BIRTHS & DEATHS

CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIAMS, ENGACEMENTS.

BORN

CAMERON-WELBURN - Scott Cameron and Lisa Welburn are pleased to announce the birth of their son Tyler Scott Welburn Cameron on September 11, 1998, weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. at the Anna Laberge Hospital. Proud grandparents are Howard and Lois Welburn and Andrew and Helen Cameron.

DUMAS - Francisca van Bergen and Mario Dumas are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kimberly Francisca, born October 27, 1998, weighing 6 lbs. 13 ounces. A baby sister for Jesse and Emily. Proud grandparents are Martina van Bergen and Dorothy and Denis Dumas.

RUDDOCK - Malcolm and Dee are pleased to announce the fast and safe arrival of their daughter, Emma Josephine, on October 6, 1998. A sister for Callum. Proud grandparents John and Velma Ruddock of Calgary and Martin and Mary Morrissey of Mississauga, Ontario.

DIED

BARR, James Archibeld (Jim) - At the Centre d'Accueil, Ormstown on October 30, 1998 in his 81st year. Son of the late Peter Barr and the late Georgina Craik. Survived by relatives and friends. Predeceased by his sisters and brothers Isabel Tannahill, Robert, Helen Peddie and Bill. A memorial service was held from the chapel of McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown on Monday, November 2 at 2 p.m. Interment Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Chateauguay Valley Association for Community Living would be appreciated.

LABELLE, Vera V. (née Shepherd) - B. Brighton, England on February 14, 1928, D. October 22, 1998. She has left us after a courageous battle with cancer. War Bride of the bereaved Paul Emile Labelle. Also mourned by her children - Carolyn, Jean Paul (Carol), Pauline, Raymond (Pauline Dumas), Christopher (Patricia) Kristina (Gaetan). Many grand-children - Robert and Chantal Belanger, Jason, Matthew & Stefane Labelle, Johnny Labelle and Janine Leveille, last Natasha Paquette. Also Great-grandchildren Andrew Belanger, Alexis, Vanessa & Veronik Duheme. Survived by her brothers and sisters: Don (Denise), Chateauguay, Joyce (Peter), Fred (Jan), Iris - Brighton, England, Paul (Jackie) - Isle of Wight. Also sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Gisele (George), Theresa (Marcel) and Madeleine Labelle and many nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by all.

SCOTT, Doris (née Farncombe) - Peacefully at Ormstown, Quebec on Sunday, November 1, 1998 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Robert (Rita Carriere) and Audrey (the late Hadley Gilmour). Cherished grandmother of Bonnie (Greg Brodner) and Andrew Gilmour. Loved great-grandmother to Matthew and Jilian Brodner. Visitation was held Monday, November 2 at Kelly Funeral Home, 19 Lake Street, Huntingdon. Funeral will be held Wednesday, November 4, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Anglican Church, Huntingdon. Donations can be made to the Centre d'Accueil Ormstown, Quebec or the Alzheimer's Society.

WESTERMAN, William Alan James (Bill) - Born February 16, 1942, passed away at his residence in Ormstown after a lengthy illness on October 27, 1998. Son of the late Allan Westerman. Survived by his mother Hilda Butcher, his wife Margaret Elvidge Laurin and his three children Laurie-Anne (John Goldie), Wayne (Denise Montreuil) and Nancy (Steve Forget), his five grandchildren Samantha and Jason Goldie, Tiffany Westerman and Felicia and Zachary Forget. Also survived by his sisters, Lois (Bill Hudson), Patricia (James Taggart) and his brothers Walter (Brenda) and Donald (Betty). Bill will also be greatly missed by his step-children Margaret (Peter), John, Marianne, Lillian (Remi), Andre (Donna) and the late Vivian and step-grandchildren Richard, Eric, Patrick, Tammy, Melanie, Lisa, Michael, Matthew, Roxanne, Steven and Sylvia, his niece by marriage Karen and chosen grandson David. A memorial service was held from the chapel of the McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown on Saturday, October 31. Interment Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Women's Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital would be appreciated.

DIED

McINTOSH, John - At his residence on October 27, 1998 aged 62. Son of the late Edgar McIntosh and the late Elsie St. Louis. Survived by his aunt Eloise Shipman, his cousin Fred St. Louis, as well as other cousins, relatives and friends. Funeral service was held from the chapel of McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown on Tuesday November 3. Interment Ormstown Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

McCRACKEN, Harold - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away November 5, 1983

Time may heal the broken hearted
Tears may make the wound less sore
But it cannot fill the longing
For the loved one gone before.
Who shall say that grief is lessened
Though the smile may hide the tears
Memories keep the wounds still open
Despite the passing of the years.
Always remembered and sadly missed by Dorothy

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Philibert Langevin, as well as his wife and children would like to thank all the people who were present on the the night of September 18, 1998, to celebrate his retirement.

The family of the late Mrs. Léona (Prévost) Mathieu would like to thank everyone for cards, donations, flowers, and expressions of sympathy during our recent loss.

Her children & grandchildren

The family of the late Doris Scott offer sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers of the Centre d'Accueil, Ormstown for their kind and compassionate care to Doris over the past eight years.

To the CLSC and all the staff. Allan and I would like to extend a very grateful thank you for your services these past months. We enjoyed meeting the personnel each of them unique and interesting and all very qualified in their home care. We would highly recommend this service.

Sincerely Allan & Isabell Cavers

The family of the late Vera V. Labelle (née Shepherd), wants to express their thanks to our friends for their support, as well as Lindsay Cullen and the Ormstown Band, who came to play on our front lawn for Vera (Mom). A very special thank you to Dr. Kevin Brissette, who helped us through our trying time. Also thank you to the C.L.S.C. and a very special thank you to nurse Jean Tremblay whose compassion and encouragement helped us to achieve Vera's and our wish for her to stay at home in comfort and peace.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make our 60th Wedding Anniversary a memorable time. A very special "Thank You" to our family, who organized the celebration in the Church Hall on October 24. Also, thanks to the UCW members, and their helpers for the refreshments and many other kindnesses which we benefited from. They did a tremendous job. Thanks for the many cards, phone calls, flowers, gifts and to all who attended our Open House. We are grateful to one and all. We have fond memories. Please accept our thanks as personal.

Ken & Vi Sutton

On behalf of the family, I would like to first thank the surgeons at the Montreal General who tried to improve the quality of life of my wife Barbara and then the staff on the eighteenth floor, for their professional care during her stay there. Secondly I would like to express our appreciation to the nursing care she received both on Second and lastly Third floor of the Barrie Memorial and to Dr. Geukjian her attending physician. A sincere thanks to the many people who supported us with prayer, called us to give us moral support. Also to individuals who stopped in with food and to the Howick Community Church as a group. And finally to the many who paid tribute to Barb by their attendance at her funeral and the sympathy cards received. It will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Donald McKell and family

Massive search at Ormstown



Searchers and police at the McIntosh home hear that the body has been found.
(Photo: JT)

Ormstown man found dead near home Friday morning after two-day search

Judith Taylor THE GLEANER

"He was a quiet man, living alone, who never bothered anybody," said Ormstown's assistant fire chief Gordon Fury after the body of 62-year-old John McIntosh was found by volunteer searchers behind the barn of his Lower Concession home, shortly after 9:30 a.m. Friday Oct. 30.

Indications were that he had died of a gunshot wound, but there is no confirmation as to whether it was accidental or self-inflicted, district coroner Dr. Gordon Thompson said Tuesday.

McIntosh may have disappeared as early as Tuesday afternoon Oct. 27 (he was seen by a neighbor that morning), but because he lived alone, fears for his safety only developed Thursday morning when neighbor Fred St-Louis dropped in and found both Wednesday and Thursday's daily newspapers still in McIntosh's mailbox, an abnormal occurrence.

Tracker dog

After waiting in case his neighbor should turn up, St-Louis called the Haut-St-Laurent Sûreté de Quebec office, and the local officers then notified the SQ's missing persons squad in St-Hubert. Two plainclothes detectives and a tracking dog began to check the area, while police warned off local searchers, who, they said, might confuse the trail.

Wednesday's heavy rain may have washed out any scent; in any case, the dog found nothing.

During the late day and evening, and as soon as the sun rose Friday, neighbors were out searching ditch lines and other areas where they felt McIntosh, an experienced hunter and a strong walker, might have gone.

Major search effort

A call went out over the firemen's radio shortly after 7 a.m. Friday, asking for volunteers to help with an organized search. Shortly after 8 a.m., firemen from Ormstown and Franklin, members of the Covey Hill Amateur Radio Club and other volunteers began to troop in. They stood in small groups on the road in the early-morning chill, awaiting the arrival of the SQ officers who had taken charge of the search operations.

And arrive they did, eventually, with eight police cruisers, a helicopter, a mobile communications van, and two all-terrain vehicles on a trailer.

Meanwhile, nearly 50 volunteers waited with growing impatience as bureaucracy's wheels ground on with maddening slowness

Lengthy set-up

"When we are called to do a search like this, we can get our teams out in about 15 minutes," said one disgruntled Ormstown fireman, as officers with clipboards came and went, following their own order of priorities.

A television cameraman arrived and local traffic crawled through the knots of people waiting on the road in front of the faded red clapboard farmhouse, where a brand-new front porch had just been added.

It was nearly an hour before teams consisting of about five local volunteers and one or two police officers were formed and assigned a sector to search. Meanwhile the helicopter crew circled low over the fields and patches of bush, and the police officers mounted and guyed a communications mast on the roof of their van.

The second team of volunteers, mostly men from the Franklin area, had only been searching a few minutes around the outbuildings and the barn when they found the body in a little dip in the ground — an easy place to trip, said one fireman — and notified the other searchers that the hunt was over.