

Ike Smith Exhibit Opens



Reviewing some of G. I. Smith's military memorabilia at a planning meeting are: left to right, Ken Caldwell, Allison MacLean (daughter of G. I. Smith) and Keegan MacKinnon.

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with the Order of Orange Nassau.

G. I. served 25 years (1949-74) as a Progressive Conservative member of the legislature for Colchester County. From 1956 until 1967, he was senior minister in the government of Premier Robert Stanfield. In the fall of 1967, he succeeded Robert Stanfield as Premier of Nova Scotia and Leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party. He narrowly lost the October 1970 provincial election to the Liberal party, then lead by Hon. Gerald Regan. Shortly after that event, he suffered a heart attack and resigned the party leadership. In 1975 Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau appointed G. I. to the Senate, where he served with distinction until his death in 1982.

As part of the exhibit, there will be several original Chambers cartoons given to Ike by the renowned Halifax Herald cartoonist, Bob Chambers. These particular cartoons appeared in the Herald and featured the dominant political issues of the late 1960's.

G. I.'s accomplishments included the bringing of Michelin (now Nova Scotia's largest employer), to the province; the introduction of Medicare to Nova Scotia; the establishment of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission; the lowering of the voting age; the beginning of winter road salting; the motor vehicle inspection program and Voluntary Planning.

G. I. also played a leading role on the federal/provincial relations front and was a pioneer in the decades long battle against regional economic disparity and for our

province's right to benefit from the developing offshore oil and gas resources.

In the Senate, he again played a leading role in the battle for fair treatment for Nova Scotia—significantly in the debates leading to the repatriation of the constitution in 1981.

Throughout his life, Ike was an enthusiastic and capable amateur photographer. Some of his photos of people, flowers, places, and events will be part of the exhibit. News stories chronicling his life and accomplishments, interviews with a few of the surviving key people in his career, and artifacts from his life will also be on display.

It is important to remember and to celebrate the lives of our Colchester community leaders, along with the working people, the industries and the traditions that comprise the history of Colchester County. We hope to follow in the tradition of the Norrie and Wilson family exhibits, and of the recent railroad exhibit, which illuminated significant aspects of the history of our region.

The exhibit will be opened on Saturday, November 7, by Senator Fred Dickson, a former law partner of G. I. Smith, and the first Truroian since G. I., to have been appointed to the Senate. Other prominent guests will include Hon. Jamie Muir, Hon. Angus MacIsaac and Doug Caldwell. Q.C. Music of Ike's favourite bard, Robbie Burns, will be played and refreshments will be served.

The exhibit will run for the months of November and December.

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Connor Whotten races out in front of his brothers, AJ and Mitchell, as they round the corner on the inflatable race track. This was one of several events and activities many children enjoyed at the Kidz Karnival Fall Kickoff in Great Village on Oct. 3rd. (Harrington Photo)



Kidz Karnival Fall Kickoff was held at the Faith Baptist Church in Great Village and many children turned out to enjoy the day of fun. (Harrington Photo)



Look out below! James Hodge had no fear as he went down the pirate slide at the Kidz Karnival. Coming right behind him is Faith Taplin. (Harrington Photo)



Aaron Sharpe, Pacey Smith and Dakota Smith (left to right) had a hard time deciding which items to bid on at the Penny Auction held at the Great Village Legion Hall on Oct. 16th. Proceeds were in support of the Community Association. (Harrington Photo)

Wheels to Meals in Great Village

Wheels to Meals is a program under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Legion. It is for seniors or retired people to give them a chance to get out and have a meal in the company of other people. We serve at the Great Village Legion on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at noon. The cost is only \$5 per person, no tipping.

The Wheels to Meals program means they can call for a ride, if necessary.

The next Meal is November 3, we will be serv-

ing Lazagna with a salad and dessert. As always tea coffee and juice is included. Advance notice is appreciated.

The dates for December are 1 and 15. We regret that we cannot publish the menus early since it depends greatly on what is on sale at the time. This is in an effort to keep the costs as low as possible. We serve an entree with dessert, juice, rolls, and coffee or tea.

For further information or for a ride please call Art Chisholm at 668-2088 or Betty MacNeil at 668-2314.



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