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Special Delivery

The South Marysburgh community bid a fond farewell to its long-serving postmaster who is taking over similar responsibilities at the Consecon post office.

Reminded that a rural postmaster knows everyone in a community by name, knows all the businesses, knows who has moved away and who is moving in, Shaila admitted to bitter-sweet feelings about moving on.

During the course of her final week, residents dropped into the Milford post office and gave her expressions of appreciation in the form of cards, candy, food, wine and flowers. Mid-week a small reception was held in her honour at the Milford Town Hall.

Many thanks from all of us!

Hi All,

I hope all is well in the metropolis of Milford. I'm settling into my new office and am quite excited about this new chapter in my career with Canada Post. It's been very busy and a little frantic making the transition but it gets easier everyday.

I'd like to thank the residents of Milford and South Marysburgh for all the best wishes, support and organizing the community gathering that was put on in my honour. I really was overwhelmed and so grateful to all who called me, sent cards & gifts, and took time to stop in to the Town Hall. I wish all of you the best in the future and hope to see you out and about around the county.

Thank you all again,

Shaila



Postmaster Shaila Van Vlack (front row, third from right next to her mom, Cheryl, in the black and white blouse) says goodbye to some South Marysburgh residents at a gathering held in her honour .

Pole Walking Workshop

As a result of the Pole Walking session on Sunday, March 22, six people are planning on taking the workshop* on April 12, 19 and May 24.



Your Recreation Board is paying 50% of the Workshop fee. Participants' cost will be \$10 per person. There is still room for more people to sign up but please act quickly.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891 or email vidvar@kos.net

**Participants must get the go ahead from their health care professional and sign a waiver before taking the Pole Walking Workshop. Participants are pole walking at their own risk.*

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South Bay U.C.W.



UCW met at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. President Sandra opened the meeting with a short story demonstrating that people do not like change. Our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer were recited.

Sandra's devotional was taken from First Thessalonians, verses 16 to 18. It demonstrates we should pray and be thankful for all our blessings. A prayer closed this thought.

Six members answered roll call with items for the food bank. Everyone came decked out in green to honour St. Patrick. Twenty sick calls were made.

Secretary Brenda read our last minutes which were approved. The treasurer's report remained the same as in January. Martha and Rick Bradford offered to speak to our group. We will pass this to Janelle Shaw.

There are several church activities upcoming:

- * Kente Presbyterian meeting, April 9th at Foxboro;
- * Bay of Quinte Conference, April 19th at Pickering;
- * Spring Fling on May 6th at Roslin.

Our date for our Christmas luncheon and craft sale will have to be changed as it conflicts with the Anglican church agenda.

Our meeting proper closed with UCW prayer.

Karen Guernsey presented a very interesting program taken from the tenth edition of the Prince Edward County Year Book for 1958. It revived many memories of bygone years.

The ladies have set up a crib quilt to be quilted each Wednesday so anyone who is into quilting is invited to join us. We usually quilt from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. so bring a lunch and join us.

Pat and Sandra were thanked by Carol for the lovely lunch they provided.



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**The South Marysburgh
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**The Marysburgh Mummers
The Milford Fair Board**

Meetings, Events, Announcements

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

Hat decorating at Ann Farwell Library from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Parade starts from the Town Hall @ 11:00 a.m.
Egg Hunt at the Fair Grounds at approx. 11:20 a.m.

Milford Fair Board

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.
Milford Town Hall

Pole Walking Workshop

Sunday, April 12th & 19th - 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 24th—3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bredin Hall at Mt. Tabor

There are only a few spaces left. To register, email Bruce Dowdell at vidvar@kos.net

Recreation Board Annual General Meeting

Milford Town Hall

Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Wii Bowling

Milford Town Hall

Every Thursday until April 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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or Mt. Tabor, please contact:
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**Milford Market Square
2015 Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, April 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Milford Town Hall

If you are interested in being a vendor this summer, please attend.

Contact: James Lambton 613-813-3804

jameslambton@hotmail.com



Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson

As you may or may not be aware, the new council is a very engaged group of individuals. This is evidenced by our committee work as council representatives and in familiarizing ourselves with issues that affect the entire municipality. Examples of this are the councillor attendance at the Town Hall Meeting I held in February; at the CCSAGE AGM held in mid-March; and the Hospital at Home meeting two weeks ago. All these meetings attracted half of council and the mayor.

As for what occurred in March, the biggest news is that council met at a special closed meeting of council on Friday, March 27th and decided to cease its employment relationship with the CAO, Merlin Dewing. The details are contained in a press release that is posted on the South Marysburgh Mirror's website under 'Community' and elsewhere on the Internet.

Mayor Quaiff and I were asked to speak at the CCSAGE annual general meeting that attracted over 100 people concerned about the two wind turbine projects proposed for South Marysburgh. The status of both wpd's White Pines project and Gilead Power's Ostrander Point project remain with the Ontario government and the courts respectively.

That said, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) has approved wpd's application to build a 28-KM transmission line from Royal Road to the sub-station north of Picton. The OPA's decision completely ignores the concerns of organizations, businesses and individuals as to the line's effect on heritage properties, natural heritage, businesses along the route and on people's lives.

The approval of the transmission line does not mean the White Pine project will be built, only that the line route is approved if it is. wpd does not yet have road use agreements in place with the municipality to allow construction to begin.

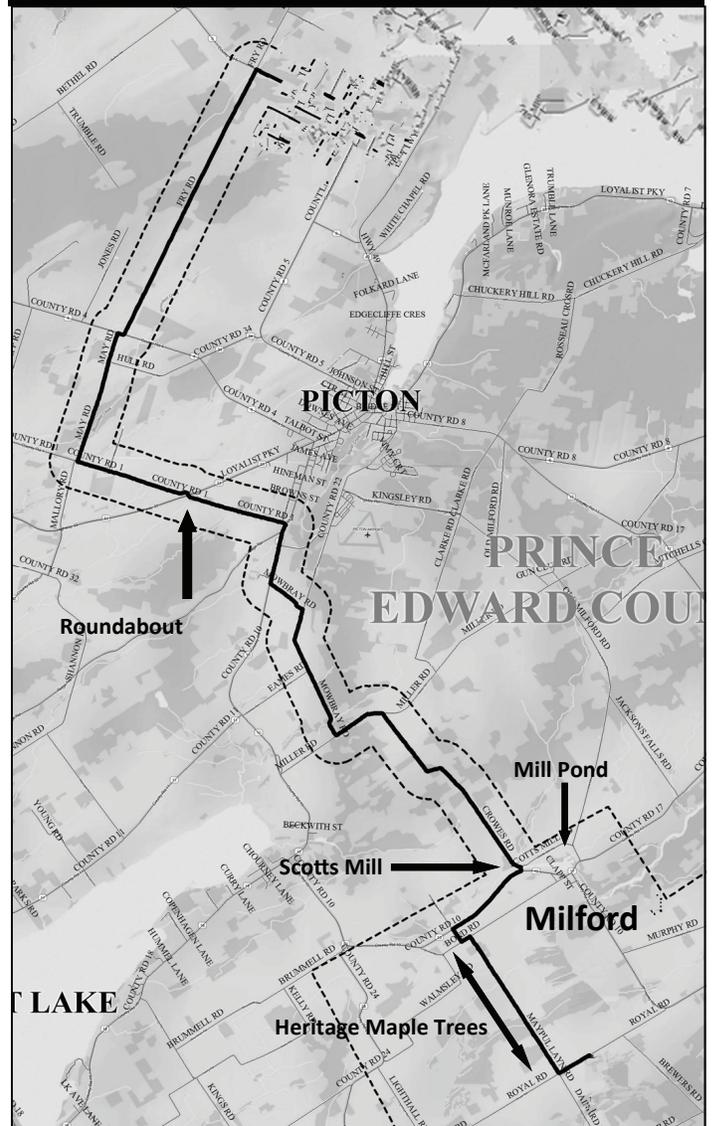
One final note about this. TVO has broadcast an excellent documentary called *Big Wind* about the effect of wind development on rural Ontario. It is well worth searching out.

As you may have read elsewhere the municipality is working on a revitalization initiative partially funded by the province. This involves reinvigorating some of the smaller towns and villages (Consecon, Rossmore, Bloomfield, Wellington) and Picton.

Local groups will be working with the municipality to set goals and objectives for their areas.

Although not part of those plans, a similar objective is being set for Milford beginning with the B2B Forum on April 18th at the Town Hall. If you own a business in South Marysburgh, please participate.

wpd Canada's Transmission Line Route



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*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

The Turtle Trauma Centre

Who'da thunk but about time. As we head into turtle road-crossing season there is now an organization that takes care of injured turtles hit by cars or cyclists. Information is available at:

www.kawarthaturtle.org

From Shaila to Shirley

Hot on the heels of Shaila's departure on March 13th was the arrival of Milford's new postmaster, Shirley DeMille, on March 16th. If you haven't done so already, please stop by and welcome her to the community.

One of the Other Papers

Is anyone else having problems receiving their copy of the *Picton Gazette*? Reliability has been a little dodgy since the beginning of the year so if your service is wanting, give them a call at 613.476.3201.

Good News About the Bistro

Beginning about April 10th the Milford Bistro will reopen under new management. Lindsay McCarthy and Angela Stamp will take over the day-to-day operation of the restaurant with Lindsay doing the menu and cooking and Angela looking after the front of the house. Both studied at George Brown's culinary program in Toronto. Lindsay also studied at OCA and worked at Oliver and Bonacini, Luma and Red's Bistro in Toronto. Angela has 28 years experience in the food industry and in addition studied interior design. They eventually became co-owners of the Blue Squirrel Bakery and Food District near Kingston and were involved in the catering business.

Menu plans are still being developed but they look forward to serving rustic local cuisine, local wine and beer, and fresh ingredients from the County. They'll have a special menu for April and May and will be **open for lunch and dinner only on Fridays and Saturdays until the May long weekend**. Given that they're both new to the area and just starting to ramp up, please make a reservation. As Angela remarked about their vision for the Bistro, "It's all about locals. Tourists, yes, but we are about locals." Good news indeed!

Cut the Waist

Just in time for summer, the County Club in Picton has a variety of short-term memberships available. Drop in and find a program that works for you.

A South Marysburgh Mirror CONSUMER ALERT!

The entire staff at the Mirror's office - photography, accounting, graphic design (such as it is), editorial, circulation - has been debilitated by the same nasty strain of cold that likely led to the extinction of the dinosaurs. Fortunately, unlike the dinos, we have over-the-counter medications and antibiotics to lead we humans to recovery. Particularly effective in the office has been Benylin Extra Strength Chest, Cold, Sore Throat syrup available at No Frills drug department for \$10.49 per 250 ml bottle. However, if you feel No Frills is inconvenient and prefer to shop elsewhere such as at Rexall, exactly the same product is available for \$17.49.

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
April 1896

Transcribed by Vicki Emlaw

April 1 - Archie and Byron was down to Jake's we sawed and split wood.

2 - Finished sawing and splitting Jake's wood. The wind blew quite hard from the west.

3 - Paw and Archie went over to Mr. Lighthall stayed all night went to Picton on Saturday.

4 - Jake and I went up home drew 17 loads of Stone for the barn. It was quite cold most of the day the wind was North West.

Easter Sun.5 - Jake and Lib, Paw and Maw went down to Dans. It was a very nice day the sleighing is about all gone. I think the buggies will go the best.

6 - Jake and I went up home. We drew 11 loads of stone for the barn. Paw come down to Jakes in the after noon we killed two hogs. The snow is about all gone began to drive buggies.

7 - Jake and Paw sowed about three bushel of timothy seed back. Manson Head commence to hugh the timber for the barn. In the afternoon Archie and I scored.

8 - Jake and I went up home to score timber. It was a very nice day.

9 - It was very warm. The roads were very muddy and bad. Jake and I were up home scoring timber.

10 - Jake and I went up home to score timber. Paw and Manson were hewing.

11 - It was very warm I was up home scoring timber Jake sawed three bus of Timothy Seed on the Wilson place. Mr. Jake Collier wife died at half past Five o'clock. And Mr. Clark Ackerman died at about the same hour.

12 - It was a very nice day the roads were very muddy. Jake and Lib went down to Marshal Spafford's.

13 - Mr. Jacob Collier Wife Funeral Serman was preach at the South Bay Church at Eleven o'clock. She was then buried at the burying ground there. and Mr. Clark Ackerman Funeral Serman was preach at South Bay Church at one oclock. He was then taken to the Valley and buried. It was a very fine day quite warm.

14 - I was up home working at the barn. Dan was up in the afternoon. Paw went over to Picton.

15 - I was up home working at the Barn. Jake and Dan drew two loads of sand. Manson Finished Hughing the timber for the barn.

16 - Manson commenced to frame the timber. Jake and Dan drew up seven loads of sand. The Ice started out to day. Jakes sow give birth to nine pigs.

17 - I went up home working at the barn. Jake went back got a little jag os hay out to the stack in the Peck Faller. tools out home. In the afternoon Jake and I, Levi Hicks measured the ploughing on Robert Metcalfe place. It was very warm.

18 - I commence to plough the young orchard. Paw went up to Milford fetched James Limmon home with him.

19 - Wait Hudgin's and Wife were to Jakes. We haven had any rain so far this spring.

20 - Jim Limmon commence to lay the wall for the barn. Dan was miling Mortar.

21 - Jake and I were up home helping work at the barn. In the afternoon Paw went over to Picton and got John Patterson to help Linner lay the wall.

22 - Jake and I were up home working at the barn. Jake and Archie drew up three loads of sand.

23 - I was up home working at the barn. Archie and Jake drew up five loads of sand.

24 - Jake rolled the Peck Faller. I was helping the Masons with the wall.

25 - Jake and I were up home working at the barn wall. Dan got Jake's horses to put in some spring rye.

Sun. 26 - It was a very nice day Ida and Dan and Stirling were up to Libs.

27 - Jake commenced to plough his sod field back by the road. I was up home. The masons finished laying the stone wall for the barn.

28 - The masons commenced to point the wall up to day.

29 - The masons finished pointing the barn wall about ten oclock. Paw took them over to Picton in the afternoon. The mason's cost was \$22.50. Paw got a barrel of sugar 313 pounds. I cultivated the garden and planted 1 ½ bus of potatoes.

30 - I went up home Paw and I sowed 4 bus of Barley on the Flats in the Second field. Then we went back on Colman Wattam to get two sills for the barn. We got one and made it in the woods.

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: The one thing worse than being alone is wishing you were.

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new parish.

He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a donkey lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station.

The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the morning to yerself. This is Father O'Malley of St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a donkey lying dead on me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o' yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones considered himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the Irish accent thought he'd have a little fun with the good father. "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

After a moment of silence Father O'Malley replied, "Aye, 'tis certainly true, but we also are obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."

Children's Takes on Well-Known Proverbs

- ◆ A penny saved....is not much.
 - ◆ Two's company, three's ... the Musketeers.
 - ◆ Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you have to blow your nose.
 - ◆ When the blind lead the blind ... get out of the way.
 - ◆ A bird in the hand ... is going to poop on you.
 - ◆ Better late ... than pregnant.
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Morris, an eighty-two year old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days after that, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc., 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful.'"

A porter loaded down with suitcases followed the couple to the airline check-in counter.

As they approached the line, the husband glanced at the pile of luggage and said to his wife, "Why didn't you bring the piano?"

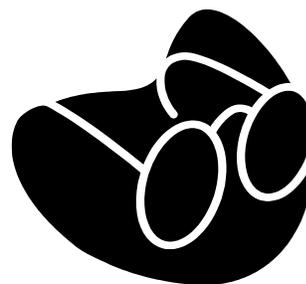
"Are you trying to be funny?" she replied.

"No, I really wish you had," he sighed, "I left the tickets on it."

Exit Lines:

- ◆ *If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.*
- ◆ *If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.*
- ◆ *Lack of money is the root of all evil.*

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What's going on at The Library

By Christine Renaud



A great time was had by all during March Break when the Library held its *Art & Ukulele March Break Camp* at the Milford Town Hall. We extend our thanks to the South Marysburgh Recreation Board for the use of the hall.



Great time of fun and learning as the library hosted a Ukulele and Art Camp at Milford Town Hall

The library will be taking part, as in the past, with Easter Bonnet making at the Milford branch before the Milford Easter Parade on Saturday, April 4th. Whitney will be on hand with all the trimmings needed to create something spring-like and festive! Please bring your own bonnet or hat to decorate. Bonnet making will take place from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

As you may have seen if you have been in the library lately, the Seed Library has been moved to the Milford branch from its original location in Picton.

The Seed Library was started at least a year ago and is a place to pick up free seeds. Recently, we realized the collection was somewhat neglected in Picton and in need of a bit of reorganizing and support. Members of the Seedy Saturday organizing group answered the call and Michella Kaduk has since created a display in the branch and sorted the seeds. These are available to "check out" by anyone with a library card. You do not have to return the seeds, of course, but we encourage people to save seeds, specifically open pollinated, heritage and organic seeds, and to consider donating some back to the Seed Library.

If you would like to learn more about seed saving, permaculture, organic growing and composting, please let me know. Those of us in the Seedy Saturday group have some expertise – though my expertise is somewhat limited to connecting people to those who are experts! – so do let me know if you have questions. The library is also hoping to present talks on related subjects in the near future.

Finally, The Seedy Saturday group also recently made a donation of over \$300 in new gardening and seed saving books. These are currently being processed by the library to add to our collection and a few other titles are forthcoming. I will provide titles and descriptions of all of these in the next issue of *The Mirror*.

As always, we appreciate your support of the library and look forward to seeing you in the branch sometime soon!

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Milford Friendship Circle

The ladies met at Marg Crouse's new home in Picton on Thursday, March 5th at 1:30 p.m.

President Margaret opened the meeting with the admonition to make the most of the day.

Her Thought for the Day was about a subject we all talk about – the weather. We were advised not to fret about something for which we have no control.

Mary read the minutes of our last meeting, which was in November and were accepted as read. (No one could remember that far back anyway!)

Seven members answered roll call by paying their dues for the year.

Treasurer Wilma reported our finances which are pretty skimpy. Nevertheless, we received thank you letters for the donations we gave to Salvation Army, Picton food bank, and *The South Marysburgh Mirror*.

We discussed a suitable home for the plaque that contains the names of the members who have contributed the most to the group. A decision will be made at a later date.

A St. Patrick's Day contest challenged the ladies to put their thinking caps on with Jean Burrows being the winner. She was presented with an elaborate prize.

The ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch and a social time catching up on everyone's lives.

Jean thanked Margaret for her hospitality after which all went happily home.



U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Coming Events

Thursday, April 2nd— Milford Friendship Circle will meet at the home of Barb Balsillie at 1:30 p.m. Roll call: Thoughts about spring; Barb has Thought for the Day; Program: Suitable articles for Alternatives for Women.

Wednesday, April 8th – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall for a pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon. Devotional: Maureen Rudd; Roll Call: Show and Tell; Program: Brenda Minaker; Objective: Alternatives for Women.

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CSG Rain Barrel Sale

County Sustainability Group (CSG) will host their 6th annual truckload sale of **PRE-ORDERED** rain barrels on Saturday, May 16th at Valley Pine Farms, 841 County Road 13 (corner of County Roads 13 and 16 near Black River Cheese factory) from 10 a.m. until noon. Rain barrels are \$60 each and orders **MUST** be placed in advance of the sale, either online at www.RainBarrel.ca/CSGpicton or by calling Don Ross at 613-476-8016.

Rain barrels capture and store chlorine-free and fluoride-free rain water from a home's downspouts, making it ideal for flowers, vegetables, lawns, and trees. Collected water can also be used to wash cars, clean floors, and even do laundry! These many uses can provide cost savings to every resident, especially those who pay to have water trucked in, use a well, or have a water meter installed. They can also provide water conservation opportunities, particularly during the dry summer months. Prince Edward County residents know first-hand what summer drought conditions can be like. Raising money with rain barrels is a practical way to benefit everyone concerned: the buyer, the students, the CSG, the community, and the environment.

When ordering in advance of the sale, purchasers select the colour and model of their rain barrel, and add any accessories, such as downspout diverters and rain barrel stands. Each barrel is equipped with all the parts needed to put it together, so it can be collecting water in no time at all.

These environmentally friendly products were once used to transport fruits and vegetables, but now they have been repurposed and offer years of reliable service as rain barrels. Purchasing one not only saves residents money and helps the environment, but, with the Country Sustainability Group's rain barrel sale, it also helps bring environmental

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of study. Since 2010, nine students have received nearly \$5000 for their educational expenses, as they focus on the environment in careers in environmental science, agriculture, renewable energy, fish and wildlife conservation, planning, and even the food service industry.

Some of the funds will also support the ongoing efforts of the CSG to bring local action to global issues that affect us all and future generations. See www.countysustainability.ca for more information and become a face book friend at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/countysustainabilitygroup/>

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The Evaporator Lot

By Deborah Hudson

On November 4, 1870 James Grimmon wrote his last will and testament bequeathing to his sons various lands on lot 9 Concession 1 North Black River. The oldest son, Alva Ellis, had a military career and had purchased 14 acres from his father in 1869. Edward Robert, the second son, was bequeathed the farm (where I live now) with the stipulation to care for his mother, Mary (Ackerman) Grimmon. Calvin Brinton Grimmon, a fourteen year old at the time, was to receive \$200 or 4 acres from the farm with 1 horse (worth not less than \$65), 1 cow and 16 chantable sheep. This was to be received when he reached the age of majority at 21.



When he came of age, Calvin took over 4 acres of land alongside the Black River and built an evaporator where he dried apples. In those days there were many apple trees on the farm. Howard Dulmage gave an account of what running an evaporator was like when apples were dried at night. "There were two furnaces that made the heat to dry the apples. The apples had to be turned every 3 hours, I believe, and have them ready to take off the next day for the next run. They also made cider. They also dried the skins and cores and chopped up the small apples and dried them when there was a market for them." (Memories of South Bay, 1980, p.7).

After a time, Calvin gave up farming in Black Creek, moved into Picton and became a carpenter working throughout the County as well as in the

boat building trade. He was married to Fannie Irvine and died at the age of 80.

"The Evaporator Lot", as it was called by the family, was owned by my grandparents, Ralph (Calvin's nephew) and Beatrice Grimmon when I was kid. They had a small trailer at the river's edge where Grandma Grimmon fed the bullfrogs pieces of bread. In the 1980's their daughter, Kathleen, and husband Colin Dobbin built Colleen Cottage (their retirement home/Bed & Breakfast) on the lot. Today, under new ownership, it is still a popular B&B on the scenic shore of the Black River.

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4. Elect Directors of the Chamber.
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By George Underhill

Aching muscles, diarrhea, rashes, swollen limbs, runny nose, painful urination, difficulty breathing, weight gain, fatal bleeding, bruising, yellow skin, difficulty swallowing, pancreatitis, thoughts of suicide....Jeez, I don't want that disease. Only it isn't a disease, they're the possible side effects of various pills advertised on TV. I didn't capture many of the side effects because the advertisers say them so rapidly it's hard to write them down. I suspect that's purposeful. "Ask your doctor if these pills are right for you." I don't have to ask. With all these possible side effects, I don't want anything to do with them.

If you watch daytime television, after a little while you're sure you must have some terrible illness because of all the cures advertised. These cures are interspersed with insurance ads for inexpensive burial. I suppose you would need these if your "thoughts of suicide" came to fruition.

If you ever watched "Judge Judy" or any of the courtroom drama shows, you're inundated with advertisements for law firms. "You know what to do, call 222-2222!" is one of them. They all have these clever telephone numbers so you won't forget them. "CALL SAM!" is another one for a lawyer named Sam. They say they won't bill you unless they win the lawsuit. Pardon me for being cynical, but if that's the case they won't take your lawsuit unless it's a laydown winner, and then they won't go to court because the expenses are too high and there's no profit margin. Also, their percentage of the award must be extraordinarily high. I feel that lawyers advertising on TV don't have a high profile on ethics and morality.

Have you ever seen beer advertisements that say the beer is "clean" and/or "crisp"? Would they advertise a beer that was "dirty"? I don't know what clean is in terms of beer. "Crisp", what is that? Beer is a liquid, how can it be crisp? These are just pleasant sounding words, meaning nothing, meant to persuade you to try the beer. I'm drinking Mill Street beer these days, available at the LCBO. It's organic. What's organic beer? Well, I know what organic is, but when swilling down the suds, does it really matter if they're organic? There's lots of other ways beer can kill you. It's like organic dope or you could sniff organic gasoline.

And then there is a plethora of remedies for headaches and colds. Typically, some poor devil is on death's doorstep, with blotchy skin, runny nose, debilitating head and body pain and cannot sleep. But wait! One Advil or Aleve or Nyquil or one of these kinds of pills and, miraculously, the person is leaping cheerfully about, utterly cured. I used to think that religious faith healers had the corner on miracles, but not anymore.

You know, I don't think the advertisers actually think we believe all this nonsense. Then again, they apparently believe in miracles.



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St. Philip's Calendar of Events 2015

Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m. from Guernsey's ending at Morrison Point Road)	May 18
Pork & Corn Roast (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)	August 5
Turkey Supper (5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Sept. 16
Yard & Rummage Sale (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	October 3
Christmas Tea (2:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)	November 14

Bev Walker Checks In...

Thirty years ago, Al Fralik, Muriel Alsop's husband (whose name eludes me – oops, just remembered, his name was Eric too), Eric Kane, Joel Walker and anyone else who could be dragooned into helping, were devising a stage and setting up lighting for the first production of the Marysburgh Mummies. Roger and Mary Grieg were preparing the scenery – unbleached cotton on frames and whatever furniture we could beg borrow or steal. Other folks were busy cleaning racoon poo from the balcony. I was out selling advertising on the play programme and distributing tickets for pre-sale. Somewhere in the confusion I was learning lines for whatever part I had in the play – can't even remember the name of the play. Nancy Freeman, Gerry Fralik, Alice Miller and I were bound and bent we were going to save Mount Taber, and it looks like we did.

Much as I hate to contradict the present editor of *The Mirror*, the publication began in July or August of 1984. The reason for starting it was the municipal election and the fact that no one was really taking an interest in it. The object of *The Mirror* was to stir folks up and get more people running for election. I wanted to let people know what was happening in their community and get them out to support the events that were being put on by volunteers for the benefit of the community. To some extent it worked.

Admittedly, because I was somewhat opinionated (smile here, because I still am), I wanted to get folks thinking. Folks that stop thinking are like sheep, and I remember from the flock of sheep we had as a child that following along can lead to problems. We had an old ewe who was half blind and led the flock into the creek one spring. All had their full winter fleece – well you can guess the rest – waterlogged sheep don't float well.

But as I approach 80 – one day at a time – I am pleased to see that Mt. Taber Playhouse is still up and running, the Marysburgh Mummies are still alive and well and *The South Marysburgh Mirror* has kept up with the times and is still promoting South Marysburgh.

Now, if anyone is in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Ontario, I have a box of videos and other memorabilia from the "Mummies" and *The Mirror* that I would be only too happy to send off on their way. Just let me know when to see you. Bruce Dowdell and the editor have my email address.

And speaking of getting along toward 80, nothing brought that fact home to me more summarily than seeing Valencia with her grandchildren

in the February edition of *The Mirror*. Good heavens, I remember when Seth was born and I can't imagine him being old enough to even be married. And John Lammas – why you look just like you always did – thank heavens some folk don't change.

My best to all and may spring, maple syrup and the robin's return make you forget winter.

Beverly Walker

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Deviled Chicken Drumsticks

By David Larkin

This is a microwave recipe for two which is very tasty, and quick and easy to produce.

- 5 chicken drumsticks (choose plump ones)**
- 1 teaspoon curry powder or paste**
- 1 tablespoon soya sauce**
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste**
- 3 tablespoons dark soft brown sugar**
- 1 ounce butter, cut into pieces**
- Green onions, to garnish**

The recipe is designed for a 700 watt microwave, so if yours is more powerful, you should reduce the times or the power settings accordingly.

1. Place the chicken legs in the bottom of a shallow oblong casserole dish. Cook, uncovered, for 4 minutes
2. Place the curry powder/paste, soya sauce, tomato paste, sugar and butter in a jug. Cook, uncovered for 1 1/2 minutes. Stir.
3. Rearrange the chicken legs and brush with the sauce. Cook, uncovered, for 4 minutes.
4. Brush the remaining sauce over the chicken and cook for 2 minutes. Garnish with the chopped green onions and serve with rice, couscous or potatoes and a green salad.



Have a Happy Easter!

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For those who haven't heard, it has been a tragic week at Glenwood Cemetery. Vandals broke into the pond enclosure and used a pellet gun on the 75 Mallard ducks that were residing there. The ducks were able to escape but unfortunately the pair of Asiatic geese (who mate for life) who live in the pond year round have clipped wings and so could not escape the attack. The female, Kate, was killed and William, her mate, is heartbroken. The incident occurred on Saturday night March 21st.

Glenwood volunteers who feed the geese daily, year round, are devastated. Obviously, Glenwood is working with the police and the cemetery's Board to tighten up security.

William and Kate are beloved by the volunteers and many visitors at Glenwood, especially children who delight in feeding them. The cemetery's staff, volunteers and board members are also heartbroken by Kate's untimely and senseless death.

If you have any information about this incident please contact the OPP or Glenwood Cemetery at 613.476.3511.

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