

Births and Deaths

Cards of Thanks, In Memoriams, Marriage Notices, Engagements, Announcements.

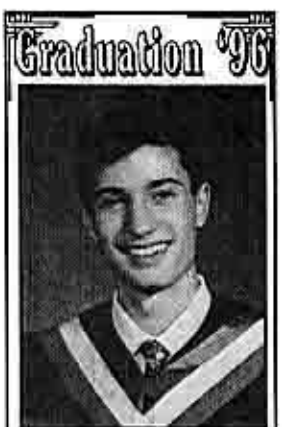
BORN

MIDDLEMISS - John and Judy (Graham) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn on June 10, 1996. Weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. A sister for Bradley & Andrew. Proud grandparents are Alton and Ruth Graham of Ormstown, Qc and Edwin and Mary Louise Middlemiss of Napcan, Ont.

YANDO - Now our nursery is complete, with little hands and little feet. Bruce & Jennifer are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Leigh Yando on July 2, 1996. Proud grandparents are Noel and Susanne Curran of Huntingdon and Armando Yando of Constable, N.Y. and Sandra Dame of Malone, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Madeleine Curran of Huntingdon and Florence Dame of Malone, N.Y. Samantha was born at the Centre du Hospitalier in Valleyfield and weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

HORTON-RICE - Dorothy Welburn announces the wedding of her daughter, Teresa Horton, to Richard Rice, son of Dawson and Susan Rice formerly of Ormstown, at Howick United Church on Saturday, August 31, 1996. Tracy is also the daughter of Keith Horton. Family members, friends and neighbours are invited to join the happy couple at the Howick Curling Club at 9:00 p.m. to celebrate.



JARROD WILLIAMS
Bruce and Carole (Smith) Williams of Woodlawn, Ont. (formerly of Candiac & Hemmingford) are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Jarrod, from West Carleton Secondary School on June 26, 1996, with the distinction of being an Ontario Scholar as well as the recipient of the Certificate of French Immersion. Jarrod is the grandson of Mrs. Donald Orr of Hemmingford, and the late Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith. Jarrod will be continuing his studies this fall at the University of Ottawa.

Love and Congratulations,
Mom, Dad and sister Karen

DIED

BUDDO, Thelma (née Tressider) - At the Huntingdon County Hospital, on June 30, 1996. Private funeral was held with burial in the Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery on July 3, 1996.

HOLMES, John Wendell - Passed away peacefully at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, on Sunday, July 7, 1996, at the age of 83. Beloved husband of Jean (McArthur). Father of Wendell (Sue), Janet (Cam), Roger (Jayne). Grandfather of Tamara, Amanda, Tyler and Jodi. Dear brother of Jessie (Gebbie). He will be sadly missed by relatives and friends. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 9. Funeral Services at Georgetown Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Wed., July 10, 1996. Arrangements by Loiselle Funeral Home in Ste. Martine. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart & Lung Association would be appreciated.

SPROULE, Clifford, at his residence in Ormstown on July 4, 1996 at the age of 86. Son of the late James Sproule and Sarah McGill. Survived by his brother Douglas and sisters-in-law Florence, Olive and Ruby, as well as nieces and nephews and their families. Predeceased by his sister Edith English and brothers Wallace, Thomas, Austin, and Lloyd. Funeral was held from St-Paul's United Church, Ormstown on Saturday, July 6. In lieu of flowers, donations to St-Paul's United Church or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc. Ormstown.

IN MEMORIAM

HILLIS, Gordon - Good-bye Gordon, from your friends on our valley road.
We loved you, most kind, gentle, man
You have arrived at your rightful home
Heaven's reward for your solemn grace.
Farewell until we meet again.
Love from Mink Valley

STONEHOUSE, Bridget - June 17, 1987-July 13, 1993
Gone but not forgotten.
Love the Gillies family

CARD OF THANKS

Grateful thanks to Dr. Gaspard and staff of the Valleyfield Hospital and Dr. Hebert and staff at the Barrie Memorial for the excellent care I received while being a recent patient in both hospitals. Also my sincere thanks to friends and relatives who sent flowers, gifts, cards, letters and gave me encouragement. I am also grateful to friends who helped Jim survive with food and many other acts of kindness. A special thank you to my husband Jim who did so much to get me on my feet once more. He has been the wind beneath my wings.

Sincerely Margaret McCoy

My sincere thanks to my friends who helped me celebrate my eighty-fifth birthday. Thanks also for cards and telephone calls.

Olive Brown

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our family for everything they did to make our 50th Anniversary such a success. Also many thanks to everyone for their best wishes, cards and gifts. All was greatly appreciated.

Norval & Glenna Blair

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who shared in the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary by their presence, also for cards, gifts and messages. We appreciated everything very much.

Harold and Bernice Douglas

The family of Gordon Hills would like to sincerely thank the Hinchinbrooke Volunteer Fire Department for all their help. We also wish to thank all other participants especially Lily Chubry and Wendy Vallée.

The Hills Family

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the fire departments for their quick action in averting a disaster when my barn was vandalized. Special thanks to Ken O'Farrell and "Butch" Cameron.

Lyman Smyth

I would like to thank Dr. Vancor, Dr. Lemieux and the nurses and staff on the 3rd floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care given to me. Special thanks to my wife and family for all their support, help and visits, to my friends for visits, cards and telephone calls. And to the General Management, Board of Directors of the Huntingdon Hospital. All was greatly appreciated. Please consider this as a personal thank you.

Réjean Legault

A tragic event took place in Ormstown this past week-end. Jamie Irving, a 17 year old 4-H member who was visiting Ormstown from Cherry Valley, P.E.I. on a 4-H Interprovincial Exchange, drowned in the Rivière aux Outardes while canoeing Friday evening, July 5. The volunteer fire department as well as many other volunteers, searched Friday night, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning in hopes that he would be found. The Quebec Young Farmers, and the Canadian 4-H Council wish to extend sincere and grateful thanks to all those who helped out. Without the volunteer fire department's time and organization as well as the numerous other volunteers, it would not have been possible to locate Jamie. Thank you!!!

Elderly man, visiting teen drown as freak floods swell Valley rivers

Judith Taylor
THE GLEANER

An elderly man and a teen-aged boy drowned last week as the worst floods in living memory turned the Valley's normally placid rivers into frightening torrents of muddy water which ripped up pavement, flooded fields, and caused many low-lying roads to be closed.

Dead are 84 year-old Gordon Hills, a Verdun resident with a cottage at Davignon Park, and Jim Irving, 17, of Cherry Valley, P.E.I., a 4-H Club exchange visitor on an Ormstown area farm.

Hills was pushed off his feet by the floodwaters and drowned in the Hinchinbrooke River early Thursday afternoon as he walked along the Herdman Customs Rd.

Valley firemen from several departments and local volunteers searched all weekend along the Rivière aux Outardes near Ormstown after a canoe containing Irving and two local boys overturned Friday evening shortly after 8 p.m.

The two survivors were Ashley Cameron, 15, and Jody L'Ecuyer, 19, who reported the accident to authorities.

Freak rainstorms

The floods followed about 30 hours of torrential downpours which began on the evening of Wednesday July 3 and left accumulations of approximately six inches in the area of Chateaugay N.Y.

The rainfall was measured at about five inches in the Franklin area, and two inches were recorded at Ormstown, but the heavier amounts which fell upstream in the Chateaugay River watershed system pushed local rivers out of their banks and drove them more than eight feet above normal levels in some areas between late Thursday and Saturday.

The first signs of trouble came Thursday afternoon as several Davignon Park residents living near the swimming beach were evacuated when officials feared the dam would give way.

Road gave way

Gordon Hills, who "loved the water," according to one local source, left his property to walk along the Customs Road, where, a witness said, he lost his footing and was swept away as a 50-meter section of the road caved in.

Rescue workers, including a Sureté du Québec helicopter and three SQ divers, searched all night for the man, but it was only Friday morning shortly after 7 a.m. that his two sons found the body a few meters from the accident site.

Canoe overturns

The flooding peaked on Friday, when the three teen-aged boys first ventured out on the flooded Outardes River in a canoe. During that afternoon excursion, the boat overturned and they lost a paddle, returning safely to shore, according to Ormstown fire chief Jim Barrington, who later co-ordinated rescue efforts.

The trio decided to go out in the canoe again after chores, in search of the lost paddle. None was wearing a life jacket. They launched the canoe from the Larry Tannahill property, and with only a single paddle for control, overturned again. Cameron and L'Ecuyer managed to get ashore on the opposite bank of the river and called Hinchinbrooke fireman Roy Younie from Shirley Borland's house. The last

the boys saw of Irving, he was swimming strongly some 10-15 feet away from the south bank. Barrington said he must have been caught by the current and swept back into the centre of the river, which curves at that point.

The emergency call was relayed through Mutual Aid to the Ormstown fire department, and local firemen, aided by others from Hinchinbrooke, Huntingdon, and Howick as well as local residents, had a boat in the water by 9 p.m. and continued searching both sides of the river until 11:30 p.m.

Strong current

"There was a very strong current and the water was turbulent and full of debris," the Ormstown fire chief said.

The search resumed at 6 a.m. Saturday, continuing until 5:30 p.m. with the aid of drag hooks, a police boat and an SQ helicopter. During that day, the level of the river dropped two feet, Barrington said.

By Sunday morning, the water level had fallen an additional six feet when Ormstown firemen in four canoes and a Howick colleague with a kayak resumed dragging at 9 a.m.

Body found

At 10:25 a.m. the body was located, caught in branches at the riverbank. The location, on the Neil Finlayson farm, was on the north bank, about 1,500 feet downstream from the canoe's launching point.

Just half an hour before, Irving's parents had arrived in the area from Charlottetown.

Valley people spent the weekend trying to grapple with the dual tragedy and the flooding itself, which many old-timers said, was far worse than anything they could remember.

"If there is any positive aspect to this terrible weekend, it has to be the response of the firemen and civilians who volunteered to comb the riverbanks and help in whatever way they could," said Jim Barrington on Sunday afternoon.

"On Saturday, people walked both banks of the Outardes River from the canoe's launch point to the junction with the Chateaugay River, and that was not an easy job. Firemen returned after their regular shifts to help some more. Although the police came on Saturday for a while, the main rescue effort was definitely a local affair, and the community response was overwhelming," he added.



Friday morning Hinchinbrooke firemen used a ladder to reach the spot where the body of 84 year-old Gordon Hills was found (to right of area in photo) next to a washed-out section of the Herdman Customs Rd. Hills was swept away by floodwaters on Thursday afternoon after leaving his Davignon Park cottage. (Photo: V.F.)

Obituary

Lacolle funeral for Ruth (Reddick) Smith

Ruth Smith, née Reddick, passed away on June 11, 1996 at St-Jean-sur-Richelieu Hospital.

Ruth was born August 6, 1917, at Aubrey.

In 1937 she met Ralph Smith, and they went together until 1939, when World War II was declared. Ralph joined the service and was shipped overseas. The couple corresponded for five years until the war ended and he returned to Canada. They were married on July 24, 1948, at the Riverfield Presbyterian Church.

Ruth was a fine and capable mother to her daughter Ann and her son Kenneth.

The couple moved to Lacolle, where Ralph joined the Canadian Customs.

Ruth's father Ray Reddick was a great curler, like most of the Reddicks around Aubrey, Riverfield and Howick.

In 1960 Ruth skipped a rink composed of her third and sister Shirley, second, Margaret Dawson and lead Lidia Hope. After

winning all their local games they represented Quebec and went on to win the "Diamond D", Eastern Canadian championship.

Ruth curled many years at the Lacolle Club and when she "retired" from curling, the club honored her with a Life membership, which she was very proud of.

Ruth and Ralph were also active members of the United Church in Lacolle.

She is survived by her husband Ralph, daughter Ann (Bob Perrier); son Kenneth; sisters Edna, Shirley Courcy, and Penny (Mrs. Leo McCulloch); nephew Allan Fewster; also

niece Patricia MacDonald and many more nieces and nephews, as well as six grandchildren. A sister, Hazel, predeceased her.

The funeral service, at the Laplante Funeral Home was conducted by Pastor Bavend Biesheuvel, who spoke with passion and loving words about Ruth. She would have been very proud.

Obituary

Muriel Hains, aged 80, mourned in Valleyfield

The community was saddened by the sudden death of Muriel Hains (née Smail), on June 20, 1996, at the age of 80.

The funeral service was held in the Valleyfield Presbyterian Church. Rev. Byron Grace gave a touching eulogy.

Following a reception in the Church Hall, her remains were transported to the family plot in the Huntingdon cemetery, where she was laid to rest beside her husband, Bruce, who predeceased her three months ago.

Muriel was born in Elgin (near Huntingdon), on July 11, 1915, the only daughter of the late David and Jenny Smail.

She had a kind and gentle personality, and was always ready to lend a willing hand. She loved to cook and while working in Montreal as a cook during W.W.II she met her future husband,

Bruce, son of Jasper and Adrienne Hains of Montreal.

Bruce and Muriel were married in 1941, and lived in Sorel for a short time. They were blessed with three children, Shirley, Murray and Ronnie.

The couple moved to Valleyfield in 1946, where they became active members of the local Legion and the Presbyterian Church, and served as members of the Board of Managers. Muriel also belonged to the Rebeccas.

The Hains founded the local Friendship Club for Seniors. Muriel was also a avid Bridge player.

Sympathy goes to her family: daughter, Shirley (Joe Zolopany), of Huntingdon; and sons Murray (Christine Billard) of Casselman, Ont; and Ronnie (Lucie Lacaille), of Baie-de-Brise; and her three grandchildren. (E.M.)

Wm. Kimbers fêted on Golden Wedding

On Saturday, June 8, 1996, William and Edna Kimber of Valleyfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their three children and a god-child Diane Vaillancourt arranged a surprise party at a local restaurant.

Approximately 25 relatives and friends offered the couple congratulations. They also received many gifts including gold watches and flowers. Special guests included Edna's sister Allison and her husband Joe Bagatalia of Toronto.

The couple were

married in the original Valleyfield United Church on June 8, 1946.

Edna is the daughter of the late William and Janet Shaw of the Valleyfield area, and Bill the son of the late William and Emily Kimber, originally from Stockport, England. The family emigrated to Valleyfield in 1922 when Bill was just two.

Both Edna and Bill attended Gault Institute. Bill worked at Dominion Textiles, but when W.W. II broke out, he joined the Canadian Army and

saw active duty in England, Sicily and Italy, later suffering battle fatigue.

The couple were blessed with three children: daughter Peggy (Bob Harbor) of St-Zotique; son Bill (Julie) of Nitro; and daughter Pascale (Roger Quenneville), of St-Jérôme; also six grandchildren.

Congratulations and good wishes from their friends in the community.

— E. Melanson

25th Wedding Anniversary Pearl and Norman Fennell

An "Open House" will be held at the Huntingdon Legion Hall, Fairview Road
July 27th, 1996, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Members and guests welcome