



Jenny Laffin, played a few fiddle tunes, accompanied by Frances (Smith) McBurnie during the Hymn Sing and Story Telling Evening held in Glenholme recently. Jenny, is the great granddaughter of John and Jennie Annon, who were well known residents of Glenholme. (Harrington Photo)



Rev. Lester Settle acted as MC for the Hymn Sing and Story Telling Evening held in Glenholme on August 9th. He is shown singing one of the old familiar hymns, while in the back is Ken Henderson, who was looking after sound recording for the evening. (Harrington Photo)

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Frances (Smith) McBurnie provided musical accompaniment on the Church organ for the hymn singing portion of the evening. She was born in Little Dyke (just down the road from Glenholme) and now resides on Prince Edward Island. The love and dedication to music was evident in her family history. Her grandmother was the organist at Erskine United Church for 50 years.

Linda Giddens, Frances' sister, remembers raising and selling cucumbers so they could pay for Francis to take piano lessons in Truro. She remembers riding in the back of their father's manure spreader to get a lift to their piano lessons with Mrs. Gordon in Great Village.

Linda also told a story about her grandmother Josephine Morrison arriving in 1911 and not having a piano to play on. Her grandmother heard about a contest in the local newspaper where first prize was a piano. She sold newspaper subscriptions and eventually won the piano, which was delivered to East Mines station. "They took a horse to go and get the piano and on the way home the horse died. They had to go back the next day, with another horse, to get the piano," Linda recalled.

Laverne Morrison, had a

great deal of information from her mother Edna's collection and she was happy to share a few stories.

In 1949, the Glenholme Community Club held a fashion show and all the men in the community dressed up as ladies. A Halifax Herald newspaper article from that time gives creative names to all the men taking part, including Art McElhinney, Hilton McPhail, Frank Lynds, Wilfred Lynds, and William Ross, to name a few.

Laverne remembers spending many hours coasting as a child in Glenholme. There was the Minister's Hill (behind the old Manse), McElhinney's Hill, the Double Lift (across from the school), and the hill across from the Morrison home, that ran down to the Marsh. "We would go coasting at recess time and we would try to get in 2 or 3 more runs, after Mrs. Boyd rang the school bell. We were having so much fun, coasting on cardboard boxes, she would always have to come and get us."

One more coasting story involved Erskine Church minister, Rev. George MacLean, around 1954. He came to pick up his mail (the Morrison's ran the Post Office), and noticed the kids having fun coasting on the hill across the road. "We asked if he wanted to join us and he piled on the big

toboggan with us," said Laverne. "We were coasting down the bank when we hit an ant hill and we all flew off. Mr. MacLean was on crutches the rest of the winter, with a fracture in his leg."

Edna Morrison's sister, Doris McCallum, remembered the fun of going on a bobsled ride with friends in the community such as Hilda Stevens, the Masons and McElhinneys, the Ross boys and Leland McNutt.

The evening of story telling also including the singing of old hymns such as "Will Your Anchor Hold", "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and "Church in the Wild Wood". Jenny Laffin, the great granddaughter of John and Jennie Annon (well known Glenholme residents), delightfully played a few pieces on her fiddle, also.

Gail Hines prepared a lovely cake which was served with ice cream after the presentations. The cake was in honour of the 80th birthdays of Marie McElhinney and Don Smith (cousin of Linda (Smith) Giddens, who was in attendance from Pennsylvania).

Organizer Linda Giddens says she was pleased everyone seemed to have such a good time. "We may try something like that again, as people are now coming up to me with stories they meant to tell that evening," she says.

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