

This is Elliott Territory

By Maurice Rees

For the past seven decades all along the Parrsboro-Fundy shore, if you wanted some music at an event it was Elliott's to the rescue. With connections through North America, the Elliott's primarily Carl and Gerald, in days gone by, could pull together some of the best musicians you would ever want to be there when your toes started tapping, or you were getting on the dance floor.

Yes, this is Elliott Territory. Recently at Victoria Hall, Bass River, the crowd was just as big, and equally enthused, but the roles had changed.

Last year a committee decided it wanted to work together with community support to bring Victoria Hall back to its grandeur, and undertook major renovations including new roof, plus a host of other repairs to be done as funds permitted. Recently the hall was filled to capacity, with everyone showing up to honour Carl and Jean Elliott on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Not content to sit in the crowd, when a few tunes were wanted, Gerald and Carl, along with Bill, Bruce and Mike took to the stage to bring back memories from



It's would not be appropriate if Gerald and Carl didn't take to the stage to play a few tunes, even if it was Carl & Jean's 65th anniversary celebrations. Haven't been able to determine if Carl played at his own wedding 65 years ago. Thanks to the Elliott's many prominent musicians play concerts along the shore. The sign on the back of the stage at Victoria Hall, was promoting Matt Minglewood's concert in late May. (Roda Elliott Photo)



Bill, Glenda and Mike Elliott taking their turn as a trio team to entertain the crowd honouring Carl and Jean. (Roda Elliott)

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

It seems like Spring has finally arrived! The robins are back, the geese are back but the birds are still very busy at my feeders. Hard to believe that this time last year we were still knee deep in snow! At least any snow we may get now won't stay.

There will be no Coffee Parties during the month of April but there will be Chowder Luncheons each Wednesday in April at the Debert Fire Hall from 11:30 to 1pm. Cost is \$10 for adults and take outs are available. You get your choice of seafood or corn chowder, biscuits and rolls, tea, coffee or juice and wonderful homemade desserts! It's a steal for half the price; and tasty too!! Coffee Parties will resume in May.

Masstown UCW will meet on April 7th, 7pm at the Masstown United Church. All women welcome! They will also meet at the Masstown United Church on Thursday May 5th. Program for the meeting on May 5th will be our Annual Blind Auction. Usually this is held in April but due to sickness of some members and the absence of others, this has been postponed until May. This is so much fun! We each bring items wrapped up so you don't know what they are and we get to bid on them. Sometimes you get something wonderful for a couple of dollars, or maybe get stuck with a roll of toilet paper for five bucks! It's all for fun and a great way to

raise funds. The funds our UCW raise go towards many projects, including a lunch program at our local elementary school, enjoyment bags for children at our local hospital, the Food Bank, Transition House and many more.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday April 2nd 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome.

The Masstown United Church are selling Vesey's Bulbs as a fund raiser. If you would like to purchase some great bulbs to plant in your garden this spring please contact a member of our congregation. If they aren't selling the bulbs themselves, they will know who is!

The Masstown Community Association are selling tickets on a Mother's Day Basket. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Tickets can be bought from any member of the Association or purchased on occasion at the Masstown Market (we will be selling them there when we can). The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday May 7th at the Masstown Market.

I have only heard of one visitor this past month in Masstown: Connie Boychuch of Leftbridge Alberta visited her brother Benny Cavanagh. Joy and Rodney Reid visited their daughter Krista and son-in-law Chris Dease and family in Ottawa during March break.



A portion of the large crowd at Victoria Hall is shown over Gerald's shoulder as Carl whispers a few comments at the celebration to honour Carl and Jean on the occasion of their 65th anniversary. Carl's probably thanking Gerald again for being his "best man" 65 years ago. (Roda Elliott Photo)

days gone by. Carl and Gerald participate less, but the younger Elliott's are still a driving force when it comes to music along the shore, especially The Economy Hall Sessions which are held at the Economy Recreation Centre several times a year.

Carl and Jean's 65th anniversary caught the attention from near and far. Tom Taggart, Councillor, District 10 presented a certificate from the Municipality of the County of Colchester. Other recognitions were received from: Prime Minister of Canada, Governor General of Canada, Premier of Nova Scotia, Bill Casey, MP Cumberland-Colchester, and Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North.

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, there was a social time and tea at the villa. Lunch was supplied and served by Marilyn Adams and Carolyn Jackson our wonderful volunteers. They have been so kind coming here all these months

to make a time for us residents to enjoy. Our heartfelt appreciation to them! I must also include Curtis Adams who helps in every way he can.

Everyone present signed a get well card for my granddaughter Margaret who has been in Colchester East-Hants

Health Centre for a few weeks. Shirley Ryan was recently in the Colchester East-Hants Health Centre but is at home now.

Visiting on Thursday with Bernice was her daughter Linda. On Saturday her daughter Debbie and Marilyn Dykens also visited Bernice.

That's all for now! Hope everyone enjoys Easter week.

Enjoying CTCL Bus to Masstown Market

By Linda Harrington

Each Thursday, since the first of January, the Colchester Transportation Co-Operative Limited (CTCL) bus arrives at Masstown Market bringing another group of people happily enjoying the new complimentary service. Every other week the bus first stops at The Meadows in Debert and then proceeds to McCaull Villa, Great Village. This route alternates weekly with a group coming out from Truro.

Participants enjoy a complimentary hot beverage and pastry during their stop at Masstown Market. "The coffee is really good," says participant Jody Robinson, who adds he is also pleased with the convenience of the service.

Kevin Fields, who arrived from McCaull Villa says he has been putting the word out for others in the Village to meet up and take the bus. "I enjoy the outing. It gives me a chance to get out for a visit and to pick up a few things," he says.

Another of the passengers complemented the Market staff, and CTCL bus driver, saying how friendly and helpful they are.

The complimentary service will continue over the next few months. Anyone who lives close to The Meadows or McCaull Villa is

welcome to meet there and get on the bus. The bus stops in Debert at about 11:00AM and at Great Village about 11:45AM. Next dates are March 3rd, 17th and 31st.

For more information, phone Kristen at 902-641-3033.



Kevin Fields, Jody Rushton and Angus Withrow get ready to board the Colchester Transportation Co-Operative Limited bus after spending a few hours at Masstown Market. The complimentary service, provided by Masstown Market, picks up passengers at The Meadows, Debert and McCaull Villa, Great Village and on alternate weeks makes stops in Truro. (Harrington Photo)



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