

Iona Canning's 90th Birthday a Festive Occasion



Hosting a 90th birthday celebration for their mother, Iona Canning, were her children, Joyce (left), Don and Sylvia. (submitted)

More than 60 friends and family were on hand Sunday, July 31 to celebrate the 90th birthday of one Five Islands' life-long residents, Iona (Doyle) Canning. Hosted by her three children, Joyce, Sylvia and Donald, the event was held at the Seniors' Centre where guests were treated to generous helpings of chocolate cake and ice cream. The youngest guests attending were Iona's two great-grandsons, Owen and

Seth O'Brien who came with their mom, Nancy, from Fredericton.

More than 100 large format photographs, organized by daughter-in-law, Lyn Canning, served as fascinating placemats at each table as well as a number of wall displays. The photos captured some of the highlights of Iona's long and active life, triggering a host of special memories.

Like others in her peer group, Iona can recall many of

the extraordinary events that have helped shape our world over the past century, as well as those closer to home - such as the first paved road through the village in the late 30's. She can recall, too, the first home that she shared with her young husband, Murray, with no electricity, no inside plumbing, no central heat, not even a well. Challenging early years for a young mother with three toddlers under the age of four. What would today's generation think.....and how would they cope?

A retired teacher, Iona, is a graduate of the former Nova Scotia Normal College and later completed summer courses at Dalhousie University. Her teaching career included positions at a number of one and two-room public schools in Cannonville, Economy, Upper Economy and Five Islands as well as with the larger regional schools in

Parrsboro and Bass River. She recalls that the annual salary for her first year was \$500, paid by local residents.

Always active in the community, Iona is a life-long member of Peniel United Church, serving for many years as Secretary and Treasurer, is a life member of United Church Women and the Women's Institute and was a founding member and first treasurer of the Five Islands Cemetery Company. She was the first reporter from Five Islands for the Cobequid Outlook newsletter, serving in that capacity for several years. For many years she has been a keen supporter of the Canadian Cancer Society as well as other charitable organizations.

Iona is the eldest daughter of the late Warren and Beatrice (Wasson) Doyle and was raised by her grandparents, Edward and Emma Doyle. She and Murray celebrated 61 years of marriage prior to his death nine years ago.

F. B. Adams

Welcome September

**Septembers here and August gone
Along with summer fun,
It's back to work and school again
Now that vacations done.**

**No sleeping in on weekday morns
No lazing in the sun
But barbecues we still can have
Until the summers gone.**

**Vacation was fun while it lasted
But now summers on the wane.
We'll just accept September
And trade the sun for rain.**

**September colors fill the air
But fade so very fast.
We do not need someone to say
Summers gone at last.**



Food Shortage at Pot Luck Supper

By Chris Urquhart

Masstown United's recent Blueberry Pot Luck Supper was a huge success! Unfortunately we ran out of food and had to turn people away; but all in all we made almost \$1200.00 profit. Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way. We still need to raise a lot of money if we are going to be able to afford to fix our roof.

We are having a Refundable Drive on Saturday September 24th. I hope that you have been saving your refundables for the Church over the summer months. Refundables, for those of you who are not sure, are those items on which you have paid a deposit, such as liquor bottles, juice containers, pop

containers etc. Milk containers are NOT refundables!! (we always seem to get some of those on pick-up day which we then have to recycle).

Help is also needed for our Refundable Drive so if you can drive around picking up refundables or sort refundables at the Church, please call 662-3550. If you need your items picked up at the house before or on the day of the drive, also call this number.

At any time refundables can be left at the Church but it is nice if you let someone know that you left them! It really doesn't look all that nice to see cases of empty beer bottles piled up beside the Church door!



MLA Karen Casey presents a certificate to Elizabeth Schofield, Shubenacadie who was the First Place Winner for her writing "This Place Where I Belong" in the Grades 7-9 category of the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Arts Festival Writing Competition. (submitted)

MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Lydia Fisher is still a patient in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Bernice Kaulback spent a day on Fri., August 5th with Linda & Bud Morrison.

Visitors with Bernice recently were Jack Kaulback, and Bernice's sister Eva, Wentworth, and Barb & Art Muise, Truro, and her great-great grandson Ethan Shipley.

Visitors with Ruth Thompson were her daughter Denise De Grace, granddaughter Meghan and Peter Glover, Scarborough, Ontario.

Martha Hill, Winnipeg, MB spent three weeks with me, and on Sunday p.m., Aug. 7th, Jamie & Karen Neary, Amherst visited Martha. Other visitors we had were Ernest & Gerene Robinson,

Canning, Gary & Doris MacDougall, Onslow John & Marsha Leask, Waterloo, ON and Pauline McCullough, Truro.

On my 90th birthday, our family all went out to dinner and then came back to the Villa where we all enjoyed music of the bagpipes, played by Mr. Wesley and I enjoyed that very much and thank him very much, also thanks to

those who sent cards, phone calls and all the well wishes from so many. It made my day a most joyous occasion, and everyone here enjoyed the bagpipes, as well.

Shirley Ryan attended the wedding of Sarah Ashley to Travis Jonathan Jollimore on Saturday, July 23rd in the Faith Baptist Church, a reception and dance at the Debert Legion.

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