Owls of Winter.

No cutback here as what began as a promising year suddenly exploded in February to become probably the most massive invasion of Owls on Record.

First the Boreal Owl. This is the small 8 - 10 inch owl that lives in the boreal forests. Slightly larger than our resident Saw-whet Owl, it rarely ventures south, and when it does is very difficult to find because it roosts in dense evergreens. Many birders have never seen one amid so it's on their most wanted list. Amherst Island is renowned in North America as being one of the few places one has any chance at all to see this owl. In fact, Amherst Island probably has more records for this owl than anywhere, at least in North America. Even so, we had never seen more than two at a time until this year when we had at least four for most of the winter, and an amazing seven from March 17 to 28. It is estimated that at least 21 were found passing through the east end of the island alone. The record last date for this owl until this year was April 5, 1970. As of April 14 there were still four present. The only explanation we can think of is that there are so many of them that they think they are in the right place!

About once a decade we are treated to an invasion of our largest owl, the Great Gray Owl from north-west Canada. 1978-79 produced one such invasion and one could see as many as 35 of these owls in the woods just to the west of Eve's marsh on the south shore. That year produced an estimated 334 in eastern North

America. 1983-84 produced an unprecedented invasion and it was estimated there were at least 407 different birds in Ontario alone. Strangely, that

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winter produced only one record on Amherst Island. 1995-96 will surpass even these records. Over 200 have been documented in the three counties around Peterborough with many more all along the north shore of Lake Ontario from Toronto east, and at least 35-40 on Amherst Island alone. Truly an amazing phenomenon.

We are particularly interested if you saw any Great Grays this winter; where, how many, and approximately when if you can remember. Many thanks to those who reported sightings of these owls, and to those who called about the Bluebirds and Snow Geese in March. We are always interested to hear.

ISLE News

The "Great Canadian Parks" series co-created and narrated by Peter Trueman for the Discovery channel last winter, will soon be available for Islanders to enjoy.

Peter has offered the tapes to ISLE as a fund-raiser, and the committee has accepted with gratitude. Glenn's Store is kindly taking care of the rentals, at no charge. The program directors have approved.

Starting April 27, the following tapes will be available to rent at Glenn's Store, (all proceeds to go to ISLE):

1. The Parks of Fundy (N.B.)
 2. Kluane National Park (Yukon)
 3. Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (Alta. & Sask.)
 4. Algonquin Provincial Park (Ont.)
 5. Waterton Lakes National Park (Alta.)
 6. Ts'ilos Provincial Park (B.C.) 1/2 hour tapes
 7. Dinosaur Provincial Park (Alta.)
 8. Saguenay/St. Lawrence Marine Park (Quebec) \$1.00
 9. Gros Morne National Park (Nfld.)
 10. Wells Gray Provincial Park (B.C.)
 11. Yoho National Park 1 hour - \$1.50
- There are 3 additional parks to come.
12. City Parks (a cross-Canadian survey)
 13. Cape Breton National Park (N.S.)
 14. Glacier National Park (B.C.)

Thanks Peter!

Are you being drummed out of the house?
Or would you like those drums out of the house?
Wanting to buy a set of used drums.
Call Scott Marshall at 389-0554

Spring Cleaning of Kitchen at A.I. Public School

The staff at Amherst Island Public School are interested in organizing the many items on the kitchen shelves, determining who owns what, and removing unnecessary items.

To do all of this, we need assistance and input from all those organizations that use the kitchen.

We are requesting that interested representatives from the various organizations drop by the school from 3:00 - 5:00 pm on May 6th, 1996 to lend a hand.

Your help will be greatly appreciated by students, staff and members of the community.

Inspirational Thoughts

Walking out one somewhat gloomy day recently, I met a friend who immediately greeted me with the cheery words, "Hello, I was thinking of you this morning". Suddenly the day wasn't gloomy any more, it had quite a rosy glow. Someone had been thinking about me.

It made me ponder - wouldn't it be nice if we could all just stop for a minute once a day, and think about someone else other than our own little mundane selves?

Only a minute.. It doesn't sound much.. but if we all did this, there's no knowing what it might achieve. We've been given so many minutes each day; surely we can spare one to be quiet and think peaceful loving thoughts of others.

Here's my challenge - a minute a day for others.

Obituary

Edmund Bongard

At Lennox and Addington County General Hospital on Monday, April 1, 1996.

Edmund Bongard, husband of the late Lois McCormac, dear uncle of Kenneth and Bernice Reid, Franklin and Eleanor McCormac, George and Dorothy Bongard, Vera and Brian Knight.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island. The Reverend William Duffy officiating. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery on the Island.

Thank You Notes

Many thanks to Roxanne Wolfreys, who single handedly organized, planned and guided the rest of us through our

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very successful Bingo. (I happen to know she spent many hours worrying, fretting and not sleeping!) We couldn't have done it without you Roxy!!

Lyn Fleming Sec./Tres.
Adam Miller Chairman
A.I.R.C members

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Well our Euchres are rolling along smoothly, and in fact are almost over for the season. The last Euchre will be held on April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of fun & cards. We'd again like to thank everyone for their support! If you can play Euchre, we'd love to have you.

Results from the last 2 Euchres were as follows...

March 29, 1996

Men -

1st prize - Garnet Willard
2nd prize - Keith McGinn

Ladies -

1st prize - Susan (Mrs Art) McGinn
2nd prize - Cora McGinn

Door Prize -

Rob Wemp

April 12, 1996

Men -

1st prize - Wilbert Willard
2nd prize - Harry Filson

Ladies -

1st prize - Zelma Koenders
2nd prize - Yvonne McGinn

Door Prize -

Ida Gavlas

On April 13th, we held our 1st "Binbo" {Bingo} in many years, (the last 1 or 2 held in Victoria Hall as fund raisers to built a Community Centre!). The equipment has been sitting in the way gathering dust since then! So we dug it out, dusted (& scrubbed) it off, and thanks to Roxanne Wolfreys' expert guidance, held a very successful Bingo!

48 people came out to help us kick off our 1st Bingo night. Ten games were played with prizes of \$25.00. The 11th & final game was for \$100.00. Because of the positive response, this will definitely not be our last Bingo. We are hoping to hold monthly Bingos through the summer months & possibly more next winter.

Thanks to Rick Bedford (Jr.), Jason Fleming, Jen McHennon, Ray & Zelma Koenders, and Hayley deHann for all your help setting up, cleaning up & everything in between!

Watch your mail & the Beacon for info on future Bingos.

AN EASTER BLESSING

I recently came across this Easter Blessing, and would like to share it with all our readers.

May the promise of the Springtime, cheer you,
And the magic that it brings, thrill you:
May the healing of the sunlight, warm you,
And the blessings of Easter fill you.

May the peace of flowing waters, calm you,
And the strength of the hills, uphold you.
May the joy of waking earth, enrich you,
And the blessings of Easter enfold you.

May the music of the morning, lift you,
And the hope of all the world, guide you;
May the love of those you love, sustain you,
And the blessings of Easter stay beside you.
"A Friend"

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alison MacDonald who won first prize in the Bath Lyon's Club Effective Speaking Contest. Alison, who is in grade 6, was chosen the top speaker among grades 4 to 8 contestants from Sandhurst, Bath and Amherst Island Public Schools.

She continued on to a regional competition in Peterborough with her speech on "The Life and Times of 'Patch' the Gerbil". It is with pride that we announce that she won third prize in that competition.

Ferry Cue?

- Thomas Sylvester -

An unusual sight greeted ferry commuters April 2, three hundred and sixty four days until April Fools'. The Union Jack was flying from behind the captain's bridge, evidently substituted for a missing Ontario flag. The bold colours and strong graphic design stirred me awake from my position in the ferry queue - my maternal British ancestors would have been proud of me.

But the story gets far more interesting because it was not the current Union Jack, rather one that was replaced in 1801. A bit of Boy Scout trivia had resurfaced from some archaic ROM. When the Union Jack is flown upside down, it is more subtle to recognize the inversion than for instance, our Canadian flag. Now, do not think for a minute, I remember which way was correct. The surprise was that the flag flying from our ferry

was symmetrical, there was no up or down. It was missing the red diagonals.

Pears' Cyclopedia explained the omission, "The present Union Jack is composed of three heraldic crosses, viz., the cross of St Andrew, forming the blue and white basis; upon which lies the red and white cross of St Patrick; and upon the whole rests the red and white cross of St George, dividing the flag vertically and horizontally. The original Union Jack combined only the St George and St Andrew crosses, and was adopted on the accession of James VI of Scotland to the throne of England under the title of James I in 1603. No further alternation was made in the flag until January 1st, 1801, when the Irish Parliament was dissolved and the Act of Union came into force."

I will not attempt to guess the Island Irish sentiments to the original Union Jack. I will speculate that the source of the unique flag flown from our ferry was a belated jest of the late Rev. Norman Allison, a native son of Scotland and ferry manager.

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

I.S.L.E. is offering Wilton Cheese

Don't forget to phone your order in to an A.I.P.S. student or:

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Karen J. Fleming - 389-9869

Cathy Glenn - 389-0214

Dave Willard - 389-1656

Orders In By PickUp and Payment

Apr. 19	Apr. 24
May 17	May 22
June 14	June 19

A Letter Home

It's now April the 13th and we're choring in full winter gear... long underwear, snowsuits, hats and gloves. I can't believe it. Each February I think I can't wait until April... warm sunshine, spring flowers and green grass. I suppose I will just have to be patient a

little longer.

We now have hundreds of cute month old lambs running around. On the days when the sun is shining, they lay with their faces lifted towards the sun soaking in the warmth and dreaming about lush green grass. It's one of my favourite times on the farm.

We had the May lambers shorn at the beginning of April. I'm sure they felt a little silly and chilly for the first few days. However, they will thank us for their sleek new look when the hot weather finally arrives.

During the month of March we saw approximately 100 snowgeese out in the first pasture. At first glance I thought they were seagulls. After a quick check in the bird book I was soon set straight.

The ice is still in at Kerr's Bay and slush is clinging to the shores. The ice this year has gone out north, south, east and west. I understand there is an old farmers' tale which says if the ice goes out to the west that it will be a bad year for crops. With it going out every which way this year, who knows how the crops will do?

Still no news as to the fate of the Ferry subsidy. The provincial budget should tell all. The rates have gone up and the last night trip has been cancelled. Seeing as I'm always in bed by 9 p.m. I can't say I've missed it.

Our really good news is that the Back Kitchen is once again open for the season. Last year we celebrated several birthdays and an anniversary there. We're looking forward to dining out in downtown Stella. You'll have to try their pie on your next visit. Yum!

So much to tell you and so little space to do it in. I suppose it will just have to wait until next month.

Our very best to you all.

For Sale
Wanted

Tractor 60 h.p diesel Belarus, low hours, with large 6 ft front end loader, full hydraulics \$4,500.

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The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's TV Times. Call Keith at 389-2588

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House for Sale - south shore road, east of Stella 40 ft..
300 ft waterfront; fireplace; jacuzzi; shed.
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Events Calendar
April 18... Special Council Meeting - Budget 8 p.m. in
the Council Chambers
April 21... Earth Day
April 26... Rec. Comm. Euchre at 7:30 p.m.
April 27... Great Canadian Parks Tapes available from
Glenn's Store
April 28... Pancake Brunch at the A.I. Community
Centre from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
May 4... Rabies Clinic at the Municipal Garage from 5
p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
May 4... Pool Tournament at K.T. Billards at 5 p.m.
May 7... Regular Council Meeting in the Council
Chambers
May 12... Mother's Day
May 17... Back Kitchen Summer Hours go into effect
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. except Tuesdays
May 18... Spring Dance & Fish Fry (see add Page 4 for
details)
May 22... A.I. Women's Institute meeting 8 p.m. at
Helen Lamb's

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Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

April 18, 1996

A Special Council meeting was held to continue deliberations on the draft budget and to deal with some other matters that had arisen since the last Regular Council meeting. All members of Council were present along with two members of the interested public and this reporter.

The following items were dealt with by Council:

The Auditor- A letter from our auditor suggested a

couple of bookkeeping changes (one of which has already been instituted for this year) and that a reserve fund be set up for capital purchases. Otherwise the auditor seems satisfied with the 1995 Financial Statement. A representative of the auditor will appear at the next Regular Council Meeting and is being asked by Council to provide some advice on setting up a reserve for capital purchases.

Zoning By-Law Problem- A registered letter will be sent to the owner of the property to the east of the south end of the Stella 40'. It will warn against more equipment or vehicles being added there as that would make the owner in contravention of the Zoning By-law. Also the Public Works Superintendent will be fencing the road allowance in that area.

911 Levy- A special levy will be put on the tax bills to cover the cost of the 911 signs. This is necessary to get in on the County's bulk purchase. This amount was not included in the Fire Department's budget and should be less than \$20 per property.

Ferry Crew Reduction- A list of 12 concerns regarding ferry crew reduction was received from the Joint Health and Safety Committee. Also received was a letter from MTO which said that if the Coast Guard would approve the changes and upgrading to reduce the crew size that MTO would provide the funds necessary for those modifications.

Previously the Coast Guard has said that it will

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not approve changes in advance. Council does not appear ready to fight government agencies to get a reduced crew.

More Ferry News- Council will not be making any more moves to reduce ferry operating costs because it has been informed by MTO that any savings will only be credited at 10%. So, the elimination of the last run saved roughly \$60,000 but we only see \$6,000 of that savings. When a new agreement with MTO is signed, Council will then look at what savings can be made.

Public Works Budget- Councillor Woods had, at a previous meeting, requested a breakdown of the 1995 expenditures into wages, machine costs and materials which the Public Works Superintendent (Stuart Miller) presented along with a draft of the 1996 budget.

The bottom line is that, with average weather, the 1996 public work's budget should be sufficient to continue the present level of road maintenance. These basic operations include: culverts, grass mowing, brushing, ditching, hardtop patching, grading, dust control, winter control, signs and gravel. The total spent

last year on these was \$107,436. The 1996 draft budget projects that this can be done for \$102,300. A 20% reduction in snow ploughing and a 15% reduction in gravel costs along with modest increases in many of the other items were noted.

No new construction was included for this year. Last year, the Public Works Department spent \$41,041 on four capital projects: paving on the Front and North Shore roads; building the paved shoulder down to the dock, work to the other end of the Stella 40'; and, getting the Shantz property legal problem cleaned up which was left over from the Front Road re-building.

As requested, Stuart Miller broke down last year's Works budget into 4 categories, shown below:

Public Works - 1995 Actual Budget

1995 Actual	Basic Service	New Construction
Labour	\$41,903	\$4,374
Machine Time	\$33,726	\$2,509
Material	\$28,128	\$32,963
Miscellaneous	\$3,679	\$1,195
Total	\$107,436	\$41,041

Also included was a breakdown of the overhead which includes a rather incredible list of government and miscellaneous items like: UIC, CPP, group life insurance, GARAF, Employee's Health Tax, payroll burden, municipal insurance, Workers Compensation, radio licence, electricity, telephone, and Superintendent's salary totalling \$86,009 for last year. This year the budgeted amount is \$88,000. You may be wondering what this payroll burden is... well, its things like sick time, vacation pay, statutory holidays, clothing allowance, pay bonus and an RRSP.

Along with the budget presentation, the Public Works Super talked about meetings he has been attending at the County level. These are intended to find savings for individual municipalities by sharing materials, equipment and services. Stuart came away feeling that we will not see any benefits from this as we are physically separated from the other municipalities.

He also touched on what should become a major concern in the coming years... the lack of funding from MTO for capital projects like equipment purchase, paving or new road construction. A question from the audience (moi) tried to get a rough guess from him as to what yearly amount would be required so a reserve fund could cover these sorts of items. The Superintendent

could not even hazard a guess but when asked for what we had spent over the last decade, he came up with a pretty substantial list of items: a grader, a dump truck, a loader and a significant amount of paving for a total of upwards of \$250,000. We could say that a contribution of \$25,000 a year to a reserve might have covered these. It is unlikely that this amount will be needed for the next 10 years but the old dump truck was to be replaced this year which it won't be now. And, the old tractor is seeing very limited use because of its age. How to fund a reserve for capital projects is one of the most important items for this and future councils to wrestle with. Some advice will be sought from our auditor at the next Regular Meeting of council.

General Administration- The office staff had broken down the General Administration 1995 budget into a very detailed list of expenses. The following is a summary of that list:

1995 General Administration Budget

	1995 Actual	1995 Budget
Payroll	\$9,051	\$10,500
Group Insurance, etc	\$864	\$1,200
Materials / Supplies	\$3,405	\$3,600
Hydro, Heat, Maint	\$570	\$1,000
Travel Allowance, Fees	\$82	\$500
Insurance	\$807	\$800
Professional Fees	\$716	\$1,500
Capital Expenditures	\$370	\$500
Total	\$15,865	\$19,600

For these items, the office was run at 81% of the budgeted

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amount. I have excluded two items from this list - Council Honoraria and Interest & Banking charges. Council has already reduced its honoraria by 20%. Interest and Banking charges are difficult to control at the best of times but now with the province paying slower, the Township has to borrow more (but it a reduced rate this year) so who knows...

After going through this, Council is seeking to get

more savings from the General Administration. Proposals ranged from having the office open 4 days a week but closed to the public one day, to having the office opened 5 days and closed to the public two days, to not having the office staff count the pursers' ferry receipts, to eliminating bulk tickets completely (saving the office staff from having to count them and justify that number against the car/truck log). The Clerk said that reducing hours would not allow enough time to do the work load. Council asked for a proposal from the Clerk to make further savings and to have those items identified which could not be reduced because they were beyond Council's control.

Council decided very little at this meeting but did get a detailed look at both the Public Works and General Administration budgets. It will be seen whether Council intends to force a zero percent tax increase at the expense of unreasonable budget targets.

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

May 7, 1996

Before the Regular Council meeting, there was a Special Council meeting to talk with our auditor, Ms Genie Orton (Partner in KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne), to discuss the Township's 1995 Financial Statement. All members of Council were present except Councillor Fleming. No interested members of the public were present except this reporter. By the way, Chris will eventually return to his reporting duties but this is lambing time so he doesn't get out of the barn for the next month.

Ms Orton had no surprises or real criticisms of the Townships accounting procedures and generally seemed satisfied with the our balance sheet. She complimented the Island on its very low tax arrears (10% last year). Also she pointed out the very large increases over the last 6 years in the amounts transferred to the County and School Boards (see table below).

Island Taxes - Growth From 1990 - 1995

	1990	1995	Increase
Township	\$102,000	\$166,000	63%
County	\$25,000	\$42,000	68%
School Boards	\$92,000	\$255,000	177%
Total Levy	\$229,000	\$463,000	102%

Finally, Council asked Ms Orton about a capital reserve. She said that a 5 year plan of expected capital purchases was necessary. These include not only big machinery like graders but also paving, culverts and basically anything that will last longer than a year. She had no amount to recommend but did think that more is better than less and that the quicker it is built up the better. Council did not give much indication of straying from its zero percent increase in mil rate to do this.

The meeting adjourned about 10 minutes to 8:00....

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

May 7, 1996

... and after a few minutes break, the Regular meeting was called to order with all members of Council present plus 5 members of the interested public.

Preliminaries- After a very quick run through of the first 9 agenda items (3 minutes flat), Council proceeded into Committee of the Whole.

Public Works- The Public Works Superintendent was not available this evening and so there was no report from that department. Council did grumble a bit about the crusher being broken down so much which means that we have to pump the quarry more often (more \$\$). This will be reviewed again when the bills come in.

Ferry- Council has written to Harbours and Ports with supporting letters from M.P.'s Larry McCormick & Peter Milliken requesting designation of the docks as 'remote' ports. If accepted, this will leave the docks in federal jurisdiction.

Copies of letters to the Minister of Transportation, Al Palladini, from County Council, John Gerretsen and Gary Fox were received. These were in aid of Council's attempts to get a roll-back of the 'interim hold-back' on the ferry's subsidy.

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While we're on the subject of the ferry... Ida Gavlas has written to Council with some information and a proposal. The proposal is to eliminate the bulk ticket

system and establish a flat fee of \$2.50 per vehicle space occupied plus \$1.00 per passenger resulting in a revenue of \$175,000 (using 1995 figures). Last year's revenue was \$127,000 meaning that we might possibly be able to put the difference of \$48,000 towards offsetting our decreased subsidy. Fares would be increased to \$3.00 per vehicle space when the Frontenac II is in service to offset increased operating costs. Eliminating the bulk tickets, in her opinion, would also reduce time spent by the office staff administering tickets.

The information she included with her submission was pretty interesting... It compared ferry traffic for the first 4 months of this and last year. For the first two months (old fares), there were 496 cars more this year (a 3.6% increase). In the two months since the fares increased, car traffic is down 866 cars from last year (a 5% decrease). Council received this submission for future consideration.

Fire Department- Alex Scott submitted a draft by-law to establish and regulate the fire department. Apparently the Fire Department and the Emergency First Response Team have been split into separate groups resulting in a problem with the equipment that is shared between the two - ie who is in control. Council asked the Fire Department and EFRT to resolve this before the next meeting. In other Fire Department news, Dick Shurtleff has been appointed Deputy Fire Chief.

Recreation Committee- Jane deHaan has been appointed to the Recreation Committee. Councillor Fleming reported that the Euchres and Bingo were very successful and will be repeated. The 797 Grant was received in February totalling \$3,390 leaving the total funds available at \$7,313.14. Many on-going Committee activities are in the planning stage plus new proposals are being looked into. The Recreation Committee requested an extra ferry run for their Spring Dance which was agreed to if they pay the crew's wages.

Cemetery- Councillor Woods reported that a Memorial Service will be held at St Paul's on July 21 assisted by St. Alban's and St. Bartholomew's. Advertising will appear in the Whig Standard, the Sunday Beaver and The Heritage. He also said that the tree trimming at the cemetery was complete and the wood left over would be disposed of by tender (no further details available at this time).

The Cemetery Committee passed a resolution to have the Committee's Secretary (A. Bruce Caughey) take the minutes instead of the Clerk/treasurer (Diane Pearce). Council requested that Councillor Woods have this resolution un-passed as the Clerk is an ex officio but non-voting member of that Committee (according to the Procedural By-law) and is there at the request of

Council.

Certificate Of Compliance- The Clerk/treasurer (in her capacity as Zoning By-law administrator), at the recommendation of the Committee of Adjustment, requested Council to approve a Certificate Of Compliance which would show that all of the Zoning By-law requirements have been met before a building permit is issued. A cost of \$25 will be charged for this certificate. This was passed by Council.

Insurance- The Township has received a letter from Bickerton Insurance saying that our premiums will be increasing by about 25% to \$18,905. There is no real alternative but Council will investigate if there could be savings by using a different broker.

At 9:43 Council went into closed session to deal with a potential legal matter; to review performance evaluations for the temporary deckhands and full-time ferry employees; and, to rehire temporary deckhands.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant
Dinners, Burgers, Fries and Homemade Pies
389-7200

Hours Of Operation:
Daily incl. holidays (except Tues)
11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Some grocery items including milk, eggs, butter, bread, 2L ice-cream, 2L pop and Potato chips.
Now available!

Pathfinder Activities
May 24
Pathfinder Bake Sale
in Lyn Fleming's yard
Begins at 4:00 p.m.

May 25
Pathfinder Dog Wash
Call Stephanie Fleming
at 634-2509 for more details and an appointment

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Restructuring Meeting
- Don Tubb
May 9, 1996

A meeting of local political leaders chaired by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Al Leach, was held at the Napanee Court House last night. The purpose of the meeting was for Mr Leach to get a progress report on

restructuring in this area.

Mr Leach sat in the judge's chair and looked every inch a Minister. Directly in front of the bench was a trio of MPP's, John Gerretsen, Gary Fox and Bill Vankoughnet. In front of them were representatives of Kingston, Kingston Twp, Napanee, Pittsburg Twp, Frontenac County, L&A County, Bath, Ernestown, South Fredricksburg, Adolphustown and Amherst Island. The first three rows of the audience were reserved for those heads of councils that could not be seated with the others. Behind that were three more rows of benches which seem to hold mainly other councillors and staff - this reporter among them. The meeting was videotaped and played to more members of the public in another room. So, you get the picture.... there were more politicians in one place than you could shake a stick at.

I'll cut to the chase here.... Mr Leach served notice that the time for study was nearly over and he wanted to move on by June 15. Or... he would appoint a commissioner to do the job for us. Mr Leach's bottom line position seems to be that taxpayers want effective and efficient delivery of services and that they don't care who it is from. The commissioner would be mandated to do this for the counties of L&A and Frontenac. Restructuring, rationalization and amalgamation all would be options. After a short period of consultation, the commissioner would draw up a plan which would then be enacted without the possibility of appeal.

There was an audible catching of collective breath at this announcement. And... after a short, stunned pause attempts were made by the politicians to get him to extend the deadline, to find out more about the commissioner, to find out about how the commissioner would draw boundaries, etc, etc. Mr Leach would not be moved off his timetable and did not offer much information.

So, there you have it... the deadline is set and restructuring is a priority for Mr Leach. He seems fully intent on getting the process to the point by early next year so those wanting to run in the 1997 election will know what the municipal boundaries are.

What this specifically means for Amherst Island is unclear. The general consensus at the meeting (with one exception) was that the deadline could not be met. The exception was L&A warden, Kelly Heineman, who said he would have a proposal for County Council that 'might solve everyone's problems'. We wait; but not with breath held.

Yard Work Getting Ahead Of You This Year?
Kids making it impossible to get things done?

Samantha Pollock and Helen Bell-Smith are willing to do yard work and child care on weekends or in the summer.

Call: Samantha - 389-9977 Helen - 384-4071

The Neighbourhood

-Annette

Sympathy to Marg Stevenson and family on the death of Bath resident, Doug Stevenson. Doug and his family have had a summer residence on Amherst Island for many years.

Congratulations to Noel and Tamara McCormick on their new son. Zachary was born April 16 at a whopping 9 1/2 lbs.

Congratulations to Tracy Hitchins who is newly engaged to Craig Monk. They will be married next May in Centreville. Tracy also graduates this month from the law and security program at Loyalist College. Heidy, meanwhile, will attend Loyalist this fall in the Youth/Child Counselor program. Best of luck.

Best wishes to Dave Youell, recovering from knee surgery.

Reverend Lindsay McIntyre retires later this month, and he and Jean will be moving off the Island. Best of luck to both, and thanks for your many years of community service.

I might have written more this month, but as usual I am finishing this at the last moment, in a hurry, before the arrival of our new "Deadline Demon". (This being the person who reminds us that our copy is due). Note to the editor: may we please have Caroline back!

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The April 17th monthly meeting, followed by the Annual meeting was held at the home of Jean Baker and we started with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem. After the reports had been dealt with, plans were finalized for the May 11th Mother's Day Ham Dinner and the "Pitch In" road cleanup which we are helping with on May 9th.

At the Annual meeting, appreciation was expressed to the outgoing officers and the following members were elected for the coming year.

President... Jackie Sylvester

1st Vice President... Helen Miller

2nd Vice President... Audrey Miller

Secretary... Marion Glenn

Treasurer... Freda Youell

P.R. Officer... Freda Youell

Program Co-ordinator... Helen Lamb
District Director... Anna Hitchins
Alternate District Director... Jean Baker
Tweedsmuir History Curator... Leslie Gavlas
Auditors... Helen Lamb and Christine Quinn

Even though the meeting took longer than usual because of the Annual, we still found time to enjoy a late lunch served by our hostess.

There are many other duties to be covered during the year which members look after and we are grateful for them all especially our Good-will Person, Irene Glenn, and the Cancer Campaign Team Leader, Helen Lamb. All the ladies volunteer an enormous amount of hours and donate baked goods etc. so it is gratifying to know that our neighbours appreciate our efforts by the support we receive. That support is what makes it so worth-while and since we are on this subject - Congratulations - you've done it again. Yes, the Cancer Campaign was a great success and we outdid last year's total. Thank you all for your generosity and the warm welcome extended to our members when they called.

The May 9th "Pitch In" road clean up was also a success and the Public School pupils with their drivers and walkers cleaned the Village curbs and roadside shoulders outside of Stella. Hopefully their efforts will make folk think twice about throwing litter out of vehicles or dropping garbage on the roads.

Our May 22nd meeting and plant exchange is at the home of Helen Lamb at 8 pm. and the June 19th meeting will be at the home of Freda Youell at 8 pm. At this June evening we will have members of the First Response Team demonstrating and explaining the functions of the Cardiac Defibrillator and it will be interesting to see just what happens when it is put to use - especially as it could be any one of us that needs it some day. Join us and find out first-hand how this equipment can help you and members of your family.

Retirement Luncheon for Reverend Lindsay and Mrs Jean McIntyre
St. Paul's Church Hall
Sunday May 26 - 12:00 (after Church)
Everyone Welcome!

Cook's Corner
- Dianne Marshall

I recently came across a Chatelaine collection of 363 home-tested recipes originally printed in 1968. This book contains many genuine Heirloom Recipes (over 100 years old). Many have been updated to suit today's ingredients etc. The recipe for Winter Pie made me think about the women settlers and the difficulties they

must have met in trying to feed their families during the long winter months. With easy access to our large grocery stores and home freezers we should pause for a moment to realize how lucky we are.

Winter Pie

1 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup finely ground carrot
1/2 cup sugar
1 tbs cornstarch
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp cloves
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup hot water
1 cup coarsely chopped apple

Combine the dry ingredients, and add to the raisins and carrot. Add Water, bring to a boil and simmer about 5 minutes. Then add apple. Bake this mixture between two crusts about 20 minutes at 375 F.

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Now available from the Amherst Island Fire Fighter's Association:
Smoke Alarms require new batteries annually: \$10.00
Lithium Powered Smoke Alarms 10 year warrantied life on one battery: \$1 8.00
Carbon Monoxide Detector: \$45.00
Contact Chief Scott, Deputy Chief Shurtleff, or any other firefighter.

"Pitch In"

May 9th 1996

In just three-quarters of an hour the students of Amherst Island Public School did themselves proud by picking up garbage in the village and major roads. The teachers, led by Keitha Smith, organized the routes and allocated the drivers and walkers who volunteered their time, vehicles and enthusiasm, then pitched in and walked with the children as they performed this unpleasant task. It was a job well done, which was rewarded by cookies supplied by members of the Women's Institute. Jean Baker spent a lot of time finding the volunteers and coordinating the afternoon with the school and obtaining the plastic bags from the Pitch In Organization, and everyone involved is to be congratulated on this combined effort to keep our Island as clean and environmentally friendly as possible.

Island History

Kathleen Downey (Neilson) Wemp

[Ian: I requested this article from Jean Tugwell who also supplied her mother's photo.]

Kathleen Downey (Neilson) Wemp, born on Amherst Island June 21st 1893, daughter of James and Ida Neilson, wife of Arnold Wemp, who was also born on Amherst Island in 1884. Kathleen one hundred and three years as of June 21, 1996 is still blessed with a keen memory and sense of humour, enjoys reminiscing of girlhood days in the Village of Stella where she lived with her parents, two sisters, three brothers and periodically two half sisters and two half brothers. Her father being a merchant, one of the exciting events was the arrival of the lake boats at the dock where their mother often took them to watch the unloading of freight - barrels of sugar, flour, bolts of cloth, footwear and much more.

Kathleen attended #1 Public School below the village. Music has always been her delight and twice weekly she travelled to Kingston to take piano and vocal lessons. While awaiting the opening of the first high school on Amherst Island, she visited her half sister Gertrude Thompson in Brooklyn, New York, where she continued studying piano and was privileged to attend the premiere performance of "The Merry Widow".

On June 2, 1913, Kathleen and Arnold Wemp were

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married in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Stella, which was beautifully decorated with white lilacs. A small reception was held at the bride's home. At approximately 8:45 a.m., the bridal party boarded the steamboat "The North King" for Kingston. After touring and dining in Kingston, the bride and groom continued to Montreal on "The Alexandria", a side-wheeler. Upon their return, they lived at the west end of the Island where Arnold farmed.

Arnold was musically inclined and learned to play the cornet in the Amherst Island Band. Although life on the farm was a new experience for Kathleen, she could be found early in the morning baking many pies, kneading bread, churning cream to pack butter or gardening.

Kathleen and Arnold's two sons Neilson and Ralph, and three daughters Helen, Marjorie and Jean, who are still living, were also born on Amherst Island. Due to a long illness of cancer, Arnold died in 1936. Kathleen and her children are blessed with many happy memories, especially of sing-songs around the piano accompanied by Arnold playing the mandolin. Sunday chores were planned to allow time to hitch the horses to either the sleigh or the two seated buggy so everyone

could attend Christ Church in Emerald. Kathleen played the organ in Christ Church and also in St. Alban's before being married and during WWII years when she again resided in her original home in the village. Her son Neilson joined the Air Force and her son Ralph joined the Army. She was also active in the Anglican Guild, Women's Auxiliary and assisted A.Y.P.A. members in presenting plays.

In 1946 Kathleen was seriously injured in a car accident. She has been a resident of Lenadco Nursing Home, Napanee since 1983. Kathleen has twelve grandchildren living, 2 deceased, twenty great grandchildren living, one deceased, and ten great-great grandchildren.

If you have any eye glasses that aren't needed anymore please drop them off at either Coralie Marshall's, Glenn's Store or The Weasel and Easel. They will be forwarded to Eyesight International to help those less fortunate.

For more information please call Coralie Marshall - 389-5031

EFR Pool Tournament

- New Date -

5 p.m. Saturday June 1

K.T. Billiards

Entry Fee - \$10/player

13 and up welcome if accompanied by a parent

Pizza by the slice on sale

Registration fee may be left at Glenn's Store

For more information contact Annette

Letters To The Beacon

from Karen J. Fleming, who writes...

I am very interested to know who the irresponsible hind-end-of-the-donkey is (are) who keep breaking beer bottles on school property.

If you want to drink, fine, if you feel the need to break or leave your beer bottles laying around, then throw them on you own lawn or break them on your own driveway. Then the next morning when you're picking up broken glass you'll know how our teachers feel when they are constantly picking up after you irresponsible bunch.

The last thing we need is to be spending our education dollars hiring teachers to clean up this mess, time and time again.

Obviously, the safety of the children in this school has failed to penetrate your brain. How about some

respect for your school and the safety of our school children? After all, if you're old enough to drink, then you're old enough to pick up after yourself. Do it now before this dangerous situation escalates!!

from Caroline Yull being her "annual plea" for increased awareness of children playing in the village by drivers...

Driver Alert

Jason, Tyler, Cory & Justin Hutchings
Kevin & Mark McCormick
Alicia & Danielle Wolfreys
Sarah & Ben Whitton
Jason & Stephanie Fleming
Shawna & Toni Phillips
Scott & Bonnie Marshall
Shannon & Candace Youell
Ashley Filson
Tabytha & Khrysta Trotter
Cole Barrette
Chris & William Reed
Ryan, Brent & Ashley McGinn
Cameron Grace
Sara & Samantha Pollock
Helen Bell-Smith & Fae MacArthur
Cody Fabian

This is a list of children who either live in the village of Stella or spend significant amounts of time with family here, and if there were ever a list filled with hopes, expectation, possibilities and love, this is it.

Because Fae and I and our little blue wagon have had a few

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scary close calls with vehicles speeding through on their way to the boat, I thought it was time to re-do my annual request to drivers to exercise caution. The village isn't just an impediment to be passed through on the way to the dock, it is where these kids live and play, and now that the weather is (at last!) opening up a bit, they are out afoot or on bikes (or in little blue wagons!) for a lot more hours every day. With a couple of new businesses opening in the last few years, more cars are parked along the street, and it is hard to see ahead to where the kids are. So please, Slow Down In Stella! Watch For Children! Thanks for your cooperation.

Inspirational Thoughts

I have been reading what some famous men have said about coping with the difficulties of life. General Charles de Gaulle said 'I find difficulties and problems

attractive. It is only by coming to grips with difficulty that I can realize my potentialities.' While Bishop Philip Brooks wrote, 'I do not pray for an easy life, I pray to be a stronger man; I do not pray for tasks to my powers, but pray for powers equal to my tasks.'

John Mason Neal, remembered for his carols, Good King Wenceslas and Good Christian Men Rejoice, is quoted as saying 'If possible it shall be done, and if impossible it must be done.' Most of all, though, I like the heartfelt prayer of an unknown writer, 'Lord, when I get to the end of my tether, tie a knot for one to hold on to!'

If God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

A Friend!

Second Annual Community

Flea Market

Where: The Back Kitchen Lawn

When: Saturday, June 15, 1996

(Rain Day, Sunday June 16)

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Requirements to Sell:

Call 389-7200 or 384-7866 to reserve a space by June 2

Arrive by 10:00 am on June 15 and set up your own table(s) and you're ready for business.

The Back Kitchen will provide all advertising promoting this event.

Township Of Amherst Island

Call for Tenders

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to content, will be received at the township office until 4:00 pm., Monday, June 3, 1996 for the following:

Removal Of Fallen Trees At Glenwood Cemetery:

The successful tender agrees to

1. remove the fallen trees from the site;
2. clean the site;
3. use all possible caution to prevent damage to headstones
4. complete the job by June 30, 1996

Tender must be accompanied by \$100.00 performance bond.

For details, please contact Ralph Woods at 389-7235 or leave a message by calling the Township Office at 389-3393.

Waterside Summer Series

at St. Alban's Church, Amherst Island
1996 Programme

Saturday, May 25, 7:00 pm
Musick's Pleasures & the Quinte Consort

Saturday, June 15, 7:00 pm
George Thurgood - Jazz Piano

Saturday, June 29, 7:00 pm
Arkady Yanivker (violin) and Thomas Wiebe (cello)

Saturday, July 17, 7:00 pm
Tim & Bev Hallman - Musical Evening & Singalong

Saturday, August 3, 7:00 pm
Nick and Joy Hunter - "The Love Letters" by A.J. Gurney

Saturday August 17, 7:00 pm
Kingston Ceili Band

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Children's Concert - Jack Grunsky
Saturday July 13, 2:00 pm
Award winning children's recording artist/performer. Children may recognize Jack and his diverse repertoire of memorable songs and unique instruments from such shows as TVO Kids and Mr. Dressup. This is an hour of fun and music with snacks following on the lawn, when you will have a chance to meet Jack. Recordings will be available for purchase. This concert only will be \$3 for children and adults alike. Recommended for children up to 11 years. Call Caroline Yull at 384-4071 to reserve space. Pay at the door.

Workshop On Church Music
"But I thought they only asked me to play once!"
Wednesday July 24 at 7:00 pm - Sharon Beckstead
For more information call Caroline Yull at 384-4071.
Tickets \$15.00 per person.

Ticket Prices: This year, ticket prices include beverages as well as hors d'oeuvres.
Single Tickets \$10.00 each Series Tickets (five concerts or more) \$ 9.00 per concert
- To order by mail send cheque or money order payable to Waterside Summer Series, c/o Jan Sneep, R.R.# 1, Stella, ON K0H 2S0.
- For information by phone, please call Jan Sneep at (613) 634-1995
- Due to the limited number of available seats we are forced to sell on a first come, first served basis.

Gardener's Alert:

In past seasons, the Waterside Summer Series has relied heavily on the generosity of Island flower growers to help make these events so special. We hope to be able to do so again this year. So, if you are contemplating whether or not to plant that extra row of cutting flowers, we'd like to encourage you, and will be exceedingly grateful for any contributions you are able to make. Many concert-goers each time are blown over by the beauty of massed flowers in the church, so obviously Island gardeners are onto something!

ISLE will be sponsoring a Bake Sale at the Second Annual Community Yard Sale July 15th from 9-12

Baking will be received at the sale site or Friday evening at Karen J. Fleming's home or Cathy Glenn's home.

Come Out And Support Your School
For more information call 389-0214 or 389-9869.

Obituary Morrison Fleming Scott

Word has been received this morning of the passing last evening in Lennox and Addington County Hospital, of Morrison Fleming Scott, in his 95th year. He was a member of one of Amherst Island's oldest families, who pioneered in many phases of their farm operations. His father Wm. Scott, who was a diligent hard working man, who with his family resided in the "Historic Mud House" on Scott's Point, just west of the Island dock. Mr Scott was the first man to build other than a wooden stave corn silo on Amherst Island, which still stands, adjacent to the Eves barn. He was an inveterate grower of big corn crops, year after year, in spite of some very muddy experiences in harvesting same. They were the first to purchase a mechanical corn planter as well as the first side delivery rake that I knew of on Amherst Island. As Morrison grew up, he developed an interest in purebred Holstein cattle and persuaded his father to purchase a purebred heifer, which Morrison led from their home farm down the North Shore road to die Robert Saunders farm, thence across the ice to Lemoines Point amid down to the James Henderson Farm to have the heifer bred by a purebred bull (James Henderson was a well known Holstein Breeder of that era) and home again. This was the start of development of a well recognized Holstein herd with the prefix of "Everest".

In my younger days of farming I purchased bull calves from the Scotts to improve our herd.

Morrison later became interested in Municipal politics, was elected to Council and later the Reeveship. I have heard ex-clerk, the late Francis Welbanks, extol his virtues and his steadfastness of purpose in Municipal affairs. As Reeve he assumed the managership of the ferry, at no additional cost, where he had to deal with crew members who were his close relatives. I recall an instance where a dance had been arranged with a Kingston Orchestra engaged. The plan was to have the ferry, having completed her Friday trip to Emerald to go back to Millhaven to bring the orchestra over, this saving the expense of one special trip (which at that time was \$5.00). When the organizers of the dance arrived at the

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Victoria Hall it was to learn that the ferry was tied up at the Island dock for the night. The suggestion was to “go for Morrison”, who later told me that he had just put the lather on his face to have a shave, when this delegation arrived. He immediately came down to the dock and ordered the Captain out, with the explicit command “If you don’t go you are fired, right now!” He went and the dance proceeded as planned.

As the development of their Holstein herd increased, there was a market demand by buyers from the U.S. and Morrison was quick to realize that living as he did on Amherst Island, buyers could not be attracted over here, with the additional expense involved. It was a great shock to Island residents when the word was out that Morrison had purchased a well known farm on Highway #2 and was leaving the Island. (I have lived to regret that more of us, then at a younger age, had not followed Morrison’s example and moved to available farms - we had three different opportunities to buy good farms, where you had a paved road, no squabbling over ferry service, which now dictates the politics of the Island and spiraling costs are increasingly making it a very expensive place to live!).

Morrison is survived by his wife Isabelle, (an Island native, nee Hogeboom) one son Peter and two daughters, Jo-Anne Scott and Wilda Fitch. Five grandchildren, a sister, Mary Gunion of Kingston and a number of cousins survive, a brother, James predeceased him. Burial was in the Morven Cemetery with a memorial service in Morven United Church. Correction: The Sections of a boat propeller are known as “Buekets” not “Brackets”.

[Staff: A chart of Morrison F. Scott ancestors is reproduced on Page 15 of the Beacon.]

Donnie Miller and Chad Miller and family are pleased to invite our friends and neighbours to join us in celebrating the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents Donald and Judy Miller

Amherst Island Public School

Saturday, June 22

8 pm to 1 am

Dancing 8 to 1 - Cash Bar

Buffet

Everyone Welcome!

No gifts please.

The A.C.W. will be holding their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q

on Saturday July 6, 1996

From 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Tickers -

Adults - \$8.00

Children under 10 - \$3.00

Advance Tickets only.

These will be on sale after June 17, 1996.

Thank You Notes

I wish to thank everyone who came to my assistance the afternoon of my snowmobile accident, the members of the Emergency First Response Team, Fire Chief Alex Scott, Ambulance Attendants, Gary Filson, Irene Glenn and the Ferry Crews.

Also sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and relatives for the phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, candy, fruit and home baking that I received while in Hospital and after returning home, to the Ladies of the Women’s Institute, and to the Ladies of the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for their visits and treats.

A special thank you to Dr Scott, Dr Smythe and Reverend Davis, to Reg Hitchins, Jamie Scott, Bill Hogan and my family for all their help and support.

Everything was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Howard Welbanks.

Dear Island friends thank you for helping me raise money for the Special Olympics. Thanks to you I got to run in Napanee in the Torch Run. We are representing Amherst Island Public School.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Whitney Fleming

Canadian Cancer Society
I would like to take this

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opportunity to thank all the residents of Amherst Island who gave so generously to the April Cancer Canvas. Also a big "thank you" to the ladies of Amherst Island Women's Institute who, each year, willingly volunteer many hours to canvas the Island. We may be small in size but we're big in heart! Again my sincere thanks.

Helen Lamb
Team Captain - Zone 14
Canadian Cancer Society

Just so you know:

If your host is using firewood with one end stained red, he's the lazy thief who has been helping himself to our woodpile these last two winters

Ron Harting and Mary McCollam

Don't Forget

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

I.S.L.E. is offering Wilton Cheese
Don't forget to phone your order in to an A.I.P.S. student or:

Karen Fleming - 389-0210
Karen J. Fleming - 389-9869
Cathy Glenn - 389-0214
Dave Willard - 389-1656

orders In By	Pickup and Payment
May 17	May 22
June 14	June 19

A Letter Home

The greening of the grass has finally begun. The coming of spring has been quite a struggle. Much of the time it seems to be cold and raining. In two days we've had over two inches of rain. Last night they were calling

for snow in Ottawa! May the 11th, it has to get warmer soon, doesn't it?

We've begun the Big lambing. Seven hundred and fifty ewes all prepared to lamb in about three weeks. The days work is long and tiring but oh so rewarding. The newborn lambs are cute, cuddly and friendly until Mom teaches them otherwise. After a long day I like to look out the window and watch the display of their sheer joy of life. White lambs running and leaping up and down fields of green grass always lifts my spirits. Perhaps we could learn from them and show more pleasure in the mere fact of being alive!

All the Island is hoping that the Frontenac II will be here for the long weekend. With so many vehicles coming and going we will all be glad to see the Big boat chugging up the Bay for it's summer stay.

I'm really excited about the new gallery which has opened up on the Island called the Weasel and Easel. It's only two houses down from the Back Kitchen in Stella. I stopped by the other day to see their display of local crafts. There's everything from paintings, pottery, photographs, woodworking, hand crafts, wool blankets and much more. Now you know where I'll be buying all your future presents. The best part is that it's one more reason not to go to town.

Working in the barn has made me especially sleepy tonight. As I head to my nice warm bed and drift off into delicious sleep I shall be thinking of you all.
Goodnight!

4-H Draw to be held on Canada Day 1996 after the parade

Get your tickets from any 4-H member or leader on Amherst Island

Prizes:

- 1st Royal Doulton Figurine
- 2nd Quilted Wallhanging
- 3rd Quilted Pillow
- 4th Birdhouse
- 5th Wooden Plane Mobile

Tickets are 3 for \$2.00.

Proceeds are to assist with 4-H activities at local, county and provincial levels.

Special thanks to those donating prizes:

Doris Decorum (Freda's sister), Poplar Dell B&B, Audrey Miller, Peter Morgan and John Pollock.

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For Sale
Wanted

For Sale
Bedding Plants / Nursery Stock
Huge Selection - Competitively Priced
By order only.
Call Pam McCormick 389-8167

Crib For Sale (new regulations)
Paid \$125 for it, will sell for \$75.
Like new, only used a few times for last grandchildren.
Beatrice Wemp 389-2549

Maple Syrup For Sale
1,2 and 4L cans now at "Back Kitchen"
made by Dave and Brenda Kerr.

Anyone interested in buying Amway products,
or viewing Amway catalogues please call and
I will be glad to talk to you. Darrell 389-7142

Albertan Homes
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Babysitting
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House For Sale - south shore road, east of Stella 40 ft.
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Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan life Representative
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If you have any problems with your lawn and garden
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For serious students 15 years & up.
Call 384-8599.

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If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Events Calendar
May 17... Back Kitchen Summer Hours go into effect
11 am - 7 pm except Tuesdays
May 18... Spring Dance & Fish Fry (see ad Page 4 for
details)
May 22... A.I. Women's Institute meeting 8 p.m. at
Helen Lamb's
May 24... Pathfinder Bake Sale 4 p.m. at Lyn
Fleming's
May 25... Pathfinder Dog Wash
May 26... Retirement Luncheon for the McIntyres
12:00 at St Paul's Church Hall
June 1... EFR Pool Tournament 5 p.m. at K.T. Billiards
June 3... Glenwood Cemetary Tender closes at 4 pm
June 15... Community Flea Market 11 am - 3 pm at the
Back Kitchen
June 15... ISLE Bake Sale at the Flea Market 9-12
June 22... 25th Wedding Anniversary for Donald &
Judy Miller 8 p.m. at A.I.P.S.
July 1... Canada Day
July 6... A.C.W. Chicken BAR-B-Q 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
July 21... Memorial Day Service at Glenwood
Cemetary 2 p.m.

Glenwood - Pentland Cemetary
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service.

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Ancestors of Morrison F. Scott

Morrison F. Scott (b: 1901; d: April 18, 1996 in Napanee)

William A. Scott (b: 1869; m: 1900; d: 1965) {father of Morrison F. Scott}

Elizabeth Fleming (b: 1870; d: 1945) {mother of Morrison F. Scott}

William O. Scott (b: 1806 in Scotland) {father of William A. Scott}

Matilda Morrison (b: 1827 in Ireland) {mother of William A. Scott}

William Fleming (b: October 28, 1840; d: October 30, 1911) {father of Elizabeth Fleming}

Sarah Jane Cronin (b: 1844) {mother of Elizabeth Fleming}

Samuel Fleming (b: 1802 in Ards, Ireland; d: 1888) {father of William Fleming (b: October 28, 1840; d: October 30, 1911)}

Catherine Galbraith (b: 1801 in Scotland; d: 1879) {mother of William Fleming (b: October 28, 1840; d: October 30, 1911)}

James Cronin (b: 1814 in Ards, Ireland; d: 1864) {father of Sarah Jane Cronin}

Christine Kaig (b: 1807; d: 1890) {mother of Sarah Jane Cronin}

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Caribbean Crossword

Created by Bonnie Azulay (384-5437).

Your Island Travel Consultant for Bayridge Travel

Across

2. Popular water sport.
6. To discover.
7. Loose particles of hard broken rock.
8. Tropical bird.
11. Yellowish fruit.
12. A means of transportation.
13. Type of music.
14. Official currency of Dominican Republic.
17. A reminder of a vacation.

19. Alcoholic liquor.

20. Vehicle requiring license.

22. Playing card.

24. Watersport involving wind.

28. Direct light of the sun.

29. Plant found on Curacao.

32. To visit stores for purchase.

34. Where the sun is directly overhead when apparently at it's greatest distance north or south of the equator.

35. Falls on Grenada

Down

1. Tropical woodland that has annual rainfall.

2. Managing or directing the course of a boat.

3. Body of land surrounded by water.

4. Tropical lizard.

5. Drought-resistant plant.

9. Ridge of rocks or sand near water surface.

10. One that travels for pleasure.

15. Pleasure trip.

16. Aruba's capital.

18. Sister Island to St. Kitts.

21. You must purchase a drivers license if you plan to rent a car on this island.

23. A place to gamble.

25. Island with French/Dutch culture.

26. To sail about touching a series of ports.

27. A particular form or stage of civilization.

31. Large ocean going boat.

33. Something that provides pleasure.

{The Puzzle is shown on the next page}

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120 Subscribers

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Beacon Notes

We were saddened to hear that Kathleen Wemp died. The picture of her published last month was very special. It was so excellent that we wanted to do a better job than we could with the scanner, so we had a laser copy made at KP Copy Store. The quality of the copy was excellent and, in fact, closely rivals getting a camera store to do a duplicate. The best part is that the cost was about \$3 for two copies instead of \$30+. Sally tried it and got two copies of 8 pictures (both b&w and colour) for about \$21 which is pretty spectacular. So, if you have any pictures to copy, it would be well worth your while to give them a try. KP Copy Store is in the Cataraqi Town Centre by the south doors. This is where we print the Beacon and can attest to good service.

We have new mailing labels (finally!) so if our subscribers would take a careful look to see if all is correct - if not let us know. They are produced on

WP6.1 for Windows and look better than the old ones which came off a very old data base.

Finally, the Beacon is now on sale at Glenn's Store, the Back Kitchen, and, our latest outlet - the Weasel and Easel.

Stop The Press

- Chris Kennedy

At a Special Meeting on Wednesday, 19 June, Council discussed the ferry funding. Allan and Cathy Glenn had received a letter, with a copy to the Township, saying that the ferry funds have now been restored to last year's level. Council therefore passed a resolution removing all the interim ferry fare increases, from 6:00 a.m., Thursday morning, June 20th. The last ferry will be restored from Saturday, June 22nd. Jim Whitton voted against this, preferring to wait until the official announcement was made by the province and the financial details of the ferry budget could be considered.

Council then passed a motion deploring, the Provincial government's handling of the whole ferry subsidy fracas and their lousy communication with the Township Council.

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Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held on May 29, 1996 with all members of Council present. It was held to consider a request from County Council that all municipalities indicate their preference for either a one or two-tier restructuring model within the County. After an open discussion by all, Council passed a motion to go with the two-tier model.

This model would reduce the number of municipalities within the County to four, with Amherst Island being amalgamated with Bath and Ernestown. The other groupings would be:

- Adolphustown, North Fredricksburgh, South Fredricksburgh, Napanee and Richmond;

- Camden East, Newburgh and Sheffield; and,

- Kaladar, Anglesea & Effingham, Denbigh, Ashby and Abinger.

The one-tier model would have all 13 municipalities within the County amalgamated into one municipality - in effect the County would be the only government within L&A.

No details were available on how either of these

options would work, nor are they likely to be available in the foreseeable, future. This vote is not the final vote on any option as we may yet be grouped in with Kingston, etc. for an area-wide restructuring. We won't know the fate of those talks until near the end of June. So, perhaps next month, we will have some hard information for you. The vote for the two-tier model was non-unanimous.

Help

Council has been wrestling with how to make the ferry operation better. We thought that we could help by asking our readers for suggestions. So far we have come up with

1. a car wash while you ride the boat (the crew has lots of hoses and mops),
2. a microwave cafe featuring eggs fried right on the deck of the Frontenac II,
3. a Dutch auction for the last spot on the boat,
4. video gambling and games in the passenger cabins,
5. rough weather trips will be charged double (better than an amusement park ride),
6. pay to be 'Captain for a Trip' so you can order the crew to push off in mid-channel the car that outbid you for the last spot,
7. shuffleboard courts for rent,
8. daycare (nice controlled atmosphere),
9. trips with 10 or more people could be rowed,
10. movies shown in fast forward so you can see an entire feature movie in 14 minutes (for those with short attention spans),
11. rent the boat for a scenic moonlight cruise or as a sunset duck-hunting platform.

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

June 4, 1996

Chris had a conflict of interest tonight with the School Concert, so had to pass off reporting on Council to me.

Special Meeting: Prior to the Regular Meeting, Council held a Special Meeting to consider insurance proposals for the Township from Bickerton Brokers and OME Jardine Insurance. Both companies sent a representative who laid out their proposals, which Council received for further consideration. This meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was called to order at 8:20 p.m. with all Council members present.

Regular Meeting: After the usual opening items: adoption of the minutes, approval of the agenda, disclosure of interest, etc., Council went into short

closed session to 'consider a personnel matter'.

Delegations: The Union Representative, Bob Marshall, spoke to Council expressing various concerns of the crews. He was asking Council to back off a bit on their rather literal reading of the rules - basically asking for some flexibility which, he thought, would create a more positive management atmosphere.

from an English teacup, and munches a French pastry while sitting on his Danish furniture, having just come from an Italian movie in his German car. He picks up his Japanese pen and writes to his Member of Parliament to complain about the American takeover of the Canadian publishing business.”

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

June 6, 1996

A Special Meeting of Council was held in the Community Centre to discuss the County-wide restructuring and to deal with one unfinished piece of business from the June 4th Regular meeting.

All members of Council were present along with the Clerk-treasurer and about 28 members of the interested public. Yes, that's right... a rather small turnout by Island standards.

Reeve Ashley opened the meeting with a review of restructuring to date and one interesting tidbit of gossip.... there are persistent rumours that our ferry subsidy will be returned to its previous funding level of 90%, but nothing official has been received by the Township as yet.

The Reeve said that Council had voted to support tentatively two-tier municipal government on the County level and, to the amazement of many, this was passed at the County Council. This meeting was to get feedback from the public and, if there was no general disagreement, to formally vote to support this option.

The floor was opened to questions and comments. One of the virtues of a smaller meeting is that everyone gets an opportunity to speak, which may have been the case here. The most important point to come out was Council's feeling that two-tier county government was the best of a bad bunch of options we were being forced (by the province) to choose between and that we were voting on something for which details exist as to how it would function. In trying to construct a county option, the municipalities were trying to avoid being sucked into the black hole of Kingston city/township dominated government. There is no guaranty that this L&A two-tier county model would be acceptable to the Minister.

The questions were wide-ranging and Council did their best to answer; but without details, it was difficult. In the end, Council voted unanimously to support the two-tier option which groups us with the Village of Bath and Ernestown

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Township as one municipality. The motion read:
that, on the condition that the following proposal be

presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to June 15th, 1996, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island hereby supports the resolution passed by the Council of the County of Lennox and Addington on May 31st, 1996 to submit a municipal restructuring proposal for Lennox and Addington County based upon a two-tier model that includes the County and four restructured local municipalities to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Al Leach; and further, that any restructuring model adopted for Lennox and Addington County be based upon savings for municipal property taxpayers.

Glenwood - Pentland Cemetery

Memorial Day Service

On Sunday, July 21st at 2 p.m.

at Glenwood Cemetery

An inter-denominational service will be held to celebrate the lives of loved ones interred in the Glenwood or Pentland Cemeteries.

A light lunch and an opportunity to visit will follow the service.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Kim and Duncan Ashley on the birth of their first child, a son, Gavin Mitchell.

Congratulations also to Bob and Ann Turner on their new grandchild.

Welcome home to Janet Grace and family, and welcome to our new village resident, Jillian Watters, a house mate for Fred Werthman. John and Maureen Glenn have also moved back to this area and are living in Collins Bay. Their two youngest children, Mallory and Mitchell, will be attending school here until the end of June.

Two summer residents have had their cottages broken into in the last few weeks. Stolen items included chainsaws, tools, liquor and other miscellaneous items. I also read in last month's Beacon where someone had stolen wood from Mary McCollam's place. If anyone out there knows the culprits (and somebody must) please call the police. This is Amherst Island for crying out loud, things like this should not happen here, and the people who are responsible should not be welcome members of this community!

My great-grandmother, Kathleen Wemp, passed away last week in her 103rd year. It amused me to have people drop in or call to ask about arrangements for David's grandmother, or Kathy's grandmother or Jean's mother. The Wemp connection is a huge one and I

thought it would be interesting for those of you who don't know us (yes, I'm a Wemp too), to see how many Island people this family encompasses. Here goes:

Kathleen And Arnold Wemp

Ralph (son) and Beatrice Wemp:

David and Betty Wemp:

Rob Wemp and Heather Young,

Chris and Nathan Maleska;

Laura (Wemp) and Rick Welbanks.

Marie (Wemp) and Brian Ward;

Stephen and Sherry Ward.

Joyce (Wemp) and Grant Titley;

Stephen and Tina Titley.

Kathy (Wemp) and Stewart Reed;

Donald, Christopher, and William Reed.

Maureen (Wemp) and Andy Tasker;

Jennifer, Heather and Geoffrey Tasker.

Helen Wemp (daughter) and Donald Miller

Carol (Miller) and Paul Glenn:

Annette (Glenn) and Bill Phillips;

Shawna and Torri Phillips.

Cheryl Glenn (deceased):

John and Maureen Glenn;

Leslie, Mitchell and Mallory Glenn.

Sandra (Miller) and Glenn Filson:

Todd and Andrea Filson;

Cameron and Tyler Filson

Kim (Filson) and David Redden;

Alexandra Redden

Donald and Judy Miller;

Donnie and Chad Miller.

Neilson (son) and Jean Wemp (British Columbia)

Brenda Wemp.

Jill (Wemp) and Paul Stringer;

Kirk, Brent and Nicola Stringer.

Keith and Margot Wemp;

Derek and Casey Wemp.

Derrick Wemp (deceased).

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Marjore Wemp (daughter) and Renshaw Tooke
(deceased) (Hamilton)

Toni and Elaine Tooke (deceased);

Janet Tooke.

Jean Wemp (daughter) and Earle Tugwell

Jeffrey Tugwell (deceased).

Back Kitchen anymore; she's off to Toronto to a new job and then college in the fall. Two new faces will be Jessica Garrett and Heather Maleska.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

On May 22nd, at the home of Helen Lamb, we started our Meeting with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem, followed by the usual business matters and reports. Anna Hitchins gave us a special report of the District Annual Meeting which she attended accompanied by Leslie Gavlas and Jean Baker and we moved on to discuss Fund Raising. The W.I. will have a sale table at the Community Flea Market being held on June 15th at the Back Kitchen and judging by the success of this event in 1995 it should be a fun day for everyone with lots of bargains to be found. Our members were relieved to hear that even though Jean McIntyre will be living off the Island she will not be leaving our Branch and will be hostess for our September Meeting. Jean has been a good friend and loyal member for so many years - she would have been greatly missed had she decided to transfer. After a tasty lunch served by our hostess we had our plant exchange which gets more interesting each May. I had vowed not to put in a garden after the rabbits and voles ate my last years efforts but I had to change my mind when I saw the variety of healthy specimens to choose from. Thank you to all of our friends and neighbours who supported our Mother's Day Ham Dinner - your continued support of this event is very important to our Branch and, as always, you did not let us down.

Congratulations to Sandra Reid who was the winner of the lovely Afghan and to Elsie Densem, the lucky Grandma who went home with the flowers. The June 19th meeting will be at the home of Freda Youell at 8 pm. Jackie Sylvester's home will be our gathering spot for our usual meeting and we plan to watch Peter Trueman's Park Video. A great chance for you to join us as a guest and - who knows - you may decide to become a member!

Now available from the Amherst Island Fire Fighter's Association:

Smoke Alarms require new batteries annually \$10.00

Lithium Powered Smoke Alarms 10 year warrantied life on one battery \$18.00

Carbon Monoxide Detector \$45.00

Contact Chief Scott, Deputy Chief Shurtleff, or any other firefighter.

[Staff: a late note] You won't see Christie Grange at the

Tom French
Lives Lived
by Carmen Pajak

[Excerpt from the Globe and Mail - April 22, 1961]

Few people have the courage to change their lives. Fewer still have a gift that allows them to reach out and touch the lives of others. Thomas Harold French - humanitarian, leader and friend - had that gift and gave it with tireless energy.

Tom French was one of the most respected men in Canada's correctional system. Known as a straight shooter whose philosophy in life was "truth and honesty". Tom was the driving force behind the reintroduction of inmates into society.

Tom is best known for his work connected with St. Leonard's Society (Windsor), which establishes halfway houses and helps offenders and ex-offenders with their transition from prison back into the community. In 1990, he began an inmate service out of Kingston known as the Life Line Inreach. Inreach goes into federal institutions in Ontario to conduct interviews with men and women serving life sentences. Together with his partner and best friend, Russ Elliott, Tom acted as a mediator between inmates and their case-management teams.

Because lifers have long incarceration periods, they are often ignored by institutional programs until much later in their sentences. Tom inspired lifers to take responsibility for their own sentence management so they could reach the goals of their treatment plans. Inmates could call his home at any time to ask for help or just talk with him.

Tom's vast knowledge of the prison system came from his experiences both outside and inside penitentiaries. His young adult life was spent in and out of provincial institutions. Often, he would decline a lawyer at his hearings, insisting on representing himself. Tom's brilliance in the courtroom soon earned him a reputation for being a charismatic debater. Crown attorneys used to sit in just to hear him speak.

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Very little stood in Tom's way, including the limitations of a Grade 3 education. He taught himself how to read and figured out the Criminal Code and law strategies to help him in his defense. But in 1976, at the age of 32, Tom received a life sentence for second-degree murder with a possibility for parole after seven years.

That sentence got Tom's attention. He decided to channel his energy toward personal change. In his eyes, you were either straight or you weren't; there was no middle ground. Tom was granted full parole on April 9,

1986, and spent the next three years in a halfway house.

Tom's wish to help others like him caused him to take action while still in prison. In 1978, he started the first John Howard Society chapter inside a Canadian Penitentiary. He later joined the organization known as Help, which was run by ex-offenders, and by the year it closed, 1989, he was the director.

Tom's accomplishments earned him the respect and admiration of inmates and correction officials alike. In 1993, he received the Queen Elizabeth 125th Commemorative Medal for outstanding performance toward his community, comrades and country.

Tom was, however, most remembered for his honesty and the special way he had of treating everyone on the same level, inmate and official alike. His friends would refer to his honesty as being "Frenchized", leaving Tom to exclaim, "If they don't want to hear the answer, they shouldn't ask the question": His commitment to his work never faltered, even when a motor-cycle accident took his leg in 1987 and put him in a wheelchair.

Tom died of a massive coronary at the age of 53. He leaves his wife of 25 years, Gloria, as well as a son and daughter. To honour him, several institutions in Ontario flew their flags at half staff the week of his death, something never done before.

Amherst Island Public School
Torch Run

For the past two years the students at A.I.P.S. have participated in the Torch Run of the Special Olympics.

In order to raise money students go around their community and ask for donations from people.

First we ran in the school yard. Then, two representatives from our school, Ryan and Andrew, took the torch to Bath Public School and handed it off.

On April 10, 1996, five representatives from our school went to N.D.S.S. for the regional Torch Run.

We ran about 1.5 kilometres from N.D.S.S. to the newest Giant Tiger Store.

We were pleased to represent our school and to present a cheque for \$785.75 to Constable Stanley.

We all try to help out in this once a year event. We would like to thank our community for their generous sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Samantha, Kyle, David A., Whitney and Morgan.

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School Concert
- Andrew McDonald

On Tuesday June 4, 1996, Amherst Island Public School presented the production The Wizard of Emerald. It was based on the book by L. Frank Baum called Time Wizard Of Oz.

With a lot of help from Mrs. Cathy Glenn and the teachers and staff, the kids wrote, raised and produced the whole thing. Some of the challenges we encountered were changing from one costume to another in a minimum amount of time and making props. Some of our favourite parts are when The Good Witch of the North Shore did the Tango and the Tin Purser sang "I Feel Good" by James Brown. It was a great success. Wait 'till you see what we do next year!

The Wizard Of Emerald
June 4, 1996
A.I. Public School
- Caroline Yull

After weeks of intense work by various committees of the Island school kids, the wonderful story of the Wizard of Emerald unfolded on stage at A.I.P.S. on Tuesday, June 4. There was a tremendous crowd, with the gym almost full. Time story had certain resonances of a movie I personally have watched more times than I care to admit, but with a distinctly Amherst Island twist. Jokes about news travelling faster here than on the Internet got huge laughs, as did several hilarious dance numbers. The sets and costumes were particularly good, but the real stand-out was the choral singing - I've never heard the children of our school sing together as a group as well as these children did in this show. It's a difficult thing to organize, especially in such a short stretch of time, but with many hours of practice with Miss Sidorchuck, and of course, Cathy Glenn at the piano they really pulled it together. All in all, it was a terrific show. We also heard Cathy's piano students playing their pieces - once again, there seems to be a crop of truly musical types among them. Many thanks to all involved for such an entertaining evening. P.S. - The next night in the very same locale, family and friends of local 4-H members attended the very first ever 4-H Achievement Night on Amherst Island. The food (potluck) was wonderful as always, and the 4-H members entertained us all with songs, games and presentations about what they'd been doing in 4-H. It was very impressive, and everyone enjoyed themselves. One of the most impressive aspects, at least for me, is the evidence of the many hours dedicated to our kids by 4-H leaders Freda Youell and Susie Caughey. This was Freda's first 4-H experience, although Susie has been involved for many years, and both show such enthusiasm and joy in their work with the 4-H members. It was a lovely presentation, enhanced by Beth

Forester's piano playing.

P.S. - A little hint to organizers of kids programs: what with dance class Monday night, The Wizard of Emerald Tuesday night, 4-H Achievement Night Wednesday night, and track and field try-outs Thursday at school, some of the kids were toast by the end of the week - all these events would be more enjoyable for kids (and parents too!) if they were spaced a little wider apart. [Staff: amen to that]

The Weasel And Easel
Is Now Open
10 - 5 daily except Wednesday
We have a great selection of Island art and crafts.
Come on in and browse
There is still room for more
Call 384-5606 for information

Letters To The Beacon

Letter to the Editor - June 7, 1996

On June 4th I had the privilege of attending the A.I.P.S. presentation of "The Wizard of Emerald". Having previously attended many public school concerts, recitals, assemblies etc., I came to the Island that night, I must admit, out of a sense of love and duty to Shawna and Torri. You can only imagine my surprise and pleasure as I watched this exceptional production. I realize that much of the credit in any school event is owed to the teachers, parents and advisors but, as I understand it in this case, most of the credit should go to the students. It was very easy to forget that we were watching public school children. Except for the diminutive size of some of the cast members, I could easily have thought that I was watching a play by high school students.

I have found this show very well adapted from the original to suit the Amherst Island theme. It was well choreographed, the costumes were

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good (right down to the continuity of costuming when different actors played the same role), the smallest children were charming and most of all the enthusiasm and professionalism of the actors was wonderful. I clapped, I laughed, I cried - what a gamut of emotions those kids put the audience through.

Heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in the production of "The Wizard of Emerald". This excellent show should have been taken 'on the road' to show the children in large communities what can be done by so

few children with such big hearts.

Thank you for a great evening. Anne Cox
[Staff: Could we please have more letters from our readers? This was a real treat.]

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

- Adam Miller

We are currently considering our options with the rink at the school. If you have any suggestions please drop us a line.

Canada Day is quickly approaching. We are having a parade, so kids decorate those bikes. There will also be hot dogs and pop at the school, as well as live music and fireworks. I would also like to ask anyone wanting to put a float in the parade to call Adam at 389-2588.

Swimming Lessons will be happening in August, so look in next month's Beacon for more info.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

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Hours of Operation:

Daily incl. holidays (except Tues)

11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Some grocery items including milk, eggs, butter, bread, 2L ice-cream 2L pop and Potato chips.

Now available!

Canada Post

- Annette

1. We are noticing an increase in the number of customers substituting grid numbers for mailing addresses. Likewise lot and concession numbers. If you receive mail on Amherst Island, your mailing address is either:

- a. General Delivery, Stella or,
- b. R.R. #1 Stella

If you wish to use your grid number, lot number, whatever, it must be in addition to your mailing address.

2. Many, many customers operate a small business out of their homes under a name that is different from their own last name. Farms are the same. (Those of you who have names for your house would also fall into this category). Unless your business is in a location separate from your home, you must either:

- a. Use your own name for mailing purposes, or
- b. Register the name of your business at the Post Office.

There is no way we can keep track of what business belongs to whom anymore - t 0 Td88 0 Td(r the).

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If you have any eye glasses that aren't needed anymore please drop them off at either Coralie Marshall's, Glenn's Store or The Weasel and Easel. They will be forwarded to Eyesight International to help those less fortunate. For more information please call Coralie Marshall - 389-5031

Island History

Politics is boundaries and vice versa

- Thomas Sylvester

Our Minister of Municipal affairs, Al Leach, has counselled local politicians to ignore the boundaries in the amalgamation discussions. The obvious concern of the Island is where will we fit in? Perhaps I can reassure readers by reporting how we got here, and demonstrating the transient nature of boundaries.

The concern whether the Island was located at the source of the St Lawrence River or the bottom of Lake Ontario was the barrier to Loyalist settlement in 1784. Contemporary American maps illustrated the eastern edge of Lake Ontario as the chain of islands off Point Traverse (pointe a traverse), locating our Island on a head pond of the St Lawrence. The colonial government decided to not allow settlement of any islands in the St Lawrence River (or its head pond), until the international boundary was established.

The county system that was inaugurated in 1792 placed Amherst, Wolfe and Howe Islands in the distinct entity "Ontario County." These island townships were unsettled private estates. They were called townships because a convenient term was required when the region was being discussed in electoral units.

Chief Justice Elmsley, Sally Bowen's ancestor, (Elmsley was Benjamin Hahlowell's son-in-law I don't know if Sally is related through Elmsley or just directly to Hallowell and yes, this is very important stuff) proposed in 1798, "to throw the county of Ontario which consists wholly of Islands, and extends from the mouth of the Gananoqui to the entrance of the Bay of Kinty into the several counties on the mainland, to which those Islands are wholly or in greater part opposite. The only one of those Islands which is at all settled at present is the Isle of Tonti or Amherst Island. Should the other Islands never be inhabited, this change can never prove inconvenient. Should they ever be settled, it will be much more convenient for those who live on them to resort to the Towns on the Main, than to any Town that may ever be formed on any one of them. The settlers on the Isle of Tonti do now, and will always find it more convenient to resort to AdolphusTown, or even to Kingston, than any part of the County of Ontario, which is sufficiently central for the site of a County Town."

The Bay of Quinte physically united the Island with Ernestown, Bath and all the other Quinte settlements. Marine transit, fluid or frozen, was the exclusive mode of transportation. The early residents of the Island merely lived across the street from Bath. Consequently, much of the early Island political administration was indistinct from Ernestown's.

The municipal government was the Midland District Council 1788-1849. Its boundaries included all of Frontenac, Addington, Lennox, Prince Edward and Hastings Counties. The Council met quarterly and in the 1830's met

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on the Island on several occasions. The reform of municipal government after the Upper Canada Rebellion led to the abolishment of the district councils and the establishment of township municipal government in 1850.

The united counties of Frontenac, Lennox & Addington were partitioned in the 1860's. The secession of Lennox & Addington. County was motivated by one candidate who was defeated by a used car salesman in a Frontenac election. An impassioned speech from that era still exists. The speech, I believe by our MP, advocated the status quo, that Amherst Island should remain in Frontenac County.

Boundaries are just as flexible as the very reasons they were made. Now let's see and be involved in where our community, is going.

Thank You Notes

The family of Kathleen Wemp, express sincere appreciation and thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindnesses shown at the time of the loss of our mother. Special thanks to the A.C.W. for the lovely lunch, St. Paul's for the use of their hall, Cathy Glenn, organist, and Rev. Chris Davis for visits and comforting message.

Some of the members of the Recreation Committee have put a lot of work into recent projects, and deserve a big thanks.

They are; Roxanne Wolfreys for her organization of the Bingos, Lyn Fleming and Roxanne Wolfreys for their work on the Euchres.

For work on the Fish Fry I would like to thank, Larry and Jason Fleming, Roxanne and Val Wolfreys, Rick Bedford, Hans Kraukhis, Lynn deHaan and a big thanks to Lyn Fleming.

Job well done gang.

Adam Miller

Inspirational Thoughts

Phrenologists claim that they can tell what type of person you are, or will be, by the bumps on your skull. Graphologists claim they can read your character through your handwriting. Physiognomists claim that they can read your character by the shape of your nose, the set of your jaw, the texture of your skin.

These are complicated ways of judging a person's character, but I'd like to tell you a quicker method. Find out the consuming passion of a person's life, their greatest love. Is it the love of money? Then no matter what the subject of the conversation, it will come back to money matters again and again. Or is it love of gossip? Then, it will show on the face, and the eyes will sparkle at some spicy comment made about another. I could go on, for everyone takes on something of the countenance of the thing they love most!

That is why Faith is so important - get to know and love the Founder, and that joy will shine through, no matter how we are being assessed!

Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever!

A Friend

A Letter Home

While sitting outside gently swinging and sipping my tea, I couldn't help but admire the persistent determination of the swallows. They love to build their nests above our doorway and garden. The mess is incredible and I have to admit (only to you) that I try to knock the nests down before any baby birds show up. Does this deter them? No way! Two days later there is another nest bigger and better than the first. I do my thing and a couple of days later they have done their thing again. I think they know that I am going away for a week and I can guarantee that they will eventually win the war of the nests. I shall return home to baby birds peeping over the nest edge and mom and dad will spend much of the summer swooping down on my comings and goings. Just like last year. Will I ever learn?

The Island is beautiful this time of the year. The grass, bushes and trees are all lush and green. The spring flowers are in bloom and the strong smell of lilacs is everywhere. The lilacs on the North Shore are beginning to decline, however, the South Shore lilacs are in full bloom. I suppose their colder climate delays

their flowering a week or so longer.

This rain which is making everything so green has been a bit of a curse to the farmers. Most have managed to squeeze getting their seed onto the fields during the few dry days we've had. At this point the land is far too wet to make hay and so we wait impatiently for dryer weather before cutting can begin. Always a worry when you have so many hungry mouths to feed next winter.

The coyotes have been very busy developing their taste for lamb. From one end of the Island to the other they have left evidence of their nightly raids. We did see a large coyote and pup running through the fields the other day. Unfortunately,

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they are very fast and smart and head for the fence rows making it impossible to follow.

Not much has happened on the Island. There are two new houses going up and a couple of places have been sold. It's always sad to see old neighbours leave but we're always interested in the new ones moving in. And so the cycle continues.

The sun is starting to set and I have been reminded that I still have to pack. I'll write when I get back.

All my best.

Don't Forget!

The Zeller's Club Z account number for the school is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389-0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

Events Calendar

June 22... Donald & Judy Miller's 25th 8 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

July 1... Canada Day 7 p.m. from St. Alban's

July 6... A.C.W. Chicken Bar-B-Q 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

July 17... A.I.W.I. Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Jackie Sylvester's

July 21... Memorial Day Service at Glenwood Cemetery 2 p.m.

Answers To Last Month's Caribbean Crossword

{the Answers are given on the last page of this issue}

Created By Bonnie Azalay (384-5437).
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300 ft waterfront; fireplace; jacuzzi; shed.
Contact Elizabeth Jud -386-5322.

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
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Ancestors of Kathleen Downey Neilson

Kathleen Downey Neilson (b: June 12, 1893 in Amherst
Island; m: June 02, 1913; d: June 05, 1996)

James S. Neilson (b: 1846; d: 1916) {father of Kathleen
Downey Neilson}

Ida L Roddick (b: 1867; d: 1941) {mother of Kathleen
Downey Neilson}

Thomas Neilson (b: 1798 in Ireland) {father of James
S. Neilson}

Eliza?? (b:1805 in Ireland) {mother of James S.
Neilson}

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Beacon Notes

Another month... another issue... this month we introduce our new printer - a Panasonic KX-P6500. This machine can reproduce pictures at 600 dots per inch which is twice the resolution of the previous printer - and, it produces a much sharper print to boot! Suffice it to say that we are pleased and, hopefully, you will be too.

Recreation Committee

Swimming Lessons

Register your children now for Swimming lessons.

Lessons will be held from August the 12th to the 23rd.

Cost is \$35 for the first child in a family and \$10 for each additional child.

To register you can go to the Township Office on July 20 from 1-4 p.m.

For more information call Lori Caughey at 389-2012.

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

July 2nd 1996

Apart from Council and the Public Works Superintendent, Annette from the Whig Standard and this reporter were the only other people present. Council finally has a letter from Al Palladini, Minister of Transport, about Ferry funding for this year. However, no extra money has shown up yet, so the interest charges continue to rise. Council will plan in the fall what strategy to adopt for next year's negotiations, hoping to avoid the confusion that arose this year.

Stuart Miller will tender for the Township's fuel supplies. In response to a letter from Brian Ward et al. the Road crew will clear up a big tree blocking public access to the water beyond Kaye McGinn's. There was also considerable discussion over the entrance to J.L. MacArthur's lot at the south end of the Stella Forty-foot. Council then discussed the problem of vandalism, particularly to public property on the island. Council appealed to the public to look for and to report incidents of vandalism.

Laurel Nixon is resigning as a part-time deck hand. Council will advertise for a replacement.

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Council passed a vote of thanks and congratulations to the Recreation Committee and others involved for the excellent Canada Day parade and entertainments. Council thought it was one of the best yet.

Five building permits were issued in June, for porches and additions. Council will make up a new list for occasional part-time workers for the Township. Anyone interested should send in their name.

Mary Hall applied for a severance, which was granted, subject to the usual conditions.

Council discussed closing the Township Office on Fridays for the month of July as a cost saving measure. Council did not, however, decide what work should not get done to make this possible. Council will look at the figures in August to decide if any money has actually been saved.

Council then endorsed several resolutions from neighbouring municipalities, and then went into a closed session to discuss personnel matters and the upcoming union negotiations.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

We are delighted to congratulate Sandra and Jimmy Reid on the birth of their son, Brandon Wesley Gordon Reid. While he is still under 3lbs, he is doing fine at KGH's neo-natal ICU. Sandra is home again, feeling some better, and will be able to bring Brandon home around the end of August. Brandon is baby brother to Brooke. Congratulations!

Best wishes to Ralph and Bea Wemp who have had surgery this month. Both are recovering at home quickly.

Congratulations to Suzanne Welbanks, who will be married in an outside ceremony at her parent's home next month. Suzanne is the oldest daughter of Eric and Linda Welbanks. Happy groom is Steven Robinson.

The entire community is saddened by the death of Howard Welbanks last week. Our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Noreen; Dale and Randy; Hugh and Sandra; Graeme and Tracey; Irene and Nessie. (More about Howard later in the Beacon).

Waterside Concert Dates

July 17 - Tim & Bev Hallman
Wednesday 7 pm - \$10.00 ea.
WWII, Vera Lynn, Mitch Miller
Singalong Patsy Cline, Irish Tunes, etc

July 24 - Wednesday 7 pm
"But I though they only asked me to play once!
with Sharon Beckstead - workshop/show on "making a joyful noise" with Church music".
\$15.00

Sat. August 3 - Saturday 7 pm.
Kingston Ceili Band
- you know 'em, you love 'em, they're back!
A great romp! \$10.00 ea.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Many thanks to everyone who came out to help make this the best Amherst Island Canada Day yet! We had some terrific floats, costumes, music, food & fun, topped off by some great fireworks! We'd especially like to thank Dennis, Dan & Marilyn (otherwise known as "DeDan"), for providing the music for the 3rd year in a row; Gary Filson & Susan Sedore (The Back Kitchen) for their donation of drinks; everyone who answered our plea for floats - they were great! Of course it wouldn't be the same without the kids & costumes & decorated bikes! Special thanks to Samantha Pollock & "Kermit" (her pony) for agreeing to be our Grand Marshal. The PCW held their annual Strawberry Social & of course the Rec Committee gave out hotdogs & drinks. Thanks to Art Wolfreys for supplying us with the Canada Day banner. The evening was topped off by a magnificent fireworks display, courtesy of Carazon Fireworks. Thanks to one and all, (especially our fearless leader Adam!) And we hope to see you all for a bigger & better Canada Day in '97!

Canada Day Winners

Best Costume (no bike)

- 1- Cameron Grace & Chris Reed & William Reed
- 2- Krista Trotter
- 3- Alex Glenn

Best Float

- 1- Fred Werthman's / Boat
- 2- Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance
- 3- PCW - Strawberry Float

Bicycles - Best Decorated

Ages 3 & under

- 1- Ben Whitton
- 2- Kathryn Visintin (Katie)
- 3- Faye McArthur & Cody Fabian

Ages 4 - 7

- 1- Alley Visintin
- 2- Tory Phillips
- 3- Kaitlyn MacDonald

Ages 8 - 9

- 1- Geoffrey MacDonald
- 2- Alicia Wolfreys
- 3- Candace Youell

Ages 10 & up

- 1- Shawna Phillips & Tabytha Trotter & Helen Bell Smith
- 2- Shannon Youell
- 3- Alison MacDonald

Special thanks to Mrs Krauklis for her help judging the costumes and bikes.

Stop By For A Visit on Loyalist Day Saturday, July 27/96 2 pm - 6 pm Wemp Park - Cairn Site On The Island

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4 - H News

- Heidi Hitchins and Jill Caughey

On behalf of all 4-H members and leaders, we wish to thank the community for their support of 4-H and the successful draw held on Canada Day! Congratulations to the winners...

- 1st prize - Stanley Burke
- 2nd prize - Mary Chapman (Kingston)
- 3rd prize - Karen Miller Fleming
- 4th prize - Linda Bontranger (Indiana)
- 5th prize - Art Ackerman

We also thank all those that attended our 4-H Achievement Night. A crowd of 72 people cheered on 4-H and had a great time.

Islanders will be exhibiting their beef and dairy animals and quilts and comforters at the Napanee Fair which runs from August 2 to August 5.

Jessica McGinn and Lori Caughey took their 4-H animals to Kemptville College, July 3-4-5 to a fitting, showing and leadership workshop. (We heard it was work and fun!)

Scott Marshall and Wendy Fleming will be attending a 4-H Membership Conference at Queen's University, Aug. 6-8. This involves 4-H'ers from all over eastern Ontario.

New clubs will be starting in September.

Thanks.

A.I.P.S. News

- Sally Bowen

Jessica McGinn excels in shotput. For the third year in a row, she has won first place in L&A County Track & Field girls shotput. She broke the distance record she herself established last year, with a heave of 10.92 m. That was also a new personal best. She won against representatives of all the schools, large and small, in the county.

Next year she hopes to be involved in Track & Field at high school.

Moving Sale

Mary Hall's

Saturday, August 10 12 - 4 p.m.

Bedroom Suite; Beds; TV's; Stereo; Tools; Office Furniture; Miscellaneous household items.

Emergency First Response Team Report Basic First Aid And CPR Course

As we mentioned in last month's Beacon, the EFR team is sponsoring a basic first aid and CPR course, to be held in the fall. This course is suitable for anyone who has not done this type of thing before (or did it too long ago to remember). Details are listed below:

The Course: This is a 2 day course which we will likely run over 2 weekends (one day each weekend). At the end you will receive official certification in both CPR and Standard First Aid.

Instructors: Mark Halliday Emergency Services. Mark is an ex-ambulance officer and an excellent course instructor. He has been involved in our EFR team training for the last couple of years.

When: Sometime in the fall of this year, depending on the preferences of the people interested in taking the course.

Cost: A total of \$75.00 for both Standard First Aid and CPR. This includes an excellent first aid manual (worth \$20.00)

The course is interesting, informative and enjoyable. Quite a few have signed up already, but we need another two people to meet the minimum number requirement. If interested, please call Lynann at 384-5027.

A Toast to the Beacon!!! The Amherst Island Emergency First Response Team wishes to thank the Beacon for its help in purchasing the cardiac defibrillator. In total, the Beacon donated over \$1500 to the defibrillator fund.

Thanks!!!

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Notice Re: Hunting And Fishing Licences

As of August 31, 1996, Glenn's Store will no longer issue hunting and fishing tags for MNR. We regret the inconvenience. However the time and red tape involved in this job far outweighs the 25 cents to \$1.00 per licence remuneration. Millhaven Grocery issues these licences as does Bath Hardware. Since we are a Post Office, we will continue to issue migratory bird stamps.

Island History
Comments On History
- A. Bruce Caughey

Recently, residents may have noticed that a tree

removal firm have cut down some 7 or 8 trees on the Stella crossroad, just north of St. Paul's church. This is a project that is long over due as these trees were "dead". I expect that eventually the trunks of these trees will be removed, covered with new earth and seeded, so that it will be possible to keep the roadside cut to a closer proximity to the fence lines.

These trees, as the trees in Glenwood Cemetery, are well over 100 years old and are now a source of much expenditure for their removal. Since there are so many "wood-burning residents" on the Island, I suppose there is a certain amount of revenue derived from the sale of the wood. I can only say the Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee, when trees have been removed, have placed them for sale, by tender and it is interesting to see the different valuation that different people put on this wood. So far this Committee has been successful in fair prices.

This row of maple trees were known by older residents as "The Finnegan Maples" and I well remember in 1926 when our rural telephone system was under construction, there was great concern expressed as to what will happen to "Finnegan's Maples". A 40 ft road allowance was then in existence and I will give credit to those engaged in the construction of the telephone line that they were careful in the pruning of these trees to allow construction of four telephone lines through them. This resulted in the survival of these trees for the intervening 70 year.

You may ask "What was the purpose of planting these trees"? Well I can tell you the purpose and it was a relic of the so-called "Horse and Buggy Days". Each farm owner, at that time, owned a "driving horse", or perhaps several. These horses were used for hitching to a buggy, or cutter in the winter season and were able to provide you with a good means of transportation to and from whatever your destination. On hot summer days, it was the custom, not to expect a horse to trot or pace continuously when on the road and a kindly owner would allow his horse to walk on these sections of road which were planted with trees. It was not only refreshing to the horse, but also to the occupants of the buggy. Another essential piece of equipment was a good top buggy, with removable side curtains as well as a "roll-up" back curtain. The horse was also covered with a specially made net which kept flies from landing on the horse and drawing blood from them.

If one looks around the Island roads today you can see where these shaded tree-lined stretches are, to name some, there is that area from Avery Brown's corner to his second farm to the west; at Clinton Kilpatrick's farm and the Ernest Fleming farm. There was also "The Cedars" at the "Fowler Place", which are now nonexistent.

I don't think you could consider that area of the third concession, where you drive through "the bush" from just west of Daniel Claus' to well past the Donald Miller farm, where one is in dread of deer lurking in the thick growth, ready to jump in front of you.

[Staff: The Township policy on tree removal is to offer the wood to the adjoining land owner. Perhaps it is time that this policy be reviewed.]

Obituary

Howard Elburn Welbanks

Howard Elburn Welbanks, born June 23, 1922 at South Bay, Prince Edward County, died suddenly at home July 5 at the age of 74.

Howard leaves his wife of nearly 51 years, Noreen (Richards) Welbanks, and daughter Dale (Filson) and partner Randy Rhem of Camden East. He was predeceased by his son, Brian Welbanks.

Howard will be sadly missed by his grandson and fishing partner, Hugh Filson and partner Sandra Amorim of Amherst Island, and by granddaughter, Tracey and husband Graeme McDonald of Camden East.

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Howard is survived by his sister, Irene Glenn, of Amherst Island, He was predeceased by older brother Francis, also of Amherst Island. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

Howard was the youngest child of Elburn Welbanks and Anna Beatrice Fritz. Elburn was a commercial fisherman, fishing off Main Ducks Islands in the summer months and moving the family to South Bay in the winter. When Howard was about three the family moved to Amherst Island, primarily because of the superior education system here.

Elburn purchased the current Welbanks property on Long Point and continued fishing from there 9 or 10 months a year, helped by Francis and Howard. Following Elburn's death, the two sons continued to fish together until Francis was no longer able to fish. Their mother passed away in 1946.

During the war years, Howard tried to enlist with the navy, but was turned down because of a heart murmur. He then spent the next number of years fishing in the summer and working at the Kingston Shipyards over the winter.

In 1968, the fish stock in Lake Ontario was at an all-time low level, so Howard accepted the position of engineer on the Amherst Island Ferry. At the age of 65, after 19 years of service, Howard chose to retire.

Retirement, however, didn't mean stop working for Howard, it only meant he could return full-time to fishing.

Howard was well-known, well-loved and deeply respected by many. More than 200 people attended his funeral, and many more than that attended his wake. Lifelong friends, Raymond Wemp, Earle Willard, Avery Brown, Billy Hogan, Ted Wemp and Kerry Hogeboom acted as pallbearers.

Those who knew Howard will greatly miss the ready smile, the bright blue eyes and the wealth of stories, he held for us. Howard had a vivid memory for anecdotes, particularly tales of Lake Ontario. It was said of Howard that 'he remembered every fish he ever caught'. His death leaves a tremendous void in this community and he will be truly missed.

Donations in Howard's memory are gratefully accepted by St. Alban's Church, Stella.

Descendants of Elburn Welbanks

1 Elburn Welbanks 1885 - 1976

+ Beatrice Fritz 1892 - 1946

2 Francis Thomas Welbanks 1910 - 1992

+ Nessie Eleanor Glenn 1910 -

3 Glenn Elburn Welbanks 1941 - 1941

3 Eric Francis Welbanks 1943 -

+ Linda Hicks

3 Theodore Harold Welbanks 1946 -

+ Heather Sedore

4 John Francis Welbanks 1966 -

4 Richard Welbanks 1971-

2 Irene Welbanks 1919 -

+ John Leslie Glenn 1991 - 1983

3 Paul Howard Glenn 1941 -

+ Carol Frances Miller 1943 -

4 Sandra Annette Glenn 1960 -

+ Bill Philips

5 Shawna Frances Philips 1983 -

5 Tory Irene Philips 1990 -

4 Cheryl Frances Glenn 1963 -

4 John Paul Glenn 1964 -

+ Maureen Nesbit

5 John Leslie Glenn 1988 -

5 Paul Mitchell Glenn 1990 -

5 Mallory Margaret Glenn 1991 -

3 Leslie Anne Glenn 1946 -

+ David Harding

2 Howard Welbanks 1922 - 1996

+ Gladys Noreen Richards 1924 -

3 Linda Dale Welbanks 1949 -

+ Hugh Melville Filson 1947 -

4 Tracey Dawn Filson 1968 -
+ Graeme McDonald 1968 -
4 Hugh Michael Filson 1973 -
3 Brian Lynn Welbanks 1952 - 1976

The Weasel And Easel
10 - 5 daily except Wednesday
We have a great selection of Island art and crafts
Come on in and browse
There is still room for more
Call 384-5606 for information

Comments & Observations

- Ian Murray

A) There have been several references to former Island resident Syl Apps in the Whig lately. From the flyer announcing the 1996 Celebrity Golf Classic: "He was one of the greatest athletes in Canadian history and an outstanding individual." It goes on to mention his Olympic pole vaulting, his career as a Maple Leaf hockey star, and the 11 years that he represented our riding as MLA.

My mother was delighted to learn that Syl Apps lived on the Island. In the 1930s she worked as a nurse near New York

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City. She said that she used to go to the hockey games at the Gardens and was particularly impressed with the play of Syl Apps. She commented on his determination, skill and clean play.

B) Twice while cutting hay this year, I have had fawns leave the area where I was working and then try to return later. It is a real fear of mine that I will not see a fawn in time and have it get caught up by the haybine. They can hide very effectively in the tall grass and in previous years I've had to brake hard to avoid very young fawns.

On the other hand, it is always a delight to see fawns as they are so beautiful. And their running gait is so like a rocking horse: head up, bum down; head down, bum up.

C) I have many regrets in my life regarding things that I meant to do or say or ask about. I always intended to go fishing with the Welbanks brothers and then one day I heard that Francis couldn't fish anymore so that opportunity was gone. So I am pleased that I did make time to go out one Sunday with Howard and Noreen. It was a great experience for me, a confirmed land-lubber.

Along with many others, I'll greatly miss Howard. He was a man one could wholeheartedly respect.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant
Dinners, Burgers, Fries and Homemade Pies
389-7200

Hours Of Operation:

Daily incl. holidays (except Tues) 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Some grocery items including milk, eggs, butter, bread,
2L ice-cream 2L pop and Potato chips. Now available!

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank my family and friends who helped me through the tremendous task of moving from my home of twenty three years on the mainland to our cottage on the Island. They are Lucy, Francis, Robert and Margo Glenn; Murray Glenn; Marshal and Marian Glenn; Bob and Val Howard; Carol, Joe and Tammie Langwald; Jean Hollingsworth; Ted, Trevor, and Tim Kay; Beth Forester; Cathy and Allan Glenn.

Thank you to all of you. I couldn't have done it without you.

Juanita K. Glenn.

Thank you to everyone for the best wishes and sharing our 25th Anniversary Celebration with us.

Special thanks to the family and friends who worked so hard to make this occasion one we'll always remember.

Don and Judy Miller

Ralph and I wish to thank all our friends and the P.C.W., A.C.W. and Women's Institute for all the sympathy cards we received and also the get well cards.

It's nice to be remembered.

Sincerely

Beatrice Wemp

The participants in the Weasel And Easel who are: Beryl Stoker, Catherine Morrison, Coralie Marshall, Dorothy McGinn, Duncan Marshall, Joan Martin, Eleanor Trueman, Joyce Mayhew, Jean Marie Cassie, Keith Miller, Lockie Morrison, Martine Bresson, Peggy Coulter, Shirley Miller, Sheila Whiting, Caroline Ackerman, Anne McRae, Allan Glenn, Jill Greenaway, K. McNaught, Don Potter, Donna Robinson, Ann MacLellan, Francoise Boisvert, Fred Knight, Fred Werthman, Raymond Giles, Jan Meyers, Jackie DiRico, Chris Gregg, Paulette Apps, Pat Frontini, Sally Bowen, Sheila Dean, Tina Tugwell, Robin Gavlas, Stanley Burke, Carol Loyst, Amy Whiting and

Sharon Kuder, would like to thank everyone for the great response you have given our arts and craft shop. To show our appreciation we would like to invite everyone to an open house on August 24 and 25 from 1 - 3 pm. to meet some of our artists. Light refreshments will be served.

Wanted

Self Contained, 1 Bedroom, Light housekeeping apartment in the village of Stella as of October 1, 1996
Bob: 389-2916

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Inspirational Thoughts

Good health is a wonderful advantage, of course, but it is not an essential passport to success. If we consider writers, for instance, Robert Louis Stevenson was a chronic invalid most of his life, Charles Dickens was plagued with illness while the Bronte sisters were delicate from birth.

It is the spirit that counts. It can rise above all adversity. It did it for them. It can do it for you and me.

The best is never over,
The best has never gone
There's always something lovely,
to keep you struggling on;
There's always compensation
For every cross you bear,
A secrete consolation
Hidden well somewhere.
Ends are new beginnings
As one day you will see;
The best is never over,
The best is yet to be.

Author: I. J. Stevenson

A Letter Home

The birds finally won the war of the nests. As predicted, we now have our feathered friends smugly peering down at us as we enter and leave the house. No wonder their species continues to survive and thrive.

This is supposed to be haying time on the farm with endless days of cutting, raking, baling and hauling. However, something seems to have gone wrong this year. Mother Nature has not provided us with enough days of sunshine in a row to dry the hay. We have managed to get several hundred or so large round bales but we need a lot more. It looks as though we may still be at it in September.

The sheep appear to be happy. I think they are enjoying the cooler temperatures and the lush grass the abundant rains have provided. In another month or so we will wean the lambs. The ewes will all breathe a collective sigh of relief and make plans for next year's lambs.

Our little community of Islanders celebrated Canada Day with lots of spirit. The annual bicycle and float parade snaked its way through Stella ending at the Community Centre. The kids had a great time. It's one of those rare occasions when Islanders of all ages can get together for good clean fun. The Amherst Island Recreation Committee worked hard to make Canada Day a real event. They deserve our thanks for volunteering their time and energy. We often take so much for granted!

Summer is passing quickly. The first week of July is over and I haven't even been swimming. However, I hope to rectify this by my next letter.

All our best.

Driver's Beware

While I was driving through Stella the other day, a young tot briefly escaped the grasp of a parent's hand and ran out onto the road. This all happened within seconds and fortunately I was driving Slowly enough to be able to stop in time. Please remember to slow down and watch for children playing.

I know we often drive through the village never thinking that we may have to stop in a split second.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels'

The Order Date Is A Week Before The Third Monday Of Each Month.

Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

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Events Calendar

July 17... Tim & Bev Hallman 7 p.m. at St. Alban's
July 20... Registration for Swimming Lessons 1-4 p.m.
at the Township Office
July 21... Memorial Day Service at Glenwood
Cemetery 2 p.m.
July 24... Sharon Beckstead 7 p.m. at St. Alban's
July 27... Wemp Park - Cairn Site Visiting Day 2-6
p.m.
August 3... Kingston Ceili Band 7 p.m. at St. Alban's
August 10... Moving Sale at Mary Hall's 12-4 p.m.
August 31... Dixie 6 + 1 7 p.m. at St. Alban's

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For Sale
Wanted

Wanted
Self Contained 1 Bedroom Light Housekeeping
Apartment
In The Village Of Stella As Of Oct. 1, 1996
Bob at 389-2916

Moving Sale At Mary Hall's
Saturday, August 10 12 - 4
Bedroom Suite, Beds, TV's, VCR, Office Furniture,
Tools, Miscellaneous Household Items

Crib For Sale (new regulations)
Paid \$125 for it, will sell for \$75.
Like new, only used a few times for last grandchildren.
Beatrice Wemp 389-2549

Albertan Homes
Homes built or renovated.
Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & housework.
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends

Babysitting

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070.

Bulldozing Done
\$30 /hour plus fuel
Call Llew at 384.4071.

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Annette 389.0417 or 389.0512

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Cisterns Filled
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing - repairs & alternations
Drapes - made & altered
Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

For Rent St Alban's candelabra
Contact: Caroline Yull at 389-4071.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Glenn's Store 389-0417
Movies / Pop / Candy / Crafts
Post Office Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

House Cleaning
Call Liz Hogeboom at 389-8511

House For Sale - south shore road, east of
Stella 40 ft.. 300 ft waterfront; fireplace; jacuzzi; shed.
Contact Elizabeth Jud - 386-5322.

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office).

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Heating & Cooling Sheet Metal Fabrication &
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Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

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Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

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A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

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Call 384-3047.

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Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Spring Is In The Air
If you have any problems with your lawn and garden
equipment. Call Bill Halferty at 384-2544.

TV Times Wanted
The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's
TV Times. Call Keith at 389.2S88

Voice Lessons - Bel Canto style
For serious students 5 years & up.
Call 384-8599.

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If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
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Beacon Notes

We are late but with an excuse - sheer idyl laziness. That plus we just finished haying yesterday, August 17th... Thank You!!!!

This is a slim issue - you folks out there must be feeling the summer doldrums too. Or you're so busy cutting the grass there isn't time - it has been an amazing summer here with the grass still growing and the pastures too. I don't remember the Island ever looking so green.

Well, time to get a move on and put this issue to bed.

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

August 6th 1996

Jim Whitton was away on holiday for this meeting. This reporter was the only other person at the meeting

and I was late.

Most of the overdue ferry subsidy has been paid, though the amount was slightly less than expected. The Provincial Minister of Transport has said that the province does not want to own the ferry docks, and that since the Township obviously cannot afford to maintain them he feels that the Federal Government should retain ownership of them. We have not heard the Feds. views on this yet.

The Township did not receive any applications for the position of temporary deck-hand on the ferry, perhaps because of insufficient time for the advertisements. Council has received two letters from part-time deckhands, saying that they did not think any more were required. Council discussed the ferry crew scheduling at some length. Rather than working through the Union and the Ferry Manager some crew members have been complaining to individual councillors about their work schedules. The Clerk pointed out that the office staff do their very best to try to

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accommodate all requests by the crew, but that they have to work within the Union agreement when finding replacements, and when people call in sick at the last moment it can be very difficult to locate a replacement.

The township will cover the cost of the medical exams required by the crew to maintain their Captain's and Mate's papers. Until now the cost was covered by OHIP. Council hopes to be able to keep the Big Boat until at least Thanksgiving.

The next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th September.

The OPP sent in a report of the calls received from Amherst Island in the last four months; there were ten in all, ranging from an assault and domestic dispute, two vandalism calls, a break and enter to several motor vehicle complaints and a call for Police assistance.

There were five building permits and two demolition permits issued in July, a busy month.

The Township has received a request from the City of Kingston, asking for support for a Commissioner to study the changes to local government. Council will reply, saying that Lennox and Addington have already decided what they want to do, and that Kingston should mind its own business. Verbal reports indicate, however, that all the amalgamations planned in L. & A. are not proving to be marriages made in heaven.

Council considered the effect of closing the Township Office on Fridays in July. A couple of hundred dollars were saved, but there was such a back-

log of work that the experiment had to be abandoned.

Council then went into committee of the whole to consider a personnel matter.

Wanted

Family of four looking for a year round island residence to rent, 2 or 3 bedroom.

Please contact Diane or John at 389-9977.

The Weasel And Easel

10 - 5 daily

We have a great selection of Island art and crafts.

Come on in and browse

There is still room for more

Call 384-1633 for information

The participants in the Weasel And Easel are holding an Open House on August 24 and 25 from 1 - 3 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Vaughan McMullen last week. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Margaret, and children, Jim, Debbie, Anne-Marie, Frank, John and families.

Vaughan leaves six grandchildren: two sisters, Helen McCormick and Theresa MacArthur, and brother Vincent McMullen. Vaughan will be truly missed by many friends and neighbours as well.

Best wishes to Lindsay McIntyre, currently in Kingston General Hospital and to Art Ackerman who is in Picton Hospital.

Welcome to our new Island residents John and Sherrill Wright (Next to Albertans), and to Leonard and Doreen Wolfreys (next to Brent and Roxanne).

Welcome back also to Penny Baxter (Coleman) and family, Matthew, Ben and Katie.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Here are a couple of recipes from Malawi, in central Africa, from where Chris Kennedy's brother and family visited Amherst Island recently.

Chris' sister-in-law, Kit Lawry:

The first recipe constitutes the staple diet of most Malawians, nsima and relish. Nsima is stiff corn porridge.

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Many Malawians spend most of their time striving either to grow, or earn money to buy, the ingredients of this for a daily meal. Other, more affluent Malawians, have been known to declare any meal unsatisfactory unless it contains nsima, no matter what other delicious morsels might be on offer. My personal opinion is that nsima offers nothing special to the taste buds; the trick is to make a really tasty relish.

Nsima And Relish

Step 1: Remove the kernels from several sun-dried corn cobs (preferably by hand).

Step 2: Pound the kernels until they become powdery, like flour (preferably in a large wooden pestle and mortar outside your hut, with a baby strapped to your back in a large piece of brightly coloured cloth, chatting with your neighbours as you do so).

Step 3: Collect some water (preferably from a clear-flowing stream, not a muddy puddle; in Canada you could add vegetable or meat stock for added taste).

Step 4: Boil the water and corn flour up together (preferably in a heavy black cast-iron cooking pot with three short legs, over a fire). Stir as it becomes thicker. Control the thickness of the porridge by the amount of water you use; it should be quite solid.

Step 5: For the relish, chop onions, tomatoes, dark green leafy vegetables like spinach, and a few chilli peppers and fry them quickly in a little oil to make a sauce. Or, if you are lucky enough to have meat to eat, chop it finely with onions and any available herbs and make a gravy from it.

Step 6: Serve lumps of nsima covered with relish hot, straight from the pot. Eat it with your fingers. If it's the only food you have had that day, it will taste amazingly good!

The second recipe is not strictly a Malawian one. However, I use it often in Malawi, as I am reluctant to eat much meat, being uncertain of hygiene conditions in the slaughter houses. The main ingredients are usually available in the shops in Malawi, as both peanuts and cashew nuts are grown locally (you can use any other kinds of nuts you fancy, too).

Nut Roast

Ingredients:

2 cups nuts (cashews, peanuts, almonds, hazel, or a combination)

1 1/2 cups bread crumbs

2 large onions, chopped

1 teaspoon Marmite

1 teaspoon mixed herbs

2 eggs

vegetable stock

salt and pepper
a little oil for frying

Method:

Grind the nuts in a food processor until very fine. Lightly fry the onions, then add them to the ground nuts. Add the breadcrumbs, mixed herbs, eggs, Marmite, seasonings and enough vegetable stock to moisten the mixture (it should be quite slack). Mix thoroughly. Transfer into lightly greased shallow baking tin and bake in a moderate oven (350 F) for about an hour or until brown and firm

{Cook's Corner will continue after the following two notices.}

Job Posting

The Township Of Amherst Island
will receive applications for the position of
Temporary Part Time Deckhand

Hourly rate: \$14.37

Job description and qualifications are outlined on the
attached sheet.

Written applications stating qualifications and
experience will be received at the Township Office until
4:00 p.m., Friday, August 30, 1996

Notice Re: Hunting And Fishing Licences

As of August 31, 1996, Glens Store will no longer
issue hunting and fishing tags for MNR. We regret the
inconvenience. However the time and red tape involved
in this job far outweighs the 25 cents to \$1.00 per
licence remuneration. Millhaven Grocery issues these
licences as does Bath Hardware. Since we are a Post
Office, we will continue to issue migratory bird stamps.

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to the touch. Serve with baked potatoes, green
vegetables and a bit of butter or a dip.

The following is a bonus receipt from Kit...

Carrot And Oat Loaf

Ingredients:

2 cups grated carrots
1 1/2 cups rolled oats
1 1/2 cups grated cheese
2 eggs
salt and pepper
a little butter

Method:

Combine all the ingredients together in a food processor
and mix thoroughly. Lightly grease a shallow baking tin
and press the mixture in, dotting a few blobs of butter
on top. Bake in a moderate oven (350 F) for about 45
minutes, or until firm to the touch and brown on top.

Serve with a parsley sauce.

Waterside Concert Dates

August 31 - Saturday 7 p.m Dixie 6+1

- A jazzy windup to this summer's series

- mostly Dixieland jazz for a lively farewell to summer.

'Meals On Wheels'

The order date is a week before the third Monday of
each month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen
Fleming at 389-0210.

Letters To The Beacon

Comments

A. Bruce Caughey

It was a most gratifying and heart warming to see
and be part of the response to the Cemetery Memorial
Service on Sunday last. It was likewise disappointing to
realize that perhaps 75% of those present were not
Island residents, but residents of distant places who
came to honour their forbearers whose earthly remains
are interred in these cemeteries. It was likewise
disappointing to observe that only two members of our
municipal government were in attendance, Councillors
Wood and Lyn Fleming. The response to the appeal for
financial contributions exceeded \$2,000. This money
will be expended on the cemeteries to improve and
beautify them.

It was nice to hear comments from those present on
the condition of the cemeteries. Perhaps it was not
known the numbers of people present who had travelled
long distances to be present at the service, to name a
few: a Spiers descendant who had come from Salt Lake
City, Utah; another Spiers descendant who came from
Scarborough. Members of the Neilson family from
Mississauga, Ottawa, Kanata, Campbellford, Kingston
and area.

A delicious luncheon that was served in St. Paul's
Church hall was an opportunity for conversation and
visitation with those people that we do not see
frequently. It was an occasion that we oldsters will long
remember and we thank Ralph Woods, who was
instrumental in suggesting this service, as well as
carrying out the details of arrangements for it!

'We Remember Howard

by The Jones Kids

As soon as Belleville school was out
Jones kids, cats and dogs and all
Piled in their bulging chevy
To stay away 'til fall
Stay where you say? Long Point of course!
The place where Howard's boat
And ice house, tools and gutting bench
And all good things of note.
Howard went out fishing
Seven days a week
And every day we eagerly
Watched to get first peek
At his tough little fish boat
As it poked it's stout grey nose
Around our point - safe for today.
"Howard's home" the shout arose.
Down to the dock we'd skelter.
The first one to get the line
Could lash to boat securely.
We could all do that fine!
We always looked at what he caught
And watched him as he cleaned
And scaled and gutted fish.

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(A kind of messy sight).

Then came the highlight of our day.
The catch of fish was on its way.
Packed in the truck and tight close.
With Howard in the cab -
Were all the kids he loved so well
And those who loved him back.
Howard could fix any motor
Or get a fridge to start.
He had time for everyone
And generous helpful heart.
So it wasn't only Jones'
Who loved Howard so.
But everyone who knew him
Felt the same we know.
For the Jones' kids every summer
Came sadly to an end
When In the fall they said "Goodbye"
To Howard; their best friend,
And so they bid goodbye for now.
But they can clearly say
"Howard's helping steer his boat
Around our point each day".

Obituary

Vaughan Bernard McMullen

Island residents were shocked but not completely surprised when word was circulated that Vaughan McMullen had passed away in his sleep on Saturday, August 10th. Vaughan had suffered with declining health for the past two years and was constantly under the doctor's care.

The McMullen family were one of the Island's early settlers. They originally farmed at the "Head" of the Island and the great-grandfather, Aeneas McMullen, I believe was the first one to serve as mail Courier between the Island and the mainland. These duties were carried out in a sailing skiff before the introduction of gasoline engines. Two post offices were in operation on the Island and our outgoing and incoming mail passed through Bath on the mainland.

Vaughan was born and raised on the Island on the large and prosperous farm operated by his grand-father, John McMullen. He attended S.S. No 1 school, commonly known as "The Brick School". As a young man, like every other Island teenager he assisted in the farm operation and later went to Kingston where he obtained employment with the S. Anglin Coal Co. who had numerous contracts for delivery of coal to several of the large institutions in the Kingston Area. Later, his experience lead him to his employment with a road construction contractor in the Peterborough area and again with the Shell Oil Company on a delivery truck in that area. Vaughan suffered a serious heart attack which forced his retirement from strenuous duties. It was then that he returned to his native Amherst Island where he initiated a "lawn care service" as well as taking on the care of the Glenwood and Pentland Cemeteries. Vaughan took great pride in his work and it was due to this that our Island Cemeteries were well cared for.

Vaughan is survived by his wife Margaret, and three sons, John of Peterborough, Jim of Amherst Island, and Frank of Verona; two daughters, Debbie of Bridgeport and Anne Marie of Port Hope. Two sisters, Teresa of Kingston and Helen McCormick of the Island, one brother Vincent J. of Kingston, as well as number grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, on Thursday, August 15th at 2:00 pm. with burial in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery.

Vaughan enjoyed the love and affection of all Island residents, a good neighbour, always available for acts of kindness and his life on Amherst Island will long be in our memories.

[Ian: Tom Sylvester, who supplied the information on the Vaughan McMullen family, says that John McMullen arrived on the Island in the 1790's. John was

the great-grandfather of Aeneas McMullen III. Vaughan and his siblings followed 6 generations of McMullens on this Island.]

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Ancestors of Vaughan Bernard McMullen

Vaughan Bernard McMullen (b: 1925; d: August 11, 1996 in Amherst Island)

James Edward (Eddie) McMullen (b: 1903; d: 1978) {father of Vaughan Bernard McMullen}

Mary (Ella) Towns (b: 1900; d: 1953) {mother of Vaughan Bernard McMullen}

John Aeneas McMullen (b: 1868; d: 1935) {father of James Edward (Eddie) McMullen}

Mary E. Gibson (b: 1865; d: 1943) {mother of James Edward (Eddie) McMullen}

Aeneas McMullen III (b: 1819; d: 1907) {father of John Aeneas McMullen}

Catherine Wemp (b: February 28, 1827) {mother of John Aeneas McMullen}

John Gibson (b: 1838 in Ireland; d: 1904) {father of Mary E. Gibson}

Mary Costello (b: 1839; d: 1905) {mother of Mary E. Gibson}

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Thank You Notes

I would like to thank everyone who called, visited, sent cards & gifts after my surgery. A special thanks to the Sparks and leaders Annette and Lyn and also to the ladies of the Women's Institute. It's always nice to know people care.

Jessica Gavlas

The Glenwood Pentland Cemetery Committee would like to thank Dr Stan Walters, Father Peterkin, Rev. Davis and the public for their response and participation in the Memorial Service which was held at Glenwood Cemetery on July 21st. A beautiful day provided an excellent setting for the Christian service,

followed by an opportunity to visit with many acquaintances.

The public showed a strong interest in the continued maintenance of the cemeteries by the collection of \$2,413.76 which will be used for this purpose.

Glenwood Pentland
Cemetery Committee
Ralph Woods
Chairman

My family and I would like to thank all of you who were so generous and kind in your expressions of sympathy over the loss of our loving husband, father and grandfather.

The community support for us has been nothing less than overwhelming. There are few who have not promised help, offered warm comfort or visited to offer support in our time of need and to thank you all properly would be impossible.

The list of those too who sent cards, made calls and helped with arrangements is far too long to mention, and so to the entire community we would ask that you accept our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation.

Noreen Welbanks

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

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Inspirational Thoughts

How many people do you know who are pessimists? They are the ones who always look on the gloomy side of life.

Fortunately, most of our friends do not fit that description, but sadly, there are many in this world who do.

For them, when a small cloud passes over a sunny sky it heralds a thunderstorm.

If they sneeze, it is a sure sign of a cold coming. A partly used bottle is always half-empty, never half-full.

Pessimists are the fold who say, "What have I to smile about? The cost of living has gone up again!"

That kind of negative attitude clouds the enjoyment of life. There is a verse in the book of Proverbs that sums it up.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine but a broken spirit drieth the bones".

I recently came across these inspiring lines.
He said, "I long to take your load,
I want to bear your burdens, too,
But this you must remember,
This one thing you must know,
I cannot take your burden -
Until you let it go."

A Friend.

A Letter Home

Once again, I am writing my letter home while travelling on the Ferry to Town. There's times when I wish I could stay on the Island and never have to see the mainland again. However, the 15 minute ferry ride does give me a chance to

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read, write, sleep or visit.

True to my word, I have been swimming twice since my last letter. The water felt quite chilly at first, but soon warmed up as the body cooled down.

The hay is almost all done and some bales have even made their way home, soon to be tarped in our makeshift pantries. Yesterday, we made several hundred square bales. I've never seen so much willing help. It's a job where everyone can contribute. Even the youngest are able to help by rolling the bales over to the wagon. I must add that we all slept very soundly last night and had great difficulty getting out of bed this morning.

Last week we brought nineteen hundred sheep five miles back to the home farm. It was quite a sight to see. Thousands of ears and tails moving down the road in an endless ribbon of motion. The herders were on bicycles, ATV, truck and foot. The border collies worked their hearts out. It's what they live for. Just before a sheep drive, every muscle in their bodies quivers in anticipation of the work to be done. Do you feel that way about your work? It's a real pleasure to watch the Shepherd and dogs working together to bring the sheep home.

The lambs will soon start to trickle off to market, the kids will go back to school, the leaves will start to turn

colour, and I can't bear to go on.

In my next letter, I will most likely be including the sights, sounds and smells of Fall.

Until next month.

You are invited to join in the celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Stratton and Barbara Reid on Saturday, on 14th September 1996 at the Amherst Island Community Hall
Dancing to "Brown's Country Sound"
7:15 pm to 11:15 pm
Buffet lunch
No gifts please, a non-perishable item for the Food Bank would be appreciated.

A few Island grown Turkeys for sale.

The butcher is Lewis Meats in Napanee, you don't have to worry it won't be me.

Available September 19 at \$2.50 per lb

Call Jan or Bonnie at 634-1995.

A.C.W. Turkey Supper
At the Community Centre
Saturday, September 21, 1996
Further information to follow!

Community Calendar

August 24-25... The Weasel And Easel Open House 1 - 3 p.m.

August 30... Amherst Island Township last day for Temporary Part Time Deckhand applications 4 p.m.

August 31... Glenn's Store last day for Hunting & Fishing tags

August 31... Dixie 6+1 7 p.m. at St. Alban's

Sept 3-29... the Back Kitchen hours change (see ad)

Sept 10... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Sept 14... Stratton & Barbara Reid 40th Wedding Anniversary at the Community Hall

Sept 21... A.C.W. Turkey Supper details to follow

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For Sale
Wanted

For Sale
pair Bullet spot lights (white)... never used - \$21.00
Call Weasel & Easel at 384-1633

Wanted

Family of four looking for a year round Island residence to rent, 2 or 3 bedroom.

Please contact Diane or John at 389-9977.

Wanted

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In The Village Of Stella As Of Oct. 1, 1996

Bob at 389-2916

For Sale

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Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.

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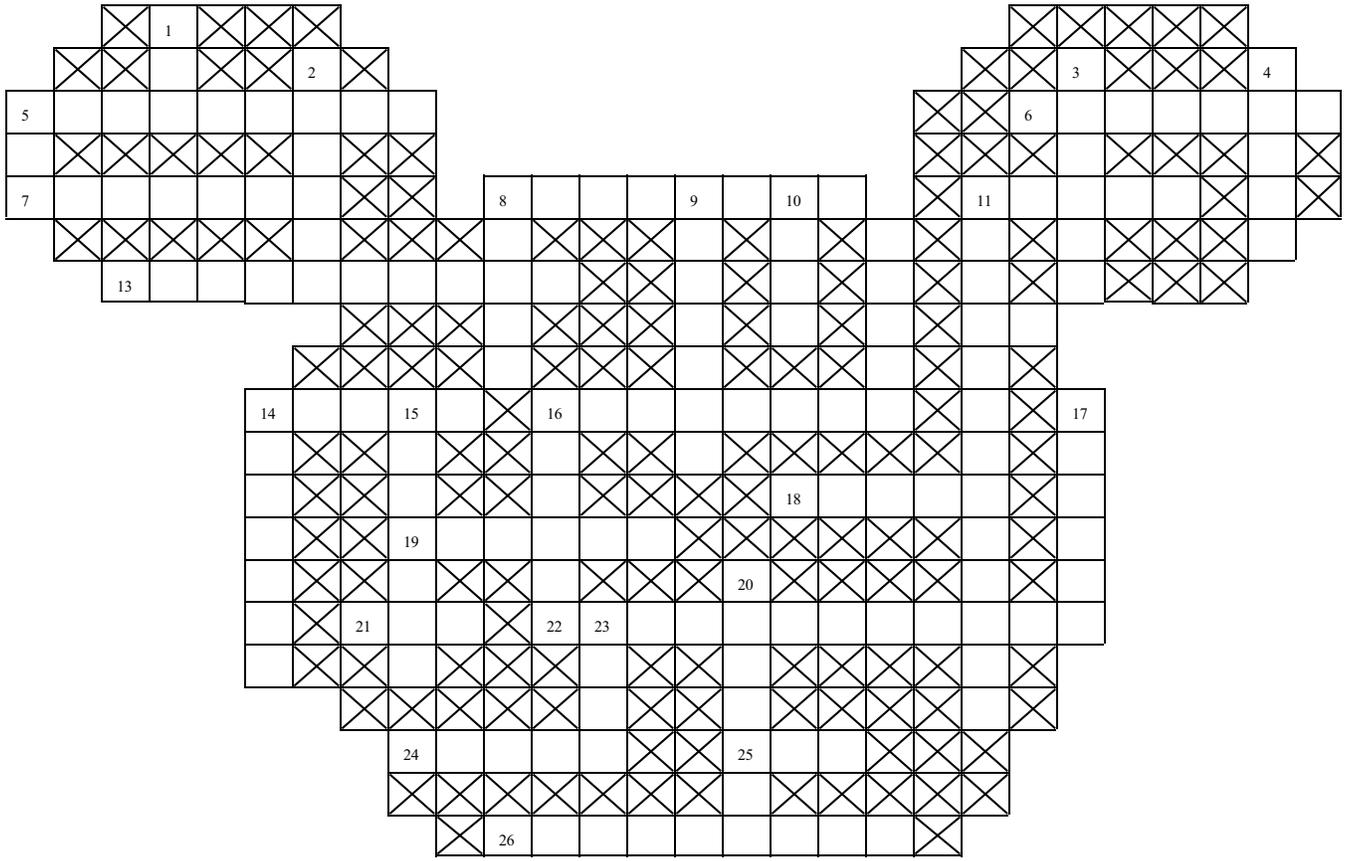
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Down

- 1) At _____ Studios watch "The Spirit of Pocohontas" come to life on stage.
- 2) Mickey's girlfriend.
- 3) Bouncing tiger.
- 4) Character meals are featured every day at this dogs kitchen.
- 5) Toward or in the rear of the Disney cruise Ship.
- 8) At Disneyland _____ Mickey speaks french.
- 9) All Disney Resorts provide excellent _____
- 10) "The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror" is a thrilling _____ at MGM Studios.
- 11) Type of ride.
- 12) Blizzard Beach is a new _____ park.
- 14) Daisy's boyfriend.
- 15) MGM _____ has an array of television -themed attractions.
- 16) Meal with Disney characters.
- 17) _____ Mouse Parade fills the park daily.
- 20) Disney World is 20 miles from this International Airport.
- 23) New racing event: _____ 200.

Across

- 5) At Disney Institute you can learn cartoon _____.
- 6) Magic _____ has the new "Extra TERRORestrial Alien Encounter".
- 7) Awesome water park: _____ Lagoon.
- 8) Island with night clubs and nightly New Years Eve party.
- 11) "_____ Rabbit's CarToon Spin" is the largest and most unusual "blacklight" or "dark" ride in Disneyland history.
- 13) Disneyland's exclusive _____ is a replica of the 14,685 ft. Swiss/Italian Alpine mountain.
- 14) Female duck.
- 16) Island with over 260 species of exotic birds, small primates, reptiles and plants.
- 18) Name of a Disney dog.
- 19) _____ Cruise Line's first ship is called "Disney Magic".
- 21) MGM Studios daily parade is called _____ Story Parade.
- 22) "Ol swimming hole".
- 24) Transportation by water.
- 25) The _____ Disney Boardwalk Inn opens summer 1996.
- 26) "Fantasy in the Sky" has lots of sparkling _____.



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Beacon Notes

We are late... but with an excuse! We were waiting for the restructuring talks in Napanee to be concluded so we could bring you 'the shape of things to come'. These talks are redefining how Lennox and Addington will be governed (with the caveat of the result being approved by the Provincial government). These talks have to be the most important political development for the Island since we became a self-governing municipality. We are certainly not going to survive as a separate municipality and will become, in any of the possible scenarios, a very small part of a much larger municipality.

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

September 3, 1996

Council, this evening, was composed of Ashley,

Scott, Whitton and Woods initially with Fleming joining in an hour later at 9:00. Also in attendance (as usual) were the Clerk-treasurer (Pearce) and the Public Work's Superintendent (Miller). Not so usual were 4 - count 'em: 1... 2...3... and... 4 members of the interested public.

This was a Special Meeting of Council to take care of some matters which could not wait until the Regular Meeting. That meeting had been rescheduled for later this month to deal with approval (or not) of the Governance Talks.

On September 11th, there will be a meeting with Darrell Majdell of Harbours and Ports to talk about their intention to divest themselves of as many harbours and ports as possible. A representative from Ernestown (Deputy Reeve Arnold Adams) will also be attending for obvious reasons. Council discussed strategy for a while and in the end decided to stick with the basic position that we fall nicely under the 'remote ports' definition. They will not be pushing for end-loading docks to be built

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at this meeting.

It appears that the problem with the toilet near the Stella dock will be resolved practically and satisfactorily. Ted Wemp had expressed concerns about having the toilet on his property - liability and property value considerations were the main problems. He and the Township seem willing to enter into a year to year lease arrangement for a nominal fee. This should save considerable money in not having to re-locate the toilet.

The Township will re-hire Jane McGinn for the temporary Deck Hand job on the ferry. In further hiring news, a committee composed of the Ferry Manager and two Captains will review the Deck Hand applications and make recommendations to Council. Finally, there was a closed session of Council to develop a policy with respect to group insurance for crew members when they are on leave of absence.

The Township will be continuing to pay for any Islander to take the First Aid courses.

There was basically nothing to report on Roads and Fire departments this month.

Vaughan McMullen's replacement for the Cemetery maintenance job will be hired on an hourly basis until his contract would have been up. In the interim, the Township will develop a job description for the job.

One of the main purposes of this Special Meeting was to deal with the up-coming Restructuring Talks. These will be taking place on September 4, 5, 6, 9, 10,

11, 12, 13 evenings and September 7 (all day).
September 16-18 is reserved for staff to 'assemble the details of the proposal for forwarding to members of County Council'. As many members of each participating Council as possible have been encouraged to attend. Each meeting will discuss a topic (like Maps and Boundaries) and at the end a binding decision will be made. As you might expect, this would not happen without some outside help which comes in the form of Cathy Woods who is acting as a facilitator. She has apparently done a good job keeping previous meetings on topic and not allowing old rivalries to get in the way.

Council discussed attendance at the meetings so that there be a quorum of Councillors at each meeting. They also discussed our position on many of the up-coming issues. A tentative position paper outlining some possibilities has been developed which formed the basis for this discussion.

- Council will support the reduction to 4 municipalities from 13.
- Council thought that the date on which the restructuring would best take effect would be December 1997 or January 1998 (this would possibly mean a slight extension of their term).
- Council will support the upper tier Council being composed of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of each new municipality (ie 8 members total).
- Council was split on how the lower tier Councils would be composed with some thinking that a ward system would be the best while others thought that councillors elected at large was better. In the end, they decided to not have a fixed position on this and listen to what the other municipalities have to say.
- Council will support having the upper tier Council having control over social services, homes for the aged, 911, emergency services, libraries and the museum plus economic development and tourism.
- Council figured that the lower tier governments should have control of roads and bridges, fire services, waste collection and disposal, recycling, building inspection, property management, transit services, water and sewer.

There were other topics discussed for which I have no specific notes but Council did seem to be supporting rational positions.

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A project of St. Paul's Church Women

Oktoberfest

Dinner & Dance October 26th

\$20 per Couple

Contact Any Recreation Committee Member for Tickets and more information.

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Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

September 18th 1996

This meeting had been delayed, to allow the amalgamation plans to be finished.

All members of Council were present, and four people in the audience.

There have been meetings and correspondence with Harbours and Ports, Canada, about the ownership of the ferry docks. Harbours and Ports want to sell the docks to the Township. The Township contends that, under the criteria laid down by Harbours and Ports, we meet all the requirements to be classified as a Remote Port, and therefore the federal government should retain ownership. Harbours and Ports contend that the intent of the regulations was not to have Remote Ports in southern Ontario, so want to proceed with selling us the docks. Council decided to write back to Harbours and Ports asking why we are not a Remote Port, and will then pursue political channels to try to talk some sense into Harbours and Ports.

The Ministry of Transport has finally paid up most of the missing ferry subsidy money, but will not cover the interest accrued by their delays, about \$4,000. Al Palladini, Minister of Transport wrote a letter to John Gerretsen, our local MPP., admitting that the handling of the matter was inappropriate.

Council has been so busy with amalgamation that they have not had time to deal with the applications for the temporary deck-hand job.

Harbours and Ports have about doubled the berthage fees for the ferry docks. Council will ask why such a large increase has occurred. I suspect the answer will be

that we should just pay up or start learning how to swim. Council will keep the Fronenac II until at least the October Council meeting. Rumour has it that the Frontenac II will be in dry dock for its five year inspection for at least two months next summer.

Council will pay for the 1st Aid and C.P.R. courses to be held next month.

The Recreation Committee is working to repair the boards round the skating rink at the school. The swimming lessons, with Lori Caughey as instructor, appear to have again been successful this summer. Forty children participated.

The Back Beach lawyer has submitted another bill for \$1,300. Council will ask for the correspondence that this bill covers.

Council then passed the Municipal Restructuring plan, covered elsewhere in the Beacon. It appears that almost nobody in the County wants it, but the Province is going to force it on us, so we might as well co-operate and go for the best deal we can. A lot of the details still have to be worked out and will be covered by transitional committees.

The traffic problem in the village appears to be worse than ever. There will be a meeting at the Township Office on October 30th with Constable Stanley on Community policing, and the public is encouraged to attend.

There will be a meeting about water-front development in Kingston bioregion organized by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority at the outdoor Centre at the Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation area on September 26th at 7:30 pm. This is to consider a recent consultants report. More details are available from the Conservation Authority. Amherst Island is included in this report.

Applications for the Ameriks scholarship fund are requested by Council. This fund helps pay for post secondary education for Amherst Island children.

Council asked that the Beacon draw to the attention of its readers a new scheme organized by the Recycling Council of Ontario. They will organize the pick up and disposal of old wrecked cars and other large machinery for free. Just call toll-free 1-888-CAR-DIED, (1-888-227-3433) for more information.

Council then went into closed session to consider a personal matter.

First Aid And CPR Course:

As mentioned in last month's Beacon, the EFR team is sponsoring a Basic First Aid and CPR course for all interested Islanders.

It is a 2-day course, to be held the last two Sundays in October - October 20th and October 27th.

The cost is \$75.00 and you will receive certification in both CPR and First Aid. Instruction will be provided by Mark Halliday Emergency Services.

A number of Islanders have already signed up, but we still have a few spaces left.

If you are interested in taking the course, please contact Lynann Whitton at 384-5027 before Sept 30th.

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Restructuring Proposal

- Don Tubb

I have in front of me the County of Lennox and Addington Municipal Restructuring Proposal dated September 17, 1996. This the result of the extended series of restructuring meetings held in Napanee over the last couple of weeks. It runs to 27 pages with 13 pages of appendices (maps and charts). This will be the proposal, if passed by a majority of municipalities and County Council, that is sent to the provincial government for their approval.

The proposal goes through, in fairly general terms, how a restructured County of Lennox and Addington would work. I have the rather daunting task of trying to summarize this document. Please remember that this is only a proposal which may or may not be approved by the Province. The provincial government has given no significant indication as to what they want from these talks except in very general terms so there is no way to know if this proposal is acceptable or not... only time will tell.

Municipal Structure: The new County structure will come into effect on January 1, 1998. The County will be composed of two tiers:

- the Lower Tier is made up of four new townships:

- Loyalist Township: Ernestown, Bath and Amherst Island;

- Township of Addington Highlands: the Township of Denbigh, Abinger and Ashby, and the Township of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham;

- Township of Stone Mills: the Township of Camden East, the Village of Newburgh and the Township of Sheffield; and

- Town of Greater Napanee: the Township of Adolphustown, the Township of North Fredricksburgh, the Township of South Fredricksburgh, the Town of Napanee and the Township of Richmond.

Greater Napanee and Loyalist have very close to the same assessment (at 38% and 39% respectfully using 1996 figures) and population (at 39% compared to 37% using 1991 census figures) but Greater Napanee has the most electors as of 1994 with 37% of the total compared to Loyalist's 30%. Addington Heights has

about 8% of the total assessment, 6% of total population and 13% of electors. Stone Mills has 14% of total assessment, 18% of total population and 19% of total electors.

The Upper Tier will be the County of Lennox and Addington. Each new municipality will be represented by their Reeve and Deputy Reeve on County Council. Each representative will have one vote of equal value.

Loyalist Township will have a special municipal government for the first term: a ward system for the 5 Councillors (Ernestown with 3 wards plus Bath and Amherst Island with one ward each) and with the Reeve and Deputy Reeve elected at large. Subsequent councils will be composed of all members being elected at large. There will be two advisory committees set up (one for each of Bath and A.I.) in place of the ward system.

The other new municipalities will have Councils elected by various other arrangements.

Upper & Lower Tier Responsibilities: The distribution of responsibilities seems to be largely as it is now so there don't seem to be any big surprises.

There are presently a bunch of Local Boards like the Napanee, Richmond, North

{This report will continue after the following three ads.}

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund is accepting applications until November 1st. Application forms and more information are available from the Township Office during regular business hours.

Amherst Island Telephone Directory
We're at it again! The EFR Team is again revamping the phone list - in sheet form this time for those who prefer it to the book. Any errors, additions, deletions should be reported to Annette Phillips 389-0417 or 389-0512 as soon as possible.

Help!! from Glenn's Store
Please help us locate these missing movies:
5138 Pet Cemetery Two
5184 Metamorphosis - The Alien Factor
5196 The Dark
#5197 The Club
Late fees will be waived if we could please have these returned.

Fredericksburgh Fire Board which will be modified to fit the new situations. The ones we will be part of are:

- L&A Family and Children's Services run from County Council.

- Community Animal Control will be studied by representatives from Napanee, Loyalist, Stones Mills and the Town of Deseronto.

Lenadco and General Welfare will continue to be administered by the County along with Emergency Services (but civic addressing and 911 will be lower tier responsibilities). Loyalist Township along with Napanee and Stone Mills will assign library services to the upper tier. The County Museum and Archives will remain upper tier but other local museums will b

Working funds and Reserve funds and surpluses of the old municipalities will become those of the new municipalities. There are some exceptions such as those funds earmarked for specific purposes. In these cases, the funds will remain so earmarked even when administration is changed to the new municipality.

Assets and liabilities, in general, become part of the new municipality but any present municipal debt will be the present municipality's ratepayers responsibility to retire. Assets, if disposed of, will go to the previous municipality (up to \$1,000,000) and above that to the new municipality.

There is an interesting provision that binds the present

{This report will continue after the following two ads.}

Township of Amherst Island Notice to Taxpayers re Charge for 9-1-1 Signage

This is a reminder that the \$18.00 invoice for the 9-1-1 signage that was sent to you in July is a special taxation charge against your property and is considered to be tax arrears if unpaid.

The \$18.00 charge is a one-time fee that applies to all properties with a 9-1-1 emergency grid number. Under the Enhanced 9-1-1 System, all properties are required to be identified with uniform signage. The amount you pay will purchase an aluminum reflective sign bearing your number, a steel post and the installation of the sign on your property in accordance with the sign location by-law.

As indicated in the original invoice, this special charge has not been sent to mortgage companies for payment so, if your taxes are paid through a mortgage company, this amount has not been included.

If you have not already paid the special charge, please accept this reminder and forward a cheque for \$18.00 to the Township Office as soon as possible.

Thank you.
Diane Pearce
Clerk-treasurer

House for Rent
Presbyterian Church Manse
Contact W. Bruce Caughey 389-2012 for details

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municipalities to not do weird financial things. An example of this would be for A.I. to go out and build a couple of end-loading docks. Basically the present

municipalities will operate within their present budgets until the new municipality comes into effect.

By-laws, Employees, Etc: All present by-laws will remain in effect until they are repealed or amended by the new municipality. This includes the provisions of zoning by-laws and official plans. There are some slight exceptions to this for the present municipalities that will make up Greater Napanee.

Present employees of the various municipalities become employees of the new municipalities. A committee will be set up by each new municipality to 'address all labour relations and employment law issues arising out of restructuring'. These committees will be dealing with union successor rights, establishing a transition protocol for placing present employees in new jobs and for establishing entitlement for displaced employees. No external employees will be hired until all present employees have 'had the opportunity for placement'. I have heard from several sources that it is the policy of the Ontario government that no union employee will be displaced by a non-union employee.

There will be other issues to deal with and disputes are quite possible so there is provision for contracting a mediator to help resolve the issue. Arbitration is also provided for.

For Amherst Island, it appears that we will become 545 electors out of a total of 10,571 or 5% (for our population, we form less than 3% of the new municipality's total) but with the initial voice assured by a councillor from the Island ward. After that we will have to see how effective the Transition Committee can be made to work. The document appears to have been pretty well prepared and there seems to have been an attempt to limit disruption economically and with respect to employees. The latter is almost certainly going to be a very tough problem as part of the reason for restructuring is to eliminate duplication which should mean fewer employees. Of course, all of this is predicated on Mr Leech approving this proposal.

For Rent
'The Cedars' aka the Fowler House
For more information, call Sally at 389-3802.

The Neighbourhood
- Annette

Long-time Island resident Arthur Ackerman passed away this month after a lengthy illness, at Picton Hospital. Our condolences to Caroline Ackerman, Art's children and grandchildren.

Our sympathy also to Caroline Yull and family on

the death of Caroline's father. Also to Bob and Annette Cox and family on the loss of Bob's brother, Ron Cox.

Best wishes to Duncan Marshall recovering in hospital following a stroke and resulting car accident.

Congratulations to Ralph and Beulah Woods who celebrated their 40th Anniversary in August and to Barbara and Stratton Reid who celebrate their 40th this month. Congratulations also to Ron and Lillian Miller who celebrated their 25th.

Lots of new people on the Island this month - some even come with children, thank God!

Welcome to my brother and family, John and Maureen Glenn, Leslie, Mitchell and Mallory. They will be living at the store.

Welcome also to Michael and Robina (Bobbie) Shaw who will be moving into Mary Hall's house at some point. And while we were all sorry to see Mary Hall sell her home and move to Kingston, I am pleased to report that Mary is very happy and very involved in her new community.

Winter Storage

Winter storage available - indoors.

Room for boats or that extra car.

Reasonable rates.

Call 384-5606 for information.

The Weasel And Easel

10 - 5 daily

We have a great selection of Island art and crafts

Come on in and browse

There is still room for more

Call 384-1633 for information

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

August 21st was one of the hot summer days we have been enjoying this year, which made it perfect for our day-trip which was instead of an August meeting. Seven members set off for Athens, famous for its colourful murals depicting the history of the village. We browsed around the Main Street buildings and stores and, after lunch, travelled on to Westport for a brief visit before taking the scenic route back home. Members are now looking forward to the September 18th meeting at Jean McIntyre's home when the program will be "Healthy Community" followed by a Pot Luck supper. At the October 23rd meeting to be held at 8 pm. we will have the Area Annual Report and

a Hallowe'en Brown Bag Auction with the proceeds going to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. This is always a fun evening and anyone wishing to join us is welcome.

October 23rd W.I. Meeting at 8 pm. Location to be set at the September meeting.

Bath Foodland / Glenn's Store

Grocery Orders

A reminder that the grocery order program is still working!

It's simple, easy and efficient.

Call In or drop off your order to Glenn's Store on Fridays before 4:00.

Pick up your order at Glenn's Store Saturdays around noon.

Delivery charges are 5% per order (i.e. \$2.50 on \$50.00)

Pay for your order at Glenn's Store.

Bath Foodland honours coupons and sales.

They offer refunds on any product you are not satisfied with. Weekly specials are advertised in the Saturday Beaver.

The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Chris and Don Gregg

On Sunday afternoon, August 18, Terry Randall "Mr Karaoke" donated his time and performance to the Amherst Island Royal Canadian Legion on behalf of Muscular Dystrophy.

The entertainment was first class and should have had a much higher attendance. If you get another chance to see him you should make every effort to do so.

Island History

[Staff: This is a copy of a letter submitted to the Beacon by Dave Willard.]

Dear David,

Since you are interested in the Willard family tree I decided to send you some more information that has come to me recently. I have a cousin in Leamington who gave it to me. (Her grandfather & my grandfather were brothers.) Her name is Effie Woods (never married) The story goes - in England.

Jonathan Willard came to work for the Monroe family, who had several horses and carriages. Looking after these was his work. He became interested in their daughter Lydia and they got married. As they were rich people they disowned her. Jonathan and Lydia came to the U.S. and landed at Salisbury. This must have been

in the early 1800's.

According to the book, Amherst Island Loyalist Links written by Russ Waller - George A. was born in 1802 in U.S. His children must have been
1- George M. born in 1824 in U.S. married to Jane born 1832 in Ireland.

2- Charles B. (my grandfather) born 1834 married Elizabeth Barry born 1835

3- Lidy born 1836

4- Jonathan born 1839

I must tell you, too, about my grandmother, Elizabeth Barry who was blind in her later years, never went for the cows without bringing an apron full of rocks for the foundation of the barn and the stone fence in front of the farm that was owned by Hugh Drumgoole. It stands there now. She carried most of the rock used in it.

There is nothing in the book about the Barrys but Barry's

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Point was part of their farm. Daniel Fowler sat on that point to do many of his paintings.

I hope that this is not too exhausting to read but thought you might be interested.

Sincerely

Jennie K. (Jennie (Willard) Kerr submitted 1990-1991

Moist News

Moist has a new CD coming out by October 1st which will be called 'Creature'. They will be on the road in various Canadian cities for the next couple weeks in support of the new release. And, they will be opening for Neil Young on his cross-country tour (November 2nd for Ottawa) - now that's news!!!

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

Dinners, Burgers, Fries and Homemade Pies
389-7200

Hours of Operation

September 3 to 29

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Some grocery items including milk, eggs, butter, bread, 2L ice-cream, 2L pop and Potato chips.

Now available!

Obituary

Belmont, Harold Kenneth

Whig-Standard Sept 3, 1996

Peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital, Monday, September 2, 1996, in his 70th year, Harold Belmont, beloved husband of Shirley (Smith), loving father of Valerie Lucy and her husband Fraser of Moscow; Robert Johnson and his wife Faye of Port Dover; Harold Belmont Jr. and his wife Cindy of Kingston; and Kevin Belmont and Susan of Kingston. Sadly missed by grandchildren Jeremy, Troy, Brandon, James, Andrew, James and Belinda. Survived by sisters Shirley Labow of Montreal; and Betty Dunham of Sarnia. Predeceased by brother Edwin and sisters Dorothy and Evelyn. Missed by sister-in-law Ethel Elliott and many nieces and nephews. Cremation Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. For those who wish, memorial donations to the Diabetic Association would be appreciated by the family. (Donations preferred by cheque please).

Willard, Clarence Rodger (Dutch)

(Retired Alcan Employee)

Whig-Standard August 21, 1996

After a courageous fight, Clarence Rodger Willard, in his 75th year, succumbed to his illness on Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, beloved husband of Betty (nee Bushey); dear father of Pat (Tom) Freeburn of Belleville; Cheryl (Mac) Druce and Bonnie (Doug) Hawley of Kingston; grandfather of Jeff (Sheri) Freeburn of Stirling; Jennifer Freeburn of Belleville; Christopher and Kevin Druce, and Dustin Hawley all of Kingston; great-grandfather of Joshua Freeburn; dear brother of Mel (Thora) of Kingston; predeceased by his father Captain John Willard and mother Jessie Willard.

Ackerman, Arthur Hepburn

Whig-Standard September 7, 1996

Peacefully at Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, Arthur Hepburn Ackerman, of Amherst Island, formerly of Oakville, in his 78th year, husband of Caroline and the late Ella Geertsma; father of Ingrid Bronson of Picton, and their families; and Drew of Picton, and their families; brother of Ben of Waupoos; Nancy Otterway of Picton; and Joan Ackerman of Perterborough, and their families. A Service of Remembrance will be held at the home of Ingrid and Eric Bronson, 1 Centre Street, Picton, on Monday, September 9th at 5 p.m. Donations to Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital or the Kingston General Hospital would be appreciated by the family. (Cheques preferred please).

Nesbitt, Albert Edwin
(1930 - 1996)

Whig-Standard August 28, 1996

Albert (Bert) Nesbitt, husband of May Louise Nesbitt, passed away on Sunday, August 25, 1996, in Baniff, Alberta.

Bert was born on February 26, 1930 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the son of Eleanor Weir Erwin and Thomas Edwin

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Nesbitt. He was the eldest son of the couple who had two children. Bert's younger brother, Alan, lives in London, England. Bert's father Tom spent two years in Canada and returned to Belfast prior to marrying Eleanor in 1929. He died in 1949 after a lengthy illness with cancer. Eleanor continued to provide for her family be returning to work and lived independently in the same home where Bert grew up in Belfast, and where she died in 1981 with her two sons by her bedside.

Bert attended Rosetta Public School and later the Royal Academy. He worked in Belfast until 1951 when he immigrated to Canada with his young wife-to-be May Louise Kirkpatrick of Belfast. They married on September 10, 1952 in Platsburg, New York and lived in Montreal, Quebec, near May's sister and husband. That marked the start of a life long partnership which would include 44 years of marriage and the subsequent birth of two sons and two daughters.

Bert's first job in Montreal was as a Junior Underwriter with The Prudential of England's Fire and Casualty Insurance Department. The Prudential later transferred them to Toronto after the birth of their first son, Peter Edwin in 1953. Their second child, Irene Louise, was born in 1955, then Alan Kirkpatrick in 1958 and Maureen Weir in 1965. The family lived primarily in Islington in the west end of Toronto. Bert worked for 32 years in the Property and Casualty Insurance business in Toronto and later in the Reinsurance side of the business until 1984 when he served a Director of Kanata Reinsurance Co. Bert and May then moved to their property on Amherst Island, near Kingston and purchased a Shell Service Station and Repair Garage in Bath, Ontario. They subsequently moved to Banff, Alberta in 1991 and joined their two eldest children Peter in Calgary and Louise in Canmore.

Bert was a fun loving individual who loved a gathering of friends and family. He loved the outdoors and taught his four children how to enjoy nature through camping, boating, fishing and swimming. He loved to dance, ski, skate and canoe and most of all to travel. He had a passion for animals, large and small

and they always responded in kind to him. He was a devoted husband and father who shared with pride and love, welcomed his children's friends and partners - Petrina, Joost, Terri and John. His grand-children, Kaitlin and Alexis Nesbitt, Adrian and Steven Asselbergs, Ryan, Tyler, Kara and Amy Nesbitt, Leslie, Mitchell and Mallory Glenn have a fond but short memory of their Grand-Dad. Our world is a richer and better place for his having been here. His wonderful love and compassion will remain with us forever.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness at the time of Vaughan's passing.

Your cards, visits and donations in his name were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Vincent, Teresa and Helen

The family of Vaughan McMullen would like to express their thanks and appreciation to family, friend and neighbours for the kindness shown at the time of our loss.

Special Thanks to Bruce & Helen, Bruce & Susan Caughey, the PCW, St Paul's for the use of the hall & Rev Musson for his comforting service.

Many thanks for the calls, cards, flowers and support following the death of my darling daddy, Ralph, on the 1st. A much-loved man who will be sorely missed.

Caroline Yull

'Meals On Wheels'

The Order Date Is A Week Before The Third Monday Of Each Month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

Inspirational Thoughts

I can think of no lovelier season than harvest time, particularly for those of us who live in a rural area or who have a productive garden.

There can be few things more satisfying than eating something you have grown yourself - fresh lettuces, crisp runner beans and ripe tomatoes or picking a

glorious coloured bunch of dahlias.

Wherever we live, we may be grateful for yet another harvest safely home, for those who have worked on the land

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to bring it about, and for the providence of God in giving us our daily bread:

For it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand
This prayer (author unknown) expresses harvest thoughts beautifully.

For rosy apples, juicy plums,
And yellow pears so sweet,
For hips and haws on bush and hedge
And flowers at our feet:
For ears of corn all ripe and dry,
And coloured leaves on trees,
We thank you Heavenly Father God.
For such good gifts as these.

"In quietness and confidence shall be our strength"

A Friend

Still available from the Amherst Island Fire Fighter's Association:

Smoke Alarms require new batteries annually: \$10.00
Lithium Powered Smoke Alarms 10 year warranted life on one battery: \$18.00
Carbon Monoxide Detector: \$45.00
Contact Chief Scott, Deputy Chief Shurtleff, or any other firefighter.

A Letter Home

I'm writing this letter quickly as the "There's Nothing To Eat In This House" pair will be home from school soon. Doors will bang, the fridge will be repeatedly opened and shut and the television will come on. It always takes me a few moments to shift from the peaceful solitude of my days to the furious after school frenzy which descends. However, I wouldn't have it any other way.

Today, was one of those warm, sunny autumnal days. The water was sparkling, the crickets are doing their thing and the wasps are looking for winter nesting places. The torrential rainfall over the past few days has assured an extended pasture season. This means the sheep will be able to continue grazing as nature intended and we will not have to feed hay yet. Unfortunately, during this rainfall we were trying to shear about 1500 lambs before sending them to market.

Seeing as we don't have enough places to keep them all under cover, we only got half done and the rest will be sheared this week. It all takes a great deal of organizing and Mother Nature usually has the last say.

While we on Amherst Island carry on our day to day lives, amalgamation talks have been going on. In many ways I feel helpless and don't understand how this will save money. Perhaps the powers that be know more than we do, but I doubt it.

I'm going to say goodbye now. Before the sun starts to set, I want to go outside and feel it's warmth on my face. We have too few warm days left to let this one go by unappreciated.

All our best.

Community Calendar

Sept 3-29... the Back Kitchen hours change (see ad)

Sept 28... PCW Chicken Pie Order Date

Oct 20... First Aid / CPR Course 1st Day

Oct 23... A.I. Women's Institute Meeting location not set as yet

Oct 26... Rec. Committee Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance

Oct 27... First Aid / CPR Course 2nd Day

Nov 1... Ameriks Scholarship Fund Application

Deadline

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For Sale

Wanted

For Sale

One single bed and mattress \$50

One double pedestal desk \$50

For more information, call Dianne at 389-0554

Winter Storage

Winter storage available - indoors. Room for boats or that extra car. Reasonable rates. Call 384-5606 for information.

Wanted

Family of four looking for a year round Island residence to rent, 2 or 3 bedroom.

Please contact Diane or John at 389-9977.

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Albertan Homes
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Light yard work & housework.
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Babysitter
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends

Babysitting
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
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Bulldozing Done
\$30/ hour plus fuel
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Clothing - repairs & alternations
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Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
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For Rent St Alban's candelabra
Contact: Caroline Yull at 389-4071.

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Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

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Post Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Island Financial Planner
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If you have any problems with your lawn and garden
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TV Times Wanted
The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's
TV Times. Call Keith at 389-2588

Voice Lessons - Bel Canto style
For serious students 15 years & up.
Call 384-8599.

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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{This page consists of two photos. One is of the
McCormick Brother's barn shortly before it was pulled
down. And the other is of Edwin Hogeboom's barn in
the process of being dismantled.}

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Answers to last month's Disney Crossword

{crossword is shown on next page}

Created by Bonnie Azulay (384-5437). Your Island
travel consultant for Bayridge Travel

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275 Copies

Beacon Notes

After a rather sputtering start to the fall colours, they have now blazed into rick yellows, oranges and reds. Perhaps I could say that this brilliant display distracted us from getting the Beacon out on the 15th but it wasn't so. Work is the culprit.... blame the Bank Of Canada for continuing to lower interest and thus inducing people to buy houses. It has been busier the last few months which does dramatically cut into my time for the Beacon. However, here we are at last and with a full issue.

The printer is developing a problem printing shaded areas. It will have to go in to get fixed but not for another week or so.

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

October 1, 1996

Seems like only few days ago, we were reporting on Council... it was and here we are again! Chris was across the big water in Merry Olde England visiting family.

All members of Council were present for this meeting plus the Clerk-treasurer, the Public Works Superintendent, and this reporter. Jim Whitton had to leave a little after 9 p.m.

The agenda and addendum looked short because there was only a few weeks since the last meeting. This shortness can be deceiving in that Councillors can get tangled up in some issue for a very long time.

Call to Order

Council was called to order at 8:09 and by 8:10 the first nine items were dealt with - the caretaker items like adoption of the previous meeting's minutes, conflict of interest declaration, approval of agenda and addendum, public input, delegations, etc.

Unfinished Business

Council next went over the list of unfinished business. There was very little change in any of these items.

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- The Township has not had any word from our lawyer Larry Levine about our request to detail his billing.
- We are waiting for a response from Darrell Majdell concerning our 'remote port' status - that is, we are looking for the Feds. to put their position in writing.
- The Clerk-treasurer has found out that our application to expand the landfill site is still in progress and the expectation now is that we will receive approval in a month.
- Council will be sending a letter off to the Province requesting more notice if the subsidy arrangements for the boat are to be changed. (By the way, our last subsidy payment was two weeks late.)

Public Works Superintendent's Report

Stuart Miller (the Public Works Superintendent) gave his monthly report which like everything else about this meeting was brief. He reported that the crew had spent considerable time keeping the roads graded and gravelled this past month due to the frequent and heavy rains. There was a discussion of the problems involved in keeping open a part of the old road up near Bailey's (going up to Long Point). Apparently someone is going to build a house to be accessed by the old road so this will now have to be maintained. Just how much gets

maintained and if a turnaround is needed will be dictated by where the new driveway will be. A turnaround would have to be built if sno

the bases being poured this fall and the pillars built next spring.

Other News

The building inspectors' report showed two permits issued - one to Topsy Farms and one to Leonard Wolfreys both for new buildings.

The meeting ended for me at 9:40 p.m. but Council went into a closed session to discuss a 'personnel matters'.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sympathy to Judy Miller and family on the death of Judy's mother, Emily Wilson, October 10.

Islanders were saddened by the following deaths in recent weeks: Myrtle Veech; Leigh Wemp; and, Rev. Lindsay McIntyre. Our condolences to the respective families.

Best wishes for a speedy recover to those who have been ill this month: Tena Tugwell; Susan (Mrs Art) McGinn and Sandra Reid. Raymond Wemp and Freda Youell are both recovering very quickly at home following surgery.

Congratulations to Darrell Miller and Karen McGinn who were married October 12. And congratulations to Jean and Earle Tugwell who celebrate their 50th Anniversary next month.

Jessica Gavlas was once again awarded honors standing for academic achievement at the Secondary School level. Jessica also passed her grade 5 piano exam recently, and earned 1st class honors with distinction in the preliminary theory part of her exam. Bravo, Jessica - well done! Other Island students receiving awards at NDSS were Scott Marshall (5 awards), Jacob Murray and Jill Caughey.

Many thanks to newcomers John and Sherrill Wright. After reading in last month's Beacon that the EFR Team was updating the telephone directory (in sheet form) John and Sherrill kindly offered to make us a phone list database on their computer. Updating the list from now on will be a snap! Thanks very much.

[Staff: We don't intend to offend by omitting the names of anyone who has won school awards or whatever. We have limited time and resources to do research: please phone or drop us a line, or leave a note at the store.]

Legion Hallowe'en Dance
Friday, October 25
Doors open a 6:30 pm

at the Amherst Island Community Centre
Three dollars per person - high school age and over
Children's costumes will be judged at 7:30

D.J.

Drinks

Games

Prizes

Come and join in the fun

The Amherst Island Rec Committee
3rd Annual Oktoberfest Dinner/Dance
Saturday, October 26/96

Doors open 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dancing 8:00 - 12:30 am

DJ - Chuck Norris

\$20.00 per couple

For tickets call

Rick Bedford 389-8434

Lyn Fleming 634-2509

Adam Miller 389-2588

Val Wolfreys 389-8513

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The September Meeting/Pot Luck Supper held at the home of Jean McIntyre was enjoyed by all the members who attended with the added bonus of seeing Jean and Lindsay in their Kingston residence. Due to the travelling time involved the evening consisted of the business meeting, Pot Luck Supper and some social time and I was very disappointed that I was unable to be part of it. The October 23rd meeting is being held at the home of Erika Krauklis at 8 pm and we shall be holding our Brown Bag Auction to raise Pennies for Friendship funds, then, on November 20th at 8 pm. Christine Quinn's home is our meeting place and, as always, visitors are most welcome.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

With so much pumpkin around right now it's hard to know what to do with it all. Quite often I cook it and then freeze it in small batches ready to be heated later. Anne Lindsay's Lighthearted Everyday Cooking has a recipe for Pumpkin Loaf with Orange Glaze which sounds good for a cool fall day.

1 c Whole Wheat Flour (I use all-purpose)

2/3 cup all-purpose
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp salt
1/3 cup soft margarine
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla
2 eggs
1 cup cooked pumpkin (or squash)
1/3 cup water
3/4 cup raisins

Glaze

2 Tbsp icing sugar
1/4 cup orange juice

Lightly grease and flour 9 X 5 loaf pan.

In a small bowl, combine flours, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, nutmeg and salt.

In a large bowl, cream margarine, sugar and vanilla; add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in pumpkin.

Alternately stir in flour mixture and water just until smooth. Stir in raisins and pour into prepared pan. Bake in 350F oven for 1 hour or until done. Let cool in pan 10 minutes; turn out onto rack.

Glaze: Pierce hot cake with fork. Mix icing sugar with orange juice; pour over cake. Let cool completely.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

October 26/96 - Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance

During October and possibly November, work will begin on rebuilding the rink.

Monthly Bingos and Euchres will begin in early January and continue for 3-4 months. Watch the Beacon for exact dates and times.

During 1997 the Rec Committee will begin work on a new "Birthday Calendar", for the 1998 calendar year! Start now to sort through those Island photographs and compile your family's list of names and birthday.

Again, watch the Beacon for more information.

Moist News

- Jacob Murray

I have just obtained a copy the new CD: Creature. It Is Amazing!!! The more I listened to it the more I like it. All the songs are catchy and have a good beat.

If you even remotely like the first album, this one is 10 times better. I give it an enthusiastic two thumbs up.

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund is accepting applications until November 1st. Application forms and more information are available from the Township Office during regular business hours.

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Community Policing

Reality or Rhetoric

- submitted by Bill Stanley, OPP

Over the past decade, police services around the world have been moving from the "traditional" model of policing to "community-based" or "community policing"... Perhaps the most widely used definition is that policing is a partnership between the police and the communities, they serve.

Community policing is indeed a partnership, but for any partnership to be successful, there has to be respect, understanding, trust and most importantly, communication between all the players on the team. These qualities do not develop overnight - they require patience, cooperation and understanding from everyone involved. Perhaps the most vital aspect of this partnership is communication; we need and expect the police to listen to our concerns, our perception of the problems within our neighbourhoods, our fears and our ideas for solutions. We as a community, however, need to listen as well not just to police officers, but to our neighbours, our friends and other agencies that work within our communities. Most of all, we need to get involved - we need to accept the responsibility of helping to make our communities safer.

Community policing is much more than a philosophy, more than a committee meeting monthly and more than a group of people complaining about how little is being done to solve the problems facing all of us today. Community policing is about getting involved, not to criticize but to offer new insights and solutions, not to demand but to reach a new level of understanding, not to become vigilantes taking the law into our own hands, but rather to work hand in hand with those people that we as a community have hired to enforce the laws that we as a community have established.

Help by getting involved. Come to the Special Meeting of Council at 7:00 pm, October 30, at the Township Hall.

Cheese Notice - ISLE

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales. Wilton cheese has a wide variety available in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by

calling any AIPS student or:
Karen J. Fleming... 389-9869.
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Your order will be available for pickup at the school from 5-7 pm on the following dates:

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Friday, Nov 15	Wed, Nov 20
Friday, Dec 13	Wed, Dec 18
Friday, Jan 17	Wed, Jan 22
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Friday, Mar 21	Wed, Mar 26
Friday, Apr 18	Wed, Apr 23
Friday, May 16	Wed, May 21
Friday, June 13	Wed, June 18

Thank you for supporting your community.

Letters To The Beacon

Dear Mr. Editor,

Amherst Island has long been a magic place for us, in our visits from time to time by boat and auto. In the course of those visits, we got to know Rev. Allison, and Mrs. Glenn at the store and post office, and greatly appreciated both of them. One of our visits was in company with the late Howard Dulmage of South Bay in Prince Edward County. In his late seventies, we took him one day to visit with Mrs Glenn, a long time friend and relation, a friendship which we ourselves were fortunate to bask in by reflection. It was a great disappointment on this visit to find the store so much reduced from its former days. The disappointment was partially allayed by finding The Back Kitchen - we hope it will be there for long years to come.

We extended our last visit to several days, staying with the Caugheys at Poplar Dell. It was a memorable stay in several ways, not the least of them being the hospitality of the Caugheys and of the other Islanders we encountered. For one of the days we had a younger cousin visit with us for a few hours, to do so he drove all the way from Consecon on a limited weekend, ("A limited weekend" because he lives in Toronto, and comes to Consecon only on some of his weekends). He was enchanted by the Island, and you'll see him back from time to time.

Another memorable event took place at the Caughey's. Two other guests were Gerald and Lois Heagle, from Hoard's Station near Stirling. They were there as a gift from their daughter for their 40th wedding anniversary, and had never been to the Island

before. Incredibly, Gerald turned out to be a new-found cousin to one of the writers of this letter. The world is indeed a small place and full of surprise.

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May the Amherst Island community thrive forever.

Yours truly,

Claire and Archie Lamont

Staff Note: This is a follow up of the story printed in the December 1994 Beacon by Stanley Burke about Amherst Island resident Ernest Apps, an unsung hero in our midst. We thought Beacon readers might be interested in some of the correspondence he received after his war record was made known. It is not often that letters arrive from Buckingham Palace and Rideau Hall at our Post Office.

On May 1, 1996 this letter was received from Buckingham Palace regarding Ernest Apps' shared wartime experience with H.R.H. Prince Philip. They served together during WW II aboard the Royal Navy battleship "Valiant" and participated in a major British night battle in 1941 off the Cape of Matapan using radar as their eyes for the first time.

Buckingham Palace

1 May, 1996

Dear Mr. Apps,

I am very pleased to hear that you are being honoured by the Royal Military College for your part as the RDF Operator in 'Valiant' at the Battle of Matapan. The detection of the three Italian cruisers in the dark gave us a significant advantage. As you know, I was in charge of the searchlights and your report allowed me to go to the right bearing to pick them up in the searchlight control binoculars so that they were illuminated the moment I was ordered to switch on the searchlight.

This all happened a long time ago, but I am glad that the recent celebration of the end of the war has stimulated the present generation to look into the details of the extraordinary events of those years.

Yours sincerely

Philip

This letter from Rideau Hall arrived August 28, 1996

Dear Mr. Apps,

I have received a letter from Mr Stanley Burke of Amherst Island who informs me of the long-overdue

decoration which was presented to you for the key role you played in the Battle of Matapan, an important Second World War naval victory.

Although it was not possible for me to make the presentation personally, I am happy to learn that, in addition to receiving an honorary degree from the Royal Military College of Canada at a special ceremony on May 18, you were presented with a medallion from the Navy League of Canada by the College's Commandant.

I am grateful to Mr Burke for bringing this oversight to my attention and to that of the appropriate authorities who could rectify the situation. Mr. Burke's actions reinforce my belief that Canadians are a proud and fair people whom I am honoured to serve.

Please accept my most sincere congratulations.

With kindest personal regards,

Romeo LeBlanc

The Weasel And Easel Winter Hours

The Weasel & Easel will be open Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 5 from now until Christmas. There are lots of great ideas for that hard to find present or for home decorations. Saves a trip to the mainland.

Phone: 384-1633 for information.

Amherst Island Telephone Directory

We're at it again!

The EFR Team is again revamping the phone list - in sheet for this time for those who prefer it to the book. Any errors, additions, deletions should be reported to Annette Phillips 389-0417 or 389-0512 as soon as possible.

Obituary

Veech, Myrtle Emma

Peacefully at the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital, Napanee on Thursday, September 26, 1996 in her 80th year. Myrtle (nee Terry), beloved wife of the late Stanley Lorne Veech, cherished mother of Linda Wemp (Raymond) of Kingston; Susan Yeomans (David) of Selby; Wendy Reid (Wayne) of Amherstview; Carrol Smith (Harry) of Yarker; and predeceased by her only son Allan Veech, dear sister of Ada Terry of Kingston and the late Ella Raven, lovingly remembered by her eight grandchildren, daughter-in-law

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Sharon Veech and brother-in-law Robert Veech.

Funeral Service was on September 30, 1996.

Internment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. As

Expressions of Sympathy, donations made to the Diabetes Association or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Reverend S. Lindsay McIntyre

Suddenly and peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 15, 1996 in his 79th year. The Rev. S. Lindsay McIntyre served the Lord for 50 years, through the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Beloved husband of Jean, dear father of Elise and Doug Graham of Kingston; David and Norma McIntyre of Toronto; grandfather of Stephanie McIntyre, and to Lindsay and Ross Graham. Rev McIntyre recently retired from St. Paul's. He was buried at Glennwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to St. Paul's Memorial Fund or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be thoughtfully remembered by the family.

House For Rent

Presbyterian Church Manse

Contact W. Bruce Caughey 389-2012 for details

For Rent

'The Cedars' aka the Fowler House

For more information, call Sally at 389-3802.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 9 4 3 1 9 9 2 2

'Meals On Wheels'

The order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

Thank You Notes

The flowers, cards, phone calls and treats received during and since my stay in KGH have confirmed once again what I have been so thankful for these past two years... there is no better place to live or kinder folk to be found than right here on Amherst Island. My sincere thanks to the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, AIWI, PCW and ACW, neighbours and friends for being so caring.

Freda Youell

We would like to thank our family, friends and

neighbours for helping us celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary. A special thank you to Jim and Sandra for all their hard work and their man helpers. Thank you to all for cards, gifts and donations to the food bank and to all those who came to the dinner and dance to make this such a memorable occasion.

Thank you again

Stratton and Barbara Reid

Coralie Marshall and family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the help and support they received since Duncan's accident on the 10th September. Many thanks to the First Response Team for their prompt action in calling the ambulance, for those who helped at the scene of the accident and everyone else who has been such a great help since. There are too many to name individually but you know who you are.

The cards and calls have confirmed what we always knew, Amherst Island is a special place to live.

Duncan is making good progress but it will be a long haul.

Many thanks for your loving care.

The Ackerman family would like to thank everyone for their cards and sympathy on the death of Art, husband, father.

Amherst Island in Cyberspace!

- Hans Krauklis

On October 3rd, Amherst Island premiered on the Internet World Wide Web. This project is sponsored by the Amherst Island Recreation Committee. We expect that information published about our island on this electronic medium will

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reach some of those people who would like what the island has to offer, out of an estimated fifty million Internet users. We hope that in time some of these people will visit Amherst Island and, perhaps, bring some business here.

What are we telling the world? First of all, where we are and who lives here, together with a bit of history and genealogy provided by Tom Sylvester. Then, what we locals and visitors can do on and around the island. Among these activities, arts and crafts, bird watching, sailing and scuba diving feature prominently. Thirdly, there are successful businesses on the island, in agriculture, bed and breakfast establishments,

consulting etc. As well, there is room for new businesses and we invite visitors to check it all out. All these pieces of text are beautifully illustrated with images of some of Shirley Miller's paintings.

The nice thing about electronic publishing -- and our Internet Home Page is a good example -- is its flexibility and low cost. From the time that our newly minted Internet Subcommittee held its first meeting, it took me only about a week to research and write enough text, and Jan Sneepe to scan in Shirley's pictures, before we were 'on the air'. We can add, delete or change text fairly quickly in order to keep our home page up-to-date. We can also add new subjects (or drop others). This then is an invitation to Islanders to write short article

his or her possession, unless it is unloaded and encased, between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise of any day.

(2) No person shall hunt any animal or bird between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise of any day.

(3) No person shall use, while hunting, any device capable of throwing or casting rays of light on any object.

[Staff: Thou shalt not jack light deer.]

A Letter Home

October has been reasonably kind to us so far. There have been a few cool mornings when I want to yell "It's too soon!" but then the sun shines and winter is pushed back a few more days. Last night the air was very still and the fog moved in to cover everything with a dripping clammy cover. However, this morning the sun has everything sparkling and maybe that grass will get cut today.

Perhaps it's only my imagination, but things almost seem quite on the farm. Of course there's the daily feeding and checking of the sheep, ploughing being done, a little hay to come home and a new lambing and hay structure to be built. On second thought it is probably just my imagination. We're starting to settle in for winter having stored all our nuts (hay) away for a snowy day and the rams are beginning to display signs of friskiness. They keep asking where the girls are? Sadly enough we had to explain that lambing wasn't due to start until May and so they must be patient until December. They seemed to understand but I'm positive I saw at least one checking the fence for weak spots.

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One sure sign of winter that none of us look forward to is the annual return of the Little Boat. The Amherst Islander is due home next week. After having the Big Boat here all summer it's hard to get used to the idea of leaving home earlier so we can sit in a cold car and hope for one of the eighteen parking spaces. We'll all get very good at counting up to eighteen to see whether we are one of the lucky ones or not.

This seems to be the end of my news this month. We'll be checking the mail each day for news from your little corner of the world.

Happy Thanksgiving

Island History

History Of Stella Village

Historical Tid-bits from the W.I. Tweedsmuir Book

This information was given to Nanetta Glenn by Mrs Sarah Saunders. (She was an aunt of Bruce Caughey and lived where Helen Miller now lives). According to Nanetta, Mrs. Saunders couldn't remember dates, but from her age, the story started about 1841. Numbers have been inserted in the text which relate to the attached information giving present occupants of the properties named, as identified by Irene Glenn and Helen Miller. For errors and inaccuracies that need correction, we welcome comment.

Leslie Gavlas

[Staff: Mrs. Saunders died in 1943, so the article must have been written over 50 years ago. We'd like to have articles or letters from those of you who can add to these recollections.]

Mr Edward Allen (1) was working for the Findley family (2) on the present Tom Cochrane (3) farm. William Cochrane (4) bought it from them. When Mr Allen married he bought the 100 acres which is now owned by Mr John Tugwell (5). There was only the log house there then (6), and he added the frame part to the log house which is the west part. That farm ran from the water to the Presbyterian Church and from the "Forty-Foot" down to the bridge (7). The Presbyterian Church was a wooden building in the corner of the lot near the road and called the "meeting house".

The first lot sold off the Allen farm was where Mrs Saunders now lives. It was sold to Robert Montgomery, a tailer. He sold to Mary Ann Gorman, and she to Henry Saunders. Mr Allen then built a house on the next lot for the Presbyterian minister. That lot is now owned by William Beaubien (8).

On the other side of the lane from the Allen farm there was only the brick house and farm now owned by Mrs Edward Scott (9), which belonged then to George Wright.

At this time Stella Point (10) was the shipyard, and where Mr Sutherland's golf course now is, were the houses of the workers. When Mr Allen bought the farm the houses were lifted over the fence to where they are now - David Lawson living where Maurice Hogeboom now lives (12). These lots extended right out to the lane. Joseph McFern bought from Lawson and built the house where E. Welbanks (13) lives for W. Munroe. The next lot was owned by Paddy McGeein, and then seems to have been divided with James Montgomery's building where Robert Filson now lives (15) and J. Polley, in the house where Eva Glenn (16) is living. Girvins lived there later. Of course those old first houses have been torn down and the present ones built. At the corner where we have our telephone "central"

(17) was the "County Down Inn" operated by John Watson. Another inn was where the Anglican Church now stands, and the proprietor was William Cousins. Later he bought a frame house, put on a brick veneer, and started a hotel there with a large ballroom where all the dances were held. That building is now the Continuation School (18). He rented the inn at the eastern end of the village to James Montgomery, a shoemaker and Archie Thompson, a sailor. The Anglican Church and Rectory (19) have been built within the last 48 years.

On the opposite side of this lane there was a house and lot at the corner (20) owned by J.S. Neilson, who worked with Thomas Polley in his store, which was situated in the corner of the lot near the road (21). The Polley house was right next to the Neilson house, and has always been in the Polley family until William Cochrane (22) bought it a few years ago. Mr Polley also had the Post Office in his store. That would be about 1859, but before that date a store was operated by Polley and Wright where the present Neilson Store (23) is, but the first building ran east and west. Mr Polley then built property farther west in the village (21) and George Wright operated one at the corner where Mrs Florrie Glenn now lives. His family lived over the store. When he sold it to Jack McDonough he built the house now owned by Francis McKee (25). When Mr Polley sold his business to a man by the name of Martin, he bought the Wright farm (9) and rented his own house to Martin. Hugh Glenn and Alex Glenn ran the store after Martin. When Mr Neilson took over the Wright-Polley building (23) at the eastern end of the village, it was moved to the dock and used as a coal shed, and the present store was built. Mr Neilson started business there 68 years ago. The dock was always where it is now (26). There was a dock and storehouse belonging to the Polley family just at the entrance to the "Point". It was afterwards taken over by Mr Neilson, and that property still belongs to them. Until about 1920 the large steamboats called at that dock twice a day. "The Bay of Quinte", "Hastings", "Hero", "North King", "Caspian",

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"Alessandria", and the "Waterlily" for cheese.

On that side of the street west of the Polley property and the Cousins Hotel (18), where the Brown shop is now (27) there was a blacksmith shop run by a John Robinson, afterwards taken over by John Brown and run by his son Wesley Brown. The other blacksmith shop has always been where the grist mill is now (28). The house belonging to it (29) was beside it with a driveway into the shed between the shop and the house.

Hugh Smith lived there. Geordie Henderson then had the shop and lived in the house that Mrs Maggie Pringle owns (49) now. Sydney Pringle bought from him and the Neilson brothers bought from the Pringle estate and made the shop over the present mill.

When the cheese factory (30) was first built the farmers put in milk only from one cow or perhaps some would send from two cows until they could see whether or not the factory would be a success.

On the other side of the creek George Peters had a carpenter shop (31), afterwards the property belonged to Mr Chown, then S. Pringle, Reginald Instant, and Harold Sharpe who is living there at present.

Mr Percival, the first agent for the Maxwell estate, and his wife lived in the house where the Moutray family (32) now live. At that time the present Moutray farm (33) belonged to Mr Maxwell, and the house for the farm was where the present Neilson house (34) is now. Mr Andrews lived there and had a carpenter shop in the east corner of the lot where he made everything, even the caskets that were needed.

In the early days the Methodists held "Protracted Meetings" in No.1 schoolhouse (35) and all the converting was done there. Then Mr and Mrs Percival held Sunday School in their home, but later it was in the Town Hall (36), which was where Mrs Marian Eves' house now stands. It was a union Sunday School, and Mr Percival, Mr Andrews, Mr Weller, and Miss Ellen Spiers were some of the teachers. In later years a library was opened in that hall (37) and the present Town Hall (38) and Orange Hall (39) were used for dances, church suppers, council meetings, etc. The Orange Hall had a platform at each end, and the Orange sashes, etc., were hung all around the walls. The Methodist services were always held in the Orange Hall until their church (38) was built. The parsonage was the house where Clarence Hogeboom (40) now lives. Until a very few years ago when the parsonage down the lane (41) was built.

Present Occupants of the Above Named Properties 1 & 2 ?

3 & 4 The Veech Farm, occupied by Diane (Henderson) & John Pollock

5 The Tugwell Farm, presently owned by Emily Tugwell

6 This house is the low white building a little southwest of the new house

7 This bridge is on the front road by the old fire hall

8 Lillian and Ronnie Miller own this

9 Lyn & Larry Fleming live here now. This farm ran from the shore to the 2nd Concession a long the west side of the Stella Forty-Foot

10 & 11 The shipyards were on the north side of Stella

Harbour

The big house of Marlene & Fred Frolich was the Clubhouse when the golf course was there
12 Vera Hogeboom still lives here
13 Noreen Welbanks
14 & 15 ?
16 Debbie and Sandy Scott now live here
17 Bonnie and Alan Caughey live here
18 This was known as "the Old Brick", and has since burned
The "Back Kitchen" is on the property
19 The Rectory is now Diane Pearce's "Bed & Breakfast"
20 There is no house here on the west corner of McDonald's Lane and the Front Road
21 This store is now "The Easel and Weasel" on the east side of the house occupied by Caroline Ackerman
22 This is the home of Bea and Ralph Wemp
23 This was the Royal Bank location until a few years ago. The property is occupied by Fred Werthman.
24 The Glenn Store
25 This house is occupied by Doug and Helen Lamb
26 There was a dock at the bottom of McDonald Lane where Chris (Glenn) and Don Gregg have their home
27 The Blacksmith Shop is still there, and now owned by Doug Wilson
28 The old shop recently demolished by Ted Wemp
29 This house is occupied by Faye and Ted Wemp
30 This building is behind the house occupied by Sally and Ross Wilson of Ottawa
31 This house is occupied by Raymond Wemp
32 Famham, now occupied by Janet (Apps) and Brian Grace
33 The farm associated with the house occupied by Beth (Caughey) and Jack Forrester
34 This house is occupied by Caroline Yull and Llew MacArthur
35 This is the house nearest the road now owned by Gertrude Maude
36 ?
37 This building has recently served as our Fire Hall
38 This building was once the United Church
39 The Orange Hall now occupied by Bernice Gould
40 This is the home of Donna and Earl Willard
41 This is the house of Elsie and Eldon Willard
42 Bonnie and Lawrence Baker now live in this house

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{This page consists of a hand-drawn diagram of the village of Stella.}

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Community Calendar

Oct 20... First Aid / CPR Course 1st Day
Oct 23... A.I. Women's Institute Meeting location not set as yet
Oct 25... Legion Masquerade Dance
Oct 26... Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance
Oct 27... First Aid / CPR Course 2nd Day
Oct 30... Special Council Meeting: Community Policing
Nov 1... Ameriks Scholarship Fund Application
Deadline
Nov 20... AIWI Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Christine Quinn's home

For Sale
Wanted

For Sale
21 cu ft Chest Freezer
Call 389-4011

Garage Sale
Garage Sale at Margaret McMullens.
October 19 & 20 rain or shine. 3rd Concession.
Starts 10:00 am.
Tools, dishes, dining room chairs, household items, 75 Ford 1/2 ton truck and cap, 85 Pontiac, freezer, workout bench weights, bed frames and much more.

For Sale
One single bed and mattress \$50
One double pedestal desk \$50
For more information, call Dianne at 389-0554

Albertan Homes
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Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & housework.
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Babysitter
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
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Babysitting
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
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Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
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Cisterns Filled
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing - repairs & alternations
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Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Call Jan at 634-1995.

For Rent St Alban's candelabra
Contact: Caroline Yull at 389-4071.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
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Glenn's Store 389-0417
Movies / Pop / Candy / Crafts
Post Office Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-1200 (office).

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For serious students 15 years & up.
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If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Production for October

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The rise and fall of civilized life on Amherst Island can be measured by the coming and going of the Frontenac II. We now are back to the Amherst Islander for the winter.

I had the dubious pleasure of watching the change-over which was an interesting dance of boats and crews. First the Frontenac II comes in and unloads its last load of cars. After unloading, the crew strips it of everything movable it seems. The ramp goes up and the Public Works crew starts lowering the approach to the ramp. The Frontenac II pulls out and stands off. The Amherst Islander then pulls in and the MTO crew disembarks and is replaced with an Island crew. The unloaded stuff is then loaded onto the boat and it pulls out. The Frontenac II then comes back in so the MTO crew can take over for the trip back to Kingston. Finally, the Amherst Islander comes back in and the ramp approach is fine-tuned plus (I think) the Island crews change. Nice dance that worked very smoothly.

Happy Birthday to us! It almost slipped by but The Beacon is celebrating a birthday this month. It has been

12 years and 144 issues since the Kerrs transferred production of the Beacon to Headlands in November 1984. Of course, we would not be doing this without the support of our many contributors over the years and loyal readers. Who knows what the future will bring with municipal restructuring, downloading of more costs from senior to junior levels of government... Amherst Island may cease to exist as a separate municipal entity but it will continue to be a functioning community. We plan to be there to bring you those stories.

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Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

November 6th 1996

All members of Council were present.

Annette Phillips, our trusty Whig-Standard reporter, and the only other person in the audience, reported on a telephone call the Whig had received, stating that the Amherst Islander had come back in an unsafe condition. The Ferry Manager, Duncan Ashley, replied that the Senior Captain had reported to him that the ferry was in an acceptable condition when it was returned, and that he was not prepared to act on anonymous telephone complaints.

The Public Works Superintendant was away deer hunting, so there was no report from him.

The discussions over the transfer of the docks to the Township is continuing. Ports and Harbours say that we are not a Remote Location, and that we will have to negotiate for the docks or they will be offered for private sale. Sounds to me a little like a gun is being held to our heads. Council decided to have a public meeting at the school to which Mr. Majdell, from Harbours and Ports, the local MPPs and MP would be invited, to try to get some straight answers.

The next matter that Council discussed is, potentially, even more disturbing to our Island community. The Provincial Government appointed David Crombie to head a Who Does What Panel, to consider all aspects of government in Ontario. The panel has now released its report on, among other matters, ferries. In outline the report states:

Municipalities should be responsible for financing and operating ferries which provide a local service and link local or county roads. The Province would retain responsibility for ferries linking provincial highways. Municipal discretion is recommended in moving to full cost recovery of ferry services.

This means that the municipality would be responsible for raising all the money to pay for our ferry. At the moment the Province pays 90% of the operating costs. - Apparently the Adolphustown and Wolfe Island ferries connect provincial highways, so would not be affected: only Amherst Island and Howe Island would have to fund their own ferries. So far, this is only a recommendation to the government, so Council still has time to act. Council has written to Al Palladini, the Minister of Transportation, reminding him that when he inspected the ferry in August he said that he would make sure that any action taken with the ferries would be fair and equitable. Council stated that they did not consider this recommendation either fair or equitable. The Beacon will keep you informed of future developments.

After that bombshell it was hard to concentrate on the rest of the Council meeting.

The Rec. Committee is working on repairs to the rink at the school. They are planning a birthday calendar as a fundraiser for next year. Council is checking out the cost for direct deposit of municipal employees' wages.

The Lennox and Addington restructuring programme is going ahead, and the details of the next steps are being worked out. It is time to start setting up the transition committees. The Township of South Fredericksburgh is still trying to get the whole deal thrown out.

Council then went into closed session to consider a personnel matter.

St Pauls P.C.W.
Christmas Tea and Bazaar
Saturday, November 30
From 1 to 4 p.m.
At the Community Centre
Admission \$2 with a luncheon
Bake Sale
Santa's Post Office
Treasures
Crafts

Special Council Meeting

- Ian Murray

October 30, 1996

This meeting was called to consider the possibility of forming a Community Policing Committee for Amherst Island.

Councillor Whitton chaired the meeting as Reeve Ashley was at a County Council session. Councillors Fleming and Scott attended. Constable Bill Stanley, the

Island's OPP liaison officer, represented the OPP. Mrs. Debbie Coles, chairperson of CCARES, accompanied Constable Stanley.

CCARES is an acronym for Community Crisis Assistance, Referral & Emergency Support for victims of crime and/or tragic circumstances. It is comprised of a group of trained

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volunteers and serves an area that includes L&A County. The group is contacted by police when it is felt that a victim could use the help available from CCARES. The police do not have the time, or the training, to provide the emotional support and practical help that a victim may need.

Also at the meeting were: Ken Albertan, John Pollock, Steve Hart, Debbie Scott, Lesley & Gary McDonald, Wayne & Karen Fleming, and Ian Murray.

There was considerable discussion in which everyone in the room took part. It became apparent that a Community Policing Committee would present local concerns to the police. It could also take a leadership role in improving local conditions so that there would be less need of police action.

A general dissatisfaction with police support in the past was expressed by many in the room. Members of Council expressed their frustration with the OPP's failure to deal effectively with traffic infractions in the village. Constable Stanley replied that an effective Committee would result in more police presence when a problem was targeted. He did, however, state firmly that police can only do so much - there will never be enough officers to adequately cover this district - the community must do more to uphold the law.

It appears that an effective Committee would: advise the police of local problems and help develop solutions; and, at least as important, seek preventive solutions.

It was decided that: Ian would write an article for the Beacon; several volunteers would arrange for a general public meeting during which a Community Policing Committee would be selected; and, that notice of such a meeting would be sent out by householder mail.

Further Notes And Comments:

Perhaps one or two EFRT members could take the CCARES training. Nobody at this meeting suggested that we are threatened by a crime wave. However, everyone present felt that there are too many traffic violations and acts of vandalism in this community. An ad hoc group met later with Reeve Ashley and it was decided to ask Council to appoint a committee to

arrange a public meeting. However, the ongoing pressures of amalgamation may slow the process down considerably.

However, many of us are finding it hard to be concerned about community policing when we consider the imminent possibility of significant changes to the ferry operation that could affect the whole community.

The policing concerns that I have heard expressed are: ignoring stop signs; speeding through the village; speeding in general; vandalism; B&E of summer residences; beer bottles on school property; jack-lighting; under-age drivers.

Appropriate information from the community and adequate response from the police would greatly reduce or eliminate these problems.

Prevention will be more of a challenge. A neighbourhood watch program involving patrols, pagers/CBs, and alarms could be developed.

Addressing the problem of teenage boredom is challenging: meaningful part-time employment; social gatherings including bonfires, dances, skating parties; and more sports activities. The very nature of teenagers means involvement in behaviour that adults disapprove of. How do the adults encourage activities that will interest teenagers but still be within the bounds of acceptable community standards?

The community hall is very underused. Perhaps it could be used for: regular dances for teens and young adults; more sports activities; and so on.

New Year's Eve Dance

Live Band

Music by Country Cowboys (Tim Hallman and wife)

\$40.00 admission per couple

Includes a full course Roast Beef Dinner

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Dancing from 8:30 to 12:30

Tickets available from

Jack Forester

Al Caughey

Gary Filson

Sponsored by Amherst Island Driving Club

Must be 19 years old and over

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sincere sympathy to Jimmy and Mary Neilson, now of Napanee, on the death of their daughter, Patti-Jo, following a lengthy illness. Patti-Jo leaves her sisters Lisa (Rago) and Lee (Sudds), and brothers Fred Neilson and Glen Filson. Jimmy and Mary formerly owned and

farmed the property where Lyn

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and Larry Fleming now live. Also, condolences to Dave Vrooman on the death of his mother, Doris Elizabeth (Reid) Vrooman.

Best wishes to Amy Caughey who has been home sick for more than a week. We wish you a speedy recovery. Also to Bruce Caughey Sr., who has been in hospital for a few weeks, and to Tena Tugwell. Nessie Welbanks had minor surgery last month and is recovering quickly at home.

Allan and Cathy Glenn, along with Ralph and Beulah Woods, are back from a three week vacation in South Africa. (Maybe we could talk them into writing a synopsis for the Beacon next month for those of us who haven't had a chance to hear about their trip? I, for one, think it would make some really interesting reading.)

Welcome to our new Island residents Carmen Hewitt and his daughter Pam, who have moved into Margaret McMullen's house. Carmen is a familiar face since he started working at the Caughey farm several months ago.

Further to last month's column regarding those who achieved school honours, or received awards, I learned today that there is a publication that lists all these students by name and by award. For next month's Beacon, I will compile all the student information so everyone can see what an outstanding group of teenagers we have over here.

The Weasel And Easel Christmas Hours

The Weasel & Easel will be open during December on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m.

Why not save a trip to town. For some of your Christmas shopping come browse through the gallery.

There are a lot of new and interesting Christmas items.

Call 384-1633 for information during store hours.

Caroline Yull has the Amherst Island Education Association clipping book from the 1989 right with the School Board over closing our school.

If someone would like to care for this book, please call Caroline Yull at 384-4071

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The October 23rd meeting at the home of Erica Krauklis began with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem followed by the Roll-call at which time each

member was asked to recall a "Scary Halloween" experience. The business section of the evening included a report from Anna Hitchins of the District Annual meeting attended by Anna and Jean Baker. Jean gave us a progress report of the Clean Air Now (C.A.N. - DO) campaign. This year has passed so quickly it did not seem possible that we were planning the Seniors' Dinner to be held at the beginning of December. This event takes the edge off winter and we all enjoy hosting our senior friends at the Xmas Dinner which, for me, starts off the festive season. Our Halloween Brown Bag Auction was fun and the contents seem to be getting better all the time. I always try to give something I would like to be the lucky bidder on myself but have to admit I can't make a Pumpkin Pie as delicious as the one in my surprise bag. (Thanks Anna!) We ended the evening in our usual way by tucking into a tasty late lunch served by our hostess. The November 20th meeting is at 8 pm at the home of Christine Quinn and luckily their move to Toronto doesn't mean they are leaving the Island completely. Christine is going to remain an active member of our Branch and invites visitors to attend the meeting at her home. We really do need more members, especially in the younger age bracket. On December the 11th we shall be meeting at the home of Anna Hitchins for our Christmas Party - then on to 1997 - the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Institute. The February Variety Concert has been cancelled but stay tuned for our alternative celebration event. Our thanks to all who had agreed to participate in the Concert.

[Note: the Beacon staff would love to have heard some of the scary stories.]

Clean Air Now Campaign

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that never has." - Margaret Mead -

Ongoing research indicates that the air inside our homes may be more dangerous to our health than the outdoor air in industrialized parts of our province. The Kingston Area of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FW10), led by member Jean Baker, has recently partnered with the Lung Association to help increase

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public awareness of the seriousness of indoor air pollution by promoting the C.A.N. DO program. Fifty women from around Kingston spent several days preparing 20,000 mailings of suggestions on how to improve indoor air quality. The C.A.N. DO program

encourages the reduction of the use of chemical air pollutants, the regular maintenance of home air systems and appliances, good ventilation, control of moisture indoors and the elimination of dust and dirt from the home.

At the recent provincial Board meeting of the FW10, Baker introduced Ron Bell of the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy and Ian Morton from the Lung Association.

Bell discussed the recent study he had coordinated concerning air quality in private homes and bingo halls. He noted that people usually spend less than ten percent of their time outdoors. The cleaning products we use, the carpeting and furniture we buy, the hygienic products we choose all affect the air quality we breathe.

Morton is Coordinator of the C.A.N. DO program. He listed health issues such as asthma, food allergies, declining fertility in men and various psychological problems which are caused by indoor chemical sensitivities. In Ontario, one in ten people suffer from asthma. Community organizations have the power to change things. Everyone has the right to breathe clean air. It is the responsibility of each person to exert that right by becoming aware of the problems and the solutions available to them.

Women's Institutes across the province are proud to support The Lung Association to improve the quality of the air we breathe. This is another step in the Women's Institutes focus on working for "Safe and Healthy Communities."

Submitted by Mary Janes, the Public Relations Officer for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels'

The order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I don't think there is anything better than a hot fresh muffin for breakfast or break. I found this recipe on the bag of oats I bought. Seeing as I have frozen blueberries in the freezer, it sounded like a good combination to me.

Blueberry Oat Muffins

1 Cup Robin Hood or Old Mill oats

1 cup buttermilk or sour milk
1 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
3/4 cup lightly packed brown sugar
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup melted butter
1 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)

Combine oats and buttermilk in small bowl. Let stand.
Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and brown sugar in mixing bowl. Stir well to blend. Add egg and melted butter to oat mixture. Mix well. Add oat mixture all at once to dry ingredients. Stir just until moistened. Gently fold in blueberries. Fill greased muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake at 400 for 15 - 22 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched.
Makes 12 muffins.

ISLE News

I.S.L.E. is seeking to increase its numbers by one. If you are energetic, enthusiastic, enjoy fundraising and would like to be a part of the development and growth of Amherst Island Public School, then we need you.

For more information please contact any ISLE. member
Karen J. Fleming... 389-9869
Dave Willard... 389-1656
Gary McDonald... 384-1456
Karen Fleming... 389-0210
Janet Scott... 389-4608

Cheese Notice I.S.L.E. Note the new dates for cheese orders and collection. They are printed in the I.S.L.E. Ad.

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Announcing!!

Gary And Joanne, Owners Of Bath Foodland, Are Please To Announce Their Expansion Into Glenn's Store.

On November 1, Gary and Joanne expanded their inventory at Glenn's Store to include a wide range of convenience items. Glenn's Store now has bread, milk, butter, eggs, sugar, coffee, paper products, feminine hygiene products and all sorts of other items our Island customers might need in a pinch.

We have kept the movies, as well as the bottled water and the ice, and we have attempted to stock the Island store with frequently-used items. We encourage our Island customers to drop by, look at our selection of

items and make suggestions on other items you would like to see available. If there is an item you run out of at home, and it isn't in the store, please let Annette know and we will have it available the next time you run out.

This will not interfere with our Grocery Order days which will still be Saturday. Orders need to be in at Glenn's Store by 4:00 on Fridays. Pickup is between 11 and 12 on Saturdays. Payment may be made at Glenn's Store when you pick up your order.

Bath Foodland will continue to accept personal cheques for purchases, and will continue to cash your personal cheques if required. All cheque transactions at Glenn's Store must now be made payable to Bath Foodland. A charge system will not be used.

We wish to advise local service groups that we are more than willing to meet your needs as far as specialty orders for fundraisers, or for your catered meals. Special delivery arrangements can be made to suit your needs.

At the present time, we will maintain the same hours as Canada Post:

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

(Please note Saturday hours - this is a permanent change. All movies rented on Friday must be returned Saturday before noon.)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Island customers for your support, and to assure you that we welcome any suggestions that might help us serve you better.

Gary and Joanne Nightingale
Bath Foodland

First Aid and CPR

- Sally Bowen

Eighteen more Islanders are now qualified to provide basic First Aid and CPR should the need arise.

Mark Halliday and his instructors provided a two day intensive training package that emphasized the practical but did not neglect the theory. It was fast paced, clear and well taught.

Those wrapped in practice bandages included: Angela and Wendy Fleming; Nancy and Paul Henshaw; Barry Gartner; Lesley and Gary McDonald; Lyn, Larry and Jason Fleming; Caroline Ackerman and Andrew Richardson; Dave Hieatt; Val Wolfreys; Helen Trotter; Jacob and Kyle Murray and Sally Bowen.

Thanks to Lynann Clapham and the First Response Team for organizing the course, to Mark for the entertaining and effective teaching and to Council for generously paying for the training in these hard financial times.

When calling 911, you will be asked: Police, Fire or Ambulance. If you want to get the First Response Team to your location, you ask for ambulance. Once the 911 dispatcher calls the ambulance and the ferry out, she or he calls the Response Team.

Still available from the Amherst Island Fire Fighters' Association:
Smoke Alarms require new batteries annually: \$10.00
Lithium Powered Smoke Alarms 10 year warranted life on one battery: \$18.00
Carbon Monoxide Detector: \$45.00

Contact Chief Scott, Deputy Chief Shurtleff, or any other firefighter.

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Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Ian Murray

The past several meetings have dealt with extrication: the removal of victims from damaged automobiles. Several members of the Ernestown department have conducted the training sessions. These firefighters have a lot of experience gained on the 401 and other well-travelled roads running through the township. Our experience over here is somewhat less.

Our department does have all the equipment needed - we just have to gain more experience with it. David Fleming and Chris Kennedy have attended several workshops on this topic and that is a big help. The help and support from the Ernestown firefighters is very much appreciated.

Obituary

Leigh Herbert Wemp (1938-1996)

Leigh's many friends and relatives were shocked and saddened by his sudden death on Saturday, October 12, 1996. He was dancing at the wedding of Karen McGinn and Darrell Miller when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He is survived by his wife Doris (nee Storing), son Herb, daughter Valerie, and grandchildren Kailey and Adam. He is also survived by his sister, Brenda (Wemp) Hatton, and his brothers, Grant and Duane. He was predeceased by his father, William Wemp, his mother, Evelyn (Bulch) Wemp, and his sister, Shirley Wemp.

Leigh was born on March 13, 1938, in the house now lived in by Jack and Beth Forester. In 1941, his

family moved to the south shore to the house now owned by Gian and Patricia Frontini. Several years ago, Leigh made a water colour painting of this house after taking lessons from Shirley Miller. He worked from an old photo that helped remind him of how it looked when he was a boy.

When Leigh was 13, his father William Wemp died of a heart attack while working in the bush with Leonard McCormick. William Wemp was buried on the day that Leigh turned 14, March 13, 1952. After attending Willy Wemp's funeral, Reeve Tom Cochrane went home and died suddenly while splitting wood.

Leigh left school early and worked for Harris Beaubien, Gerald Kearney (where Rick Bedford now lives) and Francis Welbanks.

In 1953 or '54, he started roofing for Erving & Harding. Doug Hill (who lived where Mrs. Maud now lives) and Lawrence Sudds (had a house on the Geoff Matthews' farm) both worked for this company. Keith McGinn, Hans deHaan and Ron Miller also started with Erving & Harding about this time.

Roofing jobs took Leigh to North Bay and other places. During a non-roofing period in 1957, he stayed with his Aunt Marjorie and her husband Charlie Storing while he worked at Strathcona Paper. He married Uncle Charlie's niece Doris Storing in 1960.

From 1960 to 1963, Leigh worked for the Kingston based Whitney Home Furnishings. Leigh and Doris moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1963 where Leigh worked for R. E. Harding. They returned to this area in 1965 and Leigh started Leigh Wemp Roofing and Fencing. Later he worked at Queen's University from 1981 until health problems forced his retirement in 1990.

As a young man, Leigh loved to drive horses fast but it was not until 1970 that he became active in training and racing horses. He had a serious racing accident in 1975 and was sidelined for a year. He finally left racing in the late '70s. He had very good success with a mare called "Lee's Tanti" which he had bought from Chris and Mel Filson. Leigh sold this horse for \$10,000 back when that was "serious money".

In later life, Leigh became quite interested in Wemp family history and his UEL heritage. He was the prime mover in the Wemp Family Reunion of 1995 that took place at the Wemp cairn site.

Doris and Leigh attended the UEL convention in Halifax in June of this year.

It was while he was preparing for the family reunion that I got to know Leigh a bit. Like many others, I was drawn by his big warm smile, friendly manner, and enjoyed his

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fund of stories. While working on this article, I spoke to about a dozen people and everybody remarked on his friendliness and good nature.

[Staff: Leigh Wemp's ancestor tree is printer later in this issue.]

Obituary

Patricia Joanne Neilson (1957 - 1996)

Patti-Jo's friends and relatives were saddened by her death on Nov 2. She passed away in Toronto following a lengthy illness. She is survived by: her parents, Jimmy and Mary Neilson; her brothers, Glenn Filson and Fred Neilson; her sisters, Lee Sudds and Lisa Neilson; and her aunts, Mary Neilson and Kaye Moeller.

Patti-Jo was raised on the Island - attended AIPS and NDSS. She was active in sports and many other activities. Her bubbly good nature and enthusiasm is remembered by all who knew her.

[Staff: Patti-Jo Neilson's ancestor tree is printed later in this issue.]

Thank You Notes

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our neighbours, friends, PCW and ACW for your support and your many kindnesses during the loss of our mother and grandmother. Your concern and thoughtfulness meant a lot to us and will always be remembered.

Judy, Don, Donnie and Chad Miller

The family of the late Myrtle Veech would like to thank everyone who expressed their sympathies in so many ways after the death of our Mother. Special thanks to Susan Caughey who was very thoughtful and kind to Mom during her final difficult months on the Island.

Also thanks to all the ladies who made a special effort to visit her while she was a resident of Toni's Rest Home in Napanee. Sincere thanks to Rev. Forsyth for the comforting service and prayers.

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The Veech family

Miscellaneous

From Eastern Ontario Farmer

Beef is the largest single supermarket sales category at 6.7%. It outsells the next category, soft drinks, by more than double. There are predictions that per capita beef consumption in Canada will increase by 1.5 lb. in the next 2 years.

[Ian: if the supermarket price went down anywhere near

as much as the price of steers has, there would be a lot more beef consumed]

Changes

- Staff

The Eves family farm now boasts a 4th silo: a big blue Harvestore. It is full of corn and is expected to help reduce milk production costs.

Simmons Feed and Seed which has provided the Island with a lot of goods and services may, or may not, have gone out of business. Former manager, Lois Milne, is in the process of setting up her own operation in the Harrowsmith area.

Another business that made a lot of trips over here, Muttart Builders' Supply, is ceasing operation.

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We may, or may not, have a new resident. A few days ago there was an article in the Whig (November 2) reporting that a bear had been seen at the Foot.

Moist News

- Staff

The band has just completed a successful tour with Neil Young. CD sales are going well. Moist is now in Toronto preparing a video for "Resurrection" - their second single release.

Relationships

- Ian Murray

Those who were not raised here sometimes are unfamiliar with the family networks and inter-relationships that have been built up by the old Island families. Lets consider the relationships of some local residents to the two Islanders who have obituaries in this issue.

Patricia Joanne Neilson:

Amy Caughey, 5th cousin;

Garry Filson, 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin and 5th cousin;

Hugh Filson, 2nd cousin once removed, 3rd cousin once removed, 4th cousin once removed;

Larry Fleming, 5th cousin;

Jeff Forester, 5th cousin;

Allan Glenn, 4th cousin once removed;

Annette (Glenn) Philips, 2nd cousin once removed, 3rd cousin, 4th cousin, and 5th cousin;

Garry Hitchins, 2nd cousin once removed, 4th cousin once removed and 5th cousin;

Kerry Hogeboom, 4th cousin once removed;

Warren Kilpatrick, 3rd cousin;

Scott Marshall, 5th cousin;

Peter McCormick, 2nd cousin;
Brent McGinn, 3rd cousin once removed and 3rd cousin twice removed;
Helen (McMullen) McCormick, 1st cousin once removed;
Jim McMullen, 2nd cousin;
Adam Miller, 5th cousin; Donald Miller Sr., 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin once removed and 4th cousin once removed;
Stuart Miller, 4th cousin once removed;
Beatrice (Reid) Wemp, 3rd cousin;
Jimmy Reid, 3rd cousin and 3rd cousin once removed;
Noreen (Richards) Welbanks, 3rd cousin once removed;
Donna (Strain) Willard; 2nd cousin once removed and 4th cousin once removed;
Ted Welbanks, 4th cousin once removed;
David Wemp, 2nd cousin and 3rd cousin once removed on both sides;
Leigh Herbert Wemp, 3rd cousin once removed;
Ray Wemp, 3rd cousin once removed;
Janice (Willard) McGinn, 3rd cousin and 3rd cousin once removed;
Steven Willard, 3rd cousin and 5th cousin.

Leigh Herbert Wemp:
Rita Brown, 2nd cousin once removed;
Ida Bulch, 2nd cousin;
Hugh Filson, 1st cousin twice removed and 3rd cousin twice removed;
Annette (Glenn) Philips, 3rd cousin once removed;
Henry Hitchins, 4th cousin;
Noel McCormick, 2nd cousin once removed and 3rd cousin once removed;
Ryan McGinn, 3rd cousin 3 times removed;
Helen (McCormick) McMullen, 3rd cousin;
Stuart Miller, 4th cousin;
Pattyjo Neilson, 3rd cousin once removed;
Stratton Reid, 3rd cousin once removed;
Noreen (Richards) Welbanks, 3rd cousin;
David Wemp, 3rd cousin and 3rd cousin twice removed;
Raymond Wemp, 1st cousin;
Ted Wemp, 1st cousin;
Janice (Willard) McGinn, 3rd cousin twice removed.

The foregoing is not meant to be complete; it is an attempt to show some family connections. Please let me know if you see any errors.

Inspirational Thoughts

I do not know, who wrote these words, but I think they are a challenge to you and me:

A smile costs nothing but gives much,
It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give it.

No one is so rich or powerful that he can get along without it, and no one is so poor that he cannot be enriched by it.

It brings rest to the weary and cheer to the discouraged. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it has no value till it is given away.

Remember that some people are too tired to give you a smile, so give them one of yours, for no one needs a smile so much as he who has no smile to give.

I wish I could be young again,
I'd sing both night and day.
No wrinkles, and no aches and pains,
How bright I'd be and gay!
But, come to think of it, I'm glad
So many happy days I've had.

A Friend

House For Rent

Presbyterian Church Manse

Contact W. Bruce Caughey 389-2012 for details

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A Letter Home

It's still reasonably early in the morning and I just came in from my walk. The Bay is 'steaming' which is definitely not a good sign. Last year on this day we had our first snow storm. Already I'm counting on my fingers and find that there will possibly be 6 months of winter again this year. The older I get the more winter clothes I accumulate and the more I tend to hibernate.

Our Small ferry has returned as promised and as always it is quite a shock to our daily going to Town routines. Some mornings there are as many as 18 to 20 vehicles parked on the mainland dock. This means some people can make it home an hour and a half earlier and they don't have to leave home so early in the morning.

We made it to the Halloween masquerade which the Legion hosts at the Community Center. Even though it is mainly the 'kids' who dress up, the walls were lined with community members who have come to join in the fun. It's one of the annual events which make this such a great place to live and provides the children with special memories to take away with them on their life's travels.

Unfortunately, on Halloween, we did have some

vandalism which may seem minor to those committing the acts. However, it is real people whose feelings and homes are affected. I think those throwing eggs, soaping cars and smashing mailboxes must think past the momentary fun of their acts and think of how they would feel if done to them.

The sheep are still trickling away to the sales barn and we've been pleased with the prices. It makes all that hard work worthwhile and encourages us to continue when things aren't going so well.

I almost forgot to tell you about the gale force winds. Last week Mother Nature must have known that the Little ferry was back and she decided to have some fun. Knowing how much the Amherst Islander likes to bob around in a southwest wind she provided an almost continuous roller coaster ride for three days and nights. It's amazing how many people you can reach at home on days like that and even more amazing how many people actually enjoy travelling across the Bay on a windy day.

Time is ticking and seeing as I do my best work before noon I should move on as I have at least 10 'to do things' on my list.

All our best.

P.S. Today is Thursday the 14th and we awoke to a January blizzard leaving us with a foot of wind driven snow. By midmorning, the worst was over and it turned into one of those really lovely sunny January days. So much for a gentle drift into winter - eh, what?!

Cheese Notice - ISLE

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales. Wilton cheese has a wide variety available in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by calling any AIPS student or:

Karen J. Fleming... 389-9869.

David Willard... 389-1656

Karen Fleming... 389-0210

Janet Scott... 389-4608

Gary McDonald... 384-1456

Your order will be available for pickup at the school from 7-8 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by:	Pickup and Payment:
Friday, Dec 11	Wed, Dec 16
Friday, Jan 15	Wed, Jan 20
Friday, Feb 12	Wed, Feb 17
Friday, Mar 19	Wed, Mar 24
Friday, Apr 16	Wed, Apr 21
Friday, May 21	Wed, May 26
Friday, June 11	Wed, June 16

Thank you for supporting your community.

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Community Calendar

Nov 20... AIWI Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Christine Quinn's home

Nov 30... PCW Xmas Tea & Bazaar 1-4 p.m. at the Community Centre

Dec 06... AIWI Senior's Xmas Dinner 6:15 p.m.

Dec 11... AIWI Meeting at Anna Hitchin's home

Dec 31... New Year's Eve Dance

For Sale Wanted

For Sale

Chrome table and four chairs. Good Condition. Reasonably priced. Phone 389-4874

For Sale

Ladies 26" 12 speed 'Supercycle' bike. like new. \$75.00 or best offer. 389-5596

For Sale

Glass doors and grate for fireplace. Canadian chromalox electric wall heater. Culligan "Aqua-Clear" reverse osmosis drinking system.

Two fold-up bikes in need of attention.

All in storage.

Make an offer - I need the space! 384-4135

For Sale

Ski Boots (Downhill) - kids size 6 - 8

Black, only used a few times \$20.

Call Lynann or Jim 384-5027

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper

Light yard work & housework.

Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends

Babysitting
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554.

Bulldozing Done
\$40/ hour flat rate
Call Llew at 384-4071.

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Cisterns Filled
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Clothing - repairs & alternations
Drapes - made & altered
Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Glenn's Store 389-0417
Movies / Pop / Candy / Crafts
Post Office Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mon - Fri 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office).

LIN - SAR
Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling

Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation.
Office: 415-5467 Home: 478-5417

Painting Classes
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 384-5172.

Printing
A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Propane For Sale
Co-op Propane available at John McGinn's.
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
quantities can be arranged.
Call 384-3041.

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4016.

TV Times Wanted
The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's
TV Times.
Call Keith at 389-2588

Voice Lessons - Bel Canto style
For serious students 5 years & up.
Call 384-8599.

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

Ancestors of Leigh Herbert Wemp

Leigh Herbert Wemp 1938- 1996
William Henry Bray Wemp 1898 - 1952 {father of Leigh Herbert Wemp 1938 - 1996}
Evelyn Grace Bulch 1908 - 1991 {mother of Leigh Herbert Wemp 1938- 1996}
Benjamin Wemp 1872 - {father of William Henry Bray Wemp 1898 - 1952}
Herbert Edward Bulch 1881 - 1972 {father of Evelyn Grace Bulch 1908 - 1991}
Anita Blanche Welsh 1887- 1965 {mother of Evelyn Grace Bulch 1908 - 1991}
William Wemp 1848 - {father of Benjamin Wemp 1872 - }
Sarah MacKenzie Howard 1845 - {mother of Benjamin Wemp 1872 - }
John Bulch 1846 - Abt 1890 {father of Herbert Edward Bulch 1881 - 1972}
Mary Phillips Abt 1843 - 1916 {mother of Herbert Edward Bulch 1881 - 1972}
John Wemp 1785 - 1867 {father of William Wemp 1848 - }
Eleanor Catherine Althouse 1808 - 1891 {mother of William Wemp 1848 - }
Edward Howard 1799 - {father of Sarah MacKenzie Howard 1845 - }
Elizabeth ?? 1807 - {mother of Sarah MacKenzie Howard 1845 - }
Christopher John Bulch Abt 1806 - 1870 {father of John Bulch 1846 - Abt 1890}
Isabella Catharine Taylor Abt 1829 - 1922 {mother of John Bulch 1846 - Abt 1890}
Barnabas (Barent Wemple) Wemp 1738 - 1843 {father of John Wemp 1785 - 1867}
Catherine Gates - 1843 {mother of John Wemp 1785 - 1867}
John Bulshey Abt 1776 - 1855 {father of Christopher John Bulch Abt 1806 - 1870}
Dorothy Metcalfe Abt 1777 - 1854 {mother of Christopher John Bulch Abt 1806 - 1870}
Joseph John Taylor Abt 1788 - 1854 {father of Isabella Catharine Taylor Abt 1829 - 1922}
Janet ? Abt 1788 - 1872 {mother of Isabella Catharine Taylor Abt 1829 - 1922}

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Ancestors of Patricia Joanne Neilson

Patricia Joanne Neilson 1957 - 1996
James (Jimmie) Neilson 1931 - {father of Patricia Joanne Neilson 1957 - 1996}

Mary Glenn 1924 - {mother of Patricia Joanne Neilson 1957 - 1996}
Frederick S. Neilson 1901 - {father of James (Jimmie) Neilson 1931 - }
Ellen Lillian (Nellie) McDonald 1904 - {mother of James (Jimmie) Neilson 1931 - }
Alex Glenn 1899 - {father of Mary Glenn 1924 - }
Rose K. McMullen 1901 - {mother of Mary Glenn 1924 - }
James S. Neilson 1846 - 1916 {father of Frederick S. Neilson 1901 - }
Ida I. Roddick 1867 - 1941 {mother of Frederick S. Neilson 1901 - }
Sylvester McDonald 1873 - {father of Ellen Lillian (Nellie) McDonald 1904 - }
Mary Glenn 1875 - 1915 {mother of Ellen Lillian (Nellie) McDonald 1904 - }
John Glenn 1872 - 1955 {father of Alex Glenn 1899 - }
Catherine Fleming 1872 - 1948 {mother of Alex Glenn 1899 - }
John Aeneas McMullen 1868 - 1935 {father of Rose K. McMullen 1901 - }
Mary E. Gibson 1865 - 1943 {mother of Rose K. McMullen 1901 - }
Thomas Neilson 1798 - {father of James S. Neilson 1846 - 1916}
Eliza ?? 1805 - {mother of James S. Neilson 1846 - 1916}
William McDonald 1852 - 1933 {father of Sylvester McDonald 1873 - }
Ellen Stevenson 1850 -1930 {mother of Sylvester McDonald 1873 - }
[1] Alexander (Sandy) Glenn 1838 - {father of Mary Glenn 1875 - 1915}
[2] Nessie Askin 1837 - {mother of Mary Glenn 1875 - 1915}
[1] Alexander (Sandy) Glenn 1838 - {father of John Glenn 1872 - 1955}
[2] Nessie Askin 1837 - {mother of John Glenn 1872 - 1955}
William Fleming 1840 - 1911 {father of Catherine Fleming 1872 - 1948}
Sarah Jane Cronon 1844 - {mother of Catherine Fleming 1872 - 1948}
Aeneas McMullen III 1819 - 1907 {father of John Aeneas McMullen 1868 - 1935}
Catherine Wemp 1827 - {mother of John Aeneas McMullen 1868 - 1935}
John Gibson 1838 - 1904 {father of Mary E. Gibson 1865 - 1943}
Mary Costello 1839 - 1905 {mother of Mary E. Gibson 1865 - 1943}

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{This page consists of two pictures: one of Eve's new silo and the other of the Amherst Islander in heavy seas.}

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Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

The Reeve ran out of gas on the way to the 7.30 ferry, so did not arrive until 9.00 pm. Jim Whitton took the chair until the Reeve arrived. The Public Works Superintendent and this reporter were the only non-council people there.

Stuart reported that the Public Works department was on budget for this year. He drew council's attention to the notices that will appear elsewhere in the Beacon about snow removal.

Council has written to the federal Minister of Transport, David Anderson, and to Peter Milliken, our local M.P. about the sale of the docks. As well Ernestown has written to Harbours and Ports, and the Provincial Minister of Transportation has written to the Federal Minister of Transport about the docks. The result of all this is meant to be a meeting with the Federal Minister sometime in December. The Minister

has been very busy with the imminent collapse of Canadian Airlines International, but we should be squeezed into his schedule soon.

Council is also working on the ferry funding problem. They have written to the minister, reminding him of his promise for fair and equitable funding. They are also finding out who is on the Crombie panel that made the recommendation that the municipality should pay all the ferry costs, and will meet on December 18th to discuss the next moves. There will be a Public Meeting at the Community Centre at 8.00 p.m on Thursday, January 30th to discuss the various ferry issues. The Beacon will try to keep you informed of what is happening.

The public toilets on the Stella dock were inadvertently put on private land when they were built. Council is considering various options to rectify the situation. Stuart Miller has been asked to get an estimate for moving them to where they should be, which is the site of the old public stockyards.

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The Canadian Coastguard is charging the ferry \$600 for Marine Services. This is part of the Coastguard's plan to recover its costs, and is meant to be for the use of buoys and so on. Council decided that they had little option but to pay.

The final paperwork for the expansion to the dump should be finished by the end of the year, so it seems that though the Island may not have ferry docks or even a ferry next year we will have a very fine garbage dump.

Caroline Ackerman, Jason Fleming and Paul Henshaw have now finished their training to become members of the Emergency First Response Team. Welcome and congratulations.

The repairs to the rink at the school are finished. The Rec. Committee is applying for the usual grants from the province.

There are lots of meetings going on to decide the details of the amalgamation process. Alex Scott is our council representative on the Labour and Employment Transition Committee, one of the most important ones. They meet the second Tuesday of each month. Apparently nothing of note has yet been decided.

Council then went into closed session to consider a personnel matter.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to David Amson and Taggett Bonham Carter on the birth of their first child, December 10. Born at KGH, and weighing more than 8 lbs. "Noa" is a beautiful granddaughter for Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen.

Best wishes to all those who have been sick, and/or in hospital this month: Bruce Caughey Sr.; Helen Bulch; Tena Tugwell; Marc Raymond. Following a terrible car accident, I am pleased to report that Guido and Jeannie Visintin are both recovering out of hospital - best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Eleanor and Peter Trueman who celebrated their 40th anniversary on Saturday, December 14th.

Bob Horth kindly reported that Daisy Houselander passed away earlier this year. Bob has kept in touch with Reverend Bill Houselander since he and Daisy moved to Kitchener many years ago. Daisy died at the beginning of July, and is survived by: her husband; two daughters; one son; and, several grandchildren. The Houselanders formerly owned the house located along the water just east of Vince Aitken's.

It doesn't seem possible that a year has gone by since I last thought to say thanks to the Beacon staff for a job well done. And why is it that we only remember to say thanks this time of year anyway? Regardless, to Ian, Sally, Don, Chris, Dianne, Kyle, Jacob, Scott, Bonnie, Caroline and Leslie - many thanks for another super year producing a fantastic Island newspaper. You've done a great job for which you receive very little appreciation, so here's a little appreciation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Beacon staff, and to you, our Beacon Readers.

The Weasel And Easel Christmas Hours

The Weasel And Easel is open from Thursday to Sunday 1-5 from now until Christmas. Come in and browse. There are many new and interesting items in stock.

Christmas tree ornaments, table napkins, bird feeders, Amherst Island blankets, hand knit baby clothes, sweaters, pottery, handspun and handknit items from Island fleece, wood crafts, stained glass and paintings.

The list goes on and on... For information phone 384-1633 during store hours or call Caroline at 384-5606.

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year To All Our Members, Associates And Customers

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Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Freda Youell

As Christine Quinn was unable to host the November meeting it was held at my home and there were ten members present. After the Ode, Collect and National Anthem the Roll Call was "What does prejudice mean to you?" and it was interesting to note that race and colour are no longer the first thing that comes to mind. (This was a more serious subject than the Halloween Roll Call the Beacon Staff were so curious about but Those responses will not be made public!!) Plans were then finalized for the Senior's Xmas Dinner and our own December party and arrangements made for some of the members to do quilting for Leslie Gavlas in January. Leslie has offered to make this a fund-raising event and will be making a generous donation to the Branch. We also heard some interesting items that Leslie has been collecting for the Tweedsmuir Book. The meeting ended and after some social time over a late lunch the members headed for home. The next regular meeting will be at 1:30 pm on January 15th at the home of Irene Glenn and visitors would be warmly welcomed. Anyone looking for a Xmas gift that is both enjoyable and helpful? There are still a few "Environmentally Friendly Hints" books available at Glenn's Store. This will be the last opportunity to buy these for quite a while so hurry before they are gone!

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year To You All
From The Women's Institute

A.I.W.I. Seniors' Xmas Dinner
- Freda Youell

The Seniors' Xmas Dinner held on December 6th at the Community Centre was a great success even though the number present was less than anticipated. About forty guests; were treated to a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings., followed by an entertainer who enthralled the audience with her easy manner and lovely voice. Christine Hunter is a Kingston area musician and she played guitar and sang a program of country, popular and seasonal songs which had the listeners tapping their toes and joining in. The members of the A.I.W.I. would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539, the L.O.L., the individual seniors who made donations for their support and the "younger" ladies of the community who came and helped with the chores. The 4H members, under the guidance of Susie Caughey, deserve a very special thank-you. The guests and members enjoy the comradeship these young folk display and their happy faces and willing hands as they served, cleared dishes and did the heavy job of putting away the tables and chairs have now become a very

important part of the celebration.

Last Minute Shopping?

A new shipment of sweatshirts just arrived...each with an embroidered Amherst Island logo. They are available at Glenn's Store or Poplar Dell B&B. This is an ongoing project of the Presbyterian Church Women. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Paul's P.C.W.

The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

Remembrance Day Competitions

- Leslie Gavlas, Youth Chairman

The Royal Canadian Legion is pleased to announce the results of the Poster, Poem and Essay Competitions held in connection with Remembrance Day, November 11, 1996.

As usual, the entries received from Grades 4 - 8 of the Amherst Island Public School were of a very high calibre. We were very happy with the co-operation received from the students and Mrs Smith, their teacher.

By categories, the winners were:

Junior - Grades 4-6

Poems

1. Remembrance by Brent McGinn
2. My Grandpas by Chris Reed
3. Remembrance by Alicia Wolfreys

Essays

1. Let's Get to the Point by Samantha Pollock
2. Poppies by Whitney Fleming

Coloured Poster

1. Tabytha Trotter
2. Chris Reed
3. Whitney Fleming

Black and White Poster

1. Samantha Pollock
2. Corey Hutchings
3. Brent McGinn

Intermediate - Grades 7-9

Poems

1. Remembrance by David Baret
2. The Telegram by Shannon Youell
3. Their Journey by Ryan McGinn

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Essays

1. We Will Remember by Shawna Phillips
2. Prisoner of War by Kyle Murray
3. Remembrance by Helen Bell-Smith

Coloured Poster

1. David Baret
2. Ryan McGinn
3. Andrew McDonald

Black and White Poster

1. Shannon Youell

Other participants were Geoffrey McDonald, Morgan Willard, Alison McDonald, Mindy Fleming and Ashley Filson. The first place winners in all categories have been forwarded to the Zone Competition. All participants are to be congratulated for their efforts.

More From The Legion

- Karen Fleming, P.R. Officer

Our annual masquerade was held on October 25th this year, and as usual, a good time was had by all.

Following is a list of the prize categories, and the winners in each one:

Under 2 years - Faye McArthur as a Chinese lady

2 - 5 years - Katie Coleman, as a dog

6 - 9 years - Haley deHaan, as the bride of Frankenstein

10 - 12 years - Tabytha Trotter, as a genie

13 - 16 years - Bonnie Marshall, as an old nun

Funniest - all ages - Alicia Wolfreys, as a "big breasted, big bottomed green faced witch"

Best Traditional Costume - Caroline Yull, as an old witch

Best Children's Group - Khiysta Trotter and Toni

Phillips, as a pair of pumpkins on the vine

Best Adult group - Nancy and Paul Henshaw, Laura and Barry Gartner and Carol and Rick Morgan, as Knights Of The Round Table.

Most Senior - Barry Gartner, as King Arthur

Thank you to all who participated, and congratulations to our winners. By next year we hope to change so there are fewer categories, with a first, second, and third prize in each one. Under the present system, it's difficult to judge when you can only pick one from so many excellent entries, and also too many really good costumes aren't getting the recognition they should.

Have you got your 1997 calendar yet? When you do, open it up, and mark Friday, February 14 on it. Yes, I know that's Valentine's Day, and that, of course is why you are going to take that special someone (and of course, your little special someones) out to the Legion's Valentine Dinner at the school. Look for more information on menu etc., in the January Beacon.

Are you a senior citizen, 65 or older? Have you taken advantage yet of the meals on wheels programme? Once you are 65, age is the only requirement. You don't have to be sick, unable to cook for yourself, or anything else, but have reached the magic age. Of course, it is

also available to anyone under 65 who is convalescing at home after serious illness, surgery, accidents, etc. Meals are served on the third Monday of each month, and are \$5.00 each.

Call Audrey Miller - 389-0105 or Karen Fleming - 389-0210 to order.

Trees Trees Trees

Llew has Christmas trees for sale at \$13.95, just west of Value Village in town... Great trees, Balsam Fir, Scotch and White Pine. Spruce, all fresh cut in New Brunswick since December 1.

Also fabulous bushy balsam wreaths, made December 10 in N.B.

Very fresh, beautiful trees and wreaths!!

ISLE News

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost half over and both the teachers and ISLE volunteers have been very busy. ISLE has, this year, been able to offer this community in opportunity to purchase Wilton cheese each month, muffin and cookie batter and a wide variety of magazines.

Thanks to your generous donations and purchases, ISLE has been able to sponsor a swim program for every student at Amherst Island Public School. Students were bussed once a week to Collins Court Pool in Napanee for ten weeks of swimming lessons. As well, we were able to purchase a new colour printer for the school's computer room and various software for the students; and the school year's only half over!

ISLE purchases bottled drinking water for our students and is also sponsoring the Milk Program again this year, where each child has an opportunity to purchase cold, fresh milk for lunch. Karen Fleming is going strong again offering Hot Lunches to the students each Wednesday and she sure would appreciate any help you can offer. These particular programs are no money makers but simply a service offered to students.

While ISLE is pleased to be able to offer so much to our school, none of this would be possible without your generous support and the hard work of our ISLE volunteers. We take this time, not only to inform you of our activities, but also to extend our sincere thanks to a community who cares about our

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school. Thank you each and every one and we wish everyone a Blessed and Safe Holiday Season.

Caroline Giles (Principal)

Keitha Smith (Teacher)

Kristine McRae (Teacher)

Karen Fleming

Karen J. Fleming

Gary McDonald

Debbie Scott

Janet Scott

David Willard

4-H News

- Freda and Susie

In the New Year, the first 4-H project will be "Our Heritage". All young people between the ages of 10 and 21 before January 1, 1997 are welcome to join. The organizational meeting will be Monday, January 13 from 3:30 -5:00 pm at Amherst Island Public School. There will be two clubs meeting at the same time, one involving public school age members and one with those in high school and older. Please phone one of the 4-H Leaders, Freda Youell (384-4135) or Susie Caughey (389-2012) by January 3rd if you intend to join this club so that materials can be ordered. Any questions or concerns? Please call.

60th Anniversary

Harold and Nellie Marshall will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, December 29th at 66 Greenview Drive, Kingston (Country Club Towers Party Room), from 2-4 pm. Best Wishes only please.

Letters To The Beacon

[from Sister Evelyn Leonard, R.H.S.J. Tanya Beeler]

Religious Hospitaller of St. Joseph

Dear Community of Amherst Island,

We pause as we come to the close of 1996 to think back over the year and how your assistance has enhanced the work of the Partners in Mission Food Bank.

Do you realize how important you Care to the overall efficiency of the program? It is obvious, from the continued support the Food Bank receives, that the residents of the Greater Kingston Area and beyond believe it is managed with the interests of those served as their top priority and concern.

As of October 31, 1996 the Partners in Mission Food Bank distributed 7,463 food hampers and that represents approximately 19,404 people benefitting from the program with 7,544 of them being children.

Your community will be remembered in a Novena of Masses by the Religious Hospitaller of St. Joseph this

Christmas Season and in the prayers of the Congregation throughout the year.

We sincerely thank you for your assistance this year and may God grant you every happiness during this beautiful season and during the New Year.

Merry Christmas

[from Mary Farrar]

Dear Leslie & Members of the Legion & Wemp family members, students & teachers,

Last March, when we were travelling through Italy, we saw a “Cimiteri Canadese” on the map and decided to stop. This was near a town called Ortona south of a larger city called Pescara on the west coast. It was on the Moro River.

The cemetery was beautifully kept. There was a feeling of peace and incredible sadness.

I was so moved to see the tombstone of F.E. Wemp. I remembered from all those Remembrance Day ceremonies at Amherst Island Public School that this man was from Amherst Island.

The tombstone reads

C. 10190 Gunner
F.E. Wemp
Royal Canadian Artillery
23rd January 1944 Age 26
In Life
Loved And Honored
In Death Remembered

He was a gunner in the Third Field Regiment of the Royal

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Canadian Artillery so he was right up in the front lines.

The Allied invasion of Italy on the third of September 1943 coincided with the conclusion of an Armistice with Italy. Italy then joined the Allies and re-entered the war. The battle Fred Wemp died in was fought by the Allies against the Germans. The Allies had landed in Sicily and were pushing their way north through Italy.

He was a brave man. He died very far away from home. It is truly humbling to think of the enormous sacrifice he made for all of us.

I would be grateful if you would pass these photographs on to family members and give the students at Amherst Island Public School a chance to see them. [Staff: Mary’s letter was scanned into the Beacon for the tombstone markings.]

Ancestors of Fred Wemp

Fred Wemp 1917-1944

George E. Wemp 1864- {father of Fred Wemp}

Emily Howe 1891- (mother of Fred Wemp)

Daniel Wemp 1833- {father of George E. Wemp}

Elizabeth (Eliza) Baker 1836-1904 {mother of George E. Wemp}

John Wemp 1785-1867 {father of Daniel Wemp}

Eleanor Catherine Althouse 1808-1891 {mother of Daniel Wemp}

Jarvis Baker 1802-1877 {father of Elizabeth (Eliza) Baker}

Eliza Bray 1815- {mother of Elizabeth (Eliza) Baker}

Barnabus (Barent Wemple) Wemp 1738-1843 {father of John Wemp}

Catherine Gates -1843 {mother of John Wemp}

Some of Fred Wemps descendents are:

Hugh Michael Filson... 1st cousin 3x removed

... 2nd cousin 3x removed

Annette (Glenn) Phillips... 2nd cousin 2x removed

Henry Hitchins... 3rd cousin 1x removed

Peter McCormick... 2nd cousin 2x removed

Ryan McGinn... 2nd cousin 4x removed

Donald Paul Miller... 2nd cousin 1x removed

Stuart Miller... 3rd cousin 1x removed

Marion (Reid) Marshall... 2nd cousin 2x removed

Earle Tugwell... 2nd cousin

Noreen (Richards) Welbanks... 1st cousin 1x removed

Ralph Wemp... 2nd cousin

Steven Willard... 2nd cousin 2x

Island History

[from Ellie (Eleanor Ann Cochrane) Moore]

Dear Leslie,

I sure do want to renew my subscription to the “Amherst Island Beacon.” The October issue is a good reason why.

Your article, “The History of Stella Village,” sure took me back a few years. Having only memories of childhood summer vacations I have little to add. I do wish to differentiate between the Williams Cochrane. The farm on the Front Road was purchased by my grandfather, William. Upon his death, Uncle Tom worked it until his death in 1954 when Aunt Marge sold it to Veech’s. The property labelled #22 in the Village belonged to my Uncle Bill, who was for many years Captain of the ferry. I never recall a house on the corner of Front Road and McDonald Lane. Until Aunt Agnes sold that property that was a large wooded area. My grandfather was always called “William” and my uncle “Bill” or “Billy.”

It is nice to have the map. I’d forgotten exactly

where the cheese factory was, though I recall it made what had to be the best cheese ever. I just remembered it was not far from Neilson's Store. My route to get the mail at the store with

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Uncle Eddie (Edward Filson), who lived on McDonald's Lane after selling the lake shore farm to Francis and Nessie Welbanks in the mid to late 40's, or Uncle Bill was along a path near the water that came out near the bridge.

I found the letter from the Lamonts interesting. Wow, if they think Glenn's Store isn't what it is, they should have seen it and Neilson's and Uncle Art's (Arthur Kilpatrick) up at Emerald fifty years ago.

Would you be kind enough to publish the WWW address in a future issue for those of us who are on line, please. My E-mail address for any friends or family who care is EM318@aol.com.

Thanks to all of you who keep the "Beacon" going. I don't know how many of us there are far away who consider Amherst Island home. I can tell you I am real grateful for the link with very happy childhood memories even though life there is so very much more complex than it was then.

The Following article is submitted by Leslie Gavlas from the Women's Institute Tweedsmuir Book and originally appeared in the Napanee Express on February 21, 1928.

Two very unique and interesting events took place on Amherst Island during the past week. On Thursday, February 9th, Mrs M. Scott celebrated her 91st birthday. Mrs Scott lives with her widowed daughter, Mrs B. McMaster, at "Lilac Cottage," close to the Bay shore of the Island. Mrs Scott was the honoured guest at a quiet little party of her immediate relatives and friends on Thursday evening. Several friends called during the afternoon to convey their felicitations and many neighbours and friends sent their greetings and gifts. The guests at the birthday party were her daughters, Mrs A Hitchins, Amherst Island, and Mrs Patterson, Buffalo; her son Mr W.A. Scott, Amherst Island, Mrs W.A. Scott and family; Mr A. Hitchins and family; a grandson, Mr McMaster, with Helen and Jean McMaster, great grandchildren.

Mrs Scott was born within a few miles of Kingston city in the memorable year of Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne, and armed rebellion in Canada. Her father, with his team and sleigh transported troops from Kingston up the Bay of Quinte. The good lady is still blessed with all her faculties and continues to retain

her fondness for reading, has an excellent memory, and hence is a very interesting conversationalist. Mrs. Scott was baptized in St. Andrew's Manse, Kingston by the late Rev. John Machar and attended St. Andrew's Sunday School for several years. She can recall many vivid and interesting recollections of the late reverend gentleman and his recently deceased illustrious daughter. Mrs. Scott was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Amherst Island and for many years was an intimate friend of the late Mrs (Rev.) Cumberland. Being of wide vision and broad sympathy she always favoured church union and voted for it on all three occasions in the history of her church. She is now a member of Trinity United Church, Stella, where she attended communion service last October. Her many friends and neighbours join heartily in wishing her many more happy days.

The other interesting event was the celebration on Saturday, Feb. 11th, of the golden wedding

{Island History will continue after the following two ads}

Kingston Field Naturalists
Members Holiday Showcase

The Kingston Field Naturalists' Club cordially invites you to attend our Members' Holiday Showcase, a delightful opportunity to view slides taken by our members and to hear about their travel adventures, please join us for holiday cheer following the presentation. To be held Thursday, December 19 at 8:00 pm, come early, doors open at 7:30 pm, in Room #B201, Mackintosh-Corry Hall, Queen's University (at the corner of Union Street and University Avenue).

New members are welcome to attend.

For further information please contact Rose-Marie at 549-7583.

New Year's Eve Dance
Live Band
Music by Country Cowboys (Tim Hallman and wife)
\$40.00 admission per couple

Includes a full course Roast Beef Dinner

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Dancing from 8:30 to 12:30

Tickets available from

Jack Forester

Al Caugliey

Gary Filson

Sponsored by Amherst Island Driving Club

Must be 19 years old and over

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anniversary of Mr and Mrs S.K. Tugwell. On February 12th, 1878, Stephen K. Tugwell and Margaret Polly were united in marriage by the Rev. G.H. Squire. The bridesmaid was Mrs Smythe, a sister of the bride, who now resides at London, Ontario. The best man was then a young school teacher on the land and is now the Rev. W. F. Campbell, Ph. D., a superannuated minister residing in Toronto. Mr and Mrs Tugwell are highly respected citizens of Amherst Island and were the recipients of many flowers and valuable gifts, including a considerable sum of gold currency from relatives and friends. Both in Municipal affairs and in the church Mr Tugwell has faithfully served his community. A large company of relatives and friends were entertained to a sumptuous breakfast feast on Saturday at noon, in the same house where the happy couple were wed fifty years ago. After dinner the young bride cut the wedding cake, which was a beautiful, three tiered design, mounted with gold trimmings. The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev R.G. Fry and ably responded to by the groom. There were other toasts, one in particular to Mr and Mrs W.C. Mathew who also received congratulations for the fourth anniversary of their wedding. During the afternoon the groom received a surprise from his wife who presented him with a beautiful picture.

Kristi Grange
Steven Willard
Lori Caughey
Amy Caughey

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[From Rosemary McMullen]
Ancestral Adventures

When Vaughan McMullen died last summer, several people asked me how we were connected. Tom Sylvester's work in progress, *The McMullen Family of Amherst Island: Descendants of John M. McMullen*, will lay out all the documentation and details. But now, while Tom completes his research and gathers data about present descendants (sometimes as difficult to track as two-hundred year-olds), I can say we are distantly related, as we are to many old Amherst Island families. The original settler, John McMullen (d 1802), had five sons and one daughter we know of, Mary. The sons were Hugh, Aeneas I, Alexander, Neil, and Patrick. Patrick died young without issue, Aeneas did not marry, while Mary and each of the other three sons married and have descendants galore. Vaughan's line goes from the eldest son Hugh's son Aeneas II's son Aeneas III who married Catherine Wemp, whose son John married Mary Gibson, to their son James Edward "Eddie", who was Vaughan's father. By the way Aeneas is not uncommon in Scotland. It is a West highland pronunciation (En yes) of the Gaelic Aonghas, as was pronounced Angus in the central and east Highlands.

On a cold rainy September 1996 Sunday, two strangers knocked on the door of the stone house. Who was it but a descendant of their son, Alexander McMullen, accompanied by his mother? He had been tracing his ancestry through research and correspondence, and decided to make the trip, all the way from Maryland. What a bleak day to come to Amherst Island for the first time! Helen McCormick had referred him to us. We visited and had tea, and I told him to get in touch with Tom Sylvester. Our visitor, named Wendall Cousins, fills in one missing link, for we had no idea who his great-great-grandmother Charlotte McMullen had married. Now we know: Thomas Cousins.

Speaking of great-great-grandmothers, I often think of mine, Bridget McAuley McMullen (1796-1873), the first mistress of the stone house. She married the youngest of the surviving original brothers, Neil McMullen, in 1824 when she was 28 and he was 41.

Her brother Denis McAuley was a witness. It might have been an arranged marriage and they probably were brought together through the Catholic Church, as the same priest who served her church, St. Patrick's, served Amherst Island. We are pretty certain they lived in a log house on Lot 3, Concession I until the 1840's, when she and Neil and his bachelor brother Aeneas, who lived with them, had the stone house built by an itinerant gang of stone masons, who also built the stone house on Lot I. The old foundation of that log house is still visible and we hope to excavate it someday.

A distant McAuley cousin, Terence Boyle of Washington, DC, was referred to Tom Sylvester by a staff person in the National Archives in Ottawa about five years ago. Until then, we had no clear idea of where Bridget came from, though it was easy to deduce she was a devout Catholic who instilled that passion and a higher level of literacy and social skills into the family. From Terry Boyle's genealogical work we have filled in the McAuley line very adequately. Tom Sylvester has seen letters and documents signed by Bridget McMullen in the Ontario Archives, something I have yet to do.

Bridget was born in 1796 in Laide, County Antrim, Ireland. She was one of over a dozen children of Francis McAuley and Mary Cambridge who emigrated to Canada with their huge family in the first decade of the 19th century. In

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Cheese Notice - ISLE

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales, Wilton cheese has a wide variety available in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by calling any AIPS student or:

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Contact W. Bruce Caughey 389-2012 for details

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Loughborough near Railton in County Frontenac they became quite prosperous. The Protestants lived around Sydenham, the Catholics Railton. 1868 maps show Francis McAuley Junior's considerable holdings with several of his brothers and brothers-in-law.

Terry Boyle had given us the inscription on the tombstone of Francis McAuley (1757-1856) and Mary McCambridge (1775-1847), Bridget's parents. Though Bridget's mother was nearly twenty years younger than her husband, he outlived her and died at ninety-nine! This proves it is easier to sire children than to bear them.

I wonder how often Bridget managed to cross the Bay and travel to Loughborough by horse and wagon to see her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews. I do think she must have been proud of her house at last, and perhaps had the McAuley clan over to visit at least once, even the old father. Let's hope it was a beautiful day and a fine time was had by all.

In October 1995 I decided to make a courtesy call to my great-great-grandparent's grave. Stopping at St. Patrick's stone church in Railton (the same one they all attended, much upgraded), I was told the cemetery was on Keely Road, about two miles away. I searched and searched the small cemetery, but though I found many McAuleys and in-law Boyles, McGarveys, and Keelys, no Francis nor Mary with dates I sought could I find. Next year I tried again, bringing my parents and sister Kitsy with, and again we all failed to find the stone with the inscription Terry Boyle described. I called St. Patrick's the next day and asked about old tombstones that might have been replaced or removed. It turns out the whole cemetery, markers and remains, was moved about one hundred years ago from land directly adjacent to St. Patrick's to the bigger plot on Keely Road.

I recently called Terry Boyle, and he said he first saw the stone in 1972 and copied the inscription, but that it had disappeared by the time he returned in the 80's. Local farmers told him that the old stones had been pulled out and thrown down into a ravine, covered by vines and rubble. Furthermore, it was common practice to recycle old gravestone into road material. He also shared with me that a gardening magazine ran a story not long ago about a family in Kingston who discovered that the stepping stones in their garden were

face down headstones from the old Catholic cemetery in downtown Kingston, before St. Mary's cemetery was established. Lo and behold, a McAuley in-law family's ancestors, the McGarveys, were found among the salvaged stones, naming County Tyrone as their birthplace. These found headstones were cleaned up and leaned against the wall for a few years and descendants came to copy the information and make rubbings.

Bridget and Neil had five children, all born on Amherst Island. The two daughters were Rose and Mary and sons Francis, Neil and John. Rose Gormely, Francis, and Neil eventually moved to Chicago. Widow Mary Mulvema and bachelor son lived in the stone house till they died. First son, Francis (1828-1894), obviously named after Bridget's father, was my father's grandfather. My grandmother Elizabeth Wardale McMullen actually lived with him for a while after she was married in 1892. She said he was a very kind and almost ecstatically devout man, who inspired her to convert from the Anglican to the Roman sect. We have letters written in his hand, but that's another story.

One of the mysteries we may never solve is: where are the burial sites for the first two or three generations of McMullens? Probably there was a family plot somewhere on their property, which then comprised Lots 2,3,5, and 6 (with a McMullen daughter married to Edward Howard who held Lot 4). It appears descendants of the Alexander McMullen family on lot 5 (the Westwood property now farmed by Russell and Jane McGinn) donated the plot for the Roman Catholic cemetery, perhaps in the 1850's. The earliest marker seems to be that of a child who died in 1859. Having seen how difficult it is to decipher a gravestone over a hundred years old, and hearing how often markers were lost, I can imagine those from the 1850's or earlier would be part of walls or roads by now, no one the wiser. And was it mandatory to leave a marker? I think not. If by chance anyone has any theories or clues, I would appreciate hearing them.

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Obituary

Bach, Helen Adele (Nee Hinch)

At Trillium Ridge Residence, on Friday, November 29, 1996 in her 101st year, beloved wife of the late Archibald Robert Bach. Dear mother of Marion Stephenson, Richmond Hill, and Jeanne Johnstone, Kingston. Sadly missed by her grandchildren James Stephenson, Peterborough; Jeanne Hadwen, Belleville and Robert Johnstone, Kanata; and many great grandchildren. Predeceased by a brother Arthur Hinch.

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Thank You Notes

David Amson and Taggett Bonham-Carter would like to thank everyone for all their best wishes, cards and gifts celebrating the birth of their daughter, Noa.

A. Bruce Caughey wishes to thank friends, neighbours and relatives for the many cards, calls, visits and remembrances, received while confined in hospital. Your kind deeds are appreciated.

A short note to thank many, many of the readers for all the help they have and are giving in my illness.

Love to you all

Tena Tugwell

To the people of Amherst Island who sent sympathy cards, letters or made phone calls to us at the time of our daughter's death, we thank you sincerely.

Jimmie and Mary Neilson and family.

We wish to thank all our family, friends and neighbours for their acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy, prayers, visits, cards, food, floral arrangements, and charitable donations during the loss of a husband, father, and grandfather, Lee Herbert Wemp (October 12, 1996.) A very special thank you to the Amherst Island First Response Team, St. John's Ambulance attendants, Alan Caughey for reading the eulogy, Betty Storrington for singing at the service, Rev. Don Bailey for his support, and the Anglican Church Women of Amherst Island for the lovely lunch after the service. Also to the pallbearers: a neighbour, Norm McFarland; a long time friend, Hans deHaan; cousins Paul Storrington, Ted Wemp, Hugh Wemp and Ben Wemp. Also the kindness and understanding of the James Reid Funeral Home was a comfort to all.

Doris Wemp and Family

A little birdie told me recently that some ISLE members are feeling a wee bit under appreciated. It got me thinking about the things ISLE does, and how easy it is to take all that for granted. So, to all members of ISLE,

By this I don't mean disrespect, but the opposite: that we should thank God for the year just ending, and all the good things that have happened to us during it's course. Look back. Think what good you have done, what tragedy you have been spared, and how faithfully God has been at your side. The question is, do we dare to look forward? I think we dare only if we go into the coming year resting in God completely, believing that He who has brought us so far will see us through the year ahead. Let our watchwords be Courage, Faith, and Duty, and may God bless you in every day of the coming year.

A Happy New Year

A Friend

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A Letter Home

I'm sitting at the kitchen table looking out at one more grey day. If the sun ever shines again, I promise I won't take it for granted. The mild weather we've been experiencing has been a blessing for some and a curse for others. The farmers are finding it difficult slipping around in the mud with their tractors and I'm sure the livestock don't like slopping through the goo. We're trying to keep everyone high and dry until the ground freezes. However, I'm sure the Township snow removal budget must be smiling.

We took a drive down the front road last night and enjoyed looking at all the Christmas lights. It seems there's more than ever and such a cheery sight. I'd like to see the lights stay on at least until the end of winter when they can usher in spring.

The farm is busy, as usual. The rams are finally getting ready for their big date. We've had two lovelorn rams standing all day long looking over the fence at the ewes. There also happens to be two ewes looking back happily wagging their tails and patiently waiting. The sheep will have to be divided into seven different smaller flocks with their prospective dates. The shepherd will cross his fingers and hope all goes well. The results not known until next May. It will all mean that chores will take longer and all the extra things like machinery maintenance and repair will get pushed further back into the afternoon.

We have a new guard dog. He is a large white Akbash who at eleven months weighs 106 pounds. He seems to have settled in with the sheep and we hope this will make the coyotes think twice before deciding on lamb chops for supper.

Have you been reading the "Inspirational Thoughts" which have begun to appear in the Beacon? There is much speculation as to the source but we really have no

idea who the secret sender is. I hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as I have.

My Christmas shopping is done. When you live on the Island, Christmas seems to come in more gently. There's no carols constantly playing in Glenn's store and the cash registers are not ringing to the tune of 'Here Comes Santa Claus'. I was reading something in the paper the other day reminding us that the name of the holiday is Christmas and not Giftmas. An interesting thought. However, it is a wonderful time for families and friends to get together and I wish you could be here.

Best Wishes in 1997.

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

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Amherst Island Community Calendar
December 1996

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- Sparks meet 3:15-4:45 p.m. Brownies and Guides meet 6-7:15 p.m., Pathfinders meet 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- Bible Study 10-12 at Syke Fleming's

- Dec 1... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
- Dec 2... K-Day
 - ... Choir practice, Presbyterian church 7:30 p.m.
 - ... Muffin orders due
 - ... P/K swim
- Dec 3... Sr. Volleyball Practice
 - ... St. swim - last day
- Dec 4... K-day
 - ... Boy's volleyball tournament
 - ... Hot lunch - hotdogs
 - ... Mrs Giles at the school
 - ... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
- Dec 5... PAC meeting 7 p.m.
 - ... Girl's volleyball tournament, Tamworth
- Dec 6... K-day
 - ... Snow date for either tournament
- Dec 7... WI Senior's Christmas Dinner at the school
- Dec 8... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
- Dec 9... K-day
 - ... Choir practice, Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.
 - ... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - ... P/K swim
- Dec 10... Community Calendar deadline
 - ... Presbyterian Church Loyal Friend's Dinner 7 p.m.
- Dec 11... K-day
 - ... ISLE cheese orders due
 - ... milk money due
 - ... Hot lunch
 - ... Mrs Giles at the school
 - ... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
- Dec 12... Muffin pickup at the school
 - ... Holiday Get-Together, 7-8:30 p.m. at the school
- Dec 13... ACW Loyal Friends' Party (school lunchroom)
- Dec 14... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.
- Dec 15... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
 - ... Carol Service, Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 16... K-day
 - ... Cheese pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.

- ... Meals On Wheels
 - ... P/K swim - last day
 - Dec 18... K-day
 - ... Hot lunch
 - ... Jan. milk money
 - ... Mrs Giles at the school
 - ... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
 - ... Bible Study
 - ... Special Council Mtg 8 p.m. re: ferry funding
 - Dec 20... K-day
 - Dec 22... No Sunday School
 - ... Nativity Pageant at the school at 2 p.m.
 - Dec 23... Start Of School Holidays
 - ... Fire Department meeting cancelled
 - Dec 24... St. Alban's Anglican Christmas Eve Service 9 p.m.
 - ... St Paul's Candlelight Service 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec 25... Merry Christmas
 - Dec 29... Sunday School classes Cancelled
 - Dec 30... New Year's Eve Party
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Amherst Island Community Calendar
January 1997

{The following two lines were coded to symbols which appeared on the calendar but will be written in here although in part only}

- Sparks meet 3:15-4:45, Brownies & Guides 6-7:15, Pathfinders 7:30-9.
- Bible Study 10-12 at Cathy Glenn's.

- Jan 1... Happy New Year
- Jan 5... Sunday School 11-12
- Jan 6... K-day
 - ... Back to School
 - ... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 7... Council 8 p.m.
- Jan 8... K-day
 - ... milk money due
 - ... ACW meeting
 - ... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
 - ... Bible Study
 - ... Mrs Giles at the school
- Jan 9... ISLE meeting 7 p.m.
- Jan 10... K-day
 - ... Community Calendar Deadline
- Jan 11... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.
- Jan 12... Sunday School 11-12
- Jan 13... K-day
- Jan 14... After School Basketball 3:15-4:50

... PCW meeting
Jan 15... K-day
... milk money due
... cheese orders due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Jan 16... Legion meeting
Jan 19... Sunday School 11-12
Jan 20... K-day
... pick up cheese orders 7-8 p.m.
... Meals On Wheels
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
Jan 21... After School Basketball 3:15-4:50
Jan 22... K-day
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
... WI meeting
Jan 24... K-day
Jan 26... Sunday School 11-12
Jan 27... K-day
Jan 28... After School Basketball 3:15-4:50
Jan 29... K-day
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Jan 31... Unpaid non-school day

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News Flash

The Province Announces They Are Getting out of the Ferry Business

Minister of Transportation, Al Pallidini, announced today, January 15, that subsidies for ferries will be stopped and the responsibility for ferry costs will be transferred to the municipalities. He said, "By this time next year, municipalities will be fully responsible for ferries and highways that clearly serve local needs."

Our Reeve, Duncan Ashley, was interviewed on CBC's Radio Noon show (Ottawa) along with the Reeve of Wolfe Island, Jan Hasselaar.

- When asked what went through his mind when he heard the news, Duncan said, "I guess I can do little more than echo Jan's comments. If you want the math as far as we're concerned you're looking at 1.25 million (dollars) spread among 260 households. And, that works out to almost \$5,000 per household. Again... staggering... It really pulls the plug on the community."

- When asked what this will mean to the ferry service, he responded, "Well, it's hard to say right now. I think we're a long way from being finished with this battle and I'm sure Jan feels the same way. If it were to be implemented as they wish next January, I think you could just take Amherst Island off the map. There's no way anyone could, afford to live over here. There's no way anyone would wish to purchase or develop property over here. I think the last guy leaving will have to just shut out the lights."

- When asked whether Amherst Island could expect to receive help from our amalgamation partners, Duncan said, "We're amalgamating with Ernestown Township and the Village of Bath, and in our agreement, partially the same rationale as in Mr Hasselaars' (amalgamation agreement), that we were not going to open the door to the Province to say here (are) willing partners to take on provincial responsibilities."

The first opportunity for Amherst Islanders to meet with Council members may be on January 16th after a Restructuring Committee meeting. Perhaps there will be more details on whether the municipality will be responsible for all ferry costs (drydocking, etc) or if we will be required to purchase the ferry, the bubble system, etc.

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy
January 7th, 1997

All members of council were present, as well as two reporters, the Public Works Superintendent and Keith Miller.

Stuart reported that the Public Works Department had come in slightly under budget last year, but they had used more gravel than expected because of the

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wet weather. It was fortunate that there had been no major storms or breakdowns with the machinery.

Council has written a letter to Al Leach, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, detailing the Township's concerns over the ferry funding issue. Council discussed what action to take next. There will be a meeting between Gary Fox, MPP, and the Reeve and Council, and the Reeve of Ernestown, where the issues will be explained to Mr. Fox. Council will also contact other provincially supported ferry services in Ontario to see how they are responding to the threatened cut in funding.

It seems that we will have to pay the Coast Guard

for the navigational aids they supply, even though one of their buoys is now on shore at Stella, chained to a tree, having been rescued when found floating away down the bay. The suggestion that it be held for ransom was not followed up.

The veterinarians who service the Island will be accorded priority on the ferry when they are responding to an emergency call. In a recorded vote the Reeve opposed this motion.

Council will post the positions of temporary part-time deckhand and Land-fill site attendant. The closing date for applications is January 24th. Adam Miller has resigned as Recreation Committee chairman and Rick Bedford has taken his place.

Council has received notice of the Township's Municipal Support Grant for 1997. The bottom line is that the Township will receive from the Province almost \$16,000 less this year than last, leaving us with about \$71,000. Council is therefore left with making up the deficit either by cutting expenditures and services or raising the taxes. They are caught between a rock and a hard place. I am sure that they would welcome any constructive input from the public. It is hoped that preliminary budgets will be ready for the February meeting of Council.

The meetings of the amalgamation transition committees are still going on. They seem to still be working on how to go about making decisions.

This was a quiet Council meeting. Both the issue of ferry funding and the end of Amherst Island as a municipality seem to cast a pall over the proceedings.

Township of Amherst Island
Notice of Meetings Open to the Public

Labour and Employment Transition Committee for
Loyalist Township
Thursday, January 16th, 7:00 pm
Amherst Island Community Centre

Transition Committee for Loyalist Township
Tuesday, January 28th, 7:00 pm
Amherst Island Community Centre

Special Council Meeting
- Don Tubb
December 18, 1996

A Special Meeting of Council was held this evening to discuss several letters and memos recently sent to the Township. All Members of Council were present along with the Clerk-treasurer, one other member of the interested public and this reporter.

The first memo was from our MP Peter Milliken explaining that our request for a meeting with the Federal Minister of Transport, David Anderson could not be realized before Christmas. This was concerning the divestiture of the docks. Our MP will try to arrange a meeting when the session resumes in early February.

The second was a response to a letter from the Township to the Minister of Transportation. In it Mr Palladini says that.... well, let's just quote the letter: The Ministry of Transportation has received several recommendations from the "Who Does What" Panel regarding highways and ferries. The government will be considering these recommendations as part of its commitment to clarify, for the taxpayer, the responsibility and accountability for government services, while reducing duplication and overall cost of government. Fairness is a major consideration in the deliberations. However, it is premature to promise a specific course of action.

The recommendation in question was that ferries be a Township responsibility (ie no subsidy).

Councillor Whitton had prepared a draft letter for Council's consideration explaining our situation. After some discussion, modification and additions it will be used as a basis for a letter to the Ministers of Transportation (Palladini) and of Municipal Affairs (Leach).

In other news, our landfill site has yet to receive its final approval. No firm date for same is available.

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The Neighbourhood
- Annette

Words of sympathy somehow seem inadequate to offer the Horth family following the tragic death of their beloved son and brother, Peter. I think the contributions to the Horth Family Fund speaks volumes about how much this community cares about everyone, and about how those in need are given priority over everything else.

Best wishes to Talia Fleming who is recovering at home after a few days in hospital. Talia fell from the top of the playground structure at the school, receiving some fairly serious head injuries and a broken wrist. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Tal.

Congratulations to Harold and Nellie Marshall, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month. For those who don't know the Island connection - Harold Marshall is Helen Caughey's brother. Nellie Marshall is an aunt of Ralph Woods.

Best wishes also to Patsy deHaan, who spent several weeks in hospital with a double aneurism resulting in

very serious brain surgery. Patsy is now at home, recovering quickly, and reportedly telling family members she is under doctor's orders not to attempt housework for at least a year. Patsy is the sister of Bob Horth, married to Gerry deHaan. They live in Collins Bay.

Kingston Field Naturalists
The Owls of Amherst Island

The Kingston Field Naturalists club invites you to attend our January Meeting, Thursday, January 16, at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30), in Room B201, Macintosh-Corry Hall, Queen's University (Corner of Union and University Avenue).

Guest speakers Dr. Alex Scott and Mrs. Janet Scott will share their experiences with the marvellous species of Owls found on Amherst Island. The Island is well known as an excellent place to view Great Horned and Long-Eared Owls year round; Snowy, Great Grey, Short-Eared, Barred, Saw-Whet and Boreal Owls seasonally. Alex and Janet have been avid birders for over 20 years and developed a special interest in these magnificent birds during the years of Owl banding at Prince Edward Point.

New members welcome to attend. If you wish more information please call Rose-Marie at 549-7583.

Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and general household help.

Call 389-1202

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Freda Youell

Not much news for this edition - we all enjoyed our Xmas party and the Seniors' Dinner and are looking forward to 1997. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and we are starting our celebrations with a Pot-Luck Supper on February 19th, then on March 19th at 1:30 pm at the home of Helen Miller, Leslie Gavlas will be giving a talk about the "Tweedsmuir Book". These books had their beginning in 1940 when it was proposed that each Branch begin a Village History Book. This was the official launching of the Tweedsmuir Histories and is one of the most important projects of the Women's Institute. It is a collection of historical data and pictures of the local community which is constantly being added to and updated with a lot of time being taken to research the facts that are recorded. Anyone interested in learning more about the Island history is welcome to join us for what will be an informative and enjoyable

afternoon.

Letters To The Beacon

A letter to Annette Phillips
c/o Amherst Island Beacon

Dear Mrs Phillips:

Margaret Reid, whose husband, Edward Reid, is an Amherst Island descendant, sent me copies of several pages from recent issues of the Amherst Island Beacon including the genealogical notes on the Wemp family.

My wife is a descendant of George McGinnis, an Amherst

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Island first pioneer. As a result of intermarriages between the families of the McGinnis, the Howards, the Wemps and others, there are thirty Wemps amongst my wife's cousins. There are also Wemps amongst her cousins much earlier in New York.

I have enclosed a Ahnentafel chart of your ancestors as I have them in my computer file, attached to a "cascading" Descendancy report. This report includes all of the descendants of all of the persons in the Ahnentafel Chart. You may find some bits of information that you did not already have.

I have also enclosed a report of the George McGinnis descendants. You will find my wife's name on page 12 (as a child) and page 17 (as a parent) highlighted in pink. George was the son of the Loyalist heroine: Sarah (Kast) McGinnis.

The information in these reports was compiled from a variety of sources rather than my own research. This leaves me vulnerable to other people's errors. If you find errors in the enclosed I would be pleased to hear.

If there is a McGinnis descendant on the Island, who would like to trade family history information with me, I would be pleased to hear from them. I have quite a bit about George's ancestors and their descendants but I am missing many of the more recent generations on Amherst Island and vicinity. Please pass my name and address on to them.

Yours truly

M.K. Abel

Note from Annette

Anyone who wants to look at the above mentioned information can pick it up at the store.

Township of Amherst Island

Notice of Public Meeting

Ferry Issues

Thursday, January 30th, 8:00 pm
Amherst Island Community Centre

Canada Post

Would the person/persons who go by the business name
"Good Earth Productions" please identify yourself at
the Post Office.

Obituary

Horth, Peter Daniel

The heart and soul of Pete was put at ease on
December 19, 1996, in his 24th year. Pete, loving son
of Robert and Carmelle. Dear brother of Dave and his
wife Diane, and Mike Sadly missed by grandparents
Margaret and the late Nickolas Horth and Bibiane and
the late Telesphore Laplante. Uncle of Tyler and
beloved friend of Melissa Reid. Pete will also be missed
by uncles, aunts, cousins and many, many dear friends.
Friends were received at the Township Chapel of
Gordon F. Tompkins on Sunday, December 22 with
Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bartholomew's on
Amherst Island on Monday, December 23.

Peter Horth Had 'Family' on CB

The Whig Standard, December 31/96
- editorial by Annette Phillips

A pre-Christmas firearm tragedy has cost the life of
a quiet and friendly young Amherst Island man.

Friends and neighbours in the community of 400
were saddened and shocked last week when 23-year old
Peter Daniel Horth took his own life with a shotgun at
his Amherst Island home.

More than 100 people overflowed tiny St.
Bartholomew's Catholic Church on Amherst Island for
funeral services last Tuesday. Those who couldn't get
in the door lined the roadway outside the church.

A respected and well-liked young man, Mr. Horth
worked for the Township of Amherst Island as the
landfill site attendant. He was also employed as a
deckhand on the Amherst Island ferry. Mr. Horth's
supervisor, Stuart Miller, described Mr. Horth as being
conscientious about his work. "I think the people really
liked Peter," he said.

Friends and family described Mr. Horth over and
over as quiet and shy, very nice, with a great sense of
humour. His father Bob Horth, said his son was "a
great kid. I always knew if I needed him, he would be
there. And he knew if he needed me, I was there for
him, too. I don't want to glorify what Peter did, but I

don't want to hide it either."

Even those closest to Mr. Horth had no idea he was
in such turmoil, his father said. "Peter smiled a lot, told
the occasional joke and was embarrassed easily, he said.
"His best friend and his brother Mike never had a clue."

Mr. Horth was a CB buff, with friends "all over the
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American continent," said his father. "Pete was very
fortunate to have three families; his immediate family;
his Amherst Island family, and first and foremost, his
CB family." To his radio friends Mr. Horth was known
as Laces.

Mr. Horth's other interest was his gun collection.
His son "loved his guns," and although he called
himself a hunter, his father said he would probably
never have shot anything. "Peter's guns were his life
and Peter's guns took his life."

Mr. Horth is also survived by his mother, Carmelle
Horth; brothers Michael and David; sister-in-law-
Diane; and nephew Tyler.

The Township of Amherst Island has set up a fund
to help the family cover funeral expenses. Donations are
being accepted at the Township Office, Glenn's Store
and the Amherst Island ferry.

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P Tapes -used cloth
towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food
etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used
clothing for the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be
dropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one in)
or call 384-4135 for a pick-up.

Help Us Help the Animals

Thank You Notes

Thank you is a lovely phrase in any language of the
world. As lovely as it is, it is not near enough for our
family to say. So for all the beautiful flowers, cards,
generous gifts, delicious lunch, words of sympathy,
support and understanding... Thank you.

When a tragedy like the loss of our son Peter, a dear
relative and friends hit, it is not surprising but still so
very amazing the help and support and understanding
you receive from family near and far, dear, dear friends
and caring neighbours.

Special people such as Janet and Alex Scott, Ida and
George Gavlas, Zelma and Ray Koenders, Diane
Pearce, Paul Henshaw, Lloyd Wolfreys, Annette

Phillips, and so-so many others that, for this paper's space, is too small to list.

We will never get over our loss but all you terrific people have made it a lot easier to cope. So, until a more fitting word is discovered all we can say is... one thousand times. ..Thank You.

God knows, Peter knows, we know.

Carmelle, Bob, Dave and Mike.

Once again the generosity of the people of Amherst Island and friends has shown how caring a community we have to be thankful for. Thank you for all the generous donations given for the Horth Fund. The number of people to thank individually is too numerous, but I will give an extra thank-you to the Amherst Island Fire Association and to The Beacon for such generous donations. To Lloyd Wolfreys, Annette Phillips and Diane Pearce for generously helping with collections and organization of funds received.

Thank you to all for all your generosity.

Sincerely,

Ida Gavlas

Fleming - Talia is home now and well on her way to a full recovery. Words cannot begin to describe our gratitude to those involved in helping Talia the day of her accident.

To Ms. McRae and Mrs Smith for seeking immediate attention and to the First Response Team, especially Janet, Karen, Jason, Paul, Diane and Chris and to Dr. Scott who braved the cold to administer first aid and keep Talia as comfortable as possible. Thank you to so many friends, relatives and classmates for prayers and words of love and concern and thank you to God for answering prayers and allowing us to experience His mercy.

Wayne, Karen, Whitney and Talia

Harold and Nellie Marshall wish to thank our family and friends for making our 60th Wedding Anniversary a happy occasion. We deeply appreciate the efforts of all involved.

Nellie and Harold Marshall

Thank you to all those who supported the NDSS fund-raiser this year by purchasing a calendar.

Sincerely

Doug Gavlas

P.S. Sorry for being late with this.

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The Amherst Island Driving Club would like to thank all those that supported another successful New Year's Dance.

A special thanks to the following sponsors of door prizes.

The Back Kitchen

Bath Foodland

McCormick Excavating

Millhaven Grocery

Shirley Miller

Service Master

Alex & Janet Scott

Stradwicks's Floor Coverings

Weasel and Easel

Inspirational Thoughts

Nobody knows who wrote these lines, or when they came to light. But I have a feeling they are from the pen of someone who once bore a heavy burden; one who, perhaps, knows how easy it is to yield to temptation, and how difficult to face life afterwards. Be that as it may, I'm sure there's a message for all of us here, saint and sinner, that will make us a little more understanding.

Please, don't find fault with the man who limps and stumbles along the road, unless you've worn the shoes he wears, or struggled beneath his load. There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt, though hidden away from view, and the burden he bears, placed on your back, might make you stumble, too.

Don't be harsh with the man who sins, or pelt him with word or stone, unless you're sure aye doubly sure, you have no sins of your own. Who knows, perhaps if the tempter's voice should speak so soft to you, as it did to him when he went astray, it would cause you to stagger, too?

Don't sneer at the man who's down today unless you've felt the blow that caused his fall, or felt the shame that only the fallen know. You may be strong, but still the blows that were his, if dealt to you - in the self-same way, at the self-same time - might cause you to falter, too.

A Friend.

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

Valentine's Day Dinner will be held on Friday,

February 14, 1997. Serving from 5:00 to 7:00.

Menu features ham with your choice of scalloped or

mashed potatoes, and all the trimmings, and your choice of pie for dessert.

Cost is \$8.00 for adults

\$4.00 for kids aged 6 - 12

Ages 5 and under are free

CBC: Ours To Keep

Facts About The CBC Cuts

The latest round of cuts to the CBC budget, which take effect in April 1997, will mean that the Corporation has taken a 50% reduction in real dollars since 1984. Staff will also be reduced to about one half of 1984 levels.

Among countries with public broadcasting systems, Canada is the last in per capita allocations. Sweden allocates \$116.93 per capita; Switzerland \$109.09, the United Kingdom \$60.82; Belgium \$58.21; Japan \$56.41; France \$39.78; Australia \$33.47; Italy \$33.20; Canada \$32.19.

Between 1984 and 1996, cuts to the CBC's budget were twice as deep as reductions in overall spending by the federal government.

By the fall of 1997, the full impact of the cuts will be seen and heard on CBC Television and Radio. Programs will be eliminated. The number of repeat programmes will increase. Regional presence and foreign coverage will be reduced.

The Globe and Mail, Friday, December 13, 1996
Editorial by Michael Valpy

To The CBC's Defense

While we're on the subject, Prime Minister Jean Chretien and his Liberals have baldly broken their word about CBC, too. Nice Uncle Jean is not so nice.

In the hotel behind Toronto's CBC Broadcasting Centre yesterday, an assemblage of good and outstanding Canadians announced a campaign of protest against the policy of Mr. Chretien's government to gut the public broadcaster.

Nobel scientist John Polanyi was there. So was Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall, business man Jack Rabinovich (founder of the Giller Prize), the sainted June Callwood, Toronto arts entrepreneur Susan Hammond, Liberal lawyer Sher Singh, and writers Bob Ramsey and Arlene Perly Rae (wife of the former Ontario premier).

Joining the campaign - though they were not present yesterday - are Toronto Star chairman (and former Liberal candidate) John Evans, retired Royal Bank chairman, Allan Taylor and Calgary's Nova Corp. chief executive officer Ted Newall, former chairman of the

Business Council of National issues.

The group they formed is called Ours to Keep. Their objective is to get one million signatures on "a declaration of

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support for public broadcasting in Canada."

Signature forms will be in the 400 Chapters bookstores across the country - and one hopes in many other places where Canadians gather. One million signatures isn't much. There should be five million signatures.

Note: There are signature forms at Glenn's Store for people wishing to show their support.

Quote Of The Day

"The CBC may have problems, it may have inefficiencies, but once it's gone, it cannot be replaced. The public has to wake up to that fact." - former NBC correspondent Arthur Kent.

A Declaration Of Support For Public Broadcasting In Canada

We Believe...

- The CBC belongs to every Canadian. Its unique ability to connect Canadians to each other and to link Canada to the world, is needed now, more than ever.
- Canadians deserve a truly independent voice. At a time of increasing media concentration a strong public broadcaster, free from the demands of both the state and the marketplace, is vital to the preservation of our democratic society.
- Canadian stories must be told. In an era of cultural globalization, we need access to Canadian stories, Canadian voices, and a distinctly Canadian interpretation of international events.

We Demand...

- That the federal government make good its promise to provide stable funding for Canada's largest and most important cultural institution. We are calling for a clear and unequivocal guarantee that there be no more cuts to the CBC budget.

Ours to Keep - CBC

Cheese Notice - Isle

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales. Wilton cheese has a wide variety available in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by

calling any AIPS student or:

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869.

David Willard 389-1656

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

Gary McDonald 384-1456

Your order will be available for pickup at the school
from 7-8 p.m. on the followd6rior

'Meals On Wheels'

The Order Date Is A Week Before the Third Monday of Each Month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

Township Of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township Of Amherst Island will receive applications for the position of Temporary Part Time Deckhand

Hourly rate: \$14.37

Job descriptions and qualifications are available at the Township Office and Glenn's Store

Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 1997

Township Of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township Of Amherst Island will receive applications for the permanent part-time position of Landfill Site Attendant

Hourly rate: \$9.26

Job descriptions and qualifications are available at the Township Office and Glenn's Store

Written applications will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 pm., Friday, January 24, 1997

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For Sale

Wanted

House for Rent

Presbyterian Church Manse

Contact W. Bruce Caughey at 389-2012 for details.

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper

Light yard work & housework.

Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course

Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends

Babysitting

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554.

Bulldozing Done

\$40 / hour flat rate

Call Llew at 384-4071.

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Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.

Contact Scott at 389-4872.

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Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995.

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Office: 475-5467 Home: 418-5411

Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and general household help.

Call 389-1202

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 384-5172.

Printing

A complete printing and design service.

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Propane For Sale

Co-op Propane

... pick up cheese orders 7-8 p.m.
... Meals On Wheels
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
Jan 21... After School Basketball 3:15-4:50
Jan 22... K-day
... hot lunch
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Jan 24... K-day
Jan 26... Sunday School 11-12
Jan 27... K-day
Jan 28... After School Basketball 3:15-4:50
Jan 29... K-day
... hot lunch
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Jan 30... Public Meeting, 8 p.m. Community Centre,
Re: Ferry issues
Jan 31... Unpaid non-school day

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Amherst Island Community Calendar
February 1997

{The following three lines were coded to symbols which
appeared on the calendar but will be written in here
although in part only}

- Sparks meet 3:45-4:45, Brownies & Guides 6-7:15,
Pathfinders 7:30-9.
- Bible Study 10-12 at Cathy Glenn's
- Mrs. Giles at the school

Feb 2... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
... Ground Hog Day
Feb 3... K-day
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
Feb 4... Council 8 p.m.
Feb 5... K-day
... Hot Lunch
... Milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Feb 8... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.
Feb 9... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
Feb 10... K-day
... Community Calendar deadline

Feb 11... PCW meeting
Feb 12... K-day
... ACW meeting
... Hot Lunch
... milk money due
... cheese orders due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Feb 14... K-day
... Legion Dinner
... Annual A.I.P.S. Arts Day
... Valentine's Day
Feb 16... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
Feb 17... K-day
... Cheese pickup at school 7-8 pm
... Meals On Wheels
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
Feb 19... K-day
... Rec Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.
... PAC mtg 7 p.m.
... Hot Lunch
... milk money due
... WI mtg 1 pm
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school
Feb 21... K-day
Feb 23... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
Feb 24... K-day
... School Progress Reports sent home
Feb 26... K-day
... Hot Lunch
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs Giles at the school

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Production For January {misprint - should be
February}

275 Copies

Amalgamation Meeting

- Don Tubb

Meeting Of The Labour And Employment Transition
Committee For Loyalist Township

January 16th, 1997

This will be a very short report. I only lasted 12
minutes into the meeting because the atmosphere
seemed pretty non-productive.

Present were Arnold Adams (Deputy Reeve of
Ernestown Township), Alex Scott (Amherst Island
Township) and Joe Hudacin (Deputy Reeve of Bath).
Mr Adams was the chairperson. Also present were 7
representatives from various area employment groups,
two clerks and twenty plus members of the interested
public. This was the third meeting of the series and
started with several problems being discussed:

- Some members did not get the minutes from the
previous meeting or they had been sent to the wrong

person;

- Apparently at a previous meeting, there had been a
discussion as to who had voting privileges on the
Committee. Mr Adams said he had a legal opinion
saying that only the elected politicians should have that
privilege. This was not greeted with joy by the other
members. This legal opinion would not be
made available to the others.

- One union representative made reference to a ruling in
the previous meeting's minutes where Mr Adams ruled
that no substitution of Committee members would be
permitted. The union rep said that this was in violation
of some Provincial labour relations legislation. There
was no reversal of the ruling nor was any further study
of it initiated so the ruling was left as is.

I left at this point suspecting this would not be a
pleasant meeting and that the amount of work
accomplished would be limited by the apparent frosty
relations between members.

Amalgamation Meeting

- Don Tubb

Transition Board Meeting Loyalist Township

January 28, 1997

A meeting of the Transition Board was held this
evening in the Amherst Island Public School lunchroom.

This Board is composed of the three Reeves from the
amalgamating municipalities: Duncan Ashley from the
Island, Kelly Hineman from Bath, and Paul Gilmore
from Ernestown.

Also in attendance were several council members

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from these municipalities, the three Clerks (all taking
notes), and a few members of the general public.

The Reeves approved the previous meeting's
minutes. They talked about a 'work plan' which
suggests that this Board's job will be mainly done by
August of this year. And, they welcomed the arrival of a
Municipal Summary which the Clerks had produced.
Copies of this document will be available at the various
municipal offices. [I borrowed a copy for a day and,
after a perusal, concluded that it was incomprehensible
to anyone other than a municipal clerk.]

The Board is setting up some sub-committees which
will be staffed by a mix of council members from the
three municipalities and a few residents. These
committees will be making recommendations on Animal
Control & Fence Viewing; Garbage Collection &
Disposal; Hydro; Tile Drainage; and, Police Services.

All of this took about a half hour after which the meeting was opened to questions from the floor. There wasn't any new information from these except that Bath and Ernestown should have their budgets done by the end of March if not before.

Council then went into closed session to discuss 'Organization Charts' (approximately 8:00 p.m.).

Township Of Amherst Island

Technical Committees

The Council of the Township of Amherst Island requires 1 (one) volunteer for each of the following Technical Committees established as part of the County restructuring proposal. Please contact the Township Office at 389-3393 if you are inter

to get us a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

At this point, Reeve Ashley gave over the meeting to Councillor Whitton who talked about the Action Committee that had been formed. This is a community committee and not a committee of Council with Councillor Whitton being the liaison person between the two. He asked for volunteers and said that the committee had been in touch with some of the other affected islands (Wolfe, Howe, Simcoe, Pelee, and Center Island in Toronto).

The meeting was then thrown open to the floor for suggestions and comments with Reeve Ashley moderating.

Some of the suggestions were:

- a class action lawsuit;
 - ads in the media (tv and print);
 - a surcharge on ferry fares to build up a 'war chest';
 - an injunction like Wolfe Island got when the NDP tried to impose fees on their operation;
 - the need to develop the Island (ie bring in commerce and industry);
 - a demonstration in conjunction with the other islands;
 - a petition, E-mail, fax and letter writing campaign (addresses have been reprinted at the end of this report);
 - getting a legal opinion as to our options;
 - for John Gerretsen to become a Tory (it was pointed out that the only ferry to survive with no reduction in subsidy was in a Tory-held riding). While he did not say so in so many words, I think we can rule this one out;
 - launch another investigation of a bridge / causeway;
 - a provincial income tax strike;
 - to put our plight on the A.I. web page in an attempt to
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{This report will continue after the two following ads}

For Those Who Are Interested....

There is a Local Concert at the Amherstview Firehall (under the water tower) on February 28th.

There are 11 local bands playing from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Admission is \$5.00 (pay at the door)

The bands include Amherst Island group Drone in their first large public appearance.

All are welcome.

Beef Dinner

St. Alban's ACW is sponsoring a Roast Beef Dinner buffet and Euchre

Sat. March 22

Servicing 5 - 7 pm

at the Community Centre

Adults... \$10

Children 5 - 12... \$5

Pre-school... free

Advance Tickets Only

Euchre only, starting at 8 p.m., \$2

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solicit world wide donations.

The meeting wrapped up with some comments by our Councillors and other politicians both at the table and in the audience. One important comment was that Paul Gilmore offered to kick in some money. The Bath Deputy Reeve said he had no authority to commit his Council to help but asked that we keep them informed.

John Gerretsen, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands

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Township Of Amherst Island
Rabies Clinic
Municipal Garage
April 26, 1997
5 to 6:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting
- Don Tubb
February 4, 1997

The start of the meeting was delayed because the Council members needed time to digest a very substantial addendum. The Call To Order was at 8:07 p.m.

All Council members were present plus the Clerk-treasurer and the Public Works Superintendent. Also present were this reporter and two members of the interested public.

After the usual preliminaries of adopting previous meetings' minutes, disclosure of interest, etc, Council turned to Stuart Miller (Public Works Super) for his Monthly Report. He had little to say except that it had been a busy month and that the transition to the Frontenac II had gone smoothly if not exactly when it had been scheduled. He left the meeting promising to get all Council members home (the night was snowy).

The next part of the meeting was turned over to ferry issues which lasted nearly an hour. The discussion showed Council members were interested in and well informed on the many initiatives being launched. The ferry is a complicated issue because there are several different things all happening at the same time: mega-week's bombshell, the Federal Government divestiture of the docks, the funding for the ferry this year, and the extra costs involved in having the Frontenac II in service for the disabled Amherst Islander.

[By the by, some of you may not be aware that the Amherst Islander broke down a few weeks ago. The problem is that one vane of the prop was missing and another was cracked. The Frontenac II showed some of its ice breaking capacity by steaming up from Kingston in 6 hours and then towing the Amherst Islander back in an hour and a half. It then took over the winter service and will be here until the Amherst Islander can be repaired in drydock. At this Council meeting, there was an unofficial comment that the hull would be re-plated where weak while in drydock. To complicate matters,

the Frontenac II is scheduled for drydocking in late spring or early summer but this might be re-scheduled to this fall.]

Back to Council... First up was a report about the Action Committee by Councillor Whitton. He is the liaison person between this community group and Council. The number of volunteers has grown to over 15 and there are now three subcommittees. At a meeting held February 3rd, a series of initiatives were being actively examined: fund raising possibilities; a questionnaire and petition to be written and

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circulated; fact finding on many components; looking into producing TV and newspaper ads. They also came up with some recommendations for Council including:

- trying to get support from various groups involved with the Island like the Milk Marketing Board, Ducks Unlimited, the Nut Island Shooting Club, and the Ministry of Education (with respect to transporting the children to and from school);
- formulate a resolution to be sent to Queen's Park and all Ontario municipalities 'describing our present parlous situation and possible consequences to other small communities';
- to request that MPP Gerretsen obtain information about road cost and upkeep in remote municipalities,
- for Council to send a delegation to Toronto to get an explanation for the funding transfer announced plus find out what they can about 'alternative funding';
- to request all information relating to studies of ferries made since the present provincial government came to power'.

Council thought that these were reasonable, in the main, and will move on these recommendations.

Council has been busy soliciting help from anyone it can think of with several letters written by MPPs Gerretsen and Fox on our behalf. Council is continuing to try to gain an audience with Government ministers. These efforts have proved fruitless to date.

Council requested a legal opinion from our solicitor Mr Sirman on the issues of an injunction and a class action suit. He is not an expert in either but did say he thought it would be very difficult to find grounds for an injunction. A class action suit, he thought, would be difficult, too, but did suggest we get the opinion of a specialist in that field. The cost for an opinion might run in the order of \$10,000 (this last bit of information must have been transmitted verbally because it was not part of the letter in the addendum). Council thought it prudent to get other affected island municipalities on board before starting down this very expensive course.

On the dock divestiture front, there is some action

forthcoming... a meeting will be held at our MP's office in Ottawa between the Minister of Transport, David Anderson, and Council representatives. Further, there is a possibility that Reeve Ashley and Ernestown Deputy Reeve Adams will appear before the Transport and Communications Senate Committee.

If the Conservative Ministers are not willing to meet with Council, the Provincial Liberals are. They have formed a fact finding group which has requested that a representative from our Council present our views on the impact of mega-week's announcements. This will take place on February 14 in Memorial Hall, Kingston City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Amherst Island has been allocated 20 minutes to make a presentation and answer questions.

The Township has received a year-end statement of accounts from MTO for the ferry operating expenses (1996). In light of our situation, the following summary is included:

Ferry Operating Costs 1996
Payroll, Receiver-General... \$ 900,192
Group Insurance, WCB, EHT... 111,449
Clothing & Boot Allowance... 3,751
Berthage Fees (Ap1-De31)... 19,281
Fuel & Lubricants... 165,321
Hydro... 4,007
Materials, Supplies & Services... 16,757
Training & Travel Expenses... 4,836
Ramp Repair... 4,223
Professional Fees... 5,894
Insurance... 12,680
Subtotal... \$1,248,391
GST Recoverable... 1,799
Total... \$1,246,592

Just to jog your memories, the hand out at the Public Meeting (Jan 31, 1997) listed several other expenses like the bubble system (\$53,000), other repairs and supplies (\$13,557) and annual inspection (\$5,250). This would bring the Total Operating Expenses For 1996 To \$1,318,399.

Continuing with the ferry... the Township has not been able to

{Council Report will continue after the following two items}

Trivia

What pitcher made it into the Baseball Hall Of Fame with a 28-31 major league win-loss record?
(Answer later in this issue)

Amherst Island E-Mail Directory

I am building an e-mail directory for the Island and would ask anyone who has an e-mail address to send me a note at: azure@kos.net

Thanks, Jan Sneep

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find out whether the extra costs for the Frontenac II will be charged to us. If they are, the rumours of an adjustment to the fares we pay seems certain to become fact. And, there has been no confirmation that the ferry will receive the usual 90% subsidy for 1997. (The Township is still waiting for the December subsidy cheque. The Clerk-treasurer has been told that the cheque is in the mail - haven't we all heard that one before?)

In other business, the Building Inspector submitted his year end report. It showed 27 permits issued for a total of \$358,500 in work resulting in fees of \$2,944.60. These permits include 3 new houses, 5 demolitions, 5 additions and 5 renovations among the total.

The Recreation Committee was surprised to find that they have received their Small Communities Grant in the amount of \$4,803.

Lance Eves asked for and was given permission to trap in the Big Marsh.

The Township is looking into alternatives for its rapidly failing fax machine. The Clerk has been authorized to purchase or lease a new machine which should be welcome news to anyone trying to read correspondence.

In landfill site news, Council has been sent a draft of the Certificate Of Approval for the expanded landfill site. It has some minor additions to previous drafts but we may be close to being finished with this interminably long business. The draft has been sent to our consultant for his comments.

Budget time rears its ugly head again... The Cemetary Committee and the Fire Department have submitted draft budgets.

- The Cemetary draft showed a slight surplus for last year (due exclusively to the Memorial Day proceeds). Their proposed budget rolls over this surplus from 1996 into this year's budget yielding a figure of \$6,624.14 for 1997 - about 10% higher than last year's budget.
- The Fire Department draft budget shows that it had budgeted \$25,000 for last year which it spent and that it proposes the same figure for this year.
- The Clerk-treasurer had included a budget update for

1996. I mention this for those who wish to look at such things but I suspect that it is not the final update because we have not received the December ferry subsidy.

Council members tried to set up their first budget meeting. They started with February 9th and by the time they had worked through to March 10th, they gave up - too many other conflicting meetings.

Council appointed members to the Transition sub-committees and will be asking for volunteers from the community to also sit on these committees.

Finally (for this report), there was some correspondence included in the agenda between the Township and Nut Island lawyers over the closing of the road allowance along the Back Beach. The Nut Island Farms' lawyer said that because the Ministry of Housing would not issue an 'advanced ruling' his clients would like an escape clause put in the agreement. That is, if the road allowance is not closed for some reason, they want the Township by-law to be repealed. Our lawyer, Mr Sirman, will be discussing this point with Nut Island Farms.

Council then went into closed session to 'interview applicants for the temporary part time deckhand position' and to 'consider evaluations and rehire temporary deckhand'.

'Meals On Wheels'

The order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to David Barrett, who received some facial bums while lighting the corn stove at home. Also to Donnie Miller, who had an emergency appendectomy a couple of weeks ago. Art McGinn has been in hospital this month also, but is said to be recovering nicely.

Henry Hitchins came home on Valentine's Day from several days in hospital. Unfortunately, he had to return to hospital by ambulance Valentine's Day evening.

I don't know when Amherst Island has seen as much cold/flu as we have this month. The school is full of it, and so are most of the school families by association. Best wishes to us all! I will try and catch up the rest of the news next month when I'm feeling better.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

As the January meeting coincided with my trip to Toronto I missed seeing Georgie Allison (a former member and Past-President) and Jean McIntyre (who is missed when she cannot attend) who joined the other members at the home of Irene Glenn. I also missed Jean Baker's report on the C.A.N.-DO program but, as Marion Glenn has kindly helped me out from her Minutes, I do know that we are purchasing a Video called "Trigger Proofing Your Home". This is to promote public awareness of the pollution in our houses and will be available eventually from Irene Glenn at Glenn's Store for anyone that would like to view it. The quilt project being done for Leslie Gavlas is about 50% completed and is another project I have been unable to attend as it has been at the same time as 4H. Even though I have never quilted I enjoy going to these events for the company and social time that go with them especially in the winter months when we do not see each other out and about very often. Our Pot Luck meal at Audrey Miller's on February 19th at 1 p.m. will be another great occasion as we will be celebrating the W.I.O.'s 100th Anniversary and if anyone has been considering joining us at one of our meetings this would be a good one to choose! On March 19th at 1:30 p.m. we shall be meeting at the home of Helen Miller and the Roll Call will be "Your Favourite Historical Site on Amherst Island". Leslie Gavlas will be bringing along the "Tweedsmuir Village History Book" and as always, we would like to see some visitors and new members there.

Parents, Students and Community Members

Please Help Us Stop The Vandalism At Our School!

- Annette Phillips

A major incident of willful destruction took place at our school sometime between Thursday night, January 30 and Saturday morning, February 1. Vandals broke into the school through the library window and used a school fire extinguisher to deliberately cause damage inside the building.

Here is a list of the damages the vandal(s) have caused. Please keep in mind the time and money involved in repairs and clean up are being paid directly out of the taxpayers' pocket through your education taxes:

- screen window in the library broken
- latches on the window broken
- doorjamb in senior class broken
- fire extinguisher sprayed down main hall, through the

kitchen and into girls washroom, piano sprayed liberally
Consequences:

- 1 OPP officer - 1 hour for investigation + travel time
- Mr. & Mrs. Smith - 2 hours on Saturday to meet with police officer
- Custodian to clean up halls for Euchre Saturday night
- Three custodians worked 8 hours each on Sunday (That's 24 hours we're paying for) to wash ceilings, walls, plaques, dishes, shelves and clean piano
- Any paper products or open product in the kitchen had to be thrown in the garbage
- Children with breathing problems were alerted Monday morning and doctors had to be consulted before they could attend school
- Maintenance staff have yet to repair screens, window, door, fire extinguisher
- Damage to piano is yet unknown

This is the second time this school year someone has broken into the school through the library. Last fall, vandals walked on the school computers and left cigarette burns in the library carpet. This Has Got To Stop Now!

The school has put in a request to the Board of Education for a motion light at the library end of the school. In the meantime, We Are Asking Families To Donate A Small Amount Of Money So We Can Set Up A Reward In Conjunction With Crime Stoppers. We Want the Vandals To Be Caught And Stopped Right Now! If You Can Contribute A Few Dollars, Please Leave It With Annette at Glenn's Store Or With Karen J. Fleming.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Rink - All the hard work this summer has resulted in a great new community rink. However, the weather hasn't cooperated as we'd hoped and so far we've only managed 2-3 days of good skating ice. We are still hoping to get some decent weather to make ice and possibly hold a family skate night to officially open the new rink. We also hope we can have ice on the rink for the school's "Winter Carnival". Many thanks to the workers from Frontenac Institution, Gloria French, and Gloria-Jane French for all their work on the rink and coordinating. Also thanks to Rick Bedford Jr. for the time he's spent so far trying to keep ice on the rink.

Calendar - Plans are moving along to create a 1998

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Birthday Calendar. The last one done on the island was in 1981. We are now collecting names and birthdays. We will be collecting these over the next few months, but to be sure you get your family in, please don't wait

till the last minute. Call or send your info to the following Rec Committee members: Lyn Fleming (634-2509), Jane deHaan (389-3155) or Roxanne Wolfreys (389-4630).

Spring Dance - We are also in the planning stages for our annual "Spring Dance". The night will include dinner, dancing, door-prize draws and the draw for our Spring Raffle. So mark your calendars now and set aside Saturday May 17, 1997.

Bingo / Euchres - We have now had one Bingo and two Euchres, and have enjoyed a small but enthusiastic attendance. Come join us for fun, refreshments and door prize draws. See below for future dates.

Internet - The Rec Committee has set up a Web site for Amherst Island on the internet. If you have something of interest you would like to add, please contact any Rec Committee member.

Meetings - All Rec Committee meetings are public and anyone is welcome to attend. If you have an item or concern you would like to see addressed at a meeting, please call any member at least one week before the meeting to have it put on the agenda.

Dates Of Interest - Rec Committee meetings are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., but are subject to change occasionally.

Euchre - Fri. February 21, Fri. March 7 & 21 - 7:30 p.m.

Bingo - Sat. March 15, at 7:15 p.m.

Spring Dance - Saturday May 17

Canada Day - July 1 - Join us for the parade, games, free hotdogs and drinks, the P.C.W. Strawberry Social and fireworks!

As with any volunteer group, we are always looking for new members. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Rec. Committee, please contact any member.

Chairman - Rick Bedford (389-8434)

Secretary/Treasurer - Lyn Fleming (634-2509)

Roxanne Wolfreys (389-4630)

Jane deHaan (389-3155)

Valerie Wolfreys (389-8513)

Cheese Notice - ISLE

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales. Wilton cheese has a wide variety available in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by calling an AIPS student or:

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

David Willard 389-1656

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

Gary McDonald 384-1456

Your order will be available for pickup at the school

from 7-8 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by: Pickup and Payment:

Wed, Mar 19 Monday, Mar 24

Wed, Apr 16 Monday, Apr 21

Wed, May 21 Monday, May 26

Wed, June 11 Monday, June 16

Thank you for supporting your community.

4-H News

- Tyler Hutchings

“Our Heritage” 4-H Club is busy video taping Senior citizens as they tell of places, events and interesting stories of the Island’s heritage. So far, we have learned all about the Marksman Hotel, later know as the “Old Brick”, that used to stand where the Back Kitchen stands today. The Old Brick later burnt down in a raging fire that could not be stopped until nothing stood but smoldering ashes. We have heard many stories and the changes over the course of time. We learned about the “Royal Hotel”, later known as Glenn’s store. Next we moved on to Emerald and got an idea of what it was like when Emerald was “the place to be” on a Saturday night. And the big wheel on the north shore at Emerald on Terry McGinn’s lot. What was it used for? It was used as a pulley to pull up wheat from the bottom of the granary to the top.

Our thanks to Irene Glenn, Garnet McDonald, and A. Bruce Caughey who helped us out so far. It’s a new adventure every meeting. We’ll report more next month. Also the 4-H Club is sponsoring a volleyball night every Monday, in February at the school from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Any students presently enrolled in high school are welcome to join the volleyball nights. Our 4-H members include Wendy Fleming, Pam Hewitt, Jill Caughey, Scott Marshall, Sara Pollock, Bonnie Marshall, and Tyler Hutchings, and our 4-H leader is Susie Caughey.

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- Mindy & Samantha

At the First of the six meetings held on January 13th we decided on meeting on Mondays after school. We also voted on what jobs people would have.

At the Second meeting, guest speaker Mrs. Leslie Gavlas came to talk to us about the Tweedsmuir Village History book. There are pictures of “Then and Now” of all the five schools that used to be here, and pictures of the students.

At the Third meeting, we started to make Dream Catchers. As funding is to be cut for the 4H, ways to raise money to help with fees, materials for crafts etc. were discussed. We will be having a sale and draw

again this year.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Kingston Field Naturalists

The Galapagos & Northern India

The Kingston Field Naturalists club invites you to attend our next meeting on Thursday, February 20th, held in Room B201, Mackintosh-Cony Hall, located on Queen’s University campus at the corner of Union Street and University Avenue. The doors are open at 7:30 and the meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

Guest speaker Dr. Martin Edwards will take us on an exciting nature expedition to The Galapagos and Northern India. Dr. Edwards has circled the globe to pursue his passion for bird watching, having travelled to 80 countries and seen 5,988 different birds! You won’t want to miss spending the evening birding across the world with Dr. Edwards!

New members are welcome to attend. If you wish more information please call Rose-Marie at 549-7583.

“Vanishing Legacy”

A Film Documenting the Last of the Lake Ontario

Commercial Fishermen

Suzanne Pasternak

Press Release (paraphrased)

1 613 541-1342

A musical documentary produced by Prince Edward County resident, Suzanne Pasternak, in conjunction with Kingston Cablenet 13, will have its premiere screening at Milford then At The Community Centre on Amherst Island, February 28, 7:30 pm, then on March 3, at the Edward Day Gallery in Kingston.

The film features Howard Welbanks in a major way.

“This is a moving documentary that tells more than just the story of the dying commercial fishing industry on Eastern Lake Ontario. I interviewed many of the old fishermen and fisherwomen and gathered their stories of rum running days and their grandfather’s and great grandfather’s stories of life on these dangerous waters. The end of the commercial fishing industry here signals an end to a traditional way of life for people who’s ancestors were Eastern Ontario’s original settlers”, says Pasternak.

Ms. Pasternak is hoping to raise money at the screenings of “Vanishing Legacy, The Last of the Lake Ontario Fishermen” so that she may take the film around to schools in the region and teach the young students about their maritime heritage.

Correction

Due to a snafu, I mixed up two Thank You notes for which I apologize. The correct notes are as follows:

Once again the generosity of the people of Amherst Island and friends has shown how caring a community we have to be thankful for. Thanks for all the generous donations given for the Horth Fund. The number of people to thank individually is too numerous, but I will give an extra thank-you to the Amherst Island Fire Department and The Beacon for such generous donations. To Lloyd Wolfreys, Annette Phillips, Diane Pearce, Service Master, Alex and Janet Scott, and Stradwick's Floor Coverings for generously helping with collections and organization of funds received.

Thank you to all for all your generosity.

Sincerely, Ida Gavlas

The Amherst Island Driving Club would like to thank all those that supported another successful New Year's Dance. A special thanks to the following sponsors of door prizes.

The Back Kitchen
Bath Foodland
Capri Pizza
McCormick Excavating
Millhaven Grocery
Shirley Miller
Weasel and Easel

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Cook's Corner
- Dianne Marshall

I had promised to put this recipe in last month's Beacon and didn't. Therefore in order to ease my conscience I am sitting at the computer making sure I do so for February.

This recipe came from Pillsbury's Country Baking and Cooking. Last summer I bought a large bag of sliced frozen peaches from Savages and seeing as I always have frozen raspberries this recipe was perfect for a winter desert.

Peach Melba Cobbler

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 2 Tablespoons melted butter or margarine

Fruit Filling

- 3/4 cup sugar

3 Tablespoons cornstarch

10 oz frozen raspberries with syrup, thawed, drained, reserving liquid

16 oz frozen sliced peaches without syrup, thawed, drained, (1 also keep the drained juice from the peaches in case I need more liquid.)

1 Tablespoon sugar

Heat oven to 375F. In medium bowl combine flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder and salt; mix well. Stir in remaining biscuit ingredients and set aside.

In medium saucepan, combine 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and reserved raspberry liquid. If still too thick I add some peach juice. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils; boil 1 minute stirring constantly. Add raspberries and peaches; continue to cook for 1 minute. Pour into ungreased 2 quart casserole. Spoon biscuit mixture over hot fruit filling forming 9 biscuits around edge of casserole. Sprinkle biscuits with 1 tablespoon of sugar. Bake at 375F for 35 to 45 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Serve warm. 9 servings.

[Staff Note: Due to space limitations we have not printed the Wanted / For Sale this month. Couple this with 4 political reports plus no Thank You's, Inspirational Thoughts, Letters to the Beacon, or Island History and you have a very unusual Beacon.]

Trivia Answer

The legendary Satchel Paige who played pro ball for 22 years - reportedly winning more than 2,000 of the 2,500 games he pitched - before he joined the majors in 1949 at age 42. (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

A Letter Home

The sun is shining this morning! It doesn't matter that the overnight temperature dropped from above freezing to -19 C. All is right with the world as long as the sun is shining. Rumour has it the rains will start again in a couple of days. Our whole winter has been this way but I must keep reminding myself spring is still about 6 weeks away.

I'm sure you've heard that the Big Boat is back. The Amherst Islander broke its prop and is sitting in Kingston waiting to go into dry dock. We can hardly believe our luck. Long may the Frontenac II stay. The Amherst Islander seems worn out and very tired. Most of the time she has served us well and has been such a vital part of our lives. I feel even she would be ready to

retire.

The farm is quiet as it is each February. In other years we would have been busy getting ready for March lambing. This year we're going to let all the ewes lamb in May. Yes, all 1000 of them. I'll let you know in June whether we are still sane.

Out walking in the bush yesterday I saw deer tracks everywhere. It looks like the hunters didn't get all of them. However, I am happy to report I haven't seen any bear tracks. Last Fall several people reported seeing a bear. Fortunately, nothing has been spotted lately and I'm just as glad not to meet up with it on one of my walks.

Did you read the Inspirational Thoughts in the January Beacon? A number of people have mentioned what a blessing it was to them and would like to thank the contributor whoever he or she may be.

The sad news this month is that our Big Akbash Guard Dog is being returned to his original owner. It seems he would rather be with people than with sheep. An admirable quality in a house dog but not a dog who is meant to guard sheep. We'll be very sorry to see him go. In the Fall, we may try starting with a puppy who we hope will bond with the sheep and not with the 2 legged creatures.

A day like this would be a shame to miss. I like living in a place where I can walk out the door, strap on my cross country skis and work up some sweat.

Happy Valentines Day to my favourite people.

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Amherst Island Community Calendar
February 1997

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Sparks meet 3:45-4:45, Brownies & Guides 6-7:15,
Pathfinders 7:30-9.
Bible Study 10-12 at Syke Fleming's
Mrs. Giles at the school

Feb 2... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

... Ground Hog Day

Feb 3... K-day

... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.

Feb 4... Council 8 p.m.

Feb 5... K-day

... Hot Lunch

... Milk money due

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Feb 8... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.

Feb 9... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

Feb 10... K-day

... Community Calendar deadline

... VIP-Const. Dennis visits school

... JK-3 Dinosaur Day

Feb 11... PCW meeting

... 100th Day of School

Feb 12... K-day

... Hot Lunch - hot dogs

... milk money due

... cheese orders due

... ACW meeting

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Feb 14... K-day

... Legion Dinner 6-8 pm

... Annual A.I.P.S. Arts Day

... Valentine's Day

Feb 16... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

Feb 17... K-day

... Cheese pickup at school 7-8 pm

... Meals On Wheels

... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.

Feb 18... Basketball practice after school 3:15-4:50

Feb 19... K-day

... Rec Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.

... PAC mtg 7 p.m.

... Hot Lunch - soup

... milk money due

... WI mtg 1 pm

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Feb 21... K-day

... Rec Committee Euchre 7:30 p.m. at the school

Feb 23... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

Feb 24... K-day

... School Progress Reports sent home

Feb 25... Basketball practice after school 3:15-4:50

Feb 26... K-day

... Hot Lunch - chilli

... milk money due

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Feb 28... Conference Day (no school)

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Amherst Island Community Calendar

March 1997

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Sparks meet 3:45-4:45, Brownies & Guides 6-7:15, Pathfinders 7:30-9.

Bible Study 10-12 at Syke Fleming's
Mrs. Giles at the school

Mar 1... Happy 40th Anniversary - Joyce and Peter Morgan

Mar 2... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

Mar 3... K-day

... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.

Mar 4... Council 8 p.m.

Mar 5... K-day

... Hot Lunch - pizza

... Milk money due

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Mar 7... Unpaid Non-School Day

... Rec Committee Euchre 7:30 p.m.

Mar 8... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.

Mar 9... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

Mar 10... March Break

Mar 11... March Break

... PCW meeting

Mar 12... March Break

... ACW meeting 8 p.m.

Mar 13... March Break

Mar 14... March Break

Mar 15... Rec Committee Bingo 7:15 p.m.

Mar 16... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

... Legion Convention all day at the school

Mar 17... Meals On Wheels

... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.

... Unpaid Non-School Day

Mar 19... K-day

... WI meeting

... Rec Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.

... Milk money due

... cheese orders due

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Mar 20... ISLE mtg 7 p.m.

... Spring Begins

Mar 21... K-day

... Rec Committee Euchre 7:30 p.m.

Mar 22... ACW Beef Dinner

Mar 23... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

... Palm Sunday

Mar 24... K-day

... Cheese pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.

Mar 26... K-day

... Milk money due

... ISLE Ham Luncheon

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles at the school

Mar 28... Good Friday

Mar 30... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

... Easter

Mar 31... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.

... Easter Monday

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Beef Dinner

St. Alban's ACW is sponsoring a Roast Beef Dinner

buffet and Euchre Sat. March 22

Serving 5 - 7 pm at the Community Centre

Adults... \$10

Children 5 - 12... \$5

Pre-school... free

Advance Tickets Only

Euchre only, starting at 8 p.m., \$2

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

March 4th 1997

Councillor Lynn Fleming was away sick for the meeting. After the usual preliminaries the Public Works Superintendent, Stuart Miller, gave his report. The weather has been very hard on the roads, as the freezing and thawing break up the surface. Stuart has had to use a lot more gravel than expected. Stuart has also been

very busy with amalgamation meetings, making sure that the Island's concerns are taken care of.

Council has heard from Ducks Unlimited that they think that permission will be given by the Ministry of Natural Resources to go ahead with the work in the Big Marsh. According to Ducks Unlimited's latest plans this involves trucking 16,000 yards of gravel from the Caughey quarry to the Big Marsh to build a dam. This would be 800 tandem dump truck loads, and Stuart is very concerned about the traffic through the village and the damage that the trucks would do to the Township roads. Council will meet with Duck's Unlimited to discuss the problem.

The Reeve and the Clerk Treasurer met with the Federal Minister of Transport to discuss the ferry docks. Duncan reported that the Minister seemed to be well informed about our concerns. The Minister said that we will not get Remote Port status, but that the docks will be passed to us for a nominal fee and that he was prepared to discuss with us the other costs. Council therefore decided to sign the agreement to negotiate with the Ministry of Transport, to see what can be worked out. This agreement only commits the Township to negotiate, and either side can pull out at any time.

The Reeve also went to a meeting with Al Palladini, the Provincial Minister of Transportation, about ferry funding. Also at this meeting were people from the Ministries of Tourism, Agriculture, and Municipal Affairs, and the Reeves from the other Islands. Duncan reported that Mr. Palladini said that the status quo is not an option for the future. The Ministry

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of Transportation is getting out of the ferry business, and that decision will not be changed. He was prepared to sell the ferries to us for a dollar, and we will have to find alternative sources of funding. After considerable discussion Council decided that they should start talking with Ministry of Transportation officials in Kingston to find out all the information we can about the operation of the ferry. About the only positive outcome from the meeting was that there was a promise to pay up the provincial money still owed from last year.

The ferry surveys sent round to householders have been collected, and a report on the findings will be presented at the Public Meeting. Jim Whitton gave a brief report on the preliminary results to Council. There will be a Public Meeting at the School on Sunday, March 23rd at 2 pm to discuss the latest developments on the ferry issues.

In other business Council is still working through the

Branch meetings was designed by a Committee from the Eastern Area of Ontario to celebrate the impressive history of the Women's Institute.

On February 19, 1897, 101 women, and one man, Erland Lee, met at Squires Hall in Stoney Creek. The outcome of this meeting was the organization of the first Branch of the Women's Institute in the world. The Women's Institute grew steadily across Canada, and today offers women the vehicle, and the environment, to make decisions which will improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, their communities and the world.

Throughout the past 100 years, not only has the Institute developed the personal growth of its members, but it has also been instrumental in initiating Government legislation to protect the environment, and the citizens of Canada.

Survival of the organization for 100 years can be attributed to its very simple goal to fulfil its members needs. Despite constant changes through the decades, the Women's Institute throughout the world continues to adapt to meet the new challenges.

Each meeting will begin with the lighting of a candle to honour this Centennial achievement. The singing of the Women's Institute Centennial song will follow. A menu has been suggested for each gathering of the fare that would have been served in 1897. In her letter to Branches, Peggy McLeod, Chair of the Branch Program Committee writes, "As Women's Institute members raise their voices in the singing of the new Centennial song may their melody echo, and meet, across the forests and the lakes!"

Township Of Amherst Island
Rabies Clinic
Municipal Garage
April 26, 1997
5 to 6:30 p.m.

Amherst Island E-Mail Directory

I am building an e-mail directory for the Island and would ask anyone who has an e-mail address to send me a note at: azure@kos

Thanks: Jan Sneep

The Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Karen Fleming, PR Officer

The first annual Valentine dinner was held recently and was a big success. Thank you to everyone who came out. A good time was had by all.

The branch public speaking competition was held at Amherst Island Public School, with Shawna Phillips coming in first, and Shannon Youell second. There was no third place chosen, as the competition was very close. Shawna then went on to the zone competition at Branch 631 in Collins Bay, where she also won first place! Congratulations, Shawna, and good luck at the District competition, which takes place in Prescott on March 22. There is a good chance that the zone competition will take place on Amherst Island next year. This will be an excellent opportunity to come out and support all our aspiring public speakers.

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On Sunday, March 16, Branch 539 will be hosting the Zone G-1 convention, with delegates from 12 branches. Zone G-1 stretches from Napanee to Kingston, and from Amherst Island north to Sharbot Lake. Elections will be taking place at this convention to choose our next Zone Commander and Deputy Zone Commander.

Our regular monthly meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month, at the home of Tom and Audrey Miller, at 8:00 pm. If you would like to join the Legion, or would just like information on eligibility, contact our membership chairman, Irene Glenn. Also, join us for a meeting first, if you like, to see what we're about before you join. Hope to see you soon!

Amherst Island Recreation Committee
Annual Spring Dance And Fish Fry
Saturday May 17, 1997

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Dinner from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dancing 8:30 - 12:30

Dinner / Dance \$20 per couple

\$10 single

Dinner only - \$8 per person

Dance only - \$10 per person

DJ - Draws - Door Prizes - Dancing

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P Tapes - used cloth towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used clothing for the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be dropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one in) or call 384-4135 for a pick-up. Help Us Help The Animals

How Parents Embarrass Their Teens

- Shawna Phillips

After the age of 10 or 11, everything a parent does embarrasses their children. You can't help it - we can't help it, it's a simple fact of life.

Some parents choose to sit back and deal with their teenagers in a very passive way, knowing this phase will only last ten years or so. Others, like many we know insist on provoking embarrassment to their teens by behaving like someone from Mars.

For instance, while the teenager is having a sleep-over, the easy going parent would stay in the kitchen, out of the way. The embarrassing parent will be found in the middle of the pack laughing harder than everyone else at things that aren't even funny. These parents are never offended when they finally clue in that the gang isn't amused. They just move very quickly into the "when I was your age" stories, and follow this up by refusing to go to bed until everyone else has fallen asleep from boredom.

And what about taking your parents out, like to the mall or a restaurant, or even the corner store. At the age of just 14, I know from personal experience that you should only take your adult out in public when you absolutely have to.

You know what I am talking about. The parent, for example, who tags along with you into the music store and plays chopsticks on the demo piano while you try to take cover by looking long and hard at the CD selection and pretending not to know them.

Shopping for clothes can bring a whole new meaning to the word embarrassment. As we all know, a parent's opinion of suitable attire is slightly different from anything I would ever be caught dead in. Mom and Dad tend to go for the 1950's style frilly dresses and 3-piece polyester suits, while many of today's teens prefer a much different look. When you finally agree to try on the disgusting outfit (which you do just so they will let you go home), dear old Mom can be heard through the entire mall saying things like "don't you think that's a little tight around the hips?" Or "you're just the spitting image of your Dad in that handsome suit, but isn't it a little baggy in the rear?" That's of course after she has come into the changing room and forced you to step out in front of the big mirrors where everyone in the world can see.

Once you have finally agreed upon a wardrobe, or Mom has agreed to let you shop on your own, what always comes next are the family visits to show off the new duds. Now I don't mind family reunions as a rule, but is it really necessary for the folks to say things like "he's got his father's skinny legs?" Can anybody tell me why they always have to make us dance with Great Uncle Harvey or Great Aunt Harriet at their 150th

birthday parties? And why do

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they have to give us names that none of the old folks can remember?

Even the annual family vacation has been known to cause teenage nightmares. Have you ever gone to a public park where your Dad rounds the family up with a blow of his whistle? Or been to a nice hotel where you have to sneak in the 200 pound family dog? How about Dad honking the horn at the rest stop knowing full well the horn plays the theme from "Love Story"?

As I started out to say at the beginning, there is nothing any parent or child can do to prevent this stage in life. Parents, since nearly everything you do over the next decade will only humiliate us, I have put together a Top Ten list of things never to do to your teenager. I can't promise this will completely stop you from embarrassing your child, but if it makes one parent stop and think before they do something foolish, it's worth it.

The number 10 thing you should never do to your teenager - dance the polka at the annual street dance.

#9 walk the dog in your bathrobe

#8 try to get through the express line at the grocery store with more than 10 items.

#7 seat your teenager at the kiddie table at Thanksgiving.

#6 tell people your kid ate dog food until he was six.

#5 meet the school bus in your robe and slippers.

#4 drive an old car that backfires.

#3 honk when you pick us up from a party.

#2 ask the waiters to sing Happy Birthday to us in a public restaurant.

And the #1 thing I beg you never, ever to do is to say publicly that you have seen Elvis in the past 10 years.

Celebration Of Music

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is planning a Concert, to be held on the holiday week-end, Sunday May 18, 1997. Headlining The Event, will be

Sharon Beckstead, Music Director of Leaside United Church, Toronto;

Eric Gagnon, Organist at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Amherstview; and,

the vocal group "Assembly", also from Trinity.

A service of Dedication of our Allen organ, will also be part of the evening programme.

A roast beef dinner will be served prior to the concert in the Church Hall, in early and later "sittings".

Further information regarding times, costs, and tickets will be available from Church members, in early April, and also in the April Beacon.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Euchre - The Euchre scheduled for March 21 has been cancelled so as not to interfere with the St. Alban's Beef Dinner and Euchre on March 22. The next scheduled Euchre will be Friday, April 11. This will also be the last Euchre for the season. (7:30)

Bingo - The next Bingo will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 7:15 pm.

Birthday Calendar - For those of you who don't know what the birthday calendar is let me explain! The calendar will list residents of the Island and their families' names on the date of their birthday. Each month will feature a different Island photograph taken by...maybe you!! Later in the year we will ask for photos to be used. For now, please get those names and birth dates in to one of the following Rec Committees members. Lyn Fleming - 634-2509, Jane McGinn - 389-3155 or Roxanne Wolfreys - 389-4630. For mailing, send to the attention of one of the names above at Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0.

Spring Dance and Fish Fry - Tickets are now on Sale for the annual Spring Dance. Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$10 - single for dinner and dance. Tickets are available from any Rec Committee member. Also look for "Spring Raffle" tickets. Prizes include; 1st prize - Patio set, 2nd prize - lounge chair, and 3rd prize - a cooler. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw will take place on May 17th at the dance.

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Ferry Action Committee News - Jim Whitton

We thank all who have written letters to the politicians, both Provincial and Federal. The flow of letters from residents and non-residents has been most impressive. We can only hope that the common sense content of these letters will spur some action at Queen's Park. Our committee continues to encourage letter writing and pursuing every possible means of media exposure. We have established, and maintain, contact with Wolfe, Howe and Pelee islands.

Following the public meeting on January 30th we had many offers of help. These volunteers have now been grouped into the following sub-committees:

- 1) Fact Finding: looking into all possible alternative means of transportation should we no longer have our present ferry system.
- 2) Petition: after a few glitches, petition forms will soon be circulated throughout Loyalist Township. The essential message is that we wish to continue with our present Provincial support until proper consultation and

a study of the impact of removal of Provincial funding is made. Please sign it.

3) Questionnaire: the response has been very good. All of the comments have been collected and condensed into easily presentable form. More about this at the Public Meeting.

4) Fund Raising: we are holding back on this until we see in which direction Council is heading. Contributions already received are being held in an account at the Township Office. A "penny jar" has been installed in Glenn's store. Any loose change you have will be gratefully received and will be used to offset the expenses of printing, postage, etc.

Save The Islands Concert

The communities of Amherst Island and Howe Island are invited to attend a special concert on Wolfe Island, Sunday, April 6, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart School Gym in Marysville on Wolfe Island. The event, sponsored by the Wolfe Island Summer Music & Arts, is a chance for the three island communities to gather together in an informal atmosphere, enjoy fantastic music and to share their concerns.

The Toronto based band "Poutine" (formerly known as the Cajun Ramblers) will play a selection of lively French Canadian fiddle tunes, Cajun music and traditional Ottawa Valley ballads. Mary Thiessen will teach willing audience members to do the "Cajun Two Step"!

The afternoon festivities will be co-hosted by Amherst Island resident, Peter Trueman and Wolfe Island resident, Peter Millar. Children and young adults from Amherst, Howe and Wolfe Islands are invited to speak about what island life means to them and how the threat to their communities affect them. "We want to provide a place where the voices of our young people can be heard." says organizer Peter Millar. "The young people can either give a little speech or they can write their thoughts down and they will be read from the stage by either Peter Trueman or myself", says Mr. Millar.

The Save the Island Concert is an ideal setting for the three island communities to meet one another and to have some fun during these difficult times.

Township Of Amherst Island

Notice

Dog Licenses And Rabies Clinic

Dog licenses are now available at the Township Office during regular office hours.

Registration and license fees:

Per dog - \$10.0

Kennel license - \$40.00

No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to run at large in the Township of Amherst Island.

The fines for a dog running at large are as follows:

	Unlicensed	Licensed
First Offence	\$50.00	\$25.00
Second Offence	\$75.00	\$50.00
Third Offence	\$100.00	\$75.00

Any dog found running at large may be seized and impounded. All fees, including pound fees, must be paid before the dog is released to the owner.

Vanishing Legacy

- Suzanne Pasternak

If folks would like a copy of the documentary, "Vanishing Legacy, Last of the Lake Ontario Fishermen", they can drop me a line at the following address. I don't know the price yet but I will only charge cost. I am also planning on producing another 1/2 hour video on the fishing industry because so many people said they wanted

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more of the story told. If there is anybody who would like to contribute information, stories, ideas or photos, please feel free to contact me as well.

Suzanne Pasternak

Box 965 / Main Station

Kingston, On K7L 4X8

or

RR3 Picton, On K0K 2T0

It will take me about one month to get the dubbing of the video organized. Thank you all for coming out to the screening. I had a wonderful time in a very special community.

Kingston Field Naturalists

Field Research At Queen's University Biological Station

The Kingston Field Naturalists club invites you to attend our next meeting to be held Tuesday, March 20th, in Room B201, Mackintosh-Cony Hall, located on Queen's University campus, at the corner of Union Street and University Avenue. The doors open at 7:30 and the meeting begins at 8:00 pm.

Join us as Mr Frank Phelan of Queen's University Biological Station and Professor Raleigh Robertson of Queen's University Department of Biology discuss the tree swallow and bass field research conducted at Queen's University Biological Station.

For more information please call Rose-Marie at 549-

7583

Letters To The Beacon

[Staff: Sally received this notice in a letter from a friend out west.]

Obituary

...I just came across an Amherst Island Obituary (it's quite something); "William Savage, a man of family, living on Amherst Island, got into a squabble on election day, and was found dead after a skirmish"

...January 20, 1864.

Obituary

We have just received word that George Mygind has died. We have no other details at this time but should have by next month.

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank our neighbours and friends for phone calls, cards, visits, goodies, and acts of kindness since Henry has been ill and in hospital.

A thank you to the PCW and ACW for their visits and goodies. Also a thank you to the Burleigh LOL for their visit and the flowers they brought to Henry.

A special thank you to the First Response Team who answered our call so quickly and administered help on February 14th.

Anna Hitchins and family.

The Orchard family, in Bath, wish to thank their family and friends on Amherst Island for their support, expressions of encouragement, and concern, after Keith's recent stroke. We are pleased to report that he is well on the way to a full recovery and should soon be back in circulation again.

Special thanks to sister Chris and Don Gregg, nephew Alan and Cathy Glenn; also Rev. Barry Forsythe and Bath neighbour Rev. Chris Davis for visits and prayers.

Dear Neighbours:

I would like to take advantage of the Beacon's popularity to thank everyone for the help, support, and encouragement we have received over the last several months since returning to the farm. The gifts and treats dropped off at our place at Christmas time were truly

amazing.

Thank you all. Special thanks to Val and Dan Wolfreys, Tom and Audrey Miller, Dave and Laurie Youell and girls, and Sally Bowen. As inadequate as the word is - Thanks!

Sincerely,

Penny, Matthew, Benjamin and Katie

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I would like to thank the following people for their support aid help after my accident. For all the cards, cookies and concern. I would like to let everyone know I am fine and in a month you won't be able to tell that anything happened at all.

- Amherst Island First Response Team
- Friends and neighbours
- Women's Institute
- A.I.P.S.
- Anglican Church Women

Thank you all.

David Barrett

We wish to thank all those dedicated Legion members and helpers who cook, prepare, and deliver "Meals on Wheels". Great cooks!! Great price!!, and Delivery Service too!!.

We appreciate the service, it's a treat to eat a meal prepared by these fine cooks. Thanks to all involved in this project.

Bill and Helen Bulch

Miscellaneous

Did you know that Pat Boone is back and in a big way? He has transformed himself into a 'heavy metal' artist by doing Pat Boone-ish renditions of metal anthems like Stairway To Heaven. His CD, 'In A Metal Mood', is currently sitting at #3 on the Rolling Stone Alternative Chart. Would you believe it?

Two more Triva items from the Amazing Triva Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing:

What childhood name was shared by Gen. George A. Custer and Chief Crazy Horse, the Oglala Sioux leader he faced at the Battle of the Little Big Horn?

Curly

How did the skeleton of the more-than-three-million-year-old female hominid discovered in Ethiopia in 1974 come to be called Lucy?

Donald Johanson, the anthropologist who found the skeleton, and his colleagues were listening to the Beatles' song 'Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds' while they were discussing and celebrating the discovery - and they started referring to the skeleton by that name.

A Letter Home

Weather advisory, 10 to 15 cm of snow, freezing rain all mixed together with a good wind and what have you got? March 14, 1997! Choring this morning required full winter gear. I'm glad we took that wagon load of hay out to the pasture. At least the animals will still get fed. March always seems to bring at least one Jim Dandy storm. We were all beginning to feel smug commenting on how winter was over. Ha! Mother Nature figured one more challenge was needed and here it is.

In past years we would now be lambing. Some ewes always managed to wait until break time before having their lambs. While the shepherds were in the house for a 15 minute snack, the ewes would find the furthest, coldest part of the barnyard in which to have their lambs. We would return to find a shivering white speck which was immediately whisked off to a warming heat lamp. Some of the older ewes were wiser to the ways of lambing. Those we would find tucked snugly away in a warm, dry corner of the barn. The lambs were obviously appreciative of their mother's years and resulting wisdom.

We are all still very worried about the Township having to take over the operating costs of the Ferry. No matter how the issue is resolved, I'm sure it is going to mean considerable changes in our lives. I wouldn't want to see people moving off the Island because of this but it's a very real possibility.

On that note, I think I will withdraw into a good book and be grateful for all that we still have.

Happy Easter

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Wanted

House For Rent -3 bedroom.
Call: 389-6259 or 384-8001

For Sale
Double sized bed mattress, hardly used, excellent shape.
Call: 389-5769

For Sale

Fresh Maple Syrup -call Dave and Brenda Kerr
378-6490 to place an order - will deliver to the Island.
Sizes 375 ml and 4 l available.
Syrup will be available at the "Back Kitchen" April
18th.

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Call: 389-4484

Wanted To Buy:

A ping pong table. Call Ian at 389-3444

For Sale

Woolen blankets and yarn from Topsy Farms.
Interested? Phone Sally at 389-3802

For Sale

Drone's first audio tape now available from band
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Babysitting

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40 / hour flat rate

all Lew at 384-4071.

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Contact Scott at 389-4872.

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Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and
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Call 389-1202

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Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office).

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Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5411

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A complete printing and design service.
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Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels'
The order date is a week before the third Monday of
each month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen
Fleming at 389-0210.

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Amherst Island Community Calendar

Sparks meet 3:15-4:45. Brownies & Guides 6-7:15
Pathfinders 7:30-9 p.m.
Bible Study 10-12..
Mrs. Giles at the school.

March 1997
Mar 16... Sunday School Cancelled
... Legion Conventional all day at the school
Mar 17... Meals On Wheels
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
... Unpaid Non-School Day
Mar 19... K-day
... WI meeting
... Rec Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.
... Milk money due
... cheese orders due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs. Giles at the school
Mar 20... ISLE mtg 7 p.m.
... Spring Begins
Mar 21... K-day
... Rec Committee Euchre has been cancelled
Mar 22... ACW Beef Dinner and Euchre
Mar 23... Palm Sunday
... Sunday School 11-12 at school
... Public Meeting 2 p.m., Community Centre
Mar 24... K-day
... Cheese pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.
Mar 26... K-day
... Milk money due
... ISLE Ham Luncheon
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs. Giles at the school
Mar 27... First Response Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Mar 28... Good Friday
Mar 30... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
... Easter
Mar 31... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
... Easter Monday

April 1997
Apr 1... April Fools
... Council 8 p.m.
Apr 2... K-day
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders meet
... Bible Study
... Mrs. Giles at the school
Apr 4... K-day
Apr 5... Rec Committee Bingo 7:15 p.m.
... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.
Apr 6... Sunday School 11-12 at school

- ... First Response Defib. Training
- ... Save The Islands Concert 2-5:30, Wolfe Island

School

- Apr 7... K-day
- Apr 8... PCW Meeting
- Apr 9... K-day
 - ... ACW meeting 8 p.m.
 - ... Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders meet
 - ... Bible Study
 - ... Mrs. Giles at the school
- Apr 11... Rec Committee Euchre 7:30 pm
- Apr 13... Sunday School 11-12 at school
 - ... First Response meeting
- Apr 14... K-day
 - ... Fire department meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 16... K-day
 - ... Rec Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - ... milk money due
 - ... cheese orders due
 - ... WI meeting
 - ... Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders meet
 - ... Bible Study
 - ... Mrs. Giles at the school
- Apr 18... K-day
 - ... Women's Institute Anniversary Tea
 - ... The Back Kitchen Opens!

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Public Meeting

March 23

- Ian Murray

This Sunday afternoon meeting was well attended by many concerned Island residents. Paul Gilmore, Reeve of Ernestown, plus several Bath councillors came to lend support to us, their neighbours and soon-to-be fellow ratepayers.

Reeve Duncan Ashley reported the results of meetings with the federal and provincial Ministers of Transportation. The federal minister indicated that there is no way that our ferry docks will be considered "remote" and that, in any case, the federal government is "getting out of the dock business". It was indicated that the federal government would consider some financial support during the transition stage.

The provincial minister declared that "status quo" was not an option and challenged the municipality to send him a "business plan" laying out other options regarding our ferry service.

Duncan also attended a meeting involving the affected islands and various government officials. He indicated that he felt that there were "too many agendas" for a workable solution but that we should "stay at the table".

Councillor Jim Whitton discussed the work of the "Ferry Action Committee" - see elsewhere in the Beacon.

Duncan and others alluded to the considerable state of flux surrounding the down loading of services from the province and the uploading of education costs. It is very unclear how this will play out and how it will affect our community.

Reeve and Council appeared to take the position that the meeting's purpose was to update the Island residents as to what was going on with the ferry, the docks and amalgamation. On the other hand, various members of the audience felt that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss what should be done and who should do it, and in what manner. This led to considerable give and take between the Reeve and said audience members

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

April 1, 1997

Chris could not be at this meeting because the 'shearing from hell' was still a living nightmare for all involved - especially the shearer who got bundled off to the hospital with appendicitis. So, to make a long and horrible story short, I am the Council reporter this month.

All members of Council were present as were the Clerk-treasurer and 12 members of the interested public (this reporter among that number). The Public Works Superintendent, Stuart Miller, was not at this meeting.

Delegation: After the usual preliminaries, a delegation was heard from. It was not clear whether all 11 members of the public were part of this

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delegation but the written recommendations were under Jan Sneepe's name only.

Jan Sneepe made some recommendations to Council concerning the ferry funding issue. These were in part:

- to 'obtain outside professional assistance to develop an action plan' ie a full time person to coordinate all efforts,
- to request Bath, Ernestown, L&A County, the Ontario government, and the Federal government all provide us with funds, and for our Council to match the amounts

sent by Bath, Ernestown and the County,
- to do another resident survey on the specifics of individual ferry use (which runs are most and least critical... how high can fares go), and
- to 'obtain a mandate from the community' as to what Council can negotiate.

After reading this list, Mr Sneep wanted to know if Council had an action plan in place with specific dates for the completion of the various steps he foresaw in getting the ferry and dock issues resolved. He also wanted to know what plans are now in place to assess the costs/benefits of alternatives to the ferry and for Island development (he mentioned bridges, casinos, and conference centres). Reeve Ashley said that Council did not have a detailed plan with specifically dated steps.

Several other members of the audience joined in the discussion (Stanley Burke and Bill Stoker for two) asking that Council make use of the Island residents and their considerable resources which were waiting to be used. Councillor Whitton said that he would have some recommendations to Council addressing this point later in the meeting. And, there was a question as to what the total down loaded costs to the Island would be? Reeve Ashley said that these costs were supposed to be available by month's end.

This discussion went on for 45 minutes and at times was heated. Apparently nothing Council said satisfied the audience or the delegation. They left when Council moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Comment: There was obvious frustration on both sides of the floor - the audience/delegation at Council's seeming lack of action and leadership; and, Council's at it being placed in the role as sole leader among other things. Reeve Ashley did say that Council would accept any fact-finding or studies of alternatives done by anyone and it would pass the information on to an appropriate group. It was also clear from the rest of the meeting that, while Council does not have a detailed plan like what the delegation wanted, they do have an idea of where they are going and are receiving advice on how to get there.

It is too bad that the audience/delegation spoke at the start of the meeting and that it did not pick up on Councillors' comments suggesting that some of the points raised were to be addressed later because the same issues were raised several times again. Finally, it was odd that the audience/delegation left - not waiting to hear what Council had found out since the last meeting and what they proposed to do.

Ferry: Council proceeded quickly to the Ferry items because the Public Works Superintendent was not there to give his monthly report.

Reeve Ashley gave a report of a March 27th Eastern Ontario Regional Ferries Operational Group meeting

(made up of Amherst, Howe and Wolfe islands). I did not fully follow what was said but it seems that, by June 30, this group plans to have a preliminary report ready (first draft due in May) which will establish operating costs for the ferries and for some of the alternatives. Howe and Wolfe already are using Totten, Sims, Hubicki as a consultant and they want to use them as primary consultant for this study. Our Council would request an

{Council Report will continue after the following three ads}

The Back Kitchen Restaurant
Phone: 389-7200

Open For The Season:
Friday, April 18 - May 11
Weekends: Friday - Sunday
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Open Full Time:
May 16 daily except Tuesdays including Holidays
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Watch for a menu in your mail prior to April 18.

Township Of Amherst Island
Rabies Clinic
Municipal Garage
April 26, 1997
5 to 6:30 p.m.

EFRT Team
Pancake Brunch
April 27, 1997
Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Amherst Island Community Centre

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additional consultant be hired with more experience in some aspects of the study. The information generated can then be used (in part) to formulate a Business Plan both for the group and ourselves. It was clarified later that Council has not officially committed us to this group but various comments around the table suggested they feel that both joint action along with our own actions were worth while courses to pursue. Some Council members had reservations about doing a plan in conjunction with the other islands in that we might have

to march more or less in step with them.

This Business Plan is a new wrinkle that seems likely to become the focal point of the ferry issue. From what I understand (and that is sketchy at best), this Plan arose from a meeting between all of the ferry-accessed communities and the Minister of Transportation. It seems to represent a concession on the part of Province in that they have backed away (for now at least) from simply down loading the ferries without consultation or regard as to the communities' ability to handle this, to asking for a Business Plan detailing how each community proposes to deal with the down loading. It seems to be the start of negotiations.

Next came a report from Councillor Whitton on the activities of the Ferry Action Committee. He presented Council with a recommendation to set up 4 more committees like the Ferry Action Committee - that is, they would be independent of Council with a Council member as a liaison. It was also proposed that Council meet an hour earlier to hear reports from these committees. The five committees recommended (and their liaison councillors) were:

1. Ferry Action Committee (already in operation with Councillor Whitton remaining as liaison),
 2. Legal Committee (Councillor Woods),
 3. Fact-Finding / Alternative Forms Of Transport Committee (Reeve Ashley),
 4. Lobbying Committee (Councillor Scott), and
 5. Fund Raising Committee (Councillor Fleming).
- Volunteers will be requested to staff these committees. Finally, Council will be asking Peter Whiting to be a consultant concerning the in's and out's of a business plan.

Landfill Site: There was one other major happening at this meeting which was... the Amherst Island Landfill Site now has a Provisional Certificate of Approval!!! All that is left to do now is some fine-tuning to the type and extent of the on-going testing that will be required. It has been a very long haul getting to this point... years and years.... governments coming and going.... and, approval rules changing and changing again. If I remember my history correctly. it was LaSalle who first petitioned the Crown for landfill site approval...

Union Negotiations: In other business, OPSEU has sent Council 'official notice of the Union's intention to bargain amendments to the current collective agreement'. This is one more item for Council's agenda.

Closed Session: After a few more issues were dealt with, Council went into closed session to deal with a letter from Madden, Sirman & Cowle (Fe 5, 1997) concerning Pt Lt 1, SS Concession. I went home.

Budget Meeting (Mar 24): Council did have a

budget meeting which I forgot about somehow. At that meeting, Council made a request to MTO to provide '100% funding for the ferry business plan requested by the Minister of Transportation'. If MTO refuses our request, it will be passed onto the Minister.

The preliminary budget estimates were approved as a working budget until further information is received. While very preliminary, the budget would increase taxes for Island purposes.

Postscript: The Township has been informed that the province will honour the 90-10% split in ferry costs for this year. This information was received after the meetings reported on above. There is no word as yet on the extra costs for the Frontenac II but no one seems to think that we will get stuck with them which is good news too.

Glenn's Store and Bath Foodland
Why waste your life running for a boat??
We have everything you need
Fresh Baking twice a week
Groceries delivered to your door
Ice Cream
Movie rental
Bedding plants and supplies
So Relax and Enjoy the season
Drop in or give us a call
we're open til 5 p.m. 7 days a week
New!! Culligan Spring Water now here
Mon - Fri 9 - 1:00 and 2:00 - 5:00
Sat 9 - 5 and Sun 10 - 5

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Ferry Action Committee Report
- Jim Whitton

Thanks to all who have written to the various ministries and to those who are still sending letters. Answers are not coming in from Ottawa and Queen's Park. We would appreciate if all these answers could be brought to the Township Office where they can be copied and put on file. They may come in useful at a later date.

The petition has been circulated around the island, Bath and Ernestown. Beth Forester and her committee plan to have all signed petitions collected in order to send to Queen's Park by April 22nd, so if you have not yet signed, please do so. Copies of the petition are displayed at Glenn's Store.

Following on recommendations from the Action Committee, two new sub-committees were set up and

three others, already in existence, remain in place. The two new ones are: Lobbying (of MPs and MPPs) and Legal (to obtain advice from island lawyers concerning possible legal action and provincial responsibilities). The remaining three are, Ferry: (to gather information on all aspects of ferry operation, on total costs of operation, on possible future costs, on various scenarios of future ferry operation and to maximize media exposure), Fact-finding / Alternatives: (this committee is studying alternatives to ferry transportation e.g. bridge, causeway, hovercraft, private ferry operation, etc), Fund-raising: to raise money by any and all means for payment of costs as they arise. Another recommendation resulted in one member of Council being appointed to each of these committees. It is anticipated that these appointments will result in much better communication between committees and Council and will help to keep Council up-to-date with committee programmes. A list of these committees and appointed councillors is given in the Council Report on the regular April Council meeting.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

[Staff: As you will probably figure out soon enough by the writing style, this is not Annette writing but it is her reporting in the main. Due to time constraints, we are forced to go with phoned-in reports.]

Drone won the Battle Of The Bands competition at NDSS on April 11. They played against 7 other bands. Earl Tugwell is coming home this week after a successful hip replacement operation.

Marshall and Marion Glenn are in Briar Gate retirement home. Marion is recovering from a bad fall.

Caroline Yull has been accepted to Queen's Law.

Canada's only woman bishop has been elected as a diocesan bishop in Edmonton. Victoria Matthews, sister of Geoff Matthews, was elected ninth bishop of Edmonton last month. She has been an assistant bishop in the Diocese of Toronto since her consecration in 1994. She will be installed as leader of the 13,500 Anglicans in the Diocese of Edmonton on May 31 at All Saints' Cathedral.

Spring

- Ian Murray

You know its spring when: the ice breaker busts through to the cement plant; thousands of red-wing blackbirds land in your windbreak; 13 deer graze the new seeding; and, the For Sale signs come up with the crocus'.

Amherst Island Women's Institute est. 1900

Mother's Day Ham Dinner

Saturday May 10, 1997 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Amherst Island Community Centre

Tickets available at the door

Adults \$8.00

Children \$4.00

This is our fund raising event of the year

For further information call 384-4135

It's Spring

The Weasel And Easel is opening for the season on Friday, May 16th. 12 - 5 daily.

Come and browse. We have lots new!

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Due to some unfortunate occurrences during the past few weeks there were only a few members present at the March meeting held at the home of Helen Miller but we are hoping for a larger turn-out for our April 16th Annual General Meeting held at the home of Leslie Gavlas at 8 pm. At that time Officers will be elected and plans for our yearly fund-raising event, the Mother's Day Ham Dinner, will be finalized. Helen Lamb is our Team Leader for the Cancer Campaign again this year and we shall be knocking on your door sometime in April for donations. For a small community the response is tremendous and with your usual generous support we hope to do as well or better than 1996. It also gives our members a chance for a visit each spring - so canvassing is a pleasure for us as well. The May 21st meeting will be at the home of Audrey Miller at 8 pm and we shall be having a plant exchange and discussion. Everyone welcome.

Have your marked April 18th on your calendar?

That is the day we hope to see you all at our WI 100th celebration evening at the Community Centre at 7 pm.

Please join us.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Annual Spring Dance And Fish Fry

Saturday May 17, 1997

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Dinner from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dancing 8:30 - 12:30

Dinner / Dance

\$20 per couple

\$10 single

Dinner only - \$8 per person
Dance only - \$10 per person
DJ - Draws - Door Prizes - Dancing

Cook's Corner
- Dianne Marshall

I've had this recipe in my 'To Try File' for quite a long time. I like it because it uses fresh or frozen fruit.

Strawberry-Lemon Swirl Pie
2 cups fresh or frozen unsweetened strawberries
3/4 cup sugar
3 Tbsp cornstarch
1/2 cup water
1 Tbsp lemon juice
1 Tbsp butter or margarine
several drops red food colouring (optional)
6 oz softened cream cheese
1 1/2 cups milk or light cream
1 4 serving size package instant lemon pudding mix
1 9" graham cracker crust

In a large bowl mash the 2 cups of strawberries. In a small saucepan combine sugar and cornstarch. Stir in the water and mashed strawberries. Cook and stir till mixture is thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes more. Stir in the lemon juice, butter or margarine, and the food colouring. Cover surface with clear plastic wrap. Cool, then chill.

In a small mixer bowl beat cream cheese with an electric mixer till fluffy. Beat in cream till well blended. Add pudding mix; beat on low speed for 1 minute. Spoon half of the pudding mixture into the prepared crust. Top with half the strawberry mixture. Repeat layers. Using a spatula, gently swirl top two layers to marble. Cover, chill to store. Makes 8 servings. (I don't see why this couldn't be made with raspberries or blueberries.)

Please Note
- Caroline Yull

Oh Dang! It seems I'm doing a survey, and I didn't even know it! I hate when that happens! Seriously, folks, if you received a phone call asking you to respond to a survey done by me, you are being mis-informed. I only wish I had the knowledge/skills to design and interpret the results of surveys.

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Thank You Notes

Thank-you Lynn Fleming for all your help, Irene Glenn for the baked goodies, all the people who called and sent cards and flowers and baked goodies. The ACW and WI. It is truly rewarding to know when you suddenly end up in the hospital that so many of you care and take the time to let me know. Again a heartfelt thank-you.

Ida Gavlas

A belated thank-you to all of my visitors and well wishers during my hospital stay and recovery at home. Your thoughtfulness and gifts were greatly appreciated.

Donnie Miller

Thank you to all the people who supported Scout's Canada by buying Hot Cross Buns.

Yours in Cubing
Les G. Glenn

I would like to thank the people who sent cards, called and wished me well while I was sick this past week. Thank-you to the Scott's for lending me the movies to pass the time and the Sneep's for the Easter Lily, with a special thanks to Brittany and Chelsea and Aaron for finally giving me the Chicken Pox! Mom's more than relieved I finally got them.

Jessica Gavlas

Obituary

Eulogy For Jorgen (George) Holger Mygind
Born December 16, 1911
Died March 16, 1997

Chresten Kold once wrote: Your life must be simple to be true. On one level this was indeed the case with George. On another level his life was far from simple. He was born in 1911 at Bangkok General Hospital. At the time his father was a manager with East-Asiatic Company. Shortly thereafter George became very sick. The diagnosis was never clear, but his parents blamed it on the climate and moved back to Denmark.

His mother Anna Louise grew up in the castle of Liselund on Moen, daughter of Baron Fritz Rosencrantz. His father was Aage Jorgen Mygind.

After their return to Denmark they bought and ran the Provølyst Manor, where George grew up. He later attended College of Agriculture in Lyngby and served his military service around 1930 in the Danish Infantry.

George often related the story of how he led a group of Jews to the shoreline at night.

I have done a little research on the subject, and Aage

Berthelsens book called October 43 is about the evacuation of the Jewry in Denmark. Baron Niels Rosendrantz was involved in the rescue-action and Liselund was indeed a link in the transport arrangement. Some 300 Jews were saved through this particular route.

After having worked in various capacities, he decided to emigrate to Canada. He sailed August 22, 1952 onboard M.S. Falstria. He worked briefly as a farmhand, and later when he came to Kingston he worked for Borge Mortensen. At this time George had acquired a small farm on the south-shore of Amherst Island, which was to become his home for almost the rest of his life. His love for that island became apparent to everybody, and in time he became a full fledged member of that community. As much as he cherished Amherst Island, he never ceased to love Denmark and had an abiding affinity with the Danish community.

In spite of his eccentricity and the fact he was considered a problem child by family and friends alike, he still managed to walk into our lives and hearts literally wearing his wooden shoes.

His sense of humour was legendary, and when he suffered terrible burns a few years ago, I was at the emergency room, when he arrived. He was not complaining about the pain that he obviously was in, but looked at me and said, "I know I told you that I wanted to be cremated, but this is premature."

His stubbornness was equally legendary, but here is a man who could truly say: I did it my way!

George leaves a brother Neils and sister-in-law in California and Sister Astrid and Christian Jorgensen in Denmark and 2 nephews and a niece.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, March 21, 1997 in Kingston at St. Marks Lutheran Church. A large crowd gathered to honour his memory.

The road George took was hard and winding - from Bangkok to Amherst Island, the road is now ending, almost. His remains will be going back to Denmark for the final rest. Only then will his life have come full circle.

Alan Hendriksen of Kingston

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Summer Concert Dates

Here's a preliminary list of this summer's concert dates for people to plan for. The big change this year is that all concerts will start at 7:30, which will be easier for co-ordinating with boats and other duties. Look for our flyer in May for more details!

We start off with a bang on our Classical Music Lovers' Weekend:

Fri. July 4 - Marcella Branagan plays Bach, Haydn, Chopin, Debussy, Ravel, Rachmaninov on piano
Sat. July 5 - Donald Gartshore (Flute), Wolf Tormann (Cello), Dina Namer (Piano) play Handel, Kuhlan, Ravel, Damasse, Dora, Burton (This concert will be taped for CBC Radio.)

Sat. July 26 - Memory Lane with the Ted Reeves Quartet - Playing easy listening 40's, 50's, Texas, Country

Sat. Aug 9 - Dixie 6 + 1 -Don McCallum & His Band play Dixieland Jazz

Sat. Aug. 30 - Kingston Celli Band wind up our series with a wild Celtic romp.

I think there's something here for everyone, we'll hope to see you all there!

A Letter Home

The ice is gone! A sure sign of spring. Each year there is great speculation as to when and how the ice between the Island and mainland will leave. This year it left with a whimper. The warm rains rotted the ice right through and when the right wind came along, the moat around the Island was once again in evidence. Some will breath a sigh of relief at being isolated from the rest of the world and others will picture the Little Ferry bobbing around in wind driven waves no longer protected by the ice. The Big Boat continues to sail back and forth oblivious to it all.

The farm is getting geared up for May lambing. 1000 ewes will give birth in approximately 21 days. My calculations makes that 47.61 new mothers plus lambs per day. If only the girls would co operate and spread it out evenly. However, there is always the possibility they may conspire to lamb many, many more on any given day. So be it, we'll be prepared. I keep telling myself this while sitting here still sane.

In preparation for lambing we had the ewes shorn. When the hot weather comes this will make them much more comfortable. The April shearing was planned months in advance. What could possibly go wrong? The night before one Rowsie (picks up, skirts, and packs the wool) called to say they couldn't make it. The day of, we had a driving wet snowstorm. One shearer didn't feel well and ended up having an emergency appendectomy. There were also a number of minor bumps and scrapes. This left two shearers with a thousand sheep to shear in two days. Needless to say 800 sheep have lost their wool with 200 to be done sometime in the future. The shepherd has a few more gray hairs from all this but the job did get done.

Enough of the trials and tribulations of farming. I'm putting on my shoes and heading out the door to further enjoy the sights and sounds of spring.

We hope to visit after lambing is over!

Dinner / Concert / Organ Dedication
Sunday May 18, 1997

- Hot Roast Beef Buffet, served from 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.
at Amherst Island Community Hall

- Musical Evening at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
beginning with audience participating at 7:30 p.m.

Then, Featured In Concert

- Sharon Beckstead, organist - entertainer - music
director of Leaside United Church, Toronto

- Eric Gagnon, organist - Trinity Presbyterian
Church, Amherstview

- "Assembly" - a male vocal group, Amherstview

- Dedication of new Allen organ

Cost: Adult \$15 Children (12 & under) \$7

For Tickets & Further Information call

Beth Forester 389-5582

Garth Orchard 352-5939

Elaine Wolfreys 389-5945

St. Bartholomew's Church is having a farewell
reception of Father Peterkin on Sunday, May 25 at 2
p.m. in the Amherst Island Public School. All Are
Welcome.

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Amherst Island E-Mail Directory

I am building an e-mail directory for the Island and
would ask anyone who has an e-mail address to send me
a not at: aure@kos.net

Thanks, Jan Sneep

Wanted

Freda Youell is collection A&P Tapes - used cloth
towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food
etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used
clothing for the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be
dropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one in)
or call 384-4135 for a pick-up. Help Us Help The
Animals

One More Date For Your Calendar

Monday, April 21, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Potluck Supper and Achievement Night

Cheese Notice

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through
cheese sales. Wilton cheese has a wide variety available
in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
calling any AIPS student or:

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

David Willard 389-1656

Karen Willard 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

Gary McDonald 384-1456

Your order will be available for pickup at the school
from 7-8 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders In By: Pickup and Payment:

Wed, Apr 16 Monday, Apr 21

Wed, May 21 Monday, May 26

Wed, June 11 Monday, June 16

Thank you for supporting your community.

Township Of Amherst Island

Notice

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are now available at the Township Office
during regular office hours.

Registration and license fees:

Per dog - \$10.00

Kennel license - \$40.00

No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to run at large in
the Township of Amherst Island.

The fines for a dog running at large are as follows:

	Unlicensed	Licensed
First Offence	\$50.00	\$25.00
Second Offence	\$75.00	\$50.00
Third Offence	\$100.00	\$75.00

Any dog found running at large may be seized and
impounded. All fees, including pound fees, must be paid
before the dog is released to the owner.

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Amherst Island Ferry Action

Committee Survey

Survey Results

compiled by Peter Whiting

The actual number of responses is in brackets ()
followed by the percentage this represents of all 92
responses.

1. Action

Are You Willing To Help Write, Phone And / Or Fax?

Yes... (74) 80.4%

No... (9) 9.8%

Which Of The Additional Actions Would You Support:

advertising

- television...(32) 34.8%
- radio... (31) 33.7%
- newspapers... (45) 48.9%
- other... (5) 5.4%
- protest at Queen's Park... (27) 29.3%
- seeking legal advice... (59) 64.1%
- continued letter campaign... (66) 71.7%
- media attention... (76) 82.6%
- other... (10) 10.9%

2. Costs

Some Of These Activities Will Be More Expensive Than Others. How Would You Like To See The Necessary Funds Raised And How Much Are You Willing to Contribute?:

- voluntary donations... (61) 66.3%
 - how much? average... \$101 (\$20-\$500)
- surcharge on ferry tickets... (45) 48.9%
 - how much? average... \$1.61 (\$0.50-\$10)
- property levy... (23) 25.0%
 - how much? average... not available
- fund raising activities... (58) 63.0%
- other... (9) 9.8%

3. Alternatives

Which Of The Following Alternatives Would You Like To See Studied:

- bridge... (59) 64.1%
- private ferry operation... (30) 32.6%
- other... (18) 19.6%
- no change... (32) 34.8%

4. Ferry

It Is Pretty Clear That No Matter What Happens, We Are Going To Have To Take A Serious Look At The Possibility Of Reducing Ferry Costs. Which Approach Would You Suggest?

- reduction in service... (41) 44.6%
- increase in fares... (37) 40.2%
- combination of both... (50) 54.3%
- no change... (15) 16.3%

Many practical and thoughtful comments and suggestions were provided by (59) 64.1%

Summary

Most Supported Actions:

1. media attention
2. letter campaign
3. legal advice.

Preferred Methods to Raise \$ for Actions:

1. voluntary donations

2. fund raising.

Alternative Most Want Studied:

1. bridge / fixed link.

(Note: several strong objections to this alternative).

Reduce Ferry Costs By:

1. combination of reduced services and increased fares.

(Note: reduced service included suggestions to reduce size of ferry crew).

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels'

The order date is a week before the third Monday of each month.

Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210

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For Sale

Wanted

Hay For Sale

400 sq bales at \$1/bale

call Ted Welbanks at 389-1080

For Sale

Piano / coffee table / sofa and chair / bed and mattress
small 2 door cupboard / chest of drawers / bedside table
set "Do it Yourself" encyclopedia / baby car seat /
catillac cat potty + stones + urine neutralizer / small
outside house for cat or small dog / fold-up playpen net
sides

Phone: 389-1872 or 389-1081

Wanted

Deer antlers all shapes and sizes.

Please call Dan for pickup at 389-8513

Wanted to Rent

A 2 or 3 bedroom waterfront cottage for May 24
holiday weekend and one week this summer.

Call Chris Gregg at 389-2647

House for Rent -3 bedroom.

Call: 389-6259 or 384-8001

For Sale

Fresh Maple Syrup - call Dave and Brenda Kerr
378-6490 to place an order - will deliver to the Island.
Sizes 375 ml and 4 l available.
Syrup will be available at the "Back Kitchen" April
18th.

Fire Wood for Sale
Call: 389-4484

For Sale

Woolen blankets and yarn from Topsy Farms.
Interested? Phone Sally at 389-3802

For Sale

Drone's first audio tape now available from band
members - \$5.

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated. Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper

Light yard work & housework.
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and weekends

Babysitting

Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course
Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554.

Bulldozing Done

\$40 / hour flat rate
Call Llew at 384-4071.

Carpet Cleaning

Carpet & Upholstery cleaning.
Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

Cleaning

Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and
general household help.
Call 389-1202

Clothing - repairs & alternations

Drapes - made & altered
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Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

GLM Construction

General Contracting, Renovations & Design
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Island Financial Planner

Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office).

LIN - SAR

Mechanical - Peter Wemp
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Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

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Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger
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Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Shorewell Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

TV Times Wanted
The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's
TV Times.
Call Keith at 389-2588

We Will Do Odd Jobs....
Snow removal, minor repairs, dog walking, firewood
stacking, etc.
Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Amherst Island Community Calendar

April 1997

April 13... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
... First Response meeting
April 14... K-day
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
April 16... K-day
... Rec. Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.
... milk money due
... cheese orders due
... WI meeting
... Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Pathfinders meetings
... Bible Study 10-12 noon
... Mrs. Giles at the school
April 18... K-day
... Women's Institute Anniversary Tea
... The Back Kitchen Opens

April 20... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
April 21... K-day
... Meals on Wheels
... Cheese Pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.
... Torch Run Intro. 1 pm. at school
April 23... K-day
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Pathfinders meetings
... Bible Study 10-12 noon
... Mrs. Giles at the school
April 24... First Response Meeting
April 26... Rabies Clinic 5-6:30 at the Municipal
Garage
April 27... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
April 28... K-day
... Fire department meeting 7:30 p.m.
April 30... K-day
... milk money due

May 1997

May 1... ISLE Meeting 7 p.m.
May 2... K-day
May 3... Fire Department Meeting 10 a.m.
May 4... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
May 5... K-day
May 6... Council 8 p.m.
May 7... K-day
... milk money due
... Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Pathfinders meetings
... Bible Study 10-12 noon
... Mrs. Giles at the school
May 8... Legion Meeting
May 10... WI Mother's Day Ham Dinner 5:30 p.m.
May 11... Sunday School 11-12 at the school
... First Response meeting
... Mother's Day
May 12... K-day
... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 13... PCW Meeting
May 14... K-day
... ACW Meeting 8 p.m.
... Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Pathfinders meetings
... Bible Study 10-12 noon
... Mrs. Giles at the school
May 16... K-day
... School Torch Run for Special Olympics 1:30 p.m.
... Back Kitchen opens full time
May 17... Rec. Committee Spring Dance & Fish Fry

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Beacon Notes

Last month's issue was pretty plain because of all the sickness going around this house. In our delirium, we forgot to mention that it was our 150th issue. This provides us with the opportunity to thank all our readers for the last 12 1/2 years and our many contributors who have kept us well stocked with lots of copy.

This is also a good time to dispel a rumour.

We have not been bought out.... yet!

Not enough cash on the table... yet!!

Show Me The Money, Conrad!!!

It's Spring and time for the yearly reminder about speeding in the village.

Please remember that the children, and there are a number of them, are playing in the village. Sometimes they forget their traffic sense and it's up to us to watch for them. Try to leave just that little bit early for the boat and eliminate the need to race through the village

at fifty-nine minutes to the hour. Can you imagine how awful it would be if there was an accident and a young life was destroyed before it had even had a chance to develop? It would be a catastrophe for everyone. Think before you speed.

Thank-you

Caroline Yull

Regular Council Meeting

-Don Tubb

Before I get to the report, I had better say that my eyes glazed over rather quickly at this meeting. This will leave the report more succinct than is usual. Chris, by the way, was lambing.

All members of Council were present along with the Clerk-treasurer and the Public Works Superintendent. There were also 5 members of the interested public present for the start of this meeting.

First up was a delegation, Mr Allan Compeau, explaining the benefits of inviting the Waterfront Trail to this area. This trail is projected to extend right around Lake Ontario, eventually. Some sections have been built already and the Trust which is sponsoring it is interested in bringing it onto Amherst Island. Initially, the Trail would follow roads only so the only real identification

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of it would be some signs. This group would be working with many other groups to get roads widened for bicycles and to eventually extend the trail off the roads where necessary. Council saw no reason to not support it particularly since both of our future municipal members (Bath and Ernestown) have already passed resolutions to that effect. Council did the same.

The Public Works Superintendent's report was next who had little to talk about from the past month but did say that the calcium should be on by this time next month. And, Stuart wanted to talk to Council about the Ducks Unlimited proposal. He saw no major problems with what Ducks Unlimited proposed. The tentative time table is that the gravel trucks will be running between the quarry and the Big Marsh project site for about 30 days in June/July. The trucks will not be coming through the Village and DU has proposed several measures to help with the roads. This all needs to be fine tuned which is what Council passed as a motion later in the meeting. If anyone is interested, there was a plan of what DU is planning for the Big Marsh in the Council Chamber.

In ferry news, we are getting the Amherst Islander back for a couple weeks starting in early June. The Wolfe Islander needs its yearly checkup. Its 5 year drydocking will apparently be delayed until October so the summer should be clear for us to have the Frontenac II.

Council has received notice that the 90-10% split in fees will be maintained for this year.

The joint study (Amherst, Wolfe and Howe Islands) using Totten Sims Hubiki is proceeding with another meeting scheduled for later this month. There were no real news reported from the Island committees - at least none that the Council representatives reported on.

The civic address system is being installed with the emergency numbers going up by the driveways. The location of these signs is defined by some organization or another, so any requests to Council for other locations cannot be approved. The road signs will be coming fairly shortly which when installed will put us in compliance to be part of the upgraded 911 service. The start up date for this service still seems to be up in the air.

There was some discussion about our landfill site. Council was trying to insure that it would not be used by others than Island residents - even when we become part of Loyalist Township. The Certificate of Compliance may well work in our favour here.

The Lennox and Addington County budget has been set with our contribution up by 2.97% this year. Our contribution amounts to \$44,127 of the total budget of \$5,033,273.

Before the next Regular Meeting (7 p.m. June 3), our auditor will be present to discuss our year end financial statement. In other budget news, a meeting to continue the process to set our budget will be held some time before that meeting. No attempt was made to set a date.

The Cataraqui Conservation Authority wants to include us in their territory. Presently we are not part of any of these groups. Council is looking for public comment before the next meeting on this subject [Staff: There is one letter reprinted later in the Beacon about this.]

Finally, after other items, Council went into closed session (10:10 p.m.) - a mercifully quick meeting for me.

St. Bartholomew's Church is having a farewell reception for Father Peterkin on Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m. in the Amherst Island Public School. All Are Welcome

Hotel Dieu Food Bank Blitz
Wednesday, May 28th, 1997

You may leave donations at Glenn's Store or at the school anytime the week preceding May 28th. On Wednesday, May 28th the volunteers will go door to door between 3:30 and 5:45 pm. The Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders will need help with drivers so please call L. Fleming 634-2509, V. Wolfreys 389-8513, or K. Fleming 389-9977 if you can assist.

It's Spring!!

The Weasel And Easle is opening for the season.

12 - 5 daily (except Wednesday)

Come and browse!

There are lots of new items, great gift ideas, mementos of the Island.

For more information, call the gallery at 384-1633.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sympathy to the family of Arthur McGinn, who passed away earlier this month. Also to Dick and Wilma Dodds and family on the death of Wilma's mother. Condolences also to Anne Marie Hitchins and family. Anne's brother, Greg Rickerby, died last month at just 56 years old. He was from Lennoxville, Quebec.

Congratulations to Tracy Hitchins and Craig Monk who are to be married at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Kingston this weekend, May 17. Reception is at the Ambassador.

Gloria Jane French and Bruce Barrette will be married next month on the Island. Reception at the school.

Ralph and Beatrice Wemp will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 7 at the Community Centre. Congratulations!

Best wishes and congratulations to Earle Tugwell, recovering at home from hip replacement surgery. Earle waited over a year to have this operation, and is recovering nicely. Ernest Apps is in hospital undergoing tests. Since this was written we have learned that he has suffered a mild heart attack. Both Tena and Chester Tugwell had brief stays in hospital this month as well. Marshall and Marian Glenn have returned home after a few weeks' rest and recuperation in Briargate.

Congratulations again to Lisa (Neilson) Rago and husband Mario on the birth of their third child, a daughter. Julia Patricia Joanne was born in Toronto in less than one hour. She joins brothers Vincent and Anthony. This is a wonderful addition to the Neilson

family who were saddened a few months ago with the death of Patti-Jo.

And as the Beacon goes to press (this is Monday), I'm sorry to report there is still no baby for Kim (Filson) and Dave Redden. Kim is just slightly overdue, and was in a car accident last week when a careless driver totalled the van. No injuries to Kim, or to Alex who was also in the van. Even that hasn't moved things along.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Freda Youell

On April 16th ten members and one guest met at the home of Leslie Gavlas for the Monthly and Annual meeting. The evening started with the Ode, Collect, National Anthem and the Roll Call which was the payment of dues. Plans were finalized for the May 10th Mother's Day Ham Dinner and the "Pitch-in" road clear-up. Helen Lamb reported that she had received a cheque from the Rec. Committee in response to her request for funds for wood to build up the flower gardens at the dock. One of our projects this year is to help Helen who, for the past few years has bought and grown flowers, dug weeds and watered on her own and if anyone has a surplus, suitable flowers to donate we would be grateful. The members involved in the quilting for Leslie Gavlas have now completed this project and a generous donation was received for their efforts. At the Annual meeting appreciation was expressed to the outgoing Officers and the following members were elected for the coming year.

President... Jackie Sylvester
1st Vice President... Audrey Miller
2nd Vice President... Jean Baker
Secretary... Leslie Gavlas
Treasurer & P.R.O... Freda Youell
Program Coordinator... Helen Lamb
District Director... Jean Baker
Alternate Dist. Director... Erica Krauklis

Tweedsmuir History Convener... Leslie Gavlas
Resolutions Convener... Jean Baker

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Goodwill Officer... Irene Glenn
Financial Examiners... Helen Lamb and Leslie Gavlas

Our hostess served us a tasty, late lunch at the end of these proceedings.

Lately I have had trouble putting half a column together but April and May have been so busy that maybe you should pour a cup of coffee as this is going to take some time!!

On April 18th we held out W.I. 100th celebration evening at the Community Hall, Reeve Duncan Ashley expressed congratulations as did M.P. Larry McCormick, W.I. Area President Connie Harris and W.I. Provincial Board Director Marie Tomson. Then followed a delightful first performance of the A.I.P.S. Recorder Ensemble. This group of girls and boys okayed, danced and sang their way to a well deserved standing ovation, then they gave thanks to Keitha Smith and Cathy Glenn who obviously put a lot of time and effort into helping these young folk achieve this level of entertaining. The cake, beautifully decorated by Karen Fleming was then cut followed by a short social time over refreshments, then the lights were dimmed, candles lit and Christine Hunter played guitar and sang. This musician has such a feel for her audience that she can have the children up dancing or sifting around her and, at the same time, entertain the rest of the age groups present. Christine is becoming a very popular performer in this area and has Cassette Tapes (\$10.00) and C.D.'s (\$15.00) available. Jackie Sylvester has kindly agreed to pass on any orders and she can be reached at 389-1320. We did our collecting for the Cancer Campaign during the month of April and as always you came through with flying colours, topping the last year's total once again. Considering the economic unrest we are experiencing this shows what a caring, kind community this is. Thanks for all the support you extend to the Women's Institute projects, which brings us to May 10th... The turn out for our Fund Raiser - the Mothers Day Ham Dinner - was just great and we thank all our friends and neighbours that came for their support. Susie Caughey and the 4-H members for a super job setting up, taking down and stacking all the tables and chairs, to Jean McIntyre, Jane Miller and Nancy and Paul Henshaw for all their help. Congratulations to Jack Forester who won the Door Prize and Nessie Welbanks, both took home lovely flowers. Our next meeting will be at the home of Audrey Miller on May 21st at 8 pm when we shall also have a plant exchange. Visitors are welcome.

50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Ralph and Bea Wemp would like to invite all their friends, neighbours and relatives to an Open House at the Amherst Island Public School on June 7 from 8 pm to 12 midnight to help them celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

Phone: 389-7200

Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Daily incl. holidays except Tuesday

New to the Menu:

Chicken Wings

New Style of Shrimp

Rice offered with dinners

Specialty Herbal Teas

The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Karen Fleming, PR Officer

May 8 was a big night for Branch 539, as we held our first real election in many years. As in most island groups, most of our positions tend to be acclamations, but this year we had two people competing for the position of vice-president. It was a very close race, taking two ballots to decide. The new slate of officers is:

President: Karen Fleming

Vice-President: Phil Silver

Secretary-Treasurer: Elaine Wolfreys

Dave Youell also ran for vice president. It was a very close race, and we all hope he will try again next year.

Our first bake sale of the season takes place on May 16, starting at 3:45 pm on the corner in front of Glenn's Store. Proceeds from the sale go to the Ferry Action Committee, so please come out and help with this not only worthy, but essential cause.

As this is being written, the Provincial Convention is taking place in Kingston. This is being attended by two of our members, President Tom Miller, and Audrey Miller, carrying proxy votes for Sydenham Legion. Anything interesting that comes out of this convention will be carried in next month's Beacon.

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4-H News

- Wendy - Jill - Tyler

Seventeen members of "Our Heritage" 4-H Club received awards at the Achievement Night on April 27 at the Community Centre. The potluck supper was well attended and a short program followed. Special thanks was given to the A.I. Women's Institute for their support of 4-H and we are pleased that so many W.I. members were in attendance.

On April 29, Helen Bell Smith and Scott Marshall modelled the latest in clothing at the County 4-H Fashion Show at Selby School. They were awesome!

Look for the 4-H table at the June Flea Market at the Back Kitchen.

And, we will again have a 4-H Draw held on July 1st. Tickets available from all 4-H members and leaders.

My name is Abba Gayle Youell. My person and I are entering the L&A Animal Shelter Walk-A-Thon on June 8th. I need sponsors so if you can help please call 384-4135. On behalf of the less fortunate animals. Thank-you. (All proceeds are for our Napanee Shelter.)

Amherst Island Community Sunday School

We invite friends and families of the Sunday School to our annual Father's Day Picnic to be held on Sunday, June 15th

From 12:00 - 2:30 pm at the Community Centre

Share in the fun and the food

Pot Blessing!

Letters To The Beacon

[Staff: A copy of a letter sent to the Township by Beryl and Bill Stoker.]

Reeve and Council Township of Amherst Island
Re: Proposal by Cataraqui Conservation Authority to include Amherst Island within its mandate.

Please be informed that we are NOT in agreement with the proposal to include Amherst Island in the Cataraqui Conservation Authority's area of jurisdiction.

A similar proposal was made around 1991 to both Amherst Island and Wolfe Island. Both proposals were rejected.

It should be noted that once a community opts to participate in the Conservation Authority the regulations make it almost impossible to opt out.

Although the proposed 1997 cost of \$3,200.00 for the Conservation Authority's service may seem small there should be little doubt that the levy will increase in future years. Our taxes are already too high and rising

(County wants more). Increased ferry costs (if we have a service) in 1998 seem almost guaranteed. Do we need more stress?

Please say NO to the Cataraqui Conservation Authority proposal and let the Township decision of 1991 stand.

Thank You Notes

Thanks to all our family, friends and neighbours for all the donations, cards and support shown in so many ways in our time of trouble.

Cheryl for Art McGinn's family

Just a note to thank everyone for the cards and condolences when my grandfather passed away and many thanks to the A.C.W. for the goodies and the lovely visit. Thank you again to all of you, it is truly a pleasure to be a part of this community.

Laurie, Dave, Shannon and Candace Youell

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Both Ernie and I would like to thank the captain and the crew of the Frontenac II, who, on May 7th at 7 pm took the ferry across to the mainland before the time of departure so that I could take Ernie to Emergency as soon as possible as he was very sick. We are both grateful to everyone on board for their kindness and consideration and if anyone wonders why we live on Amherst Island, wonder no longer.

Ernie is still in the hospital at the K.G.H. undergoing tests, hooked to a lot of tubes. It is not clear as yet what ails him but it was not the heart attack we feared.

Thanks again

Paulette Apps.

[Staff: We have since received the news that Ernie Apps suffered a heart attack while in the hospital. Fortunately it was not too severe.]

Once again we wish to thank all those who sent cards, your visits, treats, phone calls and concerns while we were at Briaridge and since coming home.

A thank you to the A.C.W. and P.C.W. for their visits and goodies. A thank you also to Burleigh LOL for the plant brought to Marshall.

A special thank you to Elsie and Eldon and Bob and Valerie for all the extras they did for us.

Your thoughtfulness and kindness was much appreciated. I hope this is my last casualty.

Marion and Marshall

Canadian Cancer Society Canvas

Once again April has come and gone along with another very successful Cancer Society Canvas. Each year it is very gratifying to know that Island residents give so generously, and this year was no exception; we topped last year's donations! With so many demands on everyone's money it is good to know that your donations to the Cancer Society will help a very worthy cause, especially as, as almost every home has, in some way, been touched by Cancer.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to each of the ladies of the Amherst Island Women's Institute, who very graciously take this task in hand, and spend many hours canvassing every Island household. Without their dedicated efforts each year, the Cancer Canvas on the Island might not be possible.

So again, to each and everyone of you, please accept my sincere "thank-you" for another very successful campaign.

Sincerely,

Helen Lamb, Team Captain

To the Beacon Staff

Once again I think it is time to say thank-you to all the Beacon staff for their dedication in keeping us up to date on island news, and also island business. You give a lot of your time and I'm sure everyone who reads the Beacon appreciates this.

You are a big part of this community and we sure would miss our monthly paper if it was not available.

Don and Chris Gregg

Dear Fellow Islanders

There is a walk-a-thon for Orthopaedic replacements call "Hip hip Hooray" held every year at this time.

Dr. Taylor has asked Don and I to walk for this cause, which by experience, we know is a good one.

Anyone wishing to join the fun on Sunday, June 8th, or if you care to sponsor us, we would be glad to hear from you, before that date.

Don and Chris Gregg 389-2647

Being partly bionic isn't too bad!!

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale

Where: The Back Kitchen Yard

When: Saturday, June 21, 1997

(Sunday, June 22, Rain Day)

Set Up Time: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Sale Starts: 11:00 am

If you wish to set up a table, please call Susan or Garry at 384-7866 or 389-7200 to book a space prior to the sale. There is no cost to you and the Back Kitchen will provide the advertising.

Obituary

John Robert Arthur McGinn

Art McGinn was born to Marian Smith and Charles McGinn of Amherst Island in 1927, on the home farm at the west end of the Island. He lived and worked there for many years, maintaining a holstein dairy farm, shipping milk directly to the factory. His farm was important to him all his life. He brought his bride, Susan Grace Gibson to his home, and stayed there until his death, April 21, 1997. Art's brothers and sisters were: Leona, Donald, Mavis, Brice, Annie, June and Johnny.

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Art started working with the R.E. Harding Roofers (later Amherst Roofing) about 1960, and worked with them, mainly as "pot man" for about 20 years, until ill health forced him to retire. He and Hans de Haan used to travel quite a lot with the job, and one of his adventures earned him the nickname of "Casper". He was very conscientious about his work, and was often the first in line, waiting for the ferry, showing his determination never to be late.

When he and Susan were married just after the war, times were very lean. They managed to travel to Bath by horse and cutter to be married and then went on to Napanee for their honeymoon, with \$17 in then pockets.

He was a very committed family man. He felt himself very fortunate that he and Susan were able to have a big family: William, Grace, Bonnie, Andy, Russell, Cheryl, Dale, Gail and Dan. Cheryl says that he taught the children their prayers, and that they would say them together, on their knees before bed, then line up to give their parents a hug and kiss.

Although he left school after grade 5, he continued learning through books and through life experience. His children feel he was always able to help them think through a problem and to give them good, practical advice and support.

Art struggled with respiratory and circulatory problems for quite a few years. He died, April 21st, 1997, in his 71st year.

A great many people visited at the Paul Payne Funeral Home and attended the funeral there. He was buried at the Glenwood Cemetary on Amherst Island. He is greatly missed by his children and many

grandchildren, and over 20 great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by his neighbours and friends.

Donations to the Heart, Stroke and Lung Foundation in his name are gratefully accepted by the family.

Janet and Alex Scott and Ann and Roy Atamanuk are please to announce the wedding of their children Katherine Ann and Drew Roy to take place Saturday, June 28th, 1997. We invite our friends and neighbours to share in the celebration at our home from 8:15 pm - 12:30 am.

Best Wishes Only Please.

If the wind comes and the rain doth blow (as it never does on the South Shore) we will move to the Community Centre.

Names Needed for Water Side Summer Series

Dixieland jazz, easy listening music, the ever-popular Kingston Ceili Band and classical concerts are on the program for this summer's Waterside Series, now in its fourth year.

For the first time a special "Discover Amherst Island Weekend" has been included - designed to encourage off-island people to spend more time here and get to know the island. The weekend of July 4 and 5 will include a talk on island history by Tom Sylvester, a guided walk led by birders Alex and Janet Scott. A "meet the artists" gathering will be held at the Weasel and Easel.

The organizers are anxious to have the names of off-island friends or relatives interested in having more information about the special weekend, and receiving details of the full Series program. Please call Bobbi or Michael Shaw at 389-0223 with any names and addresses, or drop them off at 2150 Front Road.

The musical program on July 4 and 5 begins with a concert of classical piano with Marcella Branagan on the Friday evening. A chamber music group on the Saturday will be recorded by the CBC. Visitors for the special weekend will arrange their own accommodation with friends or at area B&Bs.

Saturday, July 26, will feature an evening of easy listening music of the 40's and 50's played by the Ted Reeves Quartet. The Dixie 6+1 headed by Don McCallum will deliver their foot-stomping jazz session on Saturday, August 9, and the Ceili Band will provide a similar evening of bouncing Celtic numbers on the closing evening, Saturday, August 30.

This year for the first time, the Series has secured the support of sponsors. The Series is limited by the fact that St. Alban's can seat no more than 100 per performance and the organizers are committed to

keeping the price affordable.

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This, together with the expenses involved in attracting high quality performers, means the whole series usually nets less than a single Island supper.

The organizers therefore gratefully acknowledge the support of these sponsors: Marc F. Raymond Opticians, Bosley Real Estate, Celanese Canada Inc., Bath Foodland, Bath Hardware, Stradwick Carpet One and Royal Bank Financial Group.

The Series always welcomes volunteers. If you would like to help, please call Dorothy McGinn at 389-2947.

The concerts will start at a new time this year, 7:30 pm.

Tickets are available now from Jan Sneep. They are \$10.00 per concert or \$45.00 for the season.

Community Policing

- Jim Whitton

This latest arrangement for community policing puts Amherst Island in a group with Bath, the other group in Loyalist Township takes in the area Amherstview / Odessa. The new community police officer is Gary Hollis who is stationed in Amherstview.

I attended a meeting of the Bath committee last month where a cordial invitation to join them was extended to any interested islander. The Bath group seems well organized and the general feeling at the meeting was that we should stand a better chance of getting community police action from a cooperative effort rather than from going alone. Our past experience indicates that going alone is not very effective. Anyone interested in getting more information or in joining the committee should phone me at 385-5027. The Bath group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in Bath Public School.

Simply Landscaping (Pam McCormick) has two new items for sale this year. The first is the "Flower Tower". It is a 20 inch tall wire frame stand with a plastic liner. You fill it with soil-less mixture and plant flowers in it the same as the hanging bags. The cost is \$11.00 (all taxes included). I have one set up on our front sidewalk if anyone would like to see it. The second item is an outdoor thermometer by Ducks Unlimited. These come in a choice of nine DU prints and a portion of the sale is donated to DU by the manufacturer. The thermometers are \$28.00 (all taxes included) and are available by order only. The deadline to order is May 31, and they

will be received in time for Father's Day. If you are interested in either of the above, please call me at 389-8767.

Cheese Notice - ISLE

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales. Wilton Cheese has a wide variety available in approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by calling any AIPS student or:

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

David Willard 389-1656

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

Gary McDonald 389-1456

Your order will be available for pickup at the school from 7 - 8 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders In By: Pickup And Payment:

Wed, May 21 Monday, May 26

Wed, June 11 Monday, June 16

Thank you for supporting your community.

What Is A Healthy Humidity Level For My Home?

Ugis Bickis, MEng. PhD, CIH, ROH Environmental Hygienist/Toxicologist

Submitted by: - Jean Baker - W.I. Resolution Convener

How important is the level of humidity in my home to my health? I have seen literature that says ideal humidity is around 50%, but in the winter my house has a humidity of about 35% and in the summer it's up to 80% or 90%. What can I do to keep it around the 50% mark, and is it worthwhile to do so?

Answer: You have asked an excellent question. Humidity is probably the single most important factor to control, to achieve optimal air quality. This is particularly critical for those whose respiratory function is already impaired. (However, it's not always easy - just think of the poor conditions offered by most hospitals).

If air is too dry, then: Airborne particles tend not to stick together as readily: they more likely remain "respirable" (i.e. small enough to be inhaled into the air exchange region of the lungs).

Mucous flow in the upper respiratory tract is reduced which, with the associated desiccation, may make dusts more irritable - and increase the infectivity of viable particles (e.g. bacteria).

If the humidity in your house is too high, then: The survival of various sources of airborne allergen (e.g. house dust mites, moulds, etc.) is enhanced.

In winter months, there may be condensation on outside walls, forming a particularly hospitable environment for mould growth. This may take place in

areas that are not readily apparent (e.g. in drywall paper).

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The recommended relative humidity (RH) is, accordingly, actually a compromise: it also depends on the temperature at which you keep your house. For most houses in Canada, an RH of 30% - 40% in wintertime would be fine, so you're in the right range. Your summertime RH is likely to be a problem if you have cooler areas in which the moisture condenses (e.g. a basement). which could contribute to mould growth (and the "mildewy" smell often associated with damp basements).

Accordingly, you may need a dehumidifier in such areas; again, if you can drain it directly to your floor drain, not only will you not have to carry the bucket, but you will not have provided another reservoir for microbiological growth.

If you are humidifying your house in the wintertime, then pay close attention to the source. It should not have any "stagnant" water. Humidifiers with a water reservoir that is "topped up" periodically (e.g. the free standing 'drum' type, or the furnace attached paddle type) are not recommended, as the water may become contaminated and disseminate microorganisms and/or their products to the indoor environment. If you're stuck with this type then at least drain and wash it periodically. Direct stem injection would be the preferred type of humidification.

Review

This Clean House
from CMHC
- Don Tubb

'This Clean House' is a 30 minute video put out by CMHC available from the A.I.W.I. It is a primer on the subject of indoor air quality. The information appears to be sound but the video doesn't do a great job organizing it.

The format of the video is for the host to visit a couple who have both experienced mild health problems which they suspect are related to their house. An expert is brought in to assess the house and advise them on solutions. The film examines biological and chemical contaminants plus ventilation problems in an average home. The solutions can be summarized as 'eliminate, separate, and ventilate'.

Biological contaminants mentioned are mold and dust mites which live in carpets or cardboard boxes. Their growth is promoted by high humidity.

Chemical contaminants mentioned range from fumes

from poor furnace performance, to out-gassing from furniture, to perfumes and second-hand smoke.

Ventilation is a very complicated subject and one that seems to need professional advice. The basic tenant the video is driving at is to provide enough vented air to keep air fresh while not interfering with fireplaces and furnaces with exhaust fans. The ultimate solution is have a HRV (Heat Recovery Ventilation) which is a central ventilation system. Exhaust vents in the kitchen and bathrooms (and basements) are centrally exhausted. While that is going on, air is being brought into the house and distributed through the rooms. There is a heat exchanger which transfers the heat from the indoor air to the fresh air coming in so as little energy as possible is lost. This kind of system is now being installed in new houses.

This is a very broad subject and one that a half hour video cannot do justice, however, the video is worth a look to get the viewer acclimatized to the subject.

CMHC Can Be Contacted By:

Phone 1 (800) 668-CMHC or Fax 1 (800) 463-3853
The Canadian Housing Information Centre can be contacted by: Phone 1 (613) 748-2367

A Letter Home

I will be brief today because there is no time to be other than that. There are lambs to the right, lambs to the left, lambs in front and behind too. We are up to our eyeballs in lambs. And, we are still waiting for the 'lamb-avalanche to happen. That's a lamb avalanche which happens after some bad weather during which the ewes cross their legs and wait for the sun when everyone lambs at the same time.

We hear the Amherst Islander is coming back for a couple weeks starting in early June (date tentative as is duration). No more leaving at 12 to and being assured of a spot. The end of civilization as we have known it - for a couple weeks at least.

So, what else is new.... duh.... we're lambing - did I mention that?... and... we're doing the Beacon.... and... while, we're lambing, we're starting to worry about haying which is just over the horizon!! Will there be enough rain? Will it be dry enough? Will the machinery hold together?

Good-bye for now and by next month we'll not be lambing.

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P Tapes - used cloth towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used clothing for the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be

dropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one in) or call 384-4135 for a pick-up. Help Us Help The Animals

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The Township Of Amherst Island
Public Notice re Cataraqui Conservation Authority
The Village of Bath and the Township of Ernestown are participating members fo the Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority. Amherst Island is not a member because the area does not fall withing the Cataraqui River watershed.

The Conservation Authority (CRCA) provides services related to flood control, environmental planning, community programs and information for member communities. Until recently, many of those areas not covered a conservation authority. However, government cut-backs have reduced or eliminated the services provided by MNR.

At a recent Loyalist Township General Transition Board meeting, the General Manager from CRCA outlined services of potential interest to Amherst Island including:

1. Shoreline management
2. Waterfront Greenway Program
3. Land owner services - tree planting, technical assistance with resource management problems.

A proposal has been put forward to Amherst Island included within the CRCA jurisdiction. The estimated annual levy for Amherst Island would be \$3,162.92. If Amherst Island is not part of the Authority, conservation services would be area-rated in Loyalist Township according to the amalgamation agreement. Environmental planning services for Amherst Island would have to be obtained from a consultant (or possibly from the CRCA on a fee for services basis).

Council would like your opinion on this matter and invites written comments prior to the June 3rd meeting of Council. Please contact the Township Office, if you would like more information.

Diane Pearce Clerk-Treasurer

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For Sale
Wanted

For Sale
Double sink- like new \$25.
Small oven - perfect working order \$25.
Set of dishes - attractive \$25.

Lawn Boy Mower - needs mechanic - \$20.
Phone: 389-2647

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Portable Singer Sewing Machine.
Good working condition
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Sixty foot path of concrete interlock paving.
Drapery track - Kirsh traverse rods - various lengths 24" to 120".
Three antique style light fixtures.
One bathroom medicine cabinet.
Phone: 389-0223

For Sale 15 foot fibreglass canoe.
No leaks. 1 seat and floatation seal need work.
Phone: 389-3802

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Wanted Someone with a bush-hog to clean up the yard.
Penny - 389-1202

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Call Stephanie at 634-2509

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Babysitting
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\$40/ hour flat rate
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Contact Scott at 389-4812.

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Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

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Heating & Cooling Sheet Metal Fabrication &
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Call Keith at 389-2588

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Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210

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Woolen Blankets and Yarn from Topsy Farms for sale,

Interested? Phone Sally at 389-3802

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

'Meals On Wheels'

The order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210.

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Amherst Island Community

May / June 1997 Calendar

{the following lines were explanations of symbols used in the calendar which was laid out as an actual calendar}

Sparks meet 3:15 - 4:45. Brownies & Guides 6 - 7:15.

Pathfinders 7:30 - 9:00.

Bible Study 10 - 12, May - Ann Albertan's,

June - Helen Lamb's.

Mrs. Giles at the school.

May 16... K-day

... School Torch Run for Special Olympics, 1:30 p.m.

... Back Kitchen opens full time

May 17... Rec Committee Spring Dance & Fish Fry

May 18... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

... Celebration of Music at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

May 19... K-day

... Victoria Day

May 20... Rain date for Torch Run

May 21... K-day

... Rec Committee meeting 7:30 pm

... WI meeting

... milk money due cheese orders due

... Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles

May 22... First Response meeting

May 25... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

May 26... K-day

... Meals on Wheels

... Cheese Pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.

... Fire Department meeting 7:30 p.m.

May 28... K-day

... milk money due

... Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Pathfinders meet

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles

May 29... School Production of Robin Hood 7 p.m.

... Special Olympics Torch Run in Napanee

May 30... K-day

May 31... Fire Department meeting 10 a.m.

June 1... Sunday School 11 - 12 at the school

June 2... K-Day

June 3... Council Meeting 8 p.m.

June 4... K-Day

... milk money due

... Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders

Advancement Ceremony 6 p.m.

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles

June 5... School track & Held Meet

... ISLE mtg 7 p.m.

June 6 K-Day

June 8... Sunday School 11-12 at the school

... First Response Meeting 2 p.m.

June 9... K-Day

... Fire Department Meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 10... PCW Meeting

June 11... cheese orders due

... Kindergarten Registration

... ACW Mtg 8 p.m.

... milk money due

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles

June 12... Legion Meeting

June 13... K Day

... Senior Class to Queen's Sports Day

June 15... Sunday School Father's Day Picnic

... Father's Day

June 16... K-Day

... Meals on Wheels

... County Track & Field Meet

... Cheese pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.

June 18... K-Day

... Rec Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

... WI Meeting

... Bible Study

... Mrs Giles

June 20... K-Day

... JK-Gr3 trip to Cataraqui Conservation Authority

June 21... Community Yard Sale

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The Feds Turn To Loan Sharking

I got my Notice Of Assessment from Revenue Canada. The good news was I calculated my income tax to within 14 cents - which I owed. What ticked me off is that they charged me \$4.16 in interest which is 'compounded daily at a prescribed rate'. I don't know what that rate is but it seems to be about 35,000% per year in simple interest. They're trying hard to pay down the national debt.

After calling Revenue Canada, the real story came out a foul-up on their part and one that may be worth your while investigating. It seems that they didn't cash my cheque before the filing deadline, so they charged me interest on the whole payment. This is apparently happening to everyone whose cheques are cashed after the end of April. If you have interest charges for this reason, then a call probably can eliminate it.

Last but not least, the Beacon sends hearty

congratulations to Loyalist Township's new CAO, Diane Pearce. We wish her all the best in a job that will certainly be very challenging.

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

June 3rd, 1997

The Township auditor was meant to be at this meeting, but could not attend, so Council spent some time discussing the budget. The budget is not yet finished, but it appears that a tax increase will be inevitable this year. There is a figure of \$10,000 for transition costs in the budget.

John Glenn and John Laird presented to Council a proposal for a trail system to encourage hikers and cyclists on Amherst Island. This runs on existing municipal rights of way and would include picnic sites and marker points along the way. Council decided to check out the legal implications of the plan but supported the idea in general.

The Ducks Unlimited project in the Big Marsh is to proceed. The trucks full of rock will use the Marshall Forty Foot and not go through the village.

The little ferry, the Amherst Islander, is due back soon, as the Wolfe Islander has to go in for servicing and the Frontenac II will be swiped back by Wolfe Island; this should last only a couple of weeks, but who knows? The Wolfe Islander is meant to be back in service by July 1.

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There is no hard news on the whole ferry situations. Studies and reports and plans seem all very vague at the moment. Council is still negotiating to buy the docks, so let us hope we have a boat to use them.

Three building permits were issued in May but nobody seems to be building houses this year.

Council discussed joining the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, but decided against it. It seems to be expensive and have no advantages for the Township.

Council then discussed personnel matters in camera and adjourned.

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale

Where: The Back Kitchen Yard

When: Saturday, June 21, 1997

(Sunday, June 22, Rain Day)

Set Up Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Sale Starts: 11:00 a.m.

If you wish to set up a table, please call Susan or Garry at 384-7866 or 389-7200 to book a space prior to the sale. There is no cost to you and the Back Kitchen will provide the advertising.

Janet and Alex Scott
and

Ann and Roy Atamanuk
are pleased to announce the wedding of their children
Katherine Ann and Drew Roy
to take place

Saturday, June 28th, 1997

We invite our friends and neighbours to share in the
celebration at our home from 8:15 pm - 12:30 am

Best Wishes Only Please

If the wind comes up and the rain doth blow (as it never
does on the South Shore) we will move to the
Community Centre.

Loyalist Township
Transition Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
June 10th

I attended this meeting, the eleventh of the Board, to see what is happening. The Board consists of Reeve Ashley of Amherst Island, Reeve Hineman of Bath (Chairman) and Reeve Paul Gilmore of Ernestown. The meeting seemed constructive, as though Loyalist Township is actually taking shape, slowly.

The first business was a resolution from Amherst Island to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting that AMO intervene on behalf of Amherst Island to ask the Provincial Government to reverse their decision on downloading the Ferry to the municipality.

The Committee then received the reports from the Waste Management/Recycling Technical Committee, the Tile Drainage/Shoreline Property Assistance/Line Fences/Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Technical Committee and the Animal Control Technical Committee. Much of the detailed work of restructuring is done by committees, and the reports are sent to the Loyalist Transition Board.

The Transition Board then discussed the problems with producing a business plan for our ferry. A lot of good work has been done, particularly by some volunteer groups, but it seems impossible that a coherent business plan can be produced by September, as the Province is insisting be done.

The Board decided not to tender for gravel for Amherst Island until the general tender for the whole Township is sent out for next year.

Hans Krauklis and Jan Sneep have produced a Web Site on the Internet for Amherst Island, and have volunteered their time to do one for Loyalist Township. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Transition Board.

The Board then discussed the space and assistants required by the staff of the new Loyalist Township. The Chief Administrative Officer, Diane Pearce, will be working in Ernestown Reeve Paul Gilmore's office, for the moment. There was some debate whether the legal authority to actually pay her was in place. It was decided that the order from the Province setting up the new township was probably sufficient.

The next meeting of the General Transition Board will be on June 24th in Bath.

Staff: we thought it appropriate to add the following from Annette's article in the Whig of June 14.

"Absent from the [transition] meetings is any trace of the squabbling that plagues most municipal councils. Gone are pettiness and personal attacks, which mar most meetings. There is no malice, no offence meant and none taken by any of the three men who sit on the board. In fact, most of Tuesday night's meeting was conducted with good humor.

The three reeves .. clearly have a goal in mind. They are creating a new township and

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will not be sidetracked by unrelated issues."

It is so refreshing to read something positive about the changes that are being made this year. It is a real pleasure to read about responsible adults making mature decisions on our behalf.

Public Information Meeting
June 12

- Ian Murray

Caroline Yull organized and chaired this meeting so that residents of Amherst Island would have the chance to hear from Jacques Huot. Mr. Huot, as a representative of Gordon Private Client Corporation has expressed interest in forming public/private partnerships with Amherst, Howe and Wolfe Islands.

Mr. Huot spoke much and said little. The basic message was that ~~not~~ residents of Amh

for is some transition money to maintain the present ferry service during the period that other arrangements are being made.

Hans Krauklis stated that a fixed link would cost \$50 to \$60 million without considering environmental factors. He also said the real cost of the present ferry service is \$2 to \$2.5 million per year. (This figure must include capital costs such as future ferry replacement, ferry maintenance and repairs, the cost of capital and so on.)

Also addressing the meeting was Captain John Pace. He lacked the smoothness of Mr. Huot but was clearly very competent at what he does. His job is vice president of fleet management for Canada Steam Ship Lines. He made it very clear that if his company was to be involved in a ferry operation it would be to make a profit.

The one important thing that Mr. Huot said; beyond the hard decisions mantra, was that his clients do not want to be involved with an uninformed community. I think that we will be presented with a lot of information and we will be expected to make decisions that will have a very real impact on the future of Amherst Island. Unfortunately, the information presented will very likely be abstract and futuristic and we will be forced to make important decisions based on this information.

Or maybe there will actually be some level ferry subsidy from the Province or Loyalist Township. Or whatever.

To use a perhaps inappropriate analogy, we are all being asked to place bets in a poker game where we do not know what wild cards there are. And just what are the rules anyway?

An aside: before the meeting Captain Pace presented retired Captain Bulch with a copy of "Passage to the Sea - the Story of Canada Steamship Lines". Captain Bulch showed me the book and it's a beauty.

A second aside: just as the meeting opened, the assembled throng (maybe 150 people) were startled by pagers going off. It was a first response call and it resulted in the sudden exodus of 8 first responders.

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Drop in or give us a call

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New!!! Culligan Spring water now here

The Neighbourhood

- Annette + Staff

Our sympathy goes to Jack Forester and his family on the death of his mother, Marg Forester. Condolences to Phyllis Henderson and her family on the death of her mother Jean Brown (wife of Mike).

June is the month for weddings and two were celebrated on the Island. Congratulations to Bruce and Gloria Jane (French) Barrette, and Jeff Millard and Samantha Galloway.

Congratulations to Ralph and Bea Wemp who celebrated

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their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month.

Romance is definitely in the air. Hugh Filson and Sandra Amorim have announced their engagement. The wedding is planned for next year.

Peter Morgan and Duncan Marshall both had accidents this month. Luckily not serious and they are expected to make full recovery after some fine needle work at Emergency to repair the damage.

Also, very best wishes to Irene Glenn who is in hospital after a bad fall.

It is my understanding that Marshall and Marion Glenn have sold their farm. They have been active citizens and good neighbours and we are sorry to see them have to leave the Island. However, we appreciate that it is better to be on the mainland where medical services are more convenient. A young couple from Rochester have bought the house and adjoining land. The Eves family farm has bought the farmland.

Tony Sychra, from the South Shore, was also taken to hospital on Saturday.

4H Super Draw

Get your tickets for the chance to win:

Angela - The Royal Doulton figurine #HN3419 issue to mark the person appearance at the Collector Events by Michael Doulton in 1992. She has a certificate stating the above.

Decorative Bird Home

Gift Certificate from the Back Kitchen

Tape from our own group "Drone"

Tickets available from 4-H Members and Leaders - the 4-H table at the Back Kitchen Yard Sale and before the Draw on Canada Day.

3 for \$2.00

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Freda Youell

Our meeting on May 21st at the home of Audrey Miller, with eight members and one guest present, started with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem. Jean Baker, who attended the District Annual Meeting with Leslie Gavlas, gave her report and advised us of some of the coming events. The Country Market will be held at the Napanee Fairgrounds on September 13th and on September 27th there is a Child Safety Day at Napanee High School from 9 am until 3 pm. Also in Napanee on June 28th there's to be a Centennial Tea with Wagon Tours from 1:30 pm until 4 pm so even though May was a very busy month there is still a lot of summer activities to support. The Area Annual Convention will be on October 21st at the Lions Hall in Napanee during which there will be a Fashion Show with one member from each branch modeling which should be well worth seeing(!) though raising funds for donations is not a primary function, this month it was agreed to support two worthy causes - the Tamworth Quilting for Children's Aid and the Salvation Army Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. It was agreed that we will be represented at the Canada Day Parade again this year but will not have a table at the Back Kitchen yard sale, instead items that would have been donated for this occasion will be given to the 4H Club for their table. Our guest for the past two meetings has decided to become a member and we are pleased to welcome Nancy Henshaw to our Branch. Nancy has already helped out at a couple of our functions as well so has a good idea what our group is all about. Anyone interested in coming to our meetings as a guest for a while might find that they would like to join but there is no pressure - just come and spend some time with us whenever you wish - we would like to see a few more guests. Even though last month's article was so long I still managed to leave out a very important thank-you. Beth Forester, who is always so willing to help out any group that needs a pianist, played at our 100th Centennial evening, so a belated but certainly no less sincere - Thanks Beth... At the end of the meeting our hostess served a delicious lunch and we held our plant exchange before heading for home. These plants get more and more interesting and this year we have a lot of members anxious to learn about perennial gardening, ponds etc., so our more expert gardeners have a lot of questions to answer. Being a novice I enjoy this way of getting help starting my garden and the donated plants mean a lot more than getting them from the Garden Centres. The next meeting will be on June 18th at my home at 8 pm and we shall be taking a look at "This

Clean House" video which is about the quality of the air inside our homes. Guests welcome. Our July meeting will be in the form of a picnic with the W.I. members from the town of Hillier who will be visiting the Island, and will be on Thursday, July 17th.

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Food Bank
- Sally Bowen

Chris and Don Gregg have kindly volunteered to drive Island fresh produce to the Partners in Mission Food Bank in Kingston.

For several years now, we have been one of the few regular contributors of garden fruits and vegetables. These donations are gratefully received.

Please plant an extra row or two if you can. If you have an abundance of lettuce now, for example, please don't let it go to seed, send it to those who can't afford fresh stuff.

Chris and Don will drive on the 10 am boat on Thursdays But Please Call Them The Evening Before If You Have Food To Send. Their number is 389-2647.

The soup kitchens in Kingston are pleased to get last year's frozen vegetables too. If you are one of those people organized enough to clear out the freezer before this year's food goes in, please get in touch with Chris and Don in advance. The food will go directly in coolers to the soup pots.

Thanks!

The Back Kitchen

In the nineteenth century there was a brick building in this location known as the "Marksman Hotel." Later it housed a machinery dealership and insurance agency. It had also served as control office for the telephone system and classrooms for Stella Continuation School (1929 -1948). Before it was destroyed by fire in 1967, it contained three apartments, a beauty salon, post office, and a coffee shop called Rossina's which was owned and operated by Ross & Tina Filson.

After the fire, Ross & Tina live in a mobile home on this location for a few years. It was sold & changed hands numerous times, until it was purchased by Susan Sedore and Gary Filson in April, 1994. Ross and Tina are Garry's grandparents, and Tina is now 96 years old and resides at Helen Henderson Care Centre in Amherstview.

Susan and Gerry turned the mobile home into what is now The Back Kitchen, which has been operating since June, 1994.

Discovery Weekend

Attracts Response

The organizers of the Waterside Summer Series are encouraged by the interest they are receiving from off-island people in the Discover Amherst Island Weekend. People are signing up for the program of activities, especially the walk with Alex and Janet Scott.

The events on the special weekend of July 4 and 5 include two evening concerts of classical music, a talk on island history by Tom Sylvester, a "meet the artists" session at the Weasel and Easel, as well as the bird-watching walk with the Scotts.

Islanders are welcome to join in.

Popular with Islanders are the Memory Lane - and some country and western - concert on July 26, Dixieland music on August 9, and the performance by the Kingston Ceili Band on August 30. All are Saturday nights. Those who have not already ordered tickets for any of the concerts are urged to call Jan Sneep at 634-1995.

As before, all the concerts will be held in St. Alban's Church, beginning at a new time of 7.30 pm. Dorothy McGinn is once again preparing the tasty array of eats and orchestrating the band of volunteers who will be serving them during the intermissions.

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Invitation

- C. Yull

To all the generous flower-growers who have shared their bounty with the Waterside Summer Festival in the past, I extend warmest greetings and invite you to once again participate. We will be very happy to have flowers for any or all of our concerts, which are July 4-5, July 26, Aug 9, Aug 30. Your generosity makes a wonderful contribution to the atmosphere at these evenings.

St. Alban's A.C.W. is sponsoring it's annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

Saturday, July 12th at the Community Centre

Servings 5 - 7 pm

Adults... \$9

Children (4-10)... \$3

Pre-school... free

"Advance Tickets Only"

To all drivers:

A little late this year, I am moved to remind everyone that the village of Stella is chock full of

children small and large, walking, biking, being pulled in wagons and pushed in strollers, running, playing ball and all sorts of other activities. We parents do our level best to keep them safe around the road, now it's the drivers' turn to do their best to be careful around them. This translates roughly to Slow down In The Village!

Let's all have a safe and happy summer.

C. Yull

Thank You Notes

Thanks to the folks that sponsored Abba, we completed the Walk-a-Thon for the Napanee Animal Shelter and collected \$237.00 This was greatly appreciated. Thank-you.

Freda Youell

After my recent accident, I cannot find the words to express my gratitude for the compassionate and caring attention I received from our First Response Team. I don't think we realize until they are needed how fortunate we are to have such a fine group of people there for us. Thanks to them and the immediate attention I received my hand is now healing, and hopefully, will soon be back to normal.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go out to every one of them.

Peter Morgan

Ralph and I would like to thank everyone who came to our party. What a nice crowd! Thank you for all your gifts and beautiful cards.

Thanks a million to all our family who worked so hard to make everything go smoothly.

Sincerely,

Beatrice

Thank you people on Amherst Island who sponsored me for the special Olympics Torch Run. I really appreciate all you have given. Thanks to you I got to go to the Torch Run and the Special Olympics people involved got to have fun.

Sincerely,

Whitney Fleming

Peter and Eleanor Trueman want to thank the Amherst Island Fire Insurance Company for the prompt and courteous settlement of our recent claim.

Thank You

I would like to say thanks to all the nice people that sent me cards and goodies, phone calls, and well wishes, after my hip operation. It all helps to make the time pass faster.

Thanks from both of us.

Jean and Earle Tugwell

The school season is almost over and with it the last ISLE Cheese Order.

To all of you who have supported our school through your monthly cheese orders, we extend a great big Thank You! Due to your support of ISLE, we have been able to purchase computer software, a computer printer, book shelves, books and sponsor school trips and swim classes.

Your generosity has been overwhelming and so we thank you and look forward to your continued support in September.

ISLE

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The Annual Pitch-In (Island clean up) took place in May, with the co-operation of the school, Head Teacher Keitha Smith, and the students. The event was organized by the Women's Institute and well supported by volunteer drivers. The amount of garbage in our ditches seems to be decreasing. Please continue to help us keep it that way.

Thanks very much to all who helped.

Jean Baker

A big thank you to Alan Glenn for the Beacon holders. The Beacon staff really appreciate this support from Alan and Cathy.

A Letter Home

Summer seems to have arrived very suddenly. One day we were wearing sweaters, the next it was hot and sticky, with no time for our bodies to adjust. The ground went from gooey to cracked concrete overnight, without time for the hay or the crops to grow. Maybe global warming is finally here.

We have become so used to the Big Boat it will be a nasty morning when we find the old boat here again. Rumour says it will only be for a short time, but even one day will be too long.

I've been to some amalgamation meetings, and I can

actually see the beginnings of a new township starting. I think there may be life after amalgamation after all.

There seems to be much more uncertainty on the island because of the ferry. However, I hear that a house has recently been sold on the island, and the Millers are expanding their dairy barn so we may have a future.

It's hard to feel down hearted when the lilacs are out and we have a Baltimore Oriole nesting nearby, but does anyone know of a really effective rain-dance? We've had almost nothing in the rain gauge for a month.

The lambs are all out on pasture now. It was a little hectic, with about 1700 lambs arriving in about 17 days. Thank goodness we could stagger into the Back Kitchen for a decent meal at the end of the day to keep up our strength.

By the time you get my next letter we should be well into haying.

All our best for a great summer.

The Weasel And Easel

will be open Tuesday, July 1st. Make a visit to the gallery part of your Canada Plans. There are many interesting items crafted locally.

Great gift ideas and mementos

Open from 12 - 5

For more information call the gallery at 384-1633

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

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New to the Menu:

Chicken Wings

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A Poem

Mary, Mary; Quite Contrary

- Dr. Curt Youngs Iowa State University

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was slightly grey.

It didn't have a father; just some borrowed DNA.

It sort of had a mother, though the ovum was on loan, It was not so much a lambkin, as a little lamby clone.

And soon it had a fellow clone, and then it had some
more,
They followed her to school one day, all cramming
through the door.

It made the children laugh and sing, the teacher found it
droll,
There were too many lamby clones for Mary to control.

No other could control the sheep, since their programs
didn't vary,
So the scientists resolved it all by simply cloning Mary.

But now they feel quite sheepish, those scientists
unwary,
One problem solved, but what to do, with
Mary,
Mary,
Mary...

Election Results

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The order date is a week before the third Monday of
each month.
Call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at
389-0210.

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Amherst Island Community Calendar
June / July 1997

Sun, June 15... Father's Day
... Sunday School Father's Day Picnic
Mon, June 16... K-Day
... Meals On Wheels
... County Track & Field Meet
... Cheese pickup at the school 7-8 p.m.
Wed, June 18... K-Day
... Rec Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
... W.I. meeting
Thur, June 19... School Volunteer Luncheon at noon
Fri, June 20... K-Day
... JK-Gr.3 trip to Cataraqui Conservation
Authority
... Report Cards sent home
Sat, June 21... Community Yard Sale at the Back
Kitchen
... Community Baby Shower for Roxanne
Wolfreys, 7 p.m. at AICC
Mon, June 23... K-Day
... Fire Department Meeting 7:30 p.m.
... Graduation & Award Ceremony 1:30
p.m.
Tues, June 24... Last Day Of School!
Wed, June 25... Professional Activity Day
Thur, June 26... Professional Activity Day
Fri, June 27... School Holidays
Sat, June 28... Fire Department Meeting 10 a.m.
Mon, June 29... School Holiday
Tue, July 1... Canada Day
Wed, July 2... Bible Study 10-12 at K.J. Fleming's
Fri, July 4... Waterside Concert - Marcella Branagan
Sat, July 5... Discover Amherst Island / Waterside

Concert - Chamber Music
Mon, July 7... Fire Department Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Tue, July 8... PCW Meeting
... Council 8 p.m.
Wed, July 9... ACW meeting 8 p.m.
... Bible Study 10-12 at K.J. Fleming's
Thur, July 10... Legion Meeting
Sat, July 12... ACW Chicken Barbecue, 5-7 p.m.
Sun, July 13... First Response Meeting
Wed, July 16... Rec Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
... WI Meeting
... Bible Study 10-12 at K.J. Fleming's

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Beacon Notes

We got a telephone call from the Big Brother Association a while ago with the following ad coming this week. It has not been our policy to participate in national media campaigns - having never been asked before but how could we refuse? The real question is, 'How did they ever find us?'. The stated goal of the campaign is to 'increase awareness about what it means to be a Big Brother'. Depending on space, we will run this ad for the next 3 months.

Speaking of finding us... we can be reached via e-mail. Our address is headlands@sympatico.ca

Errata: In last month's Beacon, we printed Paulette's name incorrectly. "Rossina's Coffee Shop" was painted by Paulette Dumortier-Apps. Our apologies for the error.

Be a Big Brother

It's kids stuff.

Kingston 544-1621

Napanee 354-2323

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

July 3rd 1997

Jim Whitton was away on holiday for this meeting.

The first hour of the meeting was given over almost completely to discussion of the ferry situation. First, Rosemary McMullen and John Laird spoke to council about the need for better communication among Islanders, so that we can work out what we want, before the consultants turn up and start telling us what we are going to get. Rosemary and John hoped that the Island could get together to present a unified front to the Consultants. To this end they offered to organize a

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meeting at the school to start discussion. Council offered to cover the cost of any photocopying or householder mailings needed to set up the meeting.

It is a little hard to sort out all the reports and consultants involved in the ferry issue, but I will try to summarize the situation so far. After the Provincial government announced in January of this year that all provincial subsidy for our ferry would end on December 31st 1997, Council negotiated with the province that we would prepare a Business Plan for Interim Ferry Operation, which would keep the ferry running from January 1st 1998 until such time as a long-term plan can be worked out. This short-term plan was prepared for all three ferries by Totten Sims Hubicki (TSH), and presented on June 30th to the three island councils. For Amherst Island the short-term plan would mean that the Township's share of the cost of the ferry would go from the present 10% to 12%, to be raised as the Township sees fit. At present this comes from tickets. According to TSH this would increase the average per household cost for residents of Amherst Island from \$504 to \$605 per year. Council decided to submit this interim plan to Al Palladini, the Minister of Transportation, and hope that he accepts it.

Work is going ahead to get started on the long-term business plan. Its official title seems to be the "Howe Island, Wolfe Island, Simcoe Island, Amherst Island and Highway 33 (Glenora) Transportation Access Business Plan Study", and is being commissioned by the three island councils and the Ministry of Transportation (also called the Client Group). After

reviewing the three proposals that were submitted the client group decided that the IBI Group proposal was the best, and a resolution was passed at this council meeting that IBI would be hired to do the long-term business plan. Some people may remember that the IBI Group did a large study some years ago on the ferry systems in this area.

Because the long-term business plan is commissioned by the client group that includes MTO, the three islands need a consultant who will work on our behalf to represent our interests to the IBI Group. Therefore tenders are being requested for this job. Several firms have submitted proposals, but so far none has been selected.

Council then moved on to other business. The Ducks Unlimited Project for the Big Marsh is still up in the air at the moment. Several residents along the South Shore Road have expressed concern about the number of gravel trucks that will go in front of their properties.

Council will try to stir up some action to get the Back Beach agreement finally signed, sealed and delivered.

Because Diane Pearce is now working three days a week for the new Township, council will advertise for some temporary, part-time help in the Township Office. The Township will apply for an Infra-structure Grant for flush toilets on the ferry docks. However, several councillors were concerned about the maintenance costs, particularly through the winter months.

Council will tender for tree removal in the cemetery. The Recreation Committee reported that they were very pleased with the Canada Day celebrations. Attendance was so good that they had run out of hot-dogs and pop.

Council then went into closed session to consider personnel matters.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette and Staff

Brent and Roxanne Wolfrey's baby arrived on June 30th. An 8 lb, 2 oz boy - Dakota Andy William. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Allan and Cathy Glenn also have a new granddaughter.

Best wishes to Irene Glenn who is recovering at home after hip surgery.

Helen Trotter's father, Tony Sychra is in Kingston General Hospital.

Chris Gregg had an operation on her eye recently and Joe Wlasuk had a bad fall which resulted in a number of stitches to his head. We wish everyone who has been ill a speedy recovery.

Staff: Marshall & Marian Glenn will be moving to 26 Heritage Dr in Bath (phone to be determined) on August

1st. Tom & Rosemary Richmond will be moving into the Glenn's former home on August 4th.

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Note to 1126414 - Ontario Inc.

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Annette

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Sat 9 - 5 p.m.

Sun 10 - 5 p.m.

New!!! Culligan Spring water now here

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Eight members were present for the June 18th meeting which began with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem followed by the Roll Call - "Name something that keeps your home healthy". Business matters included funds for the flowers at the dock - a sign for the W.I. float in the Bath July 1st parade and the banner for our own parade. Erika Krauklis volunteered to make the sign and Helen Lamb and Leslie Gavlas carried the banner. 1997 is our year to serve tea on August 3rd at the Napanee Fair and a Committee was formed to co-ordinate this event. July the 17th will be a joint meeting with the Hillier W.I. from Prince Edward County and will be held at the home of Jean Baker where our Tweedsmuir Books will be on display. Hopefully the weather will co-operate as a garden picnic is the plan - if it rains Jean will have her house full!! The viewing of the video "This Clean House" (now available at Glenn's Store) concluded the meeting, after which we had a late lunch and some social time. August is the month we take a trip so the next regular meeting will be on September 17th at 6 pm at the home of Jean McIntyre.

Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Spring Dance

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Rec Committee's annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry. Weekends on Amherst Island are getting so busy these days, with concerts, weddings, dinners etc., that we appreciate all who turned out and supported our function.

The draw was made for the "Spring Raffle", and we congratulate the following winners. 1st prize winner (patio set) was Rick Thompson; 2nd prize winner (lounge chair) was John Laird and the winner of 3rd prize (set of coolers) was David Wemp. It seemed it was Amherst Island Men's night!

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their donations of door prizes.

Capri Pizza

Bath Foodland

Loyalist Rentals

Millhaven Grocery

Lisa Wolfe Enterprises

Bath Hardware

Amherstview IGA

Brendan Savage & Son Home Hardware

Amherstview Guardian Drugs

The Met

Birthday Calendar

Thanks to everyone who answered our desperate plea for birthdays for the 1998 Birthday calendar. It now looks like we will have enough to go ahead and publish the calendar.

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Now we need photographs of all seasons on Amherst Island. These should be clear, sharp photos in either colour or black and white. They should be of island scenes, preferably with no people. Please send them to Lyn Fleming, Gen. Delivery, Stella Ont. K0H 2S0. Please print your name clearly on the back of your photos, as names of winning photographers will be published with their photo on the calendar.

For those of you who don't have your birthdays in, you still have a few days left!

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Daily incl. holidays except Tuesdays

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Canada Day

Despite the holiday being on a week day, turn out was fantastic for our Canada Day festivities! Many thanks to all who participated in the parade, especially the kids. The bikes and costumes get better every year. We were up to 4 horses this year (from 1 last year), thanks to Samantha Pollock, Shawna Phillips, and Kale and Jesslyn Millen. Also a special thanks to John Laird (& friend) for leading the parade with their bagpipes. More thanks to the PCW for becoming an annual part of the festivities by holding their Strawberry Social during the evening, and to the A.I. Fire Department, not only for being a part of the parade, but also for standing by during the fire works display. To everyone who took part in the parade - Thank-you! We couldn't do it without you. We would like to mention you all by name, but are afraid of leaving someone out. To "DeDan"; for providing the fun and entertaining music for the evening for the 4th year in a row. These three musicians are part of the Kingston Ceili Band (who will be performing here in late August as part of the Waterside Music Series) and they donate their time to our Canada Day celebration. Thanks to Helen Trotter and Stephanie Fleming, who helped committee members with kids games and prizes and with handing out the free hot dogs and drinks. Finally we'd like to thank Canazon Fireworks, for another spectacular display. Despite a last minute change in the wind and threatening clouds that seemed ready to burst open at any time, they managed to give us a quality show.

Committee Member News

The Rec Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate committee member Roxanne and husband Brent Wolfreys on the birth of their first child - a 8 lb 2 oz baby boy. This was supposed to be Roxanne's contribution to Canada Day, but "Dakota" arrived in the wee hours of June 30th

instead. Best wishes to all three.

The Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539

Before I get started on my newsletter, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Laurie Youell and I am the new Public Relations Officer for the Legion. I'll be keeping you up to date on all the Legion events and happenings so let's get right down to business.

Elections were held a couple of months ago as was reported in the May Beacon and here are the results of that election:

President... Karen Fleming
Vice President... Phil Silver
Secretary Treasurer... Elaine Wolfreys
Public Relations... Laurie Youell
Membership... Irene Glenn
Youth Ed... Leslie Gavlas
Sports & Track & Field... David Youell

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Sick & Visiting... Elaine Wolfreys
Ways & Means... David Fleming
Seniors and Veterans Services... Audrey Miller
Poppy Chairman... Audrey Miller
Honours and Awards... Tom Miller
Leadership & Planning... Tom Miller

And there you have it, our New List of Officers for Branch 539 Amherst Island Legion. Congratulations to everyone.

Thanks to everyone who supported our last bake sale and don't forget we have another bake sale coming up. The date for that is Friday, August 1, from 4:00-6:00 pm in the village at Glenn's Store. So mark it on your calendars and try to stop for some delicious treats. Proceeds to the Ferry Action Committee, if needed, otherwise to M.D.

Anyone wishing to join the Legion or would like some information contact our membership chairman, Irene Glenn, or join us at our monthly meeting which is held on the second Thursday of every month at Tom and Audrey Millers' home at 8:00 pm.

Hope to see you there! One last thing before I sign off, Meals on Wheels will be cancelled for July and August, but will start delivering again September 15th. Thanks once again for all your support.

"Party Lines"

At Amherst Island on July 10, about 50 Islanders met to discuss ways in which we can create communication networks during the continuing ferry

crisis. It was decided that we needed more frequent bulletins on what is happening (and what is not!) than the Beacon is able to supply. In fond remembrance of the old party-line phone systems, when everyone knew all they needed to and more about whatever was the hot topic, this new perhaps weekly flyer will be called "Party Lines". It is intended to be a good way for people to get information as well as to ask questions and air concerns. A box will appear at Glenn's Store, into which people may deposit their questions, concerns, opinions, or factual accounts of the progress of the committees in which they're involved. Where possible, for the sake of brevity, these will be grouped and answered together or published together. We hope that this will be a valuable tool for people to feel that they know what is happening and that they have a voice, maybe even feel a little less overwhelmed with the hugeness of the situation in which we find ourselves. Hope to hear from you soon! Eleanor Trueman, John Glenn and Caroline Yull. (You may also e-mail us care of cyull@kos.net)

Thanks to Rosemary McMullen, Jan Sneep and John Laird for organizing the Amherst Island Summit 'The Year 2025'.

Happy Birthday Bill And Sandra!

The families of Bill Phillips and Sandra Filson invite you to an open house at the Phillips home in "celebration" of Bill's 40th and Sandra's 50th

Birthdays

Saturday, July 19 from 3:00 p.m.

Hot Dog BBQ 5 - 7 p.m.

Please bring your choice of refreshment and a lawn chair

Also

A Welcome Home Party For Paul and Carol

Friends, family, neighbours, customers and families

Welcome

No Gifts Please!

Public Open House

Island Access Study

IBI Group has been retained by the client group of the Townships of Amherst, Howe and Wolfe Islands and the Ministry of Transportation to undertake an Island Access Business Study.

The study's objective is to develop a long term business plan for financially self sufficient and sustainable transportation access to the Islands of Amherst, Howe, Simcoe and Wolfe and the Highway 33 link between Glenora and Adolphustown.

Open houses are being held at Glenora (July 28 - 4

to 8 pm, location to be decided); Howe Island (July 29 - 4 to 8 pm - Parish Hall); Wolfe Island (July 30 - 4 to 8 pm - Sacred Heart School); and Amherst Island Amherst Island Community Centre Thursday, July 31, 1997 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Results of the study will be presented at a subsequent open house at the conclusion of the study in October 1997.

Questions regarding the study may be directed to:

Randy Grimes, Study Director
IBI Group
230 Richmond Street, West
Toronto, ON M5V 1V6
E-mail ibigrp@pathcom.com
Fax: 613-389-2106
Study Message Centre: 613-389-2106

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Food Bank News

Please note that Chris and Don Gregg will try to fill the shoes of Duncan and Coralie Marshall in taking your surplus foodstuff to the food bank in Kingston.

We will go every Thursday on the 10:00 o'clock ferry. Anyone wishing to donate should phone Chris or Don at 389-2647 and either deliver their produce to our house (245 McDonald Lane) or meet us at the ferry.

Thank You Notes

The 1997 Grade 8 graduating class would like to thank Caroline Yull for the great party and the gift.

Many thanks,
Shawna, Helen, Andrew, Ryan, David, Kyle.

Duncan and Coralie would like to thank the First Response Team, once again, for coming to our rescue when Duncan fell and cut his head.

We regret we reduced the attendance at the ferry meeting by 8 but it sure was good to have prompt support and competent care while waiting for the ambulance. Thank you all so much for being there.

Coralie and Duncan Marshall.

Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Memorial Day Service

On Sunday July 20th at 2 p.m. Rev. Bob Hales will be taking the service assisted by other ministerial members. This service will pay special tribute to the Women's Institute as they celebrate their 100th

anniversary of work in our community and other rural areas in Ontario.

Please bring your lawn chairs for the service. Lunch will be served in St. Paul's church hall following the service.

Ralph Woods
Chairman Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee

Township Of Amherst Island
Information To Taxpayers Regarding The 1997 Budget
Ferry: The Minister of Transportation has advised that the existing subsidy agreement will be honoured for 1997. The subsidy allocation letter dated June 3, 1997 included the following reminder: "Please be advised that effective January 1, 1998, Municipal ferry subsidies will be discontinued as a result of the implementation of the Who Does What initiative. Further details will be communicated to you by this ministry on the impacts of this decision."

Roads: The Municipal Support Grant which replaces all previous conditional and unconditional grants including roads subsidy was reduced further this year by \$15,843. from \$86,846. to \$71,003.

County: County Council approved a total levy in the amount of \$5,033,273. for 1997. The overall increase to local municipalities is 1.8%. The actual increase to Amherst Island is 2.97% which is 1997 County requisition for Amherst Island -\$44,127.

Education - Public: The Lennox and Addington County Board of Education approved an expenditure budget for 1997 of \$46,117,791. resulting in an average county mill rate decrease of 1.5%. The amount required from Amherst Island is as follows:

Preliminary 1997 Requisition... \$269,752.

Savings related to Strike Action in 1996... 5,985.

Savings related to Strike Action in 1997... 10,168.

Final 1997 Requisition... \$253,599.

Total savings due to strike action... \$16,153.

Effect of reduction on the mill rate for Amherst Island (6.49%)

Actual mill rate increase (decrease) (0.47%)

Education - Separate:

1997 Requisition... \$18,920.

Mill rate increase... 0.00%

General: The total amount levied for Township purposes this year is \$170,149. This represents an increase of less than 1.0%.

Mill rate increase... 0.00%

Summary for 1997:

Overall tax increase (decrease) for all purposes... 0.223%

Diane Pearce, Clerk Treasurer June 26, 1997

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Township of Amherst Island
Dear Fellow Islander,

This tax bill is the last you will ever receive from the Township of Amherst Island. On January 1st, 1998, we will become a part of the new Loyalist Township and will be administered from the Loyalist Township office at Odessa. The good news about this tax bill is that we have managed to maintain the local taxes at last year's level in spite of \$10,000. being set aside for transition costs. Education taxes for Public and Separate Schools are, decreased, respectively, by 0.47% and zero. County taxes, however, over which we have no control, have been increased by 5.7%. The six week secondary school teachers' strike did result in a payback to the municipalities of the money saved by the Board of Education. This, for our Township was \$16,153. To remind you, the distribution of taxes in 1996 was:
Total raised in 1996... \$482,589.
For Township use... \$168,861.
For County use... \$41,533.
Board of Education... \$272,193.

The past year has been an exceptionally busy one for Council. If one word may be used to epitomize the year it is Meetings. Never, we believe, in the history of Amherst Island, has a Council been require to arrange and/or attend so many meetings. On a positive note, the amalgamation meetings have proceeded and are proceeding in a very effective and amicable way. We, as Council, feel extremely fortunate that we are amalgamating with Bath and Ernestown. With the uncertainties of the future, we are indeed fortunate to have such good neighbours and partners. Would that the ferry negotiations were proceeding so efficiently and amicably. Negotiations are underway as dictated by the Ministry of Transport. A short term business plan is being submitted this week by the firm of Totten, Sims and Hubicki. The next stage in the MTO's "request" is a Transportation Access Business Plan Study to be submitted by September 30th this year. We trust that at some point of the proceedings common-sense will prevail.

With our best wishes, as we go down in history as the last Council of the Township of Amherst Island.

Yours sincerely,
Reeve Duncan Ashley
Councillor Lynn Fleming
Councillor Alex Scott
Councillor Jim Whitton
Councillor Ralph Woods

[Note from Ian, a 13 year veteran of Council: whenever

I've met or chatted with former members of Council, we always congratulate ourselves that we are not on the present Council. The workload has got to be tremendous. And the work is of such a critical nature. It seems to me that Council as a whole, has conducted itself well. The Reeve, in particular, appears to have represented us with competence and good humor.]

Miller's and Friends Reunion
Sunday, August 3 - 1 p.m. at Keith Miller's. 389-2588
We'll cook the meat, you bring the rest.

We would like to know if you are able to come so we can order enough meat.

Bring a chair please.

Garage Sale
Ernest and Paulette Apps are having a Garage Sale at their home, 3850 Front Rd, on August 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Loyalist Township Labour and Employment Transition Board

Press Release

June 27, 1997

The Loyalist Township Labour and Employment Transition Board announced today the placement of Department Heads for their new Township:
Ross Troop, Treasurer / Tax Collector
Brenda Hamilton, Deputy Clerk
David Thompson, Township Engineer/Chief Building Off.

Murray Beckel, Planner

Patrick Beyer, Recreation Director

Wayne Calver, Fire Chief

All appointments are effective January 1, 1998

The Department Heads, along with Diane Pearce, CAO/Clerk of Loyalist Township, will make up the management team that will lead the former municipalities of Bath, Amherst Island and Ernestown into the new township.

Deputy Reeve Arnold Adams, Ernestown, along with committee members Deputy Reeve Joe Hudacin, Bath, and Councillor Alex Scott, Amherst

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Island, expressed confidence in their selections and were very pleased with the quality of all candidates that applied for the management positions. The Board further announced that they will be moving into the next phase by the recruitment of the remaining non-union

positions.

For comments, please call Arnold Adams,
Chairman, Loyalist Township Labour and Employment
Transition Board at 389-4312.

A Video About Amherst Island

A documentary by Jim Scott covering the life and times
of the residents of Amherst Island and it's historical
past. This video may be obtained by calling 389-1119,
531-9517 (to end of July) or 353-2351 (in August).

Cost \$20.00.

A Letter Home

At the end of June there was a week of wet weather
which was followed by a clear and dry spell. The
morning of the change I could hear every haybinde and
swather in Eastern Ontario starting up. It was like a
major army swinging into action. Since then haying has
proceeded in fits and starts. Thank goodness we got the
square bales in before this latest spat of terribly hot and
humid weather came.

We do only enough square bales to feed the sheep
for the few days they are in the barn with their newborn
lambs. Actually we do only enough to really remember
how awful a job it was and to give thanks to our round
baler. If we did all our hay in square bales, we would
need nearly 7 barns the size of our old grey barn (the
mow filled to the peak)!!!

Our new barn has proved a treat. Its like an Quonset
hut but with a very light steel frame covered with a very
large tarp. We have been filling it with hay to be fed
this winter. By next lambing, it will be empty to be
filled with freshly lambed ewes and their lambs. Last
year, it proved to be excellent for this being airy, with
lots of light plus it was very quiet. When the sheep kick
up a fuss in the old 'new' barn at Chris and Dianne's,
you almost need ear protection.

You will have to forgive me for being obsessed
about haying but that is what this season is about -
getting ready for winter.

Bye-bye till next month and enjoy the summer while
we've got it.

Community Calendar

July 19... Birthday Party For Bill Phillips & Sandra
Filson 3 p.m. at the Phillip's house

July 20... Memorial Day Service 2 p.m.

July 30... Twp Job Posting closing date for applications
(4 p.m.)

July 31... Public Open House - Island Access Study 4 -
8 p.m. AI Community Centre

Aug 1... Legion Bake Sale 4 - 6 p.m. in front of Glenn's
Store

Aug 3... Millers / Friends Reunion 1 p.m. at Keith &
Shirley's

Aug 22/23... Garage Sale at Ernest & Paulette Apps 10
a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept 15... Meals on Wheels startup date

Sept 17... Women's Institute Meeting 6 p.m. at Jean
McIntyre's home

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Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and
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The Millers are again looking for the Whig Standard's
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Call Keith at 389-2588

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Whig Home Delivery
If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

Wanted
Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes - used cloth -
towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food
etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used
clothing for the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be

dropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one is in) or call 384-4135 for a pick-up. Help Us Help The Animals.

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Be a Big Brother.
Kingston 544-1621 Napanee 354-2323

Beacon Notes

Here we are again... and with a new word processing program - Corel WordPerfect Suite 8. It is quite an advancement on what we used before, WordPerfect 6.0 for Windows. Of course, with a new program comes the challenge of re-doing the Beacon template. I tried importing the old one into the new program and, after a few hours fiddling, decided it was easier to just start over.

Because I haven't had the time to really get this organized (there's a mini-boom in house inspections this month), the Beacon will be a stripped down version. The regular For Sale / Wanted ads will re-appear, hopefully, next month. And, the article mastheads will be pretty much thrown into this issue with changes as I work my way through the 1,000 fonts (that's print styles - this is New Times Roman - 11 point), 10,000 clip art drawing, and several hundred pictures.

So, we press on and apologize for what is likely to be a rather plain issue.

Regular Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
August 5th 1997

All members of Council were present. After the preliminaries Doris Henderson asked for help in locating a survey peg that disappeared when the Front Road was paved. Then Bruce Caughey from the Ferry Fact Finding Committee spoke to Council. The Committee wants Council to petition Ministers Palladini and Leach to honour the Amalgamation Agreement for Loyalist Township, which was signed when the ferry subsidy was at 90%. Failing that, Council was asked to initiate legal proceedings to have the ferry funding restored. He had a petition with numerous signatures on it supporting this request. Council decided to use the \$5,000 offered by Bath Council some months ago to seek a legal opinion from a lawyer experienced in municipal affairs, to try to discover if we have

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any chance of a successful court case.

Council discussed a request from the Communications Committee for money to pay for newsletters, but turned down the request because Council felt it was not their business to fund private groups putting out information over which Council had no control.

Stuart Miller reported that the sign at the Back Beach had been destroyed again, and that it costs about \$300 to replace it. The fencing at the south end of the Stella Forty-foot has been finished.

Ducks Unlimited is planning to use a drag line to build the dam at the Big Marsh. A few loads of rock will be required to build a base for the pumping station.

Council then spent some time on the ferry funding problems, which I will cover in a separate article. Jim Whitton is to put out a newsletter for the public to learn where the Amalgamation and Ferry Funding negotiations have got to. Council wants the Ferry Action Committee to co-ordinate the information available on the ferry situation.

The Recreation Committee is still looking for photos of the Island for the birthday calendar. There was a discussion of the future of the Cemetery Committee after amalgamation. Ralph Woods was asked to contact the Ministry of Consumer Affairs to explore the possibilities. Council then went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

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Come and see our great selection of locally produced
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Long Term Business Plans For The Ferry

- Chris Kennedy

After the Open House on future ferry plans I wanted to know when and how the public would be involved in working out the solution (the Transportation Access Business Plan) to our long-term ferry problems, so I talked to Reeve Duncan Ashley, and to Dick Dodds, from Baxter Associate/IBI, and this is what I found out.

Totten Sims & Hubicki have been hired by the three Islands to give technical advice and information on the different proposals. This is a separate contract from T.S.H. producing the short-term interim ferry plan. This short-term plan has been sent to the Ministry of Transport, who have reviewed it, but no approval had been received by August 14th. It is quite possible that we will not hear from the government until after the long term plan has been submitted.

Firms interested in the long-term plan attended a bidders meeting, where they received an initial briefing, and have gone away to prepare what are called "expressions of interest". Mr. Dodds said that these have to be in by August 20th, and then IBI will sort through and evaluate them, and present them to the Client Group (three Reeves and MTO), with recommendations on the best three. The Client group should see all the expressions of interest, but these will probably not be available to the public.

Then the best three will be given the information from the public surveys and the Open Houses, and asked to produce much more detailed plans and to answer pertinent questions. These will all be reviewed by IBI and the Client Group. IBI and the Client Group will then interview the three bidders on September 18th. After this our Reeve expects to take the three proposals to Council. Mr. Dodds assumes that there will be another Open House for public input. IBI will then make its final recommendation to the Client Group, who could, in theory anyway, reject it. Presuming it is accepted it will be sent to the Minister of Transportation, who has the power to accept it, or reject it and then, we hope, come up with another solution.

Mr. Dodds said that IBI wants any plan to include all the ferries, including Glenora, rather than having a firm cherry-pick the most lucrative deals and leave, for

example, Amherst Island out in the cold to swim. The final plan will be designed to give long-term stability to the Islands so that after a few years we will not face another crisis with access or funding.

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Transition Committee Meeting

August 12

- Rosemary McMullen

Since no Beacon reporters were available and I was at the meeting, I was asked to file a report. The Committee met at the Amherst Island Community Centre to plow through a crowded agenda, which is on file for all to see in detail at the Township Office. Annette Phillips for the Whig Standard and Seth Du Chene of the Napanee Beaver were also covering the meeting.

The first business uniquely relevant to Amherst Island was the passing of a motion made by Reeve Kelley Hineman to approve the Loyalist Township Organizational Chart, which includes hiring for all job descriptions (pertinently, of the Amherst Island Ferry Crew) "with the understanding that the [ferry] operation be based on a user pay system." The language is similar to that of the restructuring document, which assumed the existence of a funding subsidy to be supplemented by the passengers.

This was one of the most dramatic moments of the evening. First, Reeve Duncan Ashley had left the room when this agenda item came into discussion because of a conflict of interest, and then Reeve Paul Gilmore did not agree with Reeve Hineman's motion at first, favoring a postponement of decision making, and called a five-minute recess for private consultations. During the discussion Reeve Hineman had stated that he found it fiscally irresponsible to search for, appoint and fund salaries for a Transit Officer and 20 odd employees that

might arrive for work only to be laid off, considering the Ministry of Transportation's withdrawal of the 90% subsidy of the Amherst Island Ferry operation costs effective 1 January 1998. It appears Reeve Gilmore was persuaded during the recess that this was the best strategy for the Committee to adopt considering the Amherst Island Ferry crisis in the context of the closure of amalgamation into Loyalist Township; and the motion was passed: "That the ferry employees be hired as part of the Loyalist Township Organizational Chart with the knowledge in mind that the operation will be based on a user pay system."

Not long after, the Committee acknowledged receipt of Hans Krauklis' paper "Amherst Island Ferry Costs: The Financial Black Hole and the Search for Long-Term Solutions" as well as the petition from Amherst Island citizens to seek legal assistance in a possible class action suit against the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs for negotiating the amalgamation process in bad faith, ie. without disclosure at the outset of the withdrawal of Amherst Island ferry subsidy funds. [Note: this petition had 246 signatures on August 12.] Reeve Ashley explained that the Amherst Island Municipal Council had voted in favor of this action, and Reeve Hineman and Reeve Gilmore heartily endorsed it. Reeve Hineman reminded that the Village of Bath had allocated \$5000 for legal assistance for Amherst Island, and assured there would be no problem "cutting a cheque" for a solicitor "well versed in municipal affairs" to develop a brief on behalf of Amherst Island. He recalled that a few years back Ernestown had resisted a movement to amalgamate it with Kingston, and urged Amherst Islanders to present "a united front."

But will Amherst Island create a united front? During the question period, I asked the Committee for financial assistance for the Communications Committee (Caroline Yull, John Glenn and Eleanor Trueman) formed July 10 to circulate information and comment independently among Amherst Islanders at this critical time. Reeve Gilmore said he had received a call from Ms. Yull but had not understood or dealt with it. Diane Pearce clarified that the Amherst Island Council had supported the July 10 meeting and paid for the announcement mailer, but that funding for subsequent mailers or other activities had not been approved by Council. The Transition Committee told me it had no money and to apply to the Amherst Island Council. Footnote 1: in its August meeting in response to a formal request, Council had denied support to the Communications Committee. Footnote 2: In followup calls and interviews, the members of the Communications Committee made these statements on the matter. John Glenn: "My view is that from the beginning those engaged in negotiating the development

and business plans desired to exclude the public from the entire process, and that the public interaction motions they are going through are only

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feel-good motions." Caroline Yull: "I really got the sense this [Letter from Council informing they will not fund independent communications] was an end run. Council is telling us it doesn't want citizens running around like loose cannons." Eleanor Trueman: "I hoped we would fill an unmet need to supply information without bias. We will still try to make it happen."

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Condolences go to Jean Baker and her family on the passing of her husband John Baker last month. Also to Carman Hewitt who lost his father.

Marshall and Marion Glenn have left their Island farm and are now living in Bath. We wish them well in their new home.

Best wishes to Bea Wemp who is recuperating at home after a few days in hospital following an operation.

This was the month for family get togethers. The Millers, Shirley, Keith and Adam hosted a large family gathering and Anna Wlasuk and Stuart Miller had a reunion of their McGinnis relatives.

Township Of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township of Amherst Island will receive applications for the position of

Temporary Part Time Deckhand

Hourly rate: \$14.37

Job description and qualifications are available at the Township office during office hours.

Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 pm, Friday, August 29, 1997.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

The weather was perfect for our July 17th meeting when 30 W.I. members gathered at the home of Jean Baker. The ladies of the Town of Hillier Branch arrived, complete with all the food and drink for the occasion and we were pleased to welcome L & A District President Corolyn Lawlor, Kingston Area President Connie Harris, Area President Pat Barnes and

Provincial Board Director Marie Thomson. At the business meeting we combined Hillier's Roll Call - Where I was Born - which included family statistics, with our Roll Call - My favourite Site on Amherst Island - and learned a lot about each other in the process. We were all delighted when Georgie Allison decided to become a member again and so now our numbers are on the rise we hope to see some new faces at the meetings as both visitors and members. Both branches displayed their "Tweedsmuir Books" and the Curators gave a brief talk and then we had social time over a delicious picnic provided by the Hillier members. The afternoon ended too soon and our guests headed for the Ferry - promising to return to have a tour of the Island. August is the month we have a day trip so the next meeting will be at 6 pm on September 17th at the home of Jean McIntyre.

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

Being a new member of the Royal Canadian Legion certainly has been a good experience for me. I've enjoyed being involved in the many community services that the Legion is a part of. I'd like to give you a little insight as to what the Legion is all about. I hope this gives you a little information as to how the funds are put to good use.

Canadians do not realize that having a Royal Canadian Legion in Ontario is a significant asset. Results of the 1996 Provincial survey showed that the 175,000 members put over \$11,000,000.00 into their communities through the payment

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of Municipal taxes, Licence Fees, GST & PST.

As an employer, the Legion Branches paid over \$18,000,000.00 in wages for the 672 full-time and 1,330 part-time employees.

Taxes and wages are only part of the cost of operating our facilities. A large portion of the cost incurred to operate, maintain and improve our Branches goes back into the communities too.

The Legion is not just a social club, as many people think. Our concerns extend beyond the needs of our Veterans, to the community at large.

Service in the communities added up to over \$12,000,000.00 in 1996 on Veterans Programs, Seniors Programs, Youth Programs, Geriatrics Training for Medical Professionals, Housing Programs and Charities.

Ontario Command members also put in 781,236

volunteer hours in 1996 working on these programs, Legion members also made their branch facilities available 52,976 times for use by their communities.

The market value of the 4423 branches in Ontario Command, furnishings and equipment in 1996 was over \$138,000,000.00. Supplies for the 423 branches purchased locally in 1996 totalled over \$12,000,000.00.

The above noted figures do not include funds collected as part of the Annual Poppy and Remembrance campaign. Those funds are separate and are used for specific purposes such as financial assistance to needy Veterans and their dependants, the purchase of medical equipment for local hospitals, medical research training, etc.,

From the results of the 1996 survey in which 81.6% of the 423 branches participated, we believe the Legion Branches are a major community asset.

As you can see for yourself having a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Amherst Island is a major benefit for us. Meals on Wheels is one of the many seniors services we have. You can order a delicious home cooked meal with desert for only \$5.00, and it's delivered right to your door. For more information on this and other senior services contact Audrey Miller 389-0105. This is only one of many services that are available to you through your legion. If you would like to find out more about the Royal Canadian Legion, stop by our monthly meeting... the 2nd Thursday of each month at the home of Tom and Audrey Miller at 8:00 pm

Thanks to all who stopped by for the bake sale. We raised \$111.00 with the proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Unfortunately we sold out early, but the good news is, we will be having another sale on Friday, August 29th. This will also be held at Glenn's Store from 4 pm until 6 pm. So be sure to stop by, there will be lots of delicious homemade treats.

Congratulations

Steven Richard Willard graduated from the faculty of law, University of Windsor, on June 14, 1997. He won the Osgoode Society prize in 1996. Steven is a past Warden of Lennox and Addington County and former Reeve of Amherst Island. He is the son of Capt. Earle and Donna Willard. Steven is presently articling with the firm of Blake, Cassels and Graydon in Toronto.

Obituary

John F. Baker

(P.Eng. Transformer Maintenance, Ontario Hydro)

At his residence, Stella, Ontario, on Wednesday, July 23, 1997. John F. Baker, dear husband of Jean

Sills. Loving father of Mary Baker Packham of Williams Lake, B.C.; Elizabeth Baker of Canmore, Alberta; and John C. Baker of Whitby. Brother of Harry Baker of Toronto. Friends were received at St. Paul's Church, Amherst Island, on Friday, July 25 before the service and internment at St. Paul's Cemetery.

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Thank You

My family and I want to acknowledge the tremendous support and acts of kindness we have received following John's sudden passing July 23/97.

We were able to celebrate his life surrounded by relatives and friends in the beautiful environment of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and it was very comforting for myself and my family.

I personally wish to thank the First Response Team, Ferry Crew, Women's Institute, Glennwood Cemetery Committee and those who visited, telephoned and donated.

Jean Baker

Phyllis Henderson and her family would like to thank everyone who called or sent cards, when our mother and grandmother, Jean Brown passed away suddenly at her home in Kingston. Your words of sympathy were appreciated and will be remembered by our family.

A sincere thank you to all my friends and family for the many phone calls, cards and gifts and to those who stopped by with good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday.

A special thanks to my daughters, Shirley and Winnifred for arranging a great day.

"It's a wonderful life" to have lived all these years in such a caring community.

Thank-you,

Ernest Fleming

Bill Phillips and Sandra Filson would like to extend our thanks to friends, neighbours and family who made our 40th/50th birthday party a memorable occasion. Thanks for the cards and gifts. Many thanks for an evening of good fun and good company.

Bill and Sandra

We would like to thank the 1st Amherst Island Sparks for the wonderful community Baby Shower held in our honour in June. Girls you did a great job. A special thanks to Lyn Fleming, who I'm sure "helped" with everything. Lyn the cake was beautiful and delicious.

To everyone who attended, everything has been and will be very useful.

To everyone who has dropped by with best wishes, kind words, advice and goodies.

To the PCW for the wonderful visit and yummy goodies for mommy and daddy and gift for baby.

Also another Special thanks to Mom and Dad for your home cooked meals, loving care and support. It certainly made the first few weeks home easier.

It is amazing how a community such as ours makes this special time in our lives 'more special'.

Again thank-you!!!

Dakota, Roxanne (aka Rainbow) & Brent Wolfreys.

Letter Home

The drought is broken ! In July we had only a third of our usual rain, and almost none in the first ten days of August, but an inch of rain last week and another good rain last night should start to turn the island green again. All the grass had turned light brown, and was crackling under foot. I hear it has been dry all over eastern Ontario, and hay is in short supply. All the sunshine has made lovely weather for all the family parties and weddings that we try to cram into the fine summer months. Now if we did not all have to go to work we could really have a good summer. The lake has warmed up for swimming, and the Zebra mussels have cleaned up the water, but you do have to watch where you tread, or their shells will slice your toe open very neatly.

There is still a lot of uncertainty on the island over the ferry. No one has taken out a building permit for a house this year, and renovations are way down from a normal year. The ferry seems to be the main topic of conversation wherever islanders gather. It will be a relief when we know our fate, and can start planning again. I hate to finish on a gloomy note, but I do hear that the Amherst Islander is back in Kingston, with MTO trucks clustered round. However, it has been a lovely summer on the Island, and the people here make it a great place to live. We'll talk again next month.

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Community Calendar

Aug 23/24... Garage Sale at Ernest & Paulette Aps' 10

a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sept 15... Meals on Wheels startup time
Sept 17... Women's Institute Meeting 6 p.m. at Jean
McIntyre's home

Watercolour Classes at Shirley Miller's
Studio all levels welcome.
Call 389-2588.
Fridays 1 - 4:30, Sept 5 - Oct 24
\$80.00 for 8 classes
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Wanted
Old cutlery wanted, knives, forks, spoons. Will pick up.
Call - John Pollock 389-9977

Grass Cutting
Large commercial mowers
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Garage Sale
Ernest and Paulette Apps are having a Garage Sale at
their home, 3850 Front Road, on August 23 and 24, 10
am to 5 pm.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

Notice
Plant Containers

- Sally Bowen
Could those people who purchased plants from Glenn's
Store in the spring please recycle the containers back at
the store? Thanks

Your Trivia for the Month
From 'Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar' - Workman
Publishing

What did the term skyscraper originally mean - before it
was used to describe a tall building?
It was the name of the small triangular sail set above
the royals on square-riggers to catch wind in calm
weather. It was later used to describe tall men and
horses, and eventually buildings.

What famous American politician coined the phrase
"lunatic fringe"
Teddy Roosevelt. He used the term in 1913 to describe
people of excessive zeal within the reform groups that
supported him.

What onstage activity started the fire in 1613 that
burned down England's first Globe Theatre, where
Shakespeare's greatest plays were first performed?
A spark from a stage cannon accidentally set the
theatre's thatched roof ablaze during a performance of
Shakespeare's Henry VIII.

A Video About Amherst Island
A documentary by Jim Scott covering the life and times
of the residents of Amherst Island and it's historical
past.
This video may be obtained by calling 389-1119 or
353-2351. Cost \$20.00

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Beacon Notes

As you can see, we have got more of the template built. This will be on-going for a while longer and your patience is requested. It will take some time to figure out what can be done with the new program, how to do it, and then doing it... heck, it took me 10 days to figure out how to get into the fonts stored on the cd rom.

There is a disturbance in the day's routine. My radios only have one station (107.5FM CBC... sorry... CBC Radio 1) and the shows are completely new except for the 6-9 Morning show. Peter, Vicki, Catherine O'Hara, Bob Robertson & Linda Cullen are gone or going. Are Arthur Black and the Air Farce still around? How 'bout what's-his-name on Sunday Morning? At least we're still getting the afternoon 4-6 show out of Toronto (oops... spoke too soon... we've been switched to the Ottawa show). DNTO and Quirks & Quarks seem to have proven themselves so no changes there. Now it isn't all bad news 'cause there's the Vinyl Cafe on Sunday but, to date, it has been pretty disappointing.

Be a Big Brother.

It's kids stuff.

Kingston 544-1621

Napanee 354-2323

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

September 2nd 1997

All members of council were present. Stuart Miller said that there was little to report on the roads. The silly season is here for deer, and there have already been several hit by cars.

Council then talked about the recent developments on the ferry plans. Ten replies were received to the call for expressions of interest. IBI and

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Baxter Associates picked out four of the best to recommend to the client group, and, on looking over all the offers, the client group added a fifth name to the list. A list of these firms has now been circulated to Island residents. Unfortunately the companies did not want to release details of their proposals, so we are very little the wiser about what we might finally end up with. Some of the companies are primarily bridge builders, and some primarily ferry operators, so IBI may try to merge some of the groups to put together a package that will look after all the islands and Glenora. The Provincial government has sent word that it is returning the short-term plan for revisions, but we do not know yet what changes have been requested.

The Ferry Action Committee has sent its report to Council. The Committee recommended that Council pay for the newsletters sent out by the Ferry Fact Finding Committee and Party lines, with a footnote added to future letters that the views expressed are those of the Committees and not necessarily those of the Council. Any future newsletters should also be sent to non-resident Islanders. The Ferry Action Committee endorsed the view that there should be full consultation with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario before any legal action is taken concerning the ferry. The Committee also asked to be kept fully informed as negotiations proceed, and that there be a full public meeting before a final business plan is approved.

David Fleming had written to Council with several concerns about the day to day running of the ferry. Among other things Council decided that once the ramp on the ferry is up to leave, it stays up.

John McGinn is resigning as Building Inspector,

Animal Control Officer and Livestock Valuer, so replacement(s) will have to be found. The building inspection will be part of the new Loyalist Township service, but a livestock valuer is required on the Island.

The Township has received a letter from the OPP, giving an estimate of the actual costs for policing Amherst Island this year. The cost next year is meant to be picked up by the municipality. The final figure is \$68,056, which includes 4/5 of a Police Constable. Jim Whitton calculated that each visit of an officer to the Island therefore cost about \$6,000. Council will query these figures.

The lawyers working on the Back Beach agreement have been exchanging letters, and an attempt will be made to finish the business before the end of the year. Council is concerned about two properties in the village where people appear to be operating scrap-yards. Letters asking them to stop will be sent to the people concerned.

Council cleared up some routine business and then went into closed session to consider personnel matters.

The Weasel And Easel
Fall / Winter Hours
Saturday and Sunday
12 pm to 5pm

There are lots of interesting gift ideas Why not begin your Christmas shopping here on the Island?

Island Honey, Preserves, Pottery, Ceramics, Porcelain,
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Wreaths and decorations
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The list goes on. Come in and Browse. For more information call 384-1633

The Back Kitchen Restaurant
Phone: 389-7200
Hours 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday - Sunday
Our last day of the season will be Sunday September 21st
See You In The Spring

The Neighbourhood
- Annette

Tena Tugwell passed away last month after a fight with cancer. Our condolences to her husband Chester and her family.

A number of Island residents have had hospital stays over the past few weeks. Madeleine Glenn is home

again after knee surgery and recovering well at home. Anna Hitchins is also recuperating at home after an operation. Clinton Kilpatrick is well on the way to recovery at home. Nessie Welbanks had cataract surgery recently. Best

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wishes to them all for a speedy and full recovery. Condolences to Sally Bowen and her family on the death of her mother this week. Sally's mother has been in poor health for some time. The funeral was held in Toronto.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
Glenwood - Pentland Cemeteries Memorial Service
Sunday, July 20th, 1997

History Of Amherst Island Women's Institute

The W.I. Organization was founded 100 years ago by Erland Lee and Adelaide Hoodless to give rural women an opportunity to educate themselves by learning better homemaking skills, better child rearing practices, and learning of the world beyond their front doors. The premise was that these women would have healthier families which were better prepared to contribute to their community and their country. The aims of the organization were so well received that there are branches active around the world.

Three years later the Amherst Island branch was formed and by 1901 there was a paid-up membership of two women. The first President was Mrs. Duncan McDonald and Mrs. Wm. Allen was Vice-President. Mrs. S.K. Tugwell was Secretary-Treasurer. These ladies are all buried here at Glenwood. The monthly meetings were held in the Town Hall which I believe to be the house of Evan Lloyd across from my own. Can anyone advise me if I am right?

The W.I. is not a charitable organization, nor a service club. It is an "organization for Personal Growth and Community Action". During the year our programs are planned to cover the topics of Agriculture, Canadian Industries, Citizenship, Legislation, Education and Industrial Affairs. Such funds as we do raise are used to support local activities, such as 4-H, Lenadco, our schools, the Frank Fleming Scholarship Fund, supplies for the Community Centre, and other Township Organizations which request our help. One of the earliest activities, back when the W.I. branch was newly formed, was the purchase of books on Domestic Science for a small Amherst Island Library. We also participate in community activities, such as Pitch-In, the cancer canvass and the Seniors Dinner.

I would like to mention two areas in which the W.I. has played an important role. Government Legislation has been influenced by Resolutions proposed by individual branches, accepted and forwarded through our District and Area organizations, and finally sent to the applicable Government Ministry. One of the earliest of these resulted in the regulation for pasteurized milk. Currently we are involved in Resolutions against the use of artificial bovine hormones to increase the milk yield of dairy cows and the use of toxic manganese compounds such as anti-knock agents in gasoline. Mrs. Jean Baker, our Resolution Convenor, is presently working on a request for the Government to publicize the many sources of pollution in our own homes. A video on this topic has been placed in Glenn's Store and is available on loan.

Secondly, our branches have undertaken to preserve local history in our Tweedsmuir Books. Lady Tweedsmuir herself suggested this when her husband was Governor-General of Canada. These histories, still on-going, are a very rich source of rural history. As Curator of our Amherst Island book I welcome submission of historical items from each and every one of you.

Finally I'd like to read the names of our W.I.

Presidents interred in Glenwood:

Mrs. Duncan McDonald

Mrs. W.A. Scott

Mrs. Reginald Instant

Mrs. Hartley Fleming

Mrs. Edward McMullen

Mrs. David Filson

Mrs. W.J. Glenn

Mrs. Ernest Fleming

Mrs. W.A. Kilpatrick

Mrs. Gordon Glenn

Mrs. Estel Strain

These ladies are well know to many of you, as are their contributions to the Community of Amherst Island. As our local branch of W.I. approaches its 100th Anniversary let us Salute Them.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I always like recipes which allow me to use my hoard of frozen fruit. The following Easy Berry Flan (Anne Lindsay's Light Kitchen) allows me to do just that.

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

1/3 cup soft margarine or butter

2 egg whites (I use two whole eggs)

1 tsp vanilla

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, margarine, egg whites and vanilla, Mix Well. Press onto bottom of 11 inch flan pan.

Filling

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 Tbsp all-purpose flour

3 cups frozen unthawed raspberries

1 cup frozen unthawed

blueberries

In bowl, combine sugar and flour; toss with raspberries and blueberries. Spoon over base. Bake 350 F oven for 60 to 70 minutes or until top is bubbling. Let cool.

If desired, sift icing sugar over top. Makes 10 servings. For Bumbleberry Flan use at least 3 kinds of berries to make a total of 4 cups.

Township Of Amherst Island

Ameriks Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of Reeve Frank Fleming

Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide financial assistance to any student attending any recognized institute of higher learning.

Conditions: that the student has had a residency of at least five years on Amherst Island.

Applications, available from the Township Office, will be received at the Township Office until September 30, 1997.

Amherst Island Bible Study Group

meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200
Sept. 97 at Ann Albertan's
Oct. 97 at Cathy Glenn's
Nov. 97 at Karen J. Fleming's
Dec. 97 at Janet Scott's
Jan. 98 at Karen Fleming's
Feb. 98 at Syke Fleming's
Mar. 98 at Cathy Glenn's
Apr. 98 at Karen J. Fleming's
May 98 at Ann Albertan's
June 98 at Helen Lamb's
July 98 at Janet Scott's

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

September is once again upon us and back to a busy schedule. Meals on wheels is starting up again this month. Monday, September 15th will be the first delivery day. You might want to remember these future dates and mark them down for Meals on Wheels.

They are as follows:

Monday, October 20th
Monday, November 17th
Monday, December 15th
Monday, January 19th
Monday, February 16th
Monday, March 16th
Monday, April 20th
Monday, May 25th
Monday, June 15th

If you would like to order Meals On Wheels contact Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210. Delivery time is around 5pm. For \$5.00 you can have a delicious home cooked meal with desert and it's delivered right to your door.

Thanks to everyone who supported the bake sale. I am pleased to report that \$213.00 was raised and the proceeds will be going to The Ferry Fund if needed (hopefully we will be lucky enough not to need it) or to Muscular Dystrophy and I am happy to report that Branch 539 Amherst Island donated \$300.00 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association this year.

There will be a Legion Villa Meeting at our Branch next month. It will be held at the Amherst Island Community Centre on October 8th at

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7:30 pm. Legion uniforms should be worn by members if possible, this meeting is open to the public also, so if you would like to know more about The Legion Villa drop by, it will be an informative meeting.

September 18th there will be a Legion Seminar at Branch 631 Collins Bay at 7:00 pm. The seminar is interesting and it gives you a little insight as to what the Legion is all about. September 13th there will be a district convention in Gananoque at 9 am and on September 21 there will be a zone convention in Tamworth at 9 am.

Come One, Come All The Legion Masquerade Ball!!!!

Mark this on your calendars for sure. Friday October 24th, 6:30 pm at the Amherst Island Community Centre. Dig up your scariest, silliest, funniest any kind of costume and come on out for the fun. There will be prizes available for the scariest, funniest costume, etc. Refreshments (pop and chips) will be sold.

The annual Poppy Campaign will be upon us soon, Remembrance Day, November 11th and I thought you might like a little information as to where your Poppy Donations are spend. Money donated during the Royal Canadian Legion's Annual Poppy - Remembrance Campaign is placed in Public Trust Funds. Some of the many ways this money is used to improve life for people in your community include:

- providing assistance to needy ex-service members and their families.
- purchasing medical equipment and appliances for community health facilities
- paying for medical research and training
- building affordable housing for veterans and senior citizens
- paying for bursaries for needy students
- providing support services to senior citizens (Meals on Wheels, drop in centres, etc.)

For more information about the Poppy Fund contact Elaine Wolfreys at 389-5945.

Just a little reminder that our meetings have been changed from the second Thursday of each month to the first Thursday of every month at 8 pm at Tom and Audrey Miller's home. New members are always welcome.

Wear A Piece Of The Capitol Wherever You Go!

In 1996, restoration work was started on the copper roofs of the Canadian Parliament Buildings. This piece of copper which has been fashioned into a beautiful limited edition maple leaf pin and a precious souvenir of Canada's Capitol, was part of the roof of the Centre Block from 1917 until 1996. These pins are now available to be bought through the Legion for \$8.00 each. If you would like to see one of these pins, there will be one on display at Glenn's Store, to purchase one

contact Elaine Wolfreys at 389-5945.

October 15th, 1997 will mark the 45th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 on Amherst Island. It was on this day in 1952 that the first charter was granted, known as The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Watch for next months Beacon for more information about the history of the Legion on Amherst Island.

Township Of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township of Amherst Island requires the services of a person with the following qualification:

Certificate Of Competency, Third Class Engineer,
Motor.

for occasional relief work on the M.V. Amherst Islander
and the M.V. Frontenac II

Hourly rate \$18.43

Please apply in writing by October 1, 1997:

Township of Amherst Island

Stella, Ontario KOH 2S0

Attention: Diane Pearce

For more information please call (613) 389-3393

September 10, 1997

St. Alban's A.C.W.

is sponsoring its annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner

Saturday, October 4th at Community Centre

Serving 5 - 7 pm

Adults \$10

Children (ages 5 - 12) \$5

Under 5 Free

Tickets sold at door only

Baked goods and variety table

Fish pond for the children

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Food Bank

Chris and Don Gregg were pleasantly surprised last Thursday, August 28, when Mrs. Ann Albertan brought a quantity of non-perishable food items and \$25.00 which had been collected by the Island Sunday School Children for the Food Bank.

Chris and Don deliver each Thursday, leaving on the ferry at 10:00 am! Call them at 389-2647 and deliver your surplus produce at their home or at the dock 20 - 30 minutes prior to departure.

Don Gregg

New Furnace for St. Alban's

The Wardens of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Stella say thank you to those who have responded so quickly and generously to the appeal for contributions toward the cost of a new furnace. An official note of appreciation will be going out in the form of a tax receipt.

Others who are still planning to respond to the appeal are asked to please send their donations by the end of September. Donations may be given or sent to either of the church wardens, Dorothy McGinn or Dave Heiatt.

Lost one large black book (blue tree drawing on the inside cover) Saturday (6:50) p.m.) between the ferry and Glenn's Store. \$5.00 reward.

Phone Jacob Murray at 389-3802.

Attention Amherst Island

The Community Sunday School needs your help. We are in need of back-up Sunday School Teachers and Helpers. Please contact Ann Albertan at 3894662 if you can help. Thank-you

Obituary

Tena Tugwell

Peacefully at the Kingston Psychiatric Hospital on Sunday, August 17, 1997 in her 64th year, beloved wife of Chester (Tony) Tugwell; loving mother of Anne Maleska, Allan Maleska, Rene and Carol Maleska, John and Penny Maleska, Rick Maleska, Sue Maleska and her friend Bill Day; fondly remembered by her ten grandchildren; dear sister of Chris and Madeline, Pete and Ingrid, Jack and Cody, John and Candy, Mary and her friend Ed, Tony and Yvon Bigras. Internment at Glenwood Cemetary.

Thank You Notes

A sincere thank you to all my friends, neighbours and family who called, sent cards, flowers and "goodies" after my fall and hip fracture in June.

A special thanks to A.C.W. and P.C.W., Women's Institute, Legion Branch 539 and the Session of St Pauls' Presbyterian Church and the many visits and prayers of Rev. Barry Forsythe.

I am recovering very well and hope to soon be back

to normal.

Irene Glenn

I would like to thank everyone who sent me get-well cards when I came home from hospital, The Women's Institute, A.C.W., the good lemon loaf and nice visit from the P.C.W., the 2 nice dinners from the Back Kitchen from the Legion, plate of goodies from "My Special Friend"? Whoever she is. Nice cherry pie from Noreen. Everything tasted so good. Thanks ever so much.

Bea Wemp

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Thank You

About noon on August 31, I was picking hornworms in the garden and Ida was baking pies, when cars started collecting in the driveway and people started boiling out of them. I was called from the garden, something about a 25th wedding anniversary. It appears these people had heard "if you can't take Mohammed to the mountain, you bring the mountain to Mohammed". By the time they were done arriving we counted 61 ranging in age from almost new to almost 80. We know this sort of thing can happen on Amherst Island but you don't really understand what it means until it happens to you. We would like to thank everyone who made this a very memorable day.

Thank you to all our wonderful neighbours, friends and relatives especially Mom Gavlas for arranging the party. I was so overwhelmed I was speechless for once! We certainly appreciated all the mountains of food that materialized for lunch and the gifts. The gifts were so very wide a selection ranging from lawn furniture, traditional dishes, to gift certificates to restaurants and Murphy's Seafood.

Love to you all, George and Ida

A Letter Home

Time does move on too swiftly now... it's fall already! The trees are turning and it's too soon. I need another 2 months of late summer yet to get caught up on what needs doing - not to mention what I want to do.

Anyone seen the cement plant lately? It has a very big, very, very white golf ball in front of it to be used as cement storage. The story is that it's an inflated swimming pool liner. It has been sprayed with foam which hardened into a dome. The cost is something like \$8 million.

This time last month, we thought we would run out

of pasture in August. Thank goodness for some rains to get the grass growing again so we don't have to start feeding hay. This is tres good... especially after a marginal hay crop this year.

Well, we still have the big ferry. Who knows how much longer it will be here - the only rumors we've heard are it's to be going right after Labor Day, and it's to be going around Thanksgiving. I guess we can forget about the first now. How to you spell 'civilization' - Frontenac II.

The kids are beginning to settle into another year of school. Along with their homework and tales of school, they have managed to bring home sore throats and colds. It seems to take only two weeks of being in close proximity to each other for the germs to happily leap from one infected person to some unsuspecting immune system.

We just finished having 1604 lambs sheared. The shearers and rousies who pick up the fleeces spent 2 long backbreaking days getting the job done. As with any big job, there is such a feeling of accomplishment and relief when the work is finished. Shearing often involves anywhere from seven to ten people working steadily from morning to night. It reminds me of what the old harvest gangs must have been like. There is such a feeling of team work that we all soon forget the trials and look forward to the spring shearing.

This year, a woman shearer from the east coast was in the area and stopped by for a few hours. She just happened to have her shearing equipment in the back of her truck and set up a shearing stand for a couple of hours. It was a real treat to watch her deft handling of the sheep and shears and made me realize once again that women can do so many different things if they have the desire and drive. This woman clearly did!

Township Of Amherst Island Call For Tenders

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to content, will be received until 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, 1997 for the following:

Removal of fallen trees at Glenwood Cemetery:

The successful tender agrees to

1. remove the fallen trees from the site;
2. clean the site;
3. use all possible caution to prevent damage to headstones;
4. complete the job by November 30, 1997.

Tender must be accompanied by a \$100.00 performance bond.

For details, please contact Ralph Woods at 389-7235 or leave a message by calling the Township Office at 389-3393.

Ralph Woods, Chairman
Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery
September 5, 1997

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Community Calendar

Sept... Amherst Island Bible Study Group meets
Thursday mornings at Ann Albertan's
Sept 17... Women's Institute Meeting 6 p.m. at Jean
McIntyre's home
Sept 17... ISLE Cheese order date
Sept 21... Back Kitchen closes for the season
Sept 22... ISLE Cheese pick-up date
Sept 30... Ameriks Scholarship - last day for
applications to be in
Oct... Amherst Island Bible Study Group meets
Thursday mornings at Cathy Glenn's
Oct 1... Twp Job Posting (Relief Engineer) - application
due date
Oct 4... St. Alban's ACW Bazaar and Turkey Dinner 5-
7 p.m. at the Community Centre
Oct 6... Twp Tender for Glenwood Tree Removal due
date (4 p.m.)
Oct 15... ISLE Cheese order date
Oct 20... ISLE Cheese pick-up date
Oct 20... Meals On Wheels
Oct 24... Legion Masquerade Ball 6:30 p.m. at the
Community Center
Nov 11... Legion Poppy Campaign

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Reading and number facts are best learned with a lot
of practice. That's where you come in. We need extra
ears to work with the students on an individual basis.
The children are always excited to show off their ever-
growing abilities. They not only benefit from the

experience they enjoy it.

If you have some spare time, and are interested in
getting involved, please call Ms. McRae at the school
(389-4582).

Attention Amherst Island Community "Cheese Notice"

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through
cheese sales. Wilton cheeses now available in
approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
calling an AIPS student, Karen J. Fleming 389-9869 or
Debbie Scott 389-2379.

Varieties available: curd, mild, colby, mozzarella,
casserole cheese, onion/garlic, hot pepper, marble,
medium, old, extra old, grated mozzarella, grated
Parmesan, Swiss, havarti, Danish blue, Gouda,
jartesburg, slices, cheese balls, feta, brie, skim, Danish
creams.

Standing orders also accepted.

Thank You For Your Support Of Amherst Island Public
School.

Cheese Orders will be available for pickup at the school
from 5-6 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by: Pickup and Payment:

Wed, Sept 17 Mon, Sept 22

Wed, Oct 15 Mon, Oct 20

Wed, Nov 19 Mon, Nov 24

Wed, Dec 17 Mon, Dec 22

Wed, Jan 21 Mon, Jan 26

Wed, Feb 18 Mon, Feb 23

Wed, Mar 25 Mon, Mar 30

Wed, Apr 23 Mon, Apr 27

Wed, May 21 Mon, May 25

Wed, June 17 Mon, June 22

Please make cheques payable to ISLE

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A Video About Amherst Island

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Babysitting

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Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and general household help.
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Call Jan at 634-1995.

Drone's first audio tape available from band members & Glenn's Store. - \$5.

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Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

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Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office)

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Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation

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The Millers are looking for the Whig Standard's TV
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We Will Do Odd Jobs....
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Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

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If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
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Will remove.
I also have for sale 2 farm gates best offer. One 12' x
16' insulated steel shed. \$1,000.
Can be moved on a flatbed.
Phone: Dave Wilson - 354-3948.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 94319922

The Amherst Island Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
Invites you to a Masquerade Ball October 24th at 6:30
p.m. at the Community Centre
Wear your silliest, scariest, funniest costumes
Come and Join the fun / Prizes for each category
Pop and Chips for sale

Wanted
Freda Vouch is collecting A&P tapes- used cloth towels
- paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food etc., for
the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used clothing for
the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be dropped off at my
home (in the front porch if no one in) or call 384-4135
for pick up.
Help Us Help The Animals

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Beacon - Historical Notes

[Staff: From our dusty archives we dredge up what was
a major story of 1970.... amalgamation. What goes
around, comes around. So, to fill out an extra page we
offer the following news clips.]

Beacon #4 - May 28, 1970
from Municipal Affairs by Marj Aitken

“A joint meeting of the Council members of Bath,
Ernestown and Amherst Island was held Monday night
at Odessa Town Hall. Mr. Kidd of Ernestown chaired
the informal meeting on amalgamation and it was felt
by those attending on our behalf that the meeting was a
good start on discussions, and that Mr Kidd a capable
chairman for these sessions. The three townships agreed
on pursuing the discussions further. Perhaps this will
result in an election to see how the taxpayer feels in
each township. It will be interesting to follow in our
district papers, some of the exploratory meetings in
other parts of the county.”

Beacon #5 - June 11, 1970
from Municipal Affairs by Marj Aitken

“Reeve Aitken was pleased to report to County
Council Monday, at their regular monthly meeting that
Amherst Island Council wished to further explore the
pro's and con's of amalgamation. Some of the Reeves
from other townships gave a flat “not interested in any
direction from Queen's Park” answer from their
councils. But when the time comes when one refuses
direction from higher qualified, trained leaders, then it
would seem that progress will surely ‘bog’ down.
Administering to rural and suburban communities is no
longer the simple matter of receiving tax moneys and
spending them to the best advantage, and enacting
simple by-laws , etc. It has become impossible to live in
the vicinity of other municipalities without the
businesses of each inter-relating. One cannot stand
aside and aloof from others on many issues. Even the
least interested parties should read all available
literature on amalgamation, thus to be better equipped
to make a decision for or against, when the times
comes.

County Council, preceding the meeting toured the
new penitentiary. It was an interesting tour, all the
newest in kitchen facilities, and special facilities for
inmates under psychiatric examination. Inmates entering
the prison will be taken in through a separate tunnel, so
as not to be seen by other inmates during this initial
entrance.

Local Council will have a report of a pending decision
for the next issue.

Beacon #6 - Thursday, June 25, 1970
Municipal Affairs by Marj Aitken

At a special session on June 1st, Council had as its guest, Mr Irvin Anderson, of the Department of Municipal Affairs. Mr Anderson explained many of the aspects of the Planning Act and gave advise, re passing a bylaw to control sub-divisions.

The following night Council met for their regular meeting and discussed, at great length, the pros and cons of such a step. After much serious consideration, a motion was carried to pass a bylaw establishing subdivision control over the entire municipality of Amherst Island. This seem s a rather extreme measure but there have been so many examples of poor development of lands where such control was not instituted that Council felt obligated to do so. But it would seem that the choice was not to be Council's for long at any rate. The following appeared in Monday's Globe and Mail and is a direct quote of the article, under the heading... For Ordered Development ...

'Uncontrolled development of land is chaos. Land use plans are designated to avoid that chaos. But in vast areas of Ontario where municipalities have no such plans, extraordinary measures are needed. These measures were taken in the Legislature last week when Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough introduced amendments to the Planning Act. Under the new law, all Ontario municipalities that have no land use plans will have to apply to Queen's Park before they will be allowed to create subdivisions. By putting subdivision controls on all land not protected by bylaws or plans, Mr Keough has, in effect, frozen development until the municipality passes an Official plan. And the plan must meet the standards set down by the Department of Municipal Affairs. Most of the areas affected are in Eastern Ontario. The Minister had no choice. Without the protection of adequate zoning and planning controls, land could be hacked into smaller pieces and dished out to developers without regard to the need for roads, sewers, schools, electricity or water supply.' . . .end of quote.

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Beacon Notes

Some soft information (as opposed to hard info) on the bubble at the cement plant. I was over taking a picture just after last month's issue came out. Someone else was taking pictures too and we struck up a conversation. We didn't exchange names but it was pretty apparent that he was an executive with the company putting up the structure.

He said the structure was much like a giant swimming pool liner held up with air pressure (a couple pounds per square inch). The first time they inflated the dome, a seam let loose and it collapsed but the second time everything held together.

The next job is to spray the inside with Styrofoam which isn't as easy as it sounds because the Styrofoam and the plastic don't bond very well. Then, he said, anchors are inserted into the foam. Finally, concrete is poured on the inside of the dome. When it is all done, cement will be stored inside the dome.

So, that's the low down from perhaps... just maybe... a sometimes reliable source.

The Council Of Amherst Island Twp.
proclaims
October 20 - 26, 1997
to be Ontario Library Week

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

October 14, 1997

Chris had to be away this evening and I am reporting in his absence. As Council Meetings go, this one was quite good. It was lively and short - I departed at 8:45 p.m. leaving the members to deal with a closed session. Each item was given fair hearing and voted on without getting lost in side issues.

All members of Council were present along with the Clerk-treasurer and the Public Works'

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Superintendent, three interested members of the public and this reporter. The Call To Order was at 8:07 p.m.

After the usual preliminaries, Stuart Miller (Public Works' Super) gave his monthly report. The public toilet has tentative approval to be moved but some members of Council had concerns about the improvements planned. These include adding running water for a single toilet and a sink, a tank and filter bed plus heat. They had no figures in front of them for this work nor for the cost to operate it so the matter was tabled until the figures could be circulated. Stuart also talked about snow ploughing standards. There is some sort of grading system for the mainland roads with some being ploughed more frequently and sooner than others. We, having unique conditions by being exposed to the lake winds, plough more often than the mainland. He felt it was important to get the mainland politicians to understand this so we do not end up having to try and fit into their system.

The Reeve, Duncan Ashley, then gave a 15 minute report on the process to select the preferred bidder (Channel Crossings Joint Venture). It was a closed door session between the three Island Reeves, the consultants and the short list of bidders. The bottom line is that he did not think much of it, nor of the bidders. Because there will be a Public Meeting tomorrow night, I will not go into much detail here.

The winning bid consisted of bridges to Howe and Wolfe and an upgraded ferry service for Amherst Island. The bridges would be toll bridges and the fares for the ferry would be set at \$2 each way. The Frontenac II would be our ferry operating 20 hours a

day with the back-up being one of the Glenora ferries.

About the process, he said:

- it a 'shameful proceeding' with some bidders willing to change the rules and numbers to please (making the amalgamation proceedings look good by comparison);
- he 'got red in the face and yelled' in frustration at what he saw as some completely detached and uncaring proposals;
- the bidder selected was the only one that might have a proposal that the Province would consider and the best one for the three islands, with the others not inspiring confidence in their ability to carry their proposals through;
- there are no hard numbers!

In the course of this discussion, other Council members chipped in along with the Clerk who was also present at the selection process. Duncan said he voted for this bidder to get the process to the next stage which is the three Public Meetings and then decisions by the three Councils. He didn't know what would happen if any one of the three

{Council Report will continue after the following two ads}

The Amherst Island Beacon invites you to an:
All Candidates Meeting

At the Amherst Island Community Centre
Tuesday, October 21, at 8:00 pm.

The following have been invited:

Candidates for Deputy Reeve, Loyalist Township

Arnold Adams

David Cheesbrough

Candidates for Councillor, Ward 1, Loyalist Township:

Ken Albertan

Duncan Ashley

Jan Sneep

Jim Whitton

Candidates for Trustee, Separate School System:

Tracey Bennet

Nijola Cooke

Paul Gilmore, acclaimed Reeve of Loyalist Township, and Helen M. Brown, acclaimed trustee for the Public School System, will have the opportunity to speak if either wishes. Each candidate will have up to 5 minutes to address the audience. The audience will have the opportunity to question the candidates after the speeches.

Chaired by Ian Murray, ex-reeve, ex-councillor.

The Weasel And Easel will be open every weekend from now until December 20 / 21.

The hours are 12 - 4.

Come and have a look as you begin your Christmas shopping. There are lots of interesting items in. We will have more pottery at the end of November but there are still many pieces here to choose from. If you aren't able to visit the gallery on a weekend call one of the people listed below and they will be happy to open up for you.

Caroline Ackerman... 384-5606

Peggy Coulter... 384-8125

Dorothy McGinn... 389-2947

Shirley Miller... 389-2588

Eleanor Trueman... 389-3548

Sheila Whiting... 389-4889

We look forward to seeing you!

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Councils voted against it but he said that the second place bidder was acting as if they could step in.

In other news...

Council received a letter from the A.I. Fact Finding Committee without taking any further action on it. The letter suggested that the focus of the Island's efforts be shifted to the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism instead of the Ministry of Transportation. The letter also suggests that the Ministry of Agriculture be included in the process. Finally the letter would like interim funding for the ferry to be provided by Ministry of Transportation until 'a self-sustaining financing arrangement is in place'.

There was note from Darrell Hajdell of Harbours and Ports in response to a fax letter from Council. H&P are 'currently assessing the next steps associated with divestiture of the Stella/Millhaven facilities'.

The Landfill Site hours are to be changed. Sunday will see the site open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Council voted to add a Saturday opening between 10 a.m. and noon. Wednesdays will remain the same. In other dump news, ours apparently may see changes to the recycling program as we do not do as much as the mainland sites do.

The Fire Department has completed the emergency signs and corrected those that were wrong (only a couple).

The General Transition Board has recommended that a three person committee be set up to look at the policing requirements for us. They are to report by the end of the year. Some questions were raised whether the costs will be area rated (ie in accordance with what we receive) or not. In an aside, it was reported that an OPP officer in his/her cruiser ran the Stop sign in Stella going for the boat. Nice to see we can count on the police to play by the rules!

Adam Miller and Chris Kennedy applied for and have been appointed as Livestock Valuers. Ida Gavlas has been made Deputy Clerk.

The Recreation Committee report was given by Councillor Fleming. The committee is busy as usual and gearing up for their Oktoberfest.

The Cemetery Committee report was given by Councillor Woods. The main item of business for them this past month was the removal of some trees which has now been completed.

Council passed a by-law to bring us in line with Bath and Ernestown regarding retention periods for Township documents. There is a 6 page list of the various types of documents which, if it interests you, can be perused at the Township office.

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund has \$520 to distribute this year. Seven people applied.

After a few other items of business, I left and Council went into closed session to discuss several items including evaluations and rehiring temporary deckhands, and an application for relief engineer.

Glenn's Store / Bath Foodland

Hours

Mon - Fri 9 - 11:30 am 2:30 - 5 pm

Saturday 9 - 5

Sunday 10 - 5

A wide variety of grocery products available.

Movies

Pop

Chips

Ice-cream

Ice

Milk

Bread

Culligan Spring Water

Frozen Foods

Now. Available - Lg bags Wild Bird Seed

- Lg bags Sunflower Seeds

New Chocolate Milk.

Loyalist Township

General Transition Board Meeting

October 2nd

- Chris Kennedy

I attended the General Transition Board meeting in Ernestown this month. The new township seems to be taking shape, and should be up and running by the new year. The General Transition Board seems mainly to be co-ordinating all the special committees that are dealing with the details of the new township.

The meeting started with a presentation from the Ontario Clean Water Agency. This is a Crown Agency, which I had never heard of before, but they apparently run 80% of the water treatment plants in Ontario, including those in Odessa, Amherstview and Bath, and the waste water treatment facility in Bath, and they want to continue working for the new township.

The Board discussed the future of the municipal office in Bath. This is a completely modernised building, and is maintained by the utilities commission in Bath, apparently out of money that would otherwise go to Ontario Hydro. I did not follow the entire accounting procedure, but it sounded good to the Board, and they decided that instead of enlarging the office space in Odessa to use the Bath building instead. One entire department of the new township could be housed there. Our municipal building on Amherst Island will be used for a ferry office, and as a drop-off place for bills etc.. A part-time

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Clerical Assistant-Ferry Operation will be hired to do much of the regular office work connected to the ferry, provided that we still have a ferry to operate.

Ernestown already has a Records Retention Bylaw. This dictates how long old municipal records must be kept. Amherst Island and Bath were asked to pass a similar by-law, so that a lot of the old paper-work can be disposed of.

It appears that the OPP are the best people to provide police service for the new township. This would be much better than providing our own police force. Each of the three existing councils have to decide what level of service they require, and then we will have to find out how much it will all cost.

The new City of Kingston is still trying to steal part of Ernestown from the new Loyalist Township. However the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Al Leach, has written to say that he does not intend to make any changes, at least until it is seen how well the new township works out. Reeve Paul Gilmore of Ernestown, however, said that Kingston is free to waste their money however they want.

Various matters about our transportation problem were discussed. A resolution to the Premier from the Fact Finding Committee was endorsed. This requested that the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs also be involved in helping find a solution to our ferry problems. A second part of the resolution requested that the Interim Ferry plan be approved so that we are not left stranded on January 1st.

It seems that a bridge to Amherst Island would cost

between \$67 million and \$85 million. This is considerably more than the total property value of the Island. Council has received one legal opinion on a challenge to the ferry down-loading, and are waiting for a second.

The meeting closed with a question period. Listening to this Board meeting brought home to me that we are becoming a small part of a much bigger organisation. Our municipal politics are leaving the horse and buggy days, and joining the 21st century, in one gigantic step. However, we will still have Stuart Miller as Supervisor/operator for our roads, with Gary and Ron still at the wheel of our snow-plows.

The Amherst Island Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539

Invites you to a Masquerade Ball
October 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Centre
Wear your silliest, scariest, funniest costumes
Come and Join the fun / Prizes for each category
Pop and Chips for sale

Loyalist Township Monthly Tax Payment Plan

The new Loyalist Township is offering a Monthly Tax Payment Plan as an alternative to the regular installment tax payment system.

This plan runs from January 1st to October 1st each year with ten equal installments due on the first of each month.

Anyone wishing to participate in the monthly tax payment plan should contact the Tax Department at 386-7351.

Public Meeting

October 17, 1997

- Chris Kennedy

This meeting was organized so that Islanders could meet the preferred bidder for the long-term solution to our transportation problems. About 200 people attended the meeting, so this report is mainly for our off-island readers. Channel Crossing Joint Venture (CCJV) have been picked by the Client Group, and their project leader, Paul Giannelia, was there to speak and then answer questions. CCJV is a consortium including Ambro Construction, a huge road building firm, and Strait Crossing Inc., who built the bridge to Prince Edward Island.

Very briefly, CCJV is proposing to build bridges to Howe and Wolfe Islands, to be completed by Christmas 2000, and improve the ferry service to Amherst Island by using the Frontenac II year round. Wolfe and Howe

Island ferries would remain in operation until the bridges are finished. Because our ferry can never become financially self-supporting revenue, from the bridges would help off-set our operating costs. In addition interim financing would be required from the province. After 35 years the bridges would be paid for, and the province would no longer need to put in money. CCJV believes that with improved access to the islands economic development will follow.

As hand-outs at the start of the meeting there were a summary of the CCJV

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proposal, and outlines of the other leading bidders, but it was difficult to read these and listen to the discussion at the same time.

Paul Giannelia (Paul) could give very few definite figures on the future of our ferry, because so much is unknown until the contribution, if any, from the province, is known. Without provincial money, the Client Group and CCJV would have to start all over again. There is, however, almost certain to be a fare increase, but CCJV is hoping to maintain the same hours of operation, improve service and cut costs. Initially CCJV would hope to use the existing staff to run the ferries.

There were at least two hours of questions from the floor. Many of these were about why Amherst Island does not get a bridge. Paul said that with the long distance to the Island and our low population it did not make financial sense. Some of the audience and Paul batted figures back and forth, but at the end of the evening he still said "No Bridge". Other questions concerned the rejected bids. People wanted to see, and possibly hear from the other bidders. Duncan said that he would make his own copies of the rejected bids available at the Township Office for people to look at. No commitment was made to bring over other bidders to talk to us.

When the other Islands have had their public meetings, each Council will vote on whether to accept or reject CCJV as the chosen bidder. Jim Whitton asked all Islanders to either telephone or, even better, write to Council to express their opinion. If they are accepted then CCJV and the Client Group go to Queen's Park and try to persuade the Provincial government that this is the best we can do, and to please part with the required money.

Taking Bookings Now
for

Collage available to rent by the week or week-end for

Spring, Summer, Fall 1998!

North Shore, Amherst Island, neat and clean get-a-way
(Great kitchen, livingroom, bath, 2 bedroom).
Please direct enquiries to Susie at 389-2012.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our condolences to Sally Bowen and her family.
Sally's mother passed away last month.

Dave Youell had knee surgery and is now
recuperating at home.

Congratulations to Noel and Tamara McCormick on
the birth of their third child on October 3. Their new
daughter, Hanna Mariah arrived weighing in at 7 lbs.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

On September 17th nine members met at the home
of Jean McIntyre for our monthly meeting and a pot
luck supper. That should really read pot luck supper
and monthly meeting as the lure of the delicious food
proved to be so strong that we ate first. The business
portion of the evening started with the Ode, Collect and
National Anthem followed by the roll-call which was
"My Favourite Site in Kingston" and I had to wonder if,
when the program was decided on, ladies wear stores
were what the committee had in mind.. maybe eating
and socializing first had put us in a light-hearted mood.
A committee was formed to plan the Seniors' Xmas
Dinner which is always a pleasant festive task and,
since the weather is telling us that summer is over, gets
us thinking of the festive season. The October 15th
meeting at 8 pm will be at the home of Erika Krauklis
and we shall be watching films and hearing about Erika
and Hans' trip to Africa. Our popular Brown Bag
Auction will also be held at this meeting with the
proceeds going to our Pennies for Friendship Fund. On
November 19th at 8 pm the meeting will be at the home
of Jackie Sylvester and the program will be on wreath
making. Visitors are always most welcome.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

While attending a pot luck supper the other night,
the people on either side of me kept saying "This salad
is wonderful, you must try some!" Unfortunately by the
time I made my way back to the table, it was all gone.
Therefore, I decided that the only thing to do was track
down the cook (Debbie Miller) and beg for the recipe.
Debbie said she would be happy to share her California

Cobb Salad with all of us. Thanks Debbie.

1 head iceberg lettuce, chopped or torn
2 Tbsp chopped chives or green onions
1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken (or turkey)
8 slices bacon, cooked crisp, chopped
2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 large tomato, chopped
1 large avocado, chopped and tossed with 1 Tbsp lemon
juice
2 oz (50g) blue cheese crumbled

Dressing

1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 Tbsp white vinegar
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper
1/2 tsp worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 tsp dijon mustard

Arrange lettuce evenly over bottom of large salad
bowl. Sprinkle with chives or onions. Arrange other
chopped ingredients in pinwheel pattern on top. Place
blue cheese in centre. Shake salad dressing in ajar with
tight fitting lid. Just before serving pour dressing over
salad and toss.

Notice To All Dog Lovers

Amherst Islanders like dogs but not dog poo on their
lawns put there by dogs not on a leash. Please keep
your dogs on leash. It's the law.

4-H Club

The High School 4-Hers will be starting a new club
this fall. "A Sporting Chance" will include Horseshoes,
Bocci Ball, Bowling, Table Tennis, Pool, Volleyball
and possibly Curling. (If we have Islanders that are
enthusiasts or "experts" in any of the above areas we'd
be really glad to have you assist at a meeting - please
call me!

The first meeting will be at Caughey's on Sunday,
October 19th from 2 - 4 pm.

4-H Leader Susie Caughey, 389-2012.

Full Dog Grooming Services in the convenience of your
own home. Call Sandi Topping at (613) 354-1569 for
an appointment.

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

Happy Anniversary Branch 539.

October 15th, 1997 marks the 45th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion on Amherst Island. It was on this day in 1942 that the first charter was granted to Charlie Babcock by Dominion Command President C.B. Lumsden. Charlie along with William Bulch, recruited members to set up our own branch know as Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, the name later changed to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Since there was no Legion facility on the Island, the meetings were held at the Town Hall. Meetings were later held at a small garage, sometimes at the community centre and then on to members' homes, where they are presently being held at the home of Tom and Audrey Miller. Some of the first members of this branch were:

Charlie Babcock

Fred Hitchins

Les Glenn

William Bulch

Mike Brown

Ralph Wemp

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Maurice Smith

John Drumgoole

George Willard

Earle Tugwell

Kenneth Miller

Sam Reid

Harvey Eves

Gerald Carney

Since then membership has grown to 32 members at the present time.

Originally membership was only given to veterans, then as time went on non-war veterans military personnel, then to spouses, children, grandchildren and brothers and sisters of veterans. The Legion has a long history of service on the island. If you are interested in helping us continue the service to veterans and their families and the community at large, please feel free to attend one of our meetings, the first Thursday of every month at Tom and Audrey Miller's home at 8 pm. Hope to see you there!

It's that time again, Hallowe'en, and time to rummage through your closets and put together a costume, dig out the old make-up bag and start experimenting, you never know what you could create. Remember the date Friday, October 24 at the Community Centre. The doors open at 6:30 pm, admission is as follows:

children under 14 Free

14 and up \$3.00 per person.

Judging starts at 7:30. There will be prizes for each category. There will be games to play, refreshments (pop and chips will be sold), so come on out and join the fun.

The Poppy Campaign will be getting under way again from Nov. 1 - 11. Members will be canvassing door to door during that couple of weeks. Proceeds from the annual Poppy Campaign go into a separate trust fund. It provides assistance to needy ex-service veterans and their families. It's also used to purchase medical equipment for community health services, provides affordable housing for veterans and senior citizens, pays for bursaries for needy students and provides support services to senior citizens, i.e. meals on wheels and drop in centres.

That's all for this month, so until next month Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hallowe'en!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Free Firewood (Barn Wood)

Call 389-4874

Baby Sitting!

Shannon Youell

389-5596. Reference available.

Thank You Notes

On behalf of the A.I.P.S. soccer team, we would like to thank...

Mr. Reid and Mr McCrady for their coaching and support and driving us to the tournament, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Albertan and Mrs Hutchings for supplying drinks and also driving.

I would also like to commend the Grade 3 students for all their hard work and guts throughout the day.

A.I.P.S. Soccer Team

I would really like to thank the person(s) who broke into the back end of my truck on the night of Sept 20. I always assumed it would be riskier to leave a parked vehicle at the Millhaven dock. Thank-you for opening my eyes. I now realize that this side is No better (especially since there is next to no lighting where a person is to leave a vehicle on this side). I especially hope that the items that were stolen were of "great" use to those who lifted them. I am sure they really kept you warm of course. I thank you for at least leaving the truck in driveable condition, so I wouldn't have to endure your company as well as your warm hospitality.

This was the first time I have ever left a vehicle and walked on the ferry and rest assured it will now be the last.

Ann Robertson

We want to thank our family, friends, and neighbours for their cards, phone calls, visits and gifts of goodies, flowers, etc. Many thanks to the ACW and PCW Teurs fo

could see no reason why the factory could not be operated on an all year round basis. George made some changes in the design of the factory, refrigeration was installed in the curing room and George produced small cheese which were marketed throughout the area.

With an oil burning boiler replacing the original coal fired boiler, George was able to frost proof the water intake as wells control the volume of the by-product whey to match the consumption of the same by farmers who raised hogs. The Shea family of Wilton had purchased a bulk tank truck, operated by their son Larry who served the bulk tank farmers. George arranged the transportation of the finished 90 lb cheeses by truck across the ice when safe, to be picked up by the Kingston Creameries truck to be stored in their cold storage facilities, transporting new cheese boxes back to the Island on the return trip.

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Who, of us, will ever forget the winter when our Island roads were hopelessly blocked with snow for a period of three weeks. The bulk tanks were over flowing and at the point of the milk having to be thrown out. Snowmobiles were a new invention and a few had been purchased on Amherst Island and most owners had constructed little sleighs to be towed behind these machines.

On an winters day, three young men set about the transporting of milk to the Island factory, and Larry Shea, Albert Mulders and W. Bruce Caughey transported the milk, in 80 lb. cans into the factory where George quickly made it into cheddar cheese.

Once settled in their new home the Bierma family became involved in Island life. Their children attended the Island school, Helena joined the local women's church groups, George, a member of the Masonic order, joined the Burleigh L.O.L #482. George was elected to the Amherst Island Township School area and was the last Chairman of this Board when the County Board System of School Administration was introduced. George Bierma was a competitor in the Cheese Makers Association, composed of Cheese Factories in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. Who can forget those annual banquets and dances in Club Canara in Belleville, looked forward each year by Island couples.

When the Biermas left the Island to reside in Newburgh and George to return to employment in the Harrowsmith factory. Following his retirement, George assisted his son Robert who operated an electrical motor repair shop in the Industrial Park at Napanee.

The Biermas, in latter years had a trailer parked on a friend's property on the front road where they spent some periods during the summer months and renewed

their friendship with their Island friends. Our sympathy goes out to Helena and her family in the loss of a father who contributed so much to Amherst Island life.

A. Bruce Caughey

Wemp - In loving memory of my dear husband Leigh Herbert, who passed away suddenly on October 12, 1996.

Your end was very sudden,
No time to say good-bye,
You were gone before I realized
and only God knows why,

A cluster of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God had spared you
But for a few more years,

Thanks for the years you gave me
And time we did share,
Our son Herb and daughter Valerie
Cherished you with care,

We made our vows together
And said "till death do us part"
So when God came and took your hand
My whole world fell apart,

No one knows the heartache,
I tried so hard to hide,
No one knows how many times
I've broken down and cried,

When I look back upon our lives,
One thing makes me glad
That you chose me to share with you
The precious years we had.

Sadly missed, always loved and never forgotten,
Doris

Wemp - In loving memory of our father Leigh Herbert, who passed away suddenly on October 12, 1996

Our lives go on without you
And nothing is the same,
We have to hold the heartache
When someone speaks your name,

Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall

Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.

What we would give if we could say,
"Hello Dad" in the same old way
To hear your voice, see your smile,
To sit with you and chat awhile.

So you who have a father,
Cherish him with care,
For you'll never know the heartache
Till you see his vacant chair.

Sadly missed, always loved, and never forgotten
Herbert and his wife Cheryl, Valerie and her
companion Gary.

Wemp - In loving memory of our dear Grampa Leigh
Herbert, who passed away suddenly on October 12,
1996

We will always remember the way you looked,
The way you used to smile,
The things you said and did,
Are with us all the while.

You meant so very much to us,
Far more than words can say
There is an ache in our hearts
That the years will never take away.

Sadly missed, always loved and never forgotten,
Kailey and Adam Wemp.

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Amherst Island Bible Study Group
meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200
Nov. 97 at Karen J. Fleming's
Dec. 97 at Janet Scott's
Jan. 98 at Karen Fleming's
Feb. 98 at Syke Fleming's
Mar. 98 at Cathy Glenn's
Apr. 98 at Karen J. Fleming's
May 98 at Ann Albertan's
June 98 at Helen Lamb's
July 98 at Janet Scott's

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never on top of the insulation covering the pipe. Do not cover the heat tape with insulation unless advised by the manufacturer. Use non-flammable insulation such as fibreglass. Do not use foam or vinyl insulation that could catch fire from a failing heat tape.

Since moisture can lead to a fire, keep the end-cap sealed and off the ground to prevent water from getting into the cap.

Do not use heat tapes designed for water pipes on gutters or fuel lines.

If the heat tape has a thermostat, check the instructions to see whether the thermostat should be placed against the pipe and covered with insulation or left hanging and uncovered.

Inspect heat tapes each year, replacing them if they show signs of deterioration. Look for discoloured surfaces (especially at the plug), charring, cuts, or breaks in the insulation, or bare wires.

Ensure the heat tapes meet CSA standards.

Lightning Is A Deadly Threat

Every year, several Canadians are killed by lightning strikes. A significant percentage of these individuals died after seeking shelter from a storm under a tree.

Farmers working in open fields are vulnerable to unexpected, violent electrical storms. Being the highest object in an open area, or being near good conductors such as metal towers, is definitely Not advisable!

If you sense your hair or skin beginning to tingle, you may be about to be struck. If you experience this sensation while out in the open, crouch low to the ground with your feet together. This will make you a smaller target and minimize your contact

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with the ground. Do not lie on the ground, especially if it is wet.

Keep the following tips in mind if you are caught in a storm.

- Get away from open areas as quickly as possible. Go into a building or a vehicle.
- Keep away from water and anything metal, such as fences, irrigation systems, etc.
- Don't be the tallest object in the area. Never stand anywhere near the tallest object or structure!
- If you must enter a group of trees, keep away from the tallest ones. Try to get to a low area or a ravine.

A Letter Home

After a rather slow start to the fall colours, the trees really put on a show this year. Even on the Island, the

colours were pretty good - not the usual with the rain and wind knocking the leaves off before the colours can really get set.

We are sending the lambs to market which is always hair raising - what if the prices are down? what if the ranchers out west ship in 10,000,000,000 lambs this fall? what if...? Prices do seem pretty good which is the satisfying part! The lambs look pretty good too thanks to wonderful fall weather giving us some late pasture after the dry summer.

As you have read in this issue, amalgamation and ferry downloading take up our political front. To add to this mix, we at the Beacon are throwing in an All Candidates Meeting. This will almost certainly be well attended to get the measure of the mainlanders. Its going to be a big change not having our little township, and more than a little sad too. We've had it real good when it comes to the municipal democratic process with a few hundred people selecting their administrators. Speaking of having it good with Council meetings only 15 minutes from home... we're going to be drawing straws up here to see who gets to go to the Council and committee meetings on the mainland. I think Paul Gilmour said they ran two Council meetings a month. And, it sure is going to be different reporting on Township general affairs rather than stuff that concerns us directly.

Well... so long 'til next month.

Community Calendar

Oct 20-26... Ontario Library Week

Oct 20... ISLE Cheese pick-up date

Oct 20... Meals On Wheels

Oct 21... All Candidates Meeting at the Community Centre

Oct 24... Legion Masquerade Ball 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center

Oct 24... Drone playing at NDSS dance

Nov 1 - 11... Legion Poppy Campaign

Nov 19... A.I.W.I Meeting at Jackie Sylvester 8:00 p.m.

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes- used cloth towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used clothing for the Cat's Meow Thrift Store. Can be dropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one in) or call 384-4135 for pick up.

Help Us Help The Animals

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For Sale
Wanted

Baby Sitting!
Shannon Youell
389-5596 Reference available.

Free Fire Wood
(Barn Wood)
Call 389-4874

Albertan Homes
Home built or renovated
Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & homework
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Babysitter
Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course.
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 evenings and
weekends.

Bulldozing Done
\$40/hour flat rate
Call Llew at 384-4071.

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning
Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Cisterns Filled
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071.

Cleaning
Penny Coleman is available for house cleaning and
general household help.
Call 389-5569.

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

Drone's first audio tape available from band members
& Glenn's Store. - \$5.

Firewood For Sale
Call: 389-4484.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
Contact Gary McDonald at 384.1456.

Island Financial Planner
Metropolitan Life Representative
Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office)

Lamb For Sale
Topsy Farms again has lamb for sale.
Call Sally at 389-3802

LIN - SAR
Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling Sheet Metal Fabrication &
Installation
Office: 475-5467
Home: 478-5417

Painting Classes
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 384-5172.

Printing
A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Shore Well Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

A Video About Amherst Island for Sale
A documentary by Jim Scott covering the life and times
of the residents of Amherst Island and it's historical
past.
389-1119 or 353-2351.
Cost \$20.00

Wanted
Old cutlery wanted, knives, forks, spoons.
Will pick up.
Call - John Pollock 389-9977

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We Will Do Odd Jobs....
Snow removal, minor repairs, dog walking, firewood
stacking, etc.
Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Attention Amherst Island Community
"Cheese Notice"
ISLE is again raising funds for the school through
cheese sales. Wilton cheeses now available in
approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
calling an AIPS student, Karen J. Fleming 389-9869 or
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Varieties available: curd, mild, Colby, mozzarella,
casserole cheese, onion/garlic, hot pepper, marble,
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Parmesan, Swiss, havarti, Danish blue, Gouda,
jarlesburg, slices, cheese balls, feta, brie, skim, Danish
creams.
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Thank You For Your Support Of Amherst Island Public
School.
Cheese Orders will be available for pickup at the school
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Wed, Nov 19 Mon, Nov 24

Wed, Dec 17	Mon, Dec 22
Wed, Jan 21	Mon, Jan 26
Wed, Feb 18	Mon, Feb 23
Wed, Mar 25	Mon, Mar 30
Wed, Apr 23	Mon, Apr 27
Wed, May 21	Mon, May 25
Wed, June 17	Mon, June 22

Please make cheques payable to ISLE

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Loyalist Township Election Results
Reeve
Paul Gilmore... (acclaimed)

Deputy Reeve
Arnold Adams... 2,130 {Elected}
Dave Cheesebrough... 1,714

Council Members
Ward 1 (Amherst Island - elect 1)
Duncan Ashley... 162 {Elected}
Jan Sneep... 84
Jim Whitton... 52
Ken Albertan... 20
Ward 2 (Bath - elect 1)
Kathy Storms... 394 {Elected}
Joe Hudacin... 216
Bruce Phillip... 50
Ward 3 (Ernestown - elect 3)
Clayton McEwen... 2,129 {Elected}
Carl Bresee... 1,910 {Elected}
Terry Linkson... 1,465 {Elected}

Jon Begg... 813
Bernard Williams... 738

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Beacon Notes
Thoughts on the Election
- Ian Murray -

As usual there was an excellent turnout of ratepayers to vote for their choices.

It is unfortunate that the election timing got caught up in the very on-going ferry/bridge debate. Or vice versa. It is a very confusing time for all Ontario citizens - a time of change and turmoil. It is a depressing time for many residents on this Island; for a great many it is a time of regret that they ever moved here.

Also, as usual, it was an interesting election. I was certainly unprepared to wager much on its outcome. I was not very surprised that Reeve Ashley got the most votes. However, I did not expect such a margin of victory. I expect that the ferry/bridge contention swung Duncan votes that might have gone to Councillor Whitton.

Best of luck for the next 3 years, Duncan. And thanks to Jan, Jim and Ken for participating in the democratic process.

On December 2, Amherst Island Township will hold its last Regular Council Meeting....

Important Notice
Re: Swim Registration
To All Residents Of The Village of Bath And Amherst Island:

As a resident of the newly formed Loyalist Township, you are entitled to register for the Winter Aquafest Swimming Lessons on the First day of registration.

Winter Aquafest Registration:
Tuesday, Nov. 25 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Registration will be held at the W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre,
322 Amherst Drive, Amherstview
Lessons will be held January 5- March 4, 1998

If you require more information please call the Recreation Department, 389-3648.

Regular Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
November 4th 1997

All members of Council were present, and there were four in the audience. Stuart Miller reported that the Public Works Department is getting ready for winter. They are also working with their colleagues in Loyalist Township so that all will be ready for Amalgamation Day, January 1st. Stuart is negotiating with Mrs. Herrington for parking and access to the Ducks Unlimited project in the Big Marsh. Council has received an Infrastructure grant to move and improve the toilet on the Stella Dock. Council discussed for some time the best ways to combat vandalism. It seems likely that it will be locked at dusk.

Council received several letters and a lot of phone calls after the public meeting on October 15th to hear the Channel Crossing Joint Venture proposal for our ferry. With some exceptions the response was positive to the CCJV presentation. Lynn Fleming reported that she had received twenty-five calls in favour of CCJV and three in favour of a bridge.

Council is petitioning MTO, and anyone else they can think of, to try to get the Frontenac II back for the winter, but it does not look very hopeful. There appears to be a hold-up with inspecting the ferry docks before they are sold to the Township. Council hopes to finish the transfer before January 1st. Council is also trying to get the Back Beach agreement signed, sealed and delivered before January 1st. This involves a lot of legal work, including opening and closing the old road along the Back Beach. W. Bruce Caughey wrote to Council asking to be heard on the matter. Council felt that his concerns should be addressed to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Since our building inspector, John McGinn has left, from November 1st all building permits will be issued through Ernestown. Much of the Council business is winding down. The inaugural meeting of Loyalist Township is January 2nd 1998 at 11 a.m. in Odessa.

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Special Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
November 6th

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the public regarding the ferry -Memorandum of Understanding and Channel Crossing Joint Venture. In October all three islands had heard presentations from Channel Crossing Joint Venture on their proposals for providing access to the islands. Very briefly the proposal was for bridges to Wolfe and to Howe Islands, and Amherst would keep a ferry, subsidized by the revenue from the bridges. Councils then had time for input from the public, and the final decision whether to

accept or reject the CCJV proposal was to be made on the same night, November 6th, by each Council. About a hundred people attended the meeting at the Community Centre. As a hand-out at the door there was the Memorandum of Understanding, a legal agreement between CCJV and the Township Council. The Memorandum of Understanding "is stated to be an expression of the Parties' commitment, made in good faith and in the best interests of each other, to work together towards developing a business plan to be presented to the Province of Ontario for the long term operation of the ferry services or the building of fixed link alternatives."

"While CCJV will be responsible for developing the detailed plan, it will do so only in accordance with policy direction given it by the Policy Committee comprised of three representatives from CCJV and one representative from each island community. All decisions will require at least five votes thereby ensuring that at least two island communities will support whatever direction the Committee is pursuing." Any municipality can withdraw on 30 days notice, but may not re-enter the process without the consent of the others. So if we really do not like what is going on we can leave, and try to find our own solution to our ferry problems, but we cannot come to a separate agreement with the Province without the consent of the other parties.

There were quite a few comments from the floor. The only one that Council acted on was to vote in an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding which stated that the island representative should be elected. Council then, in a recorded vote, unanimously passed the amended Memorandum of Understanding. Both Wolfe Island and Howe Island passed the Memorandum of Understanding, without amendments.

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A wide variety of grocery products available.
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Special Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
November 7th

This meeting was to elect our representative to the Policy Committee. Our amendment to the Memorandum

of Understanding (M. of U.) the previous night apparently had caused considerable confusion, since the other island councils had passed it unamended. The lawyer who had drawn it up said that the legal complications of having two different M. of U. were considerable. It would be very

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difficult to get the other Councils to change their M. of U., not least because the Municipal elections were due on the 10th of November, after which the lame-duck Council is very limited in what business it can transact.

Council therefore decided to rescind the motion from the previous night, which had passed the amended M. of U. In a recorded vote Jim Whitton opposed this, as he felt that the other councils should at least be approached, and that a decision made when large numbers of the public were present should not be overturned the next day, though this meeting was also open to the public. Council then passed the unamended M. of U., Jim again voting nay. Lastly Duncan Ashley was unanimously appointed as our representative on the Policy Committee.

The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Duncan Ashley on his election as councillor to the new Loyalist Council.

Danielle Wolfreys is going to have her cast removed soon which I am sure will make life a lot more comfortable. It has been a long time for an active little girl to be confined in one spot.

Earl Tugwell has been in hospital and is recovering. Jim Bowman has also been in hospital for neck surgery and is also coming along well.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Our October 15th meeting was cancelled due to the meeting at the school regarding the Ferry problems, so we shall be re-scheduling the talk on Africa when Erika and Hans are back from their winter trip to Mexico. The November 19th meeting at 8 p.m. at Jackie Sylvester's will hopefully go on as planned and we shall be making wreaths... if anyone is interested please join us. December 10th will be the day we gather at the home of Anna Hitchins for our Christmas meeting, complete with full turkey dinner, gift exchange, games and carol singing. The committee for the Seniors' Christmas dinner have been busy co-ordinating and planning to ensure that it will be an enjoyable evening.

Each year more of us are eligible to join the other Island seniors at the tables and we really do need some younger members to boost our membership and bring with them fresh, new ideas... why not join us as a guest for a meeting or two to learn what the W.I. is all about. January 21st, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. the meeting will be at the home of Leslie Gavlas. We'll be hearing about perennials from a guest speaker from "Simple County Pleasures" and we invite new and experienced gardeners to join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

St. Paul's Church Women

Christmas Tea and Bazaar

Saturday, November 29

From 1 - 4 p.m.

At the Community Centre

Admission \$2 with a luncheon

Bake Sale

Santa's Post Office.

Treasures

Crafts

The Weasel And Easel

Why not begin your Christmas Shopping here on the Island?

We have an interesting selection of seasonal items including wreaths and Christmas ornaments.

Great ideas for Christmas giving too. Woolen blankets woven from Island wool, valet stands, quilt stand, paintings, homemade salsa and jams, hand smocked nighties, pottery, wooden bowls and trays, benches, wine racks, wooden puzzles and stained glass.

Come in and have a look.

Winter hours: Saturday and Sunday 12 - 4

Phone: 384-1633

We hope to see you soon.

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Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

Once again the annual Masquerade Ball was a huge success, a frightfully good time was had by all. The costumes were absolutely terrific, everyone looked really great, the judges certainly had some tough decisions to make. Our judges for this year were Leslie Gavlas, Helen Lamb and Caroline Ackerman, thanks very much ladies on a job well done. First Prize \$5.00, Second Prize \$3.00, Third Prize \$2.00. Here is a list of winners.

Youngest child in Costume - Hannah McCormick

Children 3 years and under:

1st Prize: Gavin Ashley (Devil)

2nd Prize: Anna Kidd (Dragon)

3rd Prize: Zachary McCormick (Baby Bop)

4,5,6,& 7 years:

1st Prize: Caitlin McDonald (Ladybug)

2nd Prize: Amanda deHaan (Clown)

3rd Prize: Talia Fleming (Cat)

8,9& 10 years:

1st Prize: Candace Youell (Frankenstein's Bride)

2nd Prize: Chris Varga (Devil)

3rd Prize: Les Glenn (Chewbacca)

Best Adults Group or Single:

1st Prize: Tom deHaan (Dopey)

2nd Prize: Rick Bedford (Darth Vader)

3rd Prize: Laurie Youell (Witch)

Best Overall Costume: Brent McGinn (Old Man)

Best Child's Group:

Alicia & Danielle Wolfreys & Tabitha Trotter
(Patient and Doctors)

Funniest 16 & under: Faye McArthur (Pumpkin) 1 only

Scariest 16 & under: Justin Hutchings (Dracula) 1 only

Best Traditional: Katie Coleman (Witch)

Congratulations to everyone, well done, and a special thanks to the Pathfinders, (Allison McDonald and Mindy Fleming) for doing such a great job on the haunted house, it was a haunting good time.

Just another reminder about Meals on Wheels delivery dates. They are as follows:

Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 25 &

June 15 Just call Karen Fleming @ 389-0210 or

Audrey Miller at 389-0105 to order. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal with dessert for only \$5.00 and we deliver right to your door.

Thank You to everyone who donated to the Poppy Campaign, your support was greatly appreciated.

Money raised from the Poppy campaign goes into a separate trust fund for needy veterans, bursaries for students, and to seniors services all of which are put to good use in the community.

Remembrance Day services were held 11 am, November 11th at the cenotaph at the school. The Primary students of Amherst Island Public School attended. Thanks to Chris Varga, Matthew Coleman and Krysta Trotter for reading In Flanders Fields, and to Justin Hutchings and William Reed for laying the wreath for the Legion, and to Irene Glenn for laying the wreath for the Silver Cross Mothers. And thanks to all the members of the community who attended the ceremony.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

Seniors Christmas Dinner December 5th

Community Hall

6:15 pm

If You Qualify But Have Not Received A Invitation

Please Call 389-0105 or 389-4135

Amherst Island Firefirgher's Association

is selling

Smoke Detectors... \$10

10 Year Smoke Detectors... \$18

Carbon Monoxide Detectors... \$45

Prints of "First Run"... \$25

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Policing On The Island

- Jim Whitton, on behalf of Council

What level of police service do you want on the island? In 1996 the average cost of policing in the County was \$261 per household. For 1997, based on the mill rates, Bath will pay \$145 per household, Ernestown \$153 and Amherst Island \$260. For what? Now with the Provincial downloading we have the chance of deciding for ourselves just what level of police service we wish to have. Council would appreciate input from the public on this matter. If you are interested in making your views known and, perhaps, serving for a short time on a small advisory committee, please volunteer by phoning the Township Office at 389-3393.

Loyalist Township Monthly Tax Payment Plan

The new Loyalist Township is offering a Monthly Tax Payment Plan as an alternative to the regular installment tax payment system.

This plan runs from January 1st to October 1st each year with ten equal installments due on the first of each month.

Anyone wishing to participate in the monthly tax payment plan should contact the Tax Department at 386-7351.

Island History

Some Memories of the Past

- A. Bruce Caughey

In this morning's mail, I received a copy (something new) of the "Cross Roads Directory, Fall/Winter 1997/98" cover, which brings back to my mind, many happy memories of a commercial life of our Island Community. Presently our Island Resident, Doug

Wilson, who takes such immaculate care of this property and is always ready to contribute his skills and equipment to anyone who is in need of some difficult job to perform in his well equipped machine shop. I will not elaborate on Doug's skills except to say that he is a veteran of World War II, a retired employee of Alcan, Kingston and a man who is a part of every Island project.

While the sign on the front of the shop is W. Brown and Son, my recollections go back farther than that. I remember when Wesley Brown's father John Brown operated this shop. His father was Samuel Brown who lived and raised his family in a residence presently owned by Helen McCormick. I do not know if Samuel Brown was a blacksmith or not, but some years ago I was asked to research the Brown family, and in so doing, I discovered a great many family lines that still exist.

Recently, in conversation with Ida Gavlas at the Township Office, I was very surprised to learn that she did not know that the building torn down recently by Ted Wemp, at the Eastern End of Stella had been a Blacksmith shop, she always knew it as a "Grist Mill". I was surprised to read in the "About Our Cover" that the building was destroyed by fire in 1913, when I was three years old at that time and I never remember this having happened. I do remember renovations having been made to the building, but I never heard of it's destruction.

A Blacksmith shop was always a great danger as a fire hazard, due to the use of the forge which was lighted early in the a.m. and was constantly in use throughout the day for the shaping and sharpening of horse shoes welding and shaping of iron for many different purposes. It was always a source of surprise to me as I watched the process of work done on the anvil to see sparks flying in all directions which never set fire to the plank floor in the shop. Of course there was always a bucket of water kept close by with which to douse any sign of fire.

Wesley Brown was an enterprising business man, in an era where there was great competition between the numerous manufacturers of farm equipment eg: Massey-Harris, McCormick and Deering and Frost and Wood. The Grain Binder was a great invention by Cyrus McCormick and the amalgamating of McCormick and Deering, in the "International Harvester Co" saw many changes in the business of that time. Robert Glenn who had long been a representative of Deering on Amherst Island, ceased to be able to carry on the business and it must have been at that point that Wesley Brown became the island representative for that firm. As I have previously related in my "Memories of Amherst Island", orders for farm equipment were

usually written up in the winter, so that such equipment, in knocked down form could be shipped in to Ernestown Station by train, from there it was transported to the Island when travel on the ice permitted, later to be assembled and delivered to

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representative of Deering on the purchaser for use the following summer. It was always interesting to me to watch the process of assembly and I am sure that as Wes and his brother George carried out this work they became familiar with the intricacies of, for example, the binder knotter. I do know that when difficulty was experienced, in harvest time, with the operation of a binder, it was always "go for Wes", who could usually, by adjustment, get the machine back in operation. I have no statistics to establish the volume of business that Brown produced for this company, but I do have recollections of the numbers of cream separators, gasoline engines to drive separators, disc harrows, corn binders and in 1926 the introduction to use on the Island of tractors and a modern Thresher. Canadian headquarters for McCormick-Deering machinery in Eastern Ontario, at that time was in Ottawa, with a warehouse in Belleville. Necessary parts were ordered through either source and were delivered in due course.

Each winter, Wesley Brown would purchase, from someone with a good bush, logs which were transported to one of the several saw mills on the mainland, usually Babcock's Mill in Odessa, to be cut into tongues or planking 4" x 4" material for replacement of bolsters on farm wagons tongues or shafts for mowers and dump rakes, etc.

The Browns designed and built numerous "manure sleighs", replaced runners and shoeing on "straight sleighs" and a particular style of Bob Sleigh which was very popular with Island residents. Yes, I should also mention their design and construction of a racing sulky which came in to use for the Annual Ice Races, in the early twenties. The Brown's were early purchasers of a Hileo plant, which provided electric lighting for their shop and adjacent houses as well as being used to charge car batteries and at one point, before the coming of Hydro to the island, a line was placed across the street to the Glenn Store to provide the Glenn's with electric lighting.

Work in the Blacksmith shop was seasonal, e.g.: horse shoeing, while the main part of the business, when shoes could be fitted to a horse's foot for 25 cents each, in the spring of the year. There was a great volume of business in the sharpen of teeth on chisel tooth cultivators and harrows, two of the main implements of cultivation at that time. Many new pieces of equipment

were built in the blacksmith shops. With the coming of summer, wagon wheels became dried out and the setting of tires was a necessary procedure. This required the removal of the tire from the wooden wheel, very secure measurements were made with a rotating device, after which the tire was heated in the forge and shrunk the required amount, then with a fire built out in front of the shop the tire was placed on the wheel and allowed to cool, usually with the application of a little water which left the wheel fit for each without the danger of the tire coming off. With the coming of threshing season, teams of horses, which had their shoes removed for the summer and were left "flat footed" had to be shod for their use on the roads in doing the neighbouring for threshing. Then with the coming of winter conditions when ice and snow covered the roads it was necessary to have the horses, which were going to be used during the winter "sharp shod" a process that had to be repeated during the winter several times.

I cannot help but mention the contributions that Wes Brown's skill contributed to the poorly built and inadequately equipped first Amherst

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Amherst Island Bible Study Group
meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200
Nov. 97 at Karen J. Fleming's
Dec. 97 at Janet Scott's
Jan. 98 at Karen Fleming's
Feb. 98 at Syke Fleming's
Mar. 98 at Cathy Glenn's
Apr. 98 at Karen J. Fleming's
May 98 at Ann Albertan's
June 98 at Helen Lamb's
July 98 at Janet Scott's

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Spring, Summer, Fall 1998!
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Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes - used cloth towels - paper towels - green garbage bags - pet food etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter and good used clothing for the Cats Meow Thrift Store. Can be cropped off at my home (in the front porch if no one in)

or call 384-4135 for pick up. Help Us Help The Animals

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Islander after its going into service in 1929. The provision of gang planks and their proper fastenings to the wale streak on the boat, as well as the placing of irons and an oak plank across the gangways, after a Sunday morning incident as the Amherst Islander was departing Millhaven dock in a heavy sea when the young priest, on his way over to conduct mass, instead of applying the brakes on the Plymouth Coupe, jumped out of the car, allowing it to run into the flimsy shutter in the gangway and plunged into the bay, a short distance from Millhaven Point. There are various rumours about the possible recovery of this car. Divers were not as numerous as today, so who knows whether the remains of this car, still lies on the floor of the bay? Numerous times, the rail shaft bearing had to be repaired, which Wes Brown was able to do. I also remember the installation of sliding doors on either side of the engine room on this ship which were put in place during the fall season to protect freight from water, thrown up by the ferry, especially on the days that the boat went to Kingston, these doors reduced the car carrying capacity of the Amherst Islander from 9 automobiles to 7 during that season.

It was always a great puzzle to me that in either 1939 or 1940 when the first rubber tired farm tractors were coming in to general farm use that the McCormick-Deering agency was taken away from Wesley Brown and given to Stirling Glenn, who operated a garage in a barn on the site where Irene Glenn's garages now stands. This also included a McCormick-Deering Dairy Milking Machine which had become very popular.

Loss of this agency did not deter Brown in his business endeavour, as he obtained a dealership with the Ataco Company and the Renfrew Company who produced cream separators. The Ataco Company who had previously manufactured and sold Tudhope-Anderson buggies, turned to the manufacture of steel wheels and rubber tired wagons as well as stoves. Brown's sale of these items flourished and prompted the building of the "Dog-House" referred to the afore mentioned article where, with the coming of hydro service to the Island there was a continuing demand for light bulbs and fuses etc. The Dog-House became a very popular location for both afternoon and evening euchre games when village residents went every night and afternoon to enjoy card games. The purchases may have been small with the commissions likewise, but they were of such amounts that the regular calls by the A.

Chown & Company, wholesale hardware dealers were very profitable. This I learned from an acquaintance, I later made in 1969 with Phil Coathup, a traveller with this firm, who was astonished at the volume of sales which he made on his calls at the Brown Shop.

One of the things that Wes was particularly proud of was the assortment of bolts and nuts and washers of such a variety of sizes that was available. Wes had constructed a system of drawers wherein the necessary items were stored, being properly identified as to size. Today, there is not any farm workshop on Amherst Island that is not stocked with a supply of the above obtained from a large truck which makes routine visits to the island dispensing these necessary items. How wonderful it is to be able to go to this supply when a bolt is needed!

It was due to an unfortunate accident suffered by Brown during a stone crushing operation on the Taylor Beach on the South Shore Road that Wes Brown suffered a broken leg. I cannot further comment on this except to say that the break did not heal properly and eventually resulted in the removal of his leg and the eventual fitting of an artificial limb, which was paid for by Burleigh L.O.L. #482 in recognition of Brown's many devoted years as a member of this organization. Even this impediment did not deter Brown from horseshoeing, when he used an inverted nail keg, after removing the artificial limb he would rest the stump of his leg on the nail keg and was still able to shoe a horse. Such a display of strength and determination!

Due to the untimely death of his wife Margaret, a victim of cancer, Wes moved to his parent's house, where he was able to live alone, doing his own cooking, etc.

Another use that was made of this building was on the evening of the frequent winter dances in Victoria Hall when the east side of the shop was converted in to stalls, where by prearrangement, one could stable your horse rather than tying it up in one of the open sheds, eg. The Methodist Shed or the

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Bath Ontario K0H 1G0

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Anglican Church Shed. A fee of 50 cents was charged for this privilege and George Brown would always be there to help you hitch up with the help of the Hileo lights.

At one point Wesley Brown purchased a 10 ft piece of land from Edward Scott on the south west corner of the lot where Robert Marshall lives, on which he erected a shed with an open front for the purpose of storing pieces of machinery which had been taken in trade on new equipment. This property was eventually sold to the Township because it obscured the view for cars which is now a four way stop intersection.

On the north end of this lot a barn and hen house stood which provided stabling for a horse and a cow, the cow was pastured along with the Tugwell milking herd and during the summer months went back and forth with their cattle and in the evening, the cow separated itself and went into the Brown stable on it's own. There was a sufficient production of milk from this cow that enabled milk to be sold for 10 cents per 5 lb. honey pail to neighbours. I never heard of any deaths or illness from the use of this raw milk.

If my memory serves me right when Doug Wilson moved to the Island he wanted to move the house back on to this area of the lot so that there would be an unobstructed view of the busy corner. Unfortunately our modern building restrictions prevented such a move so an old landmark of our village still stands.

In previous pages I have neglected to mention a very important service that was performed in this shop. The cutting bars, in use in mowers and binders that were always subject to breakage due to hitting some object in the hay or grain crop as well as to the natural wear on the same, perhaps from the sharpening on a grindstone. Every farm owned a grindstone, of different types, the newer purchased were of a type where the operator sat on a steel seat, his feet on pedals with which he propelled the stone, at the same time holding the object that he was grinding to sharpen. I remember our grindstone was of an older type, a trough surrounded

the stone, which was filled with water so that the grinding wheel was always in water and it was one of my jobs to turn the grindstone while my father sharpened the mower or binder knives. As I turned the grindstone I used to wonder to myself, "will he never get them sharp enough?" The Blacksmith shop kept a good supply of new sections plus the required size of rivets and the replacing sections and the welding of the cutter bar was a source of income at the shop. I used to know how many sections were required on a bar for a 5 ft., 6 ft., or 7 ft., cutter bar mower. The eventual introduction of serrated sections, which never had to be sharpened was a great invention. Today's Haybines are subject to breakage just as the mowers and binders were, but today every farmer owns a device that will press out the rivets as well as rivet on a new section, thus eliminating skinned knuckles when you used a dull chisel to remove the broken sickle. I remember our first purchase of a used haybine, which was not of the floating header type and I spent hours replacing broken sections and guards on this machine in order to keep it operable.

One of the pieces of equipment in the Brown Blacksmith Shop was a very heavy vice, which, when anything was placed in it to be bent always held it firmly. I am sure this vice is still in this well preserved shop.

Wes Brown's representation of the Renfrew Foundry where cream separators were manufactured brought to the Island numerous Renfrew stoves. This was at a time when the old fashioned wood burning cook stove was the usual in farm kitchens and a new model of stove known as a combination Quebec heater and attached oven with the addition of a reservoir which provided a constant source of heated water, for which we simply turn a tap today. These Renfrew stoves were highly thought of and Brown made many sales as well as providing bricks and replacement grates when necessary. I have no idea of the number of these Renfrew stoves in use on Amherst Island but I do know that there was a substantial number and they stood high in competition with the various makes, eg: McClary, Finlay, etc., sold by Kingston Hardware. With the introduction of "pipeless furnaces", which I think were manufactured to eliminate the use of several stoves to heat a house, I remember a number of these were sold, Benjamin Wemp, The Kilpatricks, James Gibson, the Flemings next door neighbours. I remember that my father almost purchased one but it was on the advice of Mel Lemmon who told my father that it would never heat the house, but would produce unbearable temperature upstairs with no heat downstairs, that

{Island History will continue after the following notice}

Beacon Notice

I always enjoy reading Bruce's contributions and his latest submission got me to wondering if there is anyone out there interested in doing research on local history for the Beacon.

This could involve interviewing people and/or looking thru old newspapers or searching archives or whatever.

The Beacon could supply video camera, tape recorder, tapes, and so on. Beacon staff could help with writing and editing material if necessary.

Wages would be the same as for Beacon staff: nil.

Contact Ian Murray at 389-3802 or any other staff.

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my father did not make the purchase. I think the price of this unit was \$125. It was the use of this unit, long after it was worn out that caused the destruction of the lovely Gibson farm house on the second concession, by fire (where the Morgans now live in a new home) during occupancy by a former city dweller.

Perhaps I have been carried away, in the writing of this article, but the production of a painting of the Brown Blacksmith Shop brought back so many memories of our simple way of life on Amherst Island, where residents were satisfied with a simple life style, with little or no greed for big wages etc. "This is all for this time" as Marg Knott of Wolfe Island concludes her writings in the Heritage.

Sarah McGinnis 1713 - 1791

- from Week Ender

Wind came softly over the grass of St. John's churchyard and quietly ruffled the garments of Ensign Timothy Thompson as he stood, head bowed, beside the new grave. He sighed heavily as the casket settled and Rev. Langhorn spoke the familiar words of burial. "Goodbye, Grandma." he breathed. Later that night the wind continued to blow over the final resting place of a dedicated and brave woman whose selfless and on-going service in the Loyalist cause has never been recognized. Even today her grave goes unmarked.

Sarah Kast McGinnis was many things: daughter of German immigrants, soldier's wife and widow, mother of Loyalists, British agent and a true Loyalist herself. She was born in 1713 to Johan Jurg Kast and his wife after the family came to the New York colony under British sponsorship. Queen Anne had rescued thousands of Palantine Germans from political tyranny and

poverty. On the Mohawk River, Kast carved prosperity out of the primeval forest. His great success in the fur trade under Sir William Johnson was in no small measure due to the admiration and trust the Six Nations felt for his daughter Sarah. During her childhood, the Indians "prevailed upon her parents to let her live among them, and adopted her as one of themselves." This later would prove invaluable to the Crown.

In the 1740s Sarah married another fur trader, Timothy McGinnis, who was also a captain in the Indian Department. His death serving the cause of Britain at the Battle of Lake George (1755) left Sarah to cope alone with a large family, a farm and a business. She succeeded with her gritty perseverance and was able to bring her sons-in-law into the fur trade with her. But hard times and heartache were soon to come.

"When the Revolution broke out, both sides courted Sarah because of her close association with the Iroquois, the Patriots offering her twelve shillings York currency a day and a guard of fifteen men. But Sarah and her family sided with the British and worked to cement the Iroquois loyalty, actions that caused them to be persecuted by the Patriots." To neutralize her influence, her son-in-law was arrested and jailed. Then all she owned was confiscated and sold at auction. A devastated Sarah was forced to watch as a lifetime was sold away. She, her daughter and grand-daughter were then imprisoned in Fort Dayton (Herkimer, N.Y.) and were "so harshly" used that the little girl died. The women were released only when it appeared that the British were poised to invade the valley, and they escaped to St. Leger's camp at Fort Stanwix. That escape cost Sarah dearly for to save her family, she was forced to leave behind her son William "who was out of his senses and bound in chains... and who some time afterward was burnt alive."

Eventually Sarah and her family numb with fatigue and sorrow, came to safety in Canada. Sarah was now 64 years old and already had endured unimaginable anguish. Despite her sufferings, Daniel Claus, Superintendent of Indians, persuaded her to winter with the Iroquois to counter both the "harmful effects of Burgoyne's defeat" and the tremendous Indian losses at Oriskany. The Indians "flocked to her from the remotest villages and thanked her for coming... to direct and advise them in that critical time." Her powerful influence persuaded the Indians that messages from the Patriots were false, indeed evil, and must be ignored. There in the wilderness, she singlehandedly maintained the allegiance of the Six Nations, providing Britain with their continued support as men-at-arms, and ensuring their on-going loyalty, and later migration to Canada.

Note: According to Tom Sylvester, Sarah McGinnis

was the mother of Jim McGinnis who settled on Amherst Island shortly after the earliest settlement of 1774. Jim McGinnis had been shot in the leg and was partly crippled. He also brought some slaves with him.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall -

Around Thanksgiving I got the urge to buy cranberries. Needless to say they sat in the fridge until I came across this recipe for Cranberry Coffeecake (Harrowsmith Cookbook III).

Cranberry Coffeecake

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

1 cup butter

1 1/2 cups sugar

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1 1/2 tsp vanilla

4 eggs

2 1/4 cups flour

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

2 cups fresh cranberries

1/2 cup chopped nuts

confectioners' sugar

Thoroughly cream together cream cheese, butter, sugar and vanilla. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition.

Gradually add 2 cups flour and baking powder. Combine remaining 1/4 cup flour with cranberries and nuts and fold into batter.

Pour into greased and floured tube pan and bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before removing from pan. Dust with confectioners sugar.

Thank You Notes

I want to thank those who visited me at Kingston General Hospital and St Mary's, and who brought flowers, candy and fruit, also, those who sent cards, and for the many treats since I came home. I thank you all very much.

Madeline Glenn

Congratulations

Congratulations to Beverly Elizabeth Wemp, daughter of Raymond Wemp and Linda Wemp and brother Mark, who has graduated from the University of Guelph with a Master of Science Degree in Rural

Extension Studies. Beverly is presently employed at Wilfred Laurier University as manager of advancement support services.

Letters To The Beacon

Dear Beacon Staff:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for placing several ads in the Beacon promoting my video.

I am pleased to say that in total 18 videos were sold.

I am no longer actively promoting this so there is no need to advertise it further.

However if you do hear of anyone who would like a copy they could write to me at the above address or phone my at (905) 833-6397 King City.

Jim Scott

150 Elizabeth Grove

King City, Ontario

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Community Calendar

Nov 19... A.I.W.I Meeting at Jackie Sylvester's 8:00 p.m.

Nov 25... Registration For Township Winter Aquafest Swimming Lessons 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Nov 29... Christmas Tea & Bazaar 1 - 4 p.m. at the Community Centre

Dec 2... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Dec 5... A.I.W.I Senior's Christmas Dinner 6:15 p.m. at the Community Hall

Dec 15... Meals on Wheels delivery date

Jan 19... Meals on Wheels delivery date

Jan 21... A.I.W.I. Meeting at Leslie Gavlas' at 1:30 p.m.

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Sherry Ward at 389-6918 or 544-7200 (office)

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If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
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Attention Amherst Island Community
"Cheese Notice"
ISLE is again raising funds for the school through
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approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the Beacon staff

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Beacon Notes

'Tis the time of year when the snow starts to fly reminding us that Christmas and a new year are almost upon us. Expectantly, we wait to see if the Province will give us a Christmas gift - a ferry! Meetings still go on to decide if the bridge-ferry proposal will gain Provincial support but, as yet, we have no hint as to its answer. This waiting is worse than when I was a kid!!

In unrelated news, the Beacon now has a fax. Our number is 389-9741 - You will have to call ahead to have it turned on. And, we can be reached via the Internet at headlands@sympatico.ca.

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

Report for the last Regular Council meeting of Amherst Island Township Council
December 2nd 1997

This was the last regular meeting of the Township Council, and there were several people in the audience, including three photographers. The first meeting of the Council was about 1860. The agenda for the present meeting was very short. Almost everything had been finished or is waiting for the new Township.

All members of Council were present. Stuart Miller reported that the Roads Department was ready for winter, and the equipment seems to be in good shape. He hopes that the new toilet on the Stella dock will be finished before Christmas.

The east side of the Stella dock has been inspected by divers. Council hopes to meet with Darrell Majdell from the

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Federal Government to make a formal offer for the docks before Christmas. Presumably if the business is not wrapped up by the New Year it will become Loyalist Township's problem.

The Reeve gave an update on the state of the ferry negotiations. Up till now - 14th December - the Reeves have met twice with the new Minister of Transportation, Tony Clement, and are waiting for an answer to the CCJV proposal, as outlined in the Whig Standard. The Reeve, soon to be Councillor Ashley, will continue to be our representative on the negotiating committee.

The ferry Joint Health and Safety Committee met in November. Council decided to follow up a recommendation to improve the voice communication between the bridge and the engine room, which is at present a speaking tube. This is the same technology that was used on the Titanic in 1912. It is hoped that the Joint Health and Safety Committee for the ferry will continue even though it may come under new management.

The Recreation Committee report said that the new birthday calendars will be out soon.

The Cemetery Committee recommended that the surplus in the budget be allocated towards the purchase of a new lawn-mower. The Fire Department and Emergency First Response Team honoraria were approved. As Alex Scott has been both Fire Chief and a Councillor he has donated his honoraria for the last three years to the Fire Association.

Duncan Ashley thanked all of Council, as a group and individually, and Diane Pearce, for their help and

support to himself and the Township through three very difficult years. Three years ago nobody could have foreseen the ferry downloading and the amalgamation that have caused so much extra work and stress, for Council, Council staff and particularly Duncan. I have watched Duncan at Council and Amalgamation meetings for the last three years, and believe he will make an excellent representative for us during the next three years. I know I could not have done half as good a job as he has. I think he deserves our thanks, as do Kim and Gavin for doing without him so often. It is easy for people with 20-20 hindsight to say how things might have been done differently. However the whole agenda has been driven by the Provincial government. The time allowed for the negotiations and planning is ridiculously short, and the process has been largely dictated by the province.

After a short closed session to consider personnel matters Council adjourned to Alex and Debbie's house for some farewell refreshment.

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Loyalist Township

General Transition Board Meeting

- Chirs Kennedy

November 25th 1997

This meeting was in the Bath Municipal Office Building. The transition board consists of Reeves Ashley, Gilmore and Hineman. It will be superseded by the new Loyalist Township Council in January. The meeting was quite short, with several matters being held over until the new Council can deal with them.

There was a delegation from the Bath Utilities Commission concerning its status. Much of the business that will come before the new Council will have very little bearing on us, and I do not propose to bore our readers or myself with lengthy reports on such matters.

Ross Troop, the Treasurer of the new Township, reported that the amalgamation process had cost about \$261,000 up to the end of October, and there is likely to be another \$100,000 before the job is finished.

The Township Engineer had requests for equipment

upgrades, and computers will be put in most of the Township facilities, but much of this work was put on hold until the new Council is sworn in. Similarly modernizing the Fire Department Communications was put on hold until the new Council is ready.

Bath Municipal Offices will be used for the Planning Department and the Building Inspectors.

Kelley Hineman discussed some of the snow-plowing problems that had arisen in Bath with the first winter snowfall. The Roads staff from the new Township had replied to his memorandum, but in a recorded vote Mr. Hineman expressed his disapproval of the response.

It is hoped that the costing of the new police services will be available by the end of the year. It is expected that Loyalist township will have its own contract with the OPP.

At the first meeting of the new Township the Animal

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Control By-law will have to be passed, so that an agreement can be made with Community Animal Control. The draft By-law is based on the Bath Animal Control By-law, and may need modifying to suit rural areas of the Township. We will be required to buy dog licences next year. Anyone interested should obtain a copy of the proposed by-law from the Ernestown Township Office.

The meeting then adjourned, just in time for us to make the 8:30 boat.

It takes a little time to get used to the amount of money handled by the new Township. I am used to Amherst Island Township Council watching every dollar that goes out. The new Township seems by our standards to spend large amounts of money with great generosity. I am sure it is all carefully monitored, but I cannot see that amalgamation is going to reduce our taxes by one penny.

[Staff: Loyalist Township Regular Council meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. For January, the inaugural meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on the 2nd with a second meeting at 1 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 26th at 7:00 p.m.]

The Neighbourhood

- Annette & Staff

As we go to press, Irene Glenn is gravely ill in hospital. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Condolences to the Hudson family, Greg, Donald & Brad, on the death of Donald's father: Donald Wilson Lewers on Dec 12, 1997.

Best wishes to Helen Miller and Tom Miller who have had eye surgery recently. They are both home again recovering well.

We are glad to see Heather Welbanks at home again after a stay in hospital.

The Weasel And Easel

The Weasel and Easel will be open the weekend of December 20 - 21, from 12 - 4:00.

Why fight the crowds in town when you can browse through the gallery for those last minute gifts. Come in and have a look. We have lots of interesting items. The gallery will be closed during January, February and March. We shall be back in the spring with lots of lovely island art and crafts. Thank-you for a great season.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Winter hours: Saturday and Sunday 12 - 4

Phone: 384-1633

We hope to see you soon.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Our November meeting at the home of Jackie Sylvester started, as always, with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem followed by the Roll Call which was "My Favourite Christmas Hint". The business portion took longer than usual as we had to cover the canceled October meeting items as well. Plans are finalized for the Senior's Christmas Dinner and our own December party and Jean Baker gave an interesting report of the Kingston Area 71st Annual Convention. Jackie Sylvester talked about an open meeting to be held sometime in the New Year at the Community Hall regarding the Community Care Access programs which are available to the public - watch for further information and dates early in 1998. Time ran out before we had time to work on our wreaths and, as Jackie had kindly obtained the materials we needed and had to put together some ideas, we decided to make them at home. The evening ended with some social time over a tasty late lunch supplied by our hostess.

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The next regular meeting will be on January 21st at 1:30 pm at the home of Leslie Gavlas and our guest speaker from Simple Country Pleasures will be talking about perennials. We invite anyone interested to join us. If you are looking for a gift that is both helpful and enjoyable there are still a few copies of

"Environmentally Friendly Hints" available at Glenn's Store.

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year To You All
From The Women's Institute

A. I. W. I. Christmas Dinner

- Freda Youell

The Seniors Christmas dinner held on December 5th at the Community Centre was an enjoyable start to the season and the weather joined in by giving us a little snow. The gaily decorated tables made a perfect setting for the turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and it was an evening of good food, good company and conversation followed by lively entertainment by the Camden Valley Express. Our District President, Mrs. Lawlor, who's husband is a member of the musical group, kindly supplied Christmas carols and song sheets for a sing-a-long and these can now be borrowed from the library. The members of the A.I.W.I. would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539, the Burleigh Lodge L.O.L. No. 482 and the seniors who made donations for their support and the "younger" members of the community who came and helped the few members not yet eligible to sit down with the guests, with the kitchen chores. Special thanks to Karen Fleming who supplied and decorated the Christmas tree which received many compliments from the guests. Susie Caughey and the 4-H members did a super job of serving the meal, clearing tables and the heavy task of setting up and taking down the tables and chairs - a great big thanks to them all. I can't think of a nicer way to start the Christmas season than this gathering of members of the community with an age range from our young people on up to us seniors and my last "thank you" is to all the seniors who attended and to those who were unable to join us - we hope to see you next year.

Community Carol Service

You are invited to...

A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas
featuring the Community Choir

Sunday, December 21, 1997 7:30 p.m.

St. Alban's Anglican Church Amherst Island
freewill offering for the Sunday School

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

In 1992, Canadian Living had a recipe for Cranberry Christmas Tree Rolls. I carefully tucked away the recipe and must admit that I had forgotten about until now. I must also admit that I haven't had a

chance to try it myself but hope to during the next week. The rolls are baked on a 13" X 12" unrimmed baking sheet covered with well greased foil and an extra bit of foil under the thickest part of the tree. This recipe will make two trees.

1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 package active dry yeast
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup butter
1 tsp salt
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups all-purpose flour

Filling

2 cups cranberries
1 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1 Tbsp cinnamon
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup corn syrup
3/4 cup icing sugar
1 Tbsp milk

Cranberries and candied green cherries, slivered
1. Dissolve 1 tsp of the sugar in 1/2 cup warm water. Sprinkle in yeast; let stand until frothy, 10 minutes. In saucepan, heat sour cream, remaining sugar, butter and salt over low heat until sugar dissolves; let cool. In bowl, mix eggs, sour cream and yeast mixtures; gradually beat in whole wheat flour. Beat for 2 minutes or until smooth.
2. With wooden spoon, gradually beat in enough of the all-purpose flour to make soft slightly sticky dough. Knead 8 to 10 minutes or

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3. until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease all over. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in warm draft-free area until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours (or in refrigerator overnight).
4. Filling: Meanwhile, in saucepan, bring cranberries and 1/2 cup water to boil; cover and boil gently for 5 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup of the brown sugar, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered and stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until thickened. Transfer to bowl; let cool. Combine remaining brown sugar, pecans and cinnamon.
5. Punch down dough; divide in half. On lightly floured surface, roll out one half to 14" X 12" rectangle. Brush with 1 Tbsp of the butter, spread with half of the filling, leaving 1/2 inch border. Sprinkle with half the pecan mixture. Starting at the long side, tightly roll up, pinching seam to seal; brush with 1 tsp of the butter.
6. Using serrated knife, (wipe knife clean with a wet

cloth after every few slices) cut 2 inch thick slice from end; reserve. Cut remaining roll into 15 slices. Centre smallest slice near top of well-greased foil on large baking sheet. Snugly arrange slices in 4 more rows, adding 1 more slice for each row. Centre reserved slice lengthwise under the tree for stump. Repeat with remaining dough. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk, 45 to 50 minutes.

7. Bake in 350 oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden. In saucepan, heat corn syrup over low heat. Slide buns and foil onto rack; brush with corn syrup. Let cool for 20 minutes. Whisk icing sugar with milk; spoon into pastry bag or parchment paper cone and pipe decoratively over buns. Garnish with cranberries and green cherries. Let your imagination run wild with the decorating. Serve warm.

Hot Lunch

Help! ISLE desperately needs someone with the time and energy to take on the planning and running of the hot lunch programme. ISLE members are available to help with planning menus, making shopping lists, suggesting the best places to get what you need, etc., but we need someone to find and co-ordinate volunteers to make lunches and/or make them yourself. Probably the easiest way to handle getting the food would be for an ISLE member to buy the bulk of the groceries as soon as the menu is planned, and then whoever is making the lunch could be responsible for picking up whatever fresh food is needed for that week.

This can be a fun job for the right person. If you feel that person could be you, please contact any ISLE member.

Karen Fleming 389-0210
Janet Scott 389-4608
Gary McDonald 384-1456
Karen J. Fleming 389-9869
Debbie Scott 389-2379
Audrey Miller 389-0105
or call the school 389-4582

Guiding On Amherst Island

Last year in November and December, the 1st Amherst Island Sparks did chores around home to earn money. With the money they earned, they sponsored a needy child from the "K-Mart Christmas Tree". This year the group expanded to include Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. The Sparks, Brownies and Guides earned money again by doing chores at home - \$130 worth!! They picked 2 names from the "K-Mart Tree". The Pathfinders earned money from their annual babysitting day and they also picked a name from "The

New Year's Eve Dance
Sponsored by
Amherst Island Driving Club
In conjunction with
Amherst Island Recreation Committee
Live Band
Music by Shillo
Admission - \$30.00 per couple
Includes Lunch Buffet later in the evening
Doors Open - 7:30
Dancing 8:30 - 12:30
Tickets Available From:
Jack Forester
Al Caughey
Garry Filson
(must be 19 years of age or over)

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Amherst Island Fire Fighters Association
- Ian Murray

The A. I. Fire Fighters Association has made a \$500 contribution to the Loyalist Township defibrillator account. The donation was made in recognition of the help our Fire Department has received from the fire fighters of Ernestown and Bath.

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Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

There is so much that the Legion does in every community and as you read on you will see just what they do in sponsorship and how they help when help is needed. Youth and Seniors programs are just a couple.

Just about every Legion Branch in the country is involved in youth programs as well as seniors

programs. It could be sponsoring the local hockey teams, cadet corps, scout or guide troops. It could be leadership training or any other program that meets the needs of youth in a particular community. Whatever the case may be altogether the Legion spends over \$7 million on activities for youth every year. For example Remembrance Day, the Legion aims to instill in youth appreciation for the freedom they enjoy as Canadians. Every year "Remembrance" essay, poster and poetry contests are held nation-wide to challenge youth to think about the sacrifices made by all those men and women who gave their lives in order to preserve our freedom. Annual pilgrimages to WWI and WWII battlefields and cemeteries by youth leaders also perpetuated Remembrance. More information about this theme will soon reach hundreds of thousands of school children and youth through the Legion's web site on the Internet.

The Legion is also involved in education supporting the Terry Fox Centre "Encounters with Canada" program. This program brings together students from all over the country for a week of activities and Canadian studies. More than 3,000 people benefit every year from this 6 month program which the Legion helps to finance. Legion commands as well as branches offer bursaries and scholarships to high school and university students, and donate funds to schools to purchase learning aids for disabled children.

To promote leadership, fitness, and a spirit of patriotism in youth, the Legion supports sea, army and air cadets. Dominion Command has now introduced a single Legion Medal of Excellence which many provincial commands and branches now offer to outstanding cadets. In addition to this, a number of cadet corps have adopted the Legion's Biathlon Program. This is a sport which cross-country skiing and shooting are combined. Competitions are organized in conjunction with both Biathlon Canada and the Cadets at all levels. If you would like more information on Youth services contact Leslie Gavlas @ 384-2807.

Did you know that in Canada alone there are 500,000 World War II veterans still alive today and there are 4,000 veterans still alive from World War I. Funds are available for these veterans and their spouses, children and grandchildren, (if eligible) to help them. For instance they may need new roofing for their homes. It could be bursaries for students, whatever they need funding is available to them. Loans are available to widows of veterans interest free. Funding is available to merchant navy marines as well as veterans of army and air force. If you would like more information on this, contact our Zone and Branch Veterans Services Officer, Audrey Miller @ 389-0105.

Going To Bat For Veterans And Ex-service Members

The Royal Canadian Legion is the largest, non-governmental service organization in Canada. It supports the needs of veterans, ex-service members and their families. Legion programs and activities include direct assistance to veterans at the community level, as well as, advocacy and advisory services. The Legion's flagship program is the Veterans' Service Bureau. This consists of a network of 1,700 volunteers as well as professionals working at the national, provincial and local levels to secure from the Federal government pensions and benefits that are owed to veterans, sometimes as far back as World War II, or in some cases even earlier. It came into existence after the first world war and is funded partially by donations from the annual National Poppy Fund Remembrance Campaign. The Bureau is a free service to Legion members and non-members alike.

Although the number of Canada's war veterans is decreasing, (the average age of Second World War veterans is now 75 years and Korean veterans are in their mid and late 60's) their demands, as well as those of their dependants are increasing. In fact, officers of the Service Bureau are seeing younger applicants every day, some of whom are still in their twenties.

In addition to disabilities arising during war-time service, all armed forces members are eligible for pensions for injuries or disabilities attributable to military service or arising while serving in a special duty area. Service Bureau Officers not only help claimants through the maze of government legislation and documentation, but they also represent them at all levels of the process. This includes before the Veterans Review and Appeal Tribunal at the final appeal level.

The military service, even in times of peace, is more dangerous than most occupations. As many as 23 Canadian service personnel have been killed in one year while on duty, both at home and abroad. The need to assist these victims of peace-time mishaps, and their dependants, will continue to challenge the Legion's Service Bureau long after the last veteran has gone. In fact, The Bureau will eventually become one of the major legacies left by Canada's veterans for future generations of service members.

In order to sustain this and other programs for veterans, the legion spends millions of dollars each and every year. In 1996 alone, expenditures for veterans' services amounted to over \$3 million. In addition to this Legion members donated 331,000 volunteer hours to help 55,000 veterans and their dependants.

In their own quiet way, Legion members have been working hard since 1926, to improve the quality of life

for all Canadians, particularly youth and seniors. For more information drop by one of our monthly meetings, the first Thursday of every month at Tom and Audrey Miller's home. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest member of Branch 539, Gary McDonald. Our annual pot luck dinner was held at the home of Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys on December 8. We all enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Myself and all the members of Branch 539 that were present would like to extend our thanks to Lloyd and Elaine for welcoming us to their home, for not only the fine meal but also for their hospitality.

A very Merry Christmas to all and Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous '98....

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store - the perfect answer for holiday gift giving!

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Island History

From A. Bruce Caughey

The clock of time ticks away and we will hardly have time to think before a page in the long history of our little Island Township will have turned and we will be deeply involved in the organization of the new Loyalist Township.

I do not have a copy of the minutes of the final meeting of our Island Council (I intend to get a copy for my historic files) but I do hope that plans were put in place for the photographing of our present Council. under the leadership of Reeve Duncan Ashley. I am not sure how long this photo (hopefully properly framed and identified by names) would hang in a place of prominence. I have many

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memories of the memorabilia that hang in the corridors of the present Municipal Building and each time I am in that building, I cannot resist the temptation to gaze upon these photos, etc that they represent.

I was present, as a boy of 10 years old, when the dedication of the war trophies of World War I took

place in the Township Hall (presently the discarded fire hall) on a fall day when the late Rev. James Cumberland, M.A. came to the Island, via passage in the Mail Courier's boat to take part in this ceremony. This was the last time that this gentleman, who for almost 40 years was an integral part of our Island life ever set foot on his beloved Island, until his earthly remains were brought to Glenwood Cemetery for burial. It was through his efforts that these trophies were obtained for the Island, consisting of a German machine gun and I think five rifles. A suitable cabinet was constructed for containing them and they were placed on the wall at the south end of the building between the chimney and a window in the south west corner of the building, where many times I have gazed upon them and reflected on the sacrifices that they represented

Eventually over the years, these artillery pieces became very dirty and it was decided by two young members of the then Council, late Messrs Robert Brown and Donald Miller, that each member of Council would take one rifle home, clean it up and varnish the stock then replace it in this cabinet. It was at this time that one of the rifles disappeared, never to return?

In my recent research of Township minutes, I unearthed the history of the procurement and framing of the picture of our county in that terrible conflict of World War I. The pictures were assembled through the efforts of David H. Filson, a member of Council at that time, forwarded to Robert W. Cumberland who got them suitably framed in Napanee. The Council reimbursed him for this and they too hung in the Township Hall, until it was converted to a Fire Hall and the former Methodist Church became headquarters of our government, when they were moved to their present location. What will happen to them now, who knows?

I again repeat that I hope that steps have been taken to photograph our outgoing Council, in recognition of the service that they have so capably given this municipality!

Recently I have written a lengthy accounting of the history of Educational Administration in the County of Lennox and Addington, of which I was a part of for some forty-five years. I did this at the request of my son W. Bruce Caughey, who assures me that it will be typed and printed.

The recent edition of The Napanee Beaver contains a very dark (ugly picture) of the present Board, of which I would be ashamed. As this Board goes out of existence, I know through my ten years of service on this first Board something of the pictured memorabilia that existed in the Board offices which I understand that the enlarge Roman Catholic Separate School Board are considering purchase. What would become of this? My memory goes back to my being a pupil in Stella

Continuation School, 1922 - 1928, when an Annual (Fall) inspection was made by a qualified Educator working out of Toronto. I have forgotten this man's name but I will never forget his Scottish brogue, when he asked the assembled class "Why do you study History?", not getting much of a replay he said "History maketh a man old without years and grey without gray hairs"!

Like Marg Knott, in the Heritage - Enough for this time!

[Staff: We have another article from Mr Caughey which, due to space limitations this month, will have to be printed in a future issue.]

Amherst Island Bible Study Group
meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200
Dec. 97 at Janet Scott's
Jan. 98 at Karen Fleming's
Feb. 98 at Syke Fleming's
Mar. 98 at Cathy Glenn's
Apr. 98 at Karen J. Fleming's
May 98 at Ann Albertan's
June 98 at Helen Lamb's
July 98 at Janet Scott's

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all the friends and family for thinking of Danielle while she was in her cast and slowed down. Your generosity of gifts, goodies, movies and visits were greatly appreciated. She is feeling a lot better now that she is out of her cast. It is nice to be part of this caring community. Thanks again for everything.

Dan, Val, Alicia & Danielle Wolfreys

To Kitten

Thank-you for a wonderful year with forty-one more to come.

Love Bob

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Cycling and Hiking Trails Promoted

John Glenn's efforts to promote cycle and hiking trails on "the undiscovered island" have received important recognition. The occasion was the visit to Kingston by David Crombie, who is chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. Founded in 1992, the Trust helps communities protect and rehabilitate waterfront environments, stimulate economic renewal,

enhance tourism and create recreational trails.

Following an address by Mr Crombie, John was one of ten representatives from municipalities, planning and development agencies, and recreational groups who made presentations to a River Waterfront Working Group. As part of its efforts in guiding waterfront protection and development over the next few decades, this group is developing a waterfront trail from

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"Cheese Notice"
ISLE is again raising funds for the school through
cheese sales. Wilton cheeses now available in
approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
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Wed, June 17	Mon, June 22

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Beacon Notes

The Island was brushed by the big storm. Compared to Wolfe Island and Kingston, we got off pretty lightly but still, being brushed by a monster storm meant power and telephones went out for hours to days, trees came down and roads became very dangerous.

Perhaps the best comment about the storm was from Wayne Fleming who said, "You know it really takes a lot to take Islanders/ minds off the ferry."

We're publishing a little late this month for various reasons -let's blame it on the storm...

Ice Storm '98

I am sure that you have all heard about the Great Ice Storm of last week. Even Jean Baker, who is in Spain for a month, telephoned to ask how we were faring. Well, we have had some problems on the Island, but not nearly as bad as our neighbours on Wolfe and Howe Islands. The power was out east of the village for about 12 hours on Wednesday, and then the whole Island lost

power for a couple of hours on Thursday, apparently there was trouble across the bay.

On Friday came the most serious problem, when an arcing wire on the Third Concession had the Fire Department out, and power was not restored on the Third until about 5 pm on Sunday. This had some of the dairy farmers hunting round for generators, but apparently, with a lot of long days and sharing, all the cows got milked eventually and all the milk got cooled and shipped. On Friday night there were more arcing wires in the village, and parts of the village, some of the Front Road west of the village and the South Shore lost power.

Our Reeve, Paul Gilmore, declared an Emergency in our Township on Sat. at 1.00 pm, which lasted until Tues at 6.30 pm. Apparently if we have an official State of Emergency it is much easier

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to get funds from the Federal and Provincial government for repairs. The ferry crew had to stay on the boat all night while the Emergency was on. There were several power outages across the bay, the worst hit being the east side of Amherstview, which lost power for four days. There were a lot of lines down. Wayne Calver, the Fire Chief, said that they had about three hundred calls, mostly to check on wires that had come down under the weight of ice.

Now about all we can see left from the ice storm are piles of branches, and sometimes big trees, beside the road. A lot of maple trees have taken a very heavy pruning, and syrup may be in short supply this spring.

Meanwhile, winter has properly arrived, with a blizzard today, but the days Are starting to get a little longer.

Loyalist Township
Inaugural Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
January 2nd 1998

This meeting at 11.00 am was to swear in the Council for Loyalist Township. There were about 150 people in attendance, including several from the Island. It opened with a prayer. Then Judge W.J. Henderson gave the Oath of Office and the Oath of Allegiance to the new Council. These are Reeve Paul Gilmore, Deputy Reeve Arnold Adams, and Councillors Duncan Ashley, for Amherst Island, Kathy Storms for Bath and Carl Bresee, Clayton McEwen, and Terry Linkson from Ernestown. Later these people all made short speeches

saying how they all intended to work together for the good of the whole Township. Reeve Gilmore, in his inaugural address, made a particular point of mentioning his hopes of co-operating with neighbouring townships while maintaining our complete political independence. Perhaps he was thinking of the new City of Kingston when he said that. He also said that all three Townships came into the marriage debt free. Then he launched the Web Site for Loyalist Township on the Internet. For those interested the Website address is www.loyalisttownship.on.ca. If you wish to E-mail the new Township it is loyaltwp@kos.net, the Fax number is 613-386-3833 and the telephone number, where you usually get a real, live person on the other end, is 613-386-7351. There are about 14,400 people in the new Township.

The senior staff for the new Township were also sworn in. These are Diane Pearce, as Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk; Ross Troop, Treasurer and Tax Collector; Brenda Hamilton, Deputy Clerk; Daniel Thompson, Township Engineer; Murray Beckel, Planner and Chief Building Officer; Patrick Berger, Recreation Director and Fire Chief Wayne Calver.

The assembled company then adjourned for lunch before the start of the first business meeting in the afternoon.

During lunch I talked with several people, including Duncan Ashley, about the ferry. Duncan said that the Township had received a statement from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs listing the transfers for the coming year. Included in these were about \$1,200,000 for ferry operations for this year. This is a substantial portion of the ferry costs for a year, and takes us past the end of March cut-off date that we got from the Ministry of Transportation. Perhaps this is a hopeful sign.

Regular Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
First Session Of Loyalist Township Council
January 2nd 1998

This Council session was very much more formal than what we have been used to on Amherst Island, and it is much

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harder for those not on Council to follow what is going on. There was very little discussion, but Councillors could direct questions through the Reeve to members of the Township staff for information. All the members of Council have been in municipal politics before, so the meeting proceeded briskly. In addition most of this first

meeting was spent setting up the formal machinery to run the Township.

After the disclosures of interest the minutes of the last meetings of the previous three Township Councils were passed. Then there was a delegation, Kelley Hineman, from the Loyalist Township Ratepayers' Association, which he said is composed of rate-payers from all parts of the Township, and intends to work with Council on matters of communal interest.

It was decided that Loyalist Township personnel will get ferry passes for use when they are on Township business. The Township solicitors were appointed: Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham.

Then about forty by-laws were passed. These covered the basic set-up of the Township and Council and the Procedural by-law under which the Township Council will operate, numerous staff appointments, such as By-law Enforcement Officers, and Parking and Animal Control By-laws. Under the Animal Control By-law we will be required to buy dog licences, always a thorny subject on the Island in the past.

Council then went into closed session to discuss legal, property and personnel matters, and I left before they rose and reported after the closed session.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

On December the 10th nine members and a guest gathered at the home of Anna Hitchins for our

Christmas party, turkey dinner and monthly meeting. The turkey was cooked by Anna and her beautifully set dining table was a compliment to the meal we enjoyed that night. Later gifts were exchanged and a brief business meeting held, during which it was agreed that we would give donations to the Salvation Army and Seniors Outreach Services. Our guest, Cathy Glenn once again played the piano for our carol singing and this seems to have become a tradition which we all enjoy and appreciate. The evening ended with thanks to our hostess and wishes all round for safe and happy holidays. Our January 21st meeting will be held at the home of Leslie Gavlas at 1:30 pm and we shall hear about perennial gardening from a guest from Simple Country Pleasures, then on February 18th at 1:30 pm we shall meet at the home of Helen Miller and members will bring their favourite garden catalogues. A Brown Bag Auction will

8 pm until 12 midnight

Buffet Lunch

No gifts please, just the presence of your company.

Island History

[Staff: Last month we did not have space for this article so bring it to you now.]

Memories from the Past

Corrections from the November article by A. Bruce Caughey

- as I re-read the lengthy article I feel that I should make some corrections -

1. I still contend that the Brown Blacksmith shop was not

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destroyed by fire - if a fire had ever erupted in those days the whole upper end of Stella would have been destroyed as there was absolutely no fire protection on the Island until the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company pioneered in the provision of equipment, which later became the nucleus for the present department. The present so called "Dog House" was built right up against the stables, which were a part of the "Marksman Hotel" operation.

2. The re-building of the Brown shop, may have consisted of the addition of the second story, and I do know that it included covering the shop with its present steel siding, as well as the installation of new windows.

3. The lighting plant referred to was a DELCO, not a Hileo - (I have already written in my memoirs concerning the use of this equipment, previous to the coming of Ontario Hydro to Amherst Island in 1938).

Since writing this article concerning the Brown Shop, I would like to add some more thoughts.

Today as we live in the midst of a multitude of strike action which so adversely affect our way of life, particularly the postal strike, I cannot help but recall several instances where union activities over ran the exercise of "Good judgement" (1) After the installation of hydro lines on Amherst Island, which I have already written about, there was always the need for service. When our service was under the management of the Napanee Public Utilities, in times of interruptions of service, employees would travel to the island by any means of transportation, bringing with them equipment and at any hour of the day or night. Farms had been equipped with milker systems, stable cleaners and cooling devices for the milk as well as the convenience of good lighting and water systems in their barns. It was in the midst of one of our "November Gales" that this incident occurred. Captain Wm. Bulch was one of our

"Ferry Captains" and with this gale raging, he took the Amherst Islander across the Bay on the early morning trip, only to find that there had been a disruption of Hydro Service, through the breaking off of a large pole on a right angle turn in the line on the third at 9:00 a.m. For some reason we had been up early had the milking completed and the stable cleaned and were in for breakfast when the hydro went off. This line served some fifteen users, many of whom had not completed milking and chores. Capt. Bulch, using good judgement, and in spite of the Hydro Crew being at the Millhaven dock with a new pole and a crew of men decided he would not make the return trip to the Island until the gale had subsided and at 3:00 p.m. the ferry returned to the Island and the union employees immediately ordered their suppers at one of the village restaurants, to which they were entitled by terms of their union, after which, they went up the front road, where it was reported there was a tree fallen across the road. I do not remember the time frame of this incident, but I do know that it was 9:30 p.m., after having enjoyed their suppers, that they arrived at the present home of Kelly and Maureen McGinn to replace this huge pole using searchlights from their trucks and I do remember that it was 2:30 a.m. before power was restored and we were able to do our evening milking. Residents, which enjoyed central heating had taken refuge with neighbours who enjoyed the heat of coal or wood heating. It was soon after this incident that we purchased a Win-power, tractor driven generator, which was capable of powering all of our electrical devices including our electric stove, refrigerator and all the equipment at the barn. I was later asked by some of the Hydro employees, why did you spend all this money, I think \$4000. And I replied "Just because of Bad judgement on your part."

In the productions by the McCormick Company of which Wes Brown was a part was the sale of ploughs, particularly the two furrow type. The make of plough sold at that time was known as the "Oliver Gangs", a competitor was the Frost and Wood Company of Smiths Falls, who produced a two furrow plough known as the "Crown Gangs", owners of these ploughs were very prejudiced toward their own make of plough.

It was

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Roxanne Wolfreys... 389-4630

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the Massey Harris Company that introduced the disc plough to Amherst Island and it was followed by the designing and production of an International or McCormick Deering plough which Brown brought in and sold to John Eves Sr. taking in trade the recently purchased Oliver gang plough from him. With such widespread use of the Massey Harris product, Eves was very dubious about his purchase which had been made with the understanding that if he couldn't make it work, Brown would take it back. This is what happened and Eves bought a Massey Harris Plough. The McCormick-Deering plough sat in front of the Brown shop for a long period, until Wes Brown convinced Robert Brown to take it home and "try it". Bob was a very good ploughman and he soon put the plough to use with a three horse team. This plough was very "high set" but was equipped with a "steering lever" which allowed the operator to control the plough. In addition the discs on this plough were mounted on Timken bearings which were lubricated by large grease cups as compared to the ball bearing rolls on the Massey Harris plough which was very susceptible to dust which necessitated replacement very frequently. In addition it was found that another furrow could be added to the McCormick-Deering, making it cut a slightly narrower furrow, making for a neater job. Also, for the sum of \$5.00 a front end lever and tractor draw bar could be added to this plough, making it adaptable for use behind the smaller farm tractors which the market offered at that time. What I have described resulted in multiple sales of the McCormick Deering plough and I have many memories of how I enjoyed ploughing with the plough

that I purchased at George L. Howard's sale (where Wayne Fleming presently lives).

My article refers to the McCormick-Deering Milking Machine, which Stirling Glenn sold. Many makes of machines hit the market at the same time. A.C.T.C. (Canadian Tire) portable, Universal and the Laval there was great competition and I purchased our first milker from Stirling Glenn in 1943. I believe that it was the second milker to be purchased on Amherst Island, the first one, I think was purchased by Mrs Arnold Wemp for use by Dillbert McGinnis and his wife Mavis who took over operation of the farm during the period that the Wemp Brothers, Neilson and Ralph were overseas in World War II.

An antique McCormick 7 ft. cut binder is still visible on a piece of land in the area of the still visible remains of the Maurice Smith property (my information comes to me from Kaye McGinn, who knew that this binder belonged to the Eves, and had been purchased from Wes. Brown. The late John Eves was a good farmer and always kept his equipment up to date and he always had the good yield to reward him.

In the latter days of his operation of his blacksmiths shop, Sidney L. Pringle, purchased a heavy piece of equipment known as an "upsetter", this equipment was used to shrink the steel rims of wagon wheels, preparing to "setting" them, as I have described. Following S.L. Pringle's death in 1928, this equipment was purchased by the Browns who used it a great deal. Many times I helped to cut a piece of heavy iron, which required a tremendous pressure on the long heavy handle. I supposed this equipment was taken for scrap. Another unique antique gone! I still have a McCormick manure spreader, purchased by Irwin Tugwell, about 1920, from Wesley Brown, this replaced a Massey-Harris spreader owned jointly by Jos. Beaubien and my father and later by Joseph Beaubien's son, Harris Beaubien.

The Massey-Harris spreader referred to was very high, (for loading with a 5 tine manure fork), required a three horse team to haul it and it had a very bad deficiency - it had a large rear axle shaft that had a drilled hole through it which would frequently break, this required disassembling the spreader and sending the axle to a machine shop in Kingston (Wright's on Ontario Street) to be electrically welded. It was a great nuisance and the purchase of this comparatively new McCormick spreader from Irvin Tugwell, who felt that he did not have sufficient time to use it, gave us many years of wonderful service. Later models of Massey-Harris spreaders, as

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well as John Deere and latterly, New Idea, later models of McCormick and Cockshut spreaders and New Holland were introduced on the agriculture market.

The spreading of the accumulation of a winter's manure in an early era was accomplished by use of a farm wagon and side boards and "Manure Bees" were the order of the day. It was at one of these bees that a teenage member of the David Reid family in the second concession was the victim of a bolt of lightning while unloading in a field on his Uncle Samuel Reid's farm (where Allan Kidd presently resides).

The description of the various makes of manure spreader is worthy a chapter in itself and I might say that with the introduction of loaders on tractors, that a renewal of the old fashioned manure bees became a reality with Earl Tugwell, Robert Brown, the Millers and myself enjoying these bees, of course with the use of our tractors rather than horses.

Again, in the expression of Margaret Knott "enough for this time"

A. Bruce Caughey.

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

Obituary

Glenn, Thelma Irene

Thelma Irene Welbanks Glenn, wife of the late Les Glenn died on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 in her 79th year.

She is survived by her children Paul and wife Carol and Leslie Anne and husband Bob Cox; by her grandchildren Annette and husband Bill, and John and wife Maureen, Mike Cox and wife Cheryl and Sheri White; and by 7 great grand-children.

She was predeceased by one granddaughter and her brothers Francis and Howard Welbanks.

Internment was at Glenwood Cemetary.

Irene's family is preparing further material about her life, that will appear in next month's Beacon.

The entire Island has been saddened and lessened by

her passing.

McMullen, Catherine P.

Died peacefully in her sleep the morning of New Year's Day, 1998. A resident of St. Simons Island in Georgia and Amherst Island, she had been suffering complications from leukemia for most of the previous year.

Catherine Patricia McCollam was born in Chicago in 1916. She taught in the Chicago public schools until her marriage in 1940 to Robert John McMullen whose family hails from Amherst Island, Ernestown and Railton. She resumed her career in 1965.

Her supervisor once said: "Catherine McMullen is one of the most competent psycho-educational diagnosticians in the entire state of Illinois. She has been helpful to literally thousands of children in the analysis and then the remediation of their learning problems."

In 1981, the McMullens moved to St. Simons Island and divided their year between Georgia and Ontario. Catherine taught Christian doctrine at the St. William's parish Sunday school for over ten years and was a founding board member of the community services centre, Mary House, work she continued through 1997.

One of Catherine's passions was history, especially family history. In the 1950's she began to document the McMullen family of Amherst Island, through correspondence, examining public archives and interviewing Island residents. She contributed information to several works of local history and genealogy.

Catherine McMullen is survived by Robert, her husband of fifty-seven years, her son Neil, daughters Rosemary

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McMullen, Maura Leitch, and Catherine (Kitsy) McMullen, her brothers Bernard, Donald and Gerald McCollam, two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Internment was at St. Bartholomew's Cemetery, Amherst Island, Thursday, January 8, 1998. The family asks that donations be sent to Mary House Ministries Incorporated, P.O. Box 21115, St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA, 31522 in lieu of flowers.

A memorial service will be held on Amherst Island in the spring or early summer.

Timms, Jennie May

Suddenly at her home on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, in her 75th year. Jennie (nee Gibson), loving mother of Sandra Fontaine, Darcy and his wife Mary and Phillip and his wife Karen, dear grandmother of Tammy and Angus; James and John Paul; Lisa and Amber and great grandmother of Jordon, Edwin and Taylor. Jennie is also fondly remembered by her brother and sisters and their families.

The internment was at the Cataraqui cemetery.

[Staff: Jenny May Gibson was the oldest child of John Andrew "Andy" Gibson & Myrtle May Dushane. Her siblings, in order of birth, are: Tommy; Mary, married Donald Edward McGinn; John Andrew "Junior", married June "Rita" McGinn, and then Jean Bienias: Susan, married John Robert Arthur "Art" McGinn; William James "Bill", married Lowell Karen Cameron Lewis; Cora Eileen, married Henry "Keith" McGinn; Robert, married Dreta Ellen Westwood; Julia; Carl "Wade", married Nancy Pearson; Frederick Hugh, married Rita Harcourt; Hazel, married Hans deHaan.

There are many members of this large family still living on Amherst Island and in surrounding communities. In some future Beacon, we hope to print more genealogical information on the Gibson family. Some of us who have moved here are fascinated by the interrelationships of the old Island families that they themselves pretty much take for granted.]

Amherst Island Bible Study Group
meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200
Jan.... at Karen Fleming's
Feb.... at Syke Fleming's
Mar.... at Cathy Glenn's
Apr.... at Karen J. Fleming's
May.... at Ann Albertan's
June.... at Helen Lamb's
July.... at Janet Scott's

Thank You Notes

Just a quick message to thank our friends and neighbours who, in the middle of a national emergency assisted Kitsy in our Mother's burial and reception afterwards. Thanks to the Church officials, the pallbearers, the folks at Topsy Farms, our relatives, the Sewing Circle ladies, people from St. Bartholomew's parish as well as our other friends and neighbours.

Rosemary McMullen

I would like to say Thank You to all who sent cards, visited, and enquired about my eye surgery. Special thanks to R.C. Legion and A.C.W. for their visits and most enjoyable goodies.

Tom Miller

I would like to thank all our family and friends for all the gifts, flowers, phone calls, cards, visits and delicious food that I received during my stay in the hospital and since my return home.

Ted and I thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, offers of help and words of encouragement.

Ted & Heather Welbanks

Miller Farms would like to thank the people who helped us out during the power outage that occurred from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. We would like to thank Captain Alex Scott and the Fire department for loaning us their generator and Chief Calver of the Odessa Fire Department for finding us another generator, also Pete MacKinnon for the use of his generator. A special thanks to Wayne Fleming for offering his generator, also we would like to thank George Gavlas for wiring the generators together. A very special thank you to Tom Richmond who spent many hours wiring the new found power supply up, and also a special thank you to Bruce Caughey for powering the milk cooler til the wee hours of the morning.

Thank you to all those who called or dropped by to offer

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whatever help they could. At times like this it is nice to know that your friends and neighbours are there for you in such a big way. So again, Thank You, from all of us here at Miller Farms, Donald, Judy, Keith, Shirley and Adam.

Christmas Bird Count December 28th, 1997

At one time it was considered a Christmas tradition to go out on Christmas Day and form teams to shoot anything that wore feathers or fur. The winning team had the most kills. In 1900 the Audubon Society to combat this senseless slaughter started a Christmas Count inspired by Frank Chapman of the American Museum of Natural History. Now nearly 100 years later this idea has spread all over North America. Groups of birders in teams go out on assigned days over assigned routes to count species of birds seen and

approximate numbers of each species. Because this count is limited to the three weeks around Christmas the data collected gives a fair approximation of current bird populations and the information gathered is available from the Audubon Society.

In 1990 Amherst Island was added as a new region to be included on this count. Until this time only the tip of the bar at the eastern end of the Island had been counted under the Kingston count. All those wonderful owls in Stuart Miller's woods could not be included in the annual census. The centre of this new geographical area was to be 44 degrees 15'N 76 degrees 41'W. and included Amherst and Nut Islands. That first year we saw 64 different species and 6,550 birds.

Many of those first volunteers still come out to help with the annual Christmas Bird Count and new ones are always welcome. This year we had cold but clear weather on Sunday, December 28th for our eighth annual Christmas count. The temperature was -11 degrees Celsius as Alex met the first brave volunteers at the ferry dock at 6:45 am. More faithful teams arrived on the next ferry and all areas were assigned. You Islanders have become used to the Scotts' eccentric behaviour but do you realize that people such as Mr. Brian Scott nephew of Jim Scott came from Vancouver for Christmas and volunteered for this crazy activity and not only that, they seem to enjoy themselves. Look at it this way it's a great way to get out doors on beautiful Amherst Island and enjoy God's creations.

When the volunteers completed their kilometers driving and walking that had been assigned they totaled 63 different species and 5,558 individual birds. These included owls such as Snowy, Short-eared, Long-eared, Great Horned and Saw-whet which we think of as winter sightings as well as Great Blue Herons and Meadow Larks which you might think of as summer birds. Two of our groups even managed to find Yellow-rumped warblers for us. One of the largest groups of birds were the 626 Redpolls that you may see bouncing along the roadsides or hanging on the weeds. This tiny northern visitor is about the size of our Chickadee and is making one of its infrequent visits south. Watch for him at your feeders especially if you use niger seed. An immature Bald Eagle visited the south shore Dec. 30th. which you might have spotted. Hawks seem to be in good numbers including Red-tailed, Rough-legged, Northern Harrier and a Goshawk.

Hope this has helped you understand a Christmas Count a little better and make you aware of the wealth of bird life this Island has available.

Good Birding in 1998!

Janet Scott.

A Letter Home

We, in our little corner of paradise survived the ice storm better than most. Power was down for Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Several times when it did come back, it would blink off long enough to reset the clocks, vcr's, etc back to blinking 12:00's.

Around the houses, there was little ice damage - just a few branches downed. Back in the bush there was more damage - next year's

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firewood.

The sheep also survived. They had a thick coating of ice which rattled like armour when they walked. We can be thankful there was no wind or the sheep might not have come through this as well as they did.

Traveling around the Island Friday (more or less the day after) was absolutely amazing. The pictures of the storm came from that day and do not impart the total scene. There were no colours but shades of grey.

The roads were a mess with branches sagging low or fallen all over the road. Also, with the relatively warm temperatures the frost had come out of the roads leaving potholes everywhere. The snow plows were out - not plowing snow or ice but rather branches off the road.

This is now a week later and things are pretty much back to normal - especially with our first major snow of the year. So, for now, we bid you adieu....

Community Calendar

Jan 21... A.I.W.I. Meeting at Leslie Gavlas' at 1:30 p.m.

Jan 21... ISLE Cheese Order Deadline

Jan 29... CCJV Information Session 7:00 p.m. at the A.I. Community Centre

Feb 5... CCJV Information Session 7:00 p.m. at the A.I. Community Centre

Feb 13... Due Date for Beacon Submissions (Thank You)

Feb 21... Eldon & Elsie Willard 40th Wedding Celebration 8:00 - midnight A.I. Community Centre

Feb 21... A.I.W.I. Meeting at Helen Miller's at 1:30 p.m.

Mar 31... Dog Licences Due Date (We'll print the By-law next month)

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Loyalist Township Notices

Loyalist Township

Road Condition Alert And Brush Clean-up

Issued 10:30 am, January 8, 1998

This notice is to advise residents and motorists that a reduced level of service on gravel roadways will be in effect until further notice, due to the extreme weather conditions currently being experienced.

Winter maintenance operations (ploughing, sanding, salting) will be maintained as usual. Grading operations will be reduced on gravel roads until weather permits.

Motorists are encouraged to use extreme caution until the roads system, especially rural gravel roads, can be improved.

Township Roads Department staff will endeavour to clear brush from the rights-of way over the next few weeks.

Township crews Will Not remove fallen or broken limbs which are near or touching utility wires.

Residents who have fallen limbs on their property can leave brush and branches, piled neatly at the edge of the road. Township crews will pick them up over next few weeks. Brush left at the side of the road should be placed so that it does not interfere with snowplowing operations.

Loyalist Township Public Works Department

Loyalist Township Cemeteries Committee

The new Loyalist Township needs volunteers for the Loyalist Township Cemeteries Committee. It would be very helpful to have the expertise of persons who have been on the Amherst Island Cemeteries Committee.

Applications should be directed to:

Diane Pearce, CAO/Clerk

Loyalist Township,

P.O. Box 70, 263 Main Street

Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Phone: (613) 386-7351

Fax: (613) 386-3833

E-mail loyaltwp@kos.net

Attention Corporation Name Change

Effective January 1st, 1998

The Township of Ernestown

The Village of Bath

and

The Township of Amherst Island

amalgamated to form the new

Loyalist Township

Any goods or services provided to the three existing municipalities after January 1st, 1998 should be directed to the following

Loyalist Township

P.O. Box 70

Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Telephone # (613) 386-7351

Fax # (613) 386-3833

Should you have any questions concerning this matter please contact the accounts payable department

Please Note

The Office on Amherst Island

Is Now the Ferry Office Only

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All General Administration to be the Odessa Office 1-613-386-7351 Fax 1-613-386-3833

Planning and Building Permits will be at the Bath Office 1-613-352-3361 Fax 1-613-351-5726

Ida Gavlas, Ferry Clerk January 13, 1998

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For Sale

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I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, gerbils, fish, hamsters, etc) in your home or in mine.

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Call Jan at 634-1995.

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Call Sandi Topping at (613) 354-1569.

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Call Noel McCormick at 384-5172.

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A complete printing and design service.
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Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

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Hairstyling for women, men, and children
Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079
Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Wanted
A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
Napanee Animal Shelter
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Wanted
Seats from tractors, binders, rakes and mowers.
Call - Dave Wilson 354-3948

We Will Do Odd Jobs....
Snow removal, minor repairs, dog walking, firewood

stacking, etc.

Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Attention Amherst Island Community

“Cheese Notice”

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales.

Wilton cheeses now available in approximately 11lb packages and may be ordered by calling an AIPS student, Karen J. Fleming 389-9869 or Debbie Scott 389-2379.

Varieties available: curd, mild, colby, mozzarella, casserole cheese, onion/garlic, hot pepper, marble, medium, old, extra old, grated mozzarella, grated Parmesan, Swiss, havarti, Danish blue, Gouda, jarlesburg, slices, cheese balls, feta, brie, skim, Danish creams.

Standing orders also accepted.

Cheese Orders will be available for pickup at the school from 5-6 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by: Pickup/Payment

Wed, Jan 21 Mon, Jan 26

Wed, Feb 18 Mon, Feb 23

Wed, Mar 25 Mon, Mar 30

Wed, Apr 23 Mon, Apr 27

Wed, May 21 Mon, May 25

Wed, June 17 Mon, June 22

Please make cheques payable to ISLE

Thank You For Your Support Of Amherst Island Public School.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

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A.I. Recreation Association

Euchre is back!!

Friday, February 20th

Friday, March 6th & 20th

Friday, April 3rd

7:30 p.m.

A.I. Community Centre

Prizes

Refreshments

Beacon Notes

The channel was frozen the morning of January 21st. It mostly broke up but by the 27th it seemed to be hard frozen.

The Island has largely recovered from last month's ice storm although there are a lot of branches to pick up. And, there will be still more tree trimming when conditions improve (like when spring arrives).

We've got lots of Council reports for you... two regular meetings and one administration meeting. It

looks like Council is going to take up 3 Mondays a month - ugh!! When Fire Practice does not conflict, Chris is going to do the Council meetings - otherwise Don will try to cover them.

Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

January 20th 1998

Apart from the members of Council and six members of council staff there were ten people in the audience, three of them reporters.

After the preliminaries Arnold Adams spoke about a telephone threat that a delegate to Council had received. He, along with the rest of Council, took a very dim view of this. Then two students from the organization Students Against Impaired Driving asked to rent the Amherstview Arena for a concert later in the spring (May 29th). Council encouraged them and offered to pick up the rental fee out of the Recreation Budget.

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Council then decided to send at least two people to the annual meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association, received a report on the crack sealing program for the roads, and got an update on the planned improvements to the Roads equipment.

Peter Trueman and Peter MacKinnon have been appointed to the local Disaster Relief Committee. Application forms are available at the Amherst Island Ferry Office (the old Township Office), and anyone eligible is encouraged to apply early, as it appears that payment may be made on a first-come first-served basis.

The Township is still waiting for a report from the OPP on policing costs. This has been delayed because of the ice storm. This is likely to be a very large item for the budget. Council authorized the sending out of an interim Tax Bill. This has to be based on last year's assessments as the new assessments are not out. Council also passed the Building By-law, establishing the fees and the classes of permits, the Planning Tariff of Fees, and, after a vigorous debate, an anti-scavenger By-law to stop people raiding Blue Boxes.

Duncan Ashley and Deputy Reeve Arnold Adams are due to meet with the Federal Government over the transfer of the ferry docks to the Township. This item has been transferred on from the Island Township Council, and perhaps it may be concluded in the lifetime of this Council.

There was considerable discussion about the cost

and time required to clean up all the debris from the ice storm. Because it has snowed several times since the storm many of the branches have been buried, and the Roads Crew have been too busy plowing snow to do much pick-up. Council received a guesstimate of three full weeks to clean up. Council decided that the first priority was to remove dangerous branches.

Council then went into closed session for legal and personnel matters, and I just made the 9.30 pm boat.

From the minutes of the closed session I read that

- 1 The responsibility for hiring part time non-management ferry employees will be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 2 The responsibility for hiring full time non-management ferry employees will be delegated to a senior management committee composed of the Senior Captain, a Captain and the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 3 The responsibility for approval of personal leave requests for ferry employees will be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer.

You are invited to join in the celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Eldon and Elsie Willard on Saturday, February 21, 1998 at the Amherst Island Community Hall

Dancing to "Brown's Country Sound"

8 pm until 12 midnight.

Buffet Lunch

No gifts please, just the presence of your company.

The Members And Leaders Of The Amherst Island 4 H Clubs Invite Relatives And Friends To Join Them On February 26th At 7 pm At The Community Centre For a "Pot Luck Supper And Achievement Award" Evening

Come And Join In The Fun And Help Us Celebrate.

Loyalist Township Administration Meeting

- Don Tubb

February 2, 1998

Having never been to an Administration meeting, I had no idea what to expect. It looks like these meetings will be less formal than the Regular Council meetings with Council members and staff gathering around tables set up in the audience area. The discussion was less controlled too allowing for some short but relatively free exchanges of ideas and information. It looked and sounded pretty much like a Council meeting on the Island.

For those interested, the normal schedule for

meetings is the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month for Regular

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Council meetings and the 1st Monday of each month for the Regular Administration meeting. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Odessa. By the way, it is 12 minutes from the Municipal Office to the ferry via the Millhaven Road (not exceeding the speed limit).

All members of Council but Councillor Storms were present for this meeting. The CAO (Diane Pearce), the Treasurer (Ross Troop) and the Secretary (Pam Barnard) were there throughout the meeting. Present for the last item on the agenda were David Thompson (Township Engineer) and Public Works Superintendent (Jim Guest). This reporter was the only press present but there were half a dozen people in the audience.

The meeting began pretty much on time with the agenda being adopted and no-one declaring any pecuniary interest.

New Assessment Process

The first hour was given over to a presentation by Roy Fegan (Assessment Commissioner, Region 5) with assistance from Bob Bird. The subject was the new assessment process. Mr Fegan began by showing a 20 minute video which introduced the topic. After that he answered questions from Council members and staff. There were some points of interest for Islanders:

- all properties in Ontario have been assessed to June 30, 1996 values,
- there are 7 classes of property, most of which we have on the Island:
 - residential/fam; multi-residential; industrial; pipelines; farmlands; and, managed forests.
 - farmlands have to meet the criteria set by the Ministry of Agriculture (so it seems that if you have 10, 20 or whatever acres sitting unused, it will fall into the residential class),
 - to have a managed forest, you need to have a signed contract with MNR (which apparently involves 5 year renewals and yearly inspections),
 - marshes and other wetlands are tax exempt if they have been designated so by MNR,
 - farm tax rates are 25% of residential but farmland assessment is dependent on use, soil type, number and use of farm outbuildings, etc (I think that is how it works),
 - municipalities are required to offer a program of tax relief, tax cancellation or tax deferral to low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities
- Loyalist Twp has such a program now however it

seems only to cover seniors so it may have to be widened to include persons with disabilities. Applications for it are due by April 30th. You can get more information by calling the Tax Department at 386-7351.

Assessment notices are to be mailed out between February 10-16th with amended notices due by early April. It will be possible to get changes to the assessment until June 29th for this year only - because the system is new. If you wish more information, you can call: the Regional Assessment Office at 1 (800) 465-2096. I did... and found the person for this area to have a first hand knowledge of the Island having worked in this area for several years. Open Houses will be held during early March in surrounding municipalities so keep your eyes peeled for specific dates or call the number above. Enough of this...

Unfinished Business & Computers

No issues were raised with the Unfinished Business List so they quickly moved on to a short discussion of a program that allows employees to buy computers. The Deputy Reeve Arnold had some questions about this so the matter was deferred until the next Administration meeting so staff could do some more research.

Office Closure Policy

The Township now has a policy for Municipal Office closures in bad weather. Basically the CAO/Clerk gets to make the decision based on road conditions or interruptions in services like electricity or water. There will be no loss of pay for staff. Also staff, individually, may decide to leave early or not come into work if they feel conditions do not permit. In this case, staff can take sick time, vacation or time off without pay (but not penalized).

Cemetery Committee Appointments

The following people have been appointed to the Cemetery Committee: A. Bruce Caughey, W. Bruce Caughey, Henry Hitchins, Dorothy McGinn, Helen Miller, Earle Tugwell and Doris Wemp.

Township Logo

A Township Logo has been decided upon. I tried to get a copy for this issue but there was only the original which the staff didn't want to try and mutilate by faxing it. A seal will be chosen at some future date.

{The Administration meeting report will continue after the following ad}

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Storm Clean-up Estimate

The Township Engineer and Public Works Superintendent have come up with an estimate for the storm brush cleanup - \$200,000. Their feeling was that the work will extend over the entire year if not longer. Our Public Work's crew will be taking care of the Island.

Bath Filtration Plant

Last but not least was problems getting the Bath Filtration Plant to perform properly due to inexperienced operators and poorly operating equipment. Staff have been authorized to get the plant staff trained as soon as possible. The equipment problems are apparently the responsibility of the contractor.

After a few other items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. - in lots of time to make the boat.

1988 World Day Of Prayer

Topic: Madagascar "Who Is My Neighbour"

2 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 1998

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Amherst Island Women's Institute Is Holding A g3 Tw Tj37.2 t 7Td(y Os)
Community Open Access Information Evd (St Pa) Tj23.5h 10 Tdor

Council opened with the presentation of a plaque to Tony Orr, the News Director for CKLC radio in Kingston, thanking him and his staff for all the news dissemination during the ice storm. The local TV station and several of the local radio stations were off the air because the transmission tower on Wolfe Island collapsed, but CKLC did “exemplary service to the community during Ice Storm 98”.

Then Ms. Dale Fountain asked Council for its support for the Bath Canada Day celebrations. These have been going on for 39 years. She asked if Council would help with physical services, coordination, a road closing by-law and so on as Bath Village Council had done in the past. Council agreed to support the celebration.

Council decided that we would continue to use the Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Health Unit to inspect private sewage systems in the new Township. This job has been passed down to municipalities by the provincial government. It was felt that the Health Unit had the expertise and that their price was competitive.

The Budget deliberations for the new Township are due to start. There is a formidable list of meetings drawn up, with final approval due May 11th. The details may be obtained from the Township Office, but the Beacon does not plan to follow all the discussions.

The final bills are coming in for the amalgamation of the three townships. Up to December 31st the general cost was \$202,012 with another \$41,551 for the Labour and Employment Transition Board, and \$128,053 for exit packages, giving a total of \$371,616.

Two people running in the recent municipal election have not submitted their accounts. These are David Cheesebrough and Jon Begg. Apparently the only penalty is that they will not be allowed to run in the next Municipal election and lose their \$100 deposit.

Council staff estimate that the total clean-up costs for the Ice Storm will be \$434,850. The Reeve expects that these costs will be reimbursed by the Province. Brush clean-up has been going ahead well with the recent spell of fine weather. Rural residents are asked to burn their brush after notifying the Fire Department.

Council then went into closed session.

Ferry Action Committee Meets with Facilitator
- Jim Whitton

On Monday February 9th, six members of the Ferry Action Committee met with Mr Dale Martin, the facilitator appointed by the Transportation Minister. It was a useful meeting.

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Mr Martin, a man of much experience in these matters, set the tone of the meeting by telling us “Yes, there will be Provincial funding, but it will be about one third of the present funding level.” We, on the other hand, made it clear that with our small population we had no possibility of operating a reliable, affordable ferry system with that level of funding. So, where do we go from here? It is obvious that we will be expected to raise some extra revenue by increased fares. The Peter Whiting survey circulated by our committee last year showed that almost all Amherst islanders were agreeable to paying increased fares - to a reasonable level - and that information has been given to Mr Martin. The question of reduced ferry operating times was raised and we did point out the difficulties associated with this, for example, the need to accommodate shift workers, students, agricultural needs etc.

One idea from Mr Martin was that an administrative body be set up to operate the group of ferries comprising the Wolfe Islander, Frontenac II, Amherst Islander and the Glenora ferries, All of which would be pay-to-ride ferries. The accumulated revenues could then be in a common pot to be used as required. An advantage of operating as a group of ferries would be to allow movement of ferries within the group.

Mr Martin plans to meet with various committees from the three islands and, after collecting as much information as possible, he will set about “fine tuning his ideas” although, given the huge decrease in Provincial funding, I believe a fair bit of rough tuning needs to be done first.

Nonetheless, we came away from the meeting with the feeling that Mr Martin does appreciate the difficulties we face and is determined to come up with some sensible proposals. He believes an acceptable solution is possible and also pointed out that a transition period is not unreasonable. The fact that we now have someone who can and will speak to us and to the Ministry is, in our minds, a great step forward from the stalemate of the last month or so. We intend to cooperate fully with Mr Martin to seek a plan that will provide us with a reliable ferry system at an affordable cost. And yes, we did seek an assurance that we could have the Frontenac II on a year round basis but got no positive response.

Mr Martin has stated he will welcome written or phoned-in comments so please make sure he hears from us all at Voice Mail # 547-1776 or by letter at Ministry of Transportation, 355, Counter St., Kingston. If you have any questions, please feel free to call any member of the Ferry Action Committee. Mr Martin plans to hold public meetings about three weeks from now.

At. Alban's A.C.W.
Beef Dinner & Euchre
Saturday, March 21st
Serving 5 - 7 pm
at the Community Centre
Adults - \$10.00
Children 5 - 12 - \$5.00
Preschool - Free
Tickets at the door only
If you would rather just come for Euchre it will begin at
7:30 and costs \$2.00.

Loyalist Township
Schedule "A" to By-law 98-21
Schedule of Fees for Dog Licences, Sec.2
1. 1 Dog Male Or Female... \$ 12.00
2. Each Additional Dog In Same Household... 12.00
3. Kennel Licence (to be issued by the Municipality)...
\$100.00
4. If A Dog Licence Is Purchased after March 31st in
any year, it will be subject to a \$5.00 additional
penalty.
5. Daily Board Rate (for animals impounded)... \$ 8.00
6. Replacement Cost for Tag... \$ 4.00

The Neighbourhood
- Annette & Staff

There have been a number of Islanders in hospital
this month and it is good to know that they are home
and recuperating well.

Young Dakota Wolfreys is recovering from his
unfortunate mishap and due to return home with his
parents as the Beacon is being printed. The Island will
breathe a collective sigh of relief that he is healing so
well.

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Michael and Robina Shaw's son had a stroke and is
recuperating at home.

Jim Whitton had a few days in hospital with a virus
from which he has recovered. Olive Turner was also in
hospital for a couple of days. She is also at home again.
Nancy Henshaw had knee surgery and is home again
and getting around much sooner than she thought she
would.

Glad to have everyone on the mend and at home.

Condolences to Bob Marshall and family on the
death of this son, William.

We have just heard that Marshall Glenn died on
Saturday, February 14th. We have no other details and
do send our best wishes to Marian and the family.

Amherst Island Bible Study Group
meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200
Feb... at Syke Fleming's
Mar... at Cathy Glenn's
Apr... at Karen J. Fleming's
May... at Ann Albertan's
June... at Helen Lamb's
July... at Janet Scott's

Loyalist Township

Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic is being tentatively scheduled for May
2nd from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Volunteers are needed.

If you can help, please contact the Municipal Office at
386-7351.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Freda Youell

Our January meeting attended by nine members and
two guests started with a memorial for Irene Glenn, a
dedicated member who will be greatly missed, followed
by the Ode, Collect and National Anthem.

Unfortunately our guest speaker from the Simple
Country Pleasures was unable to attend but hopefully
will be joining us for our February 18th meeting at the
home of Helen Miller at 1 pm. The January Roll Call
was "Name your favourite perennial flower" and
although the response was varied, roses seemed to be
the most mentioned. After the reading of the minutes
and various reports plans were made for a trip to Selby
Theatre on February 8th and information was shared
with us regarding the S.O.S. Fashion Show and Dessert
evening being held at the Lions Hall in Napanee on
February 11th at 7 pm. This should be an enjoyable
evening. Marion Glenn volunteered to be our Goodwill
Person and we are pleased that her move to Bath hasn't
changed her enthusiasm and participation. Our March
18th meeting will be in the form of an open evening at
the Community Centre with a guest speaker from the
Community Care Access talking about the programs
available and how to apply for them. Not needing this
information right now is no guarantee that we won't in
the future and it is comforting and beneficial to be
aware beforehand. We hope you will join us on March
18th at 7 pm. for what we are sure will be an interesting
and informative evening, followed by refreshments. On
April 15th the Annual General Meeting will be at my
home at 8 pm. followed by a Brown Bag Auction.
Visitors welcome.

Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Fruit Crisp - here is a new twist to an old favourite from this month's Chatelaine. Full of goodness and using ingredients from your cupboard.

Base:

8 - 12 apples

2 cups fresh or frozen sliced rhubarb (optional)

3/4 cup brown sugar

2 Tbsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup coarsely chopped dried apricots or currants

1 tsp vanilla

Topping:

1 cup rolled oats, large flake, quick or minute

1/3 cup melted butter

1/2 cup coarsely chopped whole almonds

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Base

1. Preheat oven to 350F (180C). Peel, core and slice apples into 1/4" slices. You need about 6 cups if you're using rhubarb too, or 8 cups if using all apples. In a large bowl, stir sugar with flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Stir in fresh fruits and dried fruits and vanilla until evenly coated. Turn into an 8 inch square baking dish. Gently press down fruit to level top.

Topping

2. In a bowl, stir oats with sugar and flour. Add butter and work with your fingers until clumpy. Stir in nuts. Sprinkle topping evenly over filling. Bake in centre of preheated 350F oven until filling bubbles around edges, from 50 to 60 minutes. If top browns before apples are tender, loosely lay foil over top and continue baking. Best on baking day. Serve warm. Serves 6 to 8.

1998 Birthday Calendars Have Arrived!!

Calendars are on sale now at the following locations:

Glenn's Store

The Weasel & Easel

Or From Any Recreation Committee Member

\$9.00 each (for mailing, please add \$1.00)

We would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported this project.

Rick Bedford... 389-8434

Larry or Lyn Fleming... 634-2509

Paul Henshaw... 384-0799

Rick or Carol Morgan... 384-0847

Jane McGinn... 389-3155

Roxanne Wolfreys... 389-4630

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

During the month of February, our branch will be hosting the annual Public Speaking Competition at the Amherst Island Community Centre. Everyone from grades 1-13 can participate in this event. If you are interested in telling a story or something you've done, you could talk about something that really interests you, or pick a topic, any topic at all, there are so many to choose from and write a speech about it. There will be cash prizes awarded. The 1st place winners will move on to the area level which will be held on April 4th at Legion Branch 332 in Ajax. I believe the duration for the speeches is from 3-5 minutes long. The categories go from grade 1-3 Storytelling, Public Speaking for Junior level is from grade 4-6 in the morning. Lunch will be provided for everyone from 12-1 pm.

Intermediate Grades 7&8, 9& 10 and Seniors Grades 11-13 will resume at 1:30 pm. This will take place on Saturday, February 28th. Anyone who is interested in taking part in this event, should be at the Community Centre by 10 am for preregistration.

Just another reminder about Meals on Wheels dates. They are as follows: Feb 16, March 16, April 20, May 25 and June 15. To order Meals on Wheels contact our Seniors and Veterans services officer, Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Branch President Karen Fleming at 389-0210 and have a home cooked meal complete with dessert delivered right to your door for only \$5.

Congratulations to Freda Youell on being appointed the new Membership Chairman for Branch 539. She will be taking over for our dearly departed Comrade Irene Glenn who will be sadly missed by both Legion members and the community of Amherst Island. Irene has been a member of Branch 539 for 15 years. She joined the branch in June of 1983 and held many offices in the Branch including, President, Vice President, Honours and Awards Chairman, Membership Chairman, Poppy Chairman just to name a few.

If you are interested in knowing a bit of what the Legion is all about, feel free to join in one of our meetings held on the first Thursday of every month at 8 pm at Tom and Audrey Miller's home. New members are always welcome.

Island History

Island History Trivia

Submitted by: Barbara Filson

Approximately 35 years ago, when my daughter attended the Island public school, she was asked to prepare an essay on the Island. She asked for my input and I decided that someone who was older than I and who had lived here longer than myself could provide her with some interesting Island history.

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We farmed on the second concession at that time, which is currently where the ARDA pastures are located. Our neighbour was John Filson, father of Gordon Filson. John, a very alert, older gentleman gave me this information for my daughter's essay which I am now telling you as it was told to me.

The first settlers were the Indians and the old reserve was a mile south of the old Sam Reid home. There was a house and a barn built on it and John Filson and his wife lived there when they were first married. John said he could remember a few Indians still coming there at that time.

The reserve was left to the Indians by Maxwell and they were still there in 1886. It was all bush and the Indians made their living making baskets. There were only about a half a dozen left and they came for about a month during the summer when the sap was in the white ash trees. They would cut them down like a beaver and build wig wags from the bark and tops of the trees. They would leave their canoes near where Stratton Reid lives, in a little bay. The Indians stopped coming here in the early 1900's.

At the head of the Island; which was referred to as the Battery in 1912, there were three cannons with their wheels in the ground. They had larger hard heads (stones) around the wheels to hold the cannons. They were put there as a precautionary move in case any boats came through the gap.

Regional Instant owned two cheese factories; one in the village of Stella and one at Emerald. Regional was the first person to own a car on the Island.

There was a blacksmith's shop in Emerald, located across from what used to be the store which was run by a man named John Clyde. This is the property currently owned by Terry McGinn. There were two blacksmith's shops in Stella; one is still standing beside Doug Wilson's, which was operated by John Brown, father of Wes Brown. The other shop was across from what was Neilson's store and was run by Sid Pringle.

There were three stores in Stella and one in Emerald. The Emerald store was operated by R.A. Fowler and was located where the gas pumps once were. It was eventually burnt down. The existing Glenn's Store building had the store in the back end and was operated

by Mr. Cousins. Neilson's store which later became the Royal Bank, and most recently where Fred Werthman lived was built and operated by J.S. Neilson. It was later operated by his sons, Fred and Rod. The store burnt to the ground twice and was rebuilt. The other store was located where the Weasel and Easel is and it is the original building. It was operated by Tom Polly. The stores were just referred to as Polly's, Neilson's and Cousin's.

At one time there were five taverns on the island. One was where The Back Kitchen is and it was called Canada House and The Old Brick, which burnt in 1967. There was one on the corner where Doug Wilson lives and another where the Anglican church is. It was part log with a shed at the end to drive the horses in. It was later torn down by Bill Allen. There was one at Glenn's corner and Johnny couldn't remember where the other one was.

The first carpenter was George Peters; who at one time built a coffin for a relief case for 50 cents.

Peter McGratton, a carpenter built the house where Ted Wemp lives and had a carpenter shop at the north end beside the house. He could build anything, including scows and sailboats. The shop was eventually bought by Bill Cochrane and was moved to where John Pollock now lives and is used as a shed.

There was a shoe repair shop operated by Dave Hinton, located where Bruce Barrette lives. There was another shoe repair shop operated by Jim Montgomery, located behind where Alan Caughey lives. It burnt down in later years. Both men also made shoes. There was a woodworking shop built and operated by Bill Chown which was located beside Alan Caughey's, by the creek.

The first school was on the front road, on the west side of Car's forty foot. The second school was brick and still stands; now owned by Mrs. Maude, where she and her husband built a new home beside it.

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals.

Matt's Pet Care Service
389-1202

I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, gerbils, fish, hamsters, etc) in your home or in mine.
Good Rates. Negotiable

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A follow up on the item on Sarah McGinness
An Excerpt from "The Burning of The Valleys" by
Gavin K. Watt

The action took part in October 1780, during a raid, led by Sir John Johnson, to destroy the grain crop of the upper New York states and prevent the use of these crops by the rebel armies.

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Lieutenant George McGinness of the Indian Department had been gravely wounded by a ball through his knee at Stone Arabia. With great difficulty, and undoubtedly even greater pain, he was led through the woods "upward of seventy miles over little used Indian trails" until he and his helpers arrived at New Oneida, a settlement just north of Kanowalohale, the "old" castle. Perhaps one of his helpers sought out the main body. In any event, a party of nine men were sent to assist McGinness and they took him some seven miles off the main trail, likely to foil pursuit, whereupon they became alarmed and left the Lieutenant in the care of a man named Mannerly. The two men survived in the extreme cold for eleven days without anything but the crudest of shelter, eating a handful of hickory nuts each day, when they were fortuitously discovered by a band of Senecas returning from the expedition.

In this, the two men were doubly fortunate, as McGinness' famous mother, Sarah Kast McGinness, was well loved, indeed had been adopted by the Seneca nation. Sarah's father, and her husband Timothy McGinness, known far and wide as Teady McGinn, conducted the Indian trade at German Flats before the Seven Years War. When Teady went to Lake George in 1756 to serve under Sir William Johnson, he was killed alongside the famous Mohawk, King Hendrick at Bloody Pond. The widow Sarah firmly grasped the family's business, and with her sons-in-law, the Thompsons, became a prominent figure in the trade. During the difficult winter of 1777/78, she and her youngest son George, lived amongst the Senecas and helped to keep them faithful to the Crown, to the great satisfaction of Old Smoke himself.

With the care and reverence due his mother, the Seneca party carefully moved Lieutenant McGinness to their castle at Genesee. He lay close to death for two months before he regained enough strength to be moved to Fort Niagara.

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He was discharged from the Indian Department in 1782. McGinness' memorial states, "received a shot through the knee, which deprived him of the use of his leg". He was in Montreal until the settlements of 1784 at which time he and his wife and 2 children took up land in Cataraqui #3. Unable to cope with the clearing and farming, he retired to Amherst Island on a grant provided for his family by Sir John and lived to "a ripe old age".

Obituary

Jack James Claessen

(Owner and Operator of Professional Dutch Building & Home Cleaning for 30 years)

Gone to be with his Lord, suddenly at home, on Wednesday, February 4, 1998. Jack Claessen in his 63rd year, beloved husband of Coby. Dear father of Annette and Phil Gencarelli; Nancy and Wayne Pugh and Patricia and Terry Grant. Dear Poppy of Ryan and Amanda: Serena, Jordan and Aaron and Tyler and Lauren. Dear brother of Peter and Ingrid Claessen of Ottawa; John and Candy Claessen of Kingston; Mary Claessen of Kingston and Toni and Yvon Bigras of Ottawa; and the late Chris Claessen and Tina Tugwell. Dear brother in law of Madeleine Claessen of Rockland and Tony Tugwell of Amherst Island. Jack will also be missed by several nieces and nephews. Interment at Cataraqui Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy memorial donations to Kingston Christian School would be appreciated by the family.

Irene Glenn

Thelma Irene Welbanks, born August 26, 1919, passed away December 16, 1997, after a brief illness, at Kingston General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. Irene's death was the result of a ruptured aorta. She was 78.

{Irene's obituary will continue after the following ad}

Amherst Island Firefighter's Association
is selling

Smoke Detectors... \$10

10 Year Smoke Detectors... \$18

Carbon Monoxide Detectors... \$45

Prints of "First Run"... \$25

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Irene was predeceased by her husband, Leslie Glenn;

one granddaughter, Cheryl Glenn; and two brothers; Francis and Howard Welbanks. She is survived by her son Paul and his wife, Carol (Miller); her daughter Leslie Anne and her husband, Bob Cox, and their families: Bill and Annette Phillips, Torn and Shawna; John and Maureen Glenn, Leslie, Mitchell and Mallory; Mike and Cheryl Cox, Ashton and Shelby; Sheri White.

While owning and operating Glenn's Store made Irene well-known in the community, it was her good samaritan work that made her one of Amherst Island's most respected citizens. Irene was one of a handfull of recipients of the Ontario Bicentennial Award. MPP Keith Norton presented the award during a special ceremony at Kingston City Hall in December 1984. The certificate and medal were specially struck to honor Ontario's volunteers who "have given of themselves to build a better society and enrich the lives of others." She was nominated for the honor by Shirley Miller and Gertrude Maude.

Irene was a member and past-treasurer of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island. She was a church elder and a member of the board of managers. She served as a member of the Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee and sat on the Ameriks Scholarship Disbursement Committee. At the time of her death, Irene was an active member and past president of the Presbyterian Church Women and the Amherst Island Women's Institute. She was a member and past vice president of Branch 539, Royal Canadian Legion.

Born to a family of commercial fishermen, Irene's father, Elburn Welbanks moved the family to Amherst Island in 1925 to take advantage of the superior education system here. At that time, the island had five elementary schools and one continuation school. She married Les Glenn in 1940, but lived with her parents while he was overseas from 1942 to 1946. In 1948, Les and Irene took over Glenn's Store from his parents, and they operated it together until Les' death from cancer in 1983. Both Les and Irene held the position of Postmaster for Stella.

Thank You Notes

I wish to thank the many Islanders and Island groups for your acts of kindness following my recent surgery. Your visits, cards, baked goods, flowers, etc. were very much appreciated.

I came home much sooner than originally expected. Rather than go to St. Mary's for a few weeks of therapy, I told the Doctor I preferred my own home and bed here on the Island. Paul is able to assist me with my daily therapy plus the VON are coming daily at present

and a physiotherapist visits once a week. Paul has never been a cook but he is learning fast.

We appreciate the numerous offers we have had from our Island friends to help in any way if needed. It certainly adds to one's level of comfort knowing that while Island living might be somewhat remote, fellow Islanders are very close by to offer their help and support when needed. Coming from an urban environment 2 1/2 years ago to the caring Amherst Island community has been a heartwarming experience for Paul and I.

Hoping to be walking that Front Road soon!!

Thanks so much to all of you.

Nancy Henshaw

We wish to thank our brother John G. Mayman and nephew John L. Mayman, neighbours and friends who helped us through the "Ice Storm of '98". It was greatly appreciated.

John and Anne Luscombe.

The family of Irene Glenn wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our friends, family and neighbours who demonstrated their caring and concern in our loss of a cherished mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Irene's death was a loss to many people in the community, as it was to us, and we thank you all for sharing our grief.

Sincerely, Paul, Carol, Anne, Bob, Annette, Bill, John, Maureen, Mike, Cheryl, Sheri, Shawna, Tori, Les, Mitch, Mallory, Ashton, Shelby.

Peter and Eleanor Trueman would like to thank the Island Fire Department for their concern and visits during the ice storm.

Thanks also to Ken Albertan and his travelling generator.

Thoughts of summer.....by OMT/98
The Lake - Remember?

Jade green.
Dappled with diamond points
dancing in the morning sun,
inviting us all to swim.

Circled by cedars
protecting us all
on beds of their needles
so cool to lie on.

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Fallen old logs
inside limestone walls.
Turtles baking mossy shells,
who plopped at the sound of a stone.

Youths diving daringly,
freeing bats from houseboat doors
to fright the young girls
screaming, enjoying it all.

Those were the days, my love.
We thought they would never end.

A Letter Home

Are you sports right out? I am. Let's get back to our regularly scheduled programs with endless but familiar commercials rather than watching people stand around in the snow, rain, fog, wind, or any combination of the 4 on the ski slopes (for 5 days no less).

Down here on the farm, we are doing a bit of this and a bit of that but mainly waiting for April when we get ready for lambing. We do get the chance to figure out what we will concentrate on this year - will it be the year to get the fences raised a foot or get the pastures trimmed up better or to get the handling facilities working better...

Its been a pretty decent winter so far - warmer than most with the channel frozen but barely. For those who keep track of these things, it froze on January 21st - broke up and re-froze on the 27th. The Upper Gap and east of the Brothers are still open water but they occasionally freeze for a day or so.

The storm down some trees in the bush so we should have good burning wood for the next couple of years. Speaking of for energy... the Lennox and Addington Generation Plant seems to have been un-mothballed as both stacks occasionally issue forth exhaust.

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

Community Calendar

Feb 18... A.I.W.I. Meeting at Helen Miller's at 1:00 p.m.
Feb 20... Euchre at 7:30 at the A.I. Community Centre sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Association
Feb 21... Eldon & Elsie Willard 40th Wedding Celebration 8:00 - midnight A.I. Community Centre

Feb 22... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Odessa Council Chambers
Feb 26... 4H Achievement Awards 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre
Mar 2... Loyalist Twp Administration Meeting 7:00 p.m. Odessa Council Chambers
Mar 6... Euchre at 7:30 at the A.I. Community Centre sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Association
Mar 9... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Odessa Council Chambers
Mar 18... A.I.W.I. Community Care Access 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre
Mar 20... Euchre at 7:30 at the A.I. Community Centre sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Association
Mar 23... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 pm. Odessa Council Chambers
Mar 31... Dog Licence Due Date
Apr 3... Euchre at 7:30 at the A.I. Community Centre sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Association
Apr 15... A.I.W.I. AGM 8:00 p.m. at Freda Youell's
May 2... Rabies Clinic (tentative date) 5-6:30 p.m.

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Wanted

Wanted
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A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
Napanee Animal Shelter
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

We Will Do Odd Jobs....
Snow removal, minor repairs, dog walking, firewood
stacking, etc.
Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Attention Amherst Island Community

“Cheese Notice”

ISLE is again raising funds for the school through cheese sales.

Wilton cheeses now available in approximately 11b packages and may be ordered by calling an AIPS student, Karen J. Fleming 389-9869 or Debbie Scott 389-2379.

Varieties Available: curd, mild, colby, mozzarella, casserole cheese, onion/garlic, hot pepper, marble, medium, old, extra old, grated mozzarella, grated Parmesan, Swiss, havarti, Danish blue, Gouda, jarlesburg, slices, cheese balls, feta, brie, skim, Danish creams.

Standing orders also accepted.

Cheese Orders will be available for pickup at the school from 5-6 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by: Pickup/Payment

Wed, Feb 18 Mon, Feb 23

Wed, Mar 25 Mon, Mar 30

Wed, Apr 23 Mon, Apr 27

Wed, May 21 Mon, May 25

Wed, June 17 Mon, June 22

Please make cheques payable to ISLE

Thank You For Your Support Of Amherst Island Public School.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

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A Community Care Access Information Evening

On March 18th At 7 pm

In The Community Centre

Followed by Refreshments

Everyone Invited

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

4th Session On February 17,1998

For unknown reasons, neither Chris nor I attended this meeting of Council. So, the following is gleaned from the Minutes (which were subsequently adopted at the 5th session).

The interim tax bills will be altered to reduce the penalties during this year.

A couple of matters came up about the ferry docks:
- there will be a meeting of the Ferry Dock Committee

on February 20th,

- the Ferry Dock Facilities report (done by the Township Engineer) will be sent to the Ferry Dock Committee.

Council gave staff the authorization to 'commence negotiations with Celanese re: connection to Celanese water intake on Lake Ontario for industrial land options'.

The Feds are offering a program to the Township to hire unemployed workers to cleanup the ice storm brush. Eight people could be hired for 8-12 weeks. The Township would provide supervision and equipment. Until then Township will concentrate on emergency brush removal.

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

5th Session March 2, 1998

This meeting was my first Regular Council meeting for Loyalist. I arrived at 6:30 p.m. to read the background package of information but found the meeting already under way. The time had been changed from the usual 7:00 p.m. which we had been told about last week. Later I found out this was an

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At. Alban's A.C.W. Beef Dinner & Euchre

Saturday, March 21st

Serving 5-7 pm at the Community Centre

Adults - \$10.00

Children 5-12 - \$5.00

Preschool - Free

Tickets at the door only

If you would rather just come for Euchre it will begin at 7:30 and costs \$2.00.

A.I. Recreation Association

Euchre is back!!

Friday, March 20th

Friday, April 3rd

7:30 p.m.

A.I. Community Centre

Prizes

Refreshments

Open House

The family of Emily Tugwell wish to invite friends and relatives to help her celebrate her 80th birthday at home.

1- 4 pm, Sunday, March 29.

administration meeting that had been lumped into the Regular meeting agenda.

What was going on (according to the agenda) was a presentation by DH2M Gore & Storrie about the Bath Water Filtration Plant. At the time, I had no idea if this was a closed session or not but was asked to leave if costs started being tossed around. I left anyway having missed the first half of the presentation and having some 70 pages of information to digest. Council and the delegation were still at it when I came back a half hour later. Council will have to start making decisions about the plant next month.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation to the Logo Contest winner and the other participants. Jon Begg's entry had been chosen for the Township (shown in the masthead above). The other entrants were:

Grace Moulton

Emily Moulton

Evan King

Jim W. Smith

B. Gould

Bryan Babcock

Bryce Christmas, and

Diane & Sara Pollock.

A delegation from the Fairfield-Gutzeit Society was then invited speak to Council. Kelly Hineman (the last Reeve of the Village of Bath) was chosen to speak for the group. This Society apparently owns three properties in Bath. The two that came up during this discussion were the Fairfield-Gutzeit house (just west of the filtration plant) and the 'Layer Cake Hall'. This Fairfield-Gutzeit house had been willed to the St Lawrence Parks Commission which apparently did not have the money to keep it up. They eventually sold it to this Society made up of local volunteers. This group received \$100,000 from the Village to start the restoration process and so the Village and Society entered into a contractual agreement which is now passed on to the new Township. (I spend some space on this because this delegation and subsequent Closed Session took up 2 hours of the meeting.) This agreement allows for some control by both the municipality and The St Lawrence Parks Commission leaving the Society with some discretionary spending powers. Disputes between the parties would be ultimately settled by arbitration.

Kelly Hineman with little in the way of a

presentation made himself available to Council to answer questions. These revolved around the specifics of this contract of which some council members seemed to disapprove. (The contract was not in the package of information.) It was never completely clear just what the disapproval was about but in the end, Kelly Hineman said that the contract had been approved by the Province so it was a done deal which now had to be assumed by the new Township.

Bruce Taylor on behalf of the Bath Museum then was allowed to speak. The Museum is on the ground floor of the Layer Cake Hall and is run by a group of volunteers (and apparently by the former Village Council through a committee). It has received money from the Village of Bath (\$8,000 last year) to operate the Museum. Mr Taylor wanted to know who owned or controlled the artifacts which were apparently not part of the property sale to the Fairfield-Gutzeit Society. The Reeve referred this to the staff. And, he asked that the Museum fill out a Grant Application as soon as possible because the Budget process was starting almost immediately.

During Mr Taylor's presentation, the president of the Fairfield-Gutzeit Society rose to talk about the Museum and

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Glenn's Store / Bath Foodland

Open:

Mon - Fri 9 am - 11:30 am

2:30 pm - 5 pm

Sat. 9 - 5

Sun. 10 - 5

A wide variety of grocery products available

Movies

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Deliveries twice a week

Orders taken for groceries Just call Tuesday or Friday for Wednesday or Saturday delivery.

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

comments apparently made by members of Council and an article in the Heritage reporting on same. While

interesting, it's not fodder for this article.

Council went into closed session with the Township solicitor to discuss these issues (and apparently something about an easement across the Fairfield-Gutzeit property). They were gone from 7:53 to 9:10 when they came back with three resolutions. The first was to leave in the arbitration clause in the Fairfield house agreement (not be confused with the Fairfield-Gutzeit House in Bath). The second was to execute the agreement concerning the Fairfield-Gutzeit House. The third had to do with hiring staff.

We are now three and a quarter hours into the meeting and only just past Delegations. It doesn't look good at this point that I will make the last boat. Little did I know of the Reeve.

In very short order (25 minutes to be exact), the following items were disposed of:

- the Parks, Recreation & Property Advisory Committee minutes for the February 12th meeting were received,
- the Cemetery Board received with regret the resignation of Henry Hitchins and appointed Roberta Riel to fill the vacancy,
- Council discussed the merits of purchasing or leasing the County Salt Dome with staff being asked to look into the costs and liability (specifically the environmental clean-up risks & costs),
- Council adopted an agreement between the County and two other lower tier municipalities (Napanee & Stone Mills) to 'establish general areas of responsibility for the county road system' (which does not include any roads on Amherst Island). The Township Engineer David Thompson had some concerns about the agreement but recommended approval by Council. Loyalist will assume responsibility for 91.1 km of County roads (total is 367.2 km) and will also assume 10 bridges.
- Council adopted a resolution to assign Totten Sims Hubicki 'the duties of completing the 1997 Annual Report for the Violet Landfill Site' with costs not to exceed \$6,900,
- Council received some information on insurance and bonding of municipal employees (with accident, liability, crime, property and, boiler & machinery insurance premiums totally \$126,693.72),
- Council received information detailing the remuneration & expenses for 1997 paid to each member of the three councils (A.I., Bath & Ernestown). For the 15 council members, total remuneration was \$107,380.34 and total expenses charged was \$7984.38.
- Council dealt with a long delayed payment to the Ministry of the Environment for the former municipality of Bath. This had to do with some lab fees from 1996. Bath had not paid them for some reason (a good but technical reason which I forget) which has now been

corrected so Loyalist will pay them the \$229.50.

- Council received the CAO/Clerk's unfinished business list after one more item was added.
 - Council approved sending the Public Works Manager to a conference in Huntsville -the OSUM '98 Conference called 'Boom Bust & Echo'.
 - Council amended the interim tax levy by-law (it wasn't clear from the new by-law what was changed). The levy is now 196.461 mills.
 - Council received several pieces of information.
 - Council members in turn were asked by the Reeve for any announcements or enquiries:
 - Duncan Ashley gave a very short rundown on the Good Roads Conference saying, in effect, the costs of the Conference would be more than offset by the ideas they came away with,
 - Arnold Adams queried staff on the costs and timing to change the Bath bills so they could be paid at any bank. Staff will be looking into this and will report back to Council,
 - several other Council Members had items too.
- Whew.... after that Council wrapped up for the evening at about 9:35 p.m.

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Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting
- Chris Kennedy
March 9th 1998

All members of Council were present. There was not a lot brought up at this meeting that directly concerned island residents, but many of the matters affect us indirectly through the Township budget. After the usual preliminaries Kelley Hineman, on behalf of the Loyalist Township Rate Payers Association, spoke to Council about the lack of lighting at Storms Corners, and Ms. Jackie Hawkins spoke to Council about getting Howes Road paved. She had collected 53 names on a petition to support this. Council will look into both matters.

There was then a presentation by members of the Amherstview Lions Club, the Odessa Lions Club and the Amherstview Lionesses Club of a cheque for \$31,345 to the Township. This was on behalf of the Committee for the Defibrillation Programme, and is money raised for the Amherstview, Odessa and Bath Fire Stations to purchase Cardiac Defibrillators. Amherst island has, of course, had its defibrillator for some years now. Any money left over will go towards the purchase of other medical equipment for the Loyalist Township Emergency Services, including Amherst Island.

There was considerable discussion about Stop signs

on Township roads. Are they effective and can they be enforced? There was even an eloquent endorsement of that most Canadian of inventions, the "Rolling Stop".

Council also discussed, among other things, Township fees for industrial development, Bath water treatment plant, signs for the Taylor-Kidd Industrial Park, and Bath sidewalks, which Council appears to have finally finished with. There was also a considerable discussion whether the Municipality should take over the approval process for subdivisions. It appears that the Province is going to dump it on us anyway, so Council decided, in a recorded vote, to take it over now while there might be some provincial assistance available.

Nothing else of significant interest to the Island came up in the rest of the meeting.

L & A District Women's Institute
Is Hosting A "Safety Day"
April 18th 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the
Napanee District Secondary School.
Numbers Limited So Register Early.
For More Information See This Month's W.I. Column
or Call Mrs Smith 388-2766

The Neighbourhood

- Staff

Best wishes to everyone who has been ill with the flu. That should cover at least three quarters of the island community! We hope you are all feeling much better.

Dakota Wolfreys is home now. (We were a little premature in last month's issue). He is recovering well.

Kelly McGinn broke his arm and we hope it will mend quickly.

There isn't much more news but by next month we should begin to welcome back some of the Island's returning snowbirds.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

There's not much to report about the February meeting as there were only five members present, the flu bug having visited the Island as well as the guest speaker. It was decided that, instead of trying to arrange another meeting with our guest we will take a trip to see her at Simple Country Pleasures when the planting season starts. This will be a nice spring outing and a good start to the gardening plans. Final plans were made for the open meeting on Community Care Access on March 18th and we hope to see a lot of people there.

Another very worthwhile project is the L & A District Women's Institute "Safety Day" being held on April 18th at Napanee District School from 9 am

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until 3 pm. to keep families, informed about poisonings, drowning, fire and many other hazards that threaten our young folk (and us) every day. This is going to be an interactive, Fun-Hands-On-Activity Day, for children to teach them how to protect themselves and those around them. Sign-up forms will be given to the children at the school and can be picked up at Glenn's Store or by calling 384-4135. Some of the other participants are the Ontario Provincial Police Baywatch Program, L & A County General Hospital, Greater Napanee Fire Department, Farm Safety Association, Napanee Karate Club and many more. David Archibald will be performing a new song and ten of the signed-up children will get the chance to help him write and perform it. The cost is \$5.00 per child - \$10.00 per family and the day is geared towards primary and junior aged children. This is a great opportunity for a fun day outing for the family with the added bonus of helping to keep our young folk safe. There are only 1100 openings, 40 of which have already been pre-registered so please - get your application in early. Deadline is March 31st or when registration reaches maximum - whichever is first. Amherst Island Branch is looking forward to a good turn-out from our area and will be assisting in any way we can. There is a change in our April meeting location as I will be away so, the meeting will still be on April 18th at 8 pm with the place to be decided at the next meeting. Under our Coming Events are the Pitch in Week starting May 3rd - Mother's Day Dinner on May 9th and the May meeting on May 20th at 8 pm. at the home of Audrey Miller which will include our Spring Plant Exchange. Visitors welcome.

Lost

Last fall along the front road, a plastic body panel for a motorcycle. The panel is black with "FJ600" in white letters. Please call Ben Whiting 389-4889

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2 Playpens
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Bath Ring
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High Chair
Change Table

Baby Swing
Baby Gates
All at Best Offer
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Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

February was a busy month for Branch 539. Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Day Dinner and to everyone who worked hard to make it possible, the meal was delicious.

Branch level Public Speaking was held at the school on February 27th. Thank you to all of the students who participated in this event, they were all very well done and presented and again difficult to judge.

And The Winners Are:

Storytelling (grades 1-3)

1st - Khrysta Trotter (My Baby Sister)

2nd - Caitlin McDonald (The Monster)

3rd - Ashley McGinn (Joanna)

Public Speaking (Grades 4,5,6)

1st- Geoffrey McDonald (how to Write a Speech)

2nd - Tabytha Trotter (Babies)

3rd - Christopher Reed (Ghosts)

Grades 7 & 8

1st - Samantha Pollock (John Wayne)

2nd - Allison McDonald (A Tour Guide Through Europe)

3rd - Shannon Youell (Natural Disasters)

As you can see there was a good variety of interesting topics and the presentations were all done well.

Congratulations to all of you. The first place winners from each of these categories went on to the Zone Competition at the school on February 28 hosted by our branch. A very big thank you to everyone who helped out and or brought sandwiches and goodies, all was very much appreciated.

Remember that April is nomination month and elections will be held at our regular May meeting. So be thinking about your nominations now. New members are always welcome. Drop by one of our regular monthly meetings, the first Thursday of every month at Tom and Audrey Miller's home, 8 pm.

Thank You Notes

Everyone has probably heard by now Dakota is at home and healing extremely well. It has taken many people and many prayers to get as far as we have come in the last month and we just wanted to say thank you to

everyone along the way.

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The first big "Thank you" is to the Emergency First Response Team. If you hadn't arrived as quickly as you did, the burns would have been more severe. Your knowledge and professionalism of what 'to do' saved our little one from being scarred for life. I don't have enough room to list all of you, but to everyone who came to our house and provided wonderful care, thank you. I can't say it enough.

A sincere thank you to the Shriners for their offer to fly us to Boston if necessary. It was very generous of you. We were relieved that we didn't need to take you up on your offer.

A special thanks to everyone who called, sent cards and best wishes. To everyone who prayed for Dakota's speedy recovery, thank you. Your prayers were answered. Dakota will be fine. To Barry Forsythe thank you for your many visits with us at the hospital.

A very special thank you to Beth Albertan. Beth your Good Luck Bear was in Dakota's crib at the hospital from the beginning to the end of our stay there.

Amherst Island is a unique place to live and we feel privileged to be part of such a caring community.

Thanks to all of you.

Brent, Roxanne and Dakota

We are taking this opportunity to first of all thank our family, Janice, Eric, Ryan, Brent and Ashley, our son Doug and Gail for their love and support and hard work they contributed to making our 40th Wedding Anniversary a very memorable occasion.

Your "tribute" to us Janice was well done and you made us very proud.

We thank Dr Harley Smythe for his opening Prayers and his very kind remarks as our "Master of Ceremonies". Thanks also to Bob Thompson for his "little story" and also Mr Bruce Caughey Sr for his tribute to our families. Bruce, your memory never fails to amaze me!

Thanks again to Janice and her many "helpers" who contributed their time and effort in preparing the beautiful buffet lunch and decorating. I won't name you individually you know who you are. Our deepest appreciation to all of you. A big thank-you to Lynn Fleming for doing a superb job of our Anniversary Cake. Eldon was extremely pleased, Lynn. We wish to thank Carol Morgan for running the "bar" so efficiently, and last but certainly not least my fellow members of St. Alban's A.C.W. for the beautiful roast beef dinner. We had nothing but a very positive special

occasion, despite the "flu bug".

Thank you so much, everyone. You made our day complete.

Eldon and Elsie Willard

I would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for kindness shown to me before and since Marshall's death.

Many thanks for cards received expressing sympathy. It's at a time like this you feel the warmth of these that last for ever.

Marian Glenn

Loyalist Township

Schedule "A" to By-law 98-21

Schedule of Fees for Dog Licences, Sec.2

1. 1 Dog Male Or Female... \$12.00
2. Each Additional Dog In Same Household... \$12.00
3. Kennel Licence (to be issued by the Municipality)... \$100.00
4. If A Dog Licence Is Purchased after March 31st in any year, it will be subject to a \$5.00 additional penalty.
5. Daily Board Rate (for animals Impounded)... \$8.00
6. Replacement Cost For Tag... \$4.00

Loyalist Township

Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic is being tentatively scheduled for May 2nd from 5 - 6:30 p.m..

Volunteers are needed.

If you can help, please contact the Municipal Office at 386-7351.

Obituary

Glenn, Marshall Foch

(Formerly of Amherst Island)

Peacefully at Friendly Manor Nursing Home, Deseronto on Saturday, February 14, 1998. Marshall Foch Glenn in his 80th year. Beloved husband of 50 years to Marian Glenn (nee Reid) of Bath. Sadly missed by two nieces, five nephews, three great nieces and four great nephews. Marshall is predeceased by his brother Gordon, and sister Thelma.

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The funeral service was at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Amherst Island on, Tuesday, February 17. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery. Donations made to

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Amherst Island Bible Study Group

meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200

Mar.... at Cathy Glenn's

Apr.... at Karen J. Fleming's

May.... at Ann Albertan's

June.... at Helen Lamb's

July.... at Janet Scott's

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals.

Amherst Island Firefighter's Association is selling

Smoke Detectors... \$10

10 Year Smoke Detectors... \$18

Carbon Monoxide Detectors... \$45

Prints of "First Run"... \$25

A Tribute To Marshall F. Glenn

submitted by A. Bruce Caughey

In the closing months of the first world war, two babies were born in the lower end of the third concession to members of the Glenn families. One to Wm. J and Georgia Glenn, the other to Robert D. and Olive Glenn. In a consideration of names for these babies, the decision was made to honour two outstanding leaders in the war effort, thus the name of Marshall Foch was chosen by the Rob and Olive Glenn family honouring the famous French General. The second baby was named Douglas Haig, in recognition of the outstanding English General, by his parents William and Georgia Glenn.

Born on October 23rd, 1918, Marshall, when he reached school age, attended No 5 school, along with a number of his cousins, where I have often heard him relate that this school was having disciplinary problems. A teacher was quick to identify the ring leader of those who misbehaved and she administered a strapping in front of the whole class and the misbehaving quickly ended. Completing the 4th class, Marshall then attended Stella Continuation School along with his older brother

Gordon and sister Thelma.

Having no desire for a college education, Marshall quickly became part of the family farm operation, consisting of a milking herd, raising of hogs and maintaining a poultry operation. Following the example of other Island young men in the era when an appeal was made for help to harvest the extensive grain crops in the western prairies, Marshall, I think made two trips west, going first to the Swift Current area of Saskatchewan where his uncle Frank Glenn had a homestead, many years before. I think his second trip was to the Harvey Filson homestead at Woodrow, Saskatchewan.

With the outbreak of the Second World War on September 3rd, 1939, it soon became apparent that it was going to require a total effort to prevent our being overrun by the German armies under the Hitler leadership. The Canadian Government introduced the program of requiring young men of military age to undergo a month of military training in a camp in the Peterborough area. It was expected that as a result of this training that many of the young men would sign up in the armed forces. Marshall suffered an eyesight deficiency, and was not accepted for military service, therefore his contribution was in the production of food to sustain our war effort.

Marshall married Marian Reid on November 8th, 1948 and after a brief honeymoon in Ottawa they took over operation of the farm while Marshall's parents moved to the Village of Stella in partial retirement.

Island residents will always remember the gardening skills of Marshall and his wife Marian, where they raised a great variety of produce, from potatoes, turnips, carrots, cucumbers, flowers, strawberries and raspberries, which they very generously shared with their neighbours.

Marshall became involved with Island organizations, serving twenty-five years on the Board of Directors of the Amherst Island Mutual Insurance Company, in the

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various offices of Burleigh L.O.L. #482 of which he was a fifty year member and their involvement and dedicated service to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, where Marshall was a member of the Board of Managers and later ordained to the eldership. On each festive occasion the Glenns contributed their skills to making wreaths at the Christmas season and at Thanksgiving Season their display of garden produce was always looked forward to.

It was with great regret that we witnessed Marshall becoming a victim of the Alzheimer disease which resulted in his residency at the Friendly Manor in

Deseronto, where he passed away on February 14th last.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Paul's Church by Rev. Barry Forsyth, with Burial in Glenwood Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Allan Glenn, Clinton Kilpatrick, W. Bruce Caughey, Murray Glenn, Robert Howard and Douglas Willard.

Due to their proximity to the Stella Cheese factory and the help of both the father and two sons, the Glenns were always able to draw their own milk to the factory. With the introduction of bulk milk handling, Marshall was one of the first to build a milk house, attached to their cow stable to accommodate a bulk tank, which he purchased from Hugh Sharp, when he quit milking cows. This milk house was constructed by Harold Vanalstine and his crew.

When the Glenns decided to quit milking cows, they sold their herd, as well as their milk quota and for a number of years they enjoyed many guided tours to many parts of the world including England, California as well as prolonged visits to areas of Florida, etc.

At one time the Glenn family, through purchase of the Lark farm on the south side of their 50 acre farm plus 40 acres from the Bray farm and the purchase of the McCormick 100 acre farm between the second concession and the front road were farming land from the north shore of the Island to the south shore. Some of the latter had good stands of white ash trees on it and one of the fall jobs was to cut substantial quantities of fire wood which was sawed in to stove lengths 12 -14 inches, split and carefully stored inside. This enabled the Glenn's to maintain operation of a cook stove in their kitchen for both heating and cooking purposes for many years.

With the introduction of each new development in farm equipment, the Glenn's were quick to take advantage of a Haybine, first a Farmall A tractor, followed by a W4 McCormick-Deering 6 ft cut, made on Amherst Island. A picture of this binder, being drawn by their Farmall A tractor, was featured in an International Harvester Journal. Later Marshall purchased a used Massey-Harris tractor with a loader as well as a McKee Bros. snow blower which enabled him to keep their drive way open after winter snow storms.

The Glenn's made many improvements in their home, with the coming of hydro to the Island in 1938, the Glenns were one of the early subscribers - a family friend, Craig Russell of Switzerville did their wiring and in the process Marshall and his brother learned the intricacies of wiring and for many years thereafter they carried out wiring jobs in numerous installations.

Installation of a bathroom in their home as well as central heating by an oil burning furnace followed with

the use of their basement as a laundry.

Marshall has left us with many memories!

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We would like to thank everyone who contributed and
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Rick Bedford... 389-8434

Larry or Lyn Fleming... 634-2509

Paul Henshaw... 384-0799

Rick or Carol Morgan... 384-0847

Jane McGinn... 389-3155

Roxanne Wolfreys... 389-4630~

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More On Marshall Glenn

Some of his relatives are:

A. Bruce Caughey... 2nd cousin twice removed

Garry Filson... 4th & 5th cousin

Hugh Filson... 5th cousin

Larry Fleming... 4th cousin

Annette Philips... 4th & 5th cousin

Albert Henderson... 1st cousin

Reg Hitchins... 4th cousin

Kerry Hogeboom... 3rd cousin once removed

Bonnie Marshall... 4th cousin

Keith Miller... 3rd cousin once removed

Steven Willard... 4th cousin

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

Some of you may be wondering what's going on at
The Back Kitchen.

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eating area, washrooms and a new stockroom complete
with a walk-in freezer.

Everything that you have put into The Back Kitchen
over the last four years has gone back in the form of
improvements as we look ahead to our fifth year.

We'll be opening a couple of weeks later than last
year due to the amount of interior work that we still
need to do. The intent is to open Friday, May 1st for
two week-ends and then full time on May 15th. Our
plan is to open 7 days/week instead of closing on
Tuesdays, as well as serving a breakfast special on
Sundays.

Look for more information in the next Beacon. We
look forward to your continuing support.

Garry and Susan

Community Calendar

Mar 18... A.I.W.I. Community Care Access 7:00 p.m.
at the Community Centre

Mar 20... Euchre at 7:30 at the A.I. Community Centre
sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Association

Mar 23... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Odessa Council Chambers

Mar 31... Dog Licence Due Date

Apr 3... Euchre at 7:30 at the A.I. Community Centre
sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Association

Apr 14... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Odessa Council Chambers

Apr 15... A.I.W.I. AGM 8:00 p.m. at Freda Youell's

April 18... A.I.W.I. Safety Day Napanee Secondary
School

Apr 27... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Odessa Council Chambers

May 1... Back Kitchen Opens for the season

May 2... Rabies Clinic (tentative date) 5-6:30 p.m.

May 9... A.I.W.I. Mother's Day Dinner

May 20... A.I.W.I. Meeting, Audrey Miller's 8 pm

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Ancestors of Marshall Foch Glenn

Marshall Font Glenn 1918-1998 {father/mother: Robert
Douglas Glenn 1886-1960 / Olive Kathleen Henderson
1897-1954}

Robert Douglas Glenn 1886-1960 {father/mother:
William Glenn / Charlotte Elizabeth Hamilton 1864-
1934}

Olive Kathleen Henderson 1897-1954 {father/mother:
John F. Henderson 1853-1937 / Elizabeth Brewster
1855-1937}

William Glenn {father/mother: Samuel Glenn 1860-
1938 / Mary Ann Hill 1876-1964}

Charlotte Elizabeth Hamilton 1864-1934
{father/mother: Robert Hamilton / Nancy Agnes
Findlay}

John F. Henderson 1853-1937 {father/mother: Robert
Henderson 1821-1858 / Margaret McLintock 1821-
1899}

Elizabeth Brewster 1855-1937 {no info shown}

Samuel Glenn 1860-1938 {father/mother: Robert Glenn
1832-1916 / Jane Cousins 1842-1927}

Mary Ann Hill 1876-1964 {father/mother: William T.
Hill / Mary Ann Anderson}

Robert Hamilton {no info shown}

Nancy Agnes Findlay {no info shown}

Robert Henderson 1821-1858 {no info shown}

Margaret McLintock 1821-1899 {no info shown}

Robert Glenn 1832-1916 {father/mother: Samuel Glenn
1810-1888 / Rose Ann Farley 1810-1889}

Jane Cousins 1842-1927 {father/mother: William
Cousins 1819-1880 / Mary McGrattan 1819-1881}

William T. Hill {no info shown}

Mary Ann Anderson {no info shown}

Samuel Glenn 1810-1888 {no info shown}

Rose Ann Farley 1810-1889 {no info shown}

William Cousins 1819-1880 {no info shown}

Mary McGrattan 1819-1881 {no info shown}

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Attention Amherst Island Community
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cheese sales. Wilton cheeses now available in
approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
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Varieties Available: curd, mild, colby, mozzarella,
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Standing orders also accepted.
Cheese Orders will be available for pickup at the school
from 5-6 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by:	Pickup/Payment
Wed, Mar 25	Mon, Mar 30
Wed, Apr 23	Mon, Apr 27
Wed, May 21	Mon, May 25
Wed, June 17	Mon, June 22

Please make cheques payable to ISLE
Thank You For Your Support Of Amherst Island
Public School.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

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Loyalist Township Directory

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After Hours Service.... 541-3202
Fax... 386-3833
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Community Animal Control... 354-5907
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Loyalist Township Council
Reeve... Paul Gilmore
Deputy-Reeve... Arnold Adams
Councillors... Duncan Ashley
Carl Bresee
Terry Linkson
Clayton McEwen
Kathy Storms

Loyalist Township Staff
Chief Admin. Officer... Diane Pearce
Treasurer... Ross Troop
Deputy Clerk... Brenda Hamilton
Recreation Director... Patrick Beyer
Fire Chief... Wayne Calver
Planner... Murray J. Beckel
Engineer... Dave Thompson

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Joe Hudacin
Gerry Mulder
Ian Murray
Gord Wilson
Planning Standing Committee
Arnold Adams
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Recreation & Property Advisory Committee
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Ron Andress
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Beacon Notes

The trees and bushes on the Island are bursting forth under brilliantly sunny skies and warm temperatures. The dead zone between the snow melting and the greenery greening is over signaling that spring is here!

Last month, we didn't even mention the ferry because there was nothing to mention. Now we have some news - perhaps the shape of things to come.

The Loyalist Township page we printed had errors and omissions which have been caught so we'll do it again. A couple of the phone numbers were wrong and we didn't have all of the Cemetery Committee members.

We have been very negligent in not keeping your brain cells fired up... to that end, some trivia questions and answers will be squeezed in the coming issues.

Public Meeting
Facilitator's Draft Report
April 15, 1998
- Don Tubb

Approximately 120 people showed up at the Community Centre to hear the government selected facilitator, Dale Martin, present his solution to the local transportation problem. Mr Martin was briefly introduced by Duncan Ashley. Mr Martin has come up with the following proposal designed to get the province out of the ferry business and to still provide for a sustainable ferry service...

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He thinks that amalgamating all of the local ferry operations under one corporation is the starting point. This corporation which he calls the Island Transportation Corporation (the ITC) would be owned jointly by Loyalist Township, the City of Kingston and the Frontenac Island Township. The ITC would own, operate, finance and maintain the existing ferry system, and, where feasible, build and operate fixed links. The ferries servicing Amherst, Wolfe, Howe and Simcoe islands would be included. Also, he would like to see the Glenora ferries be included. These would be leased from the province and operated as toll ferries.

The ITC would be run by a Board of Directors initially appointed by the Province for a term of 18-36 months. Mr Martin recommends that:

- the directors would come from the municipalities,
- that a majority not be elected officials, and
- that they have some expertise in management and/or business.

In order to provide for input from ferry users, the facilitator recommends that Amherst, Howe and Wolfe Islands each set up a User Advisory Committee. The chairpersons of these committees would have seats on the board.

Mr Martin proposes that the ITC have the power to charge fares on the boats plus be able to sell advertising and concessions. The ITC would also be able to receive grants from local municipalities. And, he thinks it should collect tolls on any bridges built plus any development charges from benefiting areas. The corporation will be able to contract out services (while maintaining control), borrow money and be able to sell assets. The budgets set by the ITC would have to be approved by the local councils.

Each Island will obviously want to protect their own service and to improve it where possible. To ensure that a service to a specific Island is not reduced to the benefit of another service, levels of service should be defined in the articles and by-laws. The facilitator also thinks that some sort of arbitration mechanism will need to be set up to resolve disputes.

To this point, there is no reason to think that the Province would disagree with any of the above but the system is not self-financing so Mr Martin is recommending that:

- the work force (including management and any assets) be transferred to the ITC, and
- the province endow the ITC with \$50,000,000; plus the previously mentioned points:
- all of the physical assets (boats, land, buildings, docks and spare parts) be transferred to the Corporation,
- the Glenora ferry system be leased to the ITC at \$1/year and that the corporation be able to charge fares, etc,
- any other income generated by the ferry systems be transferred to the ITC (concessions and the like).

{The Facilitator's Report will continue after the following three ads}

The Back Kitchen
Hours Of Operation
May 1st to May 10th
Weekends

Friday 11:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Breakfast Special available 9 - 11 a.m.

Watch for your Menu in the mail.

Starting May 15th, we will be open 7 days/week.

See the May Beacon for details.

The Weasel And Easel

Will be opening for the season early in May.

Look for the signs and more information in the Beacon.

We have watercolours, pottery, island crafts, sun catchers, blankets, woodwork, ceramics and much more to interest you.

Come in and browse.

Glenn's Store / Bath Foodland

Open:

Mon - Fri 9 am - 11:30 am

2:30 pm - 5 pm

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Sun. 10 - 5

A wide variety of grocery products available

Movies

chips

cigarettes

pop

ice-cream

Deliveries twice a week

Orders taken for groceries

Just call Tuesday or Friday for Wednesday or Saturday delivery.

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With reasonable fares charged on the boats and cost efficiencies generated by amalgamating all the ferry systems, Mr Martin thinks that his proposal will be good for 25 years. At that time, the \$50 million would be gone. If the municipalities will kick in some money as grants, the forecast is for a longer time span. And, if a bridge to Howe Island is built sooner rather than later, Mr Martin thought it would also have positive effects. There was some technical discussion about his assumptions at the meeting which went right over my head (discount rates).

Also at the meeting, Mr Martin said that end-loading docks could probably be constructed for us. He thought the previously estimated costs were on the high side.

So, Mr Martin's bottom line seems to be:

- fares would start out pretty much where they are now and rise over the next 5 or 6 years (a report in the Whig suggested they start out at \$1 and rise to \$2.50 each way), and

- no changes in the service level.

The audience listened politely to his presentation after which quite a number of questions were asked (and answered). Some tension was relieved but it was made amply clear by Mr Martin that this is only a proposal that has to be approved by all parties. Mr Martin thinks that this proposal is the best he can get from the Province but gave no indication if he had any preliminary responses from the various Ministries.

The report is vague on many points as the facilitator thought it best to allow the board of directors to make specific decisions. He seemed to be trying to provide a framework for a solution incorporating only the essentials necessary to make it work. He will be submitting his report to the Province at the end of April.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

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Mother's Day Ham Dinner

Saturday, May 9th 1998

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Amherst Island Community Centre

Tickets available at the door

Adults \$8.00

Children \$4.00

This is your fund raising event of the year.

Amherst Island Recreation Association's
Annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry

Saturday, May 16, 1998

Doors open 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 - 8:00

Dancing 8:00 - 12:30

D.J. by "Complete Music"

\$20 per couple OR \$8.50 for diner only

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

7th Session - March 23, 1998

Comment.... You know I really miss our tiny township and council. No, it isn't just the hassle of an extra meeting each month or the 2 1/2 hours on the road (often longer than the meeting). The Township of Amherst Island was simple, understandable, and well defined (If you got into water over your head, you were beyond the Township's control).. And, the council meetings were totally Island relevant. This is not the case for our new municipality and council. While all issues should concern me, speeding problems on Amherst Drive or performance issues with a filtration plant just don't have the same interest as who was getting a severance. We (Chris and I) will continue to do this for a while but we're looking for alternative ways to keep us all up to date on Council's shenanigans.

All members of Council (Reeve Gilmore, Deputy Reeve Adams, Councillors Ashley, Bresee, Linkson, McEwen and Storms) were present for this the 7th Regular Council meeting. After the usual adoption of minutes and disclosure of interest (none), Council proceeded to hear 7 delegations.

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Among these, the following two were notable:

- Mr Guest (the Public Works Superintendent)

requested that 5-6 township employees, for one day each, be allowed to assist with the 1998 Municipal Trade Show to be held this year in Napanee (June 3rd & 4th). This was approved by Council.

- Deputy Reeve Adams presented Reeve Gilmore with a plaque and some certificates to honour volunteers during the ice storm. The Deputy Reeve had received them from Premier Harris in Reeve Gilmore's place at a recent meeting in Brockville.

Joyceville Institution has volunteered to make ramps and rails for the skateboarding and roller blade club (which uses part of the Henderson Recreation Centre parking lot). Reeve Gilmore asked if extra pieces could be made for Bath and Amherst Island. In a true sign of the times, the insurance liability for any Bath or Amherst Island locations will be investigated. All of this will be sent to the Recreation Committee for study before reporting back to Council.

The following other reports were received most of which required no action:

- the Cemetery Committee Minutes for March 4th were received and the costs indicated be used during budget deliberations;

- the Planner's report on the Integrated Propane Services' request for financial consideration concerning a right-of-way on Township lands was received and will be acted on when the abutting land is developed;

- the Planning Advisory Committee Minutes for March 16th was received;

- proposals for membrane filters (Fairfield Water Treatment plant) were received,

- a report from the Engineer on water storage and fire flow rates for the Odessa Water Tower was received;

- a report from the Treasurer (Mr Troop) was received and the Township will pay approximately \$2,250 to Laidlaw Transit for the outstanding provincial sales tax issue (there is apparently some double-taxing going on here which is not worth fighting over);

- a report from the Treasurer was received and an adjustment to the Township mileage allowance policy was made (to eliminate a flat rate monthly allowance);

- another report from the Treasurer was received recommending that Council approve a total of

\$3,458.20 in tax adjustments which it di Td(olo 0nTd(iTovsTd(f 0 21

Amherst Island Legion
Branch 539

The Amherst Island Legion, Branch 539, is holding a fund raising raffle. There are 1000 tickets at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The prize is a 25" GE Colour Television (value \$400). The draw will be held during the Canada Day Celebration at the public school. Please help us raise funds for charity.

Lic. No. M217442

Loyalist Township
Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic is being scheduled for May 2nd from 5-6:30 p.m.. at the Municipal Garage

Volunteers are needed.

If you can help, please contact the Municipal Office at 386-7351.

Trivia (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

Whom did author Ian Fleming suggest for the role of Agent 007 in the 1962 movie Dr. No, the first of the Hollywood's James Bond films?

Composer-entertainer Hoagy Carmichael. The role, of course, went to Sean Connery.

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Offering you professional lawn care services with commercial equipment at a price you can afford.

Grass Cutting

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Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting

- Chris Kennedy

April 14th, 1998

Council opened with a long presentation by Ms. Joan Moffat, a L.C.B.O. union representative, arguing against the privatisation of the L.C.B.O. She said that the L.C.B.O. makes a profit of \$730 million a year for the province, apart from taxes and provides effective control of sales to minors, neither of which would be true if liquor sales were privatised. Council accepted these arguments and will urge the Provincial government to maintain control of liquor sales. Council also heard a presentation asking for support for a full-time Tourist Information Bureau in Napanee. Council will consider the matter but are not optimistic that they would be able to offer financial support.

Council has been working with the Hicks Family Fun Park. This will be situated just north of the 401 and west of County Road 6, just north of Odessa. There will be an 18 hole golf course, a driving course, miniature golf, go-cart racing and a plethora of other recreational and leisure pursuits. It should provide 25 to 30 seasonal jobs, as well as construction jobs. Some of the discussions concern road re-paving and ensuring that there is an adequate water supply.

Council discussed producing a new Official Plan for the amalgamated township. This will probably take several years, and Council is hoping for funding from the Province.

Council passed several By-laws, including one about transient traders, such as people who want to set up hot dog stands, and one a Property Standards By-law, that it turns out, for technical reasons does not apply to Amherst Island. Township staff did point out to me that Council in a previous meeting had passed a By-law "Authorizing the Corporation of Loyalist Township to ensure that yards within the Township are kept in a clean, Tidy and Orderly Manner". Among other provisions 2.5 states that:

All vacant lots and every yard shall be kept in a neat and tidy condition and free from:

- a) Rubbish, garbage, waste and other debris.
- b) Objects and conditions that are health, fire or accident hazards.
- c) Heavy undergrowth and excessive growth of grass, weeds and other vegetation.
- d) Wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, unused or unlicensed or invalidated vehicles, trailers or other

machinery or any part thereof and junk and refuse of any kind, except in an establishment licensed or authorized to conduct and operate such a business, and then only in an arrangement such as to prevent an unsafe condition or an unsightly condition out of character with the surrounding environment.

Enforcement procedures are included at the end of the Bylaw. The Reeve said that the Township mainly reacts to complaints, rather than sending someone round to peer into every lot.

The Township is starting on the pick-up of debris piled by the road from the ice-storm. Eight unemployed people have been hired for twelve weeks to help the Township crew feed the chippers, and they will eventually reach the Island.

Council then went into closed session.

Trivia (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

What color are ianthine eyes?

Violet, like those of Elizabeth Taylor.

For Sale

AC square baler

Side cutter

All in good working condition \$600

Gian Frontini - 389-0193

Call after May 1st

Trivia (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

What's the difference between a nook and a cranny?

A nook is a corner; a cranny is a crack.

Wanted

White bathtub (54") in good condition

Call Dianne Marshall at 389-0554.

Trivia (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

How did Ernie Shore of the Boston Red Sox get to pitch the only perfect game thrown by a reliever?

Starting pitcher Babe Ruth was thrown out of the 1917 game for cussing out the umpire after throwing four balls to the lead-off batter. Shore took over on the mound and retired the next 27 batters.

The Neighbourhood

- Staff

There is very little Island news to report this month. We are happy to have a number of Island "Snowbirds" home again after their winter in the sun.

Best wishes to Beth Forrester who is recovering from knee surgery and to Raymond Wemp who spent a short time in hospital.

After recovering from the flu we appear to be a very healthy community once again. Everyone is out enjoying all this wonderful spring weather.

Even our collective blood pressure can drop. The new report the facilitator has presented, will, we hope, be a workable solution to our ferry problems. It looks quite positive with no surprises.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

Nineteen members and guests gathered at the Community Centre on March 18 to hear an interesting, informative talk by Karen Peel from the KFLA Community Care Access Centre. We learned of the recent changes, the most positive being that we can now apply directly to them instead of having to be referred by a Doctor. They now assess and provide services directly to their clients. There was just time for our guest to join us for refreshments before leaving for the ferry and we would like to thank the ladies that helped with the clean-up especially Karen Fleming who mopped up the floor which, due to rain and absence of any mats was quite a task. We held a very brief meeting at which it was agreed that we do our usual canvassing for the Cancer Fund. Helen Lamb is our Team Leader once again and we know we can count on your support. The chance to visit also makes this an enjoyable way for our members to support such a worthwhile cause. There is a change of plans for the April and May meetings. As I will be away in April I have changed months with Audrey so - the April 15th Annual General Meeting and Brown Bag Auction will be at the home of Audrey Miller at 8:00 p.m. and the May 20th meeting and plant exchange will be at my home at 8 pm. Please join us.

Remember to mark May 9th on your calendar and plan to join us for our Mother's Day Ham Dinner. This is our yearly fund raising event and we hope to see you all there.

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Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

Our meeting for April started with nominations for new officers for the coming year. Elections will be held in May and the results of the elections will be given at a later date. Our branch will be holding a raffle on the Canada Day weekend, July 1st. We will be raffling a 25" GE colour stereo TV. Tickets for the draw are on sale now at the price of \$2 each or 3 for \$5. You can pick up your tickets from any Legion member and at Glenn's Store. The draw will take place on Canada Day at 8 pm at the Amherst Island Community Centre. So get your tickets early.

The Legion cares about youth, seniors, those in need, and above all, the memory of those who did not return from war. Last year alone over 1,600 of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches put 500,000 of their members to work for your community. The results of this all across Canada meant more than 3 million volunteer hours had been donated to assist veterans, seniors and youth. And because of these volunteers, over 39 million dollars was raised and put to good use for Legion supported programs and donations to community-based charities. The young and not so young continue working together with the Legion to help secure your future.

Congratulations to Shannon Youell. Shannon won 3rd place at the District G Competition for the Legion's Remembrance Day Poem and Essay Contest. Her poem won 1st place in the school competition, it then moved on to Zone and finally to District. We are all proud of her effort and achievement.

Meals on Wheels will be delivered on Monday, April 20. To order call our Seniors and Veterans services officer, Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Branch President, Karen Fleming at 389-0210. Still only \$5 for dinner and desert delivered right to your door.

The next Legion meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 8 p.m. at Tom and Audrey Miller's home. Feel free to drop by one of our meetings, new members are always welcome.

Cottage for Rent
(by the week)

North Shore Amherst Island
2 bedroom, great kitchen, dining area, living room,
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Recreation Association

In past years, the Recreation Association has relied heavily on a provincial grant that matched any money raised by our group. Because of the amalgamation and the on going wisdom of the Harris government, we are

no longer eligible for grant money. Most of our functions (i.e. dances, euchres, bingos, dance classes etc,) pay for themselves and make a small profit. However, other things are straight out of pocket expenses. Things like repairing and replacing tables and chairs, replacing the stove at the hall (and hopefully the fridge this year), rental of the bar/pie fridge, more than 50% of the cost of the swimming program and the one we are proudest of - Canada Day!

And so we appeal to the following:

- To the organizations and private functions that rely on the kitchen at the community centre, please consider a donation towards a new fridge.

- To the people that borrow tables and chairs for family dinners and parties, please consider a donation towards upkeep and replacement.

- And to everyone who enjoys the entertainment, games, food, fireworks and especially the Amherst Island community spirit on July 1st, please consider a donation towards the Canada Day Celebration.

Thank-you for your continued support
Amherst Island Recreation Association
Rick Bedford, Jane deHaan, Larry Fleming, Lyn Fleming, Paul Henshaw, Carol and Rick Morgan

Trivia (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

What is the Internal Revenue Service's "Dinah Shore ruling"?

A dress can be deducted as a professional expense if it is too tight to sit down in. The ruling was issued after singer Shore deducted gowns worn in public as business expenses and insisted, when challenged by the IRS, that they were only worn onstage while performing.

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4-H

- Freda Youell

We would like to thank everyone that joined us for our achievement pot-luck supper. It was a lot of fun and we really appreciate the support we receive from the Women's Institute and the community. There are continued cut-backs in the 4-H funding which makes it impossible to have the same services without the clubs contributing via the dues and membership fees. Last year we were able, through the proceeds from the draw and yard sale, to pay all these without the members having to ask for help from their parents and we are going to endeavor to do the same this year. Membership fees alone are \$15.00 each now and all the money we raise goes 100% to club costs and activities, so when

our members are selling draw tickets or manning the sale tables they are also learning to be responsible for supporting their clubs. The super draw will be on July 1st and we have great prizes. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and you may win:

Royal Doulton Figurine "September" Donated by Doris DeCorte

Pure Wool Blanket Donated by Dianne Marshall and Chris Kennedy

Hand Quilted Pillow Donated by Audrey Miller

5 Free Movie Rentals Donated by Glenn's Store

CD. "When the Weekend Comes" Donated by "Drone" (Their new CD)

A big thank you to the folks that donated these super prizes. The yard sale will be in June. Our two clubs are ready to start again with Susie and the seniors doing "Batter-up" and my group "Exploring photography" so at the next achievement evening you may see some familiar pictures on display and get to sample some of "Batter-ups" baking. That's all for now so watch out for the draw tickets which will be on sale in April and remember - you can't win one of the prizes if you don't buy tickets!

Amherst Island Bible Study Group
meets Thursday mornings 0945- 1200

Apr.... at Karen J. Fleming's

May.... at Ann Albertan's

June.... at Helen Lamb's

July.... at Janet Scott's

1998 Birthday Calendars Calendars are on sale now at the following locations:

Glenn's Store

The Weasel & Easel

Or from Any Recreation Association Member

\$9.00 each (for mailing, please add \$1.00)

We would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported this project.

Rick Bedford... 389-8434

Larry or Lyn Fleming... 634-2509

Paul Henshaw... 384-0799

Rick or Carol Morgan... 384-0847

Jane McGinn... 389-3155

Roxanne Wolfreys... 389-4630

Obituary

Glenna E. Leduc (Nee Morrow) brou

Formerly of Amherst Island, peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 in her 72nd year. Glenna Leduc, beloved wife of

48 years to Jack Leduc, of Kingston. Loving mother of Glen (Yvonne) of Fredericton, NB, Allen (Janet) of Kingston, Brian (Joanne) of Hearst and Elaine (Robert St. James) of Kingston. Cherished grandmother of Becky, Jessica, Frances and Rebecca. Dear sister of Canton (Patricia) Morrow, Ralph Morrow and Wilma Redmond. Predeceased by sister-in-law Irene and brother-in-law Clifford. Fondly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews. Interment at Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. As expressions of sympathy, donations made to St. Mark's Anglican Church Building Fund or V.O.N. would be appreciated by the family.

Staff: Our genealogical program shows some 37 pages of relatives. Among them are:

Daughter of John Morrow and Annie Glenn

Amy Caughey... 4th cousin

Garry Filson... 4th & 5th cousin

Hugh Filson... 2nd cousin twice removed,

3rd cousin twice removed,

5th cousin once removed

David Fleming... 4th cousin

John Paul Glenn... 3rd cousin once removed,

4th cousin, & 5th cousin

Reginald Hitchins... 4th cousin &

4th cousin twice removed

Bonnie Marshall... 4th cousin

Noel McCormick... 3rd cousin once removed &

5th cousin

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Thank You Notes

I would like to thank friends and neighbours for their cards and goodies that I have received.

Also thanking the A.C.W. for their visit and goodies and cards from PCW and W.I.

Art Hitchins

I would like to thank my family and grandchildren for having such a nice party for my 80th birthday. Special thanks to Kaye and Dorothy for helping out the day before and on that special day. Thanks for all the beautiful flowers and gifts I received, also to those who brought goodies.

Emily Tugwell

(I hope) I am finally on the mend, back up over 90 lbs and feeling better.

Sally Bowen

The Beacon staff wishes a big Happy 94th Birthday on May 10th to Piet Witteveen.

Born in Holland in 1904, Piet brought his family to Canada after the war, and worked for a few years as a hired farm hand in Corbyville then in Bath. He wanted his own place, so rented the Marshall Place on the south shore by the 40 foot, then purchased the farm where he now lives. Syke Fleming, the only one of his 4 children who lives on Amherst Island, gives him lots of support, but he enjoys living alone.

Piet's activity puts most of us to shame. He walks about a mile each day, all winter and summer. His preferred hike in summer is to take 3 to 4 hours to walk around the foot, spend some time on the rocks "just to look around" then back the Marshall 40 foot. "I may try that again a few times this summer" says Piet.

Many Happy Returns.

Trivia (From the Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

In the book Gone With the Wind, how many months actually pass during Melanie's pregnancy?

21 - based on the battles mentioned. When this was pointed out to author Margaret Mitchell, she reportedly replied that a Southerner's pace is slower than that of a Yankee.

Cluster Flies

Submitted by John Glenn
of Pest Solutions Inc.

Spring has sprung and so have the cluster flies. The warm weather has woken them from their hibernation in your attic and your house is filled with the little #*\$&@!!!ers and unfortunately there is not much you can do about them right now except vacuum them up or let them outside.

Cluster flies overwinter in large numbers, in walls and attics of rural and semi-rural homes and buildings surrounded by fertile soil. Most commonly infestations occur in two storey houses with light coloured siding and metal soffits. In the spring the flies leave their winter residence to deposit their eggs at the surface of earthworm holes (they do not breed in your home). The eggs hatch in a few days and the larvae burrow themselves into the worm and feed on them. The life cycle takes about a month and three to five generations will develop in the summer.

The best control for cluster flies is to prevent them from entering your house by having a residual insecticide applied to the eaves, soffits and cracks in your house usually by early September to late October. It may take up to as many as three applications depending on the weather but when these warm spring days hit you will be glad you did it.

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A Letter Home

Shearing has come and gone this past month as we continue to prepare for lambing which begins at the start of May. We lucked out with the weather.... it was supposed to steadily rain for the three days prior to shearing but it just kind of showered every now and then. The three shearers de-wooled 1075 sheep in 1 3/4 days.

Shearing is a real production around here. Besides the three shearers, we have people cleaning up the scrap ends left around the shearing area, gathering the fleeces, rolling and putting them into very large bags which, when full, have to be moved out of the way. As the fleeces are put into the bags, we try to compact them so they take up as little room as possible. And, we need to keep sheep supplied for the shearers which means moving sheep up from the bottom of the barn to the old hay loft (where the shearing is now done). Plus we have to keep moving sheep from pasture to barn and back (plus keeping the various groups separated). And, last but surely not least, everyone (including the sheep) needs to be fed regularly. This all means about 7-9 people to support the three shearers.

We can now look ahead to lambing. The sheep were ultra-sounded a few weeks before shearing. From it we know which will have less than three lambs and which will have three or more. Lambing will be the acid test for this procedure.

Community Calendar

Apr 27... Loyalist Twp Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Odessa Council Chambers

May 1... Back Kitchen Opens for the season (weekends only)

May 2... Rabies Clinic (tentative date) 5-6:30 p.m.

May 7... Legion Meeting 7 p.m. at Tom & Audrey's Miller

May 9... A.I.W.I. Mother's Day Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A.I. Community Centre
May 15... Back Kitchen Opens 7 days a week
May 6... A.I. Rec Association Spring Dance and Fish Fry
May 20... A.I.W.I. Meeting, Audrey Millers 8 pm

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

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Beacon Notes

Yes!!! Summer can officially begin - the Frontenac II has arrived.

There was a flurry of activity Wednesday morning when one of the Amherst Islander's generators broke down. A number of runs were missed and it wasn't until late morning when the Coast Guard gave the okay to continue regular service. The Coast Guard (or someone) parked a truck on board with a spare generator just in case.

We're re-printing the Loyalist page again - eventually, we'll get it right. Surprisingly, we don't have a lot of copy this month but there is a lot of events being announced for the summer.

Of course, we're late as usual going to press... the excuse this month is lambing, the busy season for house inspections, and the holiday. (NB to staff: please start thinking about our excuse for next month...)

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Notice

Summer Office Hours

May 4, 1998 - September 4, 1998

Monday to Thursday 8:15 am to 4:30 pm

Friday 8:15 am to 12:15 pm

Assistance Outside Regular Office Hours For Problems Relating To:

Water and Sewer service interruptions in Amherstview and Bath or emergency road repairs may be obtained by calling: Loyalist Township 541-3202

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Assistance for animal control contact Community

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Note: for Fire Emergency call: 9-1-1

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Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

April 27th 1998

All members of Council were present for this the 9th Regular Session of Council. After the usual introductory items, delegations were heard.

Of interest to us was one by Hans Kraulkis representing the A.I. Fact Finding Committee. Hans gave a verbal summary of the Fact Finding Committee's written report on the facilitator's draft report. As you might guess, the comments were not positive and from later comments by members of Council, he was preaching to the converted.

To make a long story short, Hans said that \$50 million was totally inadequate to provide a sustainable ferry system for the islands. His number was more like \$200 million which would provide the necessary \$8 million a year to fund not only the operating budgets but major repairs and replacement of the boats as needed. He went on to criticize many other aspects of the facilitator's draft report and ended by quickly going over the Fact Finding Committee's 8 recommendations. These had to do with:

- that the founding legislation entrench conflict of interest rules,

- that the ITC's ability be limited to correct mismanagement of the endowment fund by increasing fees,

- that a more complete financial picture be set out and the province increase both the endowment and the

liabilities,

- that Amherst Island be given written assurance of an end-loading boat,
- that Amherst Island be given written assurance that the Frontenac II be our permanent boat,
- that R&D plans for fixed links be continued for all islands (ie include A.I. too) and that A.I. have an environmental study too,
- that the Board and Advisory Committees have annual audits, and
- that the results of the audits be made public.

Council received and endorsed the Fact Finding Committee's Report. It will be send to the facilitator, our local M.P.P. and all members of cabinet.

The next delegation was Mr Kelly Hineman representing the Loyalist Township Rate Payers' Association. His presentation also was about the ferry situation. He agreed that the \$50 million endowment was a 'joke'. He also expressed concerns about the ferry being a provincial responsibility with joint ownership by the three municipalities (Loyalist, Kingston, Frontenac Islands) but with only limited control by the municipalities through their representation on the corporation board. He also pointed out (as a reminder) that the amalgamation rules deed any increased costs for the ferry operation to the ferry users exclusively and not to Loyalist Township. Mr Hineman had other comments on various aspects of the subject including something called the Ontario Transportation Capital Corporation which now manages Hwy 407. He wondered why this was not being used for the ferry problems. Council received this verbal report.

In other items of interest to the Island:

- The CAO's report on the proposed repairs to the east face of the A.I. dock was received and the recommendations adopted. These were to request that Ports Canada seek an alternative to the rock fill they propose which would maintain the vertical face of the dock's east side.
- Another report from the CAO recommended paying \$2,657 for the preparation, by Stanley Consulting Group, of a study on the costs for a fixed link to A.I. This was

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adopted by Council. The full study is apparently available in the Odessa office and the A.I. Ferry Office (Stella). The study's bottom line was a cost of anywhere between \$67-77 million dollars.

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

May 11th 1998

All members of Council were present for this, the 11th Regular Session of Council. You may wonder what happened to the 10th Session... well, it was a closed session held on May 4th to discuss a union issue.

The only item of any real interest to the Island was the first one.... Michelle Chiddle from the Ontario Ministry of Recreation Associations was present to present awards to individuals in 'recognition of their volunteer contributions to recreation which have significantly enhanced the quality of life in the community' (quoting the agenda). Ms Chiddle praised these unique people in their community. She said that while many feel volunteer work is thankless, those who do it do see the rewards of those who participate in the programs the volunteers make possible. Those Loyalist Township residents being recognized were: Lynn Fleming, Ron Andress, Gordon and Shirley Wartman, and Mary Jo Ethridge.

I stayed for most of the meeting but left to catch the 8:30 boat. No other items were noted of interest to the Island. There does seem to be some division among Council members about taking over the whole township's electric system. There will certainly be more on this later.

4th Annual Community Yard Sale

where... The Back Kitchen Yard

when... Saturday, June 20th, 1998

time... Set up your tables between 9-10 am

Sale starts at 10:00 am

what... Let Susan or Garry know if you're going to have a table so that we have an idea of numbers.

Call 389-7200 or 384-7866 at least a week before.

The Neighbourhood

- Staff

Belated congratulations to Tessa Fabian on the birth of her son born on March 23. His name is Dylan Daniel Charles Fabian and he weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.

Get well wishes to Barbara Reid who underwent minor surgery on her wrist and to Reginald Hitchins who had some oral surgery this month.

Helen Miller also had a hospital stay for cataract surgery and then slipped and broke her arm. Best wishes for a quick recovery.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Freda Youell

There was a meeting regarding the Ferry on our scheduled day so our April meeting was held on April 22nd at the home of Audrey Miller. After the Ode, Collect, National Anthem and regular business matters our Cancer Campaign Team Leader, Helen Lamb, assigned our routes and, as always, we received tremendous support from all who were canvassed. Plans were also finalized for the May 9th Mother's Day Ham Dinner and even though the attendance was considerably less than in previous years, everyone enjoyed a good meal and visit with friends and neighbours. Pete (Piet) Witteveen, family and friends used this community gathering to celebrate his birthday and we were pleased to have the opportunity to add our good wishes in the usual way when the cake was presented. Many thanks to Susie Caughey and the 4H members for setting up and removing the tables and chairs and to the ladies that helped so much in the kitchen during and after

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dinner - we really appreciate your help. Nominations were made to elect our Officers for the coming year but, as some of the members were absent these will be finalized at the next meeting. We held our Brown Bag Auction and then, after a tasty lunch served by our hostess we headed for home. The May 20th meeting at 8 pm will be at my home and will include our Spring plant exchange. Everyone welcome.

St. Alban's ACW
is sponsoring it Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q
Saturday, June 27
Serving 5 - 7 pm
at the Amherst Island Community Centre
Adults \$9
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Advance Tickets Only

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

Just a few things to mention this month. Our monthly meeting for May began with elections. We were pleased to welcome our Zone Commander Howard Pauls and Deputy Zone Commander Ernie Ballar to our meeting for this month and guests Evelyn Carter and Cathy Ballar. The results of the election are as follows:
President... Karen Fleming
Vice President... David Fleming

Secretary Treasurer... Elaine Wolfreys

Congratulations to everyone, and we look forward to the year ahead.

Have you got your tickets for the Canada Day Raffle yet? Just \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5 gives you the chance to win a 25" GE colour stereo TV. You can purchase tickets from any Legion member and at Glenn's Store. The draw takes place on Canada Day at the community centre at 8 pm. Get your tickets while they last.

Just a reminder, Meals on Wheels will be delivered on May 25 and the last delivery date before the summer will be on June 15. There will be no delivery of Meals on Wheels during the months of July and August and will resume again in September. Thanks for all your support. There's still time, so if you would like to order just call Karen Fleming @ 389-0210 or Audrey Miller @ 389-0105.

Our Branch will be having a Bake Sale on the first long weekend in August. Friday, July 31 at Glenn's Store.

Thank You Notes

Thank-you

I would like to thank my friends, relatives and neighbours for all the goodies, cards, phone calls and meals brought in after my wrist operation.

Special thanks to the A.C.W. for the lovely plant, to Elsie Willard for taking me to the hospital and to Jim and Sandra for cutting the grass.

Thank you everyone

Barbara Reid

I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me celebrate my 94th birthday. I received many beautiful cards and best wishes. Especial thanks to Karen and Lyn for two beautiful birthday cakes.

Hope we can do it again next year.

Peter Witteveen

Canadian Cancer Society Canvas

A big "thank-you" once again to everyone who gave so generously and cheerfully to the Cancer Campaign. The ladies of the Amherst Island Women's Institute take this task in hand each April and take many hours from their busy schedules to canvas (and sometimes visit) each home on the Island. Without their dedicated efforts each year the Island Canvass might not be possible.

So again to each and every one who donated to this

worthy cause and all the ladies who canvassed, please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society. It was another very successful year!

Sincerely

Helen Lamb Team Captain

A Letter Home

Lambing is drawing rapidly to a close. The weather since last fall has conspired to make this our best lambing ever. We breed the ewes over two heat cycles (about a month) so everyone has two tries to get with lamb. Usually about 80% of the ewes will lamb in the

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June.... at Helen Lamb's
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Concerts
Summer 1998

Friday, July 24 - 7:30 pm Erica Goodman and Donelda Gartshore
World-renowned harpist and flautist play classical chamber music in a rural church.

Saturday, July 25 - 7:30 pm Gospel Music by "The Country Church" Group
The fiddle and banjo accompany these singers from Sharbot Lake who sing gospel and blue grass style.

Saturday, August 1 - 7:30 pm. An Evening of Duets
Judith Vachon, soprano and Lisa Pecora, mezzo soprano
Duets by these two singers feature the music of Purcell, Haydn, Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Sans-Souci and Franck.

Saturday, August 15 - 7:30 pm. Kingston Baroque

Ensemble

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\$10 ticket price includes refreshments.

Concerts end by 9:45 pm.

For tickets: Call Mr. Jan Sneep at 634-1995 (Fax 634-2582)

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"Tall Tales and Other True Stories Of The Great Lakes"

To Be Performed On Amherst Island

Folk musicians David Archibald, Suzanne Pasternak, Emily Fennel and story teller Janet Kellough are set to perform their collectively written, "Tall tales and other True Stories of the Great Lakes", Monday, June 1, 1998 at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre on Amherst Island.

"Tall Tales and Other True Stories of the Great Lakes" is a blend of original folk music written by Suzanne Pasternak and David Archibald and the folklore and old stories from the Great Lakes Regions. "Some of the tall tales and traditional folklore from this region are hilarious," says Suzanne Pasternak "When they are told by actress/storyteller Janet Kellough, the characters in the tales become so real, they almost jump out at you. Musically, the vocal blend and diverse musical styles of David, Emily and myself have created a unique and lovely sound," says Pasternak

David Archibald is one of Canada's leading children's entertainers. David has been a regular guest on Mr. Dress Up and his music has been heard frequently on Sesame Street. David is also the composer of the multi media historical musical "Spirit of the Inland Sea" which was commissioned by the Bruce County Museum on Lake Huron.

Suzanne Pasternak is the author and composer of the historical folk operas "Minerva" and "Solomon Mouck", which are set in Prince Edward County during the schooner era. Suzanne released the first part of her documentary "Vanishing Legacy, Last of the Lake Ontario Fishermen" in 1997 and is currently completing the sequel. Partially filmed on Amherst Island, the film tells the story of the final years of the unique, traditional

maritime communities of Eastern Lake Ontario.

Emily Fennell is the 17 year old star of the recent Cox/Davies Production of "Grease" which ran this winter at the Grand Theatre in Kingston. Emily received rave reviews for her lead role as Rizzo. Emily has won major awards for her singing on both the national and provincial levels.

Janet Kellough is an accomplished Prince Edward County playwright, actress, comedian and storyteller. She has written and performed numerous plays including, Survivors of War and Goodnight Sweetheart.

Tickets are \$8.00 & \$4.00 for kids and are available at the gate.

For more information contact Suzanne Pasternak at 548-8607

In local news:

- Council has passed a by-law to close the road between St Alban's and the school for the Canada Day Parade;
- the Cemetery Committee has recommended to Council that a Superintendent be appointed to work with Mr A. Bruce Caughey and, in what may eventually be a related matter, Loyalist Township is being requested by Reverend Michael Bohler of Bath United Church to assume responsibility for the Lutheran/Union cemetery on Hamm Road;
- the Amherst Island Recreation Association has been given permission to continue to meet in the old 'Council chambers' as there has been no word from the County Library about expanding into that area;
- the Amherst Island Waste Disposal site (aka the landfill site & the dump) status report for 1997 as prepared by Malroz Engineering was approved and will be submitted to the MOE. {The} site is being filled at an average fill rate of 180 m3/year which is far below the 600 m3/year rate expected. Two reasons for this decreased volume were reported to be that we are following the Ontario trend in reducing the amount of fill sent to the site and, with amalgamation, compaction is being done. In addition, some 250 m3 of metals, tires, newsprint and clean lumber has been diverted from the site. No operational problems have been encountered or complaints received about the site.

Before the start of the June 8th meeting, Council presented certificates from the Premier to the following in appreciation of their volunteer efforts during the ice storm: Brian Pitt representing Celanese Canada; Gord Walsh (Dupont Canada); Union Gas; Reverend Barry VanDusen (Trinity Presbyterian Church); Reverend Mike Bohler (Bath United Church); Reverend Chris Davis (St John's Anglican Church); Ted Posadowski (Amherstview IGA); Tony Orr (CKLC Radio); Bill Lowry; Jim Guest (Loyalist Township Staff); and, Fred Stephenson (Loyalist Township Emergency Services). Most of these people and organizations were able to attend to

{Council Report will continue after the following ad}

4th Annual

Community Yard Sale

where:... The Back Kitchen Yard

when:... Saturday, June 20th, 1998

time:... Set up your tables between 9-10 am

Sale starts at 10:00 am

what:... Let Susan or Garry know if you're going to have a table so that we have an idea of numbers.

Call 389-7200 or 384-7866 at least a week before.

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receive their certificates in person.

Later in the meeting, it was mentioned that Dupont Canada has given 6 generators (used during the ice storm) to the Township which are worth approximately \$30,000.

Loyalist Township is now 'defibrillator capable' with 42 of the 92 emergency staff now certified. It is nice to see that the rest of the Township is catching up with Amherst Island. And, it is a testament to the dedication and forethought of our Fire Department, First Response Team and Councils to have been 'capable' for quite a few years now.

Sunday School Picnic

Attention all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, The Amherst Island Community Sunday School Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 21 at 12:30 pm, at The School. Please bring your favourite dish and join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun!

St. Alban's ACW

is sponsoring it Annual

Chicken Bar-B-Q

Saturday, June 27 Serving 5 - 7 pm

at the Amherst Island Community Centre

Adults \$9

Children 4-10 \$3

Pre-school Free

Advance Tickets Only

The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Summer resident Barry Gartner, passed away at his home in Ottawa on June 3rd, after a long battle with cancer. Our sympathy to his wife Laura, his children and family and to Nancy (Barry's sister) and Paul Henshaw.

Our sympathy also to Anna and Henry Hitchins whose daughter-in-law Deborah Hitchins, Ross Hitchins wife, passed away in May.

Carmen Hewitt's mother-in-law also passed away recently.

Get well wishes to Ernest Fleming, Helen McCormick, Dave Willard, Faye Wemp and Donna Willard, who have all spent time in hospital this month. Also to Helen Miller who is nursing a broken arm after a fall at home, to Bernice Gould who luckily escaped serious injury after a mishap with a chainsaw and to

Tom Miller who had cataract surgery in Ottawa in May.

Congratulations to lots of graduates this month. Going on to high school from Amherst Island Public School are Mindy Fleming, Alison McDonald and Shannon Youell. From Our Lady Mount Carmel are Victoria Eves and Brennan Kilpatrick. Finishing high school this year are Crystal Bedford, Jessica Garrett and Candace McIver.

It was great to see Taggett Bonham-Carter (& daughter Noa) home for a visit and to attend her graduation from Queen's University on May 29th. Taggett recently moved to Yellowknife where husband David works as a pilot.

Peter Whiting returned from Indonesia in time for him and his wife Sheila to attend son Matthew (& wife Cory's) wedding in Brantford on May 23rd and daughter Amy's graduation from the University of Waterloo on May 26th.

Congratulations to Hugh Filson and Sandra Amorim, who were married May 23rd in Kingston. Hugh and Sandra are back home on the Island after a honeymoon in Jamaica.

Congratulations to John and Sherrill Wright on a second grandson born June 5th. Connor James weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz.

Welcome back to our summer residents and cottagers returning for another season.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Erika Krauklis

We held our May meeting at the home of Freda Youell, there were nine members present. The list of officers was read by the secretary and Anna Hitchins had the honour of installing them.

The meeting was then opened by the new president, Audrey Miller, with the Ode, Collect and O Canada.

Audrey Miller reported on the annual clean up day which was held at the beginning of

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May, which ended with juice and cookies, supplied by our members, and ice-cream cones, supplied by ISLE. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Jean Baker reported from the annual district meeting which was held May 11. She told us that the Tamworth Quilt for the Children's Aid is now finished and is displayed in the office of the Children's Aid Society in Napanee. She also advised us of the upcoming W.I. conference in Belleville on July 3 to 5. The Lennox & Addington District is sponsoring a demonstration of a Bone Densitometer, which estimates bone density in the

wrist. She will report more on this after the conference.

After a delicious meal, we had our spring plant exchange which will at least add more colour to my border.

The next meeting will be at my house on the South Shore Road on June 17, at 8:00 pm where the program for next year's meetings will be presented. Guests are always very welcome.

List of new officers:

President... Audrey Miller
1st Vice President... Anna Hitchins
2nd Vice President... Jean Baker
Secretary... Nancy Henshaw
Treasurer... Freda Youell
P.R.O... Erika Krauklis & Jackie Sylvester
Program Coordinator... Helen Lamb
District Director... Jean Baker
Alternate Dist. Director... Erika Krauklis
Tweedsmuir History Convener... Leslie Gavlas
Resolution Convener... Jean Baker

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

Just a few things to mention this month, with the main one being the big draw.

Canada Day is just around the corner, have you got your tickets for the Canada Day Raffle yet? Just \$2 or 3/\$5 gives you a chance to win a 25" colour TV Stereo. You can pick them up from any Legion member and at Glenn's Store. Tickets are still available so pick yours up today and Good Luck. The draw will be held at the Community Centre at 8 pm on Canada Day, July 1st.

June 6 marked the 54th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion (D-Day). Legion members from the area gathered together in Tamworth for the D-Day parade which was held on June 7th. Branch President Karen Fleming and Vice President David Fleming, Tom Miller and Audrey Miller were in attendance from our branch.

And last, but not least, a reminder about the Bake Sale being held at Glenn's Store on the long weekend of August. The date for that is Friday, July 31st. So be there early to pick up some delicious home made treats. Time for that to follow next month.

A Celebration!

Please come and help us celebrate Paul and Holly McCormick's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

On Saturday, June 27, 1998 - 8:00 pm at Millhaven Legion Hall

Best Wishes Only Please!

The McCormick Family

Canada Day

Have you got your float ready for the parade?? Big or small, groups or individuals - all welcome in the parade!

Kids - don't forget to decorate your bikes.

Parade begins at 7 p.m. at St. Alban's Church.

beautiful cards and best wishes. Special thanks to Karen and Lyn for two beautiful birthday cakes.

Hope we can do it again next year.

Peter Witteveen

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Financial Planning,

I have switched companies (due to Metropolitan Life selling their Canadian assets) I am now with the Mutual Group.

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Fax: 389-5468

e-mail: sherward@adan.kingston.net

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Sherry Ward

Prescriptions Delivered

Shut-ins may be interested to know of a mail-order pharmacy in Toronto that delivers next-day on the Island by Priority Post. Medi-Trust can be reached at 1-800-263-8999.

A Note Of Thanks

- David Baker & Birthe Jorgensen

From May 29 - June 1 our daughter's Grade 4 class from the Alan Howard Waldorf School in Toronto descended on Amherst Island. By night they camped at our cottage (the orange roof on Wemps Bay) and by day they explored the Island, learning about its people and natural wonders.

On the Friday we lunched by the picturesque mouth of the Millhaven Creek, then felt city pressures melt away as the Frontenac II propelled us into a different world. After pitching the tents, a brisk swim and campfire we drifted off to sleep to the toot of the teacher's whistle as she vainly tried to curb the kids' anticipatory chatter.

Early Saturday morning the kids learned life on Amherst may be different, but it wasn't any less real than the one they knew back home. At the Caughey's they saw how a farm family driven by the constant

demands of a dairy herd and exacting regulatory standards, makes a living. Susan provided insightful commentary, while Bruce educated by example as he went about his chores.

At Dave Willard's a ewe had obligingly delivered triplets the night before. Dave's daughter Becky and parents Gail and Wilbert patiently fielded questions from the class. Wilbert deserves special mention having been up most of the night helping nature run its course.

We all wished Dave a speedy recovery and moved on to Janet and Alex Scott's. As Alex rushed in and out announcing sightings of red-headed woodpeckers, Janet plied her teaching skills. She brought out her most recent project, introducing an orphaned gosling to a fascinated class of surrogate parents. While she explained the plan for reintroducing the gosling to the wild, it ran up and down the lawn imprinting (imitating) on the children. (If a Canada goose is observed in future years with a strange preference for Spice Girls' music you will understand.)

From there we moved into Stella to tour the hot spots. Eleanor Trueman ushered our mini-bulls through her china shop at the Weasel and Easel, explaining the importance of arts and crafts on the Island. After returning to the cottage, a hike in the woods, swim at the beach and a rousing game of volleyball meant little resistance was offered when it was time for "lights out". The evening ended ominously as Kaye and Dorothy McGinn confided that they had been able to see the Duck Islands and the "American side", appearances to the contrary, a sure sign that a major storm was brewing.

Sure enough, early risers amongst us witnessed a major lightning storm move in from the west, dashing our plans in the process. One of the highlights of the trip was to have been going out fishing with Doug Harrison from Indian Point. We knew Doug from years of sharing the beach and a beer on summer Sundays. Confident that eager hands would haul in a bountiful catch, we looked forward to a lunch of grilled perch. After the initial storm had passed, Doug explained that worse was still to come. He would be unable to get across, and we had a big problem on our hands.

The surest measure of a community is how it deals with adversity or the unexpected. We are pleased to report Amherst Island measured up in every respect.

With the weather keeping us in port, finding a boat large enough to hold the entire class was no longer a factor. At 9 am Sunday, we gave newly wed Hugh Filson a call, asking that he speak to the kids about his work in the commercial fishery. He mulled this over thoughtfully before allowing that on balance he really should catch the 10 o'clock ferry so as not to miss his honeymoon flight to Jamaica. He concluded the most

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generous refusal in memory with an invitation to visit the fishing village on Long Point.

The ad lib continued. Steve Hart surprised himself by giving an excellent impromptu tour of the "Arnold Smith Museum". He explained how this much loved former Islander navigated his small boat without instruments, insulated his home and kept his potatoes from freezing in the winter.

The kids spent the better part of the afternoon trying to stay atop a bobbing raft while being buffeted by the high winds and crashing waves churned by the storm. Dorothy concluded the day by offering sweet consolation for the lost fishing trip and picnic on Grape Island, coming to the rescue with chocolate cake and ice cream while Kaye chipped in more happy memories of time spent with Arnold.

After packing up, the last day was spent in Stella. Lawrence Baker brought his boat to the ferry dock and demonstrated the intricacies of eel fishing. As interesting as this was, the highlight for at least some of the class was not having to sample any.

Following a hearty meal at the Back Kitchen ("hold the eel"), Island and Toronto kids played together at the school playground then experienced Suzanne Pasternak's production of "Tall Tales and Other Truth Stories of the Great Lakes".

Sally Bowen and Susan McGinn's offer of passage over their land is also gratefully acknowledged. Many thanks to everyone mentioned.

The last word should come from the Grade 4's themselves. Virtually all approached us individually and unprompted to say they wanted to stay and were saddened to have to go. After 25 years of visits which always end too soon, these were sentiments we understand all too well.

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Our hours for the month of June will be:

11:00 am to 4:30 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun

Watch for our summer schedule for July and August.

We look forward to seeing you!

Letters To The Beacon

To: Don Tubb

Don,

As discussed today, I'm attaching a copy of my April 27 presentation to Loyalist Twp Council on the subject of Mr. Martin's draft report. While this may seem a bit dated by now, printing the full presentation in the Beacon would serve to put our critique of the Martin report into context and perspective, for the information of Islanders. Hopefully, by the time that you print this, Tony Clement would have reached a decision on the ferry that we can live with.

The text is also available on the Amherst Island Web Page at www.redwing.on.ca/amherst.island

Regards,

Hans

Following up on Don Tubb's report on the Loyalist Township Council meeting of April 27, I think it may be useful to present the whole text of the presentation to Council of the Amherst Island Fact Finding Corn (AIFFC). I would hope

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that. by the time you read this, the Ontario Minister of Transportation will have made a decision on the ferry issue that we can live with.

Hans Krauklis

Text of the AIFFC presentation to Loyalist Township Council, April 27, 1998
Reeve Gilmore, Deputy Reeve Adams, Members of Council!

You have before you a copy of the submission that we -- the Amherst Island Fact Finding Committee -- have made to Facilitator Dale Martin in response to his April 9 draft report and the April 15 meeting on Amherst Island.

We support the thrust of his report, but we are seriously concerned about the long-term financial viability of the proposed Island Transportation Corporation (the ITC). We are also concerned that the needs of the Amherst Island Community have been given little coverage, compared to those of the other islands.

Regarding the long-term financial viability of the ITC, Mr. Martin proposes a \$50 million Provincial endowment that would allegedly allow the Corporation to operate for 25 years. Then what? We think that the financial crunch would come well before the 25 years are up.

Since the Province wishes to withdraw from supporting ferry services, the Province must ensure that the ITC is to be properly funded to operate in perpetuity. The Province cannot be allowed to walk away from its obligations by paying just 25 cents on the dollar. How do I arrive at saying that the Harris Government is offering at best 25 cents for each dollar of ferry costs?

In our estimation it costs at least \$8 million a year to run the ferries of all the islands involved, leaving aside Glenora. This \$8 million is made up of approximately \$4.5 million direct operating costs, plus provision for major repairs to boats and docks, plus sinking funds for ferry replacement and other capital expenditures.

Today, an endowment invested in Canada Real Interest bonds yields just under 4 percent annually, plus the inflation premium as calculated for the Consumer Price Index. Mr. Martin said that the Province would invest the proposed endowment at 6 percent. This precisely proves my point: After allowing for 1.6 percent inflation in 1997, for example, this would leave about \$2 million to be spent on ferry costs, assuming a \$50 million endowment as proposed.

Since \$8 million a year is needed to cover ferry costs, this implies that the endowment would need to be \$200 million to generate after-inflation funds of \$8 million a year in perpetuity. We agree that cost efficiencies and higher user fees would reduce the needed endowment somewhat, but not down to anywhere near the proposed \$50 million.

Now to specific issues regarding Amherst Island:

1) The Martin report proposes that the ITC and/or

municipalities will be able to levy benefitting area charges on the Island communities. The Amherst Island tax base is small approximately \$27 million before the Harris Government caused property values on the Island to drop

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Amherst Island Legion
Branch 539

The Amherst Island Legion, Branch 539, is holding a fund raising raffle. There are 1000 tickets at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The prize is a 25" GE Colour Television (value \$400). The draw will be held during the Canada Day Celebration at the public school. Please help us raise funds for charity.

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- yielding approximately \$300,000 in property tax revenue annually. User fees and area levies must be limited by our ability to pay and the dictates of fairness.

2) The tenor of the report largely ignores needs of the Amherst Island community. However, we welcome Mr. Martin's promise at the April 15 meeting of a roll-on / roll-off ferry for Amherst Island and hope that this promise will be clearly stated in the final report.

3) There is a need to promote economic development on the islands to generate funds for the transportation links - ferries or bridges. Mr. Martin proposes that the municipalities initiate studies of the Islands' economic development potential.

But it can be said even now that for Amherst Island at least, economic development prospects will remain very limited - Mr. Martin identified a cranberry bog as a commercial possibility - until a bridge overcomes the relative isolation of the island.

In a survey sponsored by the then Amherst Island Township last year, over 60 percent of respondents on the island wanted the feasibility of a bridge to be investigated. You now should have the Stanley Consultants review of my 1997 Fixed Link Study in hand - I see the item further down on tonight's agenda.

Therefore, Mr. Martin should recommend an environmental assessment not only for the proposed Howe and Wolfe Island bridges, but also for a fixed link for Amherst Island.

This concludes my presentation. I would like to ask for your endorsement of our submission to Mr. Martin.

Thank you.

Fish licence-free on the
Ontario Family Fishing Weekend
July 10-12, 1998

If you, or a friend or family member would like to try fishing in Ontario waters for the first time (or the first time in a long time), circle the weekend of July 10-12 on your calendar. For those three days only (12:01 am Friday to 11:59 pm Sunday), Canadian residents can enjoy the fun of fishing in Ontario without a licence during the annual Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

All other regulations, fees and limits will apply.

You must abide by the conservation licence limits set out in the Ontario 1998 Sport Fishing Regulations Summary, available from fishing licence issuers or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Your limit on walleye and trout, for example, may be two instead of five or six. Some fish, such as pumpkinseed, have no limit. And, of course, there is no limit to the number of fish you can release.

Events related to this special weekend will take place across the province

Fishing festivals, clinics, derbies or educational activities may be held in your area. If you would like event information, please contact a tourist information centre near your home or destination, or call the OFFW Event Information Line at 1-800-667-1940 or at 1-800-667-1840 (renseignements en français).

Remember, fish with care, and concern for future generations - of people and fish!

Anglers: Please pass this information on to your non-

angling friends. Consider supporting a local event or simply introduce someone to the joys of fishing on this weekend.

The Steering Committee- Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

For more information please contact the following during business hours:

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Conservation Ontario (705) 895-0716

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (705) 755-2551

Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters (705) 472-5552

Resorts Ontario (705) 325-9115

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Community Calendar

June 17 Cheese Order Date

June 20 4th Annual Community Yard Sale at the Back Kitchen 10 a.m.

June 21 Sunday School Picnic 12:30 p.m. at the school

June 22 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 22 Cheese Pick-up Date

June 27 ACW Chicken Bar-B-Q 5 - 7 at the Community Centre

June 27 Paul & Holly McCormick's 25th Anniversary 8:00 p.m. at the Millhaven Legion Hall

July 1 Canada Day Parade & Celebrations

July 11 Baby Shower For Laura Welbanks 1:00 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

July 13 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 24 Waterside Concert - Erica Goodman & Donelda Gartshore 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

July 25 Waterside Concert - The Country Church 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

August 1 Waterside Concert - An Evening Of Duets 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

August 10 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 15 Waterside Concert - Kingston Baroque Ensemble 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

Topsy Farms Blankets will be available through The Weasel And Easel by late June (we hope).

Anyone wishing to order specific colours, or knitting yarn, please call Sally at 389-3802.

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes, pet food, paper

towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals.

Amherst Island Firefighter's Association is selling
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Amherst Island Bible Study Group meets Thursday
mornings 0945 - 1200
June... at Helen Lamb's
July... at Janet Scott's

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home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Attention Amherst Island Community
"Cheese Notice"
ISLE is again raising funds for the school through
cheese sales. Wilton cheeses now available in
approximately 1 lb packages and may be ordered by
calling an AIPS student,
Karen J. Fleming 389-9869 or Debbie Scott 389-2379.
Varieties Available: curd, mild, colby, mozzarella,
casserole cheese, onion/garlic, hot pepper, marble,
medium, old, extra old, grated mozzarella, grated
Parmesan, Swiss, havarti, Danish blue, Gouda,
jarlesburg, slices, cheese balls, feta, brie, skim, Danish
creams.
Standing orders also accepted.
Cheese Orders will be available for pickup at the school
from 5-6 p.m. on the following dates:

Orders in by: Pickup/Payment
Wed, June 17 Mon, June 22
Please make cheques payable to ISLE
Thank You For Your Support Of Amherst Island Public
School.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

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Waterside Summer Series
St. Alban's Anglican Church
Amherst Island

Concerts Summer 1998

Friday, July 24 - 7:30 pm Erica Goodman and Donelda
Gartshore
World-renowned harpist and flautist play classical
chamber music in a rural church.

Saturday, July 25 - 7:30 pm Gospel Music by "The Country Church" Group

The fiddle and banjo accompany these singers from Sharbot Lake who sing gospel and blue grass style.

Saturday, August 1 - 7:30 pm. An Evening of Duets

Judith Vachon, soprano and Lisa Pecora, mezzo soprano

Duets by these two singers feature the music of Purcell, Haydn, Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Sans-Souci and Franck.

Saturday, August 15 - 7:30 pm. Kingston Baroque Ensemble

Music of the eighteenth century performed in a tranquil setting - harpsichord, lute and baroque flute.

Saturday, August 29 - 7:30 pm. Kingston Ceili Band
Contemporary and traditional music of the Celtic world, including Canada, played on fiddles, hammered dulcimer, tin whistles, guitar and banjo. You sing too.

Concerts take place at St. Alban's Church in the Village of Stella.

\$10 ticket price includes refreshments.

Concerts end by 9:45 pm.

For tickets: Call Mr. Jan Sneep at 634-1995 (Fax 634-2582)

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Beacon Notes

You've almost certainly heard by now that the Province has scrapped plans to 'get out of the ferry business'. So, we find ourselves back to the previous arrangement with the same subsidy level.

When the announcement came out, there was a collective sigh of relief quickly followed by anger and frustration with the Province for putting us through a lot of uncertainty and stress for the last 18 months.

So, let's see now... the Conservatives, the NDP and

the Liberal governments have all taken a stab at dealing with the ferries in one way or another and not much has changed. Does this mean we can be assured of Provincial support until the Reform or the Rhinos get into power? - It seems not because the Minister of Transportation, when making the announcement, made no guarantees of on-going support, so we'll just have to see.

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Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

June 22, 1998

Neither Chris nor I could attend this Council meeting but we did get a copy of the agenda and background package. After reading 192 pages in the package, there seems to be precious little that directly concerns Amherst Island - as one should expect.

What is more important is what the Township is doing on the Island... a crew has been sent over to trim the road sides which not only includes cutting the grass but getting rid of the bushes which have encroached on the driving surfaces.

The latter is done by machine and operator pictured above working on the Front Road by Koender's. It is a bush hog (an extremely heavy duty lawn mower) mounted on a back hoe arm fastened to the side of a tractor (with appropriate counterweights). This can trim bushes with ease and apparently can take down 3"+ diameter trees. After talking to the operator, it was unclear whether all road sides will get the same treatment this year as there is a limited time budgeted for the crew to be on the Island. Also being done to the roads is some pothole filling and some gravel application.

This is all very nice to see and must be one of the perks of living in a bigger township: it can afford machinery like this (both the bush hog and mower are Township owned).

[NB Chris went to the July 13th Regular Council meeting. He will have a report on it next month as we are frantically engaged in haying right now. This will also account for any other errors, omissions, lateness, etc that might be discovered.]

Amherst Island Recreation Association

Summer Raffle

Draw Dale: Sat. July 25/98

1st Prize - Steak BBQ Package
2nd Prize - Mixed BBQ Package
3rd Prize - BBQ Tools
3 for \$5.00

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Amherst Island
50th Annual Garden Party
Saturday, July 25th
12 to 4 pm

Live Entertainment
White Elephants
Bingo
Home Baking
Auction
Fish Pond
Haunted House
Afternoon Tea
Barbecue
Candy Pie and Ice Cream

Special Draw for Anniversary Quilt
Old Time Admission - 10 cents

The Neighbourhood
- Lyn Fleming

Apologies to the two high school grads I missed last month: Jennifer McLennon graduated from Holy Cross and Jessica Gavlas, will be off to Brock University in September, now that she has graduated from ESS.

Two ladies with long time connections to Amherst Island passed away this past month. Mary Neilson (daughter of Nellie and the late Fred Neilson) passed away following a long fight with cancer. [Ed: Some of Mary Neilson's ancestors are printed later in the Beacon.] Summer resident, Paulette Apps (wife of Ernest) died suddenly of heart failure at home in Ottawa. Both ladies leave behind family and friends on Amherst Island.

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Girl Guides held their annual Potluck and Advancement ceremony recently. Tabytha Trotter advances to Pathfinders, Khrysta Trotter advances to Guides and Mallory Glenn, Melinda Laing and Brittany Sneep all move up to Brownies.

The Sunday School picnic was held at the Community Centre on June 21, to celebrate Father's Day and also to mark the end of the Sunday School season until September.

More than 200 people celebrated Canada Day together on Amherst Island. Great parade, food, strawberry social and lots of fun and games for the kids, all topped off with a fantastic fireworks display.

Congratulations to Lori Caughey and Ben Godden who were married on July 4, at St. Paul's followed by a reception on the lawn at home.

The 1998 Amherst Island baby boom has begun, Connie Fabian and Howard Robinson welcomed an 8 lb 6 oz son named Chance on July 14th, a little brother for Marris.

A couple of first time grandparents on the Island this month. Allan and Bonnie Caughey are thrilled with a new grand-daughter. Alexandra, born on June 21, weighing 8 lb. 1 oz. to son Todd and wife Sonya. Meanwhile Paul and Nancy Henshaw headed to Burlington to see their first grandchild, an 8 lb. 4 oz. boy - Joshua Barry, born on July 6 to Craig and Dawn Henshaw. Ernest Fleming became a great-grandfather for the 14th time when grandson Mark Jamieson and wife Leila welcomed their daughter into the world on July 2, weighing 6 lb. 7 oz.

Welcome to new Island residents Kendra O'Bryan and her daughter Destiny and son Nicholas. Kendra bought Dianne Marshall's house at the 4 way stop. Also welcome to St. Alban's new rector, Andrew Chisholm and wife Lisa.

Two Amherst Island girls (and their horses) returned from the Odessa Horse and Pony Club Show and Competition with ribbons. Angela Fleming with 3 first place and 1 third place and Shawna Phillips finished both her and her horse's first show with 1 third place. Good work girls!!

Two community showers were recently held at the community centre. A bridal shower was held for Lori Caughey and a baby shower for Laura Welbanks.

Good-bye to John and Maureen Glenn and family who moved to Kingston this month.

Our best wishes to Laurel Halferty who is now home from hospital after having an operation.

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2:30 - 5 pm

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Hours Of Operation
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Need a gift for that special occasion or just a treat
for yourself? Before making a trip to the mainland,
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handmade crafts, knitting, pottery, stained glass,
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T-shirts, wooden benches, planters, trays, bird houses,
blankets and numerous other items.
We look forward to seeing you!

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

June and July have been busy months for our Branch
with lots of news to report. First being the winner of the
25" colour TV in the Canada Day Raffle.
Congratulations to Larry Van Luven of Hartington.
Larry drives the local milk truck.

The 1998 Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539
Leadership and Achievement Award was presented to
Shannon Youell by our Branch President Karen

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Fleming at the graduation and awards ceremony held at
the school June 23. Congratulations Shannon, well
done.

June 8 was a proud day for Legion members. The
Minister of Transportation, Tony Clement, named
Highway 416 in honour of Canadian Veterans now
known as the Veterans Memorial Highway. Lest We
Forget, this was one of several ways local veterans
marked the 54th anniversary of D-Day June 6, the
Normandy invasion.

It won't be long before the Labour Day weekend is
upon us and that means lots of events going on in and
around Kingston to raise money for the Muscular
Dystrophy Telethon. Our Branch will be having a Bake

sale on Friday July 31 at 4 pm in front of Glenn's Store.
All of the proceeds will be going to the Muscular
Dystrophy Association. So be there early to get the best
selection of homemade treats and remember it's for a
great cause.

Have you ever thought of becoming a member of the
Legion? It could be easier than you think. Back in 1925,
the Royal Canadian Legion was formed with a
membership of 50,000. Membership then was mainly
for veterans of Canada's Armed Forces. Today with
over 1/2 a million members and 1690 branches in
Canada, the United States and Germany, the Royal
Canadian Legion is the largest community organization
in Canada. You could be part of that great organization.
Membership has broadened its horizons. In joining,
you become involved in your community by assisting
with various Legion programs in support of youth,
seniors, the disabled and others. The Royal Canadian
Legion is the largest single supporter of the Boy Scouts
and Girl Guides. The Legion was, and still is,
committed to remembering all of those who gave their
lives for peace and freedom and that commitment is as
valid today as it was then. To find out if you are eligible
to join, or if you'd like to know a little more about the
Legion, drop in at our next meeting. The next meeting
will be on Thursday August 6, 8 pm at Tom and
Audrey Miller's home. New members are always
welcome.

On behalf of Branch 539, I would like to offer our
condolences to Laura Gartner and family on the death
of her husband Barry. Lieutenant Colonel Wing
Commander Barry L. Gartner was a member of Branch
539 since October 1992. Barry served in the Royal
Canadian Air Force for many years. He served as a test
pilot in England and Germany and was stationed at
many bases across North America. He will be sadly
missed by Legion members and residents of Amherst
Island.

Attention Seamstresses!!

The Amherst Island EFR Team is calling for tenders
we need about 30 armbands made for EFR Team
identification.

Please call Lynann for details at 384-5027.

Attention Gardeners

ISLE will be selling fall bulbs for planting during
August/September

A wide variety of bulbs, lilies, daffodils, crocus,
hyacinths and iris.

Please watch for details in the August Beacon.

4H News

- Freda Youell

After the achievement night which will be announced soon, 4H is taking a summer break but would first like to thank everyone that supported our sale and super-draw and the sponsors who donated the prizes.

Dave Heatt was the winner of the Royal Doulton figurine donated by Doris Decorte.

Joyce Morgan was the winner of the wool blanket donated by Dianne Marshall and Chris Kennedy.

Elaine Williams was the winner of the quilted pillow donated by Audrey Miller.

Alan Kidd won the five free movie rentals donated by Glenn's Store and Diane Patterson took home the new Drone CD donated by the group.

Congratulations to the winners and for those who purchased tickets but didn't win... we'll give you another chance next year!!

Have a great summer.

Obituary

Barry Lewis Gartner

An engineer and former RCAF test pilot, Wing Commander (Lt. Colonel) Barry L. Gartner was a model of professionalism and integrity and indeed had all the "right stuff". He died at his home in Ottawa on June 3 after a long battle with cancer.

Barry was born in Toronto in 1933 and was brought up in Kirkland Lake and North Toronto.

As a young guy who wanted to get to know people, he ended up in school choirs, on the football and basketball teams and as commander of all cadets at North Toronto Collegiate. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Electrical Engineering which

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was to help him excel in the Telecommunications classification of the Regular Officer's Training Program which he joined in 1952.

As Barry said, "In the summer of 1953, I managed a back seat ride in a Harvard Trainer airplane, and realized what life was really about". He then progressed quickly through the ranks to Wing Commander (Lt. Col.) in 1969.

Barry displayed great courage, honesty and leadership all through his military career. He was well known for his persistence and professionalism and how to do a flight test program the right way. Many associates believed that these qualities would help Barry play a leading role in the Air Force but heart problems in 1974 sadly put an end to his flying career.

Barry continued to be active in the military as a civilian Director of Manpower Control and Organization and Deputy Director of Procurement with DSS in the CF-18 Project Office where he could again work with aircraft. He finally retired in 1992 at age 59. Barry's last and one of his proudest achievements with the military was to initiate the recently announced NATO Pilot Training Program, a 2.85 billion dollar deal which will see Canadian and NATO pilots trained in Canada through public/private cooperation where the trainers are airforce personnel and the rest provided by private enterprise.

Barry sought a quieter lifestyle in his last 15 years and moved to Amherst Island in 1987 with his wife Laura. He joined the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 and was an interested and active member of the Island community. Barry found great peace and joy in his years on Amherst Island and loved the Island way of life.

Barry is survived by his wife Laura, daughter Laura Lee and sons Raymond and Sean, brother John, sisters Nancy Henshaw, Dianne O'Connell and their families.

Barry touched many lives and leaves behind so many people who loved and admired him.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all the caring, thoughtful Islanders for their cards and expressions of sympathy and concern at the passing of my brother Barry Gartner.

Once again, your warmth is so very much appreciated.

Nancy and Paul Henshaw

The Gartner family thanks the many kind and thoughtful Islanders and friends, the members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539, the ACW and members of St. Alban's, the PCW and members of St. Paul's, and the Back Kitchen for cards, flowers, phone calls, E-mails and favourite pies sent to us before and after Barry's passing.

Amherst Island is a special place full of wonderful and caring people.

Thank you ever so much.

Laura, Raymond, Sean and Laura Lee

We want to thank our friends and neighbours for the sympathy cards, phone calls, food donations, and many acts of kindness at the time of our daughter-in-law's death.

A thank you to the PCW, WI and ACW for their

cards and to the ACW visiting committee.

Henry and Anna Hitchins

A special thank you to the following for the help given at the time of my dispute with a chain saw:

- Bruce and Gloria Jane Barrette for calling 911 and for the use of their "emergency room" deck
- the First Response Team for their reassuring and competent assistance
- Diane Pearce for the use of her car
- Caroline Ackerman for accompanying me to and from the hospital.

Also, my thanks for the good wishes, cheery cards, friendly visits, and delicious baked breads - all were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Bernice Gould

PS

- There is absolutely no truth to the story making the rounds that author Steven King has commissioned me to pose, with chain saw, for the cover of his next horror book. So, please, quash that rumour.
- Because I have been inundated with callers seeking my tree-cutting service. I must, at this time, regretfully decline further requests to cut your branches... next year, perhaps!

Canada Day

Many, many thanks to everyone who participated, watched and/or attended the Amherst Island Canada Festivities!!! It sure makes all the work worthwhile when we get such a great turn-out.

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Special thanks to:

The Back Kitchen - for the donation of prizes for the kids (and also the great float).

A.I. Fire Department - For being on standby during the fireworks and participating in the parade.

DeDan - for the great music (as usual). Dennis and Don are members of the Kingston Ceili Band and bring what friends they can round tip for Canada Day.

Lori LaBlue - Our newest Rec. Assoc. member who single handedly took over the job of organizing the kids games and judging with such enthusiasm.

Fireworks Donations - Women's Institute, PCW, A.I. Legion and all the individuals who generously donated to our fireworks fund.

A.I. Legion - to members Phil Silver and David and Karen Fleming for last minute grass cutting and trimming at the school.

Canazon Fireworks - For yet again providing a superb finale to our festivities.

To everyone who took part in the parade. Again the parade was bigger and better than ever! Every float, vehicle, bicycle, costume, cream pie, guitar, tractor, and each and every person helped make a great parade.

See You All Next Year!!!!

Administration Committee

Hotel Dieu Food Bank Blitz

[Staff: this was supposed to be in last month's issue but got lost before being found...]

On Wednesday, May 27th, a very successful Food Drive was held on the Island. As usual Amherst Islanders opened their cupboards and pockets and gave generously.

I wish to thank the willing canvassers, the Sparks, Brownies, Beavers, Guides, Cubs and Pathfinders who came to your door with dancing feet and ready smiles. I also wish to thank Zelma Koenders, Jessica Gavlas, Ann Albertan, Karen J. Fleming, Karen Miller Fleming, Carol Glenn and Stephanie Fleming who drove cars to gather the food. My special thanks to Valerie Wolfreys who manned the store corner and Judy Miller who brought treats for our workers.

We could all be proud when Zelma headed for the ferry with only room for one passenger in her van. Thank-you, Amherst Island, that's a job well done!

Janet Scott

Topsy Farms Blankets will be available through The Weasel And Easel by mid July.

Anyone wishing to order specific colours, or knitting yarn, please call Sally at 389-3802.

Community Policing

- Dave Youell

Summer is here and your Community Policing Association would like to remind Island residents & visitors to please slow down. We have many visitors riding, walking and sight seeing on the Island so extra caution should be taken. It has been noticed by Community Policing Officers that people are not coming to a complete stop in the village, and some people feel the need to pass cars on blind hills to catch the boat. We feel this is a recipe for disaster. So lets slow down and have a safe summer.

Thank You Sincerely

A Letter Home

Last month we left off bemoaning the lack of rain... even the possibility of major drought. How things change in a month... 'cause someone turned on the tap and it has rained and rained. Some thunder storms have dumped upwards of an inch of rain in 15 minutes. And, the rains have been so frequent that the grass is still growing.

The wet weather delayed haying but at least we've a hay crop to harvest - it sure didn't look like it last month. The hot muggy weather we're getting right now is our first major run at haying.

Today (Thursday, July 16th) we're going to try square baling again. We only do a few square bales which are used to feed the sheep after they lamb and are in individual pens getting acquainted with their lambs. Sometimes I think we do it to remember how bad the 'good old days' were when we would fill the grey barn to the peak. I must have said this before but it is worth repeating that the large round baler is one of the great farm tools which must be worth years on the life of the average farmer.

The good news with the rain is that there is lots of pasture. So, by next month, haying should be done except for bringing the bales back but, with the normally abnormal weather, we'll just have to see.

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Community Calendar

July 24 Waterside Concert - Erica Goodman & Donelda Gartshore 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

July 25 50th Annual Garden Party noon to 4 p.m.

July 25 Waterside Concert - The Country Church 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

August 1 Waterside Concert - An Evening Of Duets 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

August 3 Civic Holiday - Township Offices closed

August 4 Public Meeting 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers (Odessa) - see notice for details

August 10 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 15 Waterside Concert - Kingston Baroque Ensemble 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's

September 7 Labour Day - Township Offices closed

September 14 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Prescriptions Delivered

Shut-ins may be interested to know of a mail-order pharmacy in Toronto that delivers next-day on the Island by Priority Post. Medi-Trust can be reached at 1-800-263-8999.

Financial Planning,

I have switched companies (due to Metropolitan Life selling their Canadian assets). I am now with the Mutual Group. New Office, Suite 200, 516 O'Connor Drive, Kingston, ON K7P 1N3. Phone: 384-9660. Ext. 212.

All clients will be notified individually as to how this will impact them. The services I still offer include, mortgage referral service, mortgage life insurance, business continuance insurance, disability income, RRSPs, RRIFs, annuities, life insurance and RESPs.

For questions and concerns please call the above number or contact me at:

Home: 389-6918 Fax: 389-5468

e-MAIL: sherward@adan.kingston.net

Thanks

Sherry Ward

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

Amherst Island Firefighter's Association is selling

Smoke Detectors (only a few left)... \$10

CO Detectors (1 left)... \$45

Prints of "First Run"... \$25

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals.

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For Sale

Wanted

For Sale

15 ft. camper trailer, stove, fridge, toilet, sleeps four. Good shape. \$1,300. 389-2916

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I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits,
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Good Rates. Negotiable

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Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079
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Shore Well Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Yard And/Or Garden Work
I am available for yard or garden work.
Call Penny Baxter at 389-1202

Wanted
A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels
for the Napanee Animal Shelter
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

We Will Do Odd Jobs....
Snow removal, minor repairs, dog walking, firewood
stacking, etc.
Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

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home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

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Scott Marshall is looking to teach
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Loyalist Township
The 1998 tax bills will not be issued in early June as

planned, as a result of a further delay in the release of
the 1998 Assessment Roll. This delay also affects the
finalization of the 1998 Budget and as a result, the
relationship between the 1998 tax bill and the 1997 tax
bill is unknown.

We anticipate that the tax bills will be issued by
early August. Regardless of the date of the issuance, we
will advertise the mailing of tax bills well in advance of
the due dates.

Please contact the Tax Department at 386-7351 if
you have any questions or require any additional in
formation.

Diane Pearce, C.A.O/Clerk
Loyalist Township
P.O. Box 70 Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Loyalist Township
The Amherst Island Landfill Site
Hours Of Operation
Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Loyalist Township
Ferry Office Hours
Tuesday... Wednesday... Thursday...
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Loyalist Township
June 12, 1998
To: Diane Pearce, CAO/Clerk Council
Landfill Site
From: David Thompson, Township Engineer
Subject: Use of Violet Landfill Site by Residents of
Bath

For your information, after discussion on June 11,
1998, the Reeve directed that residents of Amherst
Island and Bath can use the Violet Landfill Site at the
cost of the tipping fee of \$105/tonne.

Loyalist Township
Notice To Residents

Take Notice that a Public Meeting of the Council of
the Corporation of Loyalist Township will be held on:
Tuesday, August 4th, 1998 at 7:00 pm
in the Council Chambers,
Administration Building
Highway #2, Odessa

An application has been received requesting

exemption from the provisions of The Retail Business Holidays Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. R.30 to permit retail business establishments, in Loyalist Township, to be open on statutory holidays between April 15 and October 15 inclusive, in a calendar year for the maintenance or development of tourism.

For further information please contact:
Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO Deputy Clerk
The Corporation of Loyalist Township
263 Main Street, Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0
Telephone 613-386-7351

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Ancestors of Mary Neilson

Mary Neilson {father/mother: Frederick S. Nelson / Ellen Lilian (Nellie) McDonald}

Frederick S. Nelson {father/mother: James S. Nelson / Ida I. Roddick}

Ellen Lilian (Nellie) McDonald {father/mother: Sylvester McDonald / Mary Glenn}

James S. Nelson {father/mother: Thomas Neilson / Eliza ??}

Ida I. Roddick {no data shown}

Sylvester McDonald {father/mother: William McDonald / Ellen Stevenson}

Mary Glenn {no data shown}

Thomas Neilson {no data shown}

Eliza ?? {no data shown}

William McDonald {no data shown}

Ellen Stevenson {no data shown}

Alexander (Sandy) Glenn {father/mother: Alexander Glenn / no data shown}

Nessie Askin {father/mother: Alex Askin / Mary Glenn}

Alexander Glenn {father/mother: Robert Glenn / Nessie Johnston}

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Mary Glenn {no data shown}

Robert Glenn {no data shown}

Nessie Johnston {no data shown}

[Staff: The following item appeared after the Beacon had been set so is not in the usual Thank You column.]

Thank You

The family of Robert and Catherine McMullen want to thank the community for all the consideration and sympathy shown to us since the beginning of 1998 - through the death and burial of Catherine in January and Robert's recent broken hip crisis.

The friends and the parishioners of St Bart's who came out in the middle of the ice storm for Mom's burial will always be in our hearts.

Thanks to the ambulance and ferry crew who operated so efficiently and considerately in getting Dad to KGH on July 18th and apologies to all those inconvenienced by disrupted ferry service. Special thanks continually to Susan and Terry; Sally, Ian, Don and Chris; Lawrence, Ray, Grace and the St Bart's parish; Father Clement (and the deacon and sister); Liz and the sewing circle; and to all the friends who have expressed their concern and condolences.

Sincerely

Kitsy, Rosemary, Maura & Neil McMullen

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60th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Helen and Bruce Caughey invite you to an Open House on Sunday, August 30th 12-3 p.m in St. Paul's Church Hall, to help them celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Lunch will be served. Please no gifts - your attendance and best wishes will be treasured.

Beacon Notes

Well., after complementing the Women's Institute on providing us with copy for years and years, we managed to not get last month's column into the Beacon. Can you believe it! It was our fault entirely as it was e-mailed to us and we just missed it. Sorry and we'll try not to let it happen again.

While we're owning up to mistakes... I missed Council this month. Heck, what can I say... I just missed it. Now, I was busy and it would have been a major stretch to find the time. And I know Chris was not going with sheep work and haying up to his eye-balls. Next month!

So, what other sins have we committed in the last month. I can't think of any so we'll just issue the blanket apology.

Special Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

18th Session - August 4th, 1998

This session of Council was attended by Deputy Reeve Adams and Councillors Ashley, Linkson and Storms. Reeve Gilmore and Councillors Bresee and McEwen were unable to attend.

The only item of business dealt with at this meeting was a by-law to permit retail businesses to operate on statutory holidays. The minutes state that there was no one in the audience to oppose this bylaw and so it was passed. Because it is being done to aid tourism, it will only be in effect from April 15th to October 15th (inclusive).

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for September 4th at 7:00 p.m.

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Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

19th Session of Council - August 10th, 1998

All members of Council were present for this meeting. After a reasonably careful reading of the minutes, there seems to have been no business, recommendations or by-laws that were Island specific. Council did cover the usual gamut of items including, what may be this Council's albatross, Amherst Drive. No action was taken although they seem to be moving towards a 4-Way Stop.

Glenn's Store
Bath Foodland

389-0417

New Store Hours

Monday - Saturday 9 am - 6 p.m.

Sunday 10 am -5 p.m.

Canada Post

Monday - Friday 9 am - 11:30 am

2:30 p.m. -5 p.m.

Saturday 9 am - 12 p.m.

We will be open Monday Sept 7 Labour Day 10:00 am - 4 p.m. for your convenience.

We have a wide variety of products available. If we don't have what you need, it can be ordered with deliveries. Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays. Just call a day ahead to place your order. Our deliveries arrive at 10:50 a.m. and we ask that you pick up orders around 11 a.m. as we have no room for storage in coolers at this time.

The Neighbourhood

Welcome to new residents Lori Barkley and daughter Brittany who recently moved into Bob Horth's house at Emerald. Also welcome to former summer residents Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts and daughters Eva and Anna, who have become permanent "islanders".

A.I. Baby Boom update: Congratulations to Rick and Laura Welbanks, who welcomed their first child, Alec Bradley, on July 23rd, weighing 6 lb 6 oz. New grandparents are Ted and Heather Welbanks, and David and Betty Wemp.

John and Ilana Schram are spending the month of August on the island before leaving for their posting in Ethiopia in September. Their daughter will be married at St. Paul's on August 15th.

Get well wishes to Dave Willard, who is nursing a broken leg following a fall at home, and to Robert McMullen who is also recuperating at home following a fall. Also to Ida Gavlas who is recovering from some minor foot surgery.

July 25th seemed to be a busy day on the island. Employees of Loyalist Township and Amherst Roofing and their families attended company picnics on the island. The 50th annual St. Paul's Garden Party was also held on July 25th. The usual afternoon tea, home baking and candy tables, silent auction, fish pond, raffle, etc. along with the new Bingo, were as popular as ever and well attended. A belated surprise 50th birthday party held for Garry Hitchins finished up the 25th.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Royce and Marilyn

Eves who recently celebrated their 40th anniversary and to Ron and Sally (Gavlas) Fingas, who celebrated their 25th anniversary at a surprise party with family on the island.

St. Alban's Waterside Music Series has been well attended and has boasted a wide range of music this year. The series wraps up on August 31st. with the Kingston Ceili Band. On a different "note". Music from the band "Drone" reverberated through the village on a recent evening, during a free outdoor concert that was attended by Islanders, cottages and friends. The group consists of three original members (& islanders); Jacob Murray, Scott Marshall and Nate Maleska and newer members Mike Coles and Ange Connors (fellow students at NDSS). The band put on a good show that was enjoyed by young and old alike.

At the Napanee and District Horse Club Show held in July, 6 year old Tommy Fleming returned from his first show

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with a 1st place ribbon, while sisters Mindy and Angela brought home a 4th place and a 2nd 4th and 5th place respectively. At the Napanee Fair Horse Show, Samantha Pollock and her horse "Kermit" won two 3rd place ribbons. Also at the fair, Angela Fleming won a 2nd place for a collection of photographs and Mindy Fleming won a 4th place for her water colour painting.

The baseball and soccer season is winding down for several island boys and girls who have been playing on various leagues on the mainland.

If you have any news of births, weddings, deaths, milestone anniversaries, please let me know.

Bulbs! Bulbs! Bulbs!

Make your garden more beautiful than ever.... and help a good cause too!

Let Amherst Island Public School students supply you with "Breck" bulbs for fall planting.

A variety of tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, iris, crocus, and lilies, direct from Holland.

Orders taken until Friday, September 11, 1998.
Order today - you won't be disappointed!!

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The McMullin Family of Amherst Island

At last Tom Sylvester's long-awaited history of the McMullin family is finished -- well, if not finished then at least the first edition is in print. Follow "poor Irish

servant boy” Neal McMullin and his brothers John and Hugh through their journey from Pennsylvania at the time of the American Revolution to their eventual settlement on Amherst Island where they became prosperous farmers and money lenders. The work is well documented and indexed. Available for sale from Tom Sylvester. When can we expect Book II, Tom?

Amherst Island Recreation Association

- Lyn Fleming

Winners of the Summer Raffle

Tom Miller- 1st Prize - \$100 package of BBQ steaks

Janet Scott- 2nd Prize - \$70 package of mixed BBQ meats

Shirley Miller- 3rd Prize - BBQ tools

Congratulations!! Thanks to everyone for your support.

Somehow in the process, one person’s name was left off our thank you list for Canada Day. Alan Glenn has lent us his hay wagon for the last couple of years for use as a stage at the Community Centre. We do appreciate it and thank Alan for his help.

Oktoberfest - Dinner/Dance will be held on October 17, 1998. Tickets will be on sale soon for \$20 per couple. Please mark your calendar and reserve your tickets early.

Thank You Notes

To the PCW for the yummy zucchini loaf. I really did enjoy it. My thanks also to the many people who asked after my progress after my sore toe.

Ida Gavlas

Waterside Concert

Concert-goers on July 25th were treated to the uplifting gospel/bluegrass sound of The Country Church, a talented group of musicians and singers from Sharbot Lake. Two fiddles, a banjo and several guitars combined with wonderful harmony singing to present an entertaining program of inspirational music.

A Letter Home

Last month, we left off with haying finally getting into high gear, and with the prospect of being done by now. Well, it hasn’t quite worked out that way. We’re done cutting leaving only most of one farm to bale so its almost done. And, of course, that doesn’t count bringing home way over a thousand large round bales with no promises as to when that will be done.

The lambs have been weaned. Their moms have had their annual physical. And, the flocks have been

shuffled and re-divided after spending a pretty hassle-free summer on

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pasture.

Shearing the lambs is coming up in a few weeks which is a major event. Here, we gear everything to the three shearers... they always have lambs in front of them waiting... their stations are kept clear of fleeces and mess... and, they always have tempting food, drink and conversation waiting.

Where has the summer gone?... Here it is the middle of August already and there are notices for the end of the tourist season - The Back Kitchen, The Weasel and Easel, and the Waterside Concert Series. On the good side, there is still pasture out there.

The picture to the right shows some of the twenty plus sail boats in Kerr Bay on the long August weekend. There were many more than usual and I don’t know if I’ve ever seen as many - people’s feelings about the economy must still be good to have this much floating debt around.

This summer also brought us mixed blessings... we gained two drivers in Scott and Jacob but lost at least one vehicle at any given time with their use of same. I don’t know if it was an overall plus or not.

Trivia (From The Amazing Trivia Facts Calendar - Workman Publishing)

In the TV sitcom Cheers, what was the capacity of the popular Boston Bar?

75. The number was in a notice posted over the front door.

Community Calendar

August 20 Loyalist Township Job Posting applications close

August 29 Waterside Summer Series Kingston Ceili Band 7:30 p.m.

August 30 60th Anniversary for Helen & Bruce Caughey at St. Paul’s noon to 3 p.m.

September 7 Labour Day - Township Offices closed

September 11 Bulb Ordering last day

September 14 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 15 Ameriks Scholarship application deadline

October 17 Oktoberfest (details next month)

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The Weasel and Easel

Need a gift for that special occasion or just a treat for yourself? Before making a trip to the mainland, come and visit us. We have a good selection of handmade crafts, knitting, pottery, stained glass, ceramics, paintings, cards, Tole painting, clocks, art, T-shirts, wooden benches, planters, trays, bird houses, blankets and numerous other items.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Weasel and Easel will be closing for the season early this year (following the Labour Day weekend) and so now is the time to shop for that perfect gift: lots of lovely pottery, woodwork, handicrafts, island wool blankets and, of course, beautiful pieces of art. Thanks to everyone, especially our wonderful customers and talented associates, for another great season. See you in the spring!

Joan, Dorothy, Kit, Eleanor and Sheila.

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals.

The Back Kitchen

Hours Of Operation

Through Sept 7th (Daily)

Saturday - Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sept 11th through Sept 27th (Weekends)

Friday 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Topsy Farms Blankets will be available through The Weasel And Easel by mid July.

Anyone wishing to order specific colours, or knitting yarn, please call Sally at 389-3802.

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

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For Sale

Wanted

Wanted To Buy

Used ball glove to fit Grade 6 student.

Please call: 389-9869

For Sale

16 ft. Comet Sailboat. \$600.

Phone: 389-0223

For Sale

2 chest freezers in good working order.

Call: 384-7866 or 389-7200

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Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling
Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation
Phone: 478-5417

Matt's Pet Care Service 389-1202
I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits,
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Good Rates. Negotiable

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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale
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A complete printing and design service.
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Yard And/Or Garden Work
I am available for yard or garden work.
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Wanted
A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
Napanee Animal Shelter
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Anyone interested can reach me at 389-0554 or leave a
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Loyalist Township
The Amherst Island Landfill Site
Hours of Operation
Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Loyalist Township
Municipal Office
(613) 386-7351 Fax (613) 386-3833
Ameriks Scholarship Fund
In Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming
Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide financial
assistance to any student attending any recognized
institute of higher learning.
Conditions: that the student has had a residency of at
least five years on Amherst Island.
Applications, available from the Ferry Office, will be
received at the Township Office and Ferry Office until
September 15, 1998.
Diane Pearce C.A.O./Clerk
August 13, 1998

Loyalist Township
Job Postings

Loyalist Township is calling for applications for the
position of Deckhand for the Amherst Island Ferry
Service.
Probationary hourly rate \$14.37
After successful probationary period Hourly rate
\$14.71
Job description and qualifications are outlined on the
sheets which are available at the Ferry Office, Stella

and on the bulletin board at Glenn's Store.
Written applications stating qualifications and
experience will be received at the Loyalist Township
Office 263 Main Street, P.O. Box 70 Odessa, Ontario
K0H 2H0 until 4:00 p.m. Thursday August 20th, 1998

Loyalist Township is calling for applications for the
position of Temporary Part-Time Deckhand for the
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Beacon Notes

September! What the heck happened to August, let alone July?!! Oh well, we'd better enjoy the season we have. Let's see... its cooler (nice for sleeping) and, the kids are back in school (the house is quieter). Haying is done except for bringing the bales home, so the August doldrums can begin (what! its September... arrrg!! we're a month behind getting ready for winter... gotta go).

It was a pretty nice summer on the Island with enough rain to keep it green instead of our usual crispy brown. Our lawn stopped growing for about a week at the start of August, then it greened up again and has stayed that way.

Last month's issue was pretty thin except for Lyn's column which saved our bacon. This month, I actually managed to get to Council so there's a first hand report.

The photos are being done on a new scanner - inexpensive but much better (both in quality and speed) than the hand held one. Its hooked up to the production computer so there s no hassle transferring from the other computer via floppy.

Oh... by the way, there is a picture of Amherst Island in the July/August issue of Canadian Geographic (pages 72 & 73). Its location was not given but my investigation suggests it shows a west view off the side of the Stella 40' - first full field south of the pavement (for anyone who is interested).

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St. Alban's A.C.W.

Turkey Supper and Bazaar

Saturday, October 3rd.

Serving 5 - 7 p.m.

at the Community Centre

Adults \$10.00

Children 5-12 \$5.00

Pre-school - Free

Tickets at the door only.

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

This the 21st Regular Session of Council began on time with all council members present along with the full compliment of staff members.

The agenda and background information was a Big package this month consisting of well over 250 pages. Much of this was the budget - some 117 pages. If anyone would like to peruse my copy, they are welcome to it. Thank goodness there was a 6 page highlight hand out.

Just before the budget, there are a few other items of note:

- the Township Office now has its new sign which looks pretty spiffy with the logo prominently featured;

- Jane McGinn has been hired as the Full Time Deckhand;

- it looks like Council is moving towards putting a stop sign at the intersection of Amherst Drive and Manitou Crescent. Once done, it will be monitored for effectiveness plus alternatives will continue to be assessed;

- Ralph Woods, Allan Glenn and Eleanor Trueman were appointed to administer the Ameriks Scholarship Fund in Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming until this Council's term ends;

- Council has established a policy (which is the same as the old Ernestown policy) of helping young people doing volunteer work overseas by granting them \$200 with the proviso that they report back to Council on their activities when they return (this was set in response to a request from Terry Stein who is going to Costa Rica as part of a Youth Challenge International group);

- the Township is proceeding with a coat of arms by signing an agreement with an artist and the Governor General Of Canada to do concept drawings to be completed by September 21st of this year.

The budget was passed at this meeting. As mentioned before, there are about 120 pages in the information package about the budget which is beyond the ability of any given person to know even imperfectly. Hopefully, there will not be too many mistakes or bad assumptions in the following information.

The 1998 budget for Township purposes came in at \$18,335,059 and, when combined with both County and Education costs, this leads to an overall increase in the budget of 3.28% which breaks down as:

- 4.68% increase for the former Ernestown Township,
- 0.30% increase for the former Bath Village,
- 15.4% decrease for the former A.I. Township.

The Amherst Island decrease is due to its large proportion of farmland which is now paying only 25% of the former tax bill because the province has eliminated the farm tax rebate program.

All of the Council members who spoke were reasonably pleased with the budget. Councillor Linkson was not quite as pleased as the others saying that, in his opinion, this was strictly a 'consolidation and maintenance' budget. He would have liked it to go further towards bringing new

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dancing - 8:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Please reserve tickets soon from any Recreation Association member

development to the municipality. Reeve Gilmore set the tone for the other Council members who spoke by saying that the budget did not slash services and did not stop or delay development of capital projects for future services. He thought it a responsible budget even though there was an overall increase. In a recorded vote all Council members passed this budget.

Some items of specific interest to the Island are:

- \$50,000 for a new emergency rescue vehicle for the Amherst Island Station,
- the Emergency First Response team budget seems to have been absorbed into the Fire Department budget,
- Amherst Island Community Centre has \$1,000 budgeted for maintenance and phone,
- Amherst Island Library has \$1,200 budgeted for heat, hydro, maintenance and repairs plus telephone (no \$ listed for capital work),
- \$500 has been set aside to number the street light poles on the Island and in Bath,
- Amherst Island Recreation Centre has been budgeted \$4,000.

The ferry needs a little section by itself as its budget is quite interesting:

- the 1997 budgeted revenue from the ferry was \$125,000 with the actual revenue (estimated) being \$125,105 which is closer than anyone should be able to budget (a hundred bucks is two extra people buying books of tickets),
- the 1997 year ended up with a deficit of \$7,737 in a total spending of \$1,395,122 which is 1/2 of 1% - not bad for a million dollar operation.
- this year's budgeted revenue is \$128,090 from users and \$1,152,810 from the province for a total revenue of \$1,280,900,
- the projected expenditure is the same total as revenue but there are some interesting changes in the individual items which are shown in the following table:

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{Council Report will continue after the following ad}

Amherst Island Recreation Association's
Annual Oktoberfest Dinner/Dance
Saturday, October 17, 1998
\$20.00 per couple

Expenditures	1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
Salaries & Wages	900,000	901,947	814,800
Salaries - Other Departments		43,663	47,300
Ferry Dock Works	4,200	3,641	4,000
Benefits	112,000	186,193	187,400
Hydro	4,000	3,796	4,400
Clothing & Boot Allowance	4,000	6,452	6,500
Fuel	166,000	173,580	150,000
Materials, Supplies & Services	18,800	21,963	22,000
Berthage Fees	19,300	25,224	25,000
Professional Fees	5,900	16,483	7,000
Travel Expense & Training	4,800	1,434	1,500
Insurance	11,000	10,746	11,000
Capital	0	0	0
Total	1,250,000	1,395,122	1,280,900

I called the Township about the apparent reduction in salaries and wages paid this year compared to last year. There was no explanation of this but the Beacon was told that the number of hours paid and the rates of pay will be the same as last year (or whatever the current agreement says). So this remains an unsolved mystery with the possibility that it is simply an optical delusion.

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Property Class	Township	County	Education	Total	A.I. Landfill
Residential / Farm	.004073	.005085	.004600	.013758	.000476
Commercial -Occupied	.005776	.007212	.022333	.035321	.000675
Commercial -Vacant	.004043	.005048	.015634	.024725	.000473
Farmlands	.001018	.001272	.001150	.003440	.000119
Managed Forest	.001018	.001272	.001150	.003440	.000119

Some other numbers from the budget package which might be of interest to Island residents:

- \$140,500 is the projected cost of the ice storm cleanup with the province kicking in \$70,000 (somewhere else there was mention of \$25,000 to repair ice storm damaged utility poles with half coming back to the Township),
- \$20,000 has been budgeted for a new Official Plan for the new municipality,
- the total Island assessed value is \$32,216,935. In comparison Bath is \$83,901,825 and Ernestown is \$574,564,730. The total does not jive very well with other numbers in the budget but that may have something to do with the Millhaven prison or other land not taxed.

Of course, what would a budget be without a bottom line -the tax rate. There are 5 classes of property on the Island (15 total in the Township) with the tax rates as shown in the box above. The 'Total' column is for the General Levy and the 'A.I. Landfill' column is in addition being the area rated item we are responsible for on the tax role.

So, there you have it... and, as mentioned before, anyone wanting to look the budget over can borrow my copy.

The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to the family of Robert McMullen, who passed away, peacefully at his home on Amherst Island. A visitation/wake was held at home, followed by a funeral service at St. Bartholomew's.

Get well wishes to Harry Filson, who is recovering at home following a mild stroke. Also to Brent Wolfreys as he recovers from dental surgery.

Congratulations to A. Bruce and Helen Caughey, who celebrated their 60th (wow!) anniversary with an "open house" at St. Paul's Church on August 30th. Also best wishes to W. Bruce and Susan Caughey, who celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Newfoundland.

Baby boom update: All the best to Jennifer McLennan and Mike Horth, who welcomed 7 lb. 5 oz. Chase Daniel into the world on September 8th. Proud Island grandparents are Tom and Lynn deHaan and Bob Horth.

Leslie Gavlas recently traveled to B.C. to visit relatives and attend Elder Hostel in Powell River, then ended her trip with a stop in Winnipeg to visit son John. Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys traveled to P.E.I. but returned a few days early when the remnants of Hurricane Bonnie threatened the east coast.

We welcome another new family to the island. John

and Trina Emigh and son Justin bought Doris Henderson's home near Emerald.

Students returned to A.I.P.S. on Sept. 8 and to various mainland high schools, separate schools, colleges and universities. Lots of smiling moms traveling on the ferry these days!!

We know summer's over for sure when the "Back Kitchen" closes for the season. We look forward to May when Susan and Garry open again.

Two family reunions were held on the island recently. Barbara and Stratton Reid hosted theirs in August and a Wolfreys reunion was held at the community hall on Sept. 12. 89 descendants of Bert and Mabel Wolfreys attended from Manitoba, Florida and all across Ontario. It was the first reunion in 18 years, and boy has the family grown!

Horse News - Angela Fleming and "B.J." returned from Napanee and district horse show with a 2nd place, three 4th place and two 5th place ribbons and from the Odessa fair with a 2nd and 3rd place. Shawna Philips and "Jack" came home from Odessa Fair with a 2nd place and from Centreville fair with a 5th. Samantha Pollock and "Kermit" finished up at Centreville fair with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Sam was planning on showing at the Odessa fair, but "Kermit" had other plans. He bolted while being led back to the stable and dragged Sam down the road. So belated get well wishes after nursing some skinned knees, elbows, hands etc., but with her great sense of humour and attitude still intact!! Congratulations to all of our island riders who work hard all summer with their horses, training and competing.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Erika Krauklis

At our August meeting the Women's Institute meeting members were guests at the house of Pat and Gian Frontini. During our meeting we decided to send a follow-up letter to the Loyalist council about our request to enlarge the space available to our Stella Branch Library. We hope to obtain more bookshelves, browsing space between the shelves, more space around the children's section (particularly when school groups are visiting), and for tables and chairs where reading and reference material could be within the library.

Our members would like to thank Helen Lamb for once again organizing and taking care all summer of the flower beds near our ferry dock. They add a welcoming note to our community. Special thanks go to Donna Thompson for donating the flowers. After the meeting was adjourned, Pat Frontini took everyone to her

pottery studio to explain the process for making the beautiful pottery she produced. She has been creating these lovely pieces for about 31 years (they are for sale at the Weasel & Easel as well as other craft stores). It was a very impressive demonstration as she showed us how to use her pottery wheel, kiln and other skills involved. Afterwards, we returned to the house where she showed us her beautiful collection of pottery from around the world. Gian has brought many of them back from his travels. It was a very enjoyable evening that gave us all an appreciation for Pat's skill.

Our next meeting will be on September 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the house of Freda Youell. Our guests will be from the L. & A. Seniors Outreach Service. We have all chosen different meals from their extensive lists of soups, entrees and desserts and will report our findings in October. These frozen meals are reasonably priced and will be handy when one is too busy or just does not feel like cooking.

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Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

It's hard to believe we're into September and Labour Day is behind us already. Since I missed the report last month let me start by thanking everyone who came out and supported the Bake Sale held by Branch 539 on the August long weekend. The weather co-operated which helped to make it a success. Thanks to you, our branch raised \$200.00 with all of the proceeds being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

After a break during the summer months the "Meals

on Wheels" program resumes once again starting Monday, September 21. Still the same price \$5.00 for a delicious meal with dessert delivered to your door. If you would like to order, just call Audrey Miller at 389-0105 or Karen Fleming at 389-0210. Meals on Wheels is delivered the 3rd Monday of every month. Here is a list of the dates in the coming months ahead:

Monday, October 19
Monday, November 16
Monday, December 21
Monday, January 18
Monday, February 15
Monday, March 15

October is just weeks away and you know what that means. Halloween! Have you thought about whom or what you are going to be this year? I've my costume on the go. Once again the Legion is sponsoring the Masquerade

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Ball at the Community Centre on Friday October 30th. Doors open at 6:30 pm. There will be prizes for different categories. Great fun for everyone and everyone is welcome. Games for the kids, pop and chips will be on sale. So come on out and join in the fun. See you there.

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Letters To The Beacon

Herbie The Goose Runs Afowl Of A (Whole??) Wit
- Alex. & Janet Scott

As almost everyone on the Island knows, Herbie was a human imprinted Canada Goose who lived with us since we inherited him this spring from a vet in Toronto. Herbie could not fly because of a weak wing, the result of a nutritional deficiency, presumably the result of starvation soon after he was hatched this year.

Herbie was known and loved by many of the Island children, some of whom visited him regularly, having first met him when he visited the school at a week of age. He was a regular greeter at the Scott mailbox.

Herbie much preferred humans to geese, was totally unafraid of people, and was frequently seen directing traffic in front of our house, a fact not missed by many. Unfortunately he met his demise when 2 local hunters eagerly seeking something to kill, felt it was sporting to

blast Herbie from point blank range from where he was standing near the road. (Did he come up and place his mouth over your barrel to make it easier for you?)

Not content with This great show of their bravery and skill, they then showed their true courage by fleeing across open fields in a blue truck (licence number available from Alex or Janet) after I had given chase from the east end of the Island to the far end of the second concession. Seems that 2:1 odds in their favour are not good enough for them. Or perhaps they thought I didn't know who they were.

I am not a hunter myself and am certainly no fan of it. However, I must say that the majority of Islanders that we know are good sportsmen who would hardly get much satisfaction from shooting a tame goose or sitting duck. Unfortunately these two, driving up and down the Island roads and shooting from their truck, give all hunters a bad name. One can only hope that the real hunters and others treat these two with the contempt they deserve.

Queen's Alumni Revue
Sept/Oct. 1998

New Auto Research Centre Announced

The Centre for Automotive Material and Manufacturing, a new automotive research centre and education facility, is coming to Kingston. This independent joint-effort of the University, the provincial government, and Alcan Aluminum will work to develop vehicles with superior standards of energy, safety and comfort.

The government funding awarded under the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund, was the catalyst

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for the initiative, the cost of which will be shared by the partners. "Queen's applauds the foresight of the Ontario government in providing funding which fosters university and industry collaboration," Principal William Leggett said.

As the primary university partner, Queen's has committed tenure-track career faculty positions for the Centre. This move will make Queen's a leader among North American universities for its research and educational programs in automotive materials and manufacturing. Other universities are also expected to make major contributions to the program.

Alcan International, the research and development operation of Alcan Aluminum Limited, will provide a home for the Centre at its facility in downtown Kingston. This space includes 50,000 square feet of

office and lab space for researchers and access to Alcan's sophisticated testing facilities. Alcan International, the Research Centre's first industrial partner has committed \$13.5 million over five years. It's expected that the Centre will eventually employ 100 staff and will create about 280 spin-off jobs. "With the impact of globalization, companies such as Alcan have recognized the importance of university research and collaborative effort for both industry and economic development of Canada," says Dr. Gian Frontini, Vice President and Director of Fabrication and Information Technology, Alcan International Limited.

Obituary

Robert John McMullen

Robert John McMullen died peacefully in the home he loved so much on August 20, 1998. His death came quickly, following a fall July 14, hospitalization, hip surgery, and pneumonia. Born in Chicago in 1909, he was the great grandson of Neal McMullin who, with his wife Bridget McAuley and his brother Aeneas McMullin I, built the stone house on Lot 3, Concession I around 1843. Robert's paternal grandfather, Francis McMullen, was born on the island in 1828. He married Mary McKenty of Amherst Island in April 1 853, who gave birth to Robert's father Neil McMullen in 1855. After the death of his first wife Francis eventually moved to Chicago.

As Tom Sylvester documents in his recently published book, McMullins of Amherst Island, Robert was related to many islanders through his great great grandfather, the first John McMullen of the island. Lot 3 Concession I was sold to the Drumgoole family in 1909, the year of Robert's birth, by his uncle Joseph McMullen, who had inherited it from his aunt Mary McMullen Mulvena. The next farm west, Lot 2 Concession 1, was owned by Robert's bachelor uncle, John McMullen. Robert, his parents and sisters made several trips to visit Uncle John through the next thirty years, retaining friendships with the Drumgoole children: Arthur, Lena (McGinn), Hugh, Kate, and Rachel (Hart).

In 1940 Robert married Catherine Patricia McCollam, who predeceased him on New Year's Day of this year. Catherine stated more than once that Robert brought joy and adventure into her life. Those who knew the couple appreciated how his qualities complemented her studious, level-headed personality. When the subject of Catherine came up, Robert seldom failed to say "Boy, was I lucky to get my hooks into her." In 1947 (with Catherine as silent partner and advisor) Robert started his own company, McMullen Realtors, the sole broker out of his office in northwest

Chicago. Now called Century 21-McMullen Real Estate, with several offices and over one hundred brokers, this business is one of the most flourishing in Chicago.

On a family vacation in 1952, Robert took Catherine and the children to see Amherst Island for the first time, The stone house was closed up, and Robert was directed to the owner, Kate Drumgoole, who accepted his offer to buy the property. The stone house was back in the family name, although it

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hadn't really been out, since Mrs. Patrick Drumgoole was Mary McMullen. Through the next thirty years, improvements and restoration gradually took shape. Robert's personal project was rebuilding and extending the dry stone wall now surrounding the house.

In the summer of 1955 the house was being re-roofed. Unannounced to Catherine, Robert was inspired to swim across the Bay of Quinte with friend and roofer Calvin Drumgoole rowing a boat beside him. The next year his son Neil, age 13, accomplished the same stealth swim with Fred Gibson doing the rowing. Upon retirement in 1981, age 72, Robert moved with Catherine to St. Simons Island, Georgia, spending long summers on Amherst Island. Down south Robert assisted Catherine in her work as founding board member of the community services centre, Mary House.

Although his later years sometimes brought forth a curmudgeon side to his personality, Robert McMullen will always be remembered for the zest, compassion, fun, comic relief, and aesthetic pleasure he spread among all who knew him. He is survived by his four children: Neil, Rosemary, Maura, and Kitsy, and his grandchildren Megan and Paul. Visitation was held at the McMullen home on August 23. A funeral mass was celebrated Monday, August 24, at St. Bartholomew's church, followed by interment next to Catherine McMullen in the Catholic Cemetery.

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank the First Response Team; "B" crew of the Ferry; family, friends and neighbours for all their acts of kindness during Harry's recent illness.

Harry and Barbara

In late breaking news, we have learned that Deputy Reeve Arnold Adams has resigned from Council. He gave health concerns as his reason. We have no other information at this time but his steady presence on

Council will be a loss.

A Letter Home

Its been pretty busy on the farm this past month. Bringing the bales home has started which should go on for some time so watch out for slow moving loads trundling around the Island.

Shearing the lambs was quick and painless., less than 2 days to do the flock of 1450 lambs. We did have a very close call the night before shearing when we were gathering up the lambs and bringing them back to the barn. They need to be dry both for shearing and putting the fleeces in the bags.

The drive was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. At 5 to, there was a clap of thunder and storm clouds appeared in the north looking very ominous. So, we shifted gears and rushed down to the pasture, gathered the lambs up, and started bringing them back through the fields. This took a considerable effort on the part of 9 people to move the flock which was in no hurry to go anywhere. (These sheep were in passive resistance mode perhaps after watching 'Ghandi' recently.) So, as we moved, slowly, slowly, slowly from field to field, the thunder clouds got closer, closer, closer. The wind came up with a promise of rain and we could see the rain line coming across the water as we approached the barn. We were nearly hoarse but did manage to get most of the lambs under cover just as the rain started. It was a very near thing. This was after a drive the previous week where one person could have done it with virtually no effort... the lambs just wanted to go (a major miracle).

I don't know what anyone watching would have thought of us flapping our arms around and yelling, howling, etc our heads off. We certainly did not represent the quiet pastoral beauty that was around us.

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Community Calendar

September 28 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers

October 3 ACW's Turkey Supper And Bazaar 5-7 p.m. at the Community Centre

October 13 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers

October 17 Oktoberfest (see add in this issue for details)

October 26 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers

October 30 Masquerade Ball at the Community Centre at 6:30 p.m.

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Loyalist Township

By-Law 98-88

A By-law to Permit Retail Business to Operate on Statutory Holidays during the period between April 15 to October 15 Inclusive in the Calendar Year for the Maintenance of Tourism in Loyalist Township.

By-law 98-88, permitting businesses to operate on statutory holidays during the period between April 15 and October 15 inclusive, in the calendar year, for the maintenance of tourism in Loyalist Township was passed by the Council of The Corporation of Loyalist Township on August 4, 1998. By-law 98-88 is now in effect.

Any retail business in a retail establishment located within Loyalist Township shall be permitted to sell goods and services to members of the public on holidays from the 15th day of April to the 15th day of October inclusive, in each calendar year, for the purposes of maintenance and development of tourism.

In accordance with By-law 98-88 all retail businesses in Loyalist Township may open on Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Victoria Day and Canada Day in any calendar year.

Copies of By-law 98-88 are available for review in the Loyalist Township Clerk's Department, 263 Main Street, Odessa.

Dated this 4th day of September 1998.

Brenda Hamilton, CMO

Deputy Clerk

Loyalist Township

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Loyalist Township

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Beacon Notes

It was a busy end of the month for September with...

- The OPP over several days...

- There was a report of a plane that might have crashed on the Island.

- There was a very nasty storm one evening

After all this excitement I did manage to calm down enough to make the two regular council meetings...

zzzz! (Just kidding... bygones.) There was remarkably little Island specific news so the Council reports will be

mercifully short.

Since publishing last month's letter on Herbie, we have received one signed and one unsigned letter on the subject. After much discussion, the Beacon staff has decided to drop the subject. The Beacon has managed (in large part) to not be a forum for one Islander's complaint against another, and it will endeavor to continue that way.

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Loyalist Township

Loyalist Township invites you to attend the

Fairfield House Transfer Ceremony

Saturday, October 17, 1998

from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Fairfield Park, Highway #33, Amherstview

Attractions:

Art exhibition with Shirley Miller and other local artists

Heritage Demonstrations - cider making, blacksmith

Fairfield House tours,

Musical entertainment,

Balloons for the kids

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

23rd Session of Council

September 28th, 1998

This was, I think, the first meeting that Arnold Adams had not attended. A reception for the retiring Deputy Reeve was announced for October 2nd (which, I am sure was well attended but we could not cover it due to work commitments).

Council, in closed session, dealt with the Caughey quarry agreement. Apparently 15,000 metric tonnes of 5/8" crusher run would be crushed and stockpiled. (This is happening now as the crusher came over recently.) There were some proposed changes to the agreement.

Jim Whitton has been appointed to the Celanese Canada Millhaven Site's Community Advisory Panel along with Terry Landon and Bill Lowry plus Clayton McEwen as Council's representative.

24th Session of Council

October 5th, 1998

[I did not attend this non-regular meeting... Don]

The main purpose was to fill the Deputy Reeve's

position. Clayton McEwen was nominated by Councillor Ashley and, in the end, was voted in. Ward 3 residents (Ernestown) can apply to be appointed to fill the Council vacancy for the remainder of the term. This follows the advice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

25th Session of Council

October 13th, 1998

[I did not make it all the way through this meeting due to a longer than usual session with two delegation issues... Don]

The meeting began with a report from Staff Sergeant MacPherson of the OPP. He was presenting Council with the first in an apparently monthly series of reports on policing issues in the municipality. We, the press, did not receive a copy of his report which detailed the activities for the combined months of June, July and August, plus a separate report for September. Council was asked for comments and came up with a few additional categories they would like added to his report (like vandalism).

Next up was a delegation from Loyalist Plaza who wanted to talk about the large increase in the number of

welcomed a daughter, Clara Emilie, weighing in at 8 lb. 9 oz. Rosemary says Clara has settled in nicely and they are all actually sleeping well at night!! Finally, on October 2nd, Kevin McCormick and Cindy Thompson became the proud parents of a 7 lb. 15 oz. son, Aaron James. More first time grandparents are Peter and Pam McCormick, and a first great-grandchild for Helen McCormick.

Get well wishes go out this month to Khrysta Trotter, who underwent surgery at "Sick Kids" in Toronto and to Nessie Welbanks who has been in hospital this month. Lots of broken arms in various states of mending; wishes for a speedy recovery to Murissa Robinson, Bobbi Shaw and Justin Emigh.

Condolences to Tom and Audrey Miller and family following the death of Audrey's sister, Sadie, in Ottawa. Also to Duncan and Coralee Marshall whose son-in-law Paul also passed away. And to Bill and Beryl Stoker who had to return from a trip to England when Beryl's sister in B.C. passed away.

Happy Birthday wishes to Helen Miller, who celebrated her 80th birthday and to Tom deHaan who hit the 'big 4-0'.

Belated congratulations to summer residents, Vic and Joan Ellis who celebrated their 50th anniversary.

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A community bridal shower was held on October 4th for Julie Forester.

Welcome to new Island residents, James Bonham-Carter (Cherry Allen's son) and Roisin McCann who recently moved into the vacant half of Mark and Cherry's house. James is also recovering from a broken leg and fractured wrist. So welcome and best wishes for a speedy recovery!!

Former Islander Fred Werthman set up his telescopes at the community centre on a recent evening. The people who came out, were treated to a fantastic look at: Jupiter with its bands and 4 moons; to Saturn with its rings and to an "up close" look at the crescent moon as well as lots of interesting astronomy tidbits.

Dianne Marshall and Chris Kennedy are back on the Island after a vacation in England. Hans and Hazel deHaan entertained Hans' brother and wife from Holland for 11 days this month, when they visited Canada for the first time. Maurice and Shirley Filson of Woodrow, Sask., also spent a week on the Island visiting family recently.

We say goodbye to Roy and Olive Turner, who will be moving to Vancouver at the end of the month to be nearer family. They also will celebrate their 50th anniversary at the end of the year.

Well we all knew it had to happen sooner or later

(we were hoping for later!), the "Amherst Islander" will return on November 2.

Ida Gavlas reports "that her mother-in-law, Leslie (of no fixed address), was home for Thanksgiving weekend". Leslie's been doing a lot of travelling lately, and has been hard to catch at home!

As a new school bus driver on the Island, the hardest part of the job has been 6:00 a.m.!! But it has given me a chance to see some interesting things, like; a coyote (my first), some fantastic sunrises, OPP patrolling the village at 6:30 a.m., ships anchored offshore at the Head, and most recently a deer that was 2/3 white! Glad I had a couple of students on board as witnesses!!

Towels, Towels, Towels

When the Anglican Church women were doing the dishes after the Turkey supper (Sat., Oct. 3, 1998) they discovered a great shortage of tea towels.

The ladies have provided these towels for the convenience of all and we would appreciate it if anyone having some of these towels would return them. Thank you.

Leslie Gavlas
President A.C.W.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Erika Krauklis

Our meeting was held on September 16 at the home of Freda Youell.

Our guests were Beth Clancy and Wendy McDonald who served us our dinner sold by the L&A Seniors Outreach Service. Each member selected a soup, entree and dessert from their extensive list of available meals. The food was well presented and quite tasty, being seasoned mostly with herbs and spices. No preservatives were added! Meals for special requirements like salt-free and diabetic diets are available. The prices are reasonable and quantity discounts are given. We all felt the meals are handy to have in your freezer if at times you don't feel like cooking. Freda Youell will place the orders; so anyone interested in finding out more should give Freda a call at 384-4135.

Afterwards we viewed the pictures from the 4-H Junior Photographers' Club which were judged by Peter Trueman. The results were stunning. Well done!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 8 p.m. at the home of Jackie Sylvester on the South Shore. Duncan Ashley will be our guest and talk about "Loyalist Township Changes in our Community". Everyone is welcome to attend.

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

We were happy to have welcomed to our October meeting our Zone Commander Howard Pauls, Zone Sports Officer George Kish and Zone Commander for G 1 Bert Diamond and his wife Sharon Diamond.

What better way to get you in the mood for Halloween than "The Masquerade Ball". Be sure to drop in once again to the Haunted Schoolhouse for a howling good time. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 30th at the community centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Admission is only \$3.00, children under the age of 14 are admitted free. Come on out

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for a night of great fun. Games for the kids and prizes for the different categories. Judging begins at 7 pm. There's still plenty of time to get your costume together, rummage through your closets and break out the make-up bag. See you there.

The annual Poppy Campaign will be getting underway very soon. Saturday Nov. 7th members of Branch 539 will be canvassing door to door around the Island. Funds collected from the poppy campaign are used to help in purchasing of medical equipment, building affordable housing for veterans and seniors, provides funds for their dependants, as well as providing bursaries for students. As you can see, all of your donations are put to very good use in the community.

Remembrance Day poem, essay and poster competition is under way once again. Students from grade 4 and up are encouraged to write a poem or essay, or drawing for their Remembrance day essays. On November 11 we all show our respect with a moment of silence and remember all of the veterans who laid down their lives for our freedom. There will be a memorial service on Sunday, Nov. 8, 11 am at St. Albans Church, and a service for the placement of the wreath, will be at the Cenotaph at the school on Wednesday Nov. 11 at 11 am, everyone is welcome to attend.

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- Laurie Youell

Hey Kids, ever wonder what the future might look like? Why not put your ideas on paper? Drop into Canada Post and pick up your entry for "Stampin' the Future" contest.

All Canadian residents from the ages of 8 - 12 can enter. All you have to do is draw a stamp design which shows what your vision of the future might look like, or what you are looking forward to in the 21st century. You could draw something to do with environmental protection, new inventions or maybe even a new game or toy.

Whatever subject is important to you, but it has to

be your own original creation, you can't write or draw the name of a real business or person.

Just think of it, your own design would be printed on millions of Canadian postage stamps. Great prizes to be won, including a trip to California, a brand new computer, just to name a few.

The deadline is October 31st. So come on, draw your ideas. If you have more than one idea, great! Enter as many of your designs as you like. The more the better.

All finalists and winners will be notified in writing by Canada Post in early 1999.

So get your entry form today and Good Luck!

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Recycling

- Sally Bowen

In response to public demand (of one) for further information, your Beacon staff did extensive research on the question of "Just what can be recycled?" Township personnel said "ask Stuart" and Keith Miller said "believe whatever Stuart says" so a pleasant chat on the ferry gave us this scoop.

There are fewer markets now paying for recycled materials. The Township can no longer sell newspapers, white paper, glass or plastic. They only have a market for tin cans and other metal.

However, the dump gladly accepts, free of charge:

- any paper or cardboard (shiny, stapled or gummed is OK)
- bundled newspapers (glossy does not have to be separated)
- plastic, glass
- tin
- metal

Separating these items keeps your garbage bill down, and greatly reduces volume in the landfill site.

Also, a few people on the island recycle certain items.

- Glenn's store welcomes recycled clean grocery bags
- Freda Youell assists various animal aid societies by collecting any kind of stamps, A&P tapes, towels and quilted place-mats, and good used clothing. For the primary class she also collects used calendars, greeting cards etc for cutouts, and plastic or Styrofoam trays for paints etc. Items can be left at the store.

Does anyone else collect anything? Tell us and we will let people know in next month's Beacon.

Letters To The Beacon

Dear Editor,

In your Sept. 1998 issue (Beacon Notes) you mention the picture of Amherst Island in the July/Aug. Issue of Canadian Geographic (pgs 72-73).

Just to inform you that the photograph was taken by my nephew, Peter Sibbald, when he & his family used our cottage in Sept., '97, for 'their' honeymoon. Sally may remember babysitting Peter for my sister Barbara at Lake Simcoe! Peter is now a professional photographer with many magazine & exhibit credits to his name.

Best wishes -

Margaret Webb

Amherst Island Play Group

Any interested parents can call Sandra Reid at 389-4484

Children from new born to senior kindergarten

Thank You Notes

Thank You

Sincere thanks for the well wishes and kind thoughts following my surgery in May and subsequent broken leg in August. Special thanks for the casserole and the raspberries. I'm now back at the gym.

Dave Willard

In Memoriam

Wemp - In loving memory of my dear husband, our Dad and our Grampa Leigh Herbert, who passed away suddenly on October 12, 1996.

There was no time to say goodbye,
The day you went away,
You left us so suddenly,
Two years ago today.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
The secret tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

But you gave us years of happiness,
Fond memories linger dear,
The times we spent together,
We will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed, always loved and never forgotten,
your wife Doris, son Herbert and his wife Cheryl,
daughter Valerie and her companion Gary, and

grandchildren Kailey and Adam Wemp.

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Glenn's Store
Bath Foodland
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New Store Hours
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Saturday 9 am - 12 p.m.

We have a wide variety of products available. If we don't have what you need, it can be ordered with deliveries. Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays. Just call a day ahead to place your order. Our deliveries arrive at 10:50 a.m. and we ask that you pick up orders around 11 a.m. as we have no room for storage in coolers at this time.

Community Care Access Centre Cuts Home-support Services
Kingston - The board of directors of the Community Care Access Centre today voted to suspend, until March 1999, home-support services that it arranges for people who cannot live at home without help. The board also voted to cut down on the amount of personal care it provides to individuals.

Home-support services, which will be suspended, include general housekeeping tasks such as cleaning, vacuuming, grocery shopping, meal preparation and laundry. Personal care services, which will be reduced, include assistance with bathing and general hygiene, dressing, feeding and respite for family caregivers. Some people need these services while waiting to get into hospital or when they first come home after being in hospital. Others need the services to remain living at home or while waiting to move into a rehabilitation facility or nursing home.

"What our decision means," said board chair Tom Plunkett, "is that a person may still get help with their bath but, unfortunately, not with changing the bed linen."

Last spring, the Centre's board predicted a shortfall in its homemaking budget and agreed to the introduction of a waiting list in an effort to avoid developing an unfunded deficit. The board also petitioned the

provincial government for additional funding to care for residents in the Kingston region. The province has since indicated that it will not increase the Centre's funding.

This month, figures indicate that if the Access Centre continues to provide service at levels needed by this community, it will overspend its homemaking budget by about \$1 million by March, 1999. The Access Centre's budget has not been increased by the province to support recent, local changes in hospital restructuring. The Centre cannot provide the services that people need and then receive deficit funding later from the province, as it could in the past.

"The shortfall is due to the rapid growth in the need for home support services in our community," said Plunkett. "Advances in medical technology combined with hospital restructuring have generated this need, but the current provincial funding formula has not been adjusted to meet it. Without additional funding we have to cut some services to some people in order to provide essential services first to those with the greatest needs."

Plunkett recalled that Dr. Duncan Sinclair, Chairman of the Health Services Restructuring Commission, had frequently said that the success of hospital restructuring was dependent on the expansion of community care services. "While the province has not cut any of our funding," Plunkett said, "the expanded local needs have simply not been recognized by the province."

Starting in mid-November, the Community Care Access Centre will stop providing home-support services for all its clients and cut their personal care service by one-third. (For example, if a client is assessed as needing six hours of personal care a week, they will receive four hours.)

"We do this with great reluctance," said Plunkett. "It will put more pressure on volunteer organizations, friends, families and neighbours, and it will hurt people. But we have no other source of revenue at this point to meet the area's growing home care needs."

To begin with, about 2,037 current clients are likely to be affected. Their case managers from the Access Centre will begin notifying them next week about their reduction in service and help them to plan for the future.

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The Community Care Access Centre arranges health care, home support and long-term care for people in their homes, schools and other places in the community outside of hospitals. The Centre's services are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and provided free of charge to people who need care and have a valid Ontario Health Card number.

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Light yard work & homework
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

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Shannon Youell
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\$40/hour flat rate
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Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
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Dog Grooming Services in your home.
Call Sandi Topping at (613) 354-1569.

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signature, logos, business & personal)
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I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits,
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A complete printing and design service.
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Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

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Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Yard And/Or Garden Work
I am available for yard or garden work.
Call Penny Baxter at 389-1202

Wanted
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Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

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Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

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Beacon Notes

- Let's take stock of the past month...
- We went from a dry but warm fall to a dry but still only a semi-really fall.
 - Sally has peas in blossom, 2 kinds of lettuce and tomatoes ripening on the vine as of the 15th of this month. And, many people have flowers showing off late summer colors.
 - The water is low resulting in:
 - many wells running dry;

- the powers that be trying to change the boats but they couldn't make it work so we're still stuck with the Frontenac II;
- the Bar Islands becoming the Bar Island and now it looks like they're the Bar Peninsula; and,
- there's even a vague rumour that the assessment people are coming over to re-assess shore properties now that they have acres more area.

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Loyalist Township
Notice

By-law 98-20

Overnight Parking Restrictions

Parking on Township streets is prohibited between the hours of

12:00 Midnight - 7:00 A.M.

November 15, 1998 - March 31, 1999

so snow removal can be accomplished. This ban will be enforced during this time period and fines will be issued to vehicles found in violations of By-law 98-20 as amended.

The penalty of \$20.00 per offence.

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO

Deputy Clerk

Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

27th Session - October 26, 1998

All members of Council were present along with staff, 24 people in the audience and 4 reporters. In part, this was due to the special nature of this meeting.

Election Of New Council Member

The first significant item of business was to hear from the 7 candidates for the vacant Ward 3 position. 5 of the 7 were there and gave short presentations after which Council went into closed session to fill the empty chair. The candidates were: John Ibey, Shirley Wartman, Dennis Wilkinson, Clyde MacFarlane, Bill Lowry, James L. Hegadorn, and Gordon Cummins.

Bill Lowry was selected... had the oath administered... was congratulated by Council members.... sat down with the agenda package at the Council table.... within 10 minutes had seconded his first motion.... and, within the hour, had a potential conflict of interest situation develop.

The talk around the table was about Bath Hydro and whether it was a utility owned by the rate payers or

municipally owned. Councillor Lowry works for Ontario Hydro. Since he wasn't sworn in until after the Disclosure of Interest part of the meeting, he had not seen the agenda package in advance like the rest of the Council members, nor been given the chance to disclose any interest, Council basically passed it by. The good news is that he recognized a potential problem and tried to abstain.

Bath Hydro

Council seems quite split on the status of Bath Hydro and it seems to be coming time to fish or cut bait. From what staff said, there is about a year to comply with Provincial regulations to incorporate two separate entities. Councillor Ashley called this Council's "black hole". In the end, a committee was struck.

Island Road Grader

Remember back to the Amalgamation Agreement when Amherst Island Council got a clause in that we would not lose our road grader? Well, it now needs some \$40,000+ in necessary repairs. The '+' sign means 'more than' because these are rough estimates which do not include taxes, floating the grader up to and back from Carlton Place, etc. [Staff: And, that could be a very large sum due to the grader's decided tendency to sink... I don't know why they don't just put it on the ferry and then truck it up and back? Just kidding... bygones.]

More Downloading

The Province has downloaded the responsibility for subdivision approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the local municipalities. There was a background package from our Planner, Murray Beckel, on the impact of this transfer of responsibility. Previously, the municipality only had to assess local issues when offering its approval on a

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subdivision but now the situation is much different. The Planning Department must now ensure that Provincial interests are protected without comment from any Provincial ministry. Some of the ministries which had previously had input into a subdivision approval were: Municipal Affairs and Housing; Natural Resources; Environment; Citizenship, Culture and Recreation; and, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Y2K Problem

Council approved Acadian Computer Services bid to assess the Township computers for Year 2000 compliance with recommendations to address any problems.

Ameriks Scholarship

Seven Island students received \$73.57 each from the

joint funds available. The applicants were: Crystal Bedford, Douglas Gavlas, Jessica Gavlas, Heidi Hitchins, Kevin McCormick, Chad Miller and Caroline Anne Yull.

Back Beach - Sand Removal

A report from the CAO was received and Council directed to advise the Ministry of Natural Resources about a significant removal of sand from the Back Beach.

Stella Bay Property

Council directed staff to proceed with negotiations regarding a property on Stella Bay.

St Paul's Christmas Tea & Sale in the Community Center

November 28

from 1 - 4 p.m.

Treasures

Crafts

Bake Table

Santa's Post Office

Christmas Raffle

Loyalist Township

Committees And Boards

Council will receive applications for appointment to the following committees, to serve for a one year term commencing January 1, 1999, without remuneration.

- Planning Advisory Committee
- Recreation & Property Advisory Committee (students are encouraged to apply)
- Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (students are encouraged to apply)
- Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority
- Cemeteries Committee

Persons interested in any of the above committees or appointments are invited to submit a brief outline of their interests and experience to the undersigned by Friday, December 4, 1998.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Loyalist Township offices at 386-7351.

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO Deputy Clerk

The Corporation of Loyalist Township

Box 70, Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Regular Council Meeting

28th Session - November 9, 1998

Reeve Gilmore was away this meeting so Deputy Reeve McEwen was in the Chair. All other members of Council were present along with the Department Heads,

about 30 members of the interested public and 4 reporters.

Remembrance Day

Canon Jim Thompson conducted a short Remembrance Day ceremony before the meeting began. Delegations

Three delegations were scheduled to appear with the first being the monthly update from Staff Sergeant G.J. MacPherson, O.P.P. He reported on police activities during the last month with a handout sheet breaking this down. There were 348 incidents of all kinds in the Township. He did say that 2 young males had been charged with damaging the headstones at St. John's Anglican Cemetery in Bath.

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Next was a presentation by Barb Snyder representing the Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association. Fairfield House has been transferred to the municipality from the province. She was making the presentation to kick start a planning process to define use and funding for the site. Council took this under advisement with no decisions made.

The third presentation was made by Martin Gravel representing Gore & Storrie. The agenda package didn't have any background information on this but there seems to have been some cost over-runs with the Fairfield Water Treatment plant. Mr Gravel was there to try and explain this which, in the end, he did to Council's grudging satisfaction.

I mention these delegations for the simple reason that combined, they took up nearly the first two hours of the meeting. By the time the delegations were done, the audience had left for places unknown. I stayed until time to leave for the 9:30 ferry so the following is more of what Council was scheduled to deal with rather than a report on what they did.

Other Items: Items of interest included....

- Council deferred a decision on the wording (etc) for signs to be placed at the Ferry Office and Stella Library (and Bath Office) until the next administration meeting.

- Council approved a motion to hire, as needed, the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority to review applications for development on Amherst Island under some circumstances (such as properties abutting Lake Ontario or within 120 m of a significant wetland). Fees for this will be collected from the applicant. The fees don't appear to be large (in the \$50 - 100 range until you get up to subdivision scale development). The reason this had to be done specifically for us is that the Island is not part of any conservation authority.

- In the Administration Meeting on November 2, 1998, a motion was passed to purchase a 1991 Ford

Ambulance for the Amherst Island Fire Station to be used as a new rescue van. Cost is \$14,800 with some more money to be spent on re-fitting it.

- Renderings for a coat of arms, flag and badge were enclosed with the agenda package. These have been re-printed in the Beacon.

- Council was to consider a new Property Standards By-law to replace the old ones for Ernestown and Bath (we don't have one). The new by-law is apparently quite similar to the old ones... it still will not cover Amherst Island.

- Council was also to consider an amended Quarry Use Agreement for the Caughey Quarry. The Works Department recommended accepting the changes made by the quarry owners.

- Council was to consider a No Smoking By-Law which would affect the Amherst Island Library and Ferry Office plus the roads garage. The proposed by-law also references the ferry... 'No person shall smoke inside any portion or on any outside area of the Amherst Island Ferry identified by "no smoking" signs.'

Amherst Island Public School

presents

"Somewhere There's An Island"

on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998

at the Amherst Island Community Centre

at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Outreach Services

Frozen Dinners

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

The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to long time summer residents, Evan Lloyd and sons Chris and Rhys following the death of their wife and mother, Pat, who passed away in October after a long battle with cancer. Condolences to Shirley and Laurel Halferty and family following the sudden death of their son and brother, Bob.

Baby Boom '98 - Congratulations to first time parents, Graeme and Tracey MacDonald, who welcomed their first child, Graeme Connor into the world on October 21st, weighing 7 lb 11 oz. Best wishes also to first time grandma Dale Filson, first time great-grandma, Noreen Welbanks and grandpa Hugh Filson.

Julie Forester and Jeff deKleine were married on October 24, a beautiful fall afternoon, at St. Paul's

followed by a reception at the community centre.

Get well wishes - to Gloria

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French and Laurie LeBlue who both spent time in hospital this month; to Helen Miller, who has broken her other arm; to Nessie Welbanks, who had to undergo more surgery after falling soon after her recent hip replacement; and most recently to Doug Shurtliffe, who is recovering from a serious hand injury suffered on the ferry during the recent wind storm.

Travelers - Ralph and Beula Woods traveled to South America. Jean Baker traveled to China this month. Sheila Whiting traveled to Indonesia to join Peter for a few weeks. Peter and Joyce Morgan entertained cousins from England here on the island, then took them on a trip to Florida, joined by Bob and Ann Turner. Judy Roberts and daughters Eva and Anna, recently visited family in Florida as did Jan Sneep. The snowbirds are also packing up and heading to points south as the temperature drops. Rick and Carol Morgan got acquainted with their granddaughter Isabella, from Iceland, when their son Danny and his wife, spent some time with them in October.

Social - St. Alban's held another very successful Turkey Supper and Bazaar during October. A great time was had by young and old alike, at the Amherst Island Legion's annual "Masquerade". The Remembrance Day service was held at St. Alban's this year. The annual Remembrance Day ceremony normally held at the cenotaph had to be moved indoors at A.I.P.S. due to the wind storm.

A.I.P.S. students enjoyed the outdoors this month. The senior class, with teacher Mr. McCrady, spent the day at Gould Lake. Although the weather wasn't very cooperative, the kids had a great time. The primary and kindergarten classes, with teachers Ms. McRae and Mrs. Scott went to the Owl Woods. The primary class built shelters in the woods, and everyone enjoyed feeding the chickadees from their hands and seeing some of the seven saw-whet owls in the woods that day. NDSS student, Helen Bell-Smith spent a week camping with her science class at Bon Echo.

Awards night was held at NDSS recently, congratulations to the following students; for grade 9 honours; Andrew McDonald, Ryan McGinn, Kyle Murray and Shawna Phillips. For Grade 10 honours; Bonnie Marshall and Sara Pollock. For Grade 11 honours; Scott Marshall.

Sara Pollock also brought home two special awards; "Highest Proficiency Award" in grade 10 advanced program, and the "Excellence in Math" in grade 10 enriched program.

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Bath Foodland

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1 pm - 6 pm

Saturday 9 am - 6 pm

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Saturday 9 am - 12 noon

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jackie Sylvester

On October 21st members met at the home of Jackie Sylvester for our monthly meeting. Duncan Ashley, our councillor generously gave us two hours of his time to talk about changes in our community now that we are part of Loyalist Township. Discussions ranged widely in topics, but highlights included, of course, our ferry situation. Duncan reported that talks are still continuing on how to obtain consistent funding for our ferry, funding that is not tied to quickly made decisions by our provincial government. Are there separate solutions for the different ferries? Is there some way to raise extra money for the ferry (one option - a surcharge, but to who and what type)? Can we ever expect an end-loading ferry dock (this hope appears tied to MTO, access to which ferry, inequities with the other ferries, access to safety equipment, our willingness to pay for extras). When

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things change, will we be able to direct these ferry changes in the way we want them to go? Duncan reiterated the complexity of how things are interrelated and answers will be slow in coming, but perhaps be a lot more sensible this time around.

Duncan reported that, until the end of December, Loyalist Township has an agreement with KARC, so Hazardous Wastes may still be taken to the facilities on

Lappan's Lane until they close for the season sometime in November. Duncan assured us that a Hazardous Waste Day will be organized in the Township next spring. The question of expanding the size of our library will be considered in the space needs study being undertaken in our Township. Duncan thought there would be a good future for our library and members discussed the idea of including volunteer workers in the operation if an expansion takes place. In discussions considering recreational facilities negotiations are currently underway to obtain walking access to the Big Marsh dyke (currently access to the start of the dyke is across private property). Duncan couldn't talk about any discussions the Township may have entered into with Norm Berman about his property for sale in Stella, but our members talked about the economic and recreational advantages to the Township of owning access to Stella Bay, particularly a property with an existing dock. Other questions revealed that our Community Animal Control is dealt with under contract with Richmond Township and various options to reduce speeding through the village are being examined (if you don't want speed bumps - Slow Down).

Our discussions with Duncan ended on a positive note with the improved image and exposure our island is gaining, the large group of resources we have access to, the increased enquiries about our island from others (people at meetings in Toronto now know who we are, enquiries about property on the island have gone up dramatically in the last few months).

The W.I. Seniors' Christmas Dinner is on Saturday, Dec. 5th, and invitations will be sent out in mid-November. All community residents aged 65 or over are invited and if you're eligible and haven't received an invitation please call Freda Youell, 384-4135, or Audrey Miller, 389-0105 - we don't want to miss anyone. Our meeting closed with a Brown Bag Auction to raise money for Associated Countrywomen of the World projects in the third world countries. Our Nov. 18th meeting at 8 pm will be at the home of Nancy Henshaw and we shall be hearing about Peter Trueman's video on Herschel Territorial Park. Visitors are always most welcome.

Don't Forget - if you are looking for a unique and useful Christmas present consider giving SOS frozen meals - convenient and designed for seniors. Single entrees are \$3.50 or buy 5 for \$22.00. There are over 25 different meal choices. Call Freda Youell, 384-4135, for an order form and the monthly ordering dates.

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Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

Once again the Masquerade Ball was a great success. The costumes were really terrific as always and everyone seemed to have a great time. I'm sorry to say I missed the Haunted House this year but I could tell it was a howling success just by hearing the screams of terrorized youngsters and some not so young. Thank you to the Pathfinders, Mindy Fleming, Samantha Pollock, Allison McDonald and Marlene Kilpatrick for their imagination and hard work in creating this year's horrific haunted house. Thanks also going out to all who helped in decorating and setting up and selling.

Our judges this year were, Janet Scott, Shane Magee and Brandy Boutilier. Thanks to all of you for a job well done. It certainly wasn't an easy job. The winners for the best costumes are:

Under 2:
First: Dakota Wolfreys (Dalmatian)
Second: Mathew Fabian-Robinson
Third: Hannah McCormick (M&M)

2,3,4 yrs:
First: Alex Cormier (Pirate)
Second: Zachary McCormick (Elephant)
Third: Gavin Ashley (Bear Cub)

5,6,7,8 yrs:
First: Caitlin McDonald (Grapes)
Second: Katie Coleman (Chorus Girl)
Third: Andrew Leblue (Dracula)

9,10,11,12 yrs:
First: Geoffrey McDonald (Upside down Clown)
Second: Matthew Coleman (Bullfighter)
Third: Julianne Keech (Vampire)

13,14,15,16 yrs:
First: Brent McGinn (Old Lady)

Second: Mindy Fleming (Witch)
Third: Alison McDonald (Mad Scientist)

Adults: 17 yrs & Up
First: Karen J. Fleming (Christmas Tree)
Second: Sally Bowen (Bag Lady)
Third: Olive Turner (Phantom)

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Best Overall: Caitlin McDonald (Grapes)
Funniest: Geoffrey McDonald (Upside down Clown)
Best Group: Danielle Wolfreys, Destiny Freeman (Crayons)
Best Traditional (Ghost, Witch Etc): Ben Whitton (Dracula)

Congratulations to everyone and hope to see you all again next year.

Already the festive season is fast approaching and preparations for Christmas are underway. Our regular meeting for December will be our annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner. It will be on December 12 at 6 pm at Tom and Audrey Miller's home. We hope that all members will be able to attend the Legion's Christmas gathering.

4 H News

- Susie and Freda

The year is almost over and what a busy one it was... Both clubs had a great achievement celebration and would like to thank all who came and helped us enjoy the baseball game and refreshments. The holidays have crept up on us so fast that - to avoid having to rush the project - we are going to wait until January to start our next clubs and this time we will all be doing something we enjoy - "Healthy Eating Around The Clock" - which includes such activities as making munchies - planning full meal menus - safe food handling and table decorations. Should make for some interesting end of meeting snacks!

We would welcome new members so why not join us for a project or two to find out what 4 H is all about. Our present members are very enthusiastic and enjoy their clubs. If you are ten before December 31st 1998 and under twenty one you are eligible, so to enrol for the first 1999 project call Susie at 389-2012 for the senior group and Freda at 384-4135 for the ten to fourteen group.

We Wish You All A Very Merry Holiday Season
And A Happy New Year.

Susie - Freda - And The 4 H Club Members.

The Amherst Island Recreation Association

Last New Year's dance was very successful and the Recreation Association is proceeding with plans for another New Year's dance this year. Watch for plans and details to follow next month.

The Amherst Island Recreation Association welcomes ideas and suggestions from the community (& for the community), for events and functions you would like to see and support on the Island. Would you be interested in a Community/Country fair like that which was held in 1993?

Ninety percent of the money raised by the Rec Association goes towards the Canada Day festivities. Now that we are no longer entitled to government grants, all money has to be raised in the community. The Rec Association has worked hard over the years to steadily improve and add to the quality of events for Canada Day.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact any Association member.

Rick Bedford, Lyn or Larry Fleming, Paul Henshaw, Laurie LaBlue, Jane McGinn or Rick and Carol Morgan.

New members are always welcome and needed!!

Safety Concerns Around The Village And School

As a result of the now (in)famous police visit to the island, the OPP has listed a set of 16 "observations/suggestions" designed to slow down traffic in the village and by the school. Most of these deal with changes of signs, moving of signs, painting of crosswalks etc. and have been passed along to the Township Works Superintendent. The full list may be seen posted at the old Municipal Office. Your Bath/Amherst Island School Advisory Council recommends the establishment of clearly marked crosswalks running east-west across the south side of the Stella crossroads and north-south across the west side of Stella crossroads. In addition,

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we would like to see a sidewalk constructed from Stella crossroads to the school along the south side of Front Road.

What would such a sidewalk cost? Loyalist Works Dept. estimate for 220 metres of concrete is \$19,000 and for asphalt \$9,000. These seem huge sums for our small community. However when spread over the whole Loyalist Township the cost per average household turns out to be not more than two dollars (\$2), surely a small price to pay for the kid's safety. These figures were obtained from Loyalist Township Works Superintendent and Treasurer.

We hope that residents of the island will agree that the idea of clearly marked crosswalks and construction of a sidewalk will be of benefit (and safety) to the school children and, in fact, to the benefit and safety of pedestrians generally and well worth the small expenditure per household. A petition to this effect will be sent around after you have had time to read this in the Beacon. This will then go to Council which, of course, has the final say on whether or not these suggestions will be implemented.

Should you have any comments, questions, please call any Island member of the School Advisory Council at the numbers listed below.

Lynn Fleming 634-2509

Stewart Reed 389-8588

Jim Whitton 384-5027

Amherst Island Gets New Emergency Response Vehicle!!!

- Lynann Whitton

Those of you that follow the Beacon council meeting reports may recall that the budget passed in September included money for a new emergency response vehicle for Amherst Island. Well, Fire Chief Wayne Calver searched far and wide and finally found the perfect vehicle for our needs - a 1991 ambulance (see photo)! Our new addition is a Ford F350 diesel with rear wheel drive, built for heavy service. It replaces the old red cube van that has served us well but is (definitely) ready for retirement. The ambulance has a large bay door at the back and a smaller door at the side, with room for two stretchers side-by-side. The inside is also completely fitted with cupboards for ambulance gear, so it will be ideal for EFR team equipment.

The new vehicle will arrive at the Odessa fire station next week, and will then be promptly sent off for a complete mechanical overhaul and a new paint job. It will remain white but the orange ambulance striping will be replaced by red stripes containing the Loyalist Township Emergency Services logo. Since it will also serve as a Command Vehicle and Rescue van for the Fire Department, additional work will involve the construction of built-in, external access storage cupboards to hold radios, a generator, and other fire services equipment. All of this extra work should take about 3 weeks, and so we are expecting to have delivery by mid-December. Merry Christmas Amherst Island!

Report For the Ameriks Scholarship Fund Committee

- Ralph T. Woods (secretary)

October 9, 1998

The Ameriks Scholarship Committee consisting of

Eleanor Trueman, Allan Glenn and Ralph Woods would like to congratulate the following applicants for participation in the use of funds from the Scholarship Fund donated by Mr Ameriks. Applicants for the fund must have been residents of Amherst Island for a minimum of 5 years and are to be presently enrolled as students at a post secondary university or college. The fund consists of interest accrued from money given to the Township of Amherst Island and from funds held by the Amherst Island Women's Institute. The following are the recipients for the school year 1998-99.

Crystal Bedford

Douglas Gavlas

Jessica Gavlas

Heidi Hitchins

Kevin McCormick

Chad Miller

Caroline Yull

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Island History

Memories

- A. Bruce Caughey

As we residents of Amherst Island enjoy, day by day, the wonderful accommodations as well as the carrying capacity of Frontenac II, I wonder if we ever allow our minds to revert back to the days when we first knew her as the "Charlevois" which along with another smaller version, the "Saguenay" was purchased by the Ontario Government. The Charlevois was the boat that was sent to the Island while our Amherst Islander underwent inspection and repairs. I have recollections of when our boat crew had great difficulty in the handling of this boat and on one occasion, a horrendous amount of damage was done to the Island dock through incapable handling.

I do not know the circumstances of the decision to rebuild the Charlevois, but I do remember a public meeting when representatives from the Ministry of Transportation had a wonderful display of photographs of the process of reconstruction when the Charlevois was stripped down to the hull and completely rebuilt, and repaired. If I remember correctly at the cost of \$4 million.

This designing and construction was under the supervision and designing of a Scottish Naval Architect, who I had the pleasure of meeting when he was employed by the Welland drydocks in the Welland Canal where he was involved in designing new construction for the Scott Misener Steamship Co.

Leaving their employ, he joined an engineering firm, also in the Welland Canal where he supervised and

designed, the Frontenac II which we enjoy today.

My purpose in writing this is to tell of this man's death at the age of 78, on September 27th last. Another victim of cancer. How much we owe to his skills!

Wanted

Freda Youell is collecting Used stamps (incl. Cdn), used blankets, A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals..

Thank You Notes

Thank You Folks

Ted and Heather would like to thank each and everyone of you, who came to visit, brought flowers and cards and provided food and company while Heather was a patient in the hospital and her following recovery at home.

A special thanks goes out to Susan and Gary for all their help and encouragement.

Thank you.

Ted and Heather Welbanks

Do-It Yourself Hydro:

Generator tips for the months ahead

- Tom Richmond

(with help from Clinton Kilpatrick & Keith Miller)

Since the ice storm last January, many folks have purchased electric generators to run in case of another serious power outage. I know one that is still in the box, ten months after its purchase, in a garage: There may be many more generators like it on the island. Here is a list of things you should do to prepare your new or used generator for the next power outage.

1) Spare Parts! Right now, find out what type of spark plug and gas-line filter the engine of your generator takes. Go out this Week and purchase Two spares of each. During a major outage (like last January) these will be Sold Out, as they are the items everyone needs to keep their generator running. If you don't have a spark-plug gap tool, buy one. All these supplies will probably cost you a total of \$15. If you know how to order new points and a condenser for your engine, do it now while you have the time. Clinton says that a good place for parts is Air Cooled Engine Repairs on Terry Fox Drive (off Sir John A. near Rigney Building Supplies), but Canadian Tire will have many of these

parts too.

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2) Check the manual to see what kind of oil your engine takes and get a large 4 litre jug of oil. Next, poke around in your garage and find an empty oil jug or Javax container (to put your used oil into), and a funnel with a long neck for putting new oil into the engine. New Generators are shipped with No Oil in them, so they won't run "right out of the box". No matter what, check and change the oil regularly while running the engine during an outage, per the manufacturers specifications. Most of these small engines will use up some of their oil while running, and you will need to add a few teaspoons or so each time you shut down to refuel. Some engines have a sensor that will shut the engine off if the oil is low - others won't start if it is low. Don't count on this to save your engine - check the level yourself!

3) Buy a small container of gasoline stabilizer (such as "STA-BIL"). Read the instructions and use it. Keith Miller uses this in all his small engines and swears by the stuff.

4) When you get home, put all your spare parts in a marked box that you can store with your generator. If you scavenge from the box, replace the part ASAP for future use!

5) You should operate your generator once per month, for about 20-30 minutes. After it has been running for about 5 minutes, plug in a hair dryer or small electric heater to test the capability of the unit under load. When it comes time to finish the test, unplug the load about 3 to 5 minutes before shutting off the generator to allow it to cool down. If you don't run the generator regularly, nasty things will happen to the carburetor in the engine, and it won't run reliably for you when you Do n

reserve power needed for starting your shore well pump. (Forget running your electric hot water tank or electric kitchen range unless you have a separate generator for each of them.) Tom says get a new propane range if you are thinking of replacing your old electric stove - it will still work with the power off!

7) Unless you have a Very expensive generator (and we are talking over \$3500 here) you shouldn't plug your computer or really sensitive electronic equipment into it. Power from a common low-cost generator just isn't as clean and stable as the stuff Ontario Hydro is selling us (when it works!).

8) Don't do silly things with your generator.

a) Improper hookups to your house wiring can be a hazard to you, your family, your property, and the Hydro crews outside trying to fix the lines on the poles along the road. Your little generator can produce voltages 30 to 60 times that used in your household once it feeds back through the transformer outside, easily enough to kill an unsuspecting lineman. Use extension cords and keep the generator separate from the household wiring, or get an approved permanent hydro transfer switch installed.

b) Shut your generator off when refueling (get one with a big tank that will last 4-6 hours).

c) Run your generator outside, not in the back kitchen or garage. Clinton wants to remind us that exhaust vapors are odorless and Will kill you.

Best wishes for the winter season- I really hope you won't need to use your generator!

A Letter Home

So, we've still got the big boat, eh? That, I suppose, is some compensation for the dry shore wells. There has been so little rain this fall that the Lake is dropping like a stone. When the Township took out all of the logs on the dock, the Amherst Islander ramp sat only a few inches above the concrete sill. So, when a big truck goes off, that side of the boat goes down and the ramp hits the dock springing it up into the air. Even if the front wheels got off, the ramp would spring back up and whack the vehicle on the underside. It would have been really interesting getting the crushing equipment off the Island with the little boat.

The sheep are streaming weekly to market. It was a pretty decent year on several fronts.... plentiful grass, little harassment from coyotes, and prices, while more variable, are still okay.

We're out of room, so its time to go. Bye for now.

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Community Calendar

November 15 Overnight Parking Restrictions start and end March 31, 1999

November 19 Special Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 28 St Paul's Christmas Tea & Sale 1- 4 p.m. at the Community Centre

November 23 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

December 14 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

December 16 A.I.P.S. Presents "Somewhere There's An Island" 7:00 p.m.

December 16 Legion Branch 539 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Tom and Audrey Miller's

January 11 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 25 Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Proposed Coat of Arms, Flag and Badge For Loyalist Township

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Baby Sitting!

Shannon Youell

389-5596 Reference available.

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Computer Assistance
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Call Jan at 634-1995.

Dog Grooming Services in your home.
Call Sandi Topping at (613) 354-1569.

Firewood For Sale
Call: 389-4484.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
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Good Rates. Negotiable

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Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

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A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Pumps Of All Kinds
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Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

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Hairstyling for women, men, and children
Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079
Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4016.

Yard And/Or Garden Work
I am available for yard or garden work.
Call Penny Baxter at 389-1202

Wanted
A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
Napanee Animal Shelter
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

We Will Do Odd Jobs....
Snow removal, minor repairs, dog walking, firewood
stacking, etc.
Call Andy and Angela at 389-0210.

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

The Amherst Island Landfill Site

Hours Of Operation

Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Ferry Office Hours

Tuesday... Wednesday... Thursday...

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Glenn's Store.

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Beacon Notes

To all our readers, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Its been quite a year from the ice storm in January to the garden still growing (we had lettuce from the garden on December 15th).

We at the Beacon celebrate a milestone this month... the 250th issue. For those who don't remember or weren't around for the first issue, it was put out on Thursday, April 16th, 1970. Until its run ended on October 5th, 1971 (39th edition), it was put out twice

monthly.

On December 1, 1978, the Beacon was revived (starting over with issue #1). It was put out twice monthly for 10 months and then, was switched to the present monthly format. The October 1984 issue was significant because it was the last produced by Jack and Madeline Kerr. Production then moved to the Head where it remains today (with considerable assistance from Caroline and Leslie). And, let us not forget our many, many contributors over these two decades. So here we are 250 issues and twenty years later.... isn't that something?! The most amazing thing is that we've always managed to publish something.... it may not have been pretty, but we've never missed an issue!!

Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting
- Don Tubb

November 23, 1998 - 29th Session

Councillor Ashley was not present for this regular session of council but all other members of council were. There was the regular contingent of staff members plus 14 people in the audience and two reporters.

Before the meeting officially began at 7 p.m., Council presented a plaque to Gary Hollis who has retired from the OPP. The plaque was to recognize his service through Community Policing for Loyalist Township. And, a Heritage Recognition Certificate was presented by Robert Hammond to Council members in recognition of their (both present and past Councils) foresight in the establishment of the Parrott's Bay

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conservation area.

There were 5 delegations which lasted until about 8:20 p.m. Of these, there was one from the Limestone Public School Board represented by Helen Brown. She basically gave a report with no announcements but did mention that under-used rural schools were still under threat to be closed. This threat is delayed by a year due to the Province's funding changes.

The other delegation of interest was made by Jim Whitton who was representing the Bath/Amherst Island School Advisory Council. His topic was safety for school children getting to and from school. He had proposals for crossings and sidewalks plus some changes to the signs and speed limits which had been proposed by Officer Cosgrove of the OPP. Council took the proposals under advisement passing them on to staff

to see what could be done now and what would have to wait for funds to be made available. The sidewalk and crossings were mentioned in last month's Beacon. The recommendations from Officer Cosgrove include the following:

- reducing the speed limit in the village to 40 kph,
- extend this reduced speed zone south beyond the Municipal Garage, west about a 100m and east several hundred meters, and
- install stop lines and have a flashing red light over the intersection plus bring all signs up to current regulations.

If this doesn't work, there is one step short of banning vehicles in the village... we could go back to having a person with a red lamp walk in front of each vehicle. (Just kidding... byones.)

I was able to stay for a while longer but in that time, there was no Island specific items. Council did move ahead with signs for Amherst Drive but that will have to be re-visited in about 6 months to see what effect they are having. The proposal adopted was a first step which may require more extensive work and expense. The initial outlay is about \$7500 with the potential of another \$20,000+ being needed.

Council expanded the Parrot's Bay Conservation Area by adding some of its (the Township's) land to the west edge.

A No Smoking By-Law was passed which for us means the Library and Ferry Office complex and the Roads shed.

There was a discussion of the insurance tendering process in light of the Township receiving two bids. The insurance companies did not bid on the same set of criteria despite receiving the same documents so coverage for the Township will be re-tendered.

On August 25th, Councillor McEwen and MLA Gary Fox met with John Hastings (Parliamentary Assistant) re the Amherst Island ferry situation (among other concerns). Mr Hastings conveyed these comments to Tony Clement (Minister of Transportation). Promptly, 10 weeks later, the Township received a reply. The bottom line appears to be that the Province 'has no plans to change ferry subsidy levels, funding schedules or fares at this time'. And, there are no plans to revisit the business proposal process. Basically,

{Council Report will continue after the following two notices}

Loyalist Township
(623) 389-3393
FAX:(613) 389-0040

Please note that the Ferry Office will close on December 24th at 12:00 noon and on December 31st, 1998 at 12:00 noon.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season and healthy happy New Year.

Ida Gavlas, Ferry Clerk

Loyalist Township

Notice

By-law 98-20

Overnight Parking Restrictions

Parking on Township streets is prohibited between the hours of

12:00 Midnight - 7:00 A.M.

November 15, 1998 - March 31, 1999

so snow removal can be accomplished. This ban will be enforced during this time period and fines will be issued to vehicles found in violations of By-law 98-20 as amended.

The penalty of \$20.00 per offence.
Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO
Deputy Clerk

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things will stay as they are but the government will listen to proposals from the islands.

Thirtieth Session

November 26, 1998

On November 26th Council met again in Special session. This reporter was not present but the minutes were included in the information package of the 31st Session. All members of Council were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Bath Hydro. Of the several items passed, the one that stands out is that Council will obtain a legal opinion 'with regard to the status of Bath Hydro and the Township's responsibility'.

Thirty-first Session

December 14, 1998

All members of Council were present for this meeting along with roughly 10 members of the interested public, the usual staff members and 4 reporters.

After the usual preliminaries, two delegations were heard from:

- The Honorable W.J. Henderson talked about work he would like to do to Speers Blvd. Any discussion or

decision on this was deferred until the Administration meeting to be held the next day.

- Staff Sergeant Gary MacPherson of the OPP gave his monthly update on policing issues. While the numbers for the categories provided go up and down compared to last November, there seems to be no major pattern of increase or decrease in crime.

The main item of the night was a year end report by the Reeve and Council. Reeve Gilmore read a three page report and the other Council members, in turn, gave short verbal impressions of the year past and the year ahead.

Reeve Gilmore's report started with the ice storm and how the community responded. He, once again, thanked all who helped out during the emergency. He listed a number of accomplishments by Council:

- a modest 3.28% increase in the budget despite down loading and dictated spending cuts;
- a re-organization of the staff and departments from three municipalities into one;
- quite a number of construction projects completed or begun this year including the micro-filtration water plant;
- purchasing an emergency vehicle for the Amherst Island Fire Station, and a new tandem dump truck;
- taking over the ferry docks and receiving cash to help maintain them in the future.

Reeve Gilmore also touted the Township's favourable tax rates compared to other Eastern Ontario municipalities. And, he pointed out that industrial and residential development continue in the Township with 51 residential units, a new grocery store, a renovation at the cement plant, and the first phase of an expansion for Bombardier all begun this year.

Reeve Gilmore would like to see a history of Amherst Island begun next year to compliment the ones already done for Bath and Ernestown. This project will be supported in the next budget.

He also noted that Council is committed to resolving the policing issue by working towards a contract with the OPP.

Other Council members touched on other points like cementing the amalgamation by working for the municipality as a whole, continuing to work creatively to meet the challenges coming down the road, and praising other Council members and staff for their patience during the past year.

Council then blew through the agenda but there did not seem to be any Island specific items that need to be reported shows any different, it will be reported.

Senior Outreach Services
Frozen Dinners

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

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The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Congratulations this month to Alex and Debbie Scott, who welcomed their first child into the world on November 26. Rachel Erin weighed in at 7 lb 14 oz. She is the first grandchild for Dr. Alex and Janet Scott and another for Syke Fleming. Also another great-grandchild for Ernest Fleming and Pete Wittiveen.

Congratulations also to Ray and Zelma Koenders, who became great-grandparents for the first time on November 25, when grand-daughter Celine and husband Stephen Small had their daughter Shawna. Also to Henry and Anna Hitchins who welcomed another great-grandchild (a boy) when grand-daughter Cheryl and her husband had their first child recently.

Best wishes to Garnet McDonald, who recently celebrated his 80th Birthday with family and friends at his daughter's in Kingston. Also to Bill and Helen Bulch who recently celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Condolences this month to Eric and Ted Welbanks and families following the death of their mother Nessie Welbanks. Also to Cora McGinn, Hazel deHann, Susan McGinn and Bob Gibson after the passing of their brother Fred. And finally to Ted Welbanks and Susan Sedore and families after their wife and sister passed away this week at home on the island. Get well wishes go out to Henry Hitchins, who is recovering in hospital from a heart attack.

Congratulations to the A.I.P.S. senior class girls volleyball team, who made it to the semi finals in a tournament at NDSS this month.

St. Paul's annual Tea and Sale was held in late November and was, as usual, well attended.

The Women's Institute also held their annual Senior's Christmas party recently. Following a turkey dinner, the guests were entertained by acappella singers.

The Community Sunday School held their nativity pageant on Sunday, December 13. The students, staff and volunteers of A.I.P.S. have been working feverishly this month on their school play. "Somewhere There's an Island" was held on December 16. The play and words to some of the songs had been written by the students. If you missed the play, you missed a great evening of fun and music and Island history! Great work kids!!

School will soon be out for the holidays, last minute shoppers will fill the boat, family will be arriving on the Island and others will be leaving for points unknown,

and still NO sign of snow!! I would like to take this chance to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Happy Holidays!!

Happy Second Anniversary Kitten

Forty more to come.

Love Bob

{the following is a non-graphic representation of a genealogical chart}

Ancestors of Frederick Hugh Gibson

Frederick Hugh Gibson {father/mother: John Andrew "Andy" Gibson / Myrtle May Dushane}

John Andrew "Andy" Gibson {father/mother: John Andrew Gibson, Sr / Grace Denee}

Myrtle May Dushane {no data shown}

John Andrew Gibson, Sr {no data shown}

Grace Denee {father/mother: John "Jack" Denee / Mary Jane Bailey}

John "Jack" Denee {father/mother: Thomas Denee / Jane McMullen}

Mary Jane Bailey {father/mother: Robert Bailey / Ann Jane ???}

Thomas Denee {father/mother: Antoine Denee, Sr / Catherine Asselstine}

Jane McMullen {father/mother: Alexander McMullen / Jane Houston}

Robert Bailey {no data shown}

Ann Jane ??? {no data shown}

Antoine Denee, Sr {no data shown}

Catherine Asselstine {no data shown}

Alexander McMullen {no data shown}

Jane Houston {no data shown}

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May your holiday season be happy, satisfying and safe.

It's time for gatherings of families, friends, neighbours. Chances are you'll exchange greetings with one of us - the people who provide your insurance protection. You know us as a local company, owned by our policy-holders - your friends and neighbours.

The Best of the Season from all of us to all of you!

From the Directors and Staff of the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company

A Member Of The Ontario Mutual Insurance Association

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jackie Sylvester

Our November meeting met at the home of Nancy Henshaw and members had diverse answers to our Roll Call of "Your Favourite Park" from Forillon (origin "Ferry Land") in the Gaspé, Banff National Park, Springside Park in Napanee, and the Museum Park in Ottawa (where Tom Miller proposed to Audrey). Later, we saw Peter Trueman's documentary on Ellesmere Island, one of his most fascinating films I've seen. The stunning beauty and the potential dangers of the far North are almost incomprehensible.

We held our Seniors Christmas Dinner December 5th at the Community Centre. With the weather we have had lately, it was rather hard to get in the spirit of Christmas, but thanks to everyone we all had a good start to the festive season. Entertainment at the dinner was provided by the Men's Harmony Singers, a group of seven who sang acappella, a highlight of which was singing Happy Birthday to Garnet McDonald and Alicia Wolfreys (a 4-H member). Our A.I.W.I. members would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539, the Burleigh Lodge L.O.L. No. 482, and the seniors who made donations for their support. The kitchen staff were tremendously thankful for the able help of Karen Fleming (who also supplied and decorated the Christmas tree), Debbie Miller, Val Wolfreys, and Dorothy McGinn. We all enjoyed having the 4-H members and Susie Caughey who set up the tables, served the meal, and cleared the tables with such enthusiasm. Tom Miller deserves a special mention for the tremendous help with putting away the tables and chairs. Thank you all, to our members who put in such an effort, and especially to all the seniors who joined us in this celebration.

Our Christmas meeting was held at the home of Anna Hitchins where we always look forward to singing carols with Cathy Glenn at the piano. At this time of the year seniors might want to consider ordering some SOS frozen meals - convenient and delicious. Single entrees are \$3.50 or buy 7 for \$22.00. There are over 25 different meal choices. Call Freda Youell, 384-4135, for an order form and the monthly ordering dates (next order Jan. 21st).

Our January meeting is being held at the home of Helen Miller, January 20th at 1:30 p.m. Our guest will be Cherry Allen speaking on spinning. Members are to bring a handmade craft to the meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

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Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

Our Legion Christmas gathering was held on December 10. Tom and Audrey Miller were our gracious hosts for our annual Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. On behalf of everyone at Branch 539 I would like to thank Tom and Audrey for inviting us into their home, after we all shared a delicious meal, we retired downstairs for the meeting.

Just a couple of things to report this month with the first being a Euchre tournament being held at Branch #9, 2nd floor, 64 Barrack Street in Kingston. The dates for the tournaments are as follows: Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, April 13, May 1, and June 5. The cost is \$10 per person, registration time is 12:00 noon at the Nevada Booth, Office or Bar and play starts at 1:00 pm. If you'd like to reserve tickets early, send your entry along with a cheque payable to: Arlene Beaubien, 64 Barrack St., P.O. Box 631, Kingston, ON or phone 548-7205.

The following phone scam has been brought to the Legion's attention and has been confirmed by Bell Telephone. A SCAM artist will call you and state that they are an AT&T or Bell Canada technician and they are conducting a line test, they need you to touch Nine (9), Zero (0) and then the pound sign (#) and then hang up the phone. Bell has confirmed that by pushing 90#, you then in turn give the caller full access to your phone line, which in turn allows them to place long distance calls that will be charged to your phone bill. So please beware.

Our next meeting will be held on January 7 at 8 pm at Tom and Audrey Miller's home. New members are always welcome so please feel free to join us.

From all of us at Branch 539, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best of wishes for the coming year ahead.

Amherst Island General Store and Bath Foodland
389-0417

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Letters To The Beacon

The Ferries in Texas Are Free, Too!

- Hans Krauklis in Aijijic, Mexico

Maybe someone should let Queen's Park know that even in that bastion of conservatism and free enterprise, the great State of Texas, the ferries are free. Having traveled with our motor home through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and then along the marvellous Natchez Trace Parkway through Mississippi in beautiful fall weather, we finally reached the Gulf Coast south-east of Houston, Texas.

We like to avoid large cities like Houston, so we drove along the Bolivar Peninsula south of that metropolis. At the end of the peninsula, a large, free car ferry brought us across the entrance of Galveston Bay to the city of Galveston. The ferry run takes about 15 minutes, similar to the A.I. ferry, but is - of course roll on/roll off and runs 24 hours a day. Bully for Governor George Bush, Jr.!

We stayed on the beach at Galveston for a few nights, but the Gulf of Mexico gets blustery at this time of year. So we continued south in our quest for warm weather. We visited the large Aransas Bird Refuge, home of the

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remaining Whooping Cranes that commute between here and Wood Buffalo National Park in the NWT. Returning to the coast north of Corpus Christie, we had to take another ferry - free of course - between Aransas Pass and Port Aransas.

Our last night in Texas found us on the Rio Grand in Falcon State Park, another birdwatcher's paradise. Then into Mexico. Driving for hundred of kilometres on a narrow road that stretched straight to the horizon across cacti-studded plains, we reached the old silver city of Zacatecas, breathing the rarefied air at 2.5 km (8,000 feet) above sea level. The old buildings are lovingly maintained. The town's premier hotel is built around the (abandoned) second-oldest bull ring in the Americas, with the old bull pens now serving as alcoves of the hotel bar. We also visited the old Eden silver mine, hewn out of a mountain over centuries by Indian slave labour.

We arrived in Aijijic just in time for the annual two week long fiesta of San Andreas, the local patron saint. The town of Aijijic on the shores of Lake Chapala is a

haven for Gringos, especially thousands of Canadians who have settled here to enjoy what is called by the real estate agents "the world's best climate." But we will continue to the coast. Perhaps more later.

[Staff: The following is an e-mail from Gary Droppo at Dupont about last month's article on generators by Tom Richmond et al.]

Thank you for permission to "broadcast" your article to the 2000 employees at DuPont Kingston's Site. Already, I am receiving some comments indicating that some folks find it useful and timely! I prefaced the article with the following paragraph:

The following article appeared in the Amherst Island Beacon and is being forwarded with their permission. (The 400 or so full-time residents are well aware that services like electricity are not always to be taken for granted!)

Island History

Emerald

- A. Bruce Caughey

I enclose herewith a picture which shows the original Emerald Store, which was destroyed by fire on May 5th, 1921, when operated by Henry McGinn.

The original store was built by Reginald Fowler (Henry Hitchin's Grandfather). I have no record of how long it was operated by Fowler, but I understand from Mrs Estella Sharp that her father, Reginald Instant who was a graduate of Queen's University in civil engineering, following his graduation he spent two years in mining exploration in the north, then returned to his native Amherst Island with his wife Molle (nee Chown) and purchased the store.

The origin of this picture is a post card, which Mable Instant took with her camera and which they offered for sale in the store. When one of these cards came in to my possession, I found that it was so dark that it did not show much so I took it to Camera Kingston who recommended Cornacchia, a firm which specialized in the restoration of photographs. This picture is the result of their skills and in which you can recognize a horse and buggy with a person standing beside it. To the west of the store is a shed, used in connection with the operation of the store which was later purchased by Norman Wemp who transformed it into a very comfortable residence, which he first of all rented to Mrs Alex Reid, who moved there, following the death of her husband, Alex in 1926 and the sale of their 50 acre farm to Mr and Mrs Gordon Reid on the 2nd Concession. There was a shed directly across the road from this building, which was part of the property

and which, for a short period of time Wemp and his son Arthur did custom grinding with a Vessott grinder purchased from the grist mill in Stella and driven by a used tractor which Wemp had purchased. This did not prove to be a very profitable venture and Wemp and his son reverted to what Wemp knew best, Commercial Fishing. Farther to the west, a higher building is Edward McMullin's horse stable, with upper portion being a hay mow, the lower part a horse stable, housing McMullin's team of horses with which he made a living, hauling gravel for road jobs in the summer. He owned the first

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hay press on the Island with which he baled hay for farmers, who had an excess of crop from the previous harvest and which was disposed of to Kingston Markets to which it was transported by scow in the navigation season or by team and sleigh during the winter months.

In the winter months, when the ice had gained sufficient thickness, McMullin was engaged in filling ice houses of which there were a large number in use, extending from a fishing village at "Bluff" to Bath and a large number in the village of Stella, including the Emerald cheese factory and the Stella factory where the ice was used to keep the "curing" room at the proper temperature.

Before the introduction of power ice saw equipment, McMullin owned an ice plough, drawn by one horse which did much to eliminate the laborious task of cutting the cakes of ice with a hand powered ice saw.

In addition to this McMullin usually found time in the spring of the year to assist his son-in-law Robert Reid with the spring planting.

Edward McMullin's house is scarcely discernable beyond the stable and the large tree still stands on the Warren Kilpatrick property.

Directly across from the store was a set of Township owned weigh scales, for which a small fee was charged for the weighing of cattle, hogs, or in the fall, wagon loads of grain, which was a part of the operation.

Emerald store provided a great gathering point for the younger men of that generation in the evenings. It was from there that in answer to a telephone call from the Sandwith family in the village of Stella in Dec 1907 that a group of four young men: Robert McFern, Earnest Instant (Reginald's brother) who worked in the store during the winter months and in summer was a sailor on the "Bay Boats", Charles Gibson and George Coke set out across the dangerously thin ice to get a doctor. They had almost reached the mainland shore, near the Charles Hudson residence (now highway 33) when they went through with the result that Charles

Gibson drowned as well as Instant, while Robert McFern who owned the Bronco that was attached to the cutter was able to get out of the icy water to watch the Bronco perish. Cooke was also able to get out of the water and history tells that he crawled over the ice, in the direction of a light, in the Fowler residence, where a party was in progress and where he was taken in and received careful attention allowing him to survive. I expect McFern was taken to shore on the mainland where he also survived to live for many more years. Gibson's body was recovered soon after, but it was several days before Instant's body was recovered, through the use of grappling irons, constructed by the Emerald Blacksmith of the time and which saw use in several tragedies. By the way, the Sandwith baby didn't arrive for several weeks after this tragedy. (Dr. Harley Smythe's mother, Constance.)

Further about this picture, in the upper right hand corner is another shed, the use of which was jointly shared by the members of the Christ Church who attended services on Sundays and on week days by the patrons of the Emerald store.

This building deteriorated, through lack of maintenance to the point, that it was about to fall down, likely through the need of replacement of the wooden shingled roof. A campaign which sought financial assistance (I remember my father contributing to this because our milk went to the Emerald Cheese Factory and he put his team in the shed, while he made purchases in the store, which is still visible today as you drive through Emerald.

The Emerald store pictured here was also the location of the Emerald Post Office, which I suppose terminated with the destruction of the store by fire. I distinctly remember going with my father the morning following the fire in our 1918 Model T Ford touring car. Smoke was still rising from the ruins and I remember the large Taylor safe which had been rolled out of the office in the south east corner of the building and which I always understood the contents of which had suffered no damage from this fire.

{the article will continue after the following ad}

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It was always a mystery as to how the fire had started, but it had started up-stairs in the building, probably from faulty stove pipes. With no fire-fighting equipment in those days, it was fortunate that whatever wind there was must have been out of the west or the rest of Emerald would have been wiped out.

Henry McGinn did not let the fire hamper his business for very long, as he partitioned off a portion of the grain house and I am sure the wholesale firms in Kingston with which he dealt were quick to provide him with new stock. I remember having been in these premises and McGinn must have made a quick decision to re-build (the Dennis McGinn home) in close proximity to his farm, on the north side of the road with the store-front facing to the road. He also constructed an open front shed, just east of the store to accommodate the horses and vehicles of customers coming to the store. I have no accurate record of how long McGinn operated before selling it to W.A. Kilpatrick, who made the decision to move the store to its present location, where it has now become a garage. I do know that Kilpatrick and his wife Leith were married in 1923 and they lived in the McCrimmon house, before they built their new home, presently owned by Warren Kilpatrick and his wife. I think the present store was moved down the ice in the winter of 1924 by two teams of horses owned by Edward McMullin and Arthur Drumgoole under supervision of Joseph McFern, taken off the ice, to its present location where the cement bridge stands and placed on a suitable location there.

On the day that the store burned, with the fire in the upper story, a quantity of drygoods which were on the counter at the west side of the store were salvaged. One of these was a linen tablecloth, which Nessie Drumgoole used for many years, other items might be shirts, overalls, etc., and likely groceries from the east counter.

Henry McGinn had an ability as a storekeeper and during the war years, when Leslie Glenn was overseas he and his son Angus operated the store in the present "Glenn's Store" for a period of time.

Another story I might recount, following the rebuilding of the shed, which was covered with steel roofing and which had no grounding. On a morning when George Corke had put his team in the shed, while he made purchases in the store (Corke was farming on

the Hamilton farm on the second concession and drew his own milk to the factory.) A severe electrical storm developed and a bolt of lightning struck the shed, killing one of Corke's horses and crippling the other horse in the team. A loss that Corke could ill afford to suffer.

In the store picture you will be able to read the name Wm McGinness, Undertaker, and below that James Reid the predecessors of the present funeral home in Kingston, who McGinness must have represented.

{the article will continue after the following chart represented here in non-graphic form}

Ancestors of Nessie Eleanor Glenn

Nessie Eleanor Glenn {father/mother: Thomas Alexander Glenn / Lillian McFern}
Thomas Alexander Glenn {father/mother: William Glenn / Rachel McCormick}
Lillian McFern {father/mother: Joseph McFern / Rose Jane McCormick}
William Glenn {father/mother: Samuel Glenn / Rose Ann Farley}
Rachel McCormick {no data shown}
Joseph McFern {no data shown}
Rose Jane McCormick {father/mother: John McCormick / Eliza Jane??}
Samuel Glenn {father/mother: Robert Glenn / Nessie Johnston}
Rose Ann Farley {no data shown}
John McCormick {father/mother: John McCormick / Rose Quinn}
Eliza Jane?? {no data shown}
Robert Glenn {no data shown}
Nessie Johnston {no data shown}
John McCormick {no data shown}
Rose Quinn {no data shown}

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I must close this long contribution to your columns with telling you that I have the negative of this picture of "Downtown Emerald" and I have given copies to several people that I knew were interested.

Thank You Notes

Thank You

We wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many calls, cards, flowers and food sent to us over the last few weeks. Your kindness to our mother has been truly appreciated.

The Welbanks Family

Many Thanks

Our sincere thanks to all who called or visited us when Tom had his eye operations. Also for the cards and calls and goodies when my sister Sadie passed away. Out thanks to Debbie, Karen, Phil and Dave and families for their love and support.

Tom and Audrey Miller

Thank-you

I would like to send out a heartfelt Thank-You to all three churches here on Amherst Island for all the support given to the letter campaign to eliminate child poverty in Canada. After all, poverty knows no race, creed, colour, or religion. It affects far too many of our children. Every child in Canada deserves a fair chance in life. An investment in Canada's children is an investment in our own country's future. So thanks again, it felt great to join together with all of you in this humanitarian effort.

Sincerely,

Laurene Kilpatrick

Thank-you

On behalf of Gary and Joanne and Dave and myself we would like to thank everyone for coming by the store on November 28 and supporting us in our new venture. Thank-you all for your kind words and best wishes, it was truly heartfelt. It was really a wonderful day. We look forward to serving you in the future and for your continued support. If you have any suggestions for certain items you would like to see carried in the store, please feel free to give us some suggestions. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year ahead.

Thank-You once again to all of you from all of us at The Amherst Island General Store

On behalf of the Cat's Meow and the Napanee Animal Shelter I would like to say a big Thank-You for all the help I have received - the response and quality of your donations has been exception and very much appreciated. I shall continue to ask for your support in the coming year and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and new year of happiness and peace.

Freda Youell

Obituary

Welbanks, Nessie

(Whig Dec 1/98)

At the Kingston General Hospital on Monday, November 30, 1998. Nessie (nee Glenn), in her 89th year, beloved wife of the late Francis Welbanks. Dear mother of Eric (Linda) Welbanks of Nicholson's Pt. and Ted (Heather) Welbanks of Amherst Island and the late Glenn Welbanks. Predeceased by brothers Harry and Bert Glenn. Survived by two sisters-in-law Chris Gregg and Noreen Welbanks. Lovingly remembered by grandchildren John, Susanne, Rick, Cheryl and Shawn and one great grandson Alec.

Related To Nessie

A. Bruce Caughey 2nd cousin

Helen (Marshall) Caughey 2nd cousin

Harry Filson 2nd cousin

Hugh Filson 3rd cousin 3 times removed

Wayne Fleming 2nd cousin twice removed

Bob Gibson 2nd cousin once removed

Allan Glenn nephew

Annette (Glenn) Philips 2nd cousin once removed & 3rd cousin twice removed

Anna (Glenn) Hitchins 1st cousin

Kerry Hogeboom 2nd cousin once removed

Tyler Hutchings 2nd cousin twice removed

Bonnie Marshall 2nd cousin twice removed

Federick McCormick 1st cousin once removed

Russell McGinn 2nd cousin once removed

Keith Miller 2nd cousin once removed

Donna (Strain) Willard 1st cousin once removed

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Welbanks, Heather (nee Sedore)

(Whig Dec 15, 98)

Peacefully at home on December 12, 1998, in her 50th year. Loving wife of Ted, Amherst Island. Dear mother of John (Karrie-Anne), Toronto; and Rick (Laura), Bath. Grandmother of Alec. Daughter of John Sedore, Flinton; and the late Nadine Ryder. Predeceased by her mother and father-in-law Nessie and Francis Welbanks. Dear sister of Wayne Sedore (Marion), Napanee; Susan Sedore (Garry), Amherst Island; Judy Frasch (Brian) Napanee; and Janet Pollard (Duane) Selby. Dear sister-in-law of Eric Welbanks (Linda) Nicholson's Point. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews.

Well Wishes

- Thomas Sylvester

Our island is immersed in discussion of the lake level and everyone has opinions. Yes, the lake is low, lower than we have seen in thirty-four years. However, I have found the subject far from clear and our memories quite forgetful. No one contests that the lake comes up in the spring and drops in the fall. The last six years the lake lows have been above average - Have we forgotten "average."

How low could the water go? It has bottomed lower than last month, seven of the last forty winters (lake level regulation started in 1958). While the level has hit bottom by the end of December in 51% of these forty years, the exceptional years prove to be more alarming. Six of those seven lower years the lake has continued to recede until the end of January, even March.

The lowest monthly average since lake level regulation has been January 1965 at 73.83 m, that's a further drop of 51 cm (or about the height of Ida Gavlas's knees!). So the lake could easily continue to plummet based on previous records.

Now, there is grounds for optimism. The last comparable low was 1991 merely 2cm above last month (that's the height of Ida's big toe). What gives if your well was okay that winter? I suspect Zebra Muscles (*Painus gianticus*) have reduced water inflow into the wells. Or perhaps we have been complacent with the recent higher levels and raised our peak demands. Aren't we all rushing harder to get the same amount done?

If you are considering fixing your well, I recommend designing for lower water levels than you can remember. Second, recognize that zebra muscles are slow-filtering your water and let your water-use match their pace.

Months that the Lake Ontario water level average dropped below November (74.34 m), and their bottom

1958-59	Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb...	Jan 74.16 m
1959-60	Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec...	Nov 74.22 m
1960-61	Jan, Feb...	Feb 74.23 m
1961-62	Jan, Feb, Mar...	Feb 74.27 m
1962-63	Feb, Mar...	Mar 74.31 m
1963-64	Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr...	Feb, Mar 74.02 m
1964-65	Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr...	Jan 73.83 m

A Letter Home

As we approach the end of the year, we can only stare in amazement at the patch of lettuce (3 kinds) still growing in the garden. When will the growing season end?

The farm is going through the last bit of work before the winter sets in. The rams have gone in so next year's lambs are on their way. Soon, the sheep will be re-grouped for the winter and then things can slow down a

bit.

It continues to be very dry. The lake must still be dropping but with so much shore already showing, it isn't very noticeable. I went down to the Stella dock to see what there was to see. The bottom was visible off the north east corner which was a big surprise. I took a quick measurement and found about 13' of water which was a lot more than I figured there would be.

In other news, the crusher is finally done and is departing for another couple of years. When it came on the Island quite some time ago, there was no problem with the ramps but I think that they had to lower them one notch to get the equipment off.

I guess its about time to sign off for the year so we all, at the farm, wish you a happy and safe holiday season. Perhaps by next month we will have some snow. Its getting a lot less likely that the Channel will freeze next month with all of this warm weather. This is good because the Wolfe Islander will also be running free of ice jams.

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Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts
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Wanted

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4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the
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Beacon Notes

We hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season. We did, thank you very much.

Above my computer there's a quote which is relevant for this January but you have to substitute 'snow' for 'dew'....

'The dew has clearly fallen with a particularly sickening thud this morning.'

[from the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy].

Talk about snow.... falling, blowing, falling some more, blowing some more. The road crew has done an excellent job keeping the roads open so far. Hopefully, there will be a break in the storms so they can get one too. The channel is freezing as I type this so for the north shore, the drifting snow may get worse before it gets better.

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

January 11, 1999

With nearly a month since the last meeting, my expectation was for a big agenda. It was a pleasant surprise to find a pretty normal sized one.

All Council members were present for this the second session of Council this year (there was a special meeting on January 4th). The audience was about average in size (say 10-15 people) and there were 4 reporters in attendance.

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As usual. Staff Sergeant McPherson of the OPP gave his report on incidents in the Township. This showed surprising variations in some categories like break and enters from this year to last but the total incidents was about the same. Just what this means is anyone's guess.

A representative of the Bath Rate Payers Association gave a presentation concerning the Bath Municipal office. It looks like there have been rumours that it will be closed but Reeve Gilmore said no decision had been made and went on to give his (and Council's) assurance that it will remain open with some department working out of it.

Kelly Heineman was the last delegation. He made a short presentation about Bath Hydro. He wanted Council to consult the users before making any decisions about it. And, Mr Heineman gave some advice to Council members concerning conflict of interest. This could be boiled down to... when in doubt, declare a conflict and leave the room. [This business of conflicts of interest is apparently a developing situation for this Council. The line seems fuzzy so Councillor McEwen will be consulting his solicitor in an attempt to see if he had a conflict during a previous meeting. I have no other details but no other Council member made any comment.]

Council then proceeded with the Reports with the Recreation Department up first. Most of this concerned the Fairfield House which needs some work (a consultant guesstimate about 580,000). More

assessment is needed to explore further for hidden faults. And, Council continues to try and figure 'out just how to develop this property. No major decisions were made but some money was made available for consultants.

In other heritage news, Council received a report on the Ernestown Railway Station. The report recommended no action be taken on a re-zoning application because Canadian National has abandoned it. So, the station remains in CN's hands. They do not want any sort of residential or commercial use of it due to its proximity to the rail lines it seems. Several years ago, the Ernestown council declined to have CN transfer the property to the municipality due to repair and upkeep costs. Council did pass a by-law to designate the station an architectural and historical property.

The report for the Capital Budget meeting (Jan 4th) had many items but there was one Island specific issue. The minutes said that there was a 'lengthy discussion regarding the shore roads'. And it said 'that an amount has been identified for shore work and the department heads will be exploring various options'. There was no further information in the minutes.

In an Administration Committee meeting (December 15, 1998) the following traffic improvements were approved for Amherst Island:

- painted crosswalks and stop bars at the Stella crossroads,
 - reduce speed in the school and playground area from 50 to 40 km/h,
- ***

{Council Report will continue after the following notice}

Loyalist Township Amherst Island Heritage Project

Reeve Paul Gilmore is calling on local history enthusiasts to form a committee to gather written and visual material for publication of an Amherst Island history book.

If you are interested, please call 386-7351 extension 107

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- extra signage in some locations ('reduced speed zone ahead'). The Committee deferred consideration of a sidewalk until capital budget discussions. Staff will discuss a Community Safety Zone with both the OPP and the Amherst Island School Advisory Committee.

This is a zone where fines are substantially increased (three times the normal fines plus increased other costs).

In other news:

- there have been some changes in the Building Permit fees (increases of course);
- total value of construction listed on building permits for 1998 was \$10,854,788 with fees collected being \$101,853.60. There were 48 residential buildings built, 23 non-residential (commercial / industrial / institutional), 8 farm buildings, and 96 additions or renovations. The total number of visits by the building inspectors was 1,540.

I did not stay for the end of the meeting so if something shows up in the minutes, it will be mentioned in the next report. Council was down to announcements and inquiries which is pretty much the end of the open session.

Loyalist Township Notice By-Law 98-20 Overnight Parking Restrictions

Parking on Township streets is prohibited between the hours of

12:00 Midnight - 7:00 A.M.

November 15, 1998 - March 31, 1999

so snow removal can be accomplished. This ban will be enforced during this time period and fines will be issued to vehicles found in violations of By-law 98-20 as amended.

The penalty of \$20.00 per offence.

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO
Deputy Clerk

The Neighbourhood - Lyn Fleming

The community carol service was held this year at St. Bartholomews Catholic Church at Emerald. Young and old alike sang carols and were entertained by the ecumenical choir (directed by Cathy Glenn) and enjoyed the evening with family, friends and neighbours.

A good time was had by all who attended the A.I. Rec. Association's New Year's celebrations. The catered, roast sirloin dinner was followed by music and entertainment, and party favours and champagne at midnight.

Jim, Lynann and Ben Whitton spent the holidays in Australia with Lynann's family. They were in for a rude awakening when they left the sunshine and beaches behind to return to a foot or two of snow!! Ardis Shurtliff retired from driving one of the island school

buses just before Christmas. She then headed south, to Florida to visit her mother for a month.

Paul and Nancy Henshaw also spent some time in Florida this month. It was nice to see John and Alana Schram back on Canadian soil (from Africa) for a quick visit over the holidays. Belated congratulations also to John and Alana, on the birth of their first grandchild (a girl) earlier this fall in Toronto.

Congratulations to Christine Gregg, who celebrated her 80th birthday this month at a surprise party with family and friends at St. Paul's hall. Get well wishes to Bruce Caughey (Sr.) who is on the mend after starting the new year with a trip to the hospital, and also to Henry Hitchins.

Condolences to the following families;

To Tom and Jackie Sylvester and family following the death of Tom's dad, Jack; to Earl and Tony Tugwell and families after their sister, Gladys Martin passed away; to Janet Grace and family after the passing of her father, Syl Apps; and to Nick McGinn and Susan McGinn and families following the death of their mother and daughter, Grace McGinn.

Kudos this month to the Amherst Island Road crew and to Noel McCormick who have all plowed snow almost non-stop for nearly 2 weeks straight!! Even on the worst days, the roads were always passable. Noel has worked day and night to keep driveways open from one end of the Island to the other. As I write this, the forecast is for 30 - 40 more centimetres of the "white stuff" over the next two days, with some freezing rain thrown in, just to make it interesting!!

Finally, Ida says "Tom Sylvester has a new, close-up

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method for checking the water levels on the south shore, without using his knees and toes". I am glad to report that Tom and Jackie survived their "trip over the bank" in one piece, as did their car!

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- Laurie Youell

Our regular meeting for January was cancelled due to the weather, leaving me with little to report this month. Our next meeting will be February 4th at 8 pm

at Tom and Audrey Miller's home.

I came upon an interesting little bit of information about the National War Memorial in Ottawa and how it came to be. It was designed by an Englishman by the name of Vernon Marsh. In 1925 Marsh had entered an international competition which was conducted by the Canadian Government. His design had been selected from 122 entries received. He had no formal training in art or sculpture. Along with his six brothers and one sister, Elsie, they had made the memorial's components in a garden in Kent, England. After the death of Marsh in 1930, his brothers and sister continued to work on the project, eventually completing the work in 1932.

Originally the Memorial was displayed in Hyde Park, London, where it received great acclaim from the public. A few minor changes had to be made before it was finally delivered to Canada in 1937. In order to accommodate the massive sculpture it was broken down into component parts and shipped in 35 containers for the voyage from England to Canada. In 1939 before a crowd of over 100,000 people, the National War Memorial was unveiled in Ottawa by George VI and Canada's National Remembrance Day services have been held at this site ever since.

The Memorial is in the form of a granite arch, atop which stand huge bronze figures that represent Victory and Liberty. 22 figures representing all of the branches of the armed forces that had served in the first World War are shown marching through the arch. Their faces are ever hopeful and they leave behind a symbolic unlimbered canon.

Somewhere There Is An Island

- Leslie Gavlas

The Amherst Island Public School presented their Annual Show on December 16th, 1998, to a large and very appreciative audience.

The theme of the performance was a short historical outline of Amherst Island. The evening opened with a choral singing by all the students. This was very well done. Some of the songs had been written for the occasion, and were delightful.

A skit, featuring a remarkable bottomless canoe, introduced an Indian and a French scene. The primary choir sang in French, and then danced to a French song. This was done with precision, and showed careful preparation.

A number of skits followed which introduced us to some of the names and some of the events of historical importance. One highlight was the card game during which the Island changed hands. Subsequently, as is well known, many Irish immigrants came to the Island, whose descendants are still among us. These

immigrants did a country dance with much enthusiasm.

Another interesting skit involved Grandma (Brent McGinn) telling bedtime stories to her grandchildren. Then the Kindergarten children, dressed as Teddy Bears, joined the other students on the stage, and these were a big hit. The program closed with the Island theme song, "Free to be..... You and Me".

It is difficult to name names, but Ashley McGinn, as Narrator, did a fine job. The entire cast, as well as the adults who helped them, are to be congratulated for a splendid performance.

Amherst Island Emergency Services...

Where Are We Now??

- Lynann Whitton

[Staff: This was submitted last month but with a full issue, we delayed this for January.]

Most of you are aware of the dramatic changes in municipal restructuring that have taken place over the last year. Well, our emergency service structure has also changed significantly. What was our old fire department and EFR

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team is now combined with the mainland fire departments in Loyalist Township to form the Loyalist Township Emergency Services (LTES). LTES has a total of 4 fire stations - located in Odessa, Bath, Amherstview and Amherst Island. Our Fire Chief is Wayne Calver, Deputy Chief Arnold Hare, and Training Officer Fred Stephenson. Chief Calver and Training Officer Stephenson are the only full-time fire department employees and have offices at the Odessa Fire Station. There are a number of captains at each station, so the executive structure looks like:

Fire Chief: Wayne Calver

Deputy Chief: Arnold Hare

Assistant Chief: Walter Tompkins

Training Officer: Fred Stephenson

Fire Prevention Officer: Peter Field

Captains are:

Odessa Station

Roddy Todd

Reg Emmons

Gary Miller

Gord Walsh

John Wilson

Amherstview Station

Frank Hoffman

Bill Barry

Ernie Nielson

Derrick Ethridge

Amherst Island Station

David Fleming

Alex Scott Jr.

Dick Shurtleff

Lynann Whitton EFR

Bath Station

Robert Ayres

Kym Fairfax

So what has the change meant for Amherst Island? Significant improvements, that's what!! Being attached to a much larger department has meant much better equipment - our old pumper truck had some serious problems and now has been replaced by a fully reconditioned pumper, with plans for the purchase of an upgraded vehicle in the near future. In addition, other equipment such as bunker gear is being continually upgraded to meet Ontario ministry fire fighting standards. On the EFR side we have been able to purchase new trauma and oxygen bags, stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs, and ID armbands. Not to mention a new emergency response vehicle! Apart from the equipment advantages, we are now associated with a fire department having lots of hands-on fire experience, and experienced fire fighters regularly assist with our fire training sessions. The benefits are not all one way, however. We were the first of the 4 stations with an EFR team and defibrillator (thanks to our great community spirit). The 3 mainland stations have now followed our lead and implemented their own EFR teams and defibrillator programs, and our experience on the Island has helped to guide their progress in this area.

This is an exciting time for Loyalist Township Emergency Services, and we invite the community to get to know us better. If you have a community group interested in having a talk from our Fire Prevention Officer, or having an EFR/defibrillation demonstration, please give Peter Field a call at 386-3762, or Lynann Whitton at 384-5027. We will be holding a Family Day next spring, with lots of activities for the kids, Fire Department and EFR demonstrations, and an opportunity to meet and talk with the Fire Chief and other members of our emergency services. We look forward to seeing you there!

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A Tribute To One of Canada's Greatest Athletes

C.J.S. APPS

- A. Bruce Caughey

In our daily paper, Annette Phillips has covered very thoroughly the life of Syl Apps. My purpose in writing this is to give Island credit to our friend and neighbour who did so much for the welfare of Amherst Island. I know nothing about Apps' childhood, when or where he laced on his first pair of skates or on what pond, perhaps pushing a chair, did he learn to take his first strokes. I know nothing about his parents, but I do know that they were good Christians, church going people, who educated their family. A Toronto team that preceded the Leafs was Shamrocks. Conn Smythe was responsible for the organization of the Maple Leafs and he was the man who hired Apps to form the nucleus of the team, which he captained through four Stanley Cups. As Apps' fame and abilities faded Smythe, who had made a fortune out of the stone of Dufferin County was quick to advise Apps to go East to the Limestone hills of Frontenac County. He took this advice and within a short period he had purchased an area in the

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Glenburnie area, where he produced and sold quantities of cement brick which went into construction of hundreds of houses.

Of course the Political Parties of the time were quick to recognize the popularity of this man and he was quickly chosen as the Conservative Candidate in the upcoming Provincial election in the constituency of "Kingston and the Islands", winning easily, he soon found himself chosen as Minister of Penal Institutions.

The Quinte Detention Centre was under construction to replace the jail facilities attached to the County Court House in Kingston.

As Chairman of the County Board of Education, I was invited to the official opening of this modern jail, which was supposed to be possessed of every known device to prevent the escape of inmates as well the feeding and housing of the same.

I will always remember the arrival, by a chauffeur driven limousine of Apps' previous Minister in charge, to hand over responsibilities. His stay was very short. Employment was much sought after in this new facility

and many local people found employment in various capacities, such as sports etc when inmates were taken, under supervision, in groups, to skate and play hockey on the new Napanee Arena.

As our M.P.P., Apps began to assess the needs of his constituency. The newly built Amherst Islander which was supposed to be capable of tremendous ice breaking abilities was in service and Island people watched from shore as she slowly ran back and forth breaking a track. This process was so long and slow that the change of crews was accomplished by them travelling back and forth by snowmobiles. This was a very cold winter in which there was safe travel on the ice and one day, on my own, in my 1/2 ton G.M.C. I had gone to Kerr's Point and driven from there to Millhaven dock, clocking the distance on the speedometer, by doing this, I had proven that by construction of a dock on the end of Kerr's point that the crossing distance could be reduced by almost 1/3.

In the meantime the Ministry had sent employees to Sweden, (I think) to investigate the laying of a pipe line across the bay, through which compressed air, produced by electrically driven compressors, the pipes having had, at 20 foot intervals holes installed from which the air came to the surface thus keeping the channel open.

In order to power these motors (50 H.P.) a three phase electrical service was required, which was available at Kerr's Point, where the then Hydro cable crossed the Bay from the mainland.

As a result, thousands of feet of the required steel pipe were ordered and laid out on the side of the Stella crossroad where welders were brought in to weld the 20 foot lengths together as well as to drill the necessary holes in them. This being completed, a tug was brought from Kingston to haul this long length of piping into the water, I remember an employee standing on the end of the dock, and by hand symbols directing the crew on the tug on a course toward Millhaven. Each Fall this line required service, to be sure that the pipe had not become congested over the summer.

As an alternative to employing a costly tug, the purchase was made from some other Department of a cabined boat, heated where divers could don their gear to descend. This boat was brought to Millhaven on a trailer and put in to service. This seemed an excellent idea.

One day, while crossing on the ferry, Syl Apps was watching, with great interest the laying of this pipe, at the bow of the boat. I said to him, Did no one ever think of building a dock on the end of Kerr's Point to eliminate this extra length of pipe. He replied, did you ever mention this to your Council? I replied No, because it is Provincial money that is being expended, not Municipal tax money.

The result was that a sizeable amount of money was

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spent, by Hydro to build a three phase circuit to the Stella dock, where buildings were erected to house the generators on both the Stella and Millhaven docks, where they were accessible to engineers on the Amherst Islander for oiling, as well as starting and stopping.

Eventually these motors had to be replaced, at great cost.

My opinion: It was at that point of time that consideration should have been given to the laying of a tunnel from Kerr's Point to the mainland.

I learned many years later, when in attendance at the Ploughing Match in Stirling, and in conversation with the Dept. Minister of Agriculture, that it was due to pressure from the Milk Marketing Board that this whole project was undertaken. At one point, when milk producers were more numerous on the Island that consideration was given to the laying of a pipe line to pump the Island milk production through, the local cheese factory having been closed.

When crossing on the ferry, one always sought the company of Syl Apps, for an interesting visit. He talked the common man's vocabulary and I learned from him that he always valued, his Pole Vaulting accomplishments more highly than his hockey skills.

Syl Apps never indulged in foul language, his

favourite word was "By Gumm". In my experience in the winter of 1929 in Montreal, where I enjoyed a seat in the new Montreal Forum, associated with the then Montreal Maroons, and where many waited outside the teams dressing room to get autographs on your program. One knew something of the language that went on as they changed from skates to street clothes.

As was customary, hockey enthusiasts made annual trips to Toronto to attend a Toronto Leafs home game. We usually obtained seats far from the ice in the grey's section at a cost of \$4.00 each. I have lost count of how many games I have watched in the old Gardens, soon to be replaced I understand. Everything has to be bigger and better!

Now to get back to Amherst Island. I do not know how Syl and his wife Molly came to be attracted to the Moutray home in Stella, but it is a good thing that they did!

The residence, occupied by the Agent for the Irish landowners, most recently occupied by the W. H. Moutray family, long bearing the name Farnham, had fallen on depressing days. The large family of Moutrays, consisting of 5 daughters and one son, were as follows: Annie had married an Anglican clergyman, Rev. Wilkinson, separated and returned home with a son and daughter. Emily had married another Church of England clergyman, Rev. Lindsay (they were the first couple to occupy the newly erected Rectory, adjacent to St. Albans Church, they had two daughters). Meta had taken a responsible position in a home in Montreal and recognizing her need at home, had come home to help care for the rest of the family. She was a real supervisor and I admired her abilities. Many nights, during the winters that we lived in the Village, she would call upon me to correct some problem with their pressure pump, which drew water from the harbor for the bathrooms etc. Bessie was a great help in the kitchen and Mary also, who always milked the Jersey cow the milk from which was used in the kitchen, the surplus being sold to Village residents at 10 cents per quart. Maxwell's abilities lay in getting the cow stabled for Mary to milk, and perhaps look for the eggs in the henhouse.

Mary passed away with cancer, after a long period of nursing care under Ruth Glenn R.N., I cannot remember what happened to Bessie and finally Maxwell.

During her life time Meta guided the Wilkenson family, Margaret and her mother had gone to Montreal where she had met and married a young man by the name of Adams, they had three daughters Patty, Barbara, Mary: Betty persevered in education, trained as an R.N. and employee of the Amherstview Health Clinic, now retired, succeeded by her daughter, also an R.N. Married a man who was a mail courier as well as

a cemetery caretaker in that area. Barbara went to Oshawa where she married and I do not know anything of her family.

Such was the circumstances of the big Irish home when Syl Apps and his wife purchased it, I think with the purposes of using it as a summer home. Syl's purchase of a J.D. riding lawn mower with which he cut hours, restoring the grounds to a beautiful condition. Changes were made in the interior, what had been the office, at the front of the house became

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Loyalist Township
Ferry Office Hours
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Staff Note:

It would be appreciated if anyone with an article to contribute to the Beacon could put it into the Beacon Bag at the store or failing that send it to Topsy Farms by the 12th of the month. That way we make sure everything is included.

Thank you... your contributions are what make the Beacon truly an Island paper.

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the kitchen and one by one all the rooms were cleaned, repaired etc. The result of their labors were ever evident and we soon established friendships with the Apps' family. We learned that their family consisted of three daughters and one son Syl Jr. The latter was expected to follow in his father's footsteps as a skilled hockey player. As such, with the organization of the Los Angeles team, he was signed to a million dollar contract but this did not prove to be a reality, but he did receive payment for his contract and as far as I know he is presently employed in Real Estate in Toronto.

At one point of time Syl purchased the Beaubien and Beggs farms on the North Shore road, complete with its equipment for the purposes of Syl Jr keeping in physical condition during the off hockey season. Syl Jr. did not have either ability or interest in farm operations and his activities consisted of some softball games with the Island boys.

Syl and Molly Apps' generous donations to that wing of the Kingston General Hospital is well known

and much appreciated and well recognized.

In closing this lengthy tribute, it is my sincere hope that the name Syl Apps will long be remembered as one of this country's most generous and greatest benefactors.

The restoration of the "drawing room", that large section, separated from the main section of Farnham still awaits restoration. I understand that this was to be the Apps next project. This room was papered with Velvet paper in preparation for the wedding of Emily Moutray and Rev. Lindsay this being imported from Ireland.

This room was much used by the Island. I understand that the first Sunday School classes were held here, as well as many other social functions.

The Grace family (Janet) seem to be the present owners of Farnham, Dr. Brian Grace is a skilled surgeon, who spends his summer's here and in the winter months he is employed in a foreign country, where his skills are much sought after.

The Grace's family consists of Andrew, Richard, Carley and Cameron. The three former are presently students in Queens University. The latter was a pupil in our Island School. I am not sure at what stage his education is at.

During the summer vacation, Dr. Grace is very strongly of the opinion that this family not spend their vacation in idleness as these boys are available to help in the handling of hay bales. In fact he himself enjoys operating a tractor hauling bales, as well as putting bales on the elevator.

A Tribute to "Auntie" (Nessie Welbanks) - Allan Glenn

On November 21, 1998, the Island lost a treasured resident, a wonderful Mother, and for me and my family, a favourite Aunt, affectionately named "Auntie" for a lifetime. Though small in stature, she was a giant when it came to kindness, generosity and a congenial personality. Never once did I hear her speak ill of others, act on anger or offer anything but a friendly smile and a warm welcome to her home.

Auntie was born November 21, 1910, middle child to brothers Harry and Bert Glenn. Parents, Tom and Lillian, and young family resided and worked for Clifford Glenn, where Bruce and Susan Caughey now reside. A short time later, they moved to the homestead which Cathy and I now call home. My great grandparents (William and Rachel) lived in the log house while Tom and Lillian lived in the frame addition on the west end. Here, Auntie grew into adulthood.

She met Francis Welbanks and was married in

September 1937. They lived in the Hill house in the village (now Shram's residence) with two sons (Eric and Ted) bringing the family compliment to four. I guess they figured the boys should not be subjected to the wayward influences of the big city because they decided to try farming on the South Shore. Eddie Fleming sold them his farm in 1949 and took their village home in the deal.

Apart from a short pre-marriage work experience at Emerald Store and Kresge's in Kingston, Auntie's whole life was devoted to being a wife and mother. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Frontenac Chapter, for 59 years and held several offices therein during those years. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Church and a hard worker in the P.C.W. The annual Garden Parties won't be the same without her among the faithful workers.

Rest in peace, Auntie, for you truly have deserved it.

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Thank You Notes
Thank-you

Ted Welbanks and his family would like to express sincere thanks to all family and friends that showed kindness and support through donations of food, flowers and especially their thoughtfulness during Heather's illness and at the time of her passing.

Heather cared very deeply about the Island Community and we know that she would appreciate all your continued love and concern as we do.

Sincerely

Ted Welbanks and family

Thank You

Gary and I thank you for your kind words, cards, flowers, food and support over the last year since Heather got sick.

Heather was my sister, sometimes Mother and most of all, my very best friend. To have lived in her special world, here on Amherst Island for the last 11 years gave us some very precious time together, for which I am truly grateful.

I miss her so much and always will and thank all of you for allowing me to be part of your world too.

To Ted and his family, Garry and I are here for you and you will always be a big part of our family.

Thank you everyone.

Susan Sedore

Jim and I would like to take this opportunity to

thank our paper subscribers who generously gave us Christmas gifts.

Thank you again.

Jim and Sandra Reid

From all the boat crews....

We would like to thank everyone for all the goodies and good wishes at Christmas.

Thank - You

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate New Year's Eve at the community centre this year. We've had a lot of positive feedback, and really do appreciate it! A big thank-you to Ron Hare and crew from Catering Unlimited (and D.J. services), for the excellent meal and entertainment. Thanks to Garry and Susan (The Back Kitchen), Dave and Laurie (Amherst Island General Store) and Bath Foodland for your donations and help.

Please plan to join us next year when we celebrate the new millennium!!

Ducks Unlimited

Trying To Undo Man's Work

(article from the October 27, 1998 Guelph Mercury by John Dodds - Outdoors Way)

The imprint that we humans have left on our own habitat is not one to be proud of. One example can be seen in the quality and quantity of wetlands that we have around us now.

From the earliest pioneer times, we have done everything we can to turn swamps into farmers' fields. Wetlands were regarded as wastelands - something to be corrected or disregarded.

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Unfortunately, the changes also displaced birds and animals that had depended on that type of land for eons, both as a place of residence and a staging stop in their marathon annual trips to northern breeding grounds and back.

Ducks Unlimited (DU) is trying to reverse that trend. e 9)c

summer habitat in Canada and winter habitat through the U.S. and Mexico.

The first projects tended to be in the Canadian Prairies, but there are many now in Southern Ontario. Last year in Ontario, 40,000 acres (16,000 hectares) of upland and wetland were improved by the organization, the largest aggregated area of all the provinces.

On Amherst Is land, a few miles from Kingston in Lake Ontario is a good example of how DU operates.

This island, in the mouth of the St. Lawrence River and a short ferry ride from Millhaven, is an important staging point for migrating birds. Since the advent of the Seaway, the level of Lake Ontario has been relatively consistent, and a lot lower than previous years. Erling Armson, a DU biologist, said, "Wetlands weren't being inundated by high water levels," as had happened in the past.

Whereas wetlands might be swamped with water in a high-water year and parched in a low-water year, suddenly they became uniformly dry.

Cat-tails and other plants gradually edged out from the sides to take over.

"It's resulted in a biological desert," said Armson.

During a visit to the Amherst Island site last week, Armson pointed out across the marsh and said, "Now there are only about three species, rather than a diversity of habitats for water-fowl, fur-bearers and even insects, and it has little or no value for wildlife.

This summer, DU finished off a 668-acre (270 hectare) marshland project on Amherst Island that will allow wildlife managers to turn a tap on and off to mimic the historical lake levels that existed before the Seaway. The project cost is \$211,000, and much of that has been found by local volunteers.

As they turn on the tap by pumping water from Lake Ontario into the impoundment, they will be able to force the cat-tails slowly back and open up surface water for animals and new plants.

Life won't just be full of ups. There will also be years when the water levels are allowed to drop, to mimic the real life action in a coastal marsh before we started interfering.

The water will be held in by a two kilometre-long dyke, 10 metres (30-foot) wide with 30 degree sloping sides and a narrow path along the top, custom built for the purpose. The last job this summer to finish the project off was to plant the berm with native marsh plants and it's already hip-high in vegetation.

DU eastern field office manager Ron Maher said, "One of the nice things about working with wetlands is that they are so dynamic. In a few months, you see this type of change."

The wetland portion of the larger DU project is owned by the Township of Amherst Island [Staff: now

Loyalist Township]. As the marshland is landlocked, access for hunting can only be obtained through neighbouring landowners.

Du's mandate is more than repairing habitat for ducks, they also have a strong research and education component, but more on that another day. Although the DU supporters are often duck, goose and upland game hunters, not all of their projects are intended to put more fowl in front of a hunter's blind.

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A Letter Home

Has this become the winter from hades? We are starting to think so up here on the farm. Feeding has become an all day job and that is just to do the basic feeding. Getting to the sheep which are in fields with lots of shelter is very difficult with the heavy snow building up in all depressions and hedge-rows. We're often down to shoveling the tractors into and out of each of these. Now we are trying something different.... moving the sheep to the feed which has its own problems. They don't want to move away from their comfy trees however with the carrot and stick approach (one leading with a bag of grain and others herding from behind) we did get them to feed and some shelter.

Other than that I can't think of anything to mention... right now I'm too pooped to pant so I'm going to sign off here and go to bed. Night, night until next month.

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Beacon Notes

Another milestone to celebrate.... as of January 21, 1999, everything worked on my computer... (well, except for the fax program). This triumph occurred after 15 days trying to get my computer hooked up to the Internet. There was more to this than just getting the program working. It meant:

- trying to load our existing program and finding it wouldn't do anything,
- calling the Help Line and ordering a new version (plus

waiting a week),
- updating our phone lines inside the office with surge protectors and a switching box so the fax can run out of the other line,
- trying to load the new program and finding it didn't work,
- time to figure out what kind of modem I had (wasn't necessary in the end),
- letting things sit there until I figured out another possible problem... perhaps the modem card was loose in the computer (which it wasn't),
- trying to load up the program again which I finally was able to do but was stymied by not having a serial number for my new program, and finding out I was dialing out on the wrong telephone line,
- figuring out that the proper telephone line receptacle in the wall was mis-wired, defective, something.... and then by-passing it,
- getting the program to access the provider and entering all the right information thus completing what should have been a 15 minute job in about 15 days which is about par for the course around here.
Along with the above listed items, there were several trips to town to buy things. And there was a mini-panic about the other computer's Internet program which went crazy. It had to be re-installed.

So, enough about computers...

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Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb -

January 25th and February 8th, 1999

Due to a very odd breakdown with my truck (it would run normally but it would hardly start), I was unable to attend the Jan 25th Council meeting. I came home after picking up the agenda package not wanting things to deteriorate further. In the end, it turned out to be a corroded wire which did something or other. The minutes were available at the next meeting so the following is a combined report on the two meetings last month.

Well, well, well..., at long last, its finally over. What you ask? The Back Beach agreement was passed by Council at the February 5th meeting and should by now have the signatures of the Reeve and Clerk affixed to go with the signature of the Nut Island Farms Limited president, Douglas Matthews. Thus brings to an end nigh on two decades of disputes, negotiations and legal action. The agreement is basically the one we heard about some time ago but to refresh your memories:

- from January 1st to Labour Day (inclusive) the beach can be used by the public for 'family recreational purposes' which means swimming and the like but no hunting,
- the Township will maintain and supervise the beach (which isn't to suggest life guards),
- the Township will be responsible for erecting barriers to prevent vehicles on the beach,
- portable toilets are the responsibility of the Township,
- and certainly not last but with importance for some by reference... 'The Township shall place an advertisement in the edition of the local newsletter (currently known as "The Beacon") immediately preceding December 31st in each year and shall also post a notice at the Township office, advising the Public of the conditions under which the Beach may be used. A further advertisement and notice shall be placed and posted immediately prior to Labour Day in each year, advising that the use of the Beach by the public is prohibited after Labour Day and that violators will be prosecuted by Farms and/or the Township.'
- there's a whole pile of legal talk about options, notice, assurances, etc which you, loyal reader, can read for

yourself.

The agenda packages did include some interesting items which are A.I. specific (or nearly so)...

During the January 19th meeting of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, there were some references to Amherst Island.

- First was a question about the Island History book about which there have been no decisions made as yet. "Cynthia Flavell recommended that a Heritage Committee be established which would include LACAC representatives." By the by, Councillor Ashley is overseeing the A.I. History Book project. In the February report from LACAC, there was a further reference to the Island in a memo from the Chairperson (Robert Hammond) suggesting that the committee conduct "an inventory blitz of Amherst Island on April 18". The idea is to videotape significant sites and later do up a written inventory. The goal is stated as follows, "In the economic climate of

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today it is going to be a constant battle to protect these sites and if we want to win this we will have to take this fight to the enemy. To do that we need a weapon and a proactive process such as conducting this survey could be one." This sounds a bit extreme but it should be remembered that the committee recommends designation which then has to be approved by Council. The inventory of A.I. would be the first in a series that would eventually include the whole Township.

- There was also lots of information in the January package on LACAC designated buildings... grant money availability and for what types of projects. A.I. is now under LACAC authority, and to date, there are no designated properties. What I have heard from owners of designated buildings is that this status imparts some benefits from limited grants but also significant limitations on what can be done to the property. LACAC has set aside \$10,000 to be used for matching grants on approved projects (that's Township wide).

- Barb Synder in a LACAC meeting was talking about the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail saying "she had a student in 1997 prepare an inventory of visible highlights between Amherstview and Bath". The list of gathered material included information on the history of the "ferry service" but that seems to be the only reference to A.I. The Township Planner, Murray Beckel, attached some information to the minutes about this Trail which said that the route would "mirror" Hwy 33 with secondary trails connecting "Parrotts Bay with Lost Lake and Millhaven with Odessa" plus "a comprehensive trail system would also be created on

Amherst Island”.

Loyalist Township will be providing the maximum coverage under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board for all emergency service volunteers.

Now for a very interesting item included in the January 25th agenda package...

The 10 Year Capital Budget- 1999-2008.

It lays out what the Township is planning to do and when in the line of capital projects and purchases during the next decade. The Amherst Island references are as follows:

Emergency Services:

- the Rescue Unit for A.I. is now in place budgeted at \$50,000 (from last year's capital budget),
- Tanker 3-5 will be transferred to A.I. from Bath in the year 2000, and
- Pumper 1-7 (1987 International) will be transferred to A.I. from Odessa to replace the present 1975 Pumper in the year 2004.

Parks:

- all it says is “Amherst Island Park Purchase” scheduled for 1999 with a budget of \$120,000.

A.I. Library:

- paint and re-roof in 1999 with a budget of \$6,400 (half paid by the ferry).

Cemeteries:

- continue to contract out grass cutting thus eliminating the replacement of the present lawnmower saving \$13,000.

Planning:

- Official Plan, Zoning By-Law and Base Map in 1999 with a budget of \$90,000 of which the Province is expected to

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provide \$59,000 from the Restructuring Funding. This is currently out to tender.

Rural Roads:

- Front Rd at Lots 2-9 has “shore road concerns” to be addressed from years 2001 through 2008 with a \$20,000 budget each year (\$160,000 total),
- same for the Third Concession Rd at lots 70-71, and
- again the same for the South Shore road at lots 7-20.

Sidewalks:

- scheduled for 2001 with a budget of \$28,000 (presumably for Stella).

Passed at the January meeting was a By-Law to adjust the fees planning matters like minor variance, severance, site plans, etc. Details are too numerous for reprinting here but should be available through the Township Office.

Also included in the agenda package was a long report on the Great Lakes water levels. It basically says the Lakes go up and down with our present water levels low but not as low as in some previous years (but in a lot more words). One point of interest was the inclusion of two Internet sites detailing Lake Ontario levels from which a sample of the graphs available has been included later in this issue:

<http://chswww.bur.dfo.ca/danp/historical.html> and

<http://chswww.bur.dfo.ca/danp/hour.html>

Council adopted a motion to conduct a groundwater management study. Because the Township does not have major aquifers, this seems likely to be a planning tool to assess the desirability of residential development in a given area.

Staff requested Council to give them some direction in budgeting... ie what increase in department budget estimates is thought reasonable. After going around the Council Table, the consensus seems to be that Council is looking at a 5% increase in this year's budget.

I don't know what to say about the conflict of interest firestorm which has been swirling around Council for the last month or so. From what I can see, Council members may have been in technical violation of conflict rules but that may be it. Ex-Deputy Reeve, Arnold Adams, gave Council a pep talk at the start of

the February meeting with the occasional mild dig at some members and others. Then Council members gave each other a vote of confidence. We may not, however, have heard the end of this.

While there was an immense amount of other material dealt with at these two meetings, I will leave off here so we can move on.

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The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes to the following: Stuart Miller, Bruce Caughey Sr. and Faye Wemp, who have all spent some time in the hospital this month. To Tabytha Trotter, who spent some time on crutches after a fall on the ice. Also to everyone who had a mis-fortune to have had the flu that's going around lately.

Condolences this month to Dick Shurtleff and family, following the passing of Dick's dad. Also to Vera Hogeboom and family following the death of her sister-in-law, Alice Hogeboom.

Travellers: Jean Baker spent a month in B.C. visiting her daughters and their families. Stephanie Fleming spent 2

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weeks in Florida with her grandparents. Amy Caughey is in Jamaica for a few months. Karen Miller took a break from the winter and visited Cuba.

Congratulations to Nick McGinn, Laurie Lablue and big brother Andrew, who welcomed daughter (and sister), Dayna Eileen Grace into the world on February 6 - weighing 8lb 2oz. Another grandchild for Andy and Mary McGinn, and another great-grandchild for Susan McGinn.

Also congratulations to Pat and Gian Frontini following the birth of their new grandson, Henry Frontini, who weighed in at 8lb 6oz.

Winter fun - the Amherst Island girl guides enjoyed some of our recent snow, with an after school tobogganing party on a sunny January afternoon. A good time was had by Island kids (and some moms and dads), when, thanks to Mother Nature (& Earl Willard and his snow blower!), a flooded field in the village was transformed into a community skating rink. A full moon in a clear sky made evening skating a popular time for a

few nights also.

A.I.P.S. - winter carnival week was held at the school in early February. The 2nd annual Polar Bear Olympics were held mid-week, with the opening and closing ceremonies hi-lighting the event. The senior and primary class traveled to Cataraqui Conservation area for a day, and learned how animals live and survive in the winter. The senior class also traveled to Prince Charles P.S. in Napanee for a Symphony concert.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jackie Sylvester -

On January 20th members met at the home of Helen Miller for our monthly meeting. We had a short business meeting followed by a wonderful talk and demonstration by Cherry Allen on spinning. We were shown the whole process of what happens from shearing the sheep, cleaning the wool, carding it, spinning it, and some examples of finished products. Some of us tried our hand at spinning on Cherry's wheel - Karen was a natural. For our March 17th meeting, we are having a pot luck supper at 6:30 pm at Marion Glenn's home in Bath, with a talk on perennial plants to follow. A brown bag auction will be held to send money to Pennies for Friendship (which supports projects which help women in underdeveloped countries). We hope interested visitors will join us.

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell -

January was certainly a quiet month, and February as well. March is just around the corner and that means spring is on the way. Let's hope! Just a couple of items to report for this month.

"How Much Can You Eat"? Everyone is welcome to attend Branch 539's "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner on Friday March 12 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Amherst Island Community Center. On the menu for this evening will be "All You Can Eat" spaghetti, (of course), with

Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread, tea, coffee and juice. If you still have a little room left, cake and ice cream for desert. The price is \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids 4-12, children 4 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale in advance from any Legion member and at the store. Or you can purchase your tickets at the door.

Start the Victoria Day weekend off right with a chance to win a barbecue. Branch 539 will be holding a draw for a barbecue, (further details in the next Beacon), Friday May 21, at the Amherst Island General Store at 9 pm. Tickets will be on sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. You can pick up your tickets from any Legion member, or at the store. Each ticket has a 1 in 500 chance of winning.

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Loyalist Township

Amherst Island Heritage Project

Reeve Paul Gilmore is calling on local history enthusiasts to form a committee to gather written and visual material for publication of an Amherst Island history book.

If you are interested, please call 386-7351 extension 107

Island History

Some Recollections Of Local History

- A. Bruce Caughey -

[Staff: Mr Caughey submitted this for an earlier issue but space limitations meant delaying it until now.]

The confusion of the last twenty-four hours regarding the replacement of the Frontenac II by the Amherst Islander which has been idle at a Kingston docking facility all summer while we enjoyed the services of the Frontenac II (about which I had written previously).

Let me take you back to 1935. The final year in power of the R.B. Bennet (1930-1935) government in Ottawa which had ended a long period of Liberal Government under Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Locally, our Reeve was George T. Howard and a local problem was the need to build a dock on the outside of Stella Point to replace the Neilson dock in use, not only by Bay Passenger Boats that had long served our transportation needs and with the arrival of our first Amherst Islander in 1929, an arrangement was negotiated with the Neilson family for docking there. This was a very satisfactory arrangement until fall and winter season arrived and the decision was made to overnight (tie-up) the Amherst Islander at the cove on Stella Point.

It always seemed that a north east wind prevailed and the ice that covered Stella Harbour was quite often drift ice of considerable thickness which in preparation for her first morning trip required breaking by the ill designed Amherst Islander and frequent breakage of her propeller, necessitating a call to the Pyke Salvage Co., a towing to Kingston Shipyard for replacement of the propeller and her return to service.

Eventually the suggestion was made "why don't we build a dock on the outside of Stella Point - But where?" There were two alternatives, the present location of our Island dock or on the site of the Polley wharf at the end of McDonald Lane.

Howard, who had been promised the job of overseer of the dock's construction was very anxious, for financial reasons I expect, to get on with the job.

When the specifications for the construction of this dock, came to the hands of Howard, the specifications of the materials to be used were: the timbers to be used in the two cribs were to be of Rock Elm (very hard and expected to have a long life expectancy). Then the ballast poles (placed in the bottom of the cribs, to hold the rock fill were to be of "Ironwood". It was expected that the construction of the dock would be of materials from the woods on the island, but neither of the required materials were in the island woods and Howard, through correspondence or perhaps telephone conversations convinced the powers that be that we had a good quality of regular elm which

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would be long life. And we did not have Ironwood, but we did have a quantity of red cedar which grew at the head of the island.

Howard was successful in convincing the department that the island materials could be used on the condition that, he, Howard would go to the woods, where such trees were standing and mark the trees that were to be cut and what lengths they were to be.

This resulted in a goodly number of owners providing the required logs, under Howard's direction. To mention those who cut logs in those days with a cross cut saw, were A.G. Hitchins and his son Henry, Wm Fleming (our next door neighbour), Benjamin Wemp from the Murray Willard farm that he owned as well as the red cedar poles that also grew on this farm. The income from the sale of this material meant a great deal to those people and I am sure that after 60 years it is still quite sound under the waters of the bay.

In addition to this, the rock fill used to fill the cribs was hauled to the dock site by numerous people. I remember it was paid for by sleigh box full and I earned \$100. that winter drawing rock from the north

side of Kerr's Point. It was hard work but I appreciated the money!

Alfred Willard, a longtime resident at the end of the lane cautioned against this location due to the shallow depth of water, which he was well aware of as he and Wesley Brown had been partners in a commercial fishing operation over the years out of a skiff, housed on Brown's shore front.

The election of 1936 was coming up and Howard persuaded my father that he should accept nominations for the Reeveship. He was elected and his first decision to be made by he and his council was "where should the dock be built?" He was skeptical of the location at the end of the lane and he sought advice from Capt. Wm. Bloomfield, a long time, and well respected captain of various Bay Boats, latterly the steamer "Brockville" who was very familiar with every dock that these boats called at e.g. Glenora, Allison's, Conway, Emerald, Bath and Stella. His advice was "By all means the site of the Polley wharf! His reasons "It was the best dock on the Bay of Quinte! It has good depth of water, a small point on the Tugwell property protects it from wind and ice damage.

Now for some history of the "Polley Wharf". It had been built by this family and used for years by them in the operation of a very substantial store and grain business, in which the Wright family shared. (I have a diary of the late Hugh Wright, who recounts his experiences in the loading of grain on schooners here etc.). This dock was the docking facility of large passenger steamers, the North King and the Caspian, which made overnight trips from Toronto, across the lake to Charlotte (the lake port serving the young city of Rochester) then down the Bay of Quinte to Prescott, where they connected with boats traversing the canal system to Montreal. This service enabled those wishing to Honeymoon in Montreal (my mother and father for example or Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wemp) on the return trip, anyone wishing to go to Toronto, to attend the Toronto Exhibition for example could board the boat at Polley's Wharf, and the next day be in Toronto. Those boats provided staterooms as well as dining facilities, if your finances permitted. These boats were later replaced by (1) a Picton owned boat which was a failure, (2) by the C.S.L. owned passenger boats "Toronto" and "Kingston".

With the gradual deterioration of the Polley Wharf, which had been purchased by the Neilson family who sold the large warehouse to the newly formed United Church congregation in 1926, who under the direction of Robert

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ads}

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Loyalist Township

Notice

By-law 98-20

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November 15, 1998 - March 31, 1999

so snow removal can be accomplished. This ban will be enforced during this time period and fines will be issued to vehicles found in violations of By-law 98-20 as amended.

The penalty of \$20.00 per offence.

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO

Deputy Clerk

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Fleming tore it down and used the material to construct a manse for their minister, (presently the Eldon and Elsie Willard residence).

My father approached the Neilson family re the building of the dock there and they put a price tag of \$3500 on it which when he approached the government they refused to pay saying that their estimates for the construction of the wharf did not include purchase of a site which was the responsibility of the Township to provide.

Thus the construction of the very inadequate facility which has undergone so many additions down through the years (a story in itself) and in spite of its additions out farther in the bay. Yesterday was the result of the decision that our present unusually low water levels, could not accommodate the satisfactory docking of the Amherst Islander. I often visualize what would have happened had the dock been built on the site of the Polley Wharf. The narrow McDonald lane could never have accommodated the line-ups of vehicles which we witness in the forty-foot right up to and into the Main Street of Stella when the Amherst Islander is in service.

This is a very long article, but as I said in the opening paragraph, I could not resist writing it after what happened in the last 24 hours. Perhaps Alfred Willard was right, the present site should never have been chosen, although we have yet to experience ice

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What a surprise on Sunday, January 7, when, after church I walked into the church hall, full of people singing 'Happy Birthday'! Expecting to celebrate quietly, it was a real surprise, so much so it actually made me speechless, believe it or not! So I would like to express my thanks in our great little newspaper.

Thank-you so much to my family for a great "special birthday". I feel very lucky to have such a loving family and friends, around me at such a time.

Thank-you to all the islanders who came out on Sunday, to share this fellowship, and for the lovely cards and gifts.

Having been here on the island, since I was a teenager (boy that's a long time ago) there is one thing for sure, I will always consider myself an "islander" no matter where I am, and it will always be "home".

Thank-you all for sharing this special time.

Chris G.

I want to thank my family, friends and neighbours for their cards, phone calls, visits and goodies since I have come home from the hospital. A thank you to the Women's Institute for their get well card and to the visiting committees of the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for their cards and the goodies that they brought me. A thank you to Rev. Chisholm for his visits and prayers. It was all most appreciated.

Henry Hitchins

Congratulations

Congratulations Lesley for attaining the highest marks in Canada for the 1998 Travel Agent's Course Exams.

Gary, Andrew, Alison, Geoffrey, Caitlin, Mom and Dad.

A Letter Home

What a difference a month makes... January storms have given way to a pretty benign February. We can use the respite to recharge the batteries before we get into lambing preparations.

We did have an expected surprise 4 months 5 weeks and 4 days after a late night visit by the rams to the flock last summer. The result was 13 lambs and seven moms.

The next big operation is ultra sounding the ewes to see who has what. We feed those with more lambs a better diet in the hope they will be able to raise more lambs and thus we will have fewer that have to be adopted on or which will become foster lambs.

I'm out of room so until next month... bye bye.

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Lake Ontario Water Levels

The following are two graphs from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans web sites mentioned in the Council report. They have been physically altered (read: cut, paste and scan) but the data is the same. The lower one shows an unsteady rise in the Lake level... looks like roughly 175mm which is about 6-7" since the start of the year. The upper chart shows clearly that the present levels are lower than usual but still about the same as 1992 and considerably higher than 1935 or 1965.

{The two graphs were not included in this transcription to save storage space}

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Freda Youell is collecting Used stamps (md. Cdn), used blankets, A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels, cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx 16" x 16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the animals...

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We welcome our new readers... all of the Council members are now getting a copy of the Beacon, not just the Reeve. Perhaps a word of explanation about the Beacon is in order so they know where we are coming from.

The Beacon is the monthly Island newsletter. 150+ copies are sold each month on the Island to a population of 400 and 100+ are sent to off-Island subscribers.

The Beacon has been around, in one form or another, for nearly 30 years now. We, at the Head, have been responsible for its production since November 1984.

The one key issue for us is the Council Report... no issue has been (or will be) without one. So, someone from the Beacon will be present at virtually every full Council meeting. And, Special Meetings for Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws will be reported too.

Our reports will be largely Island specific because of: space restrictions; interest (a policy to limit development on County Road 6 has essentially no impact over here); and, laziness (it is effort enough to distill 300 or so pages of background information to a page or three).

Having attended hundreds of Council meetings, we have just about seen it all (no actual fist fights but certainly blood on the floor). We realize that virtually all Council members are amateur politicians working for their community so they get the benefit of the doubt on things like conflict of interest or miscues in

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public but there are limits there too.

Beyond the Council reports, the Beacon has a very eclectic range of articles from a chatty Neighbourhood, to local history, to an article on portable generators. The Beacon will print just about anything Islanders send us. And, it advertises Island events and business plus Township Notices at no charge (we do accept contributions from advertisers).

While it may not be initially evident to a non-resident, there are three things Islanders' care about: the ferry; the school; and, the roads (not necessarily in that order). A major threat or problem can bring out most of the full-time residents to a Public Meeting. Those not in attendance are either too young and in bed, can't get released from hospital after having a quadruple organ transplant, or are far away in the Outback of Australia.

First Aid & CPR

Anyone interested in taking a First Aid and CPR course or a retraining First Aid and CPR course.

The course will be taught at the Amherst Island Public School.

Please call Valerie Wolfreys at 389-8513.

ASAP

St. Alban's A.C.W

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Saturday, March 27, 1999

Serving 5 - 7 pm at the Community Centre

Adults... \$10

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Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting
- Don Tubb

There were three Regular Council meetings this past month but I only attended the 7th Session held on March 8th. There was a short meeting on February 18th to deal with ongoing design work for the Recreation Centre Office renovations. This took some 25 minutes so there must have been some discussion about the options.

The 6th Session was a short meeting (15 minutes) which dealt with normal business, it seems. One item was approval of a new computer for the Ferry Office.

All Council members were present at the 7th Session along with the usual staff members, audience and reporters.

There were no delegations at this meeting... not even the monthly Policing update from O.P.P. Staff Sergeant G. MacPherson.

Council approved a tender for a new fire pumper and a new fire tanker. This is another step in what will be an on-going process of upgrading the Loyalist Township Fire Department.

The Weasel and Easel people have rented the former Council Chambers from the Township. They have it from May 1st to September 30th for \$1000 per season.

Ted Welbanks is having a go-round with the Township over a severance. As this is the first severance that butts up against the South Shore road relocation, Council is trying not to set a bad precedent. At this meeting, Council cut off a decision until the next Administration meeting. It will be informative to see what policy comes from this.

There was included in the Agenda package, a very long report from the Waterfront Working Group Projects Committee on the Feasibility Study For an Amherst Island Waterfront Trail. This trail will be an extension of existing trail systems in Ontario for hiking & biking. It contains many recommendations, both long and short term. Council, at this point, seems willing to do some signage to define the routes which will all be on existing roads.

During the Administration meeting (Feb 16th), a motion 'that the Senior Ferry Captain and the Ferry Captains be placed at Step 6 of the approved grid for non-union employees and the wage; be adjusted effective January 1, 1998'. (Whatever the heck that means.) The same motion raised wage rates for part-time ferry personnel by 6% effective January 1, 1999.

(Now that's clear!)

At the March 1st Administration meeting, the names of the Loyalist Township wards were changed from 1,2 & 3 to Amherst Island, Bath and Ernestown. This may seem to be pretty irrelevant considering the wards are supposed to disappear... but, by a unanimous and recorded vote, Council approved maintaining the ward system for one more term.

Council continues to be busy with the budget with 7 meetings scheduled for this month and a couple for the start of next. The

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hope is to have the budget passed by April 12th. The Beacon received what was the current draft version. It ran on for a couple hundred pages. No attempt will be made to distill this into a report unless some reader would like the job.

The Province is trying to sell surplus highway assets (ie patrol yards and picnic areas). If I understood the debate correctly, the one on County Road 6 is available. There were concerns expressed by some Council members about ground water pollution from this yard (salt). No decisions to purchase were made.

Wanted

Alison McNaught is looking for 3 second hand beds and a used frig. Anyone have any to sell?

Call Sally at 389-3802

Loyalist Township

[The Beacon received from the Township a fax of a letter to the Township from the Township solicitor... it is reprinted here...]

From Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham
Re: Conflict Of Interest

You asked for our opinion on the potential for a conflict of interest for a member of Council who is an employee of Ontario Hydro in respect of matters before Council regarding Bath Hydro. You indicated that Mr. Jeff Outhit, a reporter with the Kingston Whig-Standard has expressed the opinion that the purchase of bulk power by Bath Hydro from Ontario Hydro creates a conflict of interest for the councillor on all matters involving Bath Hydro.

With great respect to Mr. Outhit, his comments suggest he does not fully understand the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

First, section 5(1) of the Act imposes a duty to declare a potential of yyn3 the

a matter under consideration by Council in which the councillor has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest. The significance of the word “matter” is that there must be some meaningful correlation between the issue under consideration and the alleged pecuniary interest.

Bath Hydro involves a wide range of organizational, operational, financial, administrative and personnel related issues. To suggest that a councillor who is an employee of Ontario Hydro is automatically disqualified from participation in Council’s deliberations on any of these matters simply because of the bulk power contract with Ontario Hydro is, in our view, not consistent with the legislation. Instead, there must be some reasonable and demonstrable link between the issue under consideration and the pecuniary interest of Ontario Hydro. Without it the councillor is under no obligation to disqualify himself.

Furthermore, even if it can be argued that there is an indirect pecuniary interest through a series of linked factors or relationships, section 4(k) of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act may provide the necessary protection. Specifically, the section creates an exemption if the councillor has a pecuniary interest ‘by reason only of the member which is so remote or insignificant in its nature that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence the member.’

As the underlined words indicate, the alleged pecuniary interest of the member must be of such significance as to create a reasonable expectation that the councillor would be influenced by the effect that Council’s decision may have on the pecuniary interests of Ontario Hydro. If it is not, the councillor would not, in our view, contravene the Act if he continued to participate in a discussion and vote on the matter.

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Loyalist Township Streetlight Numbers

The Township has recently undergone the process of numbering the streetlight poles on Amherst Island. The numbers are on a white plate, and all begin with the letter ‘S’, followed by three digits. They are located approximately 10’ from the ground facing the street side. If a problem is detected with a streetlight, please note the number of the pole and the location and contact Kerry at 386-7351, ext. 103, at which time Ontario Hydro will be contacted to repair the streetlight.

The Neighbourhood - Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes this month to - Avery Brown,

Cheryl Hutchings, Gloria French, Llew McArthur, Edith McClellan, Audrey Miller, Earl Tugwell, and Kathleen Shangraw. Continued good wishes to Henry Hitchins and Bruce Caughey Sr., who are both in hospital.

Lots of travelers this month; Leslie Gavlas spent a week in Montreal with her daughter and family; Bruce, Susan and Jill Caughey visited Amy in Jamaica; Kyle Murray traveled to B.C. to spend spring break with his sister (Leah) in Vancouver and (former Island resident) David Barrett; Shannon McLennan traveled to France on a school trip; Jim Whitton visited family in Arizona; Judy Kidd and daughters Eva and Anna visited family in Florida; and, Stewart and Kathy Reed and boys also went to Florida for a holiday and to pick-up Ralph and Bea Wemp.

Congratulations to Ray Koenders, who celebrated his 70th birthday at the community centre, with a 100 or so family and friends. Also to Jason Hutchings and Amanda Tustin, who were married in Kingston recently.

The A.I.P.S. kindergarten and primary classes and their teachers (and assorted parents) recently spent a morning at the Cataraqui Conservation Area learning all about making maple syrup. Good Luck to Geoffrey McDonald who goes on to the next level in the Limestone District Public School Chess Tournament.

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Amherst Island Women’s Institute - Jackie Sylvester

On February 17th members met at the home of Leslie Gavlas for our monthly meeting. We had a short business meeting followed by a wonderful talk by Jean Baker on her trip to China. So many people were not able to attend this meeting, but heard how interesting it was, that members have asked to have Jean repeat her talk at a future date - we’ll keep you posted. Our Annual General Meeting is to be held at

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Audrey Miller's, 8:00 p.m. on April 21st, followed by a plant exchange. This would be the perfect opportunity for anyone interested to come as a visitor.

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

I just have a couple of things to report this month. First off a reminder about picking up your tickets for the draw. Our branch will be holding a raffle for a Sunbeam Grillmaster Propane Barbecue, the retail value is \$260. The draw will take place at 9:00 p.m., Friday, May 21 at the Amherst Island General Store. You can pick up your tickets at the store or from any Legion member. Every ticket has a 1 in 500 chance of winning. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5.

Thank you to everyone who attended the spaghetti dinner on March 12. Although attendance was not what we had hoped for, we would like to thank everyone that did come out and support the dinner.

Amherst Island General Store
New Summer Hours

Beginning April 9 - October 16.

Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 6 pm

Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm

Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Holiday Hours

Good Friday - April 2 - 10 am - 4 pm

Easter Sunday - April 4 - 10 am - 5 pm

Victoria Day - May 24 - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Day - July 1- 10 am - 5 pm

Civic Holiday - August 2 - 10 am - 5 pm

Labour Day - September 6 - 10 am - 5 pm

Thanksgiving - October 1 - 10 am - 5 pm

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank the First Response Team for caring for our mother on the morning of Feb 28 and also for the baked goods and well wishes from everyone. Mum is now home and doing well.

Thank you all very much

Ann & Bob Turner

Assessment

- Ian Murray

While staring at our 1999 Interim Tax Bill from Loyalist Township, I noticed that the county was getting a larger share than I expected - my memory told me that the county's share for our old township was less than 15%, with about 30% to the township, and the remaining 60-or-so % going for education. So, there being a cold wind outside, I decided to phone the township treasurer, Ross Troop.

Mr. Troop said that yes the tax proportions have changed and he used former Ernestown Township as an example. For a residential assessment, the taxes are distributed as follows:

To	1997	1999
Township	15%	37%
County	25%	29%
Education	60%	33%

However, for commercial assessment the respective figures in 1999 are: 20, 16 & 63. And, there are another dozen or so assessment categories with differing proportions as mandated by the province. (There used to be 3: rural/residential, commercial, and industrial.)

The impression I got from the treasurer is that: (a) he had no idea how these figures were arrived at; (b) he has more questions than answers, himself; (c) although confusing, the system appears to working okay; and (d) having the whole province using 1996 market value assessment is a good idea despite the inevitable flaws in the actual assessing.

I asked Mr. Troop for the assessed values of the 3 former municipalities that now form Loyalist Twp and he gave me the following figures: Amherst Island, \$33.5 million; Bath,

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\$102.5 million; and, Ernestown, \$603.5 million. A value has been put on all property, including township buildings, the prisons, the pipeline and so on. The only thing not included appears to be the road infrastructure.

(We wondered how many townships Bill Gates could buy. A Michael Jordan should be able to afford the equivalent of Amherst Island as a signing bonus.)

Loyalist Township
1999 Interim Tax Notice

Loyalist Township is now in the process of preparing the 1999 Interim Tax Billing for Residential/Farm, Farmland, Managed Forests, and Pipeline Classes. It is anticipated that this billing will be mailed during the first week of March, 1999 with due

dates of March 31, 1999 and April 30, 1999.

It is anticipated that the 1999 Interim Billing for Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-Residential (seven or more units) Tax Classes will be mailed in April or May 1999.

If you currently pay your property taxes with the Township's Monthly Payment Plan, your interim tax bill is a statement only and requires no payment.

If you require further information please contact our Tax Office at 386-7351 ext. 119, between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Loyalist Township Tax Department

The Good Old Days

- Ian Murray

When I hear someone complaining about how hard bad times are or how terrible things have become, I think of something I heard my mother say many years ago.

She grew up in rural PEI during the depression and saw many lives blighted by poverty. Her brother took almost a decade to get through university as he would have to stop after each semester and get a full-time job and scrimp and save enough to get through another semester.

My mother said: "The good old days, weren't. We were younger then, but this is a better time."

Despite all the complaining and moaning about this and that, this is the best of times: right here, right now. There are certainly ups and downs for individuals and families but for most people most of the time, this is a good time to be alive.

WSIB Rates

- Ian Murray

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (formerly Worker's Compensation Board and formerly Workmans' Compensation Board) sent us the 1999 premium rates - the cost to the employer for every \$100 of payroll. Logging, for example, has a premium rate of 10.83 which means that for every \$100 paid in gross wages to a logger, the employer would have to send a further \$10.83 to the WSIB - as well as paying for EIC and CPP.

Here are some premium rates selected from over 200 categories of work: computer sales, 0.40; farm machinery sales, 2.21; sheet metal work, 4.42; roofing, 12.05; local government services, 1.49; structural steel & demolition, 20.96, the highest rate shown; and, of personal interest, livestock farming, 5.84.

I've often heard it said that farming is the most dangerous occupation in Canada. Perhaps it is, but its

danger is not reflected in these premium rates. One reason might be that a great many farmers are self-employed and thus not covered by WSIB. Another reason might be that the majority of farmers are now middle-aged or older and thus generally more careful than the youngsters working in structural steel and demolition.

A Letter Home

Things have settled into a calm routine. The weather has been pretty decent except for a one-two punch of an ice storm and a snow storm.

The flock paid a visit to the barn to be pregnancy diagnosed. Well the rams did their job with only 9 open ewes and hoggets out of a thousand plus. Next up for the flock is their pre-lambing shearing in a few weeks. Hopefully the weather will have turned from winter-like to spring-like by then.

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We have just learned that our lead shearer and good friend, Rob Ross, was killed in a car accident and his 10 year old son was badly injured. All who knew Rob will feel the loss. We send our condolences to his family and wish Simon a speedy and complete recovery.

By the end of April, we will be well into the year's work with lambing leading directly into haying which is coupled with shuffling the flocks around for fresh pasture. And, it looks like we'll try and build something this year... a lean-to on the barn just so we can keep busy.

Its time to sign off now... until next month.

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Diane Hieatt - (613) 389-7074

Independent Consultant

Body Wise International, Inc.

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{Chart accompanying this article is at the end of the issue}

A Snapshot Of Amherst Island From The 1996 Census

The above data is taken from the 1996 Census information available on the Stats Canada web site. That is, except for Loyalist Township which didn't exist in 1996. This information has been roughly calculated using Amherst Island, Bath and Ernestown data. A word of warning.... the Loyalist Township information should be considered an approximation only.... it does seem to be a pretty fair representation though.

One further point to make is that some information just doesn't add up (ie Amherst Island's population of 400 isn't the sum of 200 males and 195 females). The reason... well, you would have to ask Stats Canada about that. What they do say is that they employ

random rounding and they use area suppression to protect the privacy of individuals. So, if there were only a few of a specific recognizable category, Stats Canada might not even report them in the publicly available charts.

So, what can we glean from the table above...

- Amherst Island is significantly older ...exactly 7 years older... than Loyalist as a whole, or either of Ontario or Canada. The Loyalist Township average ages are remarkably close to those of Ontario or Canada. If we had the same population distribution as these other areas, we would have upwards of 31 more children under 15 years old (or upwards of 15 more kids between 5 and 14).

- Men are both worse and better educated than any of the larger population groups. There is a higher percentage with no high school and there is a higher percentage with high school through university. Women are better educated through the end of high school but then fall behind a little when compared to Loyalist, Ontario or Canada. Both men's and women's data probably reflects Amherst Island's dual nature of being a long established farming community where education was a luxury and a newer bedroom community.

- Total income for Amherst Island shows for males, females and combined total to be above that of Loyalist, Ontario or Canada. It was a surprise to see that Loyalist income is below that of Ontario but very close to that of Canada as a whole.

- The employment picture is also skewed when it comes to Amherst Island. We have 18.2% of the population over 14 years old employed in primary industries (mainly agriculture). By the way, this employment data was measured for one week only (early in May of 1996) and may not accurately reflect the whole year. Loyalist comes a lot closer to the Ontario and Canadian averages but with somewhat higher service industry participation and lower primary and secondary (manufacturing and construction). Even as is, it is well worth remembering that farming is a major employer on the Island (even if it is merely a shadow of its former self).

Well, I think that is enough for now.... you can cipher your own results from the data above.

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Amalgamation

We scrounged around in the files and came up with the following two items from the 'early days' of the Beacon which might interest our Council members.

Beacon #4 May 28, 1970

- from Municipal Affairs by Marj Aitken

“A joint meeting of the Council members of Bath, Ernestown and Amherst Island was held Monday night at Odessa Town Hall. Mr. Kidd of Ernestown chaired the informal meeting on amalgamation and it was felt by those attending on our behalf that the meeting was a good start on discussions, and that Mr Kidd a capable chairman for these sessions. The three townships agreed on pursuing the discussions further. Perhaps this will result in an election to see how the taxpayer feels in each township. It will be interesting to follow in our district papers, some of the exploratory meetings in other parts of the county.”

Beacon #5 June 11, 1970

- from Municipal Affairs by Marj Aitken

“Reeve Aitken was pleased to report to County Council Monday, at their regular monthly meeting that Amherst Island Council wished to further explore the pro’s and con’s of amalgamation. Some of the Reeves from other townships gave a flat “not interested in any direction from Queen’s Park” answer from their councils. But when the time comes when one refuses direction from higher qualified, trained leaders, then it would seem that progress will surely ‘bog’ down. Administering to rural and suburban communities is no longer the simple matter of receiving tax moneys and spending them to the best advantage, and enacting simple bylaws, etc. It has become impossible to live in the vicinity of other municipalities without the businesses of each interrelating. One cannot stand aside and aloof from others on many issues. Even the least interested parties should read all available literature on amalgamation, thus to be better equipped to make a decision for or against, when the times comes.

County Council, preceding the meeting toured the new penitentiary. It was an interesting tour, all the newest in kitchen facilities, and special facilities for inmates under psychiatric examination. Inmates entering the prison will be taken in through a separate tunnel, so as not to be seen by other inmates during this initial entrance.

Local Council will have a report of a pending decision for the next issue.

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{A graph showing Lake Ontario elevation is not included.}

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16") for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Also good, clean
clothing for their thrift shop "The Cat's Meow". Please
leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone 384-
4135 for John, cl

{graph associated with Page 8 article}

Characteristic	Amherst Island	Loyalist Township	Ontario	Canada
POPULATION BREAKDOWN	Total	Total	Total	Total
All Persons	Male	Male	Male	Male
Average Age of Population	Female	Female	Female	Female
	400	14,550	10,753,575	28,846,760
	200	7,570	5,257,910	14,170,025
	195	6,980	5,495,665	14,676,735
	42.8	35.8	35.8	35.8
	43.1	34.6	34.7	34.7
	42.4	36.3	36.9	36.8
EDUCATION (25 years & older)				
% of Pop with less than Grade 9	8.6%	7.2%	11.7%	13.8%
% of Pop with High School certificate	14.3%	7.8%	11.0%	13.4%
% of Pop with non-University diploma	6.9%	6.9%	12.3%	14.3%
% of Pop with University completed				
	75.9%	73.3%	69.4%	67.2%
	75.0%	72.2%	70.4%	67.9%
	79.3%	74.5%	88.4%	66.5%
		46.1%	45.9%	44.2%
	50.0%	48.0%	49.1%	47.0%
	64.3%	44.2%	43.0%	41.7%
	37.9%	12.0%	18.8%	17.4%
		12.8%	20.5%	18.6%
	22.4%	11.2%	17.2%	16.3%
	28.6%			
	13.8%			
INCOME (15 years & older)				
Average Total Income - 1995				
	\$27,864	\$25,054	\$27,309	\$25,196
	\$31,966	\$30,332	\$33,599	\$31,117
	\$23,014	\$19,542	\$21,048	\$19,208
EMPLOYMENT				
Primary: Agriculture/Resource Based	40	210	170,430	802,330
Secondary: Construction/Manufacturing	25	145	117,720	588,130
Tertiary: Service	10	55	52,710	214,200
	10	1,285	1,212,995	2,862,195
	10	1,055	906,560	2,178,150
	0	225	306,435	684,045
	170	5,620	4,017,975	10,653,020
	100	2,735	1,870,035	5,002,210
	65	2,980	2,147,935	5,650,810

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Beacon Notes

The first day of spring began hopefully with a hint of warmth and sun but ended with high winds and wet snow. The change was steady going from dry to rain to snain and then snow.

By the next morning, the Island looked like a photographer's paradise (others may have differing opinions). Lots of light but overcast with a clean layer of snow on everything including the tree branches (until the wind came up and shook it off... mainly on my head).

There were so many pictures begging to be taken

that my few rolls of film had to be rationed. The best part of all was that some pictures actually turned out. Being a beginning, novice, amateur photographer, I have to rely on compensating errors to get any results worth looking at again.

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

Ninth Session - March 22, 1999

All Council members were present for this Regular meeting. The agenda package gave hope that it would be a short meeting which proved the case taking only 45 minutes or so.

Beyond an advance notice of a Community Policing open house to be held on the Island (April 28th), there were no specific items that dealt with the Island. However, during the March 9th meeting, Council approved a motion to finalize the purchase of the Stella Bay property (the amount and conditions

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were not mentioned).

In other Council business (from both this and previous sessions):

- There was a list of surplus equipment to be sold by the Fire Department in the agenda package. The Fire Chief, Wayne Calver, recommended that the two surplus fire trucks and rifle be advertised and sold to the highest bidder while the rest of the equipment be given to the Fairfield Heritage Association for a fund raising auction. Council agreed to this.

- There has been a shuffle of responsibilities with the Deputy Clerk (Brenda Hamilton) becoming the Clerk and the CAO/Clerk (Diane Pearce) becoming the CAO;

- A Fire Prevention Officer has been hired... Derrick Ethridge.

- Council approved the production of a Township base map (a computerized map showing all properties and much other information) at a cost of \$10,000 to the Township (the province pays the other 69%) to be done by Totten Sims Hubicki.

{Council Report will continue after the following ad & notice}

Loyalist Township

Request For Proposals

For The Supply Of Lawn Maintenance Services

Loyalist Township will be accepting proposals to supply lawn maintenance services at two cemeteries

and two parks on Amherst Island and one cemetery on the mainland until 11:00 a.m. April 29th, 1999 by the undersigned.

Proposal documents may be obtained at the Township Municipal Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO
Clerk
Loyalist Township
263 Main Street, P.O. Box 70
Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0
(613) 386-7351

Wanted

Room wanted for 1 to 3 nights per week for part time ferry worker.
Call Bill at: 389-5201

{Council Report continues}

Eleventh Session - April 12, 1999

All members of Council except for Councillor Lowry were present for this session. There were fewer people in the audience than usual (only 6 or 7) and the standard 3 reporters.

The biggest item of this meeting was passing the 1999 budget. There is a separate report on this later.

Loyalist Township has been informed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that it is on the next list of municipalities to be granted exemption rights for amendments to the Official Plan. This means that there is no approval needed from the Province for amendments to the Official Plan.

for another term. Part of those procedures apparently is to hold a public meeting on the subject (an ad is in this month's Beacon).

There was an interesting conclusion to the Welbanks severance issue which took some time to resolve itself. Council passed the following motion... 'That Council require a road widening along the existing shoreroad (South Shore Road) so that it is a minimum of 20 metres (66 feet) wide in accordance with past practice and Official Plan policy.' This is being called the 'shoreroad realignment land dedication policy'. This policy says nothing about the proposed realignment of the road and seems to suggest that the existing landowners do own the land to the south of the road (ie the shore). This may be a misinterpretation of the policy so you are invited to make your own misinterpretation.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

389-7200

Hours of Operation

April 30 to May 16

Weekends

Friday & Saturday: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Note: We are staying open until 8:00 pm on both Friday and Saturday this year.

Watch for your Menu in the mail.

Loyalist Township

1999 Annual Cleanup Schedule

Ward 1 (Amherst Island)

The Amherst Island Landfill Site will be open to Ward 1 residents at no charge (one 1/2 ton pickup truckload will apply), on regularly scheduled days from April 12 to April 30. All landfill restrictions will apply, including charges for tires.

The 1999 Budget

Council passed the 1999 Budget at the April 12th meeting. The final figures came in at:

\$ 7,773,500... general

\$10,679,200... area-rated

\$18,452,700... total budget

This is an average increase of 2.8% over last year's tax rate which does not include county or education levies.

The general expenditures apply across the Township.

Examples of these expenditures would be:

- roads (construction, maintenance, snowplowing and lighting);
- fire protection and emergency services

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including policing plus bylaw enforcement and building inspection; and,

- parks and recreation services.

The area-rated expenditures are charged to the specific area gaining the benefit of the expenditure. The area-rated services include water, sewer, waste management, conservation authorities, transit and, last but not least in our hearts, the Amherst Island ferry.

So what's happening on the Island this year...

- \$15,000 to retrofit a fire tanker,
- \$120,000 to purchase property on the Island,
- \$3,000 for repairs to the library building (there is a figure of \$4,600 listed elsewhere in the budget with the difference for non-repairs like hydro) with last year's amount spent being about \$1,500,
- \$1,000 for expenditures on the A.I. Community Centre (same as last year's budget),
- \$8,800 on the cemeteries which includes one on the mainland I think as there is a fairly substantial increase over last year's figures,
- part of \$81,400 for surface treatment of the Front Road from the Village east to the quarry,
- \$25,000 for the land fill site operation,
- 10% of \$1,365,700 is budgeted for the ferry operation,
- a \$1 fare for bicycles will be implemented this year,
- \$1,500 for the History Committee,
- \$6,100 for dock repairs
- \$4,000 to the A.I. Recreation Association.

Last year the ferry revenue exceeded the expenditures by \$5,300. It never ceases to amaze me how close this comes in a million dollar budget being less than 1/2 of 1%. It is projected that this year's expenditures will be \$110,000 more (or nearly 9%). The fares on bicycles will make only part of this difference so some increase in the vehicular traffic must be expected as no fare increases were shown. Of course, that situation could change as the year progresses.

The average 1999 residential assessment is \$105,611. The average residential tax bill is \$442.30 (\$36.86 per month) which is for Township purposes only.

There are also several Island specific reserve funds which are shown as follows:

	1998	1999
Parkland	3,653	0
Scholarship	10,084	10,084
Ferry Dock	236,775	265,075
Quarry Rehabilitation	1,055	1,055
Ferry	0	40,300
Waste Management	0	4,000
Total	251,567	320,514

It is now late and I am going cross-eyed looking at the 200 or so pages of budget. I think that is enough for you to get the idea that we seem to be doing okay.

Bake Sale

Friday, May 7th 3:50 pm.
Amherst Island Women’s Institute
held on the village corner by The Amherst Island
General Store

**Amherst Island Recreation Association’s
Annual Spring Dance / Fish Fry**

Saturday, May 22, 1999
Doors open 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 - 8:00
Dancing 8:00 - 12:30
D.J.
\$20. per couple
Advance tickets available from any Recreation member

4-H News

Bonnie Marshall & Andrew McDonald

The high school 4-H club is currently doing the Healthy Eating Around The Clock club. Our club name is “The Burnt Biscuits” and members include Scott Marshall, Thomas deHaan, Sara Pollock, Bonnie Marshall, Andrew McDonald, Alison McDonald, Brenan Kilpatrick, Marlene Kilpatrick, and Pam Hewitt. Our leader is Susie Caughey and our junior leader is Jill Caughey. So far we have

made quick and easy dishes like Pizza, nuts and bolts, chocolate chip cookies, and muffins. Our 4-H groups have volunteered to do the county newsletter this year. We would like to thank the community for it’s support as we were able to pay half of our 4-H entry fee for each member from our draw ticket sales. We will once again be selling tickets and hope to have some wonderful prizes, so be on the look-out.

**Amherst Island General Store
389-0417**

New Summer Hours
Beginning April 9 - October 16
Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 6 pm
Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm
Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Holiday Hours

Victoria Day - May 24 - 10 am - 5 pm
Canada Day - July 1- 10 am -5 pm
Civic Holiday - August 2 - 10 am - 5 pm
Labour Day - September 6 - 10 am - 5 pm
Thanksgiving - October 1 - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Post

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

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

We have a wide variety of products available. If we don’t have what you need, it can be ordered with deliveries. Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays. Just call a day ahead to place your order. Our deliveries arrive at 10:50 a.m. and we ask that you pick up orders around 11 a.m. as we have no room for storage in coolers at this time.

**The Neighbourhood
- Lyn Fleming**

Get well wishes this month to Paul Henshaw, who is well on the road to recovery following surgery in Toronto; to Earl Tugwell, who is recovering at home from a fall and to Kay Wolfreys as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Islanders and some mainlanders enjoyed two community dinners this past month. The Legion held a

spaghetti supper and the ACW held their annual Roast Beef dinner.

Birthday wishes to Tom Miller, who celebrated his 65th birthday with family. Nice to see Becky and Morgan Willard and Sarah Whitton home to visit for their spring breaks.

Sheila Eves and grandsons (Lance and Sam) spent a week in Mexico visiting her daughter Shannon. Also home from the sunny south is Stewart Miller who recently spent some time in Florida. Spring must be here - Hans and Erika Krauklis have returned from their winter in Mexico.

If you know someone celebrating a special birthday or anniversary, an award or accomplishment, please let me know, so they can be recognized.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jackie Sylvester

On March 18th members met at the home of Marion Glenn for a pot luck supper and our monthly meeting. During our business meeting it was decided to hold a bake sale on Friday, May 7th at 3:50 p.m. in front of The Amherst Island General Store to raise funds for our Institute. Thank you, Laurie and Dave for allowing us to do this. We are sorry not to be holding our usual Mother's Day Dinner but our profits last year did not justify holding the event. We hope you will support us in our new ventures that allow us to

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support our community. We will be canvassing for Cancer during the month of April so please look for our volunteers coming to your house. Jean Baker, our Resolutions Convenor, brought up in a discussion whether we might petition the government to allow the use of studded tires in Ontario again because of their high safety factor. A quick survey showed only one member used snow tires in winter, a much safer tire than all-season radials, so a lot of education would be needed on the subject.

Our program featured a talk on perennial gardening with Jackie Sylvester. Hand outs included an excerpt from Pamela Harper's *Designing with Perennials* where she lists her top groups of perennials. Her top group "those with attractive foliage that flower for a reasonable length of time include sedum "Autumn Joy", coreopsis "Zagreb, Moonbeam", yarrows (invasive if not controlled), asters "Alma Potschke, Hella Hyperion, Mme Bellum" (all have an extended bloom season), globe thistle, bugbane, *Corylus lutea*, the hardy (true) geraniums. These plants all add a great deal of variety to the flower bed and people might want

to try those they aren't familiar with yet. Even better, come to our Annual General Meeting at Audrey Miller's, 8:00 p.m. on April 21st. The plant exchange during our meeting will provide you with an opportunity to try something new. Our next meeting includes a trip to Simple Country Pleasures Greenhouses on Hay Bay where the specialty is perennials. Call Helen Lamb at 384-6521 for information on times and dates.

Loyalist Township

Amherst Island Ferry Service

Notice To Passengers

April 13, 1999

The following is for your information

- Please note that effective May 1, 1999, a \$1.00 return trip fare will be introduced for bicycles with riders. In keeping with the policy on collecting fares to help offset costs incurred, this was implemented as one measure to help keep fares fair and equitable for all the traveling public.

- Passengers are reminded that they must follow the Coast Guard's regulations regarding shutting off vehicles while on the ferry. This is for the health and safety of all on board, including the crew. Fumes entering the engine room are dangerous for the engineers in their work place.

- Passengers are also reminded that the lights from cars, when left on, interfere with the wheelhouse staff being able to see other craft at night and also being able to see the track in the winter and, therefore, lights must be shut off.

- An adult must accompany any passengers under the age of 14, for their safety. The crew cannot be available to watch these passengers and also perform their duties.

- The traveling public is requested to stay with their vehicles until fares are collected.

Your continued assistance and cooperation is appreciated.

Transportation and Waste Management Department

Jim Guest

Weasel and Easel

The Weasel and Easel will be opening for the 1999 season in late May in it's new location in the former Council Chambers.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Here We Go Again

In November of 1998, an Accommodation Review Report to the Limestone Board of Education (later endorsed by an Accommodation Work Team), recommended that “for small, isolated schools that are below capacity, the Board seek partnerships with municipalities and other groups as an alternative to closing”. Amherst Island P.S. is also below capacity so the proposal is to transfer our students to Bath unless a “partnership with Loyalist Township and the community of Amherst Island is established so as to provide revenue to offset operating costs”. The shortfall in revenue is 42 (student places) times 100 sq. ft. per student) times \$5.20 (Ministry number) equal to \$21,840 per annum. This all came about because of the Ministry’s New Funding Model which is based on enrolment and on square footage generated by the enrolment.

This is the situation, although it is extremely difficult to understand how

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the school can accommodate 75 students each with 100 sq. ft. when the total area of the three classrooms plus library is only 3,250 sq. ft.

So where does this leave us?

- 1) No change can be made until September of year 2000.
- 2) Discussions between the Board and Reeve Gilmore have begun.
- 3) The Board has expressed concern about the funding of rural schools and has requested the Education Improvement Commission to look into the matter.

In the meantime, your School Advisory Council has voiced the following concerns and these have been forwarded to the Board as an attachment to the Accommodation Work Team endorsement:

- 1) Excessive travel times. Some students already spend one and a half hours each day on the bus. Travel to Bath will double this to three hours each day. Six and a half hours of schooling on top of this travel time is too much for small children. These travel times assume good weather.
- 2) Ferry capacity. Will the school bus get on the 8 a.m. commuter ferry to the exclusion of four cars? On the Amherst Islander there is insufficient seating for 40 children and there are no toilet facilities.
- 3) Ferry breakdown. How will 40 children be accommodated on the mainland, perhaps overnight? Remember some of these children are only 4 years of age.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to ‘phone any of the island members of the School Advisory Council. They are: Lyn Fleming, Stewart

Reed and the undersigned.

Jim Whitton
Chair, Bath/Amherst Island School Advisory Council

Loyalist Township
Notice To All Residents Of Loyalist Township

“Open Air Burning”

The Ontario Fire Code states:

Open Air Burning shall not be permitted unless approved or unless such burning consists of a small confined fire, supervised at all times and used to cook food on a grill or a barbecue.

Loyalist Township Emergency Services has adopted policy which states:

- (i) fire permits will not be issued, and
- (ii) Loyalist Township Emergency Services will not approve of a person(s) setting fires for the purpose of burning grass, brush or rubbish or other such materials or burning in barrels, drums or similar containers; therefore:
 - (i) person(s) responsible for setting such fires may be invoiced for costs (up to \$900.00 per hour) for vehicles and firefighters when required to respond and extinguish such fires, and
 - (ii) person(s) responsible for open air burning or burning in barrels and drums may be invoiced for costs (\$75.00 per hour) for fire personnel to respond and investigate when a complaint is received by the fire department that such burning is causing a discomfort or endangering the complainant.

It is the responsibility of Loyalist Township Emergency Services to prevent risks to life and property due to fire and also administer tax dollars wisely.

Loyalist Township Emergency Services
Wayne Calver
Fire Chief

For Rent
Holiday Cottage
North Shore
Three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room.
Good swimming.
Call Cherry Allen at: 634-1212

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By-laws & Regulations

- Ian Murray

1) Open Air Burning: if you have any questions, comments or complaints about this please call Chief Calver. Nobody connected with the Amherst Island Fire Station has any responsibility regarding this by-law; neither does anyone on the Island have authority to grant permission to burn.

2) The \$120,000 mentioned by Don in his budget article "to purchase property on the Island" is apparently to buy the former Neilson General Store. I guess that this purchase will cause some controversy: using tax money to buy recreational property. However, I think that I would have voted for this. There is a rumour circulating that the deal is done.

It is with considerable sadness that I have come to realize that tourism is going to be increasingly important to the Island economy - just as agriculture becomes less important. With that in mind, public access to Stella Bay from the Front Road is worth having. Perhaps, the old store will house something that will be of interest to tourists and the Island's many seasonal residents.

3) I phoned the Transportation and Waste Management Department regarding the "Coast Guard's regulations regarding shutting off vehicles while on the ferry". I asked: what action does a crew member take after the driver refuses to shut off his/her vehicle? I was told that the crew member would inform the captain and that the captain would take appropriate action. I was unable to learn what would be considered appropriate action but was emphatically assured that the Township would stand behind the Captain's decision. I do hope that before these regulations were released to the public, that various scenarios were discussed with the captains and that there were decisions made regarding what appropriate actions should be taken by the captains when regulations aren't obeyed.

4) Regarding the bicycle fares being implemented "to help keep fares fair and equitable": is it possible to be "unfair and equitable" or "fair and inequitable"?

Senior Outreach Services

Frozen Dinners

For orders, menus & information

Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, May 6th at Tom and Audrey Miller's home at 8 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting in uniform if possible as May is election month. We will be joined by our Zone Commander, Howard Pauls.

Tickets for Branch 539's draw for a Sunbeam Grillmaster, propane barbecue are still on sale from any Legion member or at the Amherst Island General Store. Tickets are \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5. The draw will be held Friday May 21st at 9 p.m. at the store.

Donations given from our Branch this month were to the Legion Villa, as well as the Ontario Command Charitable Foundations, which provides specialized equipment for hospitals and Bursary Funds for students. A donation was also made to the Legion District Track and Field Association.

A Letter Home

Shearing has come and gone with no bad weather to dodge like last year when we raced a flock of sheep against a fast moving thunder storm... the sheep won, more or less. This year it was sunny for the days leading up to shearing and during.

There were three shearers; two fleece rollers; two packers (putting the fleeces in the various bags); four people picking up fleeces, sweeping the floor, moving sheep into the pens from which the shearers take them to be sheared; one or two people dropping around at intervals to move more sheep from the downstairs part of the barn to the old mow where the shearing stations are; plus, one and a bit cook. Along with this, three people took care of chores (and worried). With the exception of the shearers and the cooks, the jobs were pretty ill defined with help being given when needed. Within a short time, this rather inexperienced group of helpers became a well-oiled machine. A thousand ewes and yearlings sheared in less than 2 days which translates down

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to better than a fleece per minute hitting the floor.

Spring is officially here with the ice going out of the channel. Oh, it slopped around for a couple of days but by March 30th, the waves could be heard again at Topsy Farms. Speaking of the Lake, it is up approximately 150 mm (6") in the last month which is better than a foot since the start of the year.

By the by, we got an e-mail about Y2K and most VCRs... apparently there is some concern that most won't work properly when trying to use the programmed recording feature. The solution is simple... set the date back to 1972 which has the same days and dates as 2000.

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For Sale
Wanted

Nutrition And Wellness Products:
Nutrition Foundations, Weight Management,
Cardiovascular Health, Children's Nutrition,
40+ Health Issues, and more... For information,
call Diane Hieatt, Body Wise Consultant, at
389-7074.

Albertan Homes
Homes built or renovated
Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & homework
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Bayridge Travel & Cruise Centre
Leslie McDonald - Travel Counsellor
For all your travel arrangements...
Call 384-8065

Baby Sitting!
Shannon Youell
389-5596 Reference available.

Bulldozing Done
\$40/hour flat rate
Call Llew at 384-4071.

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Upholstery cleaning
Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Certified Electrician
Home, farm and commercial work
Building maintenance and repair on the Island
Cull Tom Richmond at 634-1855

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

Firewood For Sale
Call: 389-4484.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Lakeshore Rubber Stamp
Quick service for all kinds stamps (self-inkers, daters,
signature, logos, business & personal)
Call Linda Welbanks at 389-8441
Fax 389-9770

LIN - SAR
Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling
Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation
Phone: 478-5417

Matt's Pet Care Service 389-1202
I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits,
gerbils, fish, hamsters, etc) in your home or in mine.
Good Rates. Negotiable

Painting Classes
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes
For Sale
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

Portable Welding
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172.

Printing
A complete printing and design service
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Seamstress
Alterations, mending, custom clothing, home deco, gift

items.
Call Debbie - 384-3188

“Shelley’s Style”
Hairstyling for women, men, and children
Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079
Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Smart Shop
Your Personal or Group Assisted Shopping Service
Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 634-7869

Wanted
A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
Napane Animal Shelter
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Don’t forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts
continue to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Wanted
Freda Vouch is collecting Used stamps (incl. Cdn),
used blankets, A&P tapes, pet food, paper towels,
cloth towels, garbage bags and knitted squares (approx
16” x 16”) for the Napane Animal Shelter. Also good,
clean clothing for their thrift shop “The Cat’s Meow”.
Please leave in my porch if I am not at home or phone
384-4135 for a pick-up. Thank you for helping the
animals.

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People Have Been Asking For Information About
Body Wise Nutritional Kits, and Where to Start...

The basic Body Wise nutrient product - Right

Choice TM - includes vitamins, minerals and micro
nutrients that assist in microcellular nutrition,
maintenance of the skeletal system, and essential
metabolic functions. The A.M. formulation is taken in
the morning and provides essential vitamins, along
with ginkgo biloba and other ingredients. The P.M.
formulation is taken in the evening and contains
essential minerals, along with Vitamin D, and other
ingredients.

The list of ingredients impressed me, because for
the last 10 years, I have carried around a long list of
vitamins and nutrients recommended by Louise Kenton
in her book “Ageless Ageing - The Natural Way of
Staying Young.”* Because of the number of nutrients,
and the work entailed in taking the supplements, I
procrastinated, but knew I should get started. Now, I
have to admit that there seems to be some merit in her
recommendations, and I am pleased to have found a
reputable product in Right Choice TM which builds on
current research in the area of nutritional supplements,
and anti-aging nutrients. 37 different ingredients in two
containers, and at a lower cost than purchasing them
separately!

* Kenton, Louise: Ageless Ageing - The Natural Way
of Staying Young, London, Century Publishing, 1985.
Louise Kenton quotes her source, for the information,
as “Nutrition Desk Reference Manual” by Robert
Garrison Jr and Elizabeth Somer, New Canaan,
Connecticut: Keats Publishing, 1985.

For your information, the following list is a
comparison of some of the ingredients in the basic
Body Wise program (Right Choice TM A.M. and
P.M.), with those recommended in “Ageless Ageing”:

Body Wise Right Choice A.M./PM. (*)

Name of Nutrient...	B/W*...	A/A**
Beta Carotene...	yes...	yes
Vitamins A, C, D...	yes...	yes
Ascorbyl Palmitate...	yes...	yes
Vitamins Bi, B2, B6, B12...	yes...	yes
Niacinamide...	yes...	yes
Vitamin B6...	yes...	yes
Folic Acid...	yes...	yes
Vitamin B 12...	yes...	yes
Pantothenic Acid...	yes...	yes
Biotin...	yes...	yes
Vitamin E...	yes...	yes
Bioflavonoids...	yes...	yes
Choline...	yes...	yes
Inositol...	yes...	yes

Ageless Ageing Recommendation (**)

Name of Nutrient...	B/W*...	A/A**
Minerals:		
Calcium...	yes...	yes
Magnesium...	yes...	yes
Iron...	no...	yes
Zinc...	yes...	yes
Manganese...	yes...	yes
Molybdenum...	yes...	yes
Chromium...	yes...	yes
Selenium...	yes...	yes
Kelp...	yes...	yes
Amino Acids and other Accessory Nutrients:...		
Ginkgo Biloba...	yes...	no
Green Barley...	yes...	no

Call me for information about the other Body Wise
Kits, too.

Diane Heatt - (613) 389-7074

Independent Consultant

Web Site: www.bodywise.com

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drone's

may 14th

Concert

'Banned From The Island'

@ The Napanee Lion's Club

Friday, may 14th 8:00 pm - Midnight

drone

With special guests...

Creative Disturbance

Haze

Killboots

Slaves of spanky

throttle

\$3 Advance / \$5 at the Door

Get Tickets From:

Jacob Murray, Nate Maleska, Scott Marshall Or At
The Amherst Island General Store

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Beacon Notes

Here we are again... just like clockwork every time each month. This is our Lamb Issue (hey!... if Sports Illustrated can have a Swimsuit Issue, we can have a Lamb Issue!).

The Lake continues to rise but more slowly than last month. The Fisheries and Oceans web site shows about an inch and a half rise in the last month. Unless we get some rain, it looks like this might be the peak.

I finally remembered about the Community Calendar. There is lots and lots going on around the Island this summer.

Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

12th Session - April 26, 1999

Before the meeting began those reporters on hand were given a CD ROM called L&A Business Benefits. It is a promotional multimedia CD showing the benefits of locating a business in L&A county. If anyone would like to borrow it, call us at 389-3802. Having never seen another one, I can't offer any opinion on its content.

All members of Council were present for this meeting. There were more people in the audience than usual (about 15) plus the usual reporters.

The first significant item of business was opening the meeting up to people who wanted to speak about the By-law to continue with the Ward System for another term. There were no speakers for or against and so it was passed (actually

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By-laws are formally passed near the end of the meeting). One delegation made up of Richard Farndon and Jane Hanley was present from the National Institute for the Blind. They were promoting a set of building standards designed to make buildings more accessible for the blind. These are contained in a book that was presented to Council (Reeve Gilmore paid the \$40 cost from his Discretionary Fund). The recommendations were advertised as being practical, inexpensive and effective.

There was little business that specifically involved the Island so... in point format, some of the items dealt with were:

- the Thompson Rosemount Group was the chosen consultant for the proposed new Works Garage (somewhere on the mainland);
- Council approved most of the Annual Tenders for things like granular material, fencing materials, miscellaneous fasteners & materials but two tenders will be re-issued (liquid calcium and culverts);
- there was considerable discussion about the closing of the Amherstview branch of the Bank Of Montreal that ended up with a resolution requesting reconsideration (to be contained in a letter from the Reeve) and that the assistance of Paul Martin, the Minister of Finance, be requested;
- a new schedule of fees for services and activities was passed;
- LACAC's name (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, I think) was changed to

Loyalist Township Heritage Committee.

After other business was dealt with, Council went into closed session with the meeting ending at 8:50 p.m. (at least that is what the minutes say because I was just getting off the boat at that time).

Spring Dance / Fish Fry

Saturday May 22, 1999

Tickets \$20 per couple

Dinner only - \$8.00 per person

Dance only - \$5.00 per person

Dinner from 7 - 8:00 p.m.

Dancing - 8:30 til 12:30

Tickets available in advance from Rick Bedford - 389-8434 or Lyn Fleming - 634-2509

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

14th Session - May 10, 1999

At this session of Council, all Council members were present as were the usual reporters and nearly a full house of about 35 interested citizens. It is presumed that they were there to hear The Honourable W.J. Henderson speak as 30 left immediately after his presentation.

Before we get to that... the main result of the 13th Session (May 3rd) was to sign a contract with Cumming Cockburn Ltd to do the Loyalist Township Official Plan. The cost is \$44,293 to amalgamate, rationalize, standardize, and update the three separate plans. This, of course, means that someone from the Beacon will be present to report on the proceedings (at least those that are of Island interest). We can hope that it will not take as much effort (or as many meetings) as was the case when the Island did its own at the start of the 90's.

One of the problems in not going to all of the meetings is that the minutes do not flesh out a motion. For instance, at the 13th Session, a motion to receive the Township Engineer's report on 'environmental concerns -Amherst Island' (dated April 28th) was passed. If time permits, I will try to find out what it says, and if relevant, mention it in next month's report. Presumably, the Island hasn't been discovered as a radon hot spot or this isn't preliminary to setting up an incineration plant or animals have not been banned because

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they produce too much methane... isn't it wonderful being paranoid - there's always something to worry and obsess about.

The Township announced the purchase of the former Neilson Store and property. The cost was not mentioned in the notice but the budget had \$160,000 in it for Island property purchase so, I think, we can presume it about that much. It appears that the prime reason for the purchase of this property was the new dock and access from the water to the road allowing boaters access to the village. The notice went on to say... 'In the coming weeks, Loyalist Township Recreation Department will outline plans for the new facility including docking fees which will allow for temporary public use of the dock.' If anyone has any ideas, I am sure that the Recreation Committee would be pleased to hear them.

Well, back to the start of the meeting... The Honourable W.J. Henderson gave a brief talk about plans to develop Nicholsons' Point. His purpose seems to be to give Council notice of this potential development which 'will provide its residents with a relaxed lifestyle, with a central park theme leading to the existing Park and shoreline on the Point'. From what could be gathered from the information available, the houses will be upscale. And, it seems that the new water line heading that way is the impetus for the development.

In other business, Council approved the following:
- lawn maintenance for A.I. parks (the Ferry Dock and Centennial) and cemeteries (Glenwood and Pentland) be done on a ten day cycle from May to September;
- the liquid calcium chloride bid of Ashwarren has been accepted by the Township despite being considerably more than last year. Councillor Ashley pointed out that there is a significant year to year fluctuation in price with last year being exceptionally low. No reduction in the application area was planned.

Being ferry time, this reporter beat a retreat and made the 8:30 boat. If anything of consequence shows up in the minutes, be sure that it will be reported.

5th Annual Community Yard Sale

Where: The Back Kitchen Yard

When: Saturday, June 19, 1999 Weather Permitting

Time: Table set up 9:00 a.m.

Sale starts 10:00 a.m.

What: If you intend to sell, please advise Garry or Susan so that we have an idea of the numbers.

Bring your own table that morning and you're ready for business.

Phone: 389-7200 or 384-7866

The Neighbourhood
- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes this month to the following people: Mark Ritchie, who is home from the hospital and is recovering from surgery, just in time for the spring lambing; Tom deHaan as he recovers from minor surgery; and Valerie Wolfreys also is on the mend at home. Happy to report that several others who have been sick recently are feeling better now; Leonard McCormick, Lillian Miller and Stephanie Fleming. Continued "good health" wishes to Bruce Caughey Sr. and Henry Hitchins.

Life long Island resident Avery Brown passed away recently. Condolences to his daughter Reta and sisters-in-law, Helen McCormick and Jennie McCormick. Condolences also to Bob Marshall and Scott and Bonnie, following the passing of their mother and grandmother, Kay. Sympathies to Fay Wemp after the recent death of her brother-in-law (and former Islander) Art Fleming.

Two veteran great-grandpas welcomed new great granddaughters this past month. Peter Wittiveen's grandson Pat and wife Nancy welcomed Allison Sarah into the world on April 12. Ernest Fleming's youngest grandchild, Pam and husband Scott welcomed Paige Genevieve on April 20.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Tom and Jackie Sylvester. Happy 95th (!) birthday to Pete Wittiveen and happy 40th to Laurene Kilpatrick.

Leslie Gavlas travelled to Nova Scotia for an Elder Hostel and to visit family. Ian Murray and Sally Bowen also travelled down east to visit family. Tom and Audrey Miller

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attended the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Convention. The six day event was held in Windsor. Tagget Bonham-Carter and daughter Noa were home for an extended visit.

Amherst Island Public School held their annual Volunteer Tea. Members of the community who have volunteered at the school over the last year were given certificates made by the primary class and treated to goodies supplied by the senior class. It's amazing how many people volunteer in one way or another at the school.

The Back Kitchen opened on April 30 for the season. By the turn out, a lot of people were glad to have some place to go out to eat or get take-out without getting off the island!! The Weasel and Easel is gearing up to open any day for the season also.

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School invites all former teachers, students and interested friends to our 30th Birthday Party to be held at the Community Centre on Sunday, June 20th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please bring something for a Pot Luck Picnic.

Drinks will be provided. If you have photographs, memories or some good stories to tell, please bring them along.

For information please call any of the present teachers:

Ann Albertan 389-2662

Lyn Fleming 634-2509

Karen Fleming 389-0210

Janet Scott 389-4608

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Jackie Sylvester

Our Regular Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting, was held at the home of Audrey Miller on April 21, 1999.

Several interesting discussions took place. Our Resolutions Convener introduced the topic of studded tires as a possibility for Ontario. It appears that many of us are aware of the better performance of winter tires, as compared to all-season tires, but do not use them! There was no support for pursuing this proposed Resolution.

Another proposed Resolution reached us requesting our support for a name change for our Organization. After a lively discussion we decided to support this with the idea of perhaps encouraging more younger members, and a more modern image.

We had a Bake Sale in front of the A.I. General Store on Friday, May 7, 1999, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is proposed to be the first of several to be held over the summer. We are sorry to cancel plans for our Annual Mother's Day Ham Dinner, and these Bake Sales are intended as an alternative money-raising project.

Our next meeting is planned for May 19 (alternately May 14) when we will visit a green house called "Simple Country Pleasures" on the Hamburg Road. This will be followed by lunch in Napanee. We welcome visitors, and possible new members, at all our meetings. Since this is in the beginning of a new year for us do come and join us.

The following Executive was elected at the Annual Meeting:

President... Jean Baker

Vice President... Nancy Henshaw

Secretary... Jackie Sylvester

Treasurer... Freda Youell
Public Relations... Leslie Gavlas
Program Co-ordinator... Helen Lamb
Good Cheer... Marion Glenn
Tweedsmuir Co-ord... Leslie Gavlas

There will be a meeting to plan our program for 1999-2000 at the home of Helen Lamb on May 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 539
- Laurie Youell

Our monthly meeting was held at the Amherst Island Public School. We were very pleased to have with us our Zone Commander Howard Pauls in attendance along with Ernie Ballar, Bert Diamond and George Kish.

May was election month for Branch 539. Twelve members were in attendance. It was decided all members in office were to keep their positions presently held.

Karen Fleming... President
Dave Fleming... Vice-President
Elaine Wolfreys... Secretary
Audrey Miller... Seniors
Dave Youell... Youth Ed, Sports Officer
Freda Youell... New Membership
Laurie Youell... Public Relations

A last reminder to anyone still wishing to purchase tickets for the raffle for a chance to win a Grillmaster propane barbecue, there's still time. You can get tickets from any Legion member or at the Amherst Island General Store. The draw date is Friday, May 21, 9 p.m. at the general store.

Our next meeting will be June 3rd at 8 p.m.

Bruce Caughey Sr.
Honoured

Bruce Caughey Sr. has been selected for induction into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame. The ceremony is scheduled for 13 June, 1999 at the Hall of Fame at the Ontario Farm Museum in Milton (just west of Mississauga beside the 401). Bruce was nominated by the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association, citing the significance of his involvement in the farm mutual insurance industry, as well as his lifelong dedication to all areas of service to his community. Although he has been hospitalized since February, he still has high hopes that he can regain the

strength to make the journey that day. Our best wishes and congratulations are extended to him. Amherst Islanders are very proud to have one of their own so highly honoured.

Waterside Summer Series
Celtic sing-along and gospel rhymes in 1999 Waterside Summer Series

It will soon be concert time again in the Village. Some new faces, some familiar. You can enjoy them all.

Here's the full schedule to mark on your calendar -

Saturday, June 28

Romantic chamber music by The Wassermusik Group from Amherst Island and Toronto, Inka Brockhausen, Pamela and Pierre Meulien, Paul Sadowski.

A rich and rewarding evening of chamber music including selections from Brahms and Mendelssohn.

Saturday, July 17

Classical cabaret - Judith Vachon, soprano, Gloria Fox, piano, from Ottawa.

Easy to listen to and fun - light music highlighting the songs of Kurt Weill and Franz Lehar.

Saturday, July 31

From Ragtime to Modern Jazz - George Thurgood, Toronto.

Enjoy and learn more about jazz styles from ragtime to modern jazz, with some of George's own compositions included.

Saturday, August 14

Gospel, Country - Fourgiven, a group from the Kingston area, Ken and Deb Ellenberger and Bill and Jan MacPhail.

Familiar and inspiring music guaranteed to appeal to all ages and tastes.

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Saturday, August 28

Traditional Celtic music - Kingston Ceili Band. A fool-stomping sing-along evening led by the six-member band featuring fiddle, banjo, tin flute and more.

All concerts begin at 7.30 p.m. at St Alban's Church. As before, you can count on mouth-watering snacks and our famous Waterside punch.

Tickets this year are \$12 per concert or \$50 for the

series. This is the first price increase in six years and is due to higher costs of rental equipment and performer fees.

Call Jan Sneep at 634-1995 for tickets.

Looking forward to enjoying great music with you this summer.

Canadian Cancer Society Canvass

Once again April has come and gone along with another very successful Cancer Society Canvass. Each year it is very gratifying to know that Island residents give so generously, and this year was no exception; we topped last year's donations! Way to go! With so many demands on everyone's money it is good to know that your donations to the Canadian Cancer Society will help a very worthy cause, especially so, as almost every home has in some way been touched by this disease.

I would also like to give a huge "thank-you" to all the ladies of Amherst Island Women's Institute, and volunteers, who, each year take this task in hand, and spend many hours canvassing each Island home. Without them Cancer Canvass on the Island might not be possible.

So again, to each and every one of you, please accept my sincere "thank-you" for making this another very successful campaign.

Sincerely

Helen Lamb, Team Captain

St. Alban's A.C.W.
is celebrating it's
Annual Chicken Barbecue
Saturday, July 3
At the Community Centre
Serving 5- 7 pm
Adults... \$9.
Children 4 - 10... \$3.
Under 4 - free
Advance Tickets Only

Obituary

From the April 19th Whig Standard (in part)
Brown, Avery

After a lengthy illness on Sunday, April 18, 1999, at the Kingston General Hospital, Avery Edward Brown, in his 79th year. Beloved husband of the late Annie McCormick. Loving father of Reta. Lovingly remembered by his sisters-in-law Jennie and Helen McCormick. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. (Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery.)

Thank You Notes

Just a short note to thank everyone for their caring and kindness. The cards, phone calls, visits, treats that were brought by the house and most of all your thoughts and prayers were so very much appreciated.

And especially to Susie for all her help those nights when I had to go to work. I could not have done it without you.

Also a big thank-you to the First Response Team and Dr. Scott for getting there so quickly and doing all they could to ease my dad's pain. It certainly is true that the Island people pull together when someone is in need. And my dad was always very proud to be an Islander.

Again, thanks to everyone

Reta Brown

Please recycle plant containers back to the store. (Pots only please, not the little 4 or 6 pack containers.)

Sally Bowen

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You Know You're Growing Older When.....

- You feel like the morning after and haven't been anywhere.
- Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
- Your children begin to look middle-aged
- Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
- Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
- You regret all those mistakes you made resisting temptation.
- You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist and 106 around the golf course.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- A fortune teller offers to read your face.
- Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you see a pretty girl.
- You have too much room in the house and not enough room in the medicine cabinet.
- You turn out the light for economic reasons rather than romantic reasons.

For Rent
Holiday Cottage

North Shore
Three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room.
Good swimming.
Call Cherry Allen at: 634-1212

Senior Outreach Services
Frozen Dinners
For orders, menus & information
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

A Letter Home
Lambing is upon us which is the single most intensive job on the farm. In the first two weeks or so of lambing, the vast majority of our ewes are expected to lamb... that's the vast majority of over a thousand mommas with each expected to have twins or more. Talk about a maternity ward! We're thinking of setting up the barn this January coming as a birthing clinic to take care of the overflow from the area hospitals with the Y2K babies... heck, we got as much experience birthing 'babies' than many doctors. And, the extra income would be nice.

Chris, Dianne, Leah, Caroline and Beth are working the barns. Sally and helpers Candice and Matt work the foster lambs. Ian and Graeme do chores and are getting the pastures ready for the sheep. Tossed into the mix are machinery repairs, preparations for haying, new fencing, and anything else that needs doing. Busy, busy, busy....

The spring rolls along and no rain to speak of. We could do with some to keep the pastures growing and to ensure we have a hay crop. Looks like the grain fields could do with a soak as well to get them going.

Meanwhile the Island is at its most beautiful at this time of year, with all of the pastures green and the leaves coming out on the trees. Going up to the barn in the early dawn, or on an absolutely still evening just at sunset, the Island is breathtakingly beautiful.

Let's see... by this time next month, we'll be done lambing and into haying.

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For Sale
Wanted

Garage/Moving Sale
Sunday, May 23rd 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
13460 Front Road, Amherst Island.
Furniture, bunk beds, tools, bicycles,
New socks 50¢, and much more.

Also Jotul Wood Stove and accessories and a large stack of fire wood.
Call: 634-1169 for sale.

Wanted To Buy
Small boat trailer or skidoo trailer or utility trailer
Call Bob - 389-2916

For Sale
15ft Camper trailer, fridge, stove, toilet.
sleeps 6. \$600.00
Call Bob - 389-2916

Lawn Cutting
Call Tom deHaan: 389-6647

Nutrition And Wellness Products:
Nutrition Foundations, Weight Management, Cardiovascular Health, Children's Nutrition, 40+ Health Issues, and more... For information, call Diane Hieatt, Body Wise Consultant, at 389-7074.

Albertan Homes
Homes built or renovated
Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper
Light yard work & homework
Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Bayridge Travel & Cruise Centre
Leslie McDonald - Travel Counsellor
For all your travel arrangements...
Call 384-8065

Baby Sitting!
Shannon Youell
389-5596 Reference available.

Bulldozing Done
\$40/hour flat rate
Call Llew at 384-4071.

Carpet Cleaning

Carpet & Upholstery cleaning

Contact Scott at 389-4872.

Certified Electrician

Home, farm and commercial work

Building maintenance and repair on the Island

Call Tom Richmond at 634-1855

Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995.

Firewood For Sale

Call: 389-4484.

GLM Construction

General Contracting, Renovations & Design

Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Lakeshore Rubber Stamp

Quick service for all kinds stamps (self-inkers, daters, signature, logos, business & personal)

Call Linda Welbanks at 389-8441

Fax 389-9770

LIN - SAR

Mechanical - Peter Wemp

Heating & Cooling

Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation

Phone: 478-5417

Matt's Pet Care Service 389-1202

I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, gerbils, fish, hamsters, etc) in your home or in mine.

Good Rates. Negotiable

Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes
For Sale

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172.

Printing

A complete printing and design service.

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural water system maintenance.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Seamstress

Alterations, mending, custom clothing, home deco, gift items.

Call Debbie - 384-3188

"Shelley's Style"

Hairstyling for women, men, and children

Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079

Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Smart Shop

Your Personal or Group Assisted Shopping Service

Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 634-7869

Wanted

A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the Napanee Animal Shelter

Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

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Community Calendar

May

Wednesday, May 19th

AIWI meeting at 7 p.m. at Helen Lamb's

Friday, May 21st

Back Kitchen open daily including holidays

Saturday, May 22nd

Spring Dance and Fish Fry with dinner from 7-8 p.m. & dancing from 8:30 - 12:30

Tuesday, May 25th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June

Monday, June 14th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 19th

5th Annual Community Yard Sale

Sunday, June 20th

AI Community Sunday School 30th Birthday Party
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 26th

Waterside Series - The Wassermusik Group at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

Monday, June 28th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July

Thursday, July 1st

Canada Day - Township Office closed

Saturday, July 3rd

Chicken Barbecue 5-7 p.m.

Monday, July 12th

Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 17th

Waterside Series - Classical Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

Saturday, July 31st

Waterside Series - From Ragtime to Modern Jazz at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

August

Monday, August 2nd

Civic Holiday - Township Office closed

Monday, August 9th

Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 14th

Waterside Series - Gospel and Country at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

Saturday, August 28th

Waterside Series - Traditional Celtic at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

The Back Kitchen

Hours of Operation

May 21 to September 6

Open daily including holidays

Sunday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Phone: 389-7200

Note: We are staying open until 8:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday this year.

Amherst Island General Store

389-0417

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9am - 6 pm

Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm

Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Holiday Hours

Victoria Day - May 24 - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Day - July 1- 10 am - 5 pm

Civic Holiday - August 2 - 10 am - 5 pm

Labour Day - September 6 - 10 am - 5 pm

Thanksgiving - October 1 - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Post

Monday - Friday 9 am - 11:30 am

2:30 pm - 5 pm

Saturday 9 am - 12 noon

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

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

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

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

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Ancestors of Avery Brown

Avery Brown

George D. Brown {father of Avery Brown}

Elizabeth J. Reid {mother of Avery Brown}

William Brown {father of George D. Brown}

Margaret Henderson {mother of George D. Brown}

David Reid {father of Elizabeth J. Reid}

Mary Finnigan {mother of Elizabeth J. Reid}

John Reid {father of David Reid}

Elizabeth McKee {mother of David Reid}

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Beacon Notes

The rain finally came... it took a May 24th weekend to do it but we got about an inch. And, it was none too soon as I can't remember the last time we had a good soaking rain. The lawns were turning summer brown and the flowers were having a remarkably short season. Since then, it's been back to dry with the last rain a few days ago only being about a third of an inch.

As is the usual case this time of year, there are more events than you can shake a stick at. We, of course, have a Beacon full of ads so you can keep track of it all.

Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting
- Don Tubb

Just a clarification before we begin with the Council report... it was mentioned last month that Council had budgeted \$160,000 for 'Island Property Purchase'. The actual amount paid for the Stella property was \$111,000.

16th Session May 25th, 1999

All members of Council were present along with the regular staff members, reporters and 12 members of the interested public in the audience.

The first item of interest was a delegation from Topsy Farms. The minutes state: "Ian Murray spoke to Council regarding future road widening and/or road relocation in Part Lot 2, Concession 1, Amherst Island." Council deferred this item to the June 7th Administration meeting with reports to be presented at that time from the Planner and Township Engineer. At that meeting (to jump ahead a bit for the sake of clarity), Council decided to be consistent with the Welbanks decision, ie, to require road widening allowances "along the existing right-of-way, with a width sufficient to provide a 66 foot

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wide road allowance". The implications appear to be that Council is not willing to deal with the shore road relocation issue at this time; and, if the existing road allowance is widened to 66', there are places where that would intersect the water creating several separate parcels of land (that is until the water goes down).

Council is going to set up a working committee to develop a policy and criteria for selecting Community Safety Zones. These are areas where fines are much higher (if I remember correctly, the fines are tripled). One place where they might be established is in front of schools.

An amendment to the Animal Control By-law was passed. The by-law is intended to deal with unpaid fees. These will now be added to the tax roll of any property the person owns in the Township.

Deputy Reeve McEwen asked when the Neilson Store property would be having the grass cut and tables in place. The Recreation Director will be reporting back to Council soon.

{Council Report will continue after the following ads}

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17th Session

May 31st, 1999

The 17th Session held on May 31st was not attended by this reporter but minutes were included in the latest agenda package. No items specifically relating to Amherst Island were mentioned. The meeting lasted some 5 minutes.

18th Session

June 7th, 1999

The 18th Session held on June 7th was also not attended. This meeting while short (19 minutes) did deal with several items.

- Council authorized staff to issue the tax bills for the uncapped classes of property.
- A tender for the replacement of a storm sewer and water main was awarded to Gordon Barr Ltd. The value of the tender was \$142,058.55.
- A tender for the reconstruction of Amherst Drive in the amount of \$518,950 be awarded to Dibblee Construction.
- Storage Systems Construction was awarded the job of repairing and re-shingling the County Road #6 Salt Domes (\$32,702.50). These two rather quick meetings

do reinforce what is seen at the Regular Sessions... that Council members and staff come prepared to deal with the issues concisely. While this doesn't make for very exciting viewing, Council can really move through an agenda quickly. By the time I leave for the boat (8:15), Council is through the Reports, Items for Action, and sometimes even the By-laws. This leaves the Information Items, Announcements and Enquiries, along with any items for Closed Session.

19th Session

June 14th, 1999

The 19th Session of Council was held on June 14th. All members of Council were present along with a full compliment of staff, reporters and 11 interested members of the public.

After some preliminaries, Council got down to business. Council approved a Health and Safety Policy for the Emergency Services. This was reproduced in the agenda package going on for some 6 pages and is based on the Ministry of Labour 'committee guidance notes'.

There was a report on the 1999 debt capacity. It says that

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the Ontario Municipal Board approval is no longer needed for capital commitments if the debt is within the municipality's overall annual repayment limit. This limit is calculated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In more familiar terms, it means that if the municipality has some approved credit left, it can go out and use it. At this point, the municipality has an unutilized debt capacity of between 10 and 15 million dollars depending on whether it is a 10 or 20 year commitment (in round numbers).

At the May 31st Administration meeting, there was mention of the Official Plan. A representative of Cumming Cockburn talked to Council about the goals and objectives. This consolidated Official Plan is to be done by July 2000. There will be input from ratepayers at public meetings to be held in Amherstview, Odessa, Bath and Amherst Island as well as input from special interest groups (eg Ontario Federation of Agriculture). I will try to keep you posted on this process.

At the June 7th Administration meeting, there were a couple of items of local interest. Council decided to paint the Amherst Island Office. They had discussed siding it in vinyl but thought this would not be in keeping with the historical character of the building. Also discussed was the Stella Bay property. A dedication of the site will be held on June 18th. The rules and regulations regarding this property are being

developed (signs, docking limits, fees, etc). Further, there was a recommendation to install a donation box for voluntary donations at the Stella Bay dock for the summer, and for staff to investigate other uses and appropriate charges for Township docks and parking lots. That is more or less a reprint of the resolution.

A Policy Manual for the Amherst Island Ferry Service has been adopted by Council.

Apparently there has been some negative comments to staff and Council members about the new voice mail system. There was a report on the system with the agenda package. Various bugs are being worked out to make it run more smoothly. The main benefit of the system is that the staff can now shield themselves from calls. This allows more work to be done. Return calls can be grouped creating more efficiency for staff. Example of the volume of calls handled by the system were given as May 25th - 549 calls and May 27th - 427 calls. A reprint of the department extension numbers will be included.

The Front Road between St Alban's and the school will be closed from 7:01 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on July 1st for the Canada Day parade.

It was noted by Council members that the Amherstview transit route use is considerably up this year.

The last item for this report was a by-law to regulate fences in the Township. It deals at some length with fences for swimming pools but has regulations concerning all fences. This is well worth reading as requirements change between residential and other zones and for various locations on a given lot.

Canada Day
Come and Join the Celebrations!

Parade - Have You Got Your Float Ready?

How about that special or unique vehicle?

Kids! Have you got your bike decorated yet?

Participants in the parade should meet by 6:30 p.m. at St. Alban's.

At The Community Centre -

Kid's games and prizes, pie eating contest (with some of our esteemed politicians), strawberry social and hot dogs, entertainment and more!!

Fireworks - At Dusk.

Following the Fireworks this Year "Drone" Will Perform On the Soccer Field.

St. Alban's A.C.W.
is celebrating its
Annual Chicken Barbecue
Saturday, July 3
At the Community Centre
Serving 5 - 7 pm
Adults \$9.
Children 4 - 10 \$3.
Under 4 - free
Advance Tickets Only

Senior Outreach Services
Frozen Dinners
For orders, menus & information Call Freda Youell at
384-4135

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The Neighbourhood

Welcome to new Island residents, the Kingsburys. Bill and Penny have a cottage on the island, but recently became full time residents when they bought Mary Robinson's house. Also welcome to Jason and Amanda Hutchings and daughter Monica, who moved to the village this month.

Condolences to Karen J. Fleming and Sandra Reid and families after the recent passing of their mother and grandmother, Kathleen Shangraw. Continued good health wishes to Bruce Caughey Sr., Henry Hitchins and Sally Bowen.

Happy 65th birthday to Ken Fennell. Happy 40th anniversary to Kaye and Dorothy McGinn. Congratulations to Tom Miller on his recent retirement from the ferry. Gary McDonald travelled to England recently to visit family. Congratulations to A.I.P.S. students, Khrysta Trotter, and Chris Reid who came home with ribbons from the Limestone district-west track and field. Congratulations to Bruce Caughey Sr. after being inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Many people turned out for the annual Spring Dance-Fish Fry, sponsored by the A.I. Recreation Committee.

The summer horse shows have started with the Odessa Horse Club's show. Samantha Pollock brought home a 3rd and 6th place and Shawna Phillips a 3rd place. Students at A.I.P.S. went on their end of year field trips this month. The Kindergarten class bicycled to and had a picnic in the Owl woods (along with an assortment of teachers and parents!). The Primary class travelled to Upper Canada Village, and had a great day learning and exploring. They were accompanied by teacher Ms. McCrae and several

parents. Teacher Mark McCrady took the senior class on a day trip to the Hershey Chocolate factory in Smiths Falls, The Science Museum and the Cyber Dome in Ottawa with a stop at the Corel Centre. We are sorry to say good-bye to both of our teachers this year. Both Ms. McRae and Mr. McCrady will be teaching in Bath next year.

P.S. Bon Voyage Leslie!!!!

The Back Kitchen

Hours of Operation

May 21 to September 6

Open daily including holidays

Sunday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Phone 389-7200

Friday and Saturday Evening Specials

Now Available through the summer

A New Item on the Menu:

Jalapeno Cream Cheese Peppers

July 1 - Canada Day

We will stay open as late as necessary to serve everyone.

There will be a Pie Eating Contest following the Parade at the School.

The participants will be on the Back Kitchen Float - judged by the Recreation Committee.

The participants are:

Duncan Ashley - Councillor

Paul Gilmore - Reeve

Jim Guest - Transportation & Waste Management Superintendent

Clayton McEwen - Deputy Reeve

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jackie Sylvester

The May meeting took the form of a visit to a greenhouse called "Simple Country Pleasures". It is situated on Route 9, the northern Hay Bay road. This is a lovely location, surrounded by quiet country living. The plants were mostly grown on the property and were in very good condition. The greenhouse also held an unusual variety of plants. The Amherst Island group arrived about 10:00 a.m. and after making some purchases left for lunch in Napanee.

They chose the Pizza Hut on Centre Street, and took advantage of the buffet table to try small portions of various pizzas, as well as the salad bar. Lunch finished, they were able to return home on the 1:30

ferry. A nice change from our regular indoor meetings!

Congratulations to Jill Caughey who has been awarded the Women's Institute \$300.00 Annie G. Haggerty Scholarship.

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Jill has been an active participant in the local 4-H programs for many years. She plans to use the money to continue her education, hoping to enroll in the horticulture program at the University of Guelph. We wish her great success in her future studies.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Nancy Henshaw on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. Jean Baker will be telling us stories of her recent trip to China. We welcome visitors, and would be pleased to see anyone interested in the program at Nancy's.

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 539

- Laurie Youell

The winner of Branch 539's draw for the Sunbeam Grillmaster B.B.Q. was Arnold Adams.

Congratulations Arnold, what a great way to start the summer of '99.

It is with sadness and regret that I report to you this month. Unfortunately after almost 50 years of service to the community, Branch 539 Amherst Island has agreed upon surrendering its charter and closing the doors, due to a decline in membership and a lack of support. As yet we do not have a date when it will take place. A report will follow in a future Beacon.

The Weasel and Easel

We Are Back!!!!

Come and visit us in our new location at the back of the Ferry Office. The side entrance in what was the Council Chamber.

The store is full of interesting art, pottery, crafts, blankets and blanket boxes. We also carry cards for all occasions.

Weekends - 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until July 1

July and August - 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Daily

Phone: 389-3545

Kingston Symphony Book Fair

Book Fair Donations

The Symphony Book Fair, sponsored by the Volunteer Committee of the Kingston Symphony Association, welcomes donations of quality books and sheet music.

Please bring donations to the J.K. Tett Centre, 370 King St. W. (Theatre S Building) Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during June.

For further information call 546-9729 (KSA office) or 546-0778.

4-H News

- Andrew McDonald

The Amherst Island 4-Hers are once again having a Canada Day draw. Proceeds from this draw will help support the 4-H program on the island.

There is a wide variety of prizes contributed by generous people in the community.

1st- Royal Doulton Figurine - Doris Decorte

2nd- Topsy Wool Blanket - Joyce Morgan

3rd- Island Pottery - Pat Frontini

4th- Coffee Table Nature Book - Freda Youell

5th- Five Free Movie Rentals - A.I. General Store

Draw tickets will be available at the General Store or from all 4-H members for \$2.00 each. The draw will be held on July 1st after the Canada Day Parade.

Thank you for supporting 4-H in your community.

Thank You Notes

Thank you

I would like to thank Islanders for their generous donations to the Colitis and Crone's Foundation walk-a-thon. Your support allowed me to raise over \$1,100. Once again, thank you.

Faye Wemp

Thank You

Thanks everyone for the visits, cards, calls, flowers, plants, cookies, goodies and reading material during and after my two weeks in hospital. It helps a lot to know so many people care.

A special thanks to the neighbours who helped Tagget and James to run things smoothly at what's always a busy time of year for us.

Mark Ritchie

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Llew, Caroline, Helen and Fae would like to thank friends, family and neighbours for the cards, flowers, visits, goodies, encouragement, books and especially Water that they all brought during Llew's recent illness. It's difficult to express how much that support

meant through a difficult time, but we hope that you all know how grateful we are.

No matter how old we are, losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know.

We would like to thank everyone who has visited, sent cards, prayers, phone calls and food during the illness and loss of a dear mother and grandmother, Kathleen Shangraw.

Thank you to our families who have been a real source of comfort during this difficult time.

Special thanks to Syke for always being there when we needed you, for seeing that our household ran smoothly and for becoming "Mom" while I was at the hospital.

Thank you Ann, for your prayers and for all those times you sacrificed your time to help with Mom at her doctor's appointments.

Thank you Barry (Forsyth) for your many visits both at the hospital and at home; to Dr. Alex Scott, Kendra (VON) and Penny for your care and concern, both professionally and personally.

Your caring has made losing a mother and grandmother a little easier to bear.

Thank you Mom for the love and the memories

Karen, Wayne, Whitney and Talia

Thank-you

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank all who came out and supported, or ordered meals from, our annual Fish-Fry. It was a great night!

Special thanks to Garry & Susan at the Back Kitchen and Dave and Laurie at The General Store for your donations, help and support.

I would like to thank my family and friends for visits, cards, flowers and calls while I was sick.

Stephanie Fleming

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

During the months of July and August the regular hours of service will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

Regular hours of service will resume in Sept. This change is to accommodate the members of the congregation who wish to spend the afternoons with family and friends.

Session of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Ralph Woods (representative elder)

New Islanders

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to all our fellow neighbours and islanders as so many of you have done over the past few weeks to us. My name is Ross Haines and this is my wife Joyce (or more familiarly Joy). We are building our dream log home on the Front Road between the Caugheys' and the Heatts' homes. We purchased the property about 3 years ago when we decided we would never find as nice a place to be or with people as nice as this. We hope to fit into your community and look forward to making lots of new friends. Joy will be retiring from C.I.B.C. at the end of July after almost 30 years and is looking forward to a nice long rest after many years of much stress. I retired last July, after some heart trouble, from Lee Valley Tools. We welcome any and all of you (a few at a time, please) if you have any questions, about a full scribe log home, to drop in anytime we are there and we will be pleased to not only meet and greet you, but try to answer your questions as well. Joy is a little more reserved (read intelligent) than myself. I tend to babble on and on, but I'm learning quickly about the island grapevine as I've put my foot in it a few times already. We are certain we will enjoy ourselves here on Amherst Island and look forward to many years amongst nice folks like yourselves.

Ross and Joy Haines

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Loyalist Township

Emergency Services

Community Fun Day

August 21st at the school

12 noon to 3 p.m.

Come and join Loyalist Township Emergency Services, also known as your Fire Department and First Response Team, in a Community Fun Day for all the family.

Entertainment includes demonstrations by the Fire Department and the First Response Team,

- A Jumping Castle,
- Clowns with balloon animals,
- Face painting,

Spanky the Fire Dog,
Food,
Free Hot Dogs, and
we hope a dunking tank.

Wintering in Mexico (Part II)

- Hans Krauklis

Earlier this year I reported on our RV trip from Amherst Island to central Mexico. We arrived in the town of Ajijic in mid-November. Ajijic is quite well known from travel books and has been featured in the travel pages of Canadian newspapers. It lies at the foot of a mountain range on the north shore of Lake Chapala. This lake is the largest in Mexico. It is about a quarter of the size of Lake Ontario and it suffers from a similar problem, namely low water levels. However, the lack of water in Mexico is much more severe than here. The town of Ajijic pumps water to a given neighborhood for perhaps two hours a day. And some of the new developments for the many Canadians and Americans who have bought houses up in the hills suffer severe water shortages, making it real difficult to keep that lawn green.

Nevertheless, Ajijic is a charming town with a large foreign community. The cobblestoned streets are bounded by high walls often graced with a profusion of flowers throughout the year. If you peek through a doorway you will often see wonderful gardens, lush and green. We liked to go for lunch at the hotel Nueva Posada which is owned by a Canadian family. Here at times we would see the foreign community in action. One lunchtime we were there, the ladies of the garden club, all dolled up in fancy dresses and even fancier hats, would make their entrance, one after another. Quite a ceremony!

The drive from Ajijic to the Pacific Coast took about five hours. We had found a lovely campground on the beach in a coconut grove. We settled in for a two-month stay. The campground is owned by a Frenchman who married into a local Mexican family. Many of the campers return year after year. So it is not surprising that many friendships have sprung up. However, this can also give rise to a certain clannishness vis-a-vis newcomers. The beach had been buried four years ago by a tidal wave, caused by an offshore earthquake. A couple of trailers got swept away, but luckily this happened during the off-season while nobody was around. Nature can indeed be violent in Mexico! While we were there, dust from the Colima Volcano drifted to the coast and produced very red sunrises. The people living near the volcano had to evacuate for a time.

However, on the beach life was very relaxed.

Between Christmas and New Year the campground and the beach became very crowded, as Mexicans from Guadalajara (5 million inhabitants) and other large cities spent their short holidays on the coast. The Mexican style of camping reminded us of what we used to do twenty or thirty years ago: Drive up to the campground, pitch a couple of pup tents, rig up a light, keep enough ice in the cooler even if it crowded out the beer, cook on a Coleman stove. But we had nice neighbours. On one side, a family of five, husband teaching at one of the Guadalajara universities, wife strumming the guitar. On the other side was a clan of some twenty people from various places in Mexico. At the end of January the days became hotter again, and we left to travel north along the coast towards Puerto Vallarta and beyond.

Up in the mountains, not far from Ajijic and Guadalajara, the climate was more agreeable. We settled in at a spa. This resort has several large pools fed by natural hot springs. As well, it sports large picnic areas, water slides and the "Lazy River" where one can drift along, cocooned in a rubber tube. The resort formed a green, well-watered oasis surrounded by rather dusty fields that had not seen any rain for months. We campers - almost all Canadians - had the whole place to ourselves, except on weekends when there was standing room only in the pools as busloads of holiday makers from Guadalajara poured in.

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Imagine getting up early in the morning, getting outside, shivering in five degrees air temperature, running a few yards to the nearest pool and jumping into wonderfully warm water, without chlorine. Better yet, take along your coffee or whatever. Once the sun had been up for a while, it warmed up quickly and we could revert to our usual dress: shorts and T-shirt.

This resort is one of four on the edge of the small town of Villa Corona. The town itself has few American or Canadian residents, but offers all the essentials anyway. Perhaps the best lunchtime restaurant in the town is run by a young Mexican couple: She, the dentist, cooks and hubby, the lawyer, serves and washes the dishes. Early in the morning and later in the evening they practice their respective professions. You've got to hustle, especially in Mexico!

It is a pity that there are no hot springs anywhere near our part of Ontario and that the medical establishment in North America still appears to show little interest in the soothing if not curative powers of mineral spas. Those warm waters are really good for the old bones, and the exercise does not hurt either. An

old farmer from Saskatchewan whom we met told us that he came down every winter for a couple of weeks to "take the waters", and that this kept his arthritis in check for the rest of the year.

On our way back up North we detoured to the lands of the Tarascan Indians. Patzcuaro remains a well-preserved and charming Spanish Colonial town, with low, colonnaded buildings surrounding the two town squares. The area is famous for the various arts and crafts introduced by a Spanish bishop in the 16th century and still practiced today in the villages of the district. Close by is Lake Patzcuaro. The lake is quite large and among its half dozen islands we visited the island of Janitzio. This speck of land would make some contrast to our Amherst Island: It covers only a few acres; it is really just a hill jutting out of the water, and it is densely populated - one house besides, and above, another. On top of the hill the islanders have created a park, "graced" by a monstrously large masonry statue of Morelos, one of the heroes (and martyrs) of the Mexican War of Independence. Tourists - like ourselves - just have to climb up that bill, wheezing at every step of the curving and steeply rising lanes bordered by never ending souvenir shops and hole-in-the wall restaurants, gasping in the thin air at over 2000 meters (7000 feet) of altitude.

I hope you enjoyed this report about wintering in Mexico. It is very different from the more efficient and homogeneous lifestyle north of the Rio Grande. We expected and have run into surprises in Mexico, but for the most part they have been pleasant ones.

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Loyalist Township
The Amherst Island Landfill Site
Hours of Operation

Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Water Levels

The following notice was posted on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans web site:

Water Levels Advisory

The water levels on Lake Superior, Lake Ontario and on the St. Lawrence River! Montreal are considerably below their all time average for this time of year. Mariners should exercise caution as the water levels in these areas may fall below Chart Datum during the next few months. The levels of all other lakes are at or near their all time average levels for this time of year. During severe winter storms levels of certain areas on the other lakes could fall to or below Chart Datum.

Evidence of this can be seen in the chart {not reproduced} which shows a slight decrease in the water levels at Kingston. The peak level (to date) occurred at the start of

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June with perhaps a 50mm drop off in the last week or so. The peak has been passed. [N.B...This chart has been amalgamated from this and last months' charts as presented on the DFO web site.]

A Letter Home

Lambing is over and haying has begun along with shuffling sheep flocks around to their summer pastures. We did manage to get our square bales in early this year (all two wagon loads). You will note from the picture of the crew that Ian, Chris, Sally, Dianne and Don do not appear. Chris was off baling. Ian, Sally and Dianne were away or at their real jobs. I was taking pictures. This left friends and visitors to do the work. Is this the passing of the torch.... no, but the first generation is getting smarter. The crew was made up of Leah on the tractor (farm seniority). Two young women loading the wagon (Vic and Ronnie). Stacking done by Sue, Brett, Nate and Jacob (left to right).

Over the next month, it will be more of the same on the farm... haying, moving sheep around plus dealing with accompanying disasters and worrying about impending crises (rain... too much, too little, inopportune; coyotes; fall pasture; market prices;

Official Plans; etc).

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For Sale

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For Sale

Paddle Boat

Stainless steel sink (1 1/2)

Desk

4 Drawer File

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Students or others - Help Wanted

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Shore Well Maintenance
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Shopping Service
Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 634-7869

Wanted
A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
Napanee Animal Shelter

Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

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Community Calendar

June

Saturday, June 19th

5th Annual Community Yard Sale

Sunday, June 20th

AI Community Sunday School 30th Birthday Party 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 26th

Waterside Series - The Wassermusik Group at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

Monday, June 28th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July

Thursday, July 1st

Canada Day - Township Office closed
Canada Day Parade, etc

Discovery Social put on by St. Paul's

Saturday, July 3rd

St Alban's Chicken Barbecue 5-7 p.m.

Monday, July 12th

Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 17th

Waterside Series - Classical Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

Saturday, July 31st

St. Paul's Garden Party

Waterside Series - From Ragtime to Modern Jazz at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

August

Monday, August 2nd

Civic Holiday - Township Office closed

Monday, August 9th

Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 14th

Waterside Series - Gospel and Country

at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

Sunday, August 15th

150th Anniversary Service

(preach by Rev. Dr. Zander Dunn)

Saturday, August 21st

Community Fun Day noon to 3p.m.

Saturday, August 28th

Waterside Series - Traditional Celtic at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

September

Monday, September 6th

Labour Day - Township Office closed

Back Kitchen - last day of daily opening

Amherst Island General Store

389-0417

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9am - 6 pm

Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm

Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Holiday Hours

Canada Day - July 1- 10 am - 5 pm

Civic Holiday - August 2 - 10 am - 5 pm

Labour Day - September 6 - 10 am - 5 pm

Thanksgiving - October 1 - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Post

Monday - Friday 9 am - 11:30 am

2:30 pm - 5 pm

Saturday 9 am - 12 noon

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

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

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

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

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Loyalist Township

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Extensions available from 386-7351

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Human Resources Ext 111

Labour Relations Ext 111

Anniversary Calls Ext 107

Treasury Department

Budget Ext 109

Property Tax and Assessment Info Ext 119

Utilities enquiries Ext 105

Accounts Payable Ext 113

Accounts Receivable Ext 114

Payroll and Benefits Ext 106

Transportation And Waste Management

Road maintenance, ferry & transit info Ext 117

Waste Management Ext 116

Clerk's Department

Lottery Licences Ext 100

Council information Ext 120

By-laws information Ext 121

Fencing enquiries Ext 121

Transient Traders' Licences Ext 121

Engineering Department

Emergency - regular office hours

Water and Sewer Ext 0

Public Works general information Ext 165

Engineer Ext 118

Street Light repairs, garbage enquiries Ext 103

Utilities Department

Superintendent Ext 108

Water and Sewer location of services Ext 108

Bath Office

Building Department

Building and Zoning enquiries

Civic addressing

Property Standards

By-law enforcement 352-3361

Planning Department

Zoning, planning, severance

Home based businesses

Road closings

Heritage issues 352-3361

Bath - Sewer, Water, Hydro

Information 352-7204

Parks And Recreation Department

Recreation Director Ext 208

Cemeteries Ext 208

Arena and Parks administration Ext 208

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Hall and programs Ext 200

W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre

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Beacon Notes

Hot enough for y'all? Sure is summer out there... hot, humid, thunder-busters, endless high sun. Doesn't it make you long for a good blizzard... hah!

Changes, changes, changes... we've now got lines at the Stella intersection and not just vehicle stop lines but pedestrian crossing lines too. And, there's a new speed limit in town... from the Stella intersection to the school and for about an equal distance on the west side of the school, the speed limit is now 40 kph! We are now to the point that some tractors could be ticketed for speeding! I personally know an old Case that must do nearly 50 kph and we used to rent Internationals

that would certainly do 40 kph while sounding like a low flying jet.

Loyalist Township Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

June 28th & July 12, 1999

All members of Council were present for both meetings along with the usual members of the staff. There were fewer members of the interested public in the audience during these two meetings.

Despite this being summer, Council has been busy as you will shortly see. The following is just the items that more or less directly involve the Island... they represent a very small portion of the total agenda.

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Probably the single biggest item in the last month was the finalization of the Stella Bay property purchase, the quick cleanup and preparation by staff, and its opening with an address by the Reeve. So, there is now public access to and from Stella Bay plus a good dock. Council is seeking ideas for the old Neilson Store. There is an ad from the Township about how these ideas can be sent to Council.

Council and staff continue to look into all aspects of the new Township. They are getting the Treasurer, Ross Troop, to 'investigate past cemetery records and provide a breakdown of all cemeteries by 1) Perpetual Care Fund, and 2) Monument/Marker Fund and a procedure to be established for the receipt of funds by Loyalist Township'.

The Loyalist Township Heritage Committee is continuing with the Amherst Island inventory. They are planning to seek permission from some owners to do a more detailed look at their properties.

The 1998 Annual Report for the Amherst Island Waste Disposal site was submitted to Council. The good news reported:

- the service life is in excess of 20 years.
- the waste diversion programs have diverted a 'significant volume of waste' from the site,
- ground and surface water monitoring still has turned up no conclusive evidence of leachate.

The bad news is that inconsistencies have been found between the Certificate Of Approval and the Development and Operation Plan. These involve the physical area of the site and the areas used for waste disposal. Discussions will begin with the Ministry of Environment as to how best amend the certificate. We can only hope that it will not take a decade to do this as

it did to get the dump approved in the first place.

Council is participating in a study to extend the rail service in the Taylor-Kidd industrial park. There was no suggestion in the documentation that rail service be extended to Amherst Island. Perhaps that will come with the next phase of development.

Council is starting down the road towards a ground water management study. Terms of reference are being written and proposals will be sought. As with everything done these days, a consultant has been hired to help develop the terms of reference.

A Township farmer, Mr Smith, came to Council to request an increase in the compensation awarded because of a calf kill (wolf). After some discussion between Mr Smith and Council members, staff was directed to look into this. Council was interested in the process being fair, consistent and that any award be supported by the Province (it compensates the Township for this kind of kill). At the July 12th meeting, a report from staff was presented. The end result is that Mr Smith will get more compensation if the Province approves.

The notice from Township (Emergency Services) about open air burning has now been formalized in a by-law. The end result is that it is not as complete a ban as indicated at that time. The definition of open air burning is: 'the setting of a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning grass, rubbish and other combustible materials and includes burning in barrels, drums and pits'. Barbecues and small contained fires used to cook are still okay as long as they are supervised at all times. The ban on open air burning is all inclusive except that the owner of a farm may open air burn as long as a

{Council Report will continue after the following ads and notices}

Bake Sale

A.I. Women's Institute

Friday July 30 at 3:30 until sold out

Outside at Amherst Island General Store

Garden Party

at

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church July 31 1-4 p.m.

Loyalist Township Emergency Services

Community Fun Day

August 21st at the school

12 noon to 3 p.m.

Come and join Loyalist Township Emergency Services, also known as your Fire Department and First Response Team, in a Community Fun Day for all the family.

Entertainment includes demonstrations by the Fire Department and the First Response Team,

A Jumping Castle,

Clowns with balloon animals,

Face painting,

Spanky the Fire Dog,

Food,

Free Hot Dogs, and

we hope a dunking tank.

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series of precautions are met. The materials must be dry and things that make lots of smoke (rubber, plastics, painted lumber, etc) cannot be burned. The fire must be 500' from a building and the fire must be small. The person burning must be over 18 and must supervise the burn until it is extinguished. There needs to be equipment 'capable of controlling and quickly extinguishing the fire' present at the burn site. Burning is not permitted in high winds, dry weather conditions or after sunset (any or all of the foregoing). Finally, the owner of the property has to notify the Fire Department before the fire is set and after it is extinguished. The fines are substantial: \$75 to investigate a complaint; and if fire apparatus is needed to extinguish a burn the costs are charged both for the vehicles (\$300 per hour per vehicle and \$120 per subsequent half hour) and the firefighters salaries.

Council also passed a Boulevard By-law. It has something to do with the maintenance of the area between the traveled road and an owner's lot line (aka the road allowance). What is not clear to me at least is whether if part of a road allowance has been kept cut, does it now mean that all has to be on a given property. There are lots of land owners who trim up the road allowance in front of their houses/cottages but don't do the rest of their road frontage. By next month, I should be able to get this clarified... it is the unintended consequences of a by-law that concern me.

Last but certainly not least, Councillor Ashley congratulated Bruce Caughey senior on his recent induction into the Agricultural Hall Of Fame.

The Back Kitchen

Hours Of Operation

May 21 to September 6

send letters to family and friends. We also collected a quantity of knitting wool and needles. We have been told that the women were very grateful and were using the wool to knit some lovely things.

Our recent cancer canvas raised \$1,858.25, a wonderful sum. Thanks to the all the community people for supporting our collection. With all the incidents of cancer on the Island lately the need for more research funds is very obvious.

Our July meeting will take the form of an evening at the Waterside Festival on July 17 for the "Classical Cabaret". Sounds wonderful.

Amherst Island Community
Sunday School
- Janet I. Scott

On Sunday, June 20, 1999 the Sunday School attended the service at St. Alban's at 11:00 a.m. and then met together at the Community Centre for a Pot Luck lunch and an afternoon of games to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sunday School.

Jean Tugwell and Gayel Willard told of the birth of the community Sunday School with the help of Helena Bierma and Cathy Glenn back in 1969.

It was created as a non-denominational Sunday School meeting in the school so that all children would feel welcome. As Jean said, "We didn't ask anyone's permission, we just did it."

Former Sunday School Teachers and present ones were honoured with a certificate created by one of the present pupils, Miss Beth Albertan. There were little angel pins to represent the Sunday School's thank-you for their guidance. Mrs Karen Fleming was presented with a silver serving dish to commemorate her 25 years of service in the Community Sunday School, a remarkable contribution. Attendance awards were presented to Beth Albertan, David Albertan, Tommy Fleming, Ashley McGinn and Ben Whitton. After the awards we all enjoyed one of Karen Fleming's fabulous cakes and ice-cream.

After the ceremonies everyone enjoyed games organized by Mrs. Ann Albertan and received birthday balloons, some of which took off into the great beyond, but that was fun too!

Thank-you everyone for helping to celebrate our great day by joining in the festivities.

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100% Virgin Wool Blankets
from Topsy Farms sheep's wool
Over 40 in stock at the Weasel and Easel and more on

order.

A wide variety of colours in 4 sizes

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Island History

From Leslie Gavlas...

When I read "The actual amount paid for the Stella property was \$111,000. by the Township" I realized many of our readers may not have been aware of the historic property purchased. The following notes regarding Neilson's Store come from the "Walking Tour of Stella" developed by Catherine Ann Wilson.

The latest owner of the property. Norman Berman built a fine new dock behind the building where he could tie up boats and entertain friends. Signs have been installed by Loyalist Township identifying Stella Park and Public Dock, and a picnic table and benches are also there. I commend the Loyalist Township Council for their foresight in claiming and developing this wonderful asset.

Neilson's Store

(excerpt from the "Walking Tour of Stella" by Catherine Ann Wilson.)

If you wanted groceries or veterinary supplies, they were on the right side of the store. If you wanted a yard of fabric or a pair of boots they were on the left side. If you wanted to mail a letter or sit around and chew some tobacco, you did that at the back. The Neilson's store had it all. It was a grocery store, post office, social centre and much, much more.

In 1869, James C. Neilson moved to Amherst Island and went into a general store partnership with Polley. By 1873, he had his own business in a smaller store on this location. Ten years later, however, he moved that building down to the water to serve as a coal shed and had the present store built. In 1941, Rod and Fred Neilson became official owners, continuing the business until 1973 when it was sold. Throughout its operation. Neilson's was one of the biggest commercial operations on the island.

Customers started dropping in at 6:00 a.m. after they delivered milk to the cheese factory. They hitched their rigs in the sheds across the street, then entered the store to exchange butter, eggs, and turkeys for groceries. When Neilson's started into the droving business they even accepted cattle towards a bill.

A stop at the Neilson's meant more than a dash in and out of the store. They were the grain and coal merchant for the Island to keep Island homes warm, up

to six hundred tons of coal per year was bought, stored, and sold behind the store. The Island was famous for malting barley and most of it was loaded here in vessels bound for the breweries of Oswego or Portsmouth. A ramp and trestle were located in the east side of the store. Farmers backed their wagons up and unloaded their bags of grain onto a car which then ran along the tracks into the grain house located on the dock. When the barley business slowed down and live-stock farming increased. Neilson's set up a grist mill, selling up to eight hundred tons of feed a year.

In addition to the dock behind the store, the Neilsons were responsible for the outside wharf located slightly east of the present ferry dock. The "North King", "Caspian", "Alexandria", and "Water Lily" alternately stopped there everyday of the week. These large steamers provided a means of travel to Toronto, Rochester, and other distant parts. Smaller steamers like the "Hero", "Aletha", and "Brockville" made daily stops at the wharf behind the store.

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They carried passengers and freight to Kingston, Picton and other nearby locations. In 1929, when the first Amherst Island ferry began its trip from Millhaven, it also docked here. The regular arrival of these and other boats provided an important commercial and social lifeline to the mainland at a time when the village was a thriving community.

Obituary

Bailey, Margaret J.

Suddenly at her summer residence on Amherst Island on Monday, July 12, 1999, in her 70th year. Margaret (nee Wemp), beloved wife of 48 years to Frank Bailey of Simcoe. Loving mother of Wayne of Simcoe and Kevin and his wife Leslie of Welland. Devoted 'Nana' of Samantha of Simcoe. Dear sister of Chris Filson and her husband Mel, Grace Bailey and her husband Eric, Nina Churchill and her husband Bill, all of Kingston and Hugh Wemp and his wife Doris, Ben Wemp and his wife Barb, all of Napanee. Interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. ("From the Whig Standard, July 14th).

Thank You Notes

I wish to thank the "First Response Team", for their prompt and efficient way, in which they assisted me, on the evening of June 5, 1999.

I was visiting my step daughter and her husband,

Sheila and Larry Porter for a family barbeque.

Thank you. First Response Team.

Sincerely

Mary Kimberley

Thank You

A large "Thank you" to all our friends and neighbours for your cards and good wishes on the occasion of my recent retirement from the Ferry Service. A special Thank You to the Ferry Crews for your delightful gift. Last, but by no means least, to Audrey, Debbie and Phil, Karen and Dave and Laura, your secret was kept perfectly. I had no idea.

Tom Miller

Thank You

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank everyone for their participation and support of our Canada Day Celebrations. The floats were great, the kids outdo themselves every year with their costumes and hikes, and the horses and fire trucks are always popular. We would especially like to thank Freda Youell, Amy Caughey and Thomas deHaan for agreeing to judge the kids' costumes and bikes. To Laurie LaBlue and Crystal Bedford for organizing and supervising the kids games and judging. To our Loyalist politicians, who came out and supported our celebrations (and were such good sports!!), to the Back Kitchen for your continued support and donations, and to A.I. General Store for your help and support.

The PCW's Strawberry Social has also become an important part of our celebrations. Special thanks to the Fire Department, who are always on standby for the fireworks, but were especially appreciated this year when it was decided that the fireworks would go despite the strong winds. Finally, to everyone who came out and "lined" the street to watch our parade. We couldn't have the celebration we do without an one of you. Start your planning now, for Canada Day 2000 - we hope to see everyone then!!

Stella Bay

Public Park - Dock Opening

June 18, 1999

Reeve Gilmore

For more than 100 years, this location played a major role in the economy of Amherst Island. On this site, the former Neilson Store was established in 1873 with the existing building built in 1883. It was operated by the Neilson family until it was sold to Tom Miller in 1973. Up to 600 tons of coal was bought,

stored and sold from this location each year to keep Island homes warm. Vessels of famous Island malting barley were loaded here, bound for Oswego or Portsmouth. A grain house loaded by cars carried across the road on a trestle was also located on the dock. While larger steamers bound to and from Toronto and Rochester and other larger ports docked at the outside wharf near the present ferry dock, small steamers

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like the “Hero” the “Aletha” and the “Brockville”, made daily stops at the wharf behind the store. These boats carried passengers and freight to and from Kingston, Picton and other nearby locations. The first Amherst Island ferry began docking here in 1929. As recorded in the Stella Bay Walking Tour, “the regular arrival of these and other boats provided an important commercial and social lifeline to the mainland at a time when the Village was a thriving community”. The advantages of encouraging boat traffic to the Village from Stella Bay was recognized by the former Township of Amherst Island Council. When the Official Plan was approved in 1991, the need to acquire public access to the Village from Stella Bay was recognized and accepted as a goal to be pursued. When this property, formerly owned by Norm and Nancy Berman, came on the market, the Council of Loyalist Township put the approved policy into action. The result is that Islanders and visitors will be able to enjoy this waterfront park. The advertising spaces on the dock sign, paid in part by local businesses, will invite visitors to come ashore, take a walk and enjoy the benefits offered by this community. Hikers and cyclists who come to the Island to enjoy the natural beauty will find a spot here to relax, have a swim and maybe enjoy a lunch purchased in the Village.

What are we going to do with the building? That question remains unanswered. Although the building has played an important role in the history of Amherst Island, as a store and in later years, a sub branch of the Royal Bank, it’s not hard to see that it needs some attention and a new purpose in order to remain. The Township is inviting suggestions from the public. Maybe there is an entrepreneur out there who has an idea for a business. One thing for certain, Council does not intend to let the building become an eyesore or to burden taxpayers with unreasonable expenses. So if you want to save the building, give us your suggestions. If you think removal would improve this beautiful location, let us know. We want to hear from you.

A special thanks to Pat Beyer, Victor Simpkins and

the parks crew who prepared the park for public use. We hope that boaters who use the dock will drop some loonies into the donation box to help offset the cost of maintaining this site.

This picturesque vista allows a view from the past and imagination of the future. The Council of Loyalist Township, your Council, has seized the opportunity to acquire this beat ion for the benefit of Islanders and visitors. We believe that it is a treasure that will continue to reward the people of Loyalist Township.

For Rent
Holiday Cottage
North Shore
Three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room.
Good swimming.
Call Cherry Allen at: 634-1212

Senior Outreach Services
Frozen Dinners
For orders, menus & information
Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Loyalist Township
The Amherst Island Landfill Site
Hours of Operation
Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Rules For Everyone With Power Boats
- Michael Shaw

Boating is something many of us enjoy during the summer. New boating regulations are coming into effect that are intended to make on-water activity safer.

One change that will affect many young people is that as of September anyone under 16 years of age operating a power boat must carry proof that they have completed a boating course. These courses are available locally and the certificate you receive is good for life.

Since April, only those 16 or older may operate personal water craft, also known as SeaDoos and jetskis. No exceptions are allowed, including riding with an adult as a passenger.

Children under 12 are allowed to operate a boat with an outboard motor of less than 10 horsepower by themselves. If they are age 12 and not yet 16, they can operated a power boat of up to 40 hp. Over this limit, they must be accompanied or supervised by someone

else who is 16 or older.

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As of the year 2002, everyone operating a power boat up to 4 metres long must carry proof that they have completed a Coast Guard approved boating course. This includes personal water craft. By 2009, everyone operating a powered recreational boat of any kind must carry proof of competency or of having completed an approved course.

You can obtain a copy of the newest edition of the Coast Guard's Safe Boating Guide, which spells out all the new rules as well as the laws that apply to boating, by calling 1-800-267-6687.

It's also worth noting that the law requires your boat to carry a Canadian-approved PFD (personal flotation device) or life jacket of appropriate size for each person on board. The fine for insufficient PFDs is now \$200. Aircraft-type inflatable PFDs are now approved for most boating activity, which should appeal to those who don't like the bulk of traditional life jackets.

The booklet spells out a number of other new regulations, like the need to carry a heaving line, and to have on board a sound signaling device such as a whistle as well as a watertight flashlight or three flares.

The booklet carries a reminder that the speed limit of 10 km an hour applies to any boat within 30 metres or 100 yards from shore. There is an exception for water-ski boats taking off at right angles to the shoreline. The fine for a speeding offence is set at \$100.

You can get information on the basic Boat Pro certification course, as well as other courses offered by the Kingston Power Squadron, by calling the Marine Museum in Kingston during business hours Monday to Friday.

This information is provided by Michael Shaw who was part of a group advising the Coast Guard on the content of the new regulations.

Dance and Yoga Classes Open To All

The Arabesque Academy of Toronto will bring a sample of its program featuring classes in culture-specific dance to the Island early in August. The occasion is a four-day workshop where live instructors will lead students in Middle Eastern dance and movement workouts. The dates are August 6 through 9.

Islanders and visitors of all ages are welcome to join the classes which will follow this schedule each

day: 8.30 a.m., Yoga; 11.30 a.m., Pilates; 12.30 p.m., Belly Dance; 3.30 p.m., Azerbaijani/Persian dance; 4.30 p.m., Creative movement.

Classes are one hour in length at \$5.00 per class. The fee for the entire four days of classes is \$100. The Yoga, Persian dance and Creative movement classes will be held at 1200 Front Road, 4.5 km east of the Village. Pilates and Belly Dance classes will be held at 2150 Front Road, 3 1/2 km east of the village. The entire program will be held outdoors. In the event of bad weather, classes will move to the Community Centre.

Arabesque Academy was formed 15 years ago and is home to the Arabesque Dance Company. Founder and artistic director Yasmina Ramzy's choreography has been called "intelligent and inventive" by the Globe and Mail, and described by Dance International magazine as consummate professionalism... hypnotic to the eye and ear."

Dancers from the school will present a short informal show at the Community Centre on Saturday, August 7, at 7.30 p.m. There will be no charge.

For more information call 416-920-5593 or 613-389-0223.

A Letter Home

Haying proceeds apace with all the land within fences (ie pastured land too) done. If the weather holds, we should finish up sooner rather than later.

So, what kind of year has it been.... well, we were thinking of taking the skid plates off the haybine to get it

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down a bit closer to the ground thus cutting another inch of hay. The rains came at the wrong time for the hay crop. We can hope for lots of rain to encourage fall pasture and no killing frost until... say February. Anyone wanting to buy some sheep? Hey, it's not that bad yet!

There isn't much else doing on the farm beyond haying and checking the sheep. I think it's time to put this Beacon to bed for the night so bye for now.

Loyalist Township

Loyalist Township Public Notice Stella Bay Property Council would like your suggestions regarding the future of the old store at the Stella Bay Park.

As you know, the Township purchased the former Berman property in Stella to provide access to the village from Stella Bay for recreational and

commercial purposes. The building has played a major role in the history of the Island, first, as the Neilson's General Store and, in later years, as a sub-branch for the Royal Bank in Bath. The bu

Lawn Cutting
Call Tom deHaan: 389-6647

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Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling
Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation
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Call Keith Miller at 389-2588.

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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172.

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Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
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Alterations, mending, custom clothing, home deco, gift
items.
Call Debbie - 384-3188

"Shelley's Style"
Hairstyling for women, men, and children
Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079
Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Smart Shop
Your Personal or Group Assisted Shopping Service
Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 634-7869

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A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels for the
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Whig Home Delivery
If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
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A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue
to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

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Community Calendar
July
Friday, July 30th
A.I. Women's Institute Bake Sale at the General
Store from 3:30 until sold out
Saturday, July 31st
St. Paul's Garden Party
Waterside Series - "From Ragtime to Modern Jazz",
at 7:30 p.m. in St Albans

August
Monday, August 2nd
Civic Holiday - Township Office closed
Monday, August 9th
Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 14th
Waterside Series - "Gospel and Country", at 7:30

p.m. in St Albans
Sunday, August 15th
150th Anniversary Service (preached by Rev. Dr.
Zander Dunn)
Saturday, August 21st
Community Fun Day noon to 3 p.m.
Saturday, August 28th
Waterside Series - "Traditional Celtic", at 7:30
p.m. in St Albans

September
Monday, September 6th
Labour Day - Township Office closed
Back Kitchen - last day of daily opening

Amherst Island General Store
389-0417
Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 6 pm
Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm
Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Holiday Hours
Civic Holiday - August 2 - 10 am - 5 pm
Labour Day - September 6 - 10 am - 5 pm
Thanksgiving - October 1 - 10 am - 5 pm

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

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

We have a wide variety of products available. If we
don't have what you need, it can be ordered with
deliveries.
Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Just call a day ahead to place your order.
Our deliveries arrive at 10:50 a.m. and we ask that you
pick up orders around 11 a.m. as we have no room for
storage in coolers at this time.

Fax Service
Fax service is now available at
Amherst Island General Store
Mon - Fri only
To send - Local - \$1 for first page
50¢ for each additional page
Long Distance \$5.00
Receive - 50¢ per page - Local and Long Distance
Fax# - 613-389-0417

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Ancestors of Margaret Jane (Margie) Wemp

Margaret Jane (Margie) Wemp

Edward Norman Wemp {father of Margaret Jane
(Margie) Wemp}

Sarah Jane Glenn {mother of Margaret Jane (Margie)
Wemp}

Benjamin Wemp {father of Edward Norman Wemp}

John Glenn {father of Sarah Jane Glenn}

Catherine Fleming {mother of Sarah Jane Glenn}

William Wemp {father of Benjamin Wemp}

Sarah MacKenzie Howard {mother of Benjamin
Wemp}

Alexander (Sandy) Glenn {father of John Glenn}

Nessie Askin {mother of John Glenn}

William Fleming {father of Catherine Fleming}

Sarah Jane Cronin {mother of Catherine Fleming}

John Wemp {father of William Wemp}

Ellen Catherine Althouse {mother of William Wemp}

Edward Howard {father of Sarah MacKenzie
Howard}

Elizabeth?? {mother of Sarah MacKenzie Howard}

Alexander Glenn {father of Alexander (Sandy) Glenn}

Alex Askin {father of Nessie Askin}

Mary Glenn {mother of Nessie Askin}

Samuel Fleming {father of William Fleming}

Catherine Galbraith {mother of William Fleming}

James Cronin {father of Sarah Jane Cronin}

Christine Kaig {mother of Sarah Jane Cronin}

Barnabas (Barent Wemple) Wemp {father of John Wemp}

Catherine Gates {mother of John Wemp}

Abram Althouse {father of Ellen Catherine Althouse}

Lucretia Dusenbury {mother of Ellen Catherine Althouse}

Robert Glenn {father of Alexander Glenn}

Nessie Johnston {mother of Alexander Glenn}

?? Fleming {father of Samuel Fleming}

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Beacon Notes
The Amherst Islander Is Due to Return At The End Of
September!
It will remain here for one to two months.
Then the Frontenac II is expected to resume the Island
run.

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Such is the information from Jim Guest,
Transportation and Waste Management Department.
While not particularly precise... the Township doesn't
control the comings and goings of the fleet.

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hours before departure to guarantee a spot on the first
run.
Just kidding!!!

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Credits

Loyalist Township
Emergency Services
Community Fun Day
August 21st at the school
12 noon to 3 p.m.

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Entertainment includes demonstrations by the Fire Department and the First Response Team, A Jumping Castle, Clowns with balloon animals, Face painting, Sparky the Fire Dog, Food, Free Hot Dogs, and we hope a dunking tank.

Amherst Island Recreation Association Notice

Due to the cost of upkeep and replacement, there will now be a charge to rent chairs and tables from the Rec Association, that are removed from the school. Under no circumstances are they to be taken off the Island.

The cost will be \$1.00 per chair and \$5.00 per table. A Rec Association member must be present when chairs or tables are removed from the school and also when they are returned.

Thank-you for your co-operation

Loyalist Township Regular Council Meeting - Don Tubb 23rd Session - August 9, 1999

Reeve Gilmore was not present for this meeting so Deputy Reeve McEwen chaired the meeting. All other members of Council were present: Ashley, Bresee, Linkson, Lowry and Storms. Most of the usual staff were present along with several members of the interested public and 3 reporters. I, for lack of a better word to describe what I do there, include myself in this category.

There were remarkably few Island specific items dealt with at this meeting so this will be brief (as will the Beacon this month).

- The Boulevard By-law which was deferred from last month's meeting did not come up again this month. At the July 12th Administration meeting, Council members requested more information from staff on the proposed By-law and a legal opinion regarding liability issues'. There will be more on this later.

- There was a quick mention of the Island in the Heritage Committee minutes. It simply said that members are watching the videos taken of the Island when they did their blitz several months ago which will continue next meeting.

- A report from the Community Safety Zone committee was received and the recommendations adopted. A Community Safety Zone is a specific area, such as in

front of a school, where fines and penalties are increased for transgressions of the Highway Traffic Act. The Committee was formed to establish criteria for choosing where these zones might be established. The criteria listed are too numerous to reprint here but essentially they say that there has to be a safety concern; and, that no better options, like crossing guards at a school or increased police patrols, are available which would do the job. Committee looked at three test cases (Ernestown Secondary School, Bath Public School, and Amherst Drive Sports Fields) with none seemingly requiring a safety zone designation at this time.

Perhaps it was a different Chairperson but there was a remarkably long discussion on a proposal from Mr Smith to install a biosolids storage facility on his property on Canton Road. Councilor Linkson gave a long critical appraisal of the proposal to which all other Council members responded. In the end, the existing motion was passed to continue consulting with the Ministry of the Environment and to inform residents in the immediate area of the proposal.

In other non-Island news, the west end of Amherst Drive is finally going to be rebuilt and paved. If things go right, the project will simply be an extension of the current work around the Recreation Centre.

And, it is noted that the Amherstview bus route has had a significant increase in riders. Every month but January has had more riders than in any previous year. From January through the end of June, there have been 37,670 riders. The previous

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best year (1995) had 34,569 and the worst year (1998) had 29,223 riders.

While we have a little space to fill, the Building Permit Summary shows that James Pepper has a Permit to build a house on Amherst Island (presumably the new house going up on the Front Road). The summary to the end of July shows the number of permits issued is 137 with a construction value of \$9,238,309 which resulted in permit fees to the Township of \$79,561. Some 806 inspections have been done on these permits to the end of July. The CAO had a report on building activities in the minutes. It says that as of July 1st, there was a 33% increase in permit revenue. Residential starts are also up from 25 last year to 53 this year, a 64% increase.

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A Negative Critique Of The Proposed Boulevard By-law
- Don Tubb

This by-law originated because two landowners in residential areas refused to cut the grass between their front lot lines and the road. The proposed by-law would be applied across the entire Township and requires that land owners maintain their abutting road allowances in similar shape to the adjoining land, and in a 'neat and tidy' condition. They must do so if they or the previous owner had ever maintained the road allowance. Upon conviction of not living up to this by-law, fines would be assessed but there was no indication in the by-law as to the amount of the lines.

I have some problems understanding the by-law as it is short on specifics: For example... 'neat and tidy' is the defining standard which could, in landowners eyes, vary considerably between Amherstview and any country road. Plus there is no provision when a new lot is created on a new road (ie no previous owner with an abutting road allowance) which would create a situation where the Township would have to cut their road allowances. Heck you could even get a situation where a house is bought in the winter when no maintenance is done to the lawns and sold before the next lawn cutting season. The new owner could argue that the past owner (and it is defined in the singular as 'the previous owner') had not maintained the grass and so she/he doesn't have to either.

The by-law also makes no mention of bushes or trees... is the abutting landowner responsible for the maintenance of these, including the removal of large dead trees at a cost that could be over a thousand dollars
- that aren't even on their property? Can you imagine

the chaos of the roads after another 'ice storm' if the abutting landowners were required to deal with the trees... thousands of trees being felled in an uncontrolled manner often onto the roads threatening passing vehicles.

If one wanted to consider 'fairness' (ie why should the rural areas get the roadsides cut when the urban areas don't), one could argue that the urban areas get their roads cleaned with street sweepers which I certainly have not seen out our way. Environmental issues could also be argued... a couple of large tractors working during the grass cutting season versus thousands of lawn mowers and weed eaters.

Council members seem to be having some doubts about this by-law. In a recent Administration Meeting minutes, there was mention that Council wanted a legal opinion on liability. One could speculate that this is a concern about requiring thousands of landowners to work in close proximity to the traveled road potentially at threat of being involved in or creating an accident because the Township requires them to do so.

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In the end, this may turn out to be much ado about nothing but if you want to look at the proposed by-law. I have re-printed a copy on the last page of the Beacon. There must be a better way to deal with two landowners without involving the whole Township. Well... so much for my tirade. By the way, this reflects the opinion of the writer - not the Beacon or any of the other staff.

For Rent
Holiday Cottage
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Three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room.
Good swimming.
Call Cherry Allen at: 634-1212

The Neighbourhood
- Lyn Fleming

Condolences this month to Frank Bailey and family following the sudden passing of his wife Margie (Wemp). Also to Dianne, Scott and Bonnie Marshall following the, death of their father and grandfather in Toronto recently.

Get well wishes to Myles Hutchings, while he recuperates at home from surgery. Also to Rick Ducette, who will be recuperating in the hospital for several weeks after his car accident on the Front road. Best wishes to Noel McCormick who injured his hand

recently.

Welcome home to John and Alena Schram.
Welcome to new residents Ross and Joyce Haines who are building the log house down the Front road.

Leslie McDonald returned recently from a long planned cruise with 8 high school friends. Debbie Miller and Phil Silver traveled to the Maritimes this month.

Happy 65th birthdays to Barb Reid and Hans deHaan, who celebrated with friends at a joint surprise party. David Wemp was the guest of honour at a surprise 50th birthday party, held by Rob and Heather Wemp.

Lots of visitors to the island this month. John Gavlas and family visited from Halifax for a couple of weeks; Lynann Whitton & family welcomed family from Montana; Judy Roberts entertained her sister Charlotte who was visiting from Florida.

The 51st Annual St. Paul's Garden Party was held on the last Saturday of July. Although rain threatened, it did hold off until the end and everyone enjoyed their pie and ice cream, silent auction, afternoon tea, the fish pond and much more. The Waterside Music series is winding down for the summer. A four day workshop on creative dance and movement was held on the Island and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Remember, if you have special birthdays, anniversaries, trips, other functions or events you would like to see mentioned in the Beacon, please let me know.

Thank You Notes

My heartfelt thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards of condolence on the passing of my Dad.

Dianne Marshall

I along with my family I wish to thank Dr. Scott and his wife and the First Response Team for their quick reaction that unfortunately was to no avail.

To our friends and neighbour's on Barry Point for their loving support, and to all our relatives and friends in this area on and off the Island for their kindness, support and prayers.

Margie is now resting on her beloved Amherst Island where she was born and where we first met and were later married in the Anglican Church in Stella in 1951.

Thank you again
The Baileys
Frank, Wayne, Kevin, Leslie and Samantha

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Letter of Thanks to the EFRT

We extend our most heartfelt thanks to the members of the Emergency First Response Team who responded so quickly to our emergency call last month. A family birthday barbecue could have turned into a real tragedy, when one of our guests choked on a piece of food. Fortunately some quick first aid saved the day, leaving us with a real cause to celebrate.

We were very impressed by the speed with which the members of the Response Team answered our call, and extend our particular thanks to Dick Shurtleff, Tom Richmond, Karen Fleming, Maureen McGinn, Lynann Whitton, Janet and Alex Scott and Bill Phillips. Please forgive us if we missed anyone. but there were a great many people in our small kitchen.

It is extremely comforting to know that the Island has such a skilled Emergency First Response Team, and that its members respond so quickly when there is a crisis.

Our thanks to all who came to our aid.

Sincerely,

Larry and Sheila Porter

Thank-you

We would like to thank Eldon and Elsie Willard for hosting a surprise Birthday party in our honour. Also for the lovely gifts we received.

Thank-you everyone again.

Hans deHaan and Barbara Reid

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Letters To The Beacon

Last weekend my family and I had the opportunity to visit with my cousin Steve Dorman & his wife Shelley Marshall at their home on your island. The occasion was their 18th wedding anniversary. We arrived on Friday morning the 6th of August and left on the Sunday the 8th. We left tearfully. Not only because we were saying good-bye to Steve and Shelley and their children after three days of joyous merrymaking, but also because we were leaving Amherst Island. What a paradise of land and souls you people have made there!

From the very moment we set foot on the ferry to the time we waved it good-bye as we drove away, we met some of the loveliest, most gracious and hospitable people we have ever had the pleasure to know. Everywhere any of us went that weekend we were made to feel not only welcome, but dare I say loved? Smiles, handshakes, and even hugs by total strangers seemed to be the norm. And everyone who passed us in their cars or on bicycles or on foot waved! Such openhearted neighbourliness is so rare these days. We all marveled about it around our campfire each night. It was truly a wonderful human experience, one that none of us will ever forget I assure you.

On behalf of my family I would like to extend our warmest best wishes to your people for making us feel so at home on your island. Your kindness touched us all and is a shining example of how God wants us to take care of each other.

Thank you Amherst Island, may we come back'?

Sincerely Yours

Neil H. Zach

on behalf of the 35 members of our family who spent the weekend in "paradise"
P.S. As a former community newspaper editor myself I would like also to commend the staff of the Beacon for their dedication in serving their community. Your paper is a good example of how small town papers help bring people together. Cheers and best wishes for your continued success.

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A Letter Home

While we wait to begin haying again, we managed to get all the bales home from the first round. This is an accomplishment worthy of note.

Yes, it has rained but not enough to do anything but keep the grass from completely dying. There just hasn't been much re-growth on the pastures as yet. About the only things that looks lush are Sally's gardens but she's not willing to give the vegetables and flowers over to the sheep.... yet.

So, our wishes conflict., a sunny, hot spell for having coupled with a rainy August and September for pasture growth. You might think farmers want too much.

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{two charts showing Lake Ontario water levels are not included}

Water Levels

We hear a lot about low water levels and the potential for a worsening situation to come. In fact, Lake Ontario is getting quite close to the 90 year average for August as illustrated in the first chart below. The chart shows an approximate height of 74.9 metres for the middle of August and the Lake is currently running at 74.8 metres as it has for the last couple of months. This is approximately 10 cm or 4" below the 90 year average.

The Lake has come up a lot from the start of January when it was roughly at 74.2 to 74.3 metres. This translates into a rise of 50 - 60 cm or around 2'. Back then, the Lake was further below the 90 monthly average - better than a foot.

I have included a copy of the 90 year history of the Lake level (bottom chart). It shows a major low during the 20's and 30's. The Lake was high in the 50's and has run somewhere in between since then. Even looking along our present level (74.8 metres), there is a dip below that level virtually every year.

As to the future... who is going to predict the precipitation in the Great Lakes basin with any accuracy?

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Community Calendar

August

Saturday, August 21st

Community Fun Day noon to 3 p.m.

Saturday, August 28th

Waterside Series - “Traditional Celtic”, at 7:30
p.m. in St Albans

September

Monday, September 6th

Labour Day - Township Office closed
Back Kitchen - last day of daily opening
Tuesday, September 14th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 27th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October

Tuesday, October 12th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 25th

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Staff: We needed some filler for the last page, so... The following is a scanned in version of the proposed Boulevard By-law which has been run through a print recognition program. It was then formatted to adjust margins, and to add both bold and underlining. Plus, the print was re-sized so it would all fit on one page. Finally, it was run through a spell-checker and proof read. All of that done, we hope that the words are the same as in the original. This, by the way, is a plea for tolerance when using new technology. Last... the thought had occurred that you, dear reader, might like see an actual by-law in the flesh.

The Corporation Of Loyalist Township

By-law No. 99-67

A By-law Concerning The Improvement And Maintenance Of Boulevards

Whereas Section 308, paragraph 1 of the Municipal Act authorizes Council to pass a by-law setting apart portions of highways for the purpose of boulevards, and for permitting the owners of land abutting highways to construct, make and maintain at their own expense boulevards on that part of the highway that may be set apart for that purpose;

And Whereas Section 308, paragraph 2 of the Municipal Act further authorizes Council to pass a by-law for regulating the construction, maintenance and

protection of such boulevards;

And Whereas section 326 of the Municipal Act provides that, where Council has authority to direct or require by by-law that any matter or thing be done, Council may by the same or by another by-law direct that, in default of its being done by the person directed or required to do it, such matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense, and the corporation may recover the expense incurred in doing it in like manner as municipal taxes

Now Therefore Be It Enacted that

1. In this by-law, "boulevard" means the portion of a municipal road allowance lying between a lot line of the abutting property and the travelled portion of the road allowance, but does not include any portion of the road allowance used as a driveway or sidewalk or for a water hydrant, utility pole or other similar type of apparatus or equipment.

2. The owner of a lot abutting a road allowance may, at the owner's expense, improve that portion of the boulevard abutting the lot by grading and sodding or seeding the boulevard with grass.

3. Despite Section 2 of this by-law, no person shall erect any building, structure or other man made feature or facility on a boulevard without first obtaining an encroachment permit from the municipality.

4. Every owner of a property abutting a boulevard that has been improved by the owner or the previous owner shall maintain the boulevard at the owner's expense in a neat and tidy condition, including, without limiting the foregoing, by cutting the grass, removing litter and debris and controlling noxious weeds in such a manner that a uniform appearance between the boulevard and the owner's property is maintained.

5. Nothing in this by-law shall be construed as imposing any obligation on the municipality to compensate or reimburse the owner of an abutting property for the cost of any improvement or maintenance made by the owner to a boulevard.

6. Every person who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, liable to pay a fine.

7. If an owner or occupant of a property fails to maintain a boulevard in accordance with this by-law, the municipality shall have the right, without further notice to the owner, to carry out such work and to

otherwise bring the boulevard up to the standards prescribed in this by-law at the expense of the owner, and the municipality may recover the expense of performing such work by action or in like manner as municipal taxes.

8. Any and all by-laws or portions thereof conflicting with this by-law are hereby repealed.

9. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

10. This by-law shall be referred to as the "Boulevard By-law".

Enacted and Passed this 12th day of July, 1999

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Frontenac II Not Returning until next May!!

Friday's Whig Standard carried Annette's front page story on the service reduction which was reportedly conveyed to the Township last Tuesday.

The gist of the article is that when the Frontenac H leaves at the end of September, it will not be returning, as advertised, when the Wolfe Islander gets back from dry dock. Instead, we will be keeping the Amherst Islander until May.

Islanders are returning to the situation where the Frontenac II will only be in service during the summer months (May through Thanksgiving according to Councillor Ashley).

Duncan went on to suggest that this is only the first round of cuts to the service.

We can all now return to a state of active uncertainty.

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Attention Islanders

Community Sunday School
begins September 19, 1999
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ages: 3 - 12 years
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Loyalist Township
Regular Council Meeting
- Don Tubb
The Twenty-Sixth Session
September 14th, 1999

Reeve Gilmore was not present for this meeting but all other members of Council were. Deputy Reeve McEwen occupied the Chair for the meeting. Due to work commitments, I was late and missed the first 15 minutes.

Two delegations took up more than an hour of Council's time on matters relating to water services. Being of no relevance to us, this is all the space it will get.

As far as the rest of this report goes... it too will be mercifully brief.

The Province offered the Township the opportunity to participate in the Tree Replacement and Management Strategy. This a three program for

municipalities. The covering letter stated: 'It is a reinvestment in eastern Ontario's rural and urban trees and forests: funding tree replacement for lost trees and maintenance work will help save existing ice-damaged trees on public lands.' Council signed on but with the understanding that did not commit the Township to any expenditures. Funding from the Province would cover up to 75% of the total cost.

A brief discussion of the sidewalks in Stella ensued between Council members and staff which was prompted by a letter from Caroline Yull. She decried the condition of the walks and the fact that they changed from one side of the road to the other before ending completely. It was reported by Jim Guest that some lilacs had been trimmed thus making the walk more usable. And, he said that some remedial action would take place to reduce cracks and other deficiencies in the walks. No long term action was mentioned but, if memory serves me correctly, there was an item in the 10 Year Capital Budget about the side walks in Stella. Just what work this was to include or when the work was tentatively scheduled is not known.

In order to catch the ferry, I did not stay for the end of the meeting when several By-laws were to be passed. There are now by-laws regulating:

- outdoor restaurant patios;
- fences (actually this is a revision of the By-law passed in June of this year) with the new one permitting the Township to enter a property and correct a violation with the expenses being placed on the property's tax roll;
- stop signs which has to be some sort of technical requirement... be that as it may, it doesn't change the eight stop signs on the Island (four in Stella, one at the east end 3rd and three along the 2nd).

A by-law to regulate the improvement and maintenance of Boulevards failed (a tie vote). It is possible that this By-law will be brought back before Council at some future date. In the minutes of the September 7th Administration Meeting, the vote to bring this to Council (in a revised form) was a recorded as: Ashley, Linkson and Storms against: Gilmore, Bresee, Lowry and McEwen for. Just for your information, the By-law's scope had been limited to urban areas with Stella being the only place on the Island to be included. Further, farmland within these areas is not included under the By-law.

And, that's all he wrote... for now at least. Bye.

The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes this month to: Peggy Coulter as she recovers from back surgery; Patrick deHaan, who is nursing stitches and a mild concussion after tangling with the wrong end of a horse: and to Ryan McGinn whose broken wrist is on the mend.

Happy 60th birthday to Faye Wemp. Congratulations to Bill and Helen Bulch. who became great grandparents again. Warren and Laurene Kilpatrick and family recently returned from a trip to Ireland to visit family and celebrate their 20th anniversary. We've enjoyed a 3 week visit with my parents (Art and Kay Wolfreys), who have been visiting from Florida. Welcome to the village to Jean and Earl Tugwell, who moved into Tony and Tina Tugwell's former house. Terry. Susan and Jessica McGinn have moved out to the third concession to Jean and Earl's house.

The Loyalist Township Emergency Services (fire dept. and EFRT), held a family fun day in August. There were lots of demonstrations, food, games and fun for the more than 100 people who attended.

The kids and I recently travelled to Pelee Island for a family memorial service and really got our eyes opened regarding ferry schedules and Fees!! The cost for a car, one way to the Island is \$16.50 and each person pays \$7.50 each way. The trip is an hour and a half each way and the ferry is big with all the bells and whistles; but if I had a choice. I would rather have the Frontenac II any day, but especially on a windy day!

Well, summer is winding down, although fall so far has been warm. The Waterside summer series came to a close at the end of August with the popular Ceili Band performing. The kids are back to school, the summer people are closing up cottages, but worst of all, the Back Kitchen is closing for the season!!

Amherst Island Public School has 2 new teachers this year, so we welcome Melissa Harris who will be teaching the senior class and Judi McFarlane, who along with teaching the primary class, will also take on the duties of head teacher. The school also got a 3/4 time E.A. who will help with the kindergarten class and the library. Janet Scott will also be back halftime to help cover planning time and teach science.

Well, soon we will all have lots more time to visit with friends and neighbours, while we sit in line waiting for the Amherst Islander. Winter will start to look pretty good if it means the return of the Frontenac III!!

Further To The Neighbourhood

Dick and Wilma (Puddy) Dodds have sold their home in Toronto and will be moving to Amherst Island

and their condo in Kingston. Dick will continue his consulting work in China, Hong Kong and Thailand on behalf of the Vancouver School Board. Over the past two years Dick has spent a great deal of time in Guangzhou (formerly Canton) negotiating the establishment of a secondary school which will open September 2000 and will be operated jointly by the Guangzhou Education Commission and the Vancouver School board. Successful Chinese students will graduate with a Chinese Matriculation Certificate and a British Columbia Graduation Certificate.

Amherst Island
Community Bible Study
meets Thursday a.m. - 0945 - 12 noon
September 1999... Ann Albertan
October 1999... Cathy Glenn
November 1999... Karen (Miller) Fleming
December 1999... Janet Scott
January 2000... Karen J. Fleming
February 2000... Syke Fleming
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April 2000... Karen J. Fleming
May 2000... Ann Albertan
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Time For Fall Clean Up
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Loyalist Township
Ameriks Scholarship Fund

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund will be accepting applications for disbursement in November 1999.

The application forms will be available at the Ferry Office and Amherst Island General Store.

Applicants must have five years residence on Amherst Island and continuing education at a post secondary level.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Jean Baker on August 25, 1999. The meeting opened with The Grace, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by our hostess with the help of Freda Youell and Helen Lamb.

The regular meeting then commenced with the Ode, Collect and O Canada. Our Hostess then introduced our guests. Mrs. Valerie Smith, District President, Mrs. Mary Morey, Secretary Treasurer, and 1st Vice President for the District, and Catherine Freeman. President of Victory 2 Branch. We were also happy to welcome Mary Kay Rombout, a new resident to the Island.

Valerie Smith then spoke of her concept of W.I. and the future. However she started by reminding us of some upcoming W.I. projects -The Country Market in September, Harvest Days on Oct. 16 for Agricultural Awareness, a card party on February 19, 2000, and the Short Course to be hosted by Amherst Island at Selby on October 4.

She then spoke of activities for W.I. in the Millennium. She is on the Napanee Millennium Committee and promises us a very exciting program from Dec. 31, 1999 to Dec. 31, 2000. She spoke of some possible problems with the Y2K bug, and gave us some ideas of roles we can play in helping others if the worst comes to the worst. However, she said we should be optimistic about the new Millennium, and take part in as many millennial projects as possible. Helen Lamb thanked Valerie on our behalf.

Our regular meeting then was resumed, as our

guests were anxious to catch the ferry. Some highlights: our bake sales have provided us with \$500.00 to date, but another one will be needed for the Senior's Dinner. A very pleasant visit was enjoyed by some members with the Hillier W.I. on Prince Edward County. A committee of Jean Baker, Nancy Henshaw and Erika Krauklis will make the necessary arrangements for our Craft Day at Selby where the subject will be silk embroidery. We decided to arrange for badge tapes of W.I. tartan for our members. Our 100th Anniversary is soon approaching and we must decide on a suitable project to recognize this event. Our next meeting will be a pot luck supper at the home of Jean McIntyre, but the date needs to be set because of some absences reported by members.

Born On The Island

Copies of this book are available at the Museum in Napanee. If anyone wishes to order a copy, I will pick it up and deliver if you phone me. Leslie Gavlas, 384-2807. The price is \$16.95, and might be a suitable Christmas gift for someone.

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[Staff: Someone sent us the following notice... we don't know if this was directed at this house, specifically, or someone else has experienced the madness of the dreaded Genealogy Fever.]

Quarantined!

The inhabitants of this place have been stricken with Genealogy Fever, an infectious and deadly disease.

Symptoms

bloodshot eyes from excessive exposure to computers and microfilm and microfiche readers;
sore fingers from writing, typing, and filing;
heart palpitations at the sight of grave stones or old trunks filled with letters, pictures, and memorabilia;
pockets and files filled with pencils, pens, and notepaper;
erratic speech patterns punctuated with dates, places, and names of pilgrims and princes; and
nervousness and cold sweats while awaiting the arrival of the daily mail.

Incurable!!!

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank our family for the wonderful 40th anniversary party they gave us. It certainly was over

whelming. Also the beautiful quilted wall hanging presented to us from the family. Jeremy and Jason, you were adorable.

To all the people who helped them out in many ways. I'm not sure of everyone, but you know how you helped and we thank you. Thanks also to the Members of Parliament for their best wishes and presentations and also to Loyalist Township and Reeve Paul Gilmore.

Thanks to the recreations committee for handling the bar. Many thanks for all the gifts, cards and messages and a big thank you to everyone for attending our party.

What a great evening.

Kaye and Dorothy McGinn

A Letter Home

It rained and it rained good!!! More than three inches is what we got and it all soaked into the ground. Better yet... we might even get some rain from Floyd at the end of the week. How exciting. Now all we need is a mild fall until... say... January 1st.

Despite the lack of rain this summer, the grain farmers are happy. Keith Miller said that this year's has been the 'best grain crop in 40 years of farming'.

Speaking of the new Millennium... Everyone seems to be getting into the act... even something as prestigious as the World Cup of Rugby is being touted as the last great sporting event of the Millennium. That's pretty ho hum compared to Topsy Farms' completing its Last Lambing Of The Millennium unless you figure that the new Millennium doesn't start until January 1, 2001. (I would have said haying too but, who knows, we may yet be out cuttin' and balin'.)

And, speaking of the Rugby World Cup... I can feel your anticipation rising... Fox World Sports has just released its broadcast schedule. It looks like they are going to broadcast all of the games - that's a total of 41 games between October 1st and November 6th. Now, just how much CTVSports will pick up is unknown but we can hope for serious rugby overload. Yes, yes, yes!!!! By next month's Beacon, we should be able to report whether Canada made it through the Pool play into the Quarter Finals.

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For Sale
Wanted

For Sale
Cucumbers
Tomatoes
Beets
Peppers
Carrots
Barbara Reid - 389-0675

For Sale:
1989 Chevy Pickup Truck
Contact - Garry Filson - 384-7866

For Sale:
1 Wood fired hot water furnace - \$150.
1 Lowrey argon - \$100.
Phone: Madlyn Kerr - 389-0386 or 531-2732

Albertan Homes
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Call 384-8065

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\$40/hour flat rate
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Certified Electrician
Home, farm and commercial work
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A complete printing and design service.

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Call Debbie - 384-3188

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Hairstyling for women, men, and children

Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079

Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4076.

Smart Shop

Your Personal or Group Assisted

Shopping Service

Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 634-7869

Wanted

A&P tapes, pet food, paper & used cloth towels
for the Napanee Animal Shelter

Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

Whig Home Delivery

If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Senior Outreach Services

Frozen Dinners

For orders, menus & information

Call Freda Youell at 384-4135

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

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Community Calendar

September

Sunday, September 19th Sunday School starts at the school - 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Monday, September 27th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October

Saturday, October 2nd ACW Turkey Supper & Bazaar

serving from 5-7 p.m. at the Community Centre

Tuesday, October 12th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 25th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weasel And Easel

Open weekends through September.

10% sale the weekend of the 25th.

Last chance this century!

We want to say a big thank-you to our customers and associates for being with us another season.

Joan Martin

Eleanor Trueman

Dorothy McGinn

Sheila Whiting

Kit Morrison

Charlotte Reid

Hope to see you next summer.

The Back Kitchen Restaurant

389-7200

Final Week-end of the Season

Hours of Operation

Friday, Sept 17 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday, Sept 18 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday, September 19 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

The evening special is Roast Turkey with

Gravy

Cranberries

Our own Red Potatoes

Vegetables

Lettuce and our own tomatoes

Amherst Island General Store

389-0417

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 6 pm

Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm

Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Holiday Hours

Labour Day - September 6 - 10 am - 5 pm

Thanksgiving - October 1 - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Post

Monday - Friday 9 am - 11:30 am

2:30 pm - 5 pm

Saturday 9 am - 12 noon

The Saturday Beaver will now be available at the

Amherst Island General Store.

We have a wide variety of products available.

If we don't have what you need, it can be ordered with deliveries.

Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Just call a day ahead to place your order.

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

Fax Service

Fax service is now available at

Amherst Island General Store

Mon - Fri only

To send - Local - \$1 for first page

50¢ for each additional page

Long Distance \$5.00

Receive - 50¢ per page - Local and Long Distance

Fax# - 613-389-0417

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Beacon Notes

Thanksgiving has come and gone. We thought it might be worth while looking for some good news.

Let's see now...

- the Township purchased Neilson's Store and, more importantly, the dock which was busy this summer;
- they bought a re-constructed pumper truck for the Fire Department;
- the Ferry Office is freshly painted,
- the road sides look rather spectacular with the grass cut on much more of the road allowance, the little trees removed, and the big trees trimmed;
- the Emerald 40' got some ditching,
- east of Stella, the road got re-paved; and
- the hill down to the Caughy quarry got re-graded with some guide rails thrown in to boot.

That's not a bad list and I probably missed a few things.

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ISLE

ISLE is selling Poinsettia plants for Xmas as a fund raiser.

4" pots are \$6.00

6" pots are \$10.00

Call either

Karen J. Fleming 389-9869

Sandra Reid 389-4484

Orders must be in immediately to meet October 22, 1999 deadline.

Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

September 27th & October 12th Sessions

This is a combined report for the two sessions plus any of the non-regular sessions included in the agenda packages. I will be mercifully brief as Council doesn't seem to be adding to our woes (just kidding guys).

The new Coat of Arms, Flag and Badge were unveiled with the help of Amherstview Lions Club. It had provided funding for the design and preparation of the Coat of Arms.

Our representative in Toronto (Leona Dombrowsky) was present at the Sept. 27th meeting.

She gave a short talk about a number of issues:

- her constituency office is located at 4 Market Square, Napanee, Ont. K7R 1J3 and she is requesting that people write her about issues important in her riding,
- she said that there was a chance that the Frontenac II would be coming back to the Island once the Wolfe Islander III was back into service but no commitment had been made.

In response to Caroline Yull's letter concerning the sorry condition of the sidewalks in Stella, our

Transportation and Waste Management Superintendent, Jim Guest, prepared a report which included the following points:

- brush encroaching on the walk has already been removed,
- the uneven sections of the walk will be temporarily fixed with permanent repairs scheduled when the budget permits,
- there are no plans to realign the walk or to raise it,
- parking on the walk complaints should be sent to the Bylaw Enforcement Department,
- the 10 year capital budget has some improvements

for the section between the school and the Stella 40'.

The fees and charges for services continues to evolve with a new By-law passed by Council. Some of the items of interest are:

- Fire Department inspection and report on a solid fuel burning appliance... \$25.00
- Fire Department response to an accident on Provincial, County or Township highways (per unit for the first hour or any part)... \$300.00
 - for each additional half hour or part... \$120.00
- Fire Department replacement of civic address signs... \$50.00
- request for a tax certificate... \$25.00
- request for a tax statement... \$25.00
- requests for information requiring written responses related to zoning, severance and Official Plan policies... \$25.00

In the Heritage Committee minutes of September 21st . there were several mentions of Amherst Island... The first was a comment by Cynthia Flavell. She suggested that Stella may be a suitable area to be designated as a Conservation Area (like Bath). The second was a mention that members were still going over the video tapes taken during their blitz of the Island a few months ago. Members will be making more detailed studies of some homes in the future.

In order for the Township to fund the new Roads Garage, the budget is being re-jigged. One item of note was that a \$60,000 expenditure on Island roads budgeted for 2003 was deleted (not deferred or delayed but deleted completely) from the 10 Year Capital Budget.

There were some other

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general items worth mentioning:

- The Township is going to investigate Energy From Waste Facilities. This is in response from Peterborough who is trying to gather communities together for that purpose. It should be made clear (which Council did at some length) that this is simply for information, not to actively pursue as there are significant environmental issues that need to be dealt with.
- The Amherstview bus route is headed for a record year... from February to August a record number of riders was logged and, for most months, it was significantly higher than any of the previous 4 years.

Hey, what did I tell you... short and sweet. This isn't to imply that Council is sitting around doing nothing. The agenda packages are as thick as usual.

Loyalist Township

Ameriks Scholarship Fund

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund will be accepting applications for disbursement in November 1999.

The application forms will be available at the Ferry Office and Amherst Island General Store.

Applicants must have five years residence on Amherst Island and continuing education at a post secondary level.

The application deadline is October 30, 1999.

The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes this month to Leonard McCormick as he recovers from surgery; Gloria-Jane Barrette as she nurses a broken foot; Clinton Kilpatrick, who had surgery at the Sholdice Clinic in Toronto and Helen McCormick, who had some eye surgery. Also best wishes to Brian Lasher who was lucky to escape serious injury after being indirectly hit by lightning. Condolences to Ben Wemp and family, who's wife Barb passed away recently.

Congratulations to first time grandparents, Bruce and Susan Caughey. Daughter Lori and her husband Ben, welcomed their 81b. 4oz daughter Abby-Jo earlier this month. Congratulations to Henry and Anna Hitchins, who became great grandparents for the 3rd time on the 9th of October, when grandson Jeff and his wife Krista welcomed their second daughter, Summer.

The Maritimes seem to be the place to go this year. Debbie Miller and Phil Silver spent almost 3 weeks in August, camping in the eastern provinces, and say they still didn't have enough time to see everything. Keith and Shirley Miller just returned from a trip down east with Keith's brother Harold and his wife Elsie.

Happy 30th anniversary to John and Alena Schram from their other "family" and friends on Amherst Island. John is the Canadian Ambassador in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The ACW held their annual Turkey supper and sale earlier this month and as usual it was a great dinner.

Well, the nightmare has begun, the Amherst Islander has returned!

Please remember to let me know if you have any special events you would like mentioned in the Neighbourhood column.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

Our September meeting, on Friday, Sept. 24, 1999, was held at the home of Jean McIntyre, and took the form of a pot luck supper. We were happy to visit

there with Jean's two sisters, visiting from Britain, as well as the daughter of Georgie Alison. We are sorry to learn Georgie is leaving the area and moving to Lakefield to be near her daughter. We wish her every happiness in her new location, though we will miss our visits with her. Jean and Georgie have been long-term members of our branch of the W.I., though they have

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not been able to join us this last little while.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999, a few of us had a very pleasant afternoon as the guests of Centennial Branch at the North Fredericksburg Hall. After a short business meeting we enjoyed a visit from Captains Ivan and Anne Langdon of the Salvation Army. An interesting overview of the world-wide activities of this group was given us by Captain Ivan, followed by his explanation of their work in the Napanee area. Captain Anne followed his words with her talk of the Christian basis of the Army which has been her lifelong experience. A short period of Question and Answer followed. The Centennial group then served us a most delicious afternoon tea!

Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 20, 1999, at the home of Erika Krauklis when Sally Bowen will talk to us of supplementary medicines. We welcome visitors.

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The Corporation Of Loyalist Township

Transportation and Waste Management Department requires the services of a Temporary Deckhand for relief work on the Amherst Island Ferry Service
Hourly rate \$15.23

This non-union position is for a three month term commencing on or about December 1, 1999.

Detailed job description and qualifications required are available at Loyalist Township Office in Odessa and at the Ferry Office on Amherst Island.

Written applications, outlining qualifications and experience, will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 pm, on Friday, October 29, 1999.

Please submit your resume to:

Diane Pearce, CAO
Loyalist Township
P.O. Box 70, 263 Main Street
Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, as amended and will only be used for the purpose of candidate selection.

Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

4-H News

- Bonnie Marshall

This fall the highschool 4-Hers are doing a Leadership club with Susie Caughey as our leader. We are learning about how to be a leader and different techniques to use. Our members are as follows:

President... Andrew McDonald
Vice-President... Scott Marshall
Treasurer... Brent McGinn
Secretary... Sara Pollock and
Reporter... Bonnie Marshall.

Other members include: Jessica McGinn, Alison McDonald, Mindy Fleming and possibly Shawna Phillips and Samantha Pollock.

This year the 4-H clubs have volunteered to run the annual Halloween Masquerade. It will be held on Friday, October 29th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Recreation Centre. Admission Fees are \$2 for adults, \$1 for highschool students and free to public school students and younger. Costumes will be judged in the following categories: Groups, Couples, Scariest, Funnies, Youngest, Oldest, and Most Traditional. People are encouraged to bring carved pumpkins to be judged in a Jack-o-Lantern contest. Pumpkins are to be pre-carved and only one entry per participant. Further information can be found on posters at the Amherst Island General Store and at the school. We hope to see you there.

4-H Club

Junior Club

With summer gone we have started our new project "A Walk On The Wild Side" and the club name chosen is "The Rolling Stones". We welcomed a new member, David Albertan at our first meeting and the new executive was voted in, the results were:

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President... Cory Hutchings
Vice President... Chris Reed
Secretary... Whitney Fleming
Treasurer... David Albertan
Telephone Convener... Candace Youell and
Recreation Director... Geoff Macdonald.

Three Youth Leaders are helping with this project, Jessica McGinn, Shannon Youell and Scott Marshall and we shall greatly benefit from their experiences gained over the many projects they have done since they joined 4-H. Hopefully the weather will co-operate as we shall be doing a lot of outdoor activities. With a

new year fast approaching, anyone eligible should be giving some thought about joining us and having fun. If you are ten years old before December 31st, 1999 you can sign up in January 2000. This sign up is for the whole year so be sure not to miss it. If you are not sure what 4-H is all about any member or leader will be pleased to answer your questions. Hope to see you all at the Halloween Party. All for now...

Amherst Island 4-H Club
October Report
- Shannon Youell
Masquerade!

On October 29th, 1999 at 7:00 pm the Amherst Island 4-H Club will be holding a Halloween masquerade.

The admission fees will be \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for highschool students, and Free for grades 8 and under. Everyone, young or not is invited to dress up and enter our costume contest.

There will also be a Haunted House, lots of games and Prizes!!!!

This night will be fun for everyone.

So come out and have a Ball!!!

Refreshments and goodies will be available

All About The Animals And Your Donations
-Freda Youell

It does seem that I am constantly asking fellow Islanders to help me out with my collecting for various animal shelters, etc., and I would take to take a few moments to explain what happens to the items that have been so generously donated since I started. The good, clean used clothing goes to "The Cats Meow", a thrift shop in Napanee manned entirely by volunteers who do an excellent job and contribute greatly to the Animal Shelter. A & P tapes earn a discount for food purchased to feed the dogs, cats and other stray or abandoned animals. Used towels help with the baths needed to keep the animals in good condition and also for the grooming service which is available for a very reasonable fee. Of course the shelter is always in need of garbage bags, cleaning supplies, etc.. but another very important item, especially with the colder weather on it's way are wool squares for the cages and blankets for the kennels. Anyone willing to knit some squares can contact me for sizes etc., and it's a great way to use up all those left over balls of wool. (They really don't care about colours - just grateful to be kept cosy and warm.) Used stamps from any country, including Canada are collected to help raise funds for training Guide Dogs for the Blind. These stamps are sold by

weight to a philatelist with the funds being used to help cover the costs of raising and training the dogs and I send them to the training centre in Manotick, Ontario. Anyone willing to save their stamps for me can either leave them at my home or drop them off at the store.

Thanks to all who have helped me help the animals.

Care-A-Lot Grooming
Debbi Kells
(613)547-5565
Dogs and Cats
Have Kit. Will Travel
Your Home or Mine

Master Gardeners Of Ontario

Master Gardeners of Ontario were organized in 1985 under the sponsorship of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, (OMAFRA).

In February 1998 Master Gardeners of Ontario was finally incorporated. There are:

36 Master Gardener Groups

800 Active volunteers

36,000 hours of volunteer time.

Volunteers are experienced gardeners who qualify with Master Gardeners Ontario Inc.

Participants provide horticultural information to the public in the following ways:

Gardening clinics and workshops

Telephone enquiries, letter displays

Television, newspaper and radio articles

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Local Master Gardener to call or E-mail - Jean Baker, Women's Institute. - 389-0676

Two other Kingston based Master Gardeners are:

Dorothy Elston - 544-8880 - ehson@kos.net

Elma Vanags Stokes - 546-4332 - stokes@kos.net

Suggestions for monthly care of your garden are listed in their year round calendar.

October

Continue planting spring bulbs

Dig, dry and store summer bulbs

Distribute nearly completed compost to empty spaces and between rows

Rake leaves and add to reduced compost pile

Prepare and seed new lawns

Prepare and dig new garden beds and additions

Dig over vegetable garden plus compost.

Dear Oh Deer

- Staff

1) Please remember that during the deer mating season deer often don't look both ways before crossing the street.

2) Deer hunting dates:

bow, Oct 15 to Nov 28;

shotgun, Nov 29 to Dec 4;

bow, Dec 5 to Dec 31.

3) All hunters in Ontario are required to have the owner's permission before hunting on private property.

News from the General Store

Now available at the store: Pizza from Capri

There are 3 sizes available, we have large, medium and personal size pizzas fully cooked and then frozen. All you have to do is thaw, preheat oven to 350° and reheat 8-10 minutes depending upon your oven. Voila, dinner's ready. We carry pizzas with basic pepperoni & bacon, as well as the special which includes bacon, pepperoni, sausage, green peppers & mushrooms.

Price List:

Personal \$ 4.75 Special \$ 5.25

Medium \$15.75 Special \$16.25

Large \$19.75 Special \$20.25

Thank you for all your support and patronage throughout the year. Thanks to you our new summer hours were such a big hit that we've decided to stay with these hours year round.

Mon - Thurs 9 am - 6 pm

Fri & Sat 9 am - 9 pm

Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

In Memoriam

Wemp - In loving memory of my dear husband, our Dad and our Grampa Leigh Herbert, who passed away suddenly on October 12, 1996.

There was no time to say goodbye,
The day you went away,
You left us so suddenly,
Three years ago today.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
The secret tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

But you gave us years of happiness,
Fond memories linger dear,
The times we spend together,
We will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed, always loved and never forgotten, your wife Doris, son Herbert and his wife Cheryl, daughter Valerie and her companion Gary, and grandchildren Kailey and Adam Wemp.

Obituary

Wemp, Barbara Grace

Peacefully at her home in Napanee, surrounded by her loving family on Friday, September 24, 1999. Barbara Grace Wemp (Jackson-Bustard), age 65 years, beloved wife of Benjamin Wemp. Devoted mother of Yvonne and Pat Hunt, Wayne and Renee Bustard, Lori Bustard, Christina and Jim Fowler and Bill Bustard and loving Nanny of Christopher, Sonja, Jeffrey, Sandy, Mark, Lindsay, Morgan and Nicole. Dear step mother to Debbie and Lynn Revell, Janice and Jim Mason and fondly remembered by step-grandchildren Shannon, David, Jamie and Jerred. Dear sister to Clifford and Bob Jackson. Shirley Hart and Jane Amey. Barbara will be sadly missed by many nieces and their families.

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Thank You Notes

We would like to give a big thank you to our "First Response" team for their quick and efficient actions at our home on the morning of September 29th. Brian Lasher of Napanee received a secondary jolt from a bolt of lightning while working on the duct work of the heating system. He was monitored, checked and taken by ambulance to K.G.H. and released the next day. We are glad to report that "Sparky" or "Flasher Lasher" as we now call him is back on the job hale and hearty as usual. Many thanks to Dr. Alex Scott and Karen Fleming et al.

Joyce and Ross Haines.

Glenn Lasher Home Comfort Service

On behalf of myself, my wife Kim and our son Jason I would like to say Thank you to everyone involved in helping on September 29, the day of the accident. As many times as I have been on Amherst Island and have been asked to help in the fund-raising for the Response Team and equipment, I never dreamed I would ever need to use it. I have been told the Response Team on the Island is the best in the area. I would like to thank you for everything. I have always told Kim that the Island people are the friendliest in the

area and would do anything for you and on that particular day you proved it again.

To the home owners, workers at the job site, my own staff, the boat captain and crew, the ambulance crew and staff at K.G.H. a special thank-you for responding so quickly and taking excellent care of me. My family and I appreciate the help in getting all of the vehicles and equipment back home and to Ross and his wife for taking Glenns' truck to the hospital for him, to Tim and Doris for taking over the business for myself and Kim so we didn't have to worry about anything, Mark and Hilda for returning my truck home. Also I would like to thank Cathy for taking over at work for Kim so she could come to the hospital and Dale for offering to finish her shift. Thank you to everyone.

A special thank you to my family, friends, staff and the Response Team for all the calls, visits and prayers during my stay at the hospital and since my return home.

Brian Lasher

Loyalist Township

The Amherst Island Landfill Site

Hours Of Operation

Wednesday 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A Letter Home

On the farm, it has been quieter with Chris and Dianne away. This leaves Ian and Leah to do the basics but not much else. Chris and Dianne are just back and Leah is off to the West Coast for a while.

The first load of sheep went to market and prices were better than expected. This seems more likely to be the luck of the draw rather than a strong market.

This weekend past we had a bus load of people doing a tour of Eastern Ontario sheep farms. It is strange to think that 40 people would want to come and see us. But we are large by Ontario sheep producers standards... we have survived and learned from many disasters... and, we have been around and active for a quarter century or more. Maybe it isn't so odd but it has been a long trail from humble beginnings.

Just before leaving the farm, Sally wanted the following ad included

Is anyone interested in knitting a few items for Topsy Farms for craft sales? Call Sally at 389-3802

With it relatively quiet on the farm, there has been time for the World Rugby Championships ("The Third

Largest Sporting Event In The World" after the Olympics and the Soccer events). Every 4 years, there has been a rugby championship held. This year, 20 countries are represented with perhaps only 4 or 5 having any real shot at the Championship.

Canada is there but we're not among the top ranks... probably more like the bottom of the second rank of teams. We try hard but unless everything goes right, we can't beat the big teams. This year has been pretty much a disaster for us with 8 straight losses coming into the World Cup. Some of those losses were to teams we are

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competitive with and beat regularly. So, things weren't looking good for the World Cup.

Four years ago, we up at the Head only saw the games because they were sent to us on tape. We promised ourselves a dish for this Championship... which we got a few months ago. Fox Sports was broadcasting a game a week which was good particularly for the Five Nations (Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England and France) and the Tri-Nations (New Zealand, Australia and South Africa). But, it became much, Much, Much better when they announced that all 41 games of the Championship would be shown... that's 41 games in 5 weeks. Rugby bliss!!! Are You Ready to Rumble!!

Most of the games are played on weekends so it becomes a serious commitment of time to watch them all. This past weekend, there were two games on Friday, four on Saturday, three on Sunday, and one very early Monday morning. Of those 10 games, we watched all but two.

Back to Canada... we were in a pool with France, Fiji and Namibia. France is the big team but the rugby mad South Pacific islands are good and can never be discounted. We lost to France (pretty much expected) and to Fiji (we were slight underdogs coming into that game). But we socked it to the Namibians despite only having 14 players on the field... usually there are 15, but one of our guys got sent off for stomping on a Namibian's head (the boots have cheats). This is considered bad form but it should be noted that the Namibian's attention was diverted from trying to steal the ball.

So, with Pool play now over the pretenders can go home (Canada included) and the remaining 11 teams can start the Championship for real. The title game is scheduled for November 6th.

From Born On The Island

October 9, 1896: Amherst Island Fair

The annual exhibition of the Island Agricultural Society was held at Stella on Tuesday of this week. It was our first visit to the Island on an occasion of this kind and it proved an agreeable surprise. The residents of the "tight little Island" are up to their neighbours on the mainland in every respect, and in some departments of agriculture surpass them.... Of late, since the inauguration of the Farmers' Institute on the Island, more than usual interest has been developed in agricultural and systematic farming. At least four silos have been built this year, and the members of the Institute have expended their surplus in the purchase of a thoroughbred Durham bull from Mr. Hanley, of Tyendenaga.

The Islanders are a rugged, hard-headed superior class of men, and whatever they turn their hands to they do thoroughly and with their might. With material of this class to work with, though their territory is small and the number of workers rather insignificant, it is not to be wondered at that their annual show was a great success.

Many were present from the mainland, the Hero taking across from Bath at least fifty, including a number from Napanee, besides many from Kingston.

The live stock and poultry were shown in a field opposite the cosy residence of the popular agent of the Island, Mr. W. H. Moutray, which gave ample space for the purpose....

In the town hall roots, vegetables, grain, fruit, honey etc. were shown finer apples could not be found anywhere, and the samples were very conveniently arranged....

The ladies' work department was tastefully arranged in the Select Knight's trim little hall and showed the gentle sex of the Island are in no sense behind their sisters on the mainland....

[There follows a long Prize List taking up 3 pages followed by these Notes:]

The speeding of horses was done on the road, which was somewhat crowded, but no accidents occurred....

Mr. W. H. Moutray, the genial secretary is the most popular man on the Island, and besides looking after everybody and everything else, found time to assist the representative of The Beaver....

Candidates for the new County Council were over seeing what the prospects are for them on the Island.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church served dinner to a large number.

Some fakirs with a wheel of fortune and the pea game started their game but were promptly stopped.

100% Virgin Wool Blankets
from Topsy Farms sheep's wool

Available at

Amherst Island General Store or Topsy Farms
389-3444.

A wide variety of colours in 4 sizes

Queen... \$125

Double... \$115

Single... \$105

Lap Robe... \$ 30

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For Sale

Wanted

Wanted:- A & P Tapes - clean used clothing - used towels - pet food - blankets and knitted squares for Napanee Animal Shelter, and stamps for the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Freda Youell - 384-4135

For Sale:

2 sets Double Mattress and Box Springs (one set one year old)

1 Headboard

1 Large older freezer - in good running order

1 Older refrigerator, in good running order

1 Snow blower attachment for Cub Cadet Lawn Tractor

Phone: call Madlyn Kerr - 531-2732

Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Baby-Sitter & Mother's Helper

Light yard work & homework

Call Stephanie at 634-2509

Bayridge Travel & Cruise Centre

Leslie McDonald - Travel Counselor

For all your travel arrangements...

Call 384-8065

Baby Sitting!

Shannon Youell

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Bulldozing Done
\$40/hour flat rate
Call Lew at 384-4071.

Certified Electrician
Home, farm and commercial work
Building maintenance and repair on the Island
Call Tom Richmond at 634-1855

Computer Assistance
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.
Call Jan at 634-1995.

Firewood For Sale
Call: 389-4484.

GLM Construction
General Contracting, Renovations & Design
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456.

Lakeshore Rubber Stamp
Quick service for all kinds stamps (self-inkers, daters,
signature, logos, business & personal)
Call Linda Welbanks at 389-8441
Fax 389-9770

Lawn Cutting
Call Tom deHaan: 389-6647

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Mechanical - Peter Wemp
Heating & Cooling
Sheet Metal Fabrication & Installation
Phone: 478-5417

Matt's Pet Care Service 389-1202
I can care for your animals (cats, dogs, birds, rabbits,
gerbils, fish, hamsters, etc) in your home or in mine.
Good Rates. Negotiable

Nutrition And Wellness Products:
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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes For Sale
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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172.

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A complete printing and design service.
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102.

Pumps Of All Kinds
Rural water system maintenance.
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105.

Seamstress
Alterations, mending, custom clothing, home deco, gift
items.
Call Debbie - 384-3188

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Hairstyling for women, men, and children
Contact Shelley Glenn-Hawley at 634-3079
Address: 487 Coronation Blvd.

Shore Well Maintenance
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 634-7869.

Smart Shop
Your Personal or Group Assisted Shopping Service
Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 634-7869

Whig Home Delivery
If you would like to Whig Standard delivered to your
home, please phone Jim or Sandra at 389-4484.

Senior Outreach Services

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

A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue
to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

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Community Calendar

October

Wednesday October 20th AIWI meeting at Erika
Kraulkis'
Monday, October 25th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 29th Masquerade 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 29th Temp Deckhand application
deadline
Saturday, October 30th Ameriks Scholarship
application deadline

November

Monday, November 8th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 19th ISLE Cheese order date
Monday, November 22nd Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 24th ISLE Cheese pickup date

ISLE

Dates to Note for Isle Cheese Ordering:

Order In By	Pickup Date
Fri. Nov. 19	Wed. Nov. 24
Fri. Dec. 10	Wed. Dec. 15
Fri. Jan. 21	Wed. Jan. 26
Fri. Feb. 18	Wed. Feb. 23
Fri. Mar. 10	Wed. Mar. 22
Fri. Apr. 14	Wed. Apr. 19
Fri. May 19	Wed. May 24
Fri. June 16	Wed. June 21 {mislabelled as May}

Amherst Island

Community Bible Study

meets Thursday a.m. - 0945 - 12 noon
November 1999... Karen (Miller) Fleming
December 1999... Janet Scott
January 2000... Karen J. Fleming
February 2000... Syke Fleming
March 2000... Cathy Glenn
April 2000... Karen J. Fleming

May 2000... Ann Albertan
June 2000... Helen Lamb
July 2000... Janet Scott
August 2000... Janet Scott
Join in a time of prayer and studying God's word.
All welcome.

Amherst Island General Store
389-0417
Winter Hours
Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 6 pm
Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 9 pm
Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Canada Post

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

The Saturday Beaver will now be available at the
Amherst Island General Store.
We have a wide variety of products available.
If we don't have what you need, it can be ordered with
deliveries.
Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Just call a day ahead to place your order.
Our deliveries arrive at 10:50 a.m. and we ask that you
pick up orders around 11 a.m. as we have no room for
storage in coolers at this time.

Fax Service

Fax service is now available at
Amherst Island General Store
Mon - Fri only
To send - Local - \$1 for first page
50¢ for each additional page
Long Distance \$5.00
Receive - 50¢ per page - Local and Long Distance
Fax# - 613-389-0417

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changing of the ferries}

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Beacon Notes

Dear Beacon Staff

I was pleased to read the list of reasons to be thankful in your October issue of the Beacon. It was rewarding to know that the efforts of Council are appreciated and publicly acknowledged. Thanks for the good press!

I hope that you will be able to write in the future of Council's successful efforts to return the Frontenac II to service for Amherst Island.

Thanks again.

Yours truly, Paul Gilmore Reeve

Has the Beacon's integrity been compromised with

this compliment? Hardly, as we are not a newspaper but a simple newsletter, trying to inform and entertain our readers. We do not go looking for bad news... in fact, we have and will continue to ignore many stories that would be found in a newspaper.

Loyalist Township Regular Council Meeting

- Don Tubb

October 25th & November 8th 1999

Shore Roads

We start this month with a clarification... it was reported last month that a

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\$60,000 amount had been removed from the capital budget to help finance the new roads garage. Well that was what was in the report from Mr Troop to Ms Pearce which was then put into the agenda package. In my haste to write the report, it was implied that the report and recommendations were accepted by Council. That was not the case as the item was deferred until the next Administration meeting. The report below should give the result of that meeting.

At the November 1st Administration meeting, Councillor Ashley queried the Engineer about this deletion from the 10 Year Capital Budget. The minutes of that meeting say that staff is not abandoning work on the shore roads. The Treasurer noted Council could debenture any work but the total cost would be higher (interest). In the end, a motion was passed to change 'delete' to 'defer' the expenditure until 2009. It is very unclear where this deleted/deferred \$60,000 came from as the February Beacon reported the 10 Year Capital Budget expenditure on shore roads starting in 2001 and extending through to 2009 and totaling far more than \$60,000.

When the time came during the November 8th meeting to approve the Administration Meeting minutes, Deputy Reeve McEwen requested that the section dealing with the 10 Year Capital Budget be deferred until the next Administration Meeting (usually the first Monday in each month). There was no explanation as to why they are leaving this issue in flux. Perhaps next month's Council Report will provide a resolution.

Ferry

At the October 25th meeting, Councillor Ashley came forward as a delegation. He read the letter from Nancy Henshaw about the Amherst Islander and made

further comments. Council members expressed concern and tried to provide assurance that action was being taken. Council is trying to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Transportation... as of the November 8th meeting, that had not been achieved. During the discussion, the Transportation Super, Jim Guest, felt obliged to defend the little boat saying that it was seaworthy having Coast Guard approval and that the Township had managed to get quite a number of repairs from MTO.

Stuart Miller

At the start of the November 8th meeting, a moment of silence was observed for Stuart and Remembrance Day. Jim Guest, Transportation Super, came forward as a delegation with a proposal for Council. He suggested that the Island roads garage be named after Stuart (The Stuart Miller Memorial Roads Garage - Amherst Island). This was accepted by Council. Members of Council also took the opportunity to remember Stuart recounting stories and speaking good words about him. It was a very relaxed 10 minutes in what is usually a highly structured meeting.

Other Business

Among the many other items dealt with during these two meetings, a couple should be noted...

- Mary Jo Ethridge from Community Policing came forward as a delegation to urge Council to adopt a new program called "Make a Call - Prevent a Fall". This involves the public calling a central hot line re problems with sidewalks. These would be investigated and if remedial action was not possible immediately, then the crack, hole, lip or whatever would be marked with fluorescent green paint. [This begs certain questions about our sidewalks... would the walks be less safe than they are being completely covered in green paint? Would an environmental impact review be needed in using gallons and gallons of paint in one small area?] This proposal was referred by Council to the Traffic Committee.

- The Loyalist Township Web Page has been updated with staff expressing the hope that it can be updated more frequently than it has been.

St. Paul's P.C.W.

Christmas Tea & Sale

Saturday, November 27th

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

at Amherst Island Public School

Home Baking Table

Craft Table

Island Treasures

Santa's Post Office

Christmas Tea

Christmas Raffle

A \$2.00 admission fee includes light lunch.

Attention Islanders

The Community Sunday School presents their "Nativity Play" on Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m., at the Community Centre.

All welcome.

Donations for the Food Bank are also welcomed.

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The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes to the following people, who have all spent time in the hospital this month, but are now home in various states of recovery; Susan Sedore, Bob Horth, Lillian Miller, Laura Street, Tom deHaan and Dorothy Kilpatrick. Also to the numerous kids and adults who are battling the first round of the season of a nasty flu and cold.

Syke Fleming recently returned from a bus tour to Branson, Missouri; Cherry Allen spent a couple of weeks in B.C. visiting family and friends; Judy Roberts and Eva and Anna returned from an extended visit with family in Florida; Caroline Ackerman traveled to Ireland.

Bobbi and Michael Shaw returned from La Paz, Bolivia, where they were working as volunteers on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency. They were assisting the Bolivian authorities to inform the public about new government reforms. La Paz is 4000 metres above sea level in the Andes, which means the air is pretty thin. They said the shortage of oxygen was more than offset by the hot, sunny days. Get well also to Bobbi, who turned a little under the weather.

Condolences this month to the families of 2 well known Islanders. Family, friends and the community mourned the loss of Stuart Miller, who was the Island Roads Superintendent for many years. Our sympathy to his sisters Anna and Gwen and families. Tena Filson also passed away this past week, she was 98 years old. Tena and her husband Ross raised their family on the Island and had a coffee shop on the same site as the Back Kitchen. Condolences to her son Harry Filson and family and daughter Katherine Wemp and family.

Family, friends and neighbours celebrated Clinton Kilpatrick's 65th birthday at a surprise party given by

Gloria French at the community centre.

A little bit of trivia for the rugby fans on the Beacon staff and in the community... if you hard enough, you can always find an Island connection!! Judi McFarlane is the new head teacher at the school and her nephew, Morgan Williams (the French nicknamed him - "le petit jaune") played on the Canadian rugby team as a "scrum-half" during the World Cup. Morgan accepted a position with a French team following the finals and now resides in France.

Loyalist Township Committee Appointments

Council will receive applications to serve on the following committees, for a one year term, commencing January 1, 2000 and expiring December 31, 2000, without remuneration:

Planning Advisory Committee
Recreation & Property Advisory Committee (students are encouraged to apply)
Loyalist Township Heritage Committee (students are encouraged to apply)
Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority
Cemeteries Committee
Loyalist Township Bath Canada Day Committee

Individuals interested in serving, on any of the above committees, are invited to submit a brief outline of their interests and experience to the undersigned by Friday, December 3, 1999.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Loyalist Township offices at 386-7351, ext. 120.

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO
Clerk, The Corporation of Loyalist Township
Box 70, 263 Main Street
Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Erika Krauklis on Wednesday, October 20, 1999. After our regular opening ceremonies Jean Baker gave an account of the recent area convention at TinCap. The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (FWIO) has joined forces with a variety of health and social service organizations to provide health education to the families of rural Ontario. Jean brought back a number of pamphlets:

- Are You Providing Alzheimer Care?

This is intended as an outline of problems facing caregivers and suggests help can be obtained from local Alzheimer Groups.

- Pastoral Guide to Organ and Tissue Donation

This booklet talks of the attitude of various religious groups and ordinary people. Jackie Sylvester spoke of the problems they encountered in trying to give her father-in-law's body to Queens for research according to his wishes.

- Senior Busters - Stop Scams -

Telemarketing Fraud, Home Renovation Fraud, Impersonation Fraud. This is prepared by Partners Against Crime.

- Seniors - Take Action Against Senior Mistreatment by

Kingston and Frontenac Elder Abuse Task Force.

- Ontario A Province For All Ages, International Year of the Older Person 1999.

Copies of all of these are available. If any one is interested I can give them phone/address information (Leslie Gavlas 384-2807).

The program for the evening was an Introduction to Elderhostelling given by Leslie Gavlas. A number of Program Catalogues were passed around to illustrate the talk. The headquarters of the Canadian Elderhostel organization is at 4 Cataraqui Street in Kingston if anyone wants information.

The meeting closed with a delicious lunch served by our Hostess. Next month we will meet at the home of Helen Miller when Sally Bowen will talk of supplementary medicine on November 17th at 8:00 p.m. We always welcome guests and new members. Come and join us.

New Years Eve on Amherst Island

\$50 per couple

dinner (roast sirloin, inc. dessert)

party favours

door prizes

Celebrate with your friends and family

Reserve your tickets now from any Recreation

Association member

A limited number of tickets are available

Master Gardeners Tips For November

- Try potting up some spring bulbs for chilling outside and forcing inside, later, some indoor bulbs for winter blooms.

- Start winterization procedures for plants, hoses and garden equipment.

- Protect young trees and shrubs from rodents.

- Keep evergreens, shrubs and young trees adequately

watered.

- Sever invading tree roots by digging deeply with sharpened spade along infected bed.
- Stock up on wood for the fireplace.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all my friends and relatives for the flowers and baked goodies brought to our home. Thank You again

Lillian Miller

The family of the late Tena Filson wish to thank neighbors, friend and relatives for flowers and donations. Special thanks to Garry and Susan for opening their home for the reception and to the ACW for catering.

Harry and Catherine and family

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We wish to express our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all our friends, neighbors amid family who offered support during Laura's recent illness. Your prayers, calls and visits helped us through this difficult time. A special thank you to all the ladies of the ACW for your home made treats, kindness and visits.

We feel truly blessed to have such caring family and friends.

Thank You

Stephen & Laura Street

Obituary

Stuart Miller 1939 - 1999

by Shirley Miller

On Friday, November 5, 1999 with the passing of Stuart Percy Miller, Amherst Island lost another piece of the jigsaw that is our community, and the picture can never be quite the same again. As much as we realize that our lives do and must change we find it especially difficult to accept the death of those taken before their time, but that is God's time.

Stuart was the son of the late Annie (McGinness) and Kenneth Miller. He was born and lived his sixty years on Amherst Island. His light has grown steadily dimmer over the summer as he struggled bravely with the cancer that defeated him so suddenly at the end.

Stuart was the road superintendent here for many years. Not always an easy job especially during those

winters that really were winters. He had to make sure the roads were open so people could get to the boat to go to work and then to get them home again at night. Breakdowns, plugged roads, no matter what the frustration he dealt with it all as he did life, calmly, patiently and with humour. An avid reader and story teller, he was a keen observer of the people around him. He could take a simple little everyday event that most of us would find an annoyance if we noticed at all and weave it into a talk that could amuse and delight his listeners.

Deer hunting at the Miller Camp was a big event of the year for Stu. I can't think that he ever missed a season before. He was an excellent cook and host. Several times a year during the summer he would gather friends and family for a feast of one kind or another at his cabin by the shore.

As with all of us who complete this journey called life he will live on in the memories of his family and friends. He leaves his sisters Anna (Joe) Wlasuk and Gwen (Paul) Lauret and nephews Jack (Lorraine), Mike, and Paul (Susan).

Good memories are gifts given from the heart, and Stuart was very generous.

We shall miss him.

Filson, Mary Christine "Tena"

from the Whig Standard November 9, 1999

At Rideaucrest Home on Sunday, November 7, 1999, Tena Glenn, in her 99th year, beloved wife of the late Ross Filson; dear mother of Catherine and her husband Wallace Wemp of Kingston and Harry and his wife Barbara of Amherst Island. Dear grandmother of Garry, Peter, Ann and Valerie; also survived by several great grandchildren. Predeceased by two brothers and one sister. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

Sudds, Willard Arlington

from the Whig Standard, November 8, 1999

At the Kingston General Hospital on Sunday, November 7, 1999, at the age of 76, Willard Sudds, beloved husband of Margaret (nee Hogg) of Colborne. Loving father of Brian Sudds (Jennifer Wittek) and Heather Osborne (Gil McElroy). Dear grandfather of Tracey Jardine (Doug), Janice Turcott and Rebecca Turcott. Brother of Dorland Sudds and Doreen Halal (Ron). Predeceased by his brother Lawrence.

Tena Filson

Some Family Relationships

- Staff

A. Bruce Caughey, 3rd cousin;
Garry Filson, grandson & 3rd cousin twice removed;
Hugh Filson, great-grand nephew;
Wayne Fleming, 3rd cousin twice removed;
Beth Forester, 3rd cousin once removed;
Alan Glenn, 3rd cousin once removed;
Anna Hitchins, 1st cousin & 3rd cousin;
Kerry Hogeboom, 3rd cousin twice removed;
Warren Kilpatrick, 1st cousin twice

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removed;
Scott Marshall, 3rd cousin twice removed;
Janice McGinn, 1st cousin twice removed;
Stuart Miller, 3rd cousin once removed;
Annette Philips, 1st cousin twice removed & 3rd
cousin twice removed;
Stratton Reid, 1st cousin once removed;
Donna Willard, 1st cousin once removed & 3rd cousin
once removed;
Ted Welbanks, 3rd cousin once removed;
Ben Wemp nephew;
Peter Wemp, grandson & 3rd cousin twice removed;
Brent Wolfreys, 3rd cousin twice removed.

Stuart Miller

Some Family Relationships

- Staff

Rhoda Barr, 2nd cousin;
A. Bruce Caughey, 2nd cousin once removed;
Cal Drumgoole, 4th cousin;
Marilyn Eves, 1st cousin;
Tesa Fabian, 4th cousin twice removed;
Garry Filson, 2nd cousin once removed & 4th cousin
once removed;
Hugh Filson, 4th cousin twice removed & 5th cousin
once removed & 5th cousin twice removed;
Larry Fleming, 3rd cousin once removed;
Bob Gibson, 4th cousin once removed;
Alan Glenn, 3rd cousin;
Garry Hitchins, 3rd cousin & 4th cousin once
removed;
Kerry Hogeboom, 1st cousin;
Bobby Howard, 2nd cousin & 3rd cousin & 4th cousin
& 3rd cousin twice removed;
Tyler Hutchings, 4th cousin twice removed;
Bonnie Marshall, 2nd cousin once removed;
Noel McCormick, 4th cousin once removed;
Dennis McGinn, 4th cousin once removed;
Kay McGinn, 4th cousin;
Ryan McGinn, 2nd cousin thrice removed & 3rd

cousin thrice removed & 4th cousin twice removed &
4th cousin thrice removed;
Donald Miller (the elder) 1st cousin & 4th cousin;
Keith Miller, 1st cousin;
Ronnie Miller, 1st cousin;
Leah Murray, 3rd cousin once removed;
Jimmie Neilson, 4th cousin;
Annette Philips, 1st cousin once removed & 4th cousin
once removed;
Stratton Reid, 2nd cousin once removed & 3rd cousin
once removed & 4th cousin once removed;
Donna Willard, 3rd cousin;
Earle Tugwell, 1st cousin once removed;
Ted Welbanks, 3rd cousin;
David Wemp, 2nd cousin twice removed & 3rd cousin
twice removed & 4th cousin & 4th cousin twice
removed;
Brent Wolfreys, 1st cousin once removed.

Willard Sudds

Some Family Relationships

- Staff

Harvey Eves, 2nd cousin;
Hugh Filson, 3rd cousin twice removed;
Dorothy McGinn, 1st cousin;
Earle Tugwell, 2nd cousin once removed;
Dave Willard, 1st cousin once removed;
Eldon Willard, 2nd cousin;
Steven Willard 1st cousin once removed.

A Message From The Ferry Manager

- Jim Guest

It has been almost a year since I was appointed to the Ferry Manager's position and believe that it is high time I introduced myself.

As an employee of the former Township of Ernestown I spent seven years as Superintendent of Public Works responsible for Transportation, Waste Management and Utility operations. Under amalgamation my job was expanded, by area only, with the addition of the Township of Amherst Island and the Village of Bath. In December 1998, the Public Works department was restructured with the addition of the Ferry Service and my job changed to include the Ferry Manager's responsibilities, and a new superintendent was hired to look after Utilities, and the odyssey began.

You may be wondering what a public works superintendent knows about running a ferry. Well, any manager is only as good as the employees around them and your current ferry staff makes me look like I know what I'm doing. From the senior captain and engineer

to the part-time deck hands, we have excellent employees who do not waste any time in setting me on the right course.

As well, when growing up in Toronto, my father, Brad Guest, was responsible for the operation of the Toronto Island Airport ferry and I became accustomed to phone calls in the middle of the night or on weekends from ferry captains advising my father that the Ferry was broken down or stuck in the ice. In the late sixties I first visited Amherst island while sailing with my parents in and around Kingston area. Today, you will often see me and my family between the new dock and local businesses in Stella or on our boat moored in Stella or Kerr Bay, two of our favourite destinations. This type of exposure lead me to enroll and graduate from a Civil Marine Engineering course at Seneca College.

Anyways, enough on me and on to what is happening with your ferry service. Since January, I have become very familiar with your ferry service and with the help from the ferry clerk and captains, we have reviewed and implemented a new policy manual, negotiated a new collective agreement, hired a new engineer, arranged dock security at Millhaven, dealt with sundry other issues related to the operation of the ferry and, not to mention, the pie eating contest. One of the most difficult issues was the return of the Amherst Islander in early October and I can assure you that we brought this boat back into service in the best shape possible. We are now working towards the return of the Frontenac II. With the implementation of the following Water Level Contingency Plan, we have used mother nature's help to facilitate the return of the Frontenac II, should water levels dictate.

The following contingency plan has been developed to

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ensure that the Amherst Island Ferry Service can react quickly to difficult ferry loading conditions should water levels drop and impede operations any further.

The following is the short term plan:

- Staff will continue to monitor water levels in conjunction with operating limitations.
- Dock ramps will be lowered within existing limitations. Staff will advise council and MTO when ramps have been lowered to the lowest elevation on the existing dock ramp.

The following is the short term, low water operating plan (i.e. water level below normal safe ramp operation level). As water levels dictate, staff will:

- limit number of trucks allowed on ferry;
- then limit the load on trucks;

- load ferry with weight of truck in mind (put vehicles on one side before truck is loaded);
- limit the number of vehicles;
- ban trucks from ferry or restrict trucks to certain trips;
- inform MTO when the Township takes any of the above actions;
- inform Ferry users of any restrictions as they are implemented.

If water levels remain at low levels, causing operational problems or restrictions, MTO will be fully informed of any action taken by the Township, as outlined above, and will be requested by management to put the Frontenac II back in service.

I hope that all residents have a better understanding of who their Ferry Manager is, and I look forward to meeting and hearing from you in the future.

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World Cup Of Rugby 1999

Update

- Don Tubb

Its all over with Australia fighting its way to the championship. But it didn't unfold as planned... the odds-makers had made New Zealand the favourite but it didn't even make it to the final.

The last weekend in November saw some excellent rugby in the two semi-finals. During the first game South Africa met Australia. This was a battle of heavy-weight rivals being numbers 2 & 3 in the world rankings. No tries were scored but the game had amazing tension as the kickers took centre stage. The game was Australia's until injury time at the end of the game when SA tied it up. Overtime was two 10 minute halves. Australia managed to go up by 6 on the strength of two penalty goals when the screen went blank. When setting up the tape to record the game, I had allowed an extra half hour past the scheduled time just to take care of such a rare happening. But, it wasn't enough and we were left dangling with a few minutes left... Ian jumped up and dove onto the Internet

to find out who had won. Australia held on in a very exciting game. The same was without much finesse as power dictated this day but that was more than made up for with the next game... France and New Zealand.

I don't like the French teams... they are often made up of undisciplined players who take cheap shots (which they showed a number of times during the semi with ear biting caught on camera and the ref warning against eye gouging several times). And, they often play below their capabilities. New Zealand on the other hand is a

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small country (3+ million people with 60 million sheep) that must obsess on the game because it is a perennial power. They play disciplined rugby with threats from all positions. And, they are ranked number one (France is ranked number 5 after England).

It was obvious from the kickoff that France came to play but by the end of the first half, New Zealand had taken a 7 point lead. And, just after the re-start, New Zealand went up again on a brilliant try by Lomu (the most exciting player in rugby). France had every opportunity to roll over and just play out the string. They, however, had not read the script and chipped their way back into contention with a couple of drop goals. Then they simply rose up and smote the Kiwis... they out-finessed, out-tackled, out-kicked the best team in the world. If it had been any other team but the French (even South Africa), it would have been extraordinary. The rugby 'www' sites were full of headlines announcing this as the biggest upset in rugby history. So, the losers' final was set with New Zealand facing South Africa. And, the final would be France and Australia. New Zealand went into mourning... grief councillors were made available from a major university to help the country get over such a shock... I kid you not.

I'm writing this a week or so after the two finals and I can barely remember the losers consolation final. It was not a good game with many handling errors but South Africa did manage to best the Kiwis. The game did hold some importance as the winner gets a bye into the next World Cup in 4 years. Now New Zealand must work their way through a long series of playoff games.

The final was played on a good day in Wales with a big crowd but the new Millennium Stadium was not completely full. France was the decided underdog but after whipping New Zealand, no one was writing them off... Virtually from the opening kickoff, it was plain that Australia was ready for the French with a bit of a punch-up. The Aussies were not going to be taken by

surprise. In the end, the French were worn down and soundly beaten. The Queen gave out the hardware... would she have been there if the Aussies had voted to remove her as head of state?

So, now that the Cup has been decided, we now have to decide whether to send the dish back. Is there anything else worth watching until the play downs begin again? The next championship is in 4 years to be hosted by Australia (with New Zealand apparently hosting some games).

{A lake level graph has not been reproduced}

A Letter Home

There is not much of interest going on around here right now... just moving sheep from pasture to pasture, sorting lambs, shipping same, etc.

By the way, the little stat in the Rugby news about New Zealand having 3 million people and 60 million sheep is not yet being challenged by Amherst Island but we're working on it. If we take ewes and lambs in the spring, the Island probably has about 2,000 ewes and 3,500 lambs for a total of 5,500 sheep. That works out to a little under 14 sheep per person.

What is of interest was the hydrological data coming out of Kingston during the storm at the start of the month when the wind howled for days from the SW. As can be seen in the chart, the water levels shot up. I had heard about water being piled up in one end of the Lake when the wind was right but never really knew how much. The data shows 474 mm rise in 4 hours which translates into a rise of 18 1/4" or about 4 1/2" per hour. It went nearly as quickly as it came.

The Lake continues to fall towards datum. That is defined at 74.2 meters above IGLD (whatever that is) which is the level at which the Lake remains above 95% of the time. Right now we are sitting about 20 cm (8") above that level.

Gotta go now... see you next month.

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Community Calendar
November
Mon, No 22nd Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sat, No 27th St Paul's ACW Xmas Tea & Sale
1-3 p.m. AIPS

December
Sun, De 12th Community Sunday School Nativity Play
2:30 p.m. Community Centre
Mon, De 13th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Mon, De 27th Council Meeting - Cancelled

ISLE
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Order In By Pick up Date
Fri. Nov. 19 Wed. Nov. 24
Fri. Dec. 10 Wed. Dec. 15
Fri. Jan. 21 Wed. Jan. 26
Fri. Feb. 18 Wed. Feb. 23
Fri. Mar. 10 Wed. Mar. 22

Fri. Apr. 14 Wed. Apr. 19
Fri. May 19 Wed. May 24
Fri. June 16 Wed. June 21 {mislabelled as May}

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November 1999... Karen (Miller) Fleming
December 1999... Janet Scott
January 2000... Karen J. Fleming
February 2000... Syke Fleming
March 2000... Cathy Glenn
April 2000... Karen J. Fleming
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July 2000... Janet Scott
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Ancestors of Stuart Percy Miller

Stuart Percy Miller

Kenneth Stuart Miller {father of Stuart Percy Miller}

Annie Eva McGinnis {mother of Stuart Percy Miller}

Samuel Miller {father of Kenneth Stuart Miller}

Hannah Ashdown Tugwell {mother of Kenneth Stuart Miller}

William George McGinnis {father of Annie Eva McGinnis}

Eva Rachel Howard {mother of Annie Eva McGinnis}

Adam Miller {father of Samuel Miller}

Jane Glenn {mother of Samuel Miller}

Caleb Tugwell {father of Hannah Ashdown Tugwell}

Mary Grattan {mother of Hannah Ashdown Tugwell}

John Howard McGinnis {father of William George McGinnis}

Caroline Howard {mother of William George McGinnis}

Charles A. Howard {father of Eva Rachel Howard}

Eliza Moore {mother of Eva Rachel Howard}

Samuel Glenn {father of Jane Glenn}

Rose Ann Fancy {mother of Jane Glenn}

Gideon Tugwell {father of Caleb Tugwell}

Ann Ashdown {mother of Caleb Tugwell}

William McGinnis {father of John Howard McGinnis}

Margaret M. Howard {mother of John Howard McGinnis}

[1] George Howard {father of Caroline Howard}

[2] Rachel Youngs Wemp {mother of Caroline Howard}

[1] George Howard {father of Charles A. Howard}

[2] Rachel Youngs Wemp {mother of Charles A. Howard}

Robert Glenn {father of Samuel Glenn}

Nessie Johnston {mother of Samuel Glenn}

George McGinnis {father of William McGinnis}

Ann Nancy Staring {mother of William McGinnis}

[3] John Howard, Jr. {father of Margaret M. Howard}

[4] Anne "Nancy" Jackson {mother of Margaret M. Howard}

[3] John Howard, Jr. {father of [1] George Howard}

[4] Anne "Nancy" Jackson {mother of [1] George Howard}

[5] Barnabas Wemp {father of [2] Rachel Youngs Wemp}

[6] Catherine Gates {mother of [2] Rachel Youngs Wemp}

[3] John Howard, Jr. {father of [1] George Howard}

[4] Anne "Nancy" Jackson {mother of [1] George Howard}

[5] Barnabas Wemp {father of [2] Rachel Youngs Wemp}

[6] Catherine Gates {mother of [2] Rachel Youngs Wemp}

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Ancestors of Mary Christena (Tena) Glenn

Mary Christens (Tena) Glenn

John Glenn {father of Mary Christens (Tena) Glenn}

Catherine Fleming {mother of Mary Christens (Tena) Glenn}

Alexander (Sandy) Glenn {father of John Glenn}

Nessie Askin {mother of John Glenn}

William Fleming {father of Catherine Fleming}

Sarah Jane Cronin {mother of Catherine Fleming}

Alexander Glenn {father of Alexander (Sandy) Glenn}

Alex Askin {father of Nessie Askin}

Mary Glenn {mother of Nessie Askin}

Samuel Fleming {father of William Fleming}

Catherine Galbraith {mother of William Fleming}

James Cronin {father of Sarah Jane Cronin}

Christine Kaig {mother of Sarah Jane Cronin}

Robert Glenn {father of Alexander Glenn}

Nessie Johnston {mother of Alexander Glenn}

?? Fleming {father of Samuel Fleming}

Ancestors of Willard Arlington Sudds

Willard Arlington Sudds

Clifford Sudds {father of Willard Arlington Sudds}

Edith M. Willard {mother of Willard Arlington Sudds}

Charles Herman Willard {father of Edith M. Willard}

Elizabeth A. Bray {mother of Edith M. Willard}

Charles B. Willard {father of Charles Herman Willard}

Elizabeth Barry {mother of Charles Herman Willard}

Charles H. Bray {father of Elizabeth A. Bray}

Margaret Baker {mother of Elizabeth A. Bray}

George A. Willard {father of Charles B. Willard}

Unknown {mother of Charles B. Willard}

Joseph Bray {father of Charles H. Bray}

Elizabeth Foot {mother of Charles H. Bray}

Jarvis Baker {father of Margaret Baker}

Eliza Bray {mother of Margaret Baker}

Jonathan Willard {father of George A. Willard}

Lydia Monroe {mother of George A. Willard}

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Beacon Notes

Seasonal wishes to you all from the staff of the Beacon. It would have been nice to simply drift through an easy Christmas issue but... the Official Plan has come to haunt us like the ghost of Christmas past. Even with the holiday season upon us, this needs some attention because it impacts every landowner. And, it is far too important to be left to our politicians and

experts. It isn't that they can't be trusted but rather that they know the theory and the politics but they don't know the micro detail of each landowner's use of his/her land. Each landowner has to look at how the plan affects their use of their land.

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Loyalist Township

Regular Council Meeting
- Don Tubb
November 22, 1999 32nd Session And
December 13th, 1999 33rd Session

Deputy Reeve McEwen was not present for the November meeting but all members of Council were present for the December meeting. There were three reporters... well two reporters and me at each meeting (they report on the meeting - scribbling away, jumping up to get quotes and interviews, taking pictures while I mainly listen to the proceedings and read the agenda looking for Island related items).

Let's start with the important news first... at the December meeting, Council members handed out Long Service Recognition Awards. The following Islanders were presented with awards:

30 Years: Raymond Wemp and Earle Willard

25 Years: Diane Pearce and Lloyd Wolfreys

10 Years: Kim Ashley and Ron Miller

Congratulations were extended to all by the members of Council. There were other people who were recognized one of whom was Wayne Calver (Fire Chief) who has been full time for 10 years and part time for a prior 15.

At the November meeting there was a delegation composed of representatives of the Community Policing Committee. It seems there have been a series of break-ins in Odessa and the Neighbourhood Watch program is being reformed due to renewed interest. This was followed up at the December meeting when two Odessa residents came before Council to tell them

what was happening in the community. There were some appropriate words from Council members but it was Sgt McPherson of the Napanee OPP who took matters in hand.

The Township will no longer be lending out equipment for use by residents (pumps, generators, and the like). Fairness in supplying equipment across the Township plus liability issues and making sure that equipment is available for Township use all played a role in this decision.

Council is still working on the ferry issue... there was a two page report on various happenings with the service.

- Dock security is now being supplied on the Millhaven dock. Staff decided that this was needed in response to many more vehicles needing to be parked overnight. Councillor Linkson questioned where the money was coming from (ferry operation budget) and if this needed Council approval as it was an unbudgeted expense. No special motion was passed. Staff is trying to get this extra expenditure considered an operating cost (ie subsidized). The cost is \$101.20 per night (\$36,938 on a yearly basis). There are rumours that the number of vehicles has increased significantly this year so there should be extra revenue to deal with this at least on a short term basis until we can get the Frontenac II back.

- The Wolfe Islander III is expected to be back in service about the week before Christmas. Council is pressing ahead trying to get a meeting with the Province on getting the Frontenac II back here at that time.... wouldn't that be a nice Christmas present for the Island. There has been some progress in that direction. In a letter from the

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Minister to our M.P.P. she was assured that the Frontenac II would be back if low water became a problem for the Amherst Islander. Further correspondence shows that the Minister (David Turnbull) has downloaded the ferry issue to Kathy Moore (Regional Director, eastern Region, MTO). It was suggested that Council set up a meeting with her to discuss any concerns.

- Asbestos on the Amherst Islander continues to be a problem. The Township and MTO have worked out a procedure for dealing with damaged insulation covers which expose the asbestos. The report states that, as of it being written, two trips for repairs have been made by a MTO contractor. The ferry crew has also been memoed informing them of the issue and procedures to follow.

- Last but not least is that the Township has erected

notice boards on both docks (cost is \$1,124.70) to place notices. Information about delays, changes to the boat schedule and suspensions of service will be posted, as well as other municipal notices. This, if it works, will be an amazing step forward in communication. I don't know how many times I've sat on the dock looking at the boat docked in Millhaven well after it was supposed to leave. Is the ferry office open... is there time to walk up there and back before the boat might pull into the Island dock... is the boat broken or is there just a problem un/loading something? And, its even worse sitting on the mainland!

The recipients of the Ameriks Scholarship Fund were announced in November. This year they are: Crystal Bedford, Jill Caughey, Douglas Gavlas, Jessica Gavlas and Kevin McCormick. They each will receive \$122.55.

The Township now has an integrated Emergency Plan which is an amalgamation of those from the old Amherst Island, Bath and Ernestown plans. The documentation provided in the agenda package is a fairly extensive listing of when an emergency might be declared, the responsibility of various members of Council and staff, etc.

The Township has been approved to be part of the Tree Replacement & Management Strategy - Ice Storm Assistance Program (ISAP). Approximately \$34,000 has been allocated for the Township at 'up to 75% subsidy'. The next step is to provide a plan for the work. This information was gleaned largely from one sentence which is given the Beacon Award For Bureau-babble. It reads, "We therefore wish to inform you that your national funding allocation for this Strategy at up to 75 per cent of eligible costs will be \$33,945.00." It must be really fun to create a sentence like this where hard numbers are fuzzified to the point that they are almost meaningless.

The Township now has a policy on park benches. It will accept suggestions for locating a bench (on Township property only) but will give priority when the suggestion is accompanied by a donation covering the cost of the bench. Staff will install the bench. If the cost is donated, the Township will provide a plaque recognizing the donor.

In other news, a problem has surfaced with the 3rd Concession just west of the culvert. Apparently the new road (1960's) location was never legally dealt with nor was the old road allowance ever closed. This has come to light as Paul Glenn would like to buy the property to the south (the old school house). A deal due to special circumstances has been worked out so that instead of the applicant paying for all of it, he will only be charged half.

Council has accepted a bid of \$25,650 from Cumming Cockburn Limited for a comprehensive zoning by-law.

The Amherst Island Landfill Site

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December 25th & 26th... Closed

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New Year's Day... Closed

January 2nd... Open

Sorry For Any Inconvenience

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Happy Anniversary Kitten

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The Draft Official Plan

- Don Tubb

Council had its first look at the new draft Official Plan (OP) at the Administration Meeting held on December 6th, 1999. Most members of Council were present plus our planner (Mr Beckel), the CAO (Ms Pearce), the Planning Committee, two members (Mr Uliana & Ms Venditti) from the consulting firm (Cumming, Cockburn Limited) et moi.

The meeting consisted of a quick intro by Mr Beckel who passed the meeting over to the consultants who went through the scheduling for the OP process plus the first round of Public Meetings (ours is to be held at 7:30 p.m. on December 20th in the Community Centre). The purpose of this meeting is to give Islanders an introduction to the draft OP and to get feedback on any issues that come up. There is a copy of the draft OP in the Ferry, Odessa and Bath offices.

So, the question of the day is: How badly did they screw up our old OP? The short answer is that they don't seem to have. Certainly there are changes and modifications but it looks, on first glance, to be pretty much the same old same old.

My intention here is to give a quick overview of the draft OP but this is fraught with difficulties. Not only is the devil in the details of which there are many, but there is the problem of different language and not having a glossary of terms to help interpret the new language. This all means that questions will have to be asked. However, we'll do the best we can; leaving it to each land owner to protect his/her interests.

The map of the Zones looks pretty much the same with the major zones now called:

Hamlet (used to be Village and applies to Stella); Agriculture; Rural (which now incorporates Rural 1 & 2);

Shoreline Residential; and, Environmental Protection (used to be Natural Environment). There are some changes however:

- the extended Stella is less rigidly defined but seems to be about the same size as before.

- there are several extensions to the Shoreline Zone:

- a section just west of Stella and on the south side of the road is now Shoreline (starting with the Eves' fields and extending in varying depths to about Rick Bedford's);

- there is an area to the east of Frontini's on the South Shore that has now been included in Shoreline Residential;

- O'Drain's Point has now all been included in Shoreline Residential (back to the N/S road);

- the Rural zone has been simplified by combining the old Rural 1 & 2 with one area being eliminated from the

Rural zone (on the south side of the Front Road east from the Marshall 40' to about Vince Aitken's land);

- the Environmental Protection zone is larger and inclusive of more areas:

- Wemp's Marsh, the Big Marsh and the Nut Island Shooting Club Marsh are all being extended somewhat (which may be attributed to the use of a different or updated map);

- all water courses seem to have been classified as protected too including farm ditches that handle runoff.

There are a few other things shown on the maps:

- the Front Road realignments are shown as they were before (these include both the Stella by-pass and moving the road back at the west end of the Island).

The South Shore Road seems to follow the same realignment as before. The Amherst Island Hiking Trail has been extended to include the whole Island now with some interesting wrinkles:

- in the old OP, it is shown as going from the west end of the Front Road around to the west end of the South Shore Road but the new map shows it extending all the way around the Island;

- when the Front and South Shore Roads get realigned, the Hiking Trail is shown as following the old road;

- the Hiking Trail is shown following the Stella bypass instead of going through the village.

So much for a quick look at the maps... next, let's see

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about changes to the permitted uses in the various

Zones. Let me reiterate that this is a brief summary and one that is not a sure thing because terminology is different. And, there are differences between the two OP's in that, with our old OP, there are permitted uses (ie you can be sure of approval) and there are also permitted by zone exceptions (ie depending on the specific location, you may be denied the right to develop a specific use). In the new OP, there doesn't seem to be this distinction. Some uses do have to be approved like a wayside pit or landfill operation which are specifically referenced as such.

In the Agricultural Zone, there seems to be no major changes. The uses don't jibe all that well but, from what I can see, essentially none have been removed or added. It remains a zone devoted to agriculture with some other limited uses.

There seem to be a few changes to the Rural Zone. Two and three unit dwelling houses have been removed as a permitted use. Commercial and industrial uses have been made more specific in the new OP with them being permitted as 'small scale commercial or quasi-industrial' uses. Two uses have been added which are pretty irrelevant: portable asphalt plants and wayside quarries.

The Shoreline Zone is more changed, it seems. Missing permitted uses are two & three unit dwelling houses, 'granny flats', and home industry. It may be that water related recreational uses and a marina are also eliminated as permitted uses but these might be included in a new category. Added to the Zone in the new OP are public and private parks (however these might be included in the old 'open space' use). Are you starting to get a sense for the difficulties here?

The new Hamlet Zone takes the place of the existing Village Zone and here we find what appears to be the most changes. The following uses seem to have been removed: forestry, uses related to the conservation or management of the natural environment, home industry, and agriculture. A marine facility, marina, 2 & 3 dwelling houses, and 4 to 6 dwelling houses may have been removed as permitted uses. The one added use seems to be permission for apartments above retail commercial uses. There is another use listed (senior housing) but this probably fell under a previous category so is not new. I haven't really examined the other zones: institutional, aggregate, open space, and resort commercial.

Next on the agenda is to look at things like lot sizes, severances and the like which do have some interesting changes.

In the Shoreline Zone, the lot size seems to have remained the same (0.5 hectares) but a major change has been incorporated in the new draft OP in that 'all new (Shoreline zone) lots shall have direct frontage on

a publicly maintained road'. The old OP allowed for access on private roads.

In the Hamlet Zone, the lot size will be 0.5 hectares (same as before) but it seems more likely that there will be more hoops to jump through. Strip development is being discouraged. Water supply (both quantity and quality) will have to be proven before a consent to sever is considered.

In the Rural Zone, it is not particularly clear to me but likely the minimum lot size will be 0.5 hectares. There are usual restrictions of separation distances from other uses but this seems to have been simplified significantly from the present Rural Zone where some lots needed to be 10 hectares while in the Ru Zone it was 0.5 hectares.

In the Agriculture Zone, there are less specific requirements than found in our existing OP. This isn't to say that these requirements aren't out there lurking in the bushes as I suspect that severances and the like would have to be run by the appropriate Ministries. But, from what I can gather, a severance is more likely to be granted than in our OP (the minimum lot size for a residence is 0.5 hectares). In-fl lung (ie between two existing houses relatively close together) seems to be another way to get a house built in the Agricultural Zone. When severing agricultural land for something other than a house, there is a phrase used 'both the severed and retained parcels would be viable agricultural units' instead of the present 20 hectares minimum size each.

Finally, there are some other points to mention in passing:

- The Island will be included in a conservation zone - presumably the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority.
- We will also be under a property standards by-law (Bath and Ernestown are now).
- There is mention of lots needing water from drilled wells which apparently is going to be changed to include other possible sources like shore wells.
- Maybe you don't remember but there was mention of a non-development strip along the shore mentioned in the existing OP. This 30m strip along the lake front is now a requirement. This essentially means that nothing gets built in the first 30m away from a body of water except for a dock, boat house and the like. Houses, garages, sheds, etc all need to be at least that distance from the high water mark. Along the edges of an Environmental Protection Zone, development is discouraged for a distance of 50-1 20m depending on several factors.

Okay folks, there you have it in extremely simplified

form... the same but with changes and some for the better it appears although it is difficult to tell. There are still no provisions in the draft OP for a bridge or tunnel. Similarly, there seems little likelihood of having fully serviced lots on the Island (ie municipal water and sewer) within the 20 year life of this plan.

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The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming

Welcome to some new Island residents this month. Bill Morton, a former summer resident on Stella Point, has decided to make his permanent home here now. Laurie Youell's father, Don Smith and wife, moved into their new home (former home of Ernest and Paulette Apps).

Get Well wishes go out to Audrey Miller, Jack Forester and Sherry Ward who are all at home now "recouping".

Long time Island resident, Vince Aitken passed away recently in hospital, after a brief illness. Condolences to the family of Ada Nielson who passed away this month also. Another long time Islander, Leonard McCormick, passed away just this morning after a somewhat lengthy stay in hospital.

Dot (Dorothy) Broeders, daughter of Bill and Helen Bulch, was married recently in Hawaii, to Marcelle Morin of Kanata.

Peter and Joyce Morgan and Bob and Ann Turner returned from a trip to the sunny south in November. Gary and Leslie McDonald went on a 3-4 day Disney Cruise, out of Port Canaveral, Florida.

The PCW held their annual Tea and Sale at the end of November, and was well attended as always. The ACW hosted a parish (St. John's-Bath and St. Alban's-Stella) potluck in honor of Bishop Peter Mason's visit to the parish in early December.

A.I.P.S. students have been busy this month. The whole school traveled to KCVI, to see the play "Puss-n-Boots"; the senior girls and boys both participated in volleyball tournaments held at NDSS; the primary and senior classes went to the Grand Theatre to decorate a Christmas tree in the lobby, and in return had a school visit from some members of the cast of "A Christmas Carol" and received complimentary tickets to the play. The students held their "Christmas Cafe" for family and friends in the community on December 5th.

Wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all of our Beacon readers. Happy Holidays!!

Laurie Kilpatrick and her husband John Moolenbeek are happy to be in the process of buying property on the south shore of Amherst Island. The south shore reminds John of his native Holland. They are looking forward to spending time on the Island; seeing old friends and making new ones.

A Letter To My Island Friends

From: Susan Sedore

So much has happened over this last year that I thought that I would put it in writing to everyone, particularly since it involves The Back Kitchen restaurant too.

The most challenging thing for me, that has served as a wake up call is being diagnosed with breast cancer. I am currently being treated and we are all optimistic about the outcome because it was caught early. My message to you ladies is to practice BSE and have mammograms and partners, please encourage them to do so.

After my surgery, they asked me if I had support at home. I replied, "I have Garry, he's the best, my family and friends, and I live on Amherst Island". Thank you for your kind words, cards, gifts, flowers and food. A special thank you to Maureen McGinn for coming to me on two occasions when the VON couldn't.

I would like at this time of year to remember some very special people who aren't with us this year: Tena Filson, Nessie Welbanks, Heather Welbanks and Stuart Miller. We miss you so.

Now, what about The Back Kitchen? It is for sale and will be listed in the new year. We are not giving up, we are just going to put our energy into other things. I hope that there will still be a Back Kitchen and if so that the new owners put as much love and care into it that I believe Garry and I did. Garry and I thank you for six summers of support that made it work.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year 2000.

Congratulations to Kevin and Suzanne Kilpatrick on their 7th child, a baby boy weighing 9 lbs 5 ozs. And, congratulations on eliminating the middle-man, the hospital, in having the baby on the way in his work van. Apparently the birth proceeded more quickly than expected so dad became 'catcher' as he put it. We have no report on how the reported 'about 10 guards, five nurses and a few doctors' fared who were waiting outside for them at the hospital.

(from the Whig Standard, November 22, 1999)

The Amherst Island station of Loyalist Township Emergency services responded to a fire towards the west end of the Third Concession at about 2 a.m. on Monday 13th December. When they arrived a two car garage was ablaze, and was totally destroyed. Three cars and a boat were also a write-off, and there was some heat damage to the nearby house. It took about two hours before the fire was out.

Amherst Island Women's Institute
- Leslie Gavlas

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Helen Miller on November 17, 1999. Our guest for the evening was Sally Bowen who spoke to us of alternate medicines. Sally, herself, has had lifelong medical problems and she was able to illustrate her talk with personal examples of healing by practitioners of alternative medicine. She emphasized that there is an interactiveness with all parts of the body. Family doctors and specialists should always be consulted. Their help can be invaluable with certain problems, but specialization prevents focus on the interaction of the whole. She stated that the body always wants to heal itself and the role of the practitioners of alternative medicine is to work to remove the blocks out of the way of such healing. She gave other illustrations of healing of family and friends and spoke of practitioners of alternative medicine locally. She did say alternative medicine takes time and money and advised people to listen to their bodies in times of illness.

After Sally's very interesting talk our regular meeting resumed. We discussed our Annual Senior's Christmas party which takes place on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3:45 pm. Entertainment is scheduled for 4 o'clock with dinner to follow.

Other discussion followed concerning our W.I. Christmas meeting on Dec. 8, 1999. Mary Kay Rombout displayed the badge holders she had made for us. Jean Baker spoke of the partnership F.W.I.O. has undertaken for rural Ontario with other health societies.

Our Jan. meeting was suggested to take the form of a slide show of Bolivia presented by Bobbie and Michael Shaw. A committee will contact the teachers as this should be of interest to Amherst Island students.

Donations were moved to the Salvation Army and the Seniors Outreach Services of Napanee. Jackie Sylvester agreed to undertake the work of preparing the new Amherst Island telephone book. We are facing a busy period of activities.

We welcome guests and new members at our

meetings. If you would like to join us contact me, Leslie Gavlas, at 384-2807.

Attention Amherst Island Students
Elementary and Secondary

Loyalist Township challenges students, Grades 4-8 and Grades 9-OAC to document the history of their home communities by a visual display to be judged and displayed at the Loyalist Township Hall on March 31, 2000. This is part of the Township Millennium Project.

Amherst Island has the oldest and most unique history in the Township. The Women's Institute has collected material concerning our history for more than 50 years. We are preparing to share this with any students who are interested in this project. If you plan to enter this competition contact Leslie Gavlas, 384-2807.

We understand Loyalist Township is awarding prizes for the best entries at both the elementary and secondary level. Come on Amherst Island - we have a lot to tell.

Ancestors of James Leonard McCormick

James Leonard McCormick

Hugh McCormick {father of James Leonard McCormick}

Victoria Hamilton {mother of James Leonard McCormick}

John McCormick {father of Hugh McCormick}

Elizabeth Gibson {mother of Hugh McCormick}

Robert Hamilton {father of Victoria Hamilton}

Nancy Agnes Findlay {mother of Victoria Hamilton}

John McCormick {father of John McCormick}

Rose Quinn {mother of John McCormick}

Obituary

Filson, Mary Christena (Tena)

Mary Christena Glenn (Tena) Filson passed away peacefully on November 7, 1999 at Rideaucrest Home,

Kingston. She was born on Amherst Island on January 13th, 1901. Her parents were John Glenn and Catherine (Kate) Fleming, who predeceased her, as well as two brothers, Alex and Hugh and sister Sarah. She attended school on Amherst Island and studied her music there.

In 1923 she married Ross Filson who predeceased her in 1978. They farmed and later in life operated a gas station and lunch bar in Stella. In 1967 they lost their entire business and home to a fire. In 1979 Tena moved to Heritage Court in Kingston where she made many friends. Due to failing health she spent the last nine years in retirement and nursing homes.

Her great interests were playing cards, sewing and most of all her music. She played many years for the United Church, as well as at weddings and parties. A big part of her life was the Glenn Orchestra with her brother Alex, cousins Stirling and Leslie.

Her son on Amherst Island, Harry Filson (wife Barbara), was left to mourn and grandson Garry (Susan), grand daughter Valerie (Bob), her daughter Catherine from Kingston (husband Wallace Wemp), grandson Peter (Suzanne), grand daughter Ann (Bob); several great grandchildren whom she cherished; a brother-in-law Ernest Fleming, many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Her funeral was held from Robert J. Reids funeral home with Rev. Nadine Grieves Deslippe from Faith United Church officiating assisted by Chaplin Marjorie Hayet from Rideaucrest Home. The pallbearers were her grandsons Garry Filson, Peter Wemp, Bob Howard and Bob Browne. The burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island in the family plot. A reception was held at her grandson's Garry Filson (and Susan) on the Island.

We are thankful for the inspiration and love she gave us in her life.

Aitken, Vincent Ernest
(from the Whig Standard December 4th, 1999)
Retired 30 year Employee of Alcan

At Kingston General Hospital on Thursday, December 2, 1999, Vincent, in his 87th year. Predeceased by his wife Marjory and his sons James and Peter. Survived by his daughters Susanne Elizabeth Tuepah and Lynne Margaret Hedges (Larry), grandchildren Jill and Peter Tuepah, Terri Rose (Doug), Randy Kempe (Deanna) and Tracey Bishop (Sean), great grandchildren Steven, Jacob and Aadan, and his brother Lloyd Aitken of Cornwall.

McCormick, James Leonard

(from the Whig Standard December 15th 1999)

Suddenly on Tuesday, December 14, 1999, formerly of Amherst Island at the Friendly Manor, greater Napanee, in his 83rd year. Son of the late Hugh McCormick and Victoria Hamilton. Survived and remembered by his several nieces and nephews.

Thank You Notes

To all my friends and neighbours on Amherst Island, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them whole heartedly for the cards, gifts

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and effort put into having my 65th birthday party. Again many thanks.

Clinton Kilpatrick

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown Stuart and us during his illness. For the cards, flowers, visits, telephone calls and delicious food brought to the house. The floral tributes and donations made in Stuart's memory and to the many who attended the memorial service. Our appreciation and thanks to Reverend Dunn for his visits and comforting words at the service.

To Yvonne McGinn and the staff at Helen Henderson. To Diane and Katy for their devotion. You brightened his days with your visits. It is comforting to know how many lives he touched and how he will be missed by others besides his family.

Bless you all.

Anna, Gwen and families

A special thank you to all my family, friends and neighbours for all the lovely gifts, cards and good wishes while I was in hospital and on the way to recovery.

Bob Horth

Gardener's Notes For December

- Protect your rose bushes with soil or plastic cones just before the ground freezes.
- Mulch tender perennials when ground starts to freeze.
- Loosely wrap burlap around pyramidal evergreens, rhododendrons and other shrubs and trees that need protection.
- Set up lighting units before heavy snowfall.

- Check house humidifier is maintaining humidity over 40% to benefit house plants.

- Order seed catalogues.

Island History

The Reeve has taken a personal interest in getting pictures of the Reeves of Amherst Island. He would like to borrow the photographs, have them copied and blown up to be displayed in the Council chambers. Presently the Reeves of Ernestown are being displayed. To that end, he has given a list of tile A.I. Reeves to the Beacon. We are passing this along to you, our readers, with the request to contact Reeve Gilmore or staff if you can help. [Staff: By the by, this list was copied from one that was titled Reeves of Amherst Island - Lennox and Addington County Museum so if there are inaccuracies, they did not occur at this desk. Please let us know if there are errors or Reeves missing and we will pass them on to the Reeve.]

J. McGinnis (1863-64)

W. Percival (1865, 1869-70)

David Preston (1866, 1874-75)

J. Weller (1861-68)

Charles M. Howard (1871-72)

R. Patterson (1873)

George Wright (1876-78)

J.C. Murray (1879-81)

R. Felson (1882)

Thomas Polley (1883-84)

R.A. Felson (1885-87)

Robert Patterson (1888, 1890, 1892)

Robert Filson (1889, 1895)

William Allen (1891)

Alex McKee (1893-94)

R.A. Fowler (1896)

R.R. Burleigh (1907-09)

John Richards (1910-11)

John Glenn (1912-14)

David Caughey (1915-16, 1935-38)

Samuel Miller (1918-22, 1925-26, 1930)

H.S. Patterson (1923-24)

W.J. Glenn (1927)

Allen N. Hitchens (1928-29)

George T. Howard (1931-34)

Fred S. Neilson (1939-43)

Morrison Scott (1944-46)

Thomas E. Cochrane (1947-50)

Frank Fleming (1953-63, 1965)

Harry Fleming (1964, 1966-67)

J. Eves (1968-69)

Vince Aitken (1970-74)

Chester Tugwell (1975-76)

J. Neilson (1917-82)

Normal Allison (1983-1988)

Ian Murray (1989-1993)

Steven R. Willard (1994-96)

Duncan Ashley (1996-98)

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A.I.P.S. Club Z account number is 943 199 922

Don't forget that Amherst Island Sweatshirts continue to be on sale at Amherst Island General Store.

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Community Calendar

December

Mon, Dec 13th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mon, Dec 27th Council Meeting - Cancelled

New Year's Eve tickets available from Rec. Ass. members

January

Mon, Jan 10th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Robbie Burns' Supper sponsored by St Alban's

Mon, Jan 24th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ISLE

Dates to Note for Isle Cheese Ordering:

Order In By Pickup Date

Fri. Jan. 21 Wed. Jan. 26

Fri. Feb. 18 Wed. Feb. 23

Fri. Mar. 10 Wed. Mar. 22

Fri. Apr. 14 Wed. Apr. 19

Fri. May 19 Wed. May 24

Fri. June 16 Wed. June 21 {mislabelled as May}

Amherst Island

Community Bible Study

meets Thursday a.m. - 0945 - 12 noon

January... Karen J. Fleming

February... Syke Fleming

March... Cathy Glenn

April... Karen J. Fleming

May... Ann Albertan

June... Helen Lamb

July... Janet Scott

August... Janet Scott

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

All welcome.

Amherst Island General Store

389-0417

Holiday Hours (A.I. General Store)

Our hours for the Christmas holidays will be as follows:

Friday, Dec. 24 - 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday, Dec 25 - Closed

Sunday, Dec 26 - 10 am - 5 pm

Dec 27 -30 (incl.) Regular Hours - 9 am - 6 pm

Friday, Dec 31 - 9 am - 5 pm

January 1, 2000 - 11 am - 4 pm

January 2 - 10 am - 5 pm

January 3 - 9 am - 6 pm

Canada Post

Dec. 24 - regular hours

Dec. 25 - 28 Closed

Dec. 29 -31 regular hours

Jan. 1 - 3 Closed

From all of us at the Amherst Island Store we would like to take this opportunity to wish Everyone all the best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2000.

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Cash bar provided by (and for) the Amherst Island Recreation Association

Sunday January 16, 2000

Amherst Island Community Centre

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

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For tickets, call:

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