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Community leadership is required to encourage and sustain participation

RECREATION INVERNESS COUNTY

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Recreation program

The "term program" is usually intended to mean the specific activities that a department offers to potential participants in the form of games, sports, cultural activities or other similar events.

George D. Butler, author of "Introduction To Community Recreation" states that the Community recreation program is the term applied to the "total experiences of individuals and groups resulting from community action in providing arenas, facilities, leadership, and funds. The experiences represent a wide range of activities, planned and spontaneous, organized and informal, supervised and undirected.

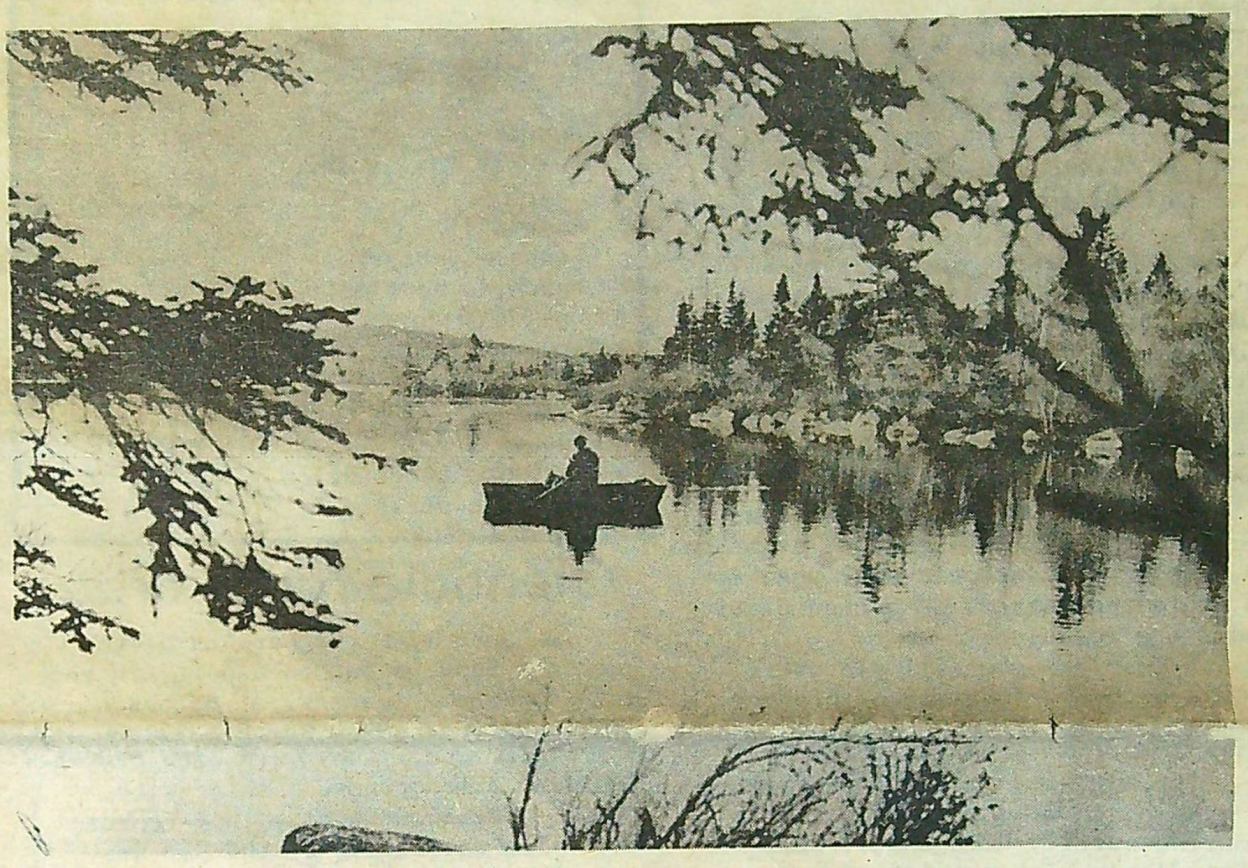
We, as a recreation department have two specific responsibilities: one is the provision of organized or supervised activities; and the other is the coordination of community recreation and assistance to other agencies.

The former involves activities that require paid leadership and registration.

The latter would see the department as a catalyst or facilitation, with the running of a specific program being the community responsibility.

It is our firm belief that the community must ultimately decide its own destiny, and that our role will be that of facilitation. The community must organize, supervise and run programs.

The above may be the result of economic restraints, but I think that the main reason is that people want



Freshwater Fishing in Jeopardy?

Acid rain

Freshwater fishing, a cherished form of recreation for millions of North Americans, is threatened by a man-made phenomenon known as acid rain. The rain, a mixture of sulfuric acid and water, forms when sulfur-dioxide is emitted into the atmosphere and combines with water molecules. Coal burning in heavy industrial processes is a major source of ambient sulfur-dioxide.

Most fish fry cannot survive in very acidic water. Consequently, they are being obliterated in some areas subjected to heavy concentrations of the acid rain. Ironically, intense concentrations are not always required to administer the killing blow. Sometimes, in regions where the acidity of the water is already high due to natural conditions, it only takes small doses of the acid rain to push the PH beyond the fishes limits of tolerance.

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Just Don't Get Carried Away!

If you go to Wolfville this summer, along the Gaspereau River, you will see a phenomenon that may become the greatest fad since the hula-hoop. And who knows? It may catch on in Inverness County.

We haven't exactly had a surfeit of hot summer days in July, but perhaps August will be better. If it is, find an old inner tube, paint some racing stripes on it, and you're equipped. A bathing suit is recommended, but I've heard rumors of tubers floating down the river "Au nautral." I'd hate to see their sunburns! Ahem.

Tubing fever consists of reclining luxuriously on your souped-up tube and allowing the current of the river to whisk you downstream.

If you're on the Mabou River, just don't get carried away--like out to sea. I've heard of the Kon-tiki, but I've never heard of a trans-Atlantic tuber yet!

What are the skills required?

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DIRECTOR'S DESK CONTINUED

more say as to the type of society in which they want to live and bring up their children.

I think people are prepared to accept more responsibility in order to have input into the structuring of our future society. This will not happen overnight, but through an effective educational process geared to educating the people for making effective and wholesome decisions. Society will then be able to cope with the ever present demand for change and we will have created a better and happier civilization than any that has existed before.

It will take the energy and efforts of everyone interested in our cultural, sport and recreational futures to make this a success. But it can be done and ultimately, every Inverness County resident will benefit.

John Cotton

Tubing CONTINUED

It's a good idea to know how to swim. It's also a good idea to have some common sense. For instance, don't float five miles down the Margaree with no expediency plan about getting back to where your car and picnic are. Tubes don't float upstream.

Also, if you find yourself just as prone to fall off the tube as be on it, tender foots should wear sneakers to avoid the hazards of broken glass and sharp rocks.

A T-shirt, you will discover, serves both the function of preventing a sun burn, and a nasty rash on your inner arms from paddling the tube.

It could be unwise, I will add, to grab on to branches while you're floating merrily down the stream. Tubes float--with or without passengers!

It is also foolhardy to tube at night for reasons not too difficult to imagine. Especially if you're alone. Anyway, it's more fun to tube with the ole' gang. And a lot safer.

How about it, folks? Can you see the potential? Tubing clubs, tubing festivals, tubing races. Prizes, trophies, T-shirts depicting the caption, "I tubed the Margaree." Flocks of local entrepreneurs setting up portable canteens, little towns of pitched tents along the Mabou.... Move over, Wolfville, here we come! (I think I'm getting carried away.)

Mary Anne Ducharme

Orangedale films

The Orangedale and River Denys Film Society will be showing feature films on the first Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall in Orangedale.

The next film to be shown on August 1st is " Play it Again Sam." starring Woody Allen and Diane Keaton.

Admission: $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children.

Coming Events

Summer 1980

*July 23-27
Margaree Festival

*July 27
Broad Cove Scottish Concert
(25th Anniversary)

*July 31-Aug. 3
Port Hood Picnic

*August 10
St. Joseph du Moine Scottish Concert

*August 13
Causeway Anniversary

*August 13
Glendale Concert
(rescheduled time)

*August 22-23
Mabou Agricultural Fair

*August 22-24
Cheticamp celebration
375th Anniversary

Glendale and area

On June 17th the parents of the cubs and beavers put on a party in the Hall for the 4 leaders, Al Matheson, Rankin MacLeod, Mrs. Sarah Matheson and Mrs Eva Smeenk. They were each presented with a monogramed T-shirt with their name and the club they represent. Tea was served by the parents.

The little boys lost their first game on the Kingsville field to Whycocomagh 8-6. They will have another game this week.

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Rankin MacLeod from Glendale has been hired by the Inverness County Recreational Dept. to be responsible for summer activities in the Glendale Kingsville West Bay Raod and Marble Mountain areas. He will coach and play Ball with the girls and boys, organize crafts, games, step dancing or anything the kids wish to do, in the field in Kingsville, or in the Hall in Glendale on rainy days.

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The Recreational Club of Glendale and area are sponsoring a dance in the Glendale Hall on Wednesday August 13 following the Concert on the Parish grounds. This concert is sponsored by the Glendale C.W.L. and community club. It will get under way at 8pm. The music for the dance is supplied by the MacDonald Family band from Westmount. These functions will be in conjunction with the 25th anniversary for the opening of the "Causeway."

Joan MacDonald

Acid rain CONTINUED

In certain regions of New York and Ontario once productive lakes are reported to be devoid of aquatic life-attributable to the acid rains of recent years! Several of the South Shore rivers here in Nova Scotia are now too acidic to support Salmon, and water monitoring indicates that many of the lakes and streams in the Province are losing productive capabilities because of the rains.

Meanwhile, the number of fishermen continues to increase. Several hundred thousand fishing licenses were issued to Nova Scotians last year-an amazing number when you consider that fewer than 900,000 people reside in the entire Province! Recent outdoor recreation surveys indicate that fishing is one of the most popular outdoor pursuits.

As a consequence of these two factors, I suspect the quality of the fishing experience is diminishing for many fishermen. Catching fish, or at least knowing one has a chance to catch fish, is a high priority for most anglers. As the number of fishing lines in the water increase while the number of fish decrease, a fisherman's joy is bound to sink.

Also to be reckoned with is the concomitant depletion of fishing environs. Fishermen tend to derive a lot of satisfaction from being outdoors in pleasant surroundings. Riverbanks and lakeshores can withstand only so much pounding before the wear and tear begins to show. As the choices of fishing holes become more and more limited, the impact on those remaining places intensifies. The esthetic qualities of the fishing experience have to suffer.

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Chestico days hayriders

Chestico Days in Port Hood came to a grand finale for many people on Sunday, July 13, with the first real day of fine weather in what seems like weeks. High spirits prevailed, The Sons of Skye were singing, and the parking lot was jammed.

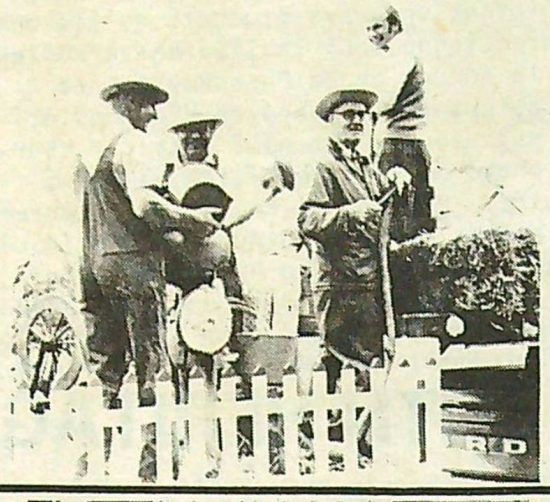
John Gilles, one of the organizers, says that the event is sponsored by the Chestico Historical Soceity as a fund-raiser, and he is delighted with the large attendance this year.

There was no doubt that Neil D. MacDonald was happy. He left his competitors in the wake of victory in the lobster boat race, winning the much coveted Chestico Challenge Cup. He's the man everybody will try to beat next year!

For sheer muscle and skill, nobody could beat James "Butch" Mac Donald in the trap-hauling contest, or the champion canoe team, Doug Miller and Peter Boulton.

Meanwhile, back at the horseshoe tournament, things were happening too, and Pat Gilles of Port Hood, and Harold Ehler of Frankville walked away Chestico champions.

For toe-tapping, sing-a-long enjoyment, the focus of the afternoon and evening was a concert featuring the Sons of Skye, Buddy MacMaster, fiddlers, dancers, and singers.



Tennis schedule

August 4 (Monday)
9:30am-12:00am (South West Mabou)
1:00pm-3:30pm (Judique)
5:30pm-8:00pm (Port Hastings)
August 5 (Tuesday)
10:00am-12:00am Margaree)
1:30pm-3:30om (Inverness)
August 11 (Monday)
9:30am-12:00am(South West Mabou)
1:00pm-3:30pm (Judique)
August 12 (Tuesday)
10:00am-12:00am (Margaree)
1:30pm-3:30pm (Cheticamp)
August 18, Monday
9:30-12:00am(South West Mabou)
1:00pm-3:30pm (Judique)
5:30pm-8:00pm (Port Hastings_)
August 19, Tuesday
10:00am-3:30pm (Margaree)
1:30pm-3:30pm(Inverness)
August 25, Monday
9:30am-12:00 (South West Mabou)
1:00pm-3:30pm (Judique)
5:30pm-8:00pm(Port Hastings)
August 26, Tuesday
10:00am-12:00am (Margaree)
1:30pm-3:30pm (Cheticamp)
Instructor: Shauna MacKay
Sponsor: Inverness County Recreation Department in cooperation with the N.S.T.A.
Tournaments: Schedule of tournaments will be sent out at a later date.

Mabou Ceilidh pipe band

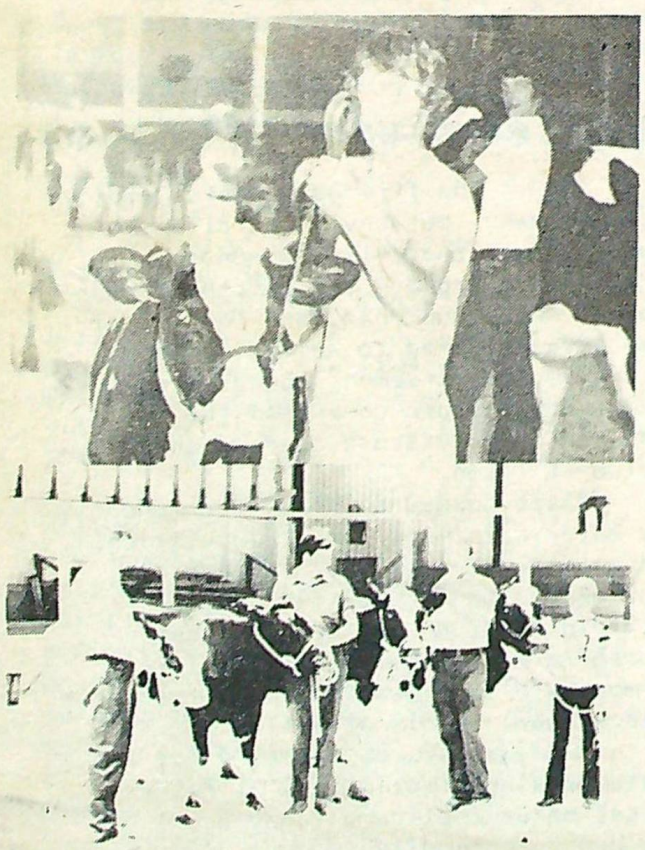
George Ingraham, instructor of the Mabou Ceilidh Pipe Band says the group is "better than ever, and now ready to meet its public." The pipe band performed recently for the Mabou Ceilidh, and the Festival of the strait, and is engaged for appearances in August at the Causeway Anniversary celebrations and the Skye Glen Homecoming.

Some of the band members now are attending St. Ann's Gaelic College for one of the three summer sessions The college is still the only institution in North America with classes in Gaelic language and song, highland dancing, bagpipe music, and pipe band drumming. Those attending this year will be taught by "outstanding instructors," according to Leonard Jones, executive director.

The Ceilidh Pipe Band pipers are Linda Smith, Pauline Hawley, Marguerite MacEachern, Ann-Marie MacNeil, Janie Rankin, and Colleen Rankin. The drummers: Anita Rankin, Wayne Smith, Donnie Smith, Michael MacNeil, Eric Cameron, and Alexander DuBois. Chanter students: Viola Smith, Sheila VanZutphen, Cheryl Morris, and Suzanne MacDougall.

In a recent ceremony attended by parents and band members, Linda Smith was awarded the rank of Pipe Sargeant

First: Pauline Hawley, Ann Marie MacNeil and Colleen Rankin were each awarded rank of Pipe Corporal; and Wayne Smith was awarded title of Drum Corporal.



County Fair!

Sawdust and straw, ribbons and onions, heifer calves and apple pies: they're all part of the fun of Inverness County Fair time on August 22 and 23 at the Mabou Athletic Centre. Everybody's welcome to come! If you're from Inverness or Victoria Counties, you can enter exhibits in any of the classes and compete for Cash prizes.

The exhibition classes following are general, with specific categories in each class. Detailed rules, Class listings and prizes can be obtained in phamplet form, free, at the Mabou Agricultural office. Plan to enter in one or more classes and join the fun of friendly competition!

Exhibition Classes

Holsteins, Arshires, beef, sheep, pets; vegetables and roots; forage; flowers, household science (includes crochet work, quilts, mats, knitting, weaving, embroidery, plain sewing); crafts (includes metal work, bead work, leather work, pottery, ceramics, macrame, and other crafts); woodworking; homecooking; canning and preserving.

Besides the exhibits, a woodsman competition is a sure-fire crowd pleaser, and the 4-H youngsters will have their afternoon to shine in conformation and showmanship classes. Their competition, on Friday, from 2 to 5, involves dairy, beef, and sheep.

All exhibits (except livestock on the Saturday program) must be at the arena by nine Thursday evening and tagged. Judging will begin at nine Friday morning, with doors open to the public by one in the afternoon.

All exhibitors are to look after water and feed for their own livestock on Saturday. The Fair Committee asks to be notified by exhibitors of livestock one week in advance of the Fair, so that barn space can be organized.

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