

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

The Remembrance Day Church Parade went very well with a good turnout of Legion members. A thank you is passed along to all who attended.

On the afternoon of the 4th, the Colour Party, along with Padre Martin took part in a Ceremony (Service) for the seniors at "The Court" in Debert and it went very well. A special thank you is passed along to the "Padre" and the Colour Party.

On November the 11th, there was a very large crowd on hand at the Cenotaph (thanks in part to a very sunny Sunday). Despite a few glitches the Service went fairly well.

To all who helped in any way at all and that includes the Poppy Campaign workers, the door to door people, the people who tended the trays at the Market, thank you.

To our Silver Cross Mother, Mrs. Virginia Roberts, a very special thank you is sent along to you.

I first met Mrs. Roberts in 1994 when Comrade George Cooke was President of Branch 106. She is a remarkable lady.

The Dart League is firing on all cylinders and as we get ready to go to press, Team 6 is holding down first place with 31 points, in second spot with 26 points is Team 1. High Score for the men is Brian Turner and Skip Dawson with 140. High Score for the ladies is 126 and Sharon Kyle has it. High Start for the men is 120 and Darrell Cock has it. Debbie Buchanan has High

Start for the gals with 85. There are no 180's yet. (Thanks Skip)

The Crib League is still pegging along at a good clip and as we go to print I have no report. Our stats man (Earl Harvey) is in the hospital recovering from major surgery. I spoke to Leona this morning (Nov. 19th) and she tells me the operation went very well.

Earl, Leona and family we, the Crib League, are pulling for you. Earl, we hope to see you up and about soon.

Well folks the fishing seasons and stories are just about over for another year and by all reports, it was a very good one.

On Friday, October 26th, Shelly Duguay, home from B.C. for a few days took a few young gents (fishermen) down to A and B's cottage for a day of fun and fishing. When the last line was reeled in Shelly had the biggest fish for the day. Shelly said it was so big; she had trouble bragging about it. (Can you imagine that?). What a nice way to finish the fishing season.

With the fishing season all but a memory for another season, our thoughts turn to the hunting season and the smell of liver and onions frying in the pan. Doesn't that sound good?

Congratulations to Chevy Barnhill who got himself a nice 5 point buck early in the year.

George and Cooper Blackie checked in with a very nice doe and Cooper told his mom (Erin) it was awful big, about

20 pounds. out of the mouths of youngsters. The doe wasn't Brookfield Class but none the less a very nice animal. Word has it that George and Cooper were using one of Aubrey's ground stands. Is Aubrey leasing or renting his penthouse?

Well folks, Danny MacEachern did get to the grand opening of the Bear's Penthouse in the Sky, the only problem was he got caught by an eagle eyed Linda as he tried to sneak the green (red) carpet in. After a guided tour "The Bear" told Dan the carpet would be better on the floor than on the walkway. There is a rumour afoot that "The Deer Hunter's Association of N.S." supplied the carpet. That rumour is false and no, the penthouse is not for rent or lease.

Dan had a very nice experience a few days ago, Isaac and Dan were hunting together and Isaac bagged his first deer. Congratulations to both hunters.

Happy Anniversary wishes for November are passed along to Marilyn and Jim Dykens, Bev and Lee McCulloch, Helen and Ron Eastcott.

Happy Birthday wishes for November are passed along to Robert Hill, Deanna Martell, Skip Dawson, Harold Barclay, Yvon Thout, Shelly Vincent, Mary Jane Elliott, Darrell Cock, Steve Williams, Betty Crossman and Pat Ryan.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country. Please say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan and other foreign countries and their families.

Historic Sites

ALONG THE SHORE - Blacksmith Shop in Five Islands

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



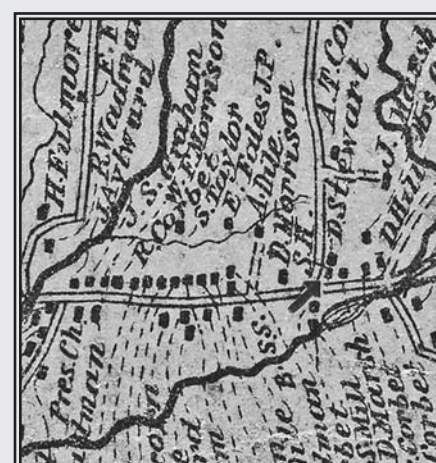
By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on map # 318 picks out the approximate spot where this photo of Andrew Patterson's blacksmith shop was located in Five Islands in the early 20th century. In the background is the spire of the Presbyterian, (now United) Church. The shop was started in 1887.

As can be seen in the photo, he did not just shoe horses and oxen and produce custom orders, he produced, for the general market place, quantities of farm required products, such as wiffle trees,

peavy stocks, sled runners, axe handles, neck yokes, box sleds. He sold these products in the Cumberland and Colchester county towns and villages within wagon distance of Five Islands.

The wood components of his products would have come from the Cobequid Hills behind the village, and the iron components and horse shoes would have come by wagon from Parrsboro. Most of the villages up and down the Cobequid shore had at least one, and sometimes several, blacksmith shops, catering to the farming, lum-



bering and ship building trades, but very few shops produced items in quantity, to be purchased "off the shelf". An interesting side note to the story, one of Patterson's apprentices in 1898 was "Mate Fisher", who a few years later had a blacksmith shop in Great Village, and was mentioned in Elizabeth Bishop's short story "In The Village".

(Most of the above information came from the publication "the Story Of Five Islands" which was compiled and printed by the Women's Institute of Five Islands)

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, which will be published as a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal.

Colchester SPCA Designs Angel Program

The Colchester SPCA has designed the Angel Program to help find loving homes for adult cats. It allows anyone in the community to pay the adoption fee for a feline in need of a home. Receipts are given for income tax purposes to the sponsor.

Many adult cats struggle to

get homes due to their age, temperament, or due to the number in need. Cats with an angel symbol on their cage get a home. Check out the SPCA wish list on facebook or at the shelter. The list tells things that can be donated.

Monetary donations of course are always gratefully

accepted. Food is not a high need as one of the

food companies donate cat/ kitten and dog food on a regular basis. All are welcome to drop by our Christmas table at the mall near Sears. We are there Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm until Dec 22.

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