

Parrsboro Celebrates Canada's 147TH Birthday

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

The sirens and air horns roared and the crowd clapped as Canada Day events began in Parrsboro. The parade was well attended on Main Street. Following the parade, crowds moved to Willow Street and the Fireman's Field Day full of events for the young and young at heart



The water torture game was a one of the many activities at Parrsboro's Canada Day activities.

The food was good as evidenced by the long lines, and the dunk cage was manned by adventurous young volunteers. After lunch the activities moved to the Ottawa House, former residence of Sir Charles Tupper to celebrate Canada's 147th birthday. The Parrsboro Citizens Band thrilled all with their songs until flag raising time.

Opposition Leader Jamie Baillie and many other dignitaries were present as a very special Canadian flag was raised. County councillor Don Fletcher presented his flag he received on retirement from the armed forces nearly 20 years ago. It was honoured by being flown in Ottawa on Parliament Hill for one day before he received it.

Capt. Keith Odlin, Commanding Officer of our local air cadet squadron received the flag and his cadets raised it proudly. As darkness



Area councillor, Don Fletcher, presents the flag he received on retirement from the Armed Forces, nearly 20 years ago.

approached and the day's activities were winding down, a very large turnout was thrilled with a wonderful fireworks display at the Aboiteau.



Parrsboro Fire Department members preparing to BBQ chicken for Canada Day activities.



The food concession at Parrsboro's Canada Day activities is always popular and features a long line up until everyone is fed.



NSCC's Aviation "Aircraft Maintenance Engineer" was one of the many entries in the Parrsboro Canada Day Parade.



Always popular and volunteering for community events, the Parrsboro Band provided music until flag raising time at Ottawa House.



Following the street parade Canada Day activities were held at Ottawa House, the home of Sir Charles Tupper.

KEN'S Corner

By Ken Kennedy

We took a drive down to Parrsboro and the Ottawa House beach on Sunday afternoon, and it was a gorgeous run on a beautiful sunny day. The tide was just coming in so I laid on the beach while Olivia splashed in the warm water and Velma searched for sea glass.

On the way down, we stopped off at Saint's Rest and met a nice couple who were waiting for the tide to come in so they could bass fish. Apparently some nice keepers have been caught there lately. We were really disappointed to find that we were not actually permitted to legally park there anymore. What a shame. Who's idea was that? Now, in order to park there to fish or just sit on the beach we have to do it illegally as there are "No Parking" signs all over the place.

It was good to see the old Kipawo still standing - albeit propped up - and sporting a large Wilson sign on wheel house. We usually try to take in at least one Ship's Company play every summer. We didn't go into the Ottawa House museum this time but went straight to the beach. We had toyed with the idea of going to Melmerby Beach instead but happy we chose

Parrsboro.

We usually try to drop in and see our two Community Chaplains Catherine Meredith and Dora Fuller when we are down that way but we were running late this day and didn't take the time. They were probably out to church or visiting someone anyway. Dora is like the old Timex commercial - takes a licking but keeps on ticking!

We were wanting to stop for clams at Dianne's on the way back, but it was packed out, so we stopped in at Granny's. They were busy as well but we managed to get our fill and journey on home. By the time we got back the Interpretation Center was closed since it was about 7:00 pm. However, Anita tells me it is open daily but closes at 4:00pm on the weekend.

By the time you read this, the gasoline tanks will be gone from Glenholme PetroCan, and so will Pam Adams. Pam has hit a few bumps along the road of life over the years but, as a "King's Kid," she is a survivor. Pam will be flying high now as she trains for ROTP in the RCAF. God bless you Pam.

If you need gasoline from then on you will have to go to "Jenning's Corner" in Masstown where the new gas tanks are installed across from the Market, where the old Masstown Motel used to be located. According to the

Truro Daily News that whole area is up for major re-development. Don't forget the Masstown Hardware store a little further down the road. They have more lumber than you can shake a stick at! (Pun intended.)

Did you see the "super-moon" last week? Wow! I could look out our living room window and see Campbell Road almost as clear as day. Of course it brought with it some very high tides along the Bay of Fundy. The water came right up over the beach at Little Dyke and into someone's corn field.

Speaking of Little Dyke, do rocks grow? I mean can you farm rocks? It seems as if you can when you see the pile of aggregate that's being crushed at the OSCO concrete plant out there. It seems to me that Merle Putman extracted thousands of tons of stone out of there about 20 years ago. I also now know where the old asphalt went that they skimmed it off the 104.

Speaking of asphalt, the Plains Road in East Mines is now a joy to drive upon. Halleluia! The new concrete culverts will no doubt aid the drain-off of the elements this year. Kudos to the road crew, but don't forget to fill the shoulder holes along by the post office and church areas. A child could drown in some of those craters.

While "Higher Ground" was enter-

taining at Debert Court last week, we picked up a copy of their latest Shannex Connections magazine and lo and behold there is an article of darling Debbie Mattix profiled in their "spotlight" section. Way to go, Debbie! She is shown holding a screwdriver so I'm not going to say anything out of line for sure. I was surprised she has worked for Shannex for 27 years as she doesn't look that old. Besides that she also volunteers at Debert Court from time to time. Can you believe it!?

To conclude this epistle, I want to mention that Rev. Cyril (Cy) Mersereau dropped by when we were away last month and left a copy of his book,

"The Scripture in Translation", which tells of how the world got the Holy Bible and the hard times our ancestors had to get it into print. Cy's book is

available at Coles and other book stores.

Now we have so many versions of the Bible we hardly know which ones to choose. Personally I like them all but use the others to help study the New King James version. There's even a book out now called "The Story" which is something like the Bible, but without the chapters and verses. It's supposed to be read like a novel. I had some problems with it but it would probably be a good read for students young and old.

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William and Zee will receive a \$20.00 Gift Certificate from The Shoreline Journal and Clarence Farm Services.

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