

## Cumberland Senior Clubs Meet in Wentworth



Charley Patriquin, backed by violinist Ken Bagnell and pianist Betty Curry, enjoys playing the guitar on stage during a music session at a gathering of ten Cumberland County senior clubs at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

### By Hope Bridgewater

Annually the Cumberland Senior Citizens Council with President Judy Shultz puts out a call for a summer picnic to which all 10 clubs are invited. The picnic is held each summer on a rotation basis and this time it was the turn of Wentworth to be the host. Wentworth Pioneer members as host were to provide a meeting place, a charge of \$2 at the door (with \$1 to go to the Council), provide punch, tea and coffee, their portion of food, their portion of entertainment, and to M.C. the meeting. The picnic is always a shared responsibility in order not to put too much work on the host club. Each club is asked to bring their share of food for a pot-luck supper, their share of entertainment and, if possible, a good representation of their members. Visiting club members coming in the door of the Wentworth Recreation Centre represented Amherst, Malagash, Oxford, River Hebert, Springhill, Northport, and Wallace.

Ski Wentworth is a tremendous boost to the Wentworth economy and a beautiful site in the Cobequid Mountains. The International Wentworth Hostel located up in the Cobequid Mountains is renowned for its near-by network of trails extending 12 miles (20 km's), which are excellent for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and enjoying nature. The hostel, once a farmhouse 140

years ago, is a well-maintained and renovated building with a yard containing a BBQ, a fire pit, and camping facilities.

The Appleton Chocolate Company is famous for its hand-dipped chocolates, which feature the flavours of wild blueberries, cherries, cranberries and maple syrup with a double coat of Belgian or French chocolate. Of interest, is the fact that the berries and maple syrup of this part of Nova Scotia play such a significant role in the taste of these chocolates. Many people say that they are the best chocolates that they have ever eaten.

The Pioneer Club President Hope Bridgewater welcomed all the clubs, introduced Council President Judy Shultz, and President Shultz, in turn, introduced Judy McMillan, Community Liaison Officer, Service Canada. Ms. McMillan spoke to the clubs about the New Horizons for Seniors Program, which grants federal funds to seniors across Canada, and Ms. McMillan explained that she would be available during the afternoon to give out application forms and to talk to people on an individual basis at the back of the hall. It was a great honour to have Ms. McMillan drive all the way from Halifax to be with us.

Betty Curry, Secretary of the Council and a Pioneer member, then began her role as M.C. as follows: #1. From the Oxford club were the talented duet of Myrna Murray

and Victor McCormack, and they performed on stage with Victor at the piano and with both singing "At the End of a Long, Lonely Day," and "Haven of Rest."

Next a trio from Oxford, Eleanor Crowley, Myrna Murray, and Margaret Reid, acted in a humorous skit. #2. William McAloney, representing River Hebert, told three excellent jokes. #3. From Wentworth, Claire Patriquin and Jan Smith performed a skit about two ladies coming from church and dressed in old-style church costumes with hats. Not referring to church, Claire told a funny joke.

#4. From Wallace, Betsy Cooke gave an interesting reading. #5. From Northport, a short skit by two members was performed and, afterwards, several members sang songs (with help from Betsy Cooke of Wallace). #6. From Springhill, Gordon Brown eloquently sang the "Green, Green Grass of Home." #7. From Wentworth, Betty Curry staged two elimination games, one with people standing in a circle eliminated one by one by not stopping in time for certain cues, and the other game eliminating people one by one with music stopping and starting.

Then, came a TV skit featuring Ken Smith as Tommy Twitchy fingers constantly changing channels and, as he did so, Jan Smith acted as announcer for the different channels, and at each channel actors popped up on a pretend TV screen on the stage: Charley Patriquin, Bob Smith, Carolyn MacAloney, and Twila McMaster.

From 4 pm to 4:30 pm, Betty Curry (piano), Dave Bagnell (violin) and Charley Patriquin (guitar) played old-time music and several people got up to dance. Charley sang with appropriate sadness the country song "I'm Crying My Heart Over You." At the potluck supper everyone enjoyed the food and the friendly chats. Gertie Hollis gave out to each person a First Aid list of items needed for emergency kits. A successful summer picnic was once again completed, with people liking the time together. The next Council meeting will be held in Wallace on Wednesday, September 21 from 11 am to 3 pm.

## Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby  
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The Onslow Belmont Fire Department's fall auction is fast approaching once again. Just seems like yesterday when it was held last year. The time is flying by so fast! The kids are back in school once again, exhibition has come and gone, blueberries have come and gone and now it is time for the corn maze out at River Breeze. Saw the picture they created and it is totally awesome, it is against bullying!!

Here it is almost the end of

September and as yet there is still NO WORK being done on the bridge in Belmont. This has gone on for quite long enough and not sure what D.O.T. are doing but it would appear they have taken an extended leave of vacation. I know when the big trucks were travelling across it for weeks kept waiting for someone to go through as it looks like the boards are falling to pieces. Maybe that is what they are waiting for!

Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School at

the same time. There is card playing of 45's every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with lunch and prizes provided. Everyone is welcome to come out for an enjoyable evening.

Belmont Baptist church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone out there and don't eat too much turkey.

Till next time take care and if anyone wants to include anything please call me at 662-2425.

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