

THE KESWICK EXCHANGE

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NEWSPAPER PLANNED FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Something new has joined our community -- a community newspaper! This is the first edition of a newspaper designed to serve the EOH LNO postal area. If you are part of this neighbourhood, you can look forward to catching up on local news and views eight times a year. That's the number of issues planned. You can expect a paper monthly with a combination issue for the months of July, August and December, January.

The newspaper will cover the parishes of Douglas, Queensbury and Bright, which take in the following communities: Mouth of Keswick, Keswick Ridge, Crocks Point, Rocky Road, Mactaquac Heights, Mactaquac, Mactaquac Drive, Scotch Settlement, Scotch Lake, Bear Island, Queensbury and areas designated on the map.

For this year, so you can become acquainted with your newspaper, we plan to bring you three issues before

the summer break -- May, June and July. Regular issues will begin again in October.

The newspaper will offer a service to churches, schools and local organizations. It will tell you about this area's heritage and its people, local industry and services, what's going on in the community, news and feature stories.

The newspaper invites you to take part in making this a successful and worthwhile project -- a real service to the community.

Give us your classified ads; your school, church and club news; social news; letters to the editor; news and events; comments and suggestions. Please contact anyone on the community newspaper committee:

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Keswick Ridge Local Service District

by ISABEL COBURN

The annual meeting of the LSD was held in the Community Hall on February 24. The Advisory Committee, which administers the finances, reported a balanced budget for the fifth year in succession. The tax rate has been reduced from .120¢ in 1976 to .0971 for 1981.

For the past two years the LSD has carried out two successful student youth programs. The District has applied for a grant again this year. If awarded, a summer recreation program for all ages will be introduced.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting was Michael Mallory from New Maryland. Mr. Mallory stressed the importance of a local organization. The effectiveness of zoning regulations was demonstrated in New Maryland's opposition to the City proposal to establish a dump partly within the New Maryland District.

LSD ADVISORY COMMITTEE - The Advisory Committee consists of five members and holds a meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Matters discussed are public safety, development and zoning, public works, tourism, cultural affairs, recreation, services and other matters of concern within the District.

The last meeting was held on April 14th. The Committee members for 1981 are: Robert Cosman, Chairman; Harry Gilbey, Frank McCullough, John Coburn, and Isabel Coburn, Secretary. The Committee accepted the nomination of the Firemen and appointed Erlon Vincent the new Fire Chief. Mr. Vincent replaces James Doull who resigned in March.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT - This District was organized seven years ago and the communities involved are, indeed, proud of the accomplishments - the most important of which is the establishment of a Fire Protection Service. A group of 32 volunteer firemen provide this service for not only the Local Service District, but also Mactaquac, Scotch Settlement Scotch Lake and other adjacent areas.

KESWICK RIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

The history of the Keswick Ridge Community Hall goes back to a former building which was situated near Frank McCullough's driveway on Keswick Ridge. Mr. Wesley Gordon donated the property where the Hall was built. The Union Hall, as it was called then, served an area which included the parishes of the three churches - Anglican, Baptist, and United. McNally's Ferry was the upper boundary and the Keswick Stream the lower boundary. Between lay the communities of Scotch Lake, Scotch Settlement, Jewett's Mills, Lunt's Ferry, McKeen's Corner, Keswick Ridge out to the Griffiths, and Tripp Settlement. These boundaries are still considered the "Hall Area".

The Union Hall served as a place for school concerts and closings - the children walking from the old Superior School up to the Hall for the events. Plays were enacted by groups of interested people to raise money for the Hall and for the general entertainment of the Community. Representatives from the three churches comprised the Board of Trustees for the Hall.

The Union Hall burned June 19th, 1930 during a Provincial Election. The

present Keswick Ridge Community Hall was built in May 1931 on 2 acres of land purchased from Mr. Jacob Grant for \$100.00. Funds were raised by the three churches and labour was donated to build the structure we have today. In the winter of 1971 - 72 the addition of the kitchen and bathrooms made the building quite complete. Today, the Keswick Ridge Community Hall is used for many community activities and is still a centre for community socials.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

St. Ann's Parish is holding a Monte Carlo Night at the Newmarket Rec. Center on Saturday, May 23rd.

Games are from 8 p.m. to 10.30, with dancing from 10.30 to 1 a.m. to taped music of the 50's and 60's. Dress is optional but everyone is invited to dress in the style of the 50's and 60's.

Tickets at \$5.00 a couple will include \$2000 fun money and the buffet at the end of the evening.

Tickets are going fast and may be obtained by calling Pat Grasse, 363-2163.



Community Newspaper?
Who Needs It!

Our community newspaper has finally been launched! This may come as news to many. But to a small group of five or so, it marks the climax to months of coffee chit-chat and, during the final countdown, real honest-to-goodness hard work.

So, who needs a community newspaper and why?? Although it was a small group who originally asked these questions, it was the encouragement of a growing number of individuals in the community that convinced us to move ahead.

We recognized that such a venture costs money, and would operate totally through volunteer effort as a community service. It was after the local Women's Institute donated \$100 towards establishing the newspaper that we allowed ourselves to become excited. Then some of the local merchants threw their support behind our efforts and bought advertising space. And people began asking when the paper

was coming out. It's hard to ignore support like that. So here we are!

Editorially, the newspaper intends to promote a sense of community and identity. Mainly rural in nature, ours is a developing community, almost a series of small rural "suburbs". We want to encourage an atmosphere of unity, community spirit and pride, while preserving the traditional aspects of this area's heritage.

This -- the first edition of our newspaper -- gives a sense of accomplishment to those involved. Although a somewhat modest effort, with community support we can expand and grow. Getting down to basics, that includes financial support. As the newspaper takes its place in the community as a viable operation providing a valuable service, we welcome donations from organizations and individuals.

KESWICK RIDGE KINDERGARTEN

There are still a limited number of applications for the part-time program we offer.

For information, phone...

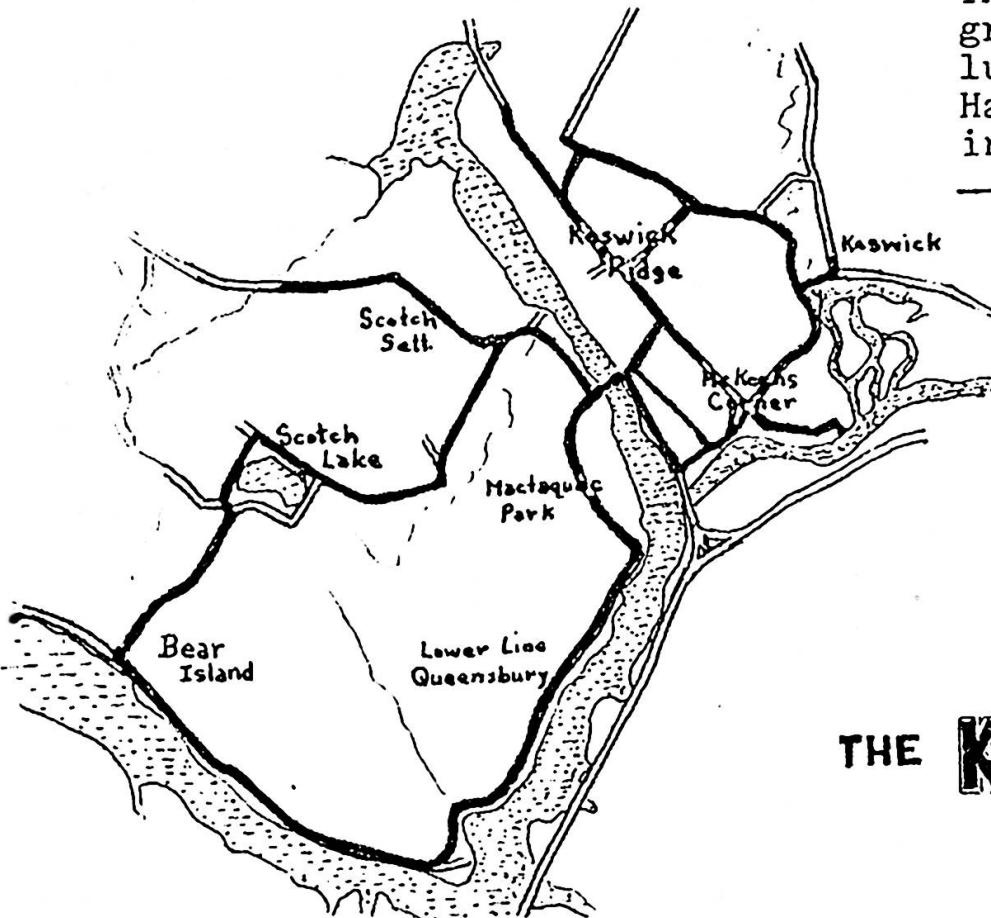


Ann Rigby
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120TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, May 10, a service of Thanksgiving and dedication will be celebrated by the Ven. A. E. Craig, Archdeacon of Fredericton, at All Saints' Anglican Church, McKeens Corner. This year marks the 120th anniversary of All Saints' Church.

Everyone is invited to come and share in this special service at 10:30 a.m. Come and see all the hard work that has been done in the past eight months. There will be a congregational pot luck lunch at the Parish Hall in Zealand following the service.



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YOUR
NEWSPAPER

THE **KESWICK**
EXCHANGE

Grocery Store Opens in Mactaquac

A country store has recently opened its doors to Mactaquac and area residents. Bearing little resemblance to its predecessor, a ceramics studio built in 1974, the renovated store is bright and open. As you enter, you are greeted by smells of country baking.

The store is located 2 1/2 miles past Mactaquac Park. It carries a good line of groceries, frozen meat, footwear, dry goods, etc. "If you don't see it, ask for it and if we don't have it, we'll get it" is the motto of owners Carolyn, Ron and Randy Rowe.

The store also boasts a modern and well-equipped bakery. When complete, it will carry a full line of specialty breads, rolls and donuts. A well lighted and vented games room contains a pool table and several electronic games. It is rapidly becoming a gathering spot for old and young alike.

The take-out with barbeque grill and deep fryer is coping with local appetites. The loaded hamburger on home-made bun is second to none. The Rows invite all to drop in.

Some of the previous grocery stores in the area were operated by Love (1915-56), Thornton (1955-56), Yerxa (1956-71), Howland (1963-72) and Edwards (1939-77). It was with Jim Edwards' encouragement that the Rows decided to open a store. With the ever increasing price of gas, a store in the area seems like a sound idea.

All This and More!

The first 3 issues of your community newspaper - May, June and July - come to you at a special get acquainted offer. FREE! We hope you like the paper, and by October, when issue #4 rolls off the press, you'll be willing to pay a small fee for it.

Wanted: Correspondents from our local clubs and organizations. We need you to keep us up to date on all your group activities.

It's easy. All you need to do is send us a paragraph telling about your latest projects, meetings, outings, fund raising drives. Each month will see that your information is printed in the paper.



ECHOS FROM THE PAST

by Evelyn Grant

In November 1868, Lieutenant S. M. Saxby of the Royal Navy predicted that a very severe storm would hit the eastern part of North America on October 5, 1869. True to his prediction the storm arrived.

You will wonder what this has to do with Mactaquac. Talking with Elbridge Currie, I learned that the gale struck in the area of the present Mactaquac Park, and traveled in a westerly direction across the rear of the Mactaquac farms, uprooting trees in an area approximately one mile long by one half mile wide.

A few years following this event, a fire burned over the area, leaving open land. This land was later known as the "Commons", where the farmers pastured their cattle.

All cattle were marked -- the mark of Elbridge's grandfather's cattle was a slit in the right ear. This identification, called a "registered mark" was recorded in Fredericton and served as a cattle marker, when, years later, the cattle were pastured in the fall of the year on the St. John River islands.

Elbridge further related that from the commons the farmers used many of the granite rocks. These large rocks were drilled by hand and by means of "feathers" and wedges inserted were split into blocks. These blocks were used for house foundations. Such blocks were used in the foundation of the Mactaquac Baptist Church which was expropriated by the N. B. Power Commission.

Until a few years ago an old log house stood on the Currie property. This house had been built by Zebedee Ring Estey, Elbridge's great-grandfather. Later the present dwelling was constructed and was home to his grandfather, father, and is now the home of Elbridge and Alma. (cont'd p.8)

ANNUAL KUBKAR RACES

4H NEWS

On March 31, the Keswick Ridge Cub Pack had its annual KUB KAR races at the Keswick Ridge school.

Each cub is given a kit containing a block of wood, 4 wheels and nails for axles. From this they build their car and race it against the other cubs.

We had a good race attended by 18 cubs, parents and friends. We were fortunate this year to have two beautiful trophies donated by Dunphys Poultry Farm and Keswick Convenience Store.

The Best racer (1st place) was won by Jamie Jones and Best design was won by Bradley Toole.

There was great competitive fun and everybody enjoyed themselves. Next year we are looking for a bigger and better race.

The Mactaquac 4H Club is busy preparing for Achievement Day on May 12.

This year a light horse project headed by Jessie Davies and Karen Davidge was added to the sewing and self determined projects.

The Central District Public Speaking Competition was held at the Keswick Ridge Community Hall March 28. Karen Pickard, Lorie Currie, Teena Vincent, Melanie Irvine Christina McLellan, Ann Staples, Tara Robertson and Jennifer Hunt represented their Club in the event.

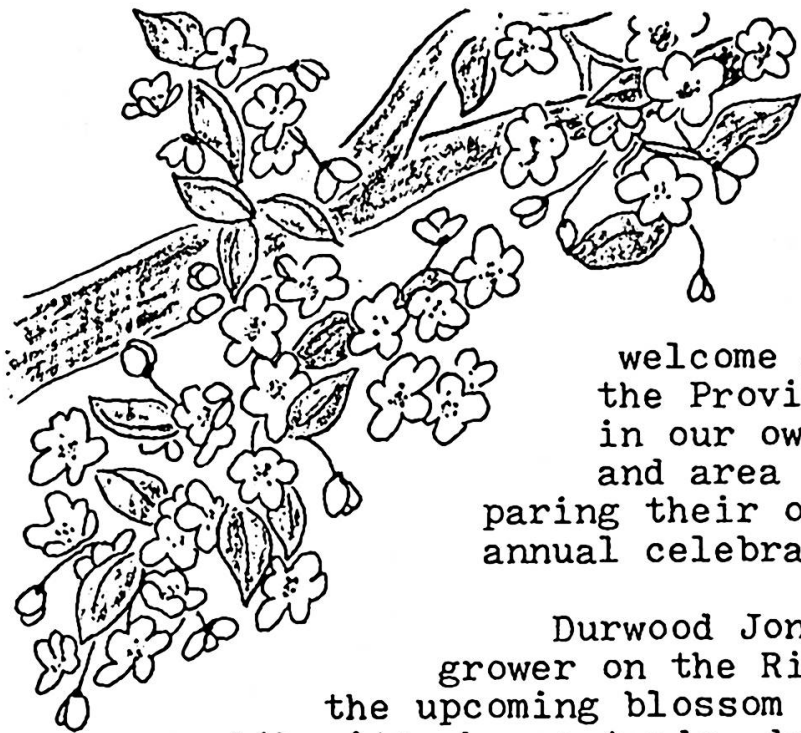
Jennifer Hunt is off to Ottawa on a 4H senior award trip to the National Citizenship Seminar.

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Driving past the Mactaquac Church one comes to a causeway and cove. Before the flooding of the headpond, this was a small stream, called Currie's Creek. The former road went where Lloyd Wilson's home is located and one can now see the remains of the old road where it crossed the stream.

On this stream was located a grist mill -- the property of David Currie. One of the millstones from this mill is now standing in the yard of the former Leon Urquhart property, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Canning.

It's Almost Apple Blossom Time



Apple blossom time - the climax of spring - is one of mother nature's most welcome gifts. Probably nowhere in the Province is this more evident than in our own community. Keswick Ridge and area apple growers have been preparing their orchards since March for the annual celebration.

Durwood Jones, a well known apple grower on the Ridge, is looking forward to the upcoming blossom season. "There's nothing like it", he contends, describing a walk on a warm day through an orchard in full bloom. All that beauty and fragrance, well . . . it makes you feel younger, according to Mr. Jones.

He doesn't mind sharing apple blossom time with those who share his enthusiasm and appreciation for nature's entertainment. Folks often stop by and ask if they can stroll among my trees, he says.

Apple trees should be in full bloom the last week in May, although this can vary with weather conditions. There can be four days difference in blooming starts from McKeen's Corner to Tripp Settlement Road. The blossoms can last anywhere from three days to a week and a half. Cool weather will preserve the bloom. Wind and rain will destroy it.

Apple trees do not flower totally for man's pleasure. The honey bee is equally pleased with the arrival of warm weather and blossoms - both essential ingredients for pollination. Most growers rent hives from local beekeepers to assist pollination. One hive can service about two acres, according to Mr. Jones.

Although apple blossoms represent the glamour time of the apple grower's season, it takes a lot of work to keep those flowers coming year after year. Durwood Jones finds pruning the toughest job of all. Pruning starts in March

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and can continue until bloom time. This may not be time consuming for the backyard gardener, but Mr. Jones' 35 acres of mainly MacIntosh and Cortland trees is another story. He is quick to point out, however, that pruning is essential to a fruitful harvest.

Spring pruning guarantees growth in the cut area, whereas August pruning controls the size and shape of the tree. According to Mr. Jones, pruning trends have changed from an umbrella to a pyramid shaped tree. He prefers the pyramid because it allows more light to reach the tree.

The Jones apple trees are located in two orchards. The Rocky Road orchard is 50 years old and still very productive. These trees are umbrella shaped, larger in size, with approximately 60 to the acre.

A 32 year old orchard is located next to his house, where the trees are generally smaller but just as productive. Mr. Jones has a keen interest in one area where he has planted 414 trees to the acre. Planting in that density is expensive initially, but he believes that the benefits of using smaller "dwarf" trees pay off. Pruning and harvesting large trees is expensive. There's a lot to be said for smaller trees. The quality is good and you can make more efficient use of your acreage.

In addition to looking after his own orchards, Durwood Jones finds time to become involved in various organizations that assist the apple grower. He is a shareholder in the Keswick Ridge Apple Co-Operative Ltd., a member of the Apple Marketing Board, and past president of the local Fruit Growers Association. He also sells fruit trees, and this year has an inventory of 12,000 apple, pear, cherry and other fruit trees.

Mr. Jones stressed that the many apple growers in the area experiment with different methods of planting, pruning and caring for their trees. As individual growers, he said, we all have our preferred ways of doing things. This contributes to the betterment of the industry. The future of our apples is in good hands, he concluded, thanks to the apple growers in this community.

(This is the first in a series of stories on the apple industry in our community. Watch future issues for more information on apple growing and distribution.)

Fire Strikes Again

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on April 27, the Keswick Ridge Fire Department responded to a fire alarm from Scotch Settlement. The Shaw family barn burned completely in a very short time. The intense heat and rapid free-burning flames created a dangerous situation for several nearby houses.

The Kingsclear Indian Reserve, Burtts Corner, Kingsclear and Milville Fire Departments also responded to the call.

The Shaws lost all their stock - 30 sheep, 23 lambs and 5 goats. A pony, a horse, a cow and a calf housed in another small out building were lost as well.

The RCMP was on the scene to investigate the blaze.

AT KESWICK RIDGE SCHOOL

Grades 7, 8 and 9 of the Keswick Ridge School recently enjoyed a production entitled "All For Beaver Hats". The play was presented at the Nashwaaksis Junior High. Grade 5 treated themselves and their teachers to a delicious lesson in the metric system. They baked chocolate chip cookies using metric measurements and a recipe from their math book.

Special Mother's Day Plans

Brownies Guide and Pathfinders have been busy with fund raising projects. Money from these projects is used for camp, crafts, badges and other needs.

On April 4 a successful Spring Tea was held at the Hall. April 11 was cookie day which the community supported enthusiastically.

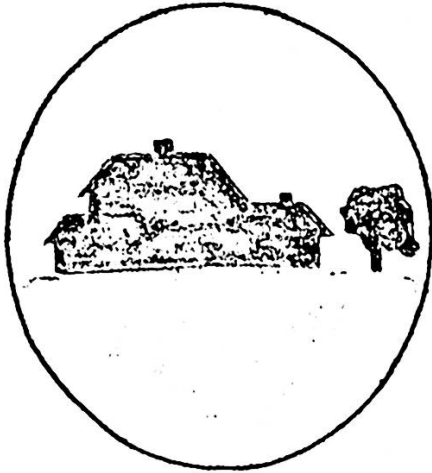
On Mother's Day the girls are providing a take out supper for \$1.50 a plate. Tickets must be bought in advance from parents or leaders. Dinner can be picked up at the Hall.

All units close in June with a banquet for the girls and their mothers; catered to by the Dads.

BUSY BEAVERS

At a recent meeting of the Keswick Beavers a special film on "Animals" was presented by Dr. Julie Bjerkelund, veterinarian.

Our beaver leaders are: Eric Hicks, Marg Baker and Jim Hallett.



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Many other kites to choose from.

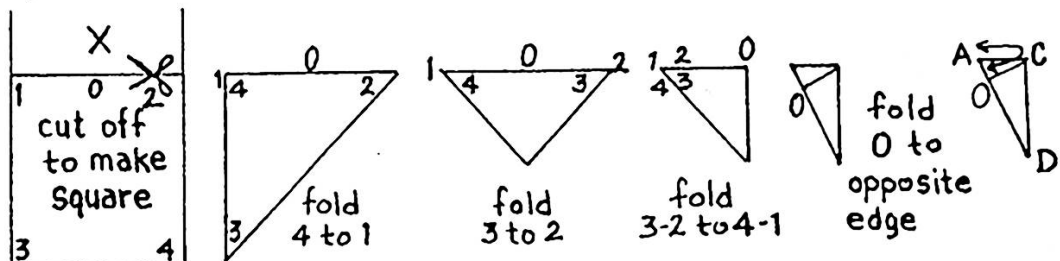
Corner Keswick Ridge Road & Route 105
 Closed all day Wednesday & Saturday mornings.

THE MAY BASKET



When I was a kid, after supper on the first day of May, I would hang a "May Basket" on the door of a friend's house. Then I would knock loudly and run away. When the friend caught me I would get a big kiss.

To make a May basket you need one, or up to three colours of tissue paper. Fold the single (or three sheets as one) sheet as follows:



All cut edges should be along A-O as shown. With scissors make deep cuts into folded edge C-D, starting below O; then make like deep cuts between original cuts, from O-D. Be careful not to cut completely across. Now carefully, unfold the tissue and fashion a handle from left-over piece, X. HAPPY MAY BASKETING!

RIDGE ROLLER RINK

KESWICK RIDGE

363-3945

SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Monday

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. BEGINNERS NIGHT \$ 2.50

Tuesday and Wednesday

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. OPEN SKATING \$ 3.00

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. LADIES ONLY \$ 2.50

Thursday

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. FAMILY NIGHT \$ 2.50

Friday

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. ROCK N' ROLL \$ 3.50

Saturday

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. OPEN SKATING \$ 2.50

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. ROCK N' ROLL \$ 3.50

Sunday

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. OPEN SKATING \$ 2.50

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. OPEN SKATING \$ 3.00

ADMISSION PRICE INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL

(Prices and Schedule subject to change without notice.)

Private Parties or Groups - large or
small - afternoons, evenings or mornings.

Contact: Dow MacKay: 363-2225 or
Kathleen Hawkins: 363-3645

- NO SMOKING • NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES • NO GUM CHEWING •
- APPROPRIATE ATTIRE •

! EVERYONE WELCOME !

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
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TIPS FOR HOUSE PLANTS

FERTILIZING: Most people think that fertilizing will feed plants. This is not precisely true. Plants manufacture their own food and the fertilizer you provide will assist them in this process. Never fertilize a sick plant, wait until it has completely recovered before encouraging it to grow. Most plants rest during the winter, don't coax them to grow by fertilizing. Using a good quality fertilizer with a suitable strength (example: 20-20-20), only as often as recommended on the package, is the best way to healthy plants.

We carry most gardening center supplies:

Peat Moss
Bark chips
Perlite and vermiculite
Fertilizer (lawn, garden,
shrub and house)
sheep manure
Onion sets
Shrubs (a very expanded
line this year)
Potting Soil

New this year:

Seeds: a complete line of vegetable
and flower seeds
Chemicals (weed & bug control, dusts)
Gardening Tools
Lime
Grass seeds
Sprayer rentals
Bedding Plants, flowers and vegetables

As Mother's Day draws near we will be carrying a limited supply of Lums. Also an assorted selection of potted house plants, large blooming geraniums, as well as hanging baskets and baskets of various ivy.

To avoid disappointment call and order ahead or drop in at the Greenhouse.

Hey, It's Dark!

There isn't a child who hasn't jumped with fright at the sound of thunder, or found a dark room "scary". These are common fears.

But what about a strong fear of dogs, or playing rough games, or even of dying? These are more unusual fears, and call for special handling.

Fear in a young child may lead to a nervous mannerism, such as nail-biting. Later, deep-rooted fears may cause shyness or aggressive acts.

If your child has fears that won't go away and which affect behavior, the first step is to find out why.

What causes fear?

Fear grows out of experiences which we can't understand, and which seem to threaten us. Perhaps the biggest single cause of fear and insecurity is family tension. Blow-ups happen in all families; but constant arguing leads to tension in even a young child. Fear of being clumsy or doing something wrong can cause a child to lose confidence in himself.

Build Self-Confidence.

There are lots of ways you can help your child develop self-confidence and overcome fears.

- Let him try new things and



learn by doing - but don't push too quickly.

- Once you make a decision, stick to it.
- Show him that you love him.
- Is your child afraid of the dark? Don't be annoyed. Leave the door ajar, give extra support.
- Give loving reassurance, never disapproval or ridicule.
- Let him know that grownups are sometimes afraid too.
- Don't criticize. It's easy when you're tired or busy to be critical. The child may see this as punishment.
- Remember that those little accidents and mistakes often grow out of a trait we most admire, curiosity. Don't squash it.
- Be generous with praise - tying shoes, making toast, catching a ball, school work.

Get help if you need it.

If the problem persists, get outside help. Above all, give your child plenty of understanding. He can learn to cope with fears if - despite failures - he knows he can count on his family's love and support.

Source: "Feelings and Your Child", Canadian Mental Health Association

"Keswick Ridge Festival of Faith"

by Dow Price

April 24, 25 and 26
Christians from several denominations gathered at Keswick Ridge United Church to celebrate God's goodness to us and to grow in Him.

About 160 people heard the story of the faith of Carl Sheppard and David Staples from our own congregation, Mrs. Margie Robinson from Woodstock, and Rev. Doug Woods of Newcastle. Festival storytellers are not people who have "made it" in their Christian development but rather struggling Christians who have taken inventory to assess God's influence, protection and direction in their lives.

Saturday afternoon was set aside for interest groups. Topics included - Growing Old Gracefully, Pressures on Youth, Christian Commitment, Christian Marriage, and Christian Parenting.

Rev. Fraser MacDonald conducted a Bible study for the entire assembly. He challenged us to look to the Bible as the inspired word of God which should not be set aside to accommodate the whims of our times. He reminded us that the Bible is to be treated with respect and honor but warned against worshipping the book or particular translation instead of the God of which it speaks.

The Festival music team consisted of Keith Lovell as songleader, Andy Fox as soloist and Mrs. Isabel Henderson as pianist. Under their direction we lifted our voices in songs of worship, praise and thanksgiving. The music was indeed a highlight of the Festival.

On Sunday at noon our Festival closed with a Celebration Service and Holy Communion. Festivals do not lay "Spiritual Heavies" on us; however, the Holy Spirit moves in miraculous ways to affect the lives of those in attendance. To follow our theme, may we always "Give God the Glory".

SOCIAL NOTES

The Mactaquac Country Horse Club will be having a Bake Auction at the Keswick Ridge Community Hall, Wed., May 13 at 8 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

Mrs. Mary Norquay, Queensbury, celebrated her 93rd birthday April 12th at her home. Family and friends dropped in to wish her their best. Mrs. Norquay resided here most of her 93 years.

Congratulations to Everett Carlisle who will be celebrating his 70th birthday on May 28.

SPRING COMES UNDER THE SNOW

by Russell Hunt

It occurred to me as I stood on the crest of a frozen tidal wave of drifted snow across the mouth of my driveway, that I used to wonder how the Eskimos were able to build those igloos out of snow. Snowmen I understood, but the snow I grew up with had virtually no tensile strength. Wet, it made clumps or balls, but not bridges; dry it made nothing at all. It was an entirely different substance from the stuff my neighbour's snowblower was presently gnawing at, a foamy, rigid whiteness about halfway between expanded polystyrene and concrete. As I fed the machine with my shovel, my neighbour urged the blower forward. When it found loose chunks of the stuff, plumes of white spurted out and were instantly ripped into nothingness by the post-blizzard nor'west gale we were working in. We paused for a moment, backs to the wind, to let our faces thaw.

"Nice spring day," I said.

"Yes, it is," he agreed. "Some different from a month ago, when it was winter."

I chuckled, but watching his face I realized he was serious. "Miles," I said, "you mean to tell me this isn't winter?" I gestured toward the northwest where the land fell away from the top of Keswick Ridge toward the Mactaquac Headpond. In the field below the house twists of blowing snow danced frantically and, beyond, the slate grey spruce forests stretched toward a vague, chill horizon. I had moved to the

Ridge the previous fall. It was my fourth central New Brunswick winter but only the first in the sort of location where winter is a palpable presence. In town, where the buildings break the wind and the city clears the streets, you can ignore winter much of the time. Not so at the head of the Ridge.

"Oh, sure, it's spring all right. You can smell it."

At the time Miles was about seventy, a tough veteran of the climate we were discussing. He had been born a matter of eight or ten miles from where we stood. A master gardener and a journeyman woodsman, he still worked full-time as a carpenter and could erect a scaffold and be up on it quicker than I could carry the wood to him. He looked out across the garden, invisible under two feet of snow, with only the handle of a horse-hoe protruding from a drift.

"Thing about New Brunswick is, spring comes under the snow."

That was five or six years ago. Since then, I've come to understand what Miles meant. To the untrained eye raised in a markedly less Arctic climate--an Englishman, say--something that looks a lot like winter often continues into June. But to someone who has learned how to perceive it, spring starts here just about the same time it starts anywhere else in North America.

In the woods, for instance, the snow gets "rotten" in March. It's still mid-winter depth, but it develops pockets below the surface that won't support your weight, even if you're walking on downed

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booms. Cutting maples, you notice that when you're working low on the stump the sawdust spurting back out of the chainsaw's snarl is wet and glues itself to your pantleg; the sap is starting to run. Around the base of the tree, under the snow, is a hollow place, uncover it and you find the palest of green beginning to assert itself through the brown cushion of needles, leaves and dead grass.

Skiing down through the woods, you stop along what would, in early summer be a stream. You can hear a faint gurgle from under the crust. Out of the woods and across the bottom of the field, you find that the snow has disappeared and clear water is flowing over the green leaves of timothy and wild strawberry. Out in the middle of the field the tops of last year's brudock and goldenrod have appeared through the imperceptibly settling snow, as though in some dry, brown parody of growth.

And there are other signs to tell you that, though New Brunswick still looks like an Arctic waste from the air, the juice table is rising. In the afternoon, long-dormant houseflies waken and stumble and buzz confusedly around the window sashes, their hangovers apparently monumental. On the university campus in Fredericton, the students, classes and exams over, pack their skis, snowshoes, stereos, and guitars into the gaping trunks of parental Buicks. The first evidences of spring are the departure of the students and the started green of the grass over the heating tunnels, scribing lines through the white blankness.

Miles is right about the smell, too. The sun, in its slow and apparently irrelevant northward trek, reaches, along about the middle of March, some sort of critical point whereby it releases from the spruce and fir forest the perfume of mid-summer. Standing on a snowdrift in the aftermath of a blizzard, you sometimes get a sudden whiff of August--as surprising as the smell of the ocean you occasionally get inland after a hurricane has come from the coast.

But you have to know what you are looking for, and you have to look closely. I have a friend who was raised in England. During his second summer in New Brunswick, he says, he suddenly perceived what was so strange about the place. Six months' worth of growing time is crammed into about six weeks, and spring just doesn't seem to occur at all. The corn, he says, pops right out of the snowdrifts, and all the few weeks of summer you can hear it grunting with the effort of thrusting itself skyward before the frost descends again. I now tell him that's the result of his leisurely English eye: those of us who have learned how can usually find some spring to sustain us, to start our own juices running again, to clean out the icebound sluices of our winter depression.

I jab my snow shovel into the crystalline styrofoam under foot and walk along the top of the drift, my feet sinking into the snow as the drift settles, occasionally breaking through so that I drop knee-deep into the slush underneath. My foot

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slips in mud at the edge of the garden where the reddish tops of the asparagus and burdock are just showing, where the darkened remains of drifts are receding to expose the red leaves of last year's strawberry plants and the dark, funereal hulks of the unharvested cabbages and Brussels sprouts. I move slowly out into the ankle-high hawkweed in the meadow below the house. Shaking my head, I notice that the buzz of the snowblower has become the whirr of cicadas, and Miles waves at me from the back of his red Farmall with the cultivator tines underneath. The distant hills shimmer in the heat from the tractor's exhaust; there is a smell of hot spruce on the breeze out of the northwest.

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The Keswick Ridge Kindergarten welcomed their teacher, Nancy Rearick, back after her recent illness. During her absence the children were under the direction of Madeline Crawley.

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Keswick Ridge Fire Department

The Keswick Ridge Fire Department was organized to provide fire protection for the Keswick Ridge Local Service District and areas adjacent to the District. The Fire Chief, Firemen and telephone answering personnel are all volunteers. The firemen spend many hours in training and in servicing equipment as well as fighting fires. In the winter, chimney fires are the reason for many calls and in the spring the men are called to put out grass fires which get out of control. Both of these types of fires could be prevented. Residents should learn how to keep chimneys clean and grass should be burned only when under careful supervision.

At the annual meeting of the Fire Department on April 6 the following officers were elected:

Deputy Chief - Clarence Coffey
Assistant Deputy- Fred Trail
Captain A - Elmer Glendenning
Captain B - Gary Albert
Captain C - John Gilmore
Secretary - Peter Dickie
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Erlon Vincent was nominated for Fire Chief. Mr. Vincent has had considerable experience in managerial

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work. He is responsible for the operation of the K.R.A.C.L., an apple storage and apple grading establishment. Before coming to live on the Ridge, he was in the R.C.A.F. where he had an opportunity to develop his ability as a manager.

The 3 member Advisory Committee accepted the nomination and appointed Erlon Vincent to be Fire Chief for the next two years.

James Doull, the former Fire Chief, served his community well. He worked hard on plans for the service building and fire truck and spent many hours in supervision and training. He was always willing to share his wide knowledge of fire fighting and fire control. The residents of the District are grateful for Mr. Doull's work on their behalf. His resignation was accepted with regret.

LOCAL MAN ELECTED
2ND V.P. CO-OP ATLANTIC

At the annual meeting in March, Donald Coburn, Keswick Ridge, was elected 2nd Vice-President of the Co-Op Atlantic. This is the organization which co-ordinates and develops co-operatives in the Atlantic Provinces. For the past four years Mr. Coburn has served on the Co-Op Atlantic Board of Directors as the Representative for Western New Brunswick. The Co-Op Atlantic has a total sales volume in excess of \$170 million. A record

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Mr. Coburn also serves as Chairman of the Atlantic Council of Agricultural Co-Operatives.

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DEBORAH DAWN VINCENT AWARDED
U.N.B. SCHOLARSHIP

The U.N.B. Scholarship Committee has announced that the recipient of the Julia Buchanan Coburn Memorial Scholarship for the 1981-82 academic year is Deborah Dawn Vincent of Keswick Ridge.

Miss Vincent is graduating from Fredericton High School this spring. Her current Grade 12 average is approximately 80% and she is ranked in the top 10% of her class. Dawn is active in athletics. She is entering the U.N.B. School of Business Administration this September. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erlon Vincent.

The Scholarship was established several years ago by the residents of the Keswick area as a gift to Mrs. Julia Coburn on her 90th birthday. Friends and relatives have continued to make contributions to this memorial fund. The Scholarship is now valued at more than \$300.00.

Mrs. Bonita Hallet, the awards officer at U.N.B. has expressed the gratitude of the Scholarship Committee for this support provided to a UNB student from the Keswick Ridge School area.

AWANA OLYMPICS

The Awana Youth Groups from the Mouth of Keswick United Baptist Church attended the Awana Olympics and Sports-a-rama at Fredericton High School on Saturday, April 25.

The "Pals", boys in grades 3, 4 & 5 placed 1st in their class and earned a beautiful team trophy and individual medals. It was made plain that they had the support of parents and friends by the loud cheer when the team went forward to receive their award.

The "Chums", girls in grades 3, 4 & 5 placed 2nd in their class. The "Guards", girls in grades 6, 7 & 8 placed 3rd in their class.

Our "Sparks", boys and girls in kindergarten, grade 1 and 2, placed "2nd" in their group against stiff competition.

It is wonderful to see these children start at a very young age to learn to play games and learn to lose gracefully as well as to win.

Game time is only one part of the "Awana" program. It is firmly centered on the Holy Scripture and the children memorize and learn the meaning of many Bible truths.

The most important winner is "The Winner for CHRIST".

The Keswick Ridge Women's Institute

The Keswick Ridge Women's Institute has elected its slate of officers for 1981-82. The nominating committee included Sally Doull, Evelyn Jewett and Kaye Holyoke.

President	-	Jean McCullough
First Vice-President	-	Isabel Coburn
Second Vice-President	-	Maureen Cowan
Secretary	-	Heather Cosman
Treasurer	-	Marilyn Currie

Convenors:

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Citizenship	-	Esther Norman
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Directors	-	Sally Doull, Evelyn Jewett, Joan Hunter, Beryl Ann McCullough
Auditors	-	Evelyn Carlisle, Elizabeth Rodriquez
Pianist	-	Annie DeLucry
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The Institute is sending Brent Currie to the NB Safety Council seminar at St. Thomas University. The seminar is an annual event open to grade 11 students. Brent is the son of Gordon and Marilyn Currie.

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