



One of the quilt blocks not used in Bessie's finished quilt is being admired by, left to right, Enid Cooper, Dick Akerman and Meredith Layton, all of Great Village. (Submitted)

Bessie Morrison's "Crazy Quilt"

By Dale Ells

The 'Crazy Quilt' design was a very popular form of needlework during the Victorian Era.

The blocks for a beautiful crazy quilt were put together by Bessie Morrison who, as a young bride, sailed with her husband, Captain David Morrison. Bessie bought the silk material for the quilt in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and no doubt worked on the project during the long hours at sea.

The small irregular pieces of material were attached by a vari-

ety of hand embroidered stitches including the initials BM.

Bessie completed all of the squares and assembled the center; however, the quilt was completed by Edith Corbett, Bessie's great niece. Bessie died on Feb. 27, 1940.

Bessie's quilt work is on display at the Colchester Historeum, Truro, in the exhibit about Sea Captains of the Cobequid Shore.

Another wonderful crazy quilt is on display in the Historeum's main Exhibit Hall.

Parrsboro Shore Trade Fair May 7th

By Anita MacLellan

Parrsboro will be buzzing with activity when the town hosts the first ever Trade Fair for businesses and attractions all the way from Minudie to Masstown on May 7th 9am - 5pm. Each community has booked a table to display things of interest and some businesses will have their own.

This is a familiarity show - a chance for far reaching communities to learn more about our shore and what we have to offer. This way we can work together to promote and keep people on our shore longer. Free admission.

If you'd like to become more familiar with the Parrsboro Shore, please see if a bus ticket is available (p/u times for each community on ticket) at Wilson's in Great Village; Dominion Chair Company Store, Bass River; Anita MacLellan, Economy; Masstown Market, Five Islands.

Bus tickets are free and limited and will ideally be used by people working with the public, however we must ALL become good ambassadors for our shore and this will be a lesson well learned. Tickets for the bus must be obtained in advance: Contact Anita MacLellan, 902-647-2312, or Wendy Cox at Dominion Chair, 902-647-2210.

Here's the itinerary for the bus: Leave Masstown Market Bakery Parking Lot 9am; Leave Great Village School 9:20; Leave Bass River Dominion Chair Parking Lot 9:40; Leave Economy Cobequid Interpretive Centre 10:00; Leave Five Islands Peniel United Church 10:15; Leave Lower Five Islands Fire Hall Parking Lot East side 10:30.

For the return trip home, the bus will leave Parrsboro Legion/Fire Hall 3:30pm. Event is being held at Parrsboro Fire Hall and Legion. Don't miss it!

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

Well folks "Chase the Ace" here at Branch 106 is starting to pick up some momentum after 7 weeks of trying to find the ace. We are certainly nowhere near Branch 38 in Ashby (Sydney), but one never knows. After 7 weeks of trying, the winners have been Betty MacEachern (donated back to the pot), Alex Peters, Jeff Totten, Kaye Rushton, Betty MacEachern (AGAIN), Debbie Rushton and Shirley Simple.

To Gerry Dykens and the Legionnaires who are helping out in any way they can, thank you. To Dodie Peters and all the parents from the Minor Hockey Association, thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated. To the girls on the canteen, thank you.

A thank you is passed along to Dave MacPhee and Harold Barclay for the beautiful ticket barrel they made and donated to the Branch. Our signs advertising "Chase the Ace" were made by 'Sid Sells Signs' and donated by Danny MacEachern. Danny thank you very much. To Debbie Moore and Debbie Barclay, thank you very much for your signs and posters. They are much appreciated.

Chase the Ace players are reminded that there is music in the Lounge before and after the draw for the Ace has taken place. One can just listen to it or get up and dance a tune or too.

The ticket sales on the beautiful BBQ donated by Masstown Hardware (Castle Building Centres) have been very brisk.

To Noel Gratto and ALL the staff at "The Masstown Hardware", thank you very much for the beautiful "Broil King Baron 590S Gas Grill". It sure will/would be a beautiful addition to anybody's patio.

Better grab a few tickets on it.

The final standings and individual stats in the Debert Mixed Dart League are as follows: Team 6 with Charlie and his angles finished in first place with 110 points, the members were Dawn Hatt, Deanna Martell, Sheri Deaveau and Charlie Moore; second place went to Team 2, made up of Skip Dawson, Debbie Cock and Ron Veno and they had 100 points; Team 1 with Ron Eastcott, Owen Slack and Julie Morrie finished in 3rd spot with 96 points. Holding down 4th spot, with 92 points was Team 3- Doug Morris, Albert George and Connie Gratto. 5th spot had Hughie White, Cris McLean, Marilyn Dykens and Audrey Gallagher checking in with 83. Rounding out the standings was Team 4 with Kenny Smith, Lovie Grady and Debbie Buchanan.

High Start (M) Craig Fisher 134, (W) Deanna Martell 111; High Finish (M) Hugie White and Ron Eastcott 115, (W) Debbie Cock 100; High Score (M) Ron Eastcott 171, (W) Deanna Martell and Dawn Hatt with 140; Most Starts (M) Skip Dawson 100, (W) Dawn Hatt 87; Most Finishes (M) Ron Eastcott 71, (W) Dawn Hatt 50. Most Tinkles (M) Ron Veno 154- 7.7, (W) Debbie Buchanan 160- 6.9; Least Tinkles (M) Ron Eastcott 43- 1.9, (W) Dawn Hatt 86- 3.9. There were no 180's this year and as we get ready for print the Play-Offs are in full swing right now, and the League Banquet will be held on the 29th of April, right after the Legion Supper. (Thanks Skipper).

A look at the standings in the Wednesday Night Crib League shows Bobby Pash /Tommy Manley out in front with 1479 points, Gerry

Dykens/Dan Martell hold down second spot with 1521 points, rounding out the top three is Debbie Cock/Ron Eastcott with 1654 points.

Bob and Tom have Most Winning Nights with 5. Irene Blenkhorn and Jo-ann Bartlett have Most Hidden Scores with 6. There have been 22, 24 point hands and Debbie Buchanan and Bobby Pash lead the way with 3 each. The Crib Banquet will be held on the 25th of May. (Thanks Earl).

On Saturday, April 16th, branch 106 sent 6 Teams to Branch 35 in Westville to take part in Nova Scotia Legion Crib Play-Offs and looking at the stats, the cards used us very sour.

Our only team that did anything positive was the team of Earl Harvey and Eugene Adshade and they finished in 4th place with 32 points. Branch #1 from Middleton took top honours.

For their 4th place finish, Earl and Eugene will be going back to Westville on May 7th as part of the NS Team to take part in the "Maritime Legion Crib Play-Offs". Earl and Eugene we wish you good cards and good luck on the 7th.

Well it's official now, after 43 years in retirement 'The Bear' is back driving the stage coach (school bus). One has to wonder is it the big money or a powerful nerve medicine. You cannot keep a good man down.

No Kelly, canned tuna does not have bones! If anyone knows about someone running a can opener course, please give Kelly R. a call. She is in desperate need to get on one.

Happy Birthday wishes for April are passed along to Charlie Moore, Dorothy Adams, John Totten and Cassandra McCully.

A tip of the hat and a very special thank you is passed along to Comrade Walter

Millen and his daughter Barbara who obtained a set of WWII medals and presented them to Comrade Eddie Murphy who earned them for spending 7 years in the Marchant Navy during the war. Walter and Barb, thank you very much, it was /is a great thing you did for one of our Veterans.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran; it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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