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RECREATION REPORT

(The following report was made by myself at the Municipal Council Session held on February 13, 1980:)

In a recent edition of the bulletin "Recreation Society for Atlantic Canada, "Mr. Jim Mac Gregor states that "We have had more change in the last thirty years than in the previous three hundred. This change is evident in the advances made in the fields of technology, communication and transportation. But the obvious concern we have is how do these changes affect our lives?"

In answering this question, the best approach is to look at some of the social trends for the future. There will be more paid holidays, longer vacations, and earlier retirements, and the labour force will grow. A greater number of women will enter the work force, job satisfaction will have a greater importance than job security and more jobs will relate to human affairs, such as health, labour relations, social work, etc.

More time will be spent in schooling, but there will be a decline in the number of school age children. Schools will become social centers for health, recreation, and civic affairs and education will emphasize creativity, environmental awareness, mental health, and participation in social change.

There will be a movement away from team sports and more family outdoor activities. Participation rather than competition will be the keynote.

Such factors as more paid holidays, longer vacations, early retirements and a longer life-span all

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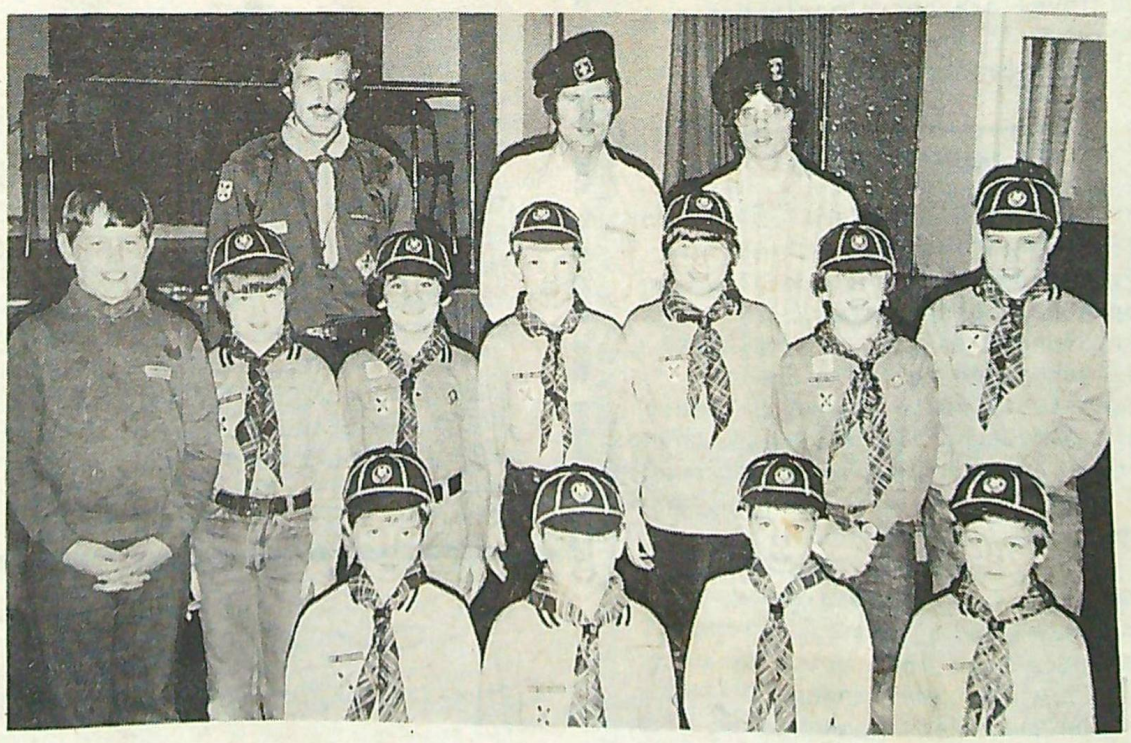

GLENDALE INVESTITURE

The Glendale community welcomed their new beavers and cubs at an investiture ceremony conducted by Halifax field worker Tom Heath.

The five to seven year old beavers includes (back row) leaders Eva Smeenk, Sarah Mathenson and Tom Heath; (middle row) Allan Smeenk, Jan Olson, Lennie Boyd, J.J. Stevens and Bobby Mac Donald; (front row) Lloyd Petrie, Larry Mac Donald, Norman Smeenk and Sheldon Mac Gillivary.

The cub group includes (top row) Tom Heath, leaders Allan Mathenson, Rankin Mac Leod; (middle row) Steven Mac Donald, Rauel Mac Intyre, Duncan Sampson, Blair Mac Lellan, Sheldon Mac Intyre, Gordie Howellet, Michael Smith; (front row) Kenley Mathenson, Shawn Mac Call, Angus Gillivary and Winston Petrie.

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indicate extra time on our hands, bu the additional free time does not guarantee a healthier life style.

What, then, must be the role of Municipal Government? It will be to provide leadership in improving social conditions and the quality of life. Government will be expected t become involved in recreational education.

As Dr. Ted Storey of the University of Ottawa stated in 1976, we must, however, avoid the "doing for" process rather than the functio of stimulating and helping. Providi all facilities, programs and service increases public dependency rather than helping individuals and groups to become more involved and self-reliant. Also, it seems that the future trend will be towards less fiscal capacity. Helping those who help themselves and giving responsibility in facility and program devel opment to the locality keeps costs down.

The Municipal Governement must develop methods of placing great reliance on citizens and their community organizations to meet local needs, while helping them by giving financial and technical assistance. Citizens will insist on a greater role in decision making policies and actions.

To achieve this there is need for cooperative effort at all levels of governement-federal, provincial, and municipal. Recreation must be *recognized as a social service* equally as important as health and education, and if the political system is not designed to enhance the medium of recreation, and roles at each level are not clearly defined, then we will bear the brunt of public dissatisfaction.

John Cotton

MESSENGERS

Because of a lack of Childrens' activities in Whycocomagh and the surrounding area, a group of young people have been gathering together every Monday to study the Bible, play games and to learn how to successfully get along with others their same age. They do such things as take turns having prayers, reading out loud, and having open discussions.

This group is called Messengers. It was begun at the beginning of this school term. Many children were interested in a young peoples group, such as "Messengers."

The childrens' ages range from six to nine years. They all get along very well and are very willing to learn. There were twenty-nine members registered in our group.

When we raise more money we, hopefully, will be able to buy better material to work with and will be able to engage in more activities that younger people are interested in. We are very pleased with the enthusiastic group we have at the present time.

Eleanor Chisholm
Cathy Poole

GLENDALE

Investment for the first Glendale Beavers and Cubs took place on Thursday, January 24 in the Glendale Hall. Tom Heath, from the Divisional office of Boy Scouts in Halifax attended, and invested three of the leaders; Allan Mathenson, Rankin Mac Leod, and Eva Smeenk. Previously invested was Sarah Matheson.

Slides were shown by Mr. Heath. They included pictures of the International Camp in P.E.I. last summer. They were very impressive. It showed the boys some things they have to look forward to.

A lovely lunch was supplied and served by the parents and leaders, and a charter was presented to Becky MacInnis, who is the President of the C.W.L. This group sponsors the Beavers and Cubs. The charter was presented by Kay Olson who is the chairman of the group.

Joan Mac Donald
Kingsville, N.S.

The fifth annual Cribbage Tournament started on January 16 at the Glendale Hall with eleven tables attending. It will run for eight weeks with prizes and trophies given at the end of the tournament.

Exercise Classes started on January 17 at the Glendale Hall, with 15 people taking part. It will last for 10 weeks. The teacher is Mrs. Monica Mac Kenzie, West Bay.

A general meeting was held recently in the Glendale Hall to form a new club. It will be called "Glendale and Area Recreation Club." The officers are as follows: President, Allan Mathenson; Vice-President, Angus Mac Donald; Treasurer, Grace Mac Donald; and Secretary, Kay Olson.

A membership drive will take place throughout the area with a $2.00 fee being paid. This club will take part in all sport and recreational activities now and in the future.

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or

Stop in at the Recreation Office when you are in Port Hood and give submissions to John Cotton or Rose Mac Donald.

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

If you've ever dreamed of far-away places like Australia, New Zealand or the European countries and wished you could see them, why not make those dreams a reality as several hundred other Canadians will have the chance to do next year. Hundreds already have and are very glad they did.

The opportunity to see the world is very real and 236 young Canadian men and women discovered that last year. A unique program called the International Agricultural Exchange Association - I.A.E.A. - has been helping young people see the world and experience first hand the way people of other cultures live and work.

Basic qualifications are that applicants must be from 19 to 28 years old, have a high school education or similar, have good practical farming experience - usually two years working on a farm, have a recommendation from an employer or teacher, be in good health and have a driver's license.

"Trainees" pay their own transportation and some associated costs and, in turn, they receive a training allowance from the host families with whom they live and work.

For further information on IAEA and its various programs, contact the Calgary office at 1304-4th street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2R 0X8.

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LET'S PLAN AHEAD

Partici-Paper is distributed near the end of each month. With this in mind, please submit promotional material for your community in the month prior to the event. A CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS would alert the public to your plans so they will be watching for further press releases in weekly newspapers.

Photographers

All photographers who are willing to take photographs for Partici-Paper are reminded that they have to be black and white and in 35mm or larger. Unfortunately, black and white films in cassette format cannot be processed in a hurry here. Kodak Tri-X is the best choice since that is what is generally used and developing times are common.

Black and white prints can always be used

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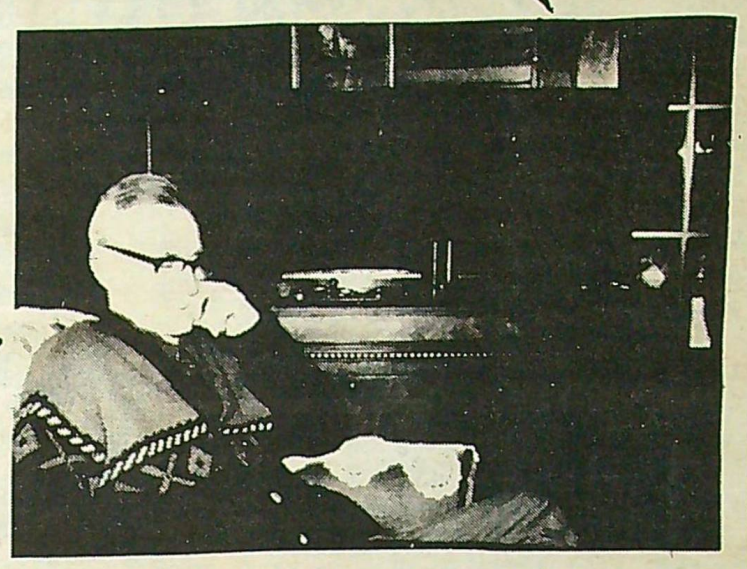

Most of us would regard the radio as so commonplace as to not warrent any sense of wonder. Yet it is only in the living memory of our older people that the radio came to exist. In the span of the past hundred years not only came the radio, but also the telephone, automobile, television, aircraft, computor technology and space flight. Imagine being thrust suddenly from 1880 to 1980! No other hundred years in the history of man had brought such profound changes.

It was in 1895 that Marconi first transmitted and received signals without wire. This device, patented in 1896 had a range of two to nine miles.

By 1924, radio transmission had so improved that in the Margaree Valley, John F. Hart's receiver picked up stations such as WBX from Springfield, KDKA from Pittsburgh, and WGY from Schenectady. Sometimes stations as far away as Florida could be picked up.

Johnny Norman Mac Askill owned one of the first radios in the Mabou area, and, not to be outdone by Marconi, he decided to build his own in 1928. This radio, not much bigger than a shoebox, required earphones and absolute quiet to be enjoyed.

Alex James Mac Donald, 78, of Shore Road is the possessor of what might very well be the first radio in the Port Hood area.

Alex tells of hard times in Cape Breton prior to the Depression when many people were forced to leave the island and find employment elsewhere. He spent some months in Windsor, Ontario where he worked for 40¢ an hour working for The Ford Motor Company, and then decided to take a job with Ford in Detroit in 1929, making Model A's.

Hard times continued and when, in 1932, even Ford began laying off its workers, Alex came back home. By then, however, he and his wife Annie had purchased in Detroit a quantity of furniture, which was sent to Cape Breton. Among the pieces was a second-hand Royal radio / gramophone console for which he had paid about $220. This beautiful radio is still in superb condition.

Alex explains that the radio programming at that time was confined to three hours in the evening. He especially enjoyed the Scottish music that came in from Halifax - as did his many neighbors and friends who would come to listen to "the wireless."

The hardest part of the whole thing was keeping up the battery. He would take the battery out of the car to use on the radio, and it would be good for about three hours. After that, he would have to run the car to charge the battery up again.

"The radio was thought to be really something back then," Alex remembers. "And we'd sometimes have quite a crowd. It was kind of like a Ceilidh."

Alex's radio is not used these days and so no one comes to listen to it with him, but the radio holds memories for him, memories that are happy, yet a little sad, too, because they represent a longing for times that are past. Thank you, Alex, for sharing.

S·C· GRANTS

Senior citizen groups in Judique, St. Joseph du Moine and Cheticamp are amoung six in the province awarded recent grants by the federal New Horizons program.

The Kildonan Judique Seniors of Judique has received approval for a grant to furnish and equip new quarters and to establish a program of recreational activities.

These will include music, dances, arts and crafts on a large scale, suppers and several indoor games. A monthly newsletter will be published by the seniors. The project directly involves 154 and the grant is for $10,353.

The New Horizons St. Joseph du of St. Joseph du Moine will receive $12,104 to furnish and equip its quarters and to organize recreational activities for its members.

The program will include music, dances, arts and crafts, film showing, suppers, shuffleboard and several other indoor games.

The project involves 107 senior citizens.

Le Club des Retraites of Cheticamp has a grant of $1,270 to organize its program of activities for its members. It wishes to offer the screening of education films from different countries.

CHESTICO

The Port Hood area has been known by a variety of names during it long history. Our first residents - the Mic Mac Indians called it KEGWEOMKEK - a descriptive name signifying "Sand Bar." By the first English sailors to touch our shores we were called BARRINGTON PENINSULA and PORT BARRINGTON.

The name "Juste Au Corps" was the name given to the place by the French when they were building Fortress Louisbourg (probably about 1715). They operated a stone quarry on the western side of Port Hood Island, which was at that time a peninsula. The Frence built their ships on the shores of Port Hood Harbour, and they carried the building stone to Louisbourg.

The words "Juste Au Corps" translate loosely as "Up to the Waist." This name could refer to the common practice of beaching a vessel on the sand bar at the south end of the Island, and wading ashore waist deep in the water near the stone quarry. It has also been suggested that the French had a garment in use at that time resembling our sweaters of today, and called "Juste Au Corps."

Whatever the origin, the name was applied not only to the area around Port Hood, but loosely the western district of Cape Breton Island as well,

The name Chestico is a corruption of the name "Just Au Corps." It would appear that the English, Irish and Scottish immigrants to our area, in the early eighteen hundreds, who tried to pronounce the name came up with "CHESTICO." This name remained in use for a number of years until Port Hood was accepted as the new name for the area.

The name Chestico has been used a number of times and in a variety of ways over the years. A mine operated by Lawrence Mac Donald and Earl Mac Isaac during the 1940's was known as the Chestico Mine. The local high school year book during part of the 1960's took the name "Chesticonian." At present one of the local gentleman league hockey teams proudly wears the "Chesticos". The gaelic speaking people of Inverness County even to this day refer to Prt Hood as "SEASTACO."

Thus at the formation meeting of the historical society, those present officially adopted "Chestico" as part of our name. Chestico referred in an earlier time not only to the narrow town limits of Port Hood, but also to a much larger outlying area - an area which our society shall serve.

John Gillis
from Chestico
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