



The River Round Up

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My Mother



Charlotte LeBlanc is shown doing her most favorite thing, making quilts.

Charlotte began quilting in 1942 shortly after marrying Fred. Her mother, Alvina Landry, taught her how to sew a basic square pattern quilt and her first one was used to keep bread dough warm overnight in the winter. Her first pattern quilt was of Expo' 67 and she has kept that masterpiece to this day.

In the early eighties she would purchase 60 pound boxes of material from Lawrence Bedspreads in Montreal. Several of her family members and friends from the River, St. Peters, Arichat and L'Ardoise would put their request for material with Charlotte, as the postage cost

decreased with volume. In the late eighties Harold Landry drove transport trucks to Montreal and would bring back as many as 40 boxes in one trip. Georgie (Harold's wife) would then call all the quilters together for their expected catch. It was like having Xmas in July when the much-anticipated boxes arrived and everyone compared what each had received.

In her spare time she and Fred had seven sons and seven daughters who have expanded the family to fifteen granddaughters, fifteen grandsons and ten great grandchildren with "as of this moment" one more on route. After 57 years together Fred passed away in April 2000

Charlotte still sews six days a week and often ten hours a day and has made as many as one hundred and twenty one quilts in one year. Her quilts are on many beds in River Bourgeois and surrounding areas and as far away as Germany. Rita McNeil even has some in her rooms.

Charlotte has proudly passed on her skills to daughters Helen, Emily, Stella and Susan as well as granddaughters Adelia and Melinda who was the recipient of a 4H prize for her first quilt. On January 15th of this year Charlotte received an order for twenty-one quilts in one day and four days later was in the hospital in critical condition with a brain tumor. She has now fully recovered and has completed all of them and many more. Charlotte still loves to play cards and bingo and enjoys her family but quilting is still one of her favorite past times. *Sharon Chilvers*

Katie Ann's Place

Katie Ann's Place was built in the early 1900's. It was owned by John Gilbert Beranger and his wife Katie Ann who was the former Katie Ann Sampson. It was one of the very prominent houses in River Bourgeois and one of the first homes to have a washroom. John

Gilbert was a Captain and worked at sea so he was frequently absent from the house but Katie Ann and her two daughters lived there. When John Gilbert died in 1930, Katie Ann would travel to the States where her daughters then lived to spend time with them. In 1939 she married John P. Burke who was a grandfather to Bernard Burke. In the latter years the house served as a summer home for Katie Ann and her two girls.



In 1997, the house was bought by Bernard & Mary Burke from Katie Ann's two daughters Josephine Veo and Stella Hinds. Since then they have renovated and restored the entire house. Juniper flooring has been laid throughout the house and the veranda that once was there has been rebuilt. The house still contains some furniture that belonged to Katie Ann and her first husband.

Because of the family's relationship to Katie Ann, Bernard and Mary decided to call the house Katie Ann's Place in memory of her. It is now used as a summer home to accommodate visitors to the area. Anyone wishing to see the house or wish to rent it during the summer may contact Bernard or Mary at 535-2855 or visit the website at <http://www.communitycalendar.ns.ca/business/fliers/katieann.htm> Brenda Burke

Community Services Society

The RBCSS is having a website constructed to present information regarding the society such as history and mission statement, former chairpersons, committee heads etc. Information re Hall bookings, meetings and upcoming events will also be available.

The Society has received \$1,000.00 grant through N.S. Power Good Neighbor Program for our Playground Renovation.

A Youth Development Committee under Chairperson Rose Merrick is busy preparing for activities for our youth with plans to reinstate Teen Dances.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help out with Friday night Bingos. Together with the Annual Festival this is our main source of income for the year. Monies raised are used to support the Tara Lynne Center, Funeral Home, Ball field, Tennis Court etc. Please call Joan Burke @ 535-2557 if you can work even the occasional Friday evening.

RB C@p Site

Greetings from the RB C@P site. The summer is well underway for the four students working here. Brenda Burke, Peter Tanner and Michael Sampson and I are all working in and around the cap site. Brenda is our Marketing Assistant who will promote the cap site as well as plan camps and special interest events. I am Special Project Coordinator which includes typing the River Round Ups from the 1940's, 50's and 60's and burning them to CD's.



Left to right: Michael, Peter, Jackie and Brenda.

Peter is usually found outside the cap site. He performs regular maintenance and works at the overall upkeep of the Tara Lynne Center and surrounding area. Last but not least is Michael who is Festival Assistant and has been working diligently with the Festival Committee planning events for the long weekend in Sept. Besides these duties, we are available in the cap site to give help to anyone who may need it.

Brenda and I will be returning to St. FX in the fall for our Junior year. Peter will be going into Gr. 11 at the Richmond Academy and Michael will be going back to the NSCC for his second year. Student Funding is provided by grants from HRDC, Student Employment and the provincial government.

All the workers wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Come in and visit us and keep on computing! Jackie Digout

Canada Day 2001



Planting of the tree

Another successful Canada Day was held at River Bourgeois through the help of the Technology and Training Center summer students who organized activities for kids and the planting of our 2nd Canada Day tree on the grounds. Agnes Baxter led the singing of O Canada followed by many lively games, prizes, hot dogs and pop. Funding was provided by the Municipality and we wish to thank the students for doing such a great job.

Festival

The 23rd Annual RB Festival will be held the week of August 29th to September 3rd. Some of the events to watch for are: the Heritage Walk, which will feature points of interest and a brochure with historical pictures and facts; the Adult dance, which will have advance tickets sold as well as at the door. The band is "Rockin' Country" which plays a wide variety of music including 50's, 60's and current; Merchandise Bingo for which we are asking for donations of prizes or Canadian Tire money which can be dropped off at the Church or Howard's Grocery; Teen dance; Comedy Hour; Men's Breakfast; Lob Ball Tournament; Seniors Bingo and Craft day and a Potluck Supper. For new and more detailed listing on events check the schedule, which will be posted on the Internet at www.communitycalendar.ns.ca by August 10th, or contact me as the festival assistant at 535-3251 or Glenda at 535-3141. *Michael Sampson*

Weddings

Brewer –Touesnard –Pamela and Allan (Ann & Alfred) were married at St. John the Baptist

Church on July 21st. Allan is employed at Stora and they have settled in River Bourgeois.

Landry-Bartlett-Karen, daughter of Sandra & George Landry married Robert Bartlett on July 7th at St. John the Baptist Church. Karen is a nurse at the IWK hospital and Robert is a councillor at a group home in Halifax where they will be living.

MacDormand-Bourque-Brandie and Michael were married in Pettawawa on July 21st. Michael is the son of Richard (Joe P) formerly of the South Side.

Sampson-MacDonald-Claire, daughter of Ann & Bucky Sampson was married July 14th at St. John the Baptist Church to John MacDonald of Kingsville. Claire is employed by Home Care Nova Scotia and works out of Inverness and Richmond counties. Johnny is employed by USG Port Hawkesbury. Claire and Johnny will be living in Kingsville.

Graduations

Burke-Kara-Leigh, daughter of Margie and Roderick Burke graduated with her degree in Social Work from Dalhousie University. She is presently working at a half-way house in Dartmouth.

LeBlanc-Stephanie, daughter of Gloria and Kenneth graduated in cosmetology from Ackerly College in Dartmouth in July.

Landry-Tracy, daughter of Sandra and George also graduated with her degree in Social Work from Dalhousie University. She has accepted a job with Lunenburg Co. Children's aid Society.

Stone –Tanya, daughter of Jocelyn and the late Lloyd Stone graduated from the Success Business College in Truro with her Diploma in Travel and Tourism. She is presently doing her Practicum with Tourism NS in St. Peters.

Touesnard-Joseph, son of Denise and Melvin graduated from Richmond Academy in June. We wish to apologize to Joey for leaving off his name in our list of last months graduates. He will be taking a well digging course in North Sydney in the fall.

Deaths

Aitken–Our sympathy to Cathy and Brian Aitken and family on the death of Brian's parents, Pauline and John Aitken who died recently in Montreal.

Bona-Clarissa, wife of Rodney and mother of Megan and Jordan died July 5th of Cancer at the age of 32. She was the daughter of Norman and

Irene Carter of Sampsonville. Our sincere sympathy to all the family and friends of Clarissa.

History

The following are excerpts from the old River Round Ups describing the local houses and businesses in 1954. We can only imagine the work Marie Boyd put into this.

River Round Up May 8th 1954

River Bourgeois is going right ahead with the building projects. At Cannes two new houses are just waiting to be occupied, one belonging to Henry LeBlanc, and one belonging to Bernie Burke. A little further along the Highway a new building is seen going up this being the beginning of Whitney MacPhee's new house. Charlie Burke (a John) is also having some remodeling done to his place, while across on the Church Point may be seen what is the beginning of a new school and a new Glebe House.

At the Lower End of the River is a beautiful new building, on which you will see the name Riverside Industries. Here you will find an up-to-date small factory, where many of our young local boys are working. Further on you may see another new foundation, just past Gerard Touesnard's Store, this will be the home of Bernard Sampson, son of Jimmie Sampson..

Dolphis Landry, who is married to Lucille Pottie, daughter of Willard Pottie, and who have bought Amable Pottie's house, recently finished a fine boat for a party in West Arichat. He is now started on another one.....

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Bona have bought Mrs. Whitney Sampson's house and had hauled it to a field owned by Edwin Bona. Mr. and Mrs. Bona who are ranked highly as citizens of R.B. are wished many years of happiness in their new home...

Mr. and Mrs. Herman MacPhee and son Joseph, have moved into their new home at South River Bourgeois. Herman bought the property from Alfred Richard, while Herman's home at Hawker has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Guilmette of Seaview

River Round Up May 29th 1954

Now, in the last edition, I had mentioned some of the new buildings which had been and were still being built at R.B. Several people have said to me since "You didn't mention this one or that one, so we're going to try and think of them all and do them in instalments.

At South River Bourgeois, we have a nice new house belonging to Cletus Landry, built opposite

the church in what used to be Vital Landry's field. Not far from there is another new house, next door to Mr. Joe P. Burke's which was built for Raymond Burke, but is now owned by Freddie Burke. Out on Pointe a Bouleau, is a new house which was built and is occupied by Anthony Burke, also a son of Joe. P. Henry (Remi) who bought Harry Burke's place, has remodeled it, and Victor Burke has also done a lot of remodeling to his place. Next to Mrs. Philome+n Burke's is a nice new bungalow belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Laneville. She was Minnie (Dominic). William Richard who is married to Mildred Bouchard had her grandfather's (Jule Ranson) house hauled to his grandmother's (Mrs. Mary Burke) field and they live there. Thomas Sampson has a nice new house, just past the "Green" at South R.B.

Bits&Bites!

- Next Meeting of Community Services Society on August 15th
 - Cap site meeting on August 8th
 - Annual Field Trip to Point Michaud Beach sponsored by NS Bird Society on August 25th. Leaders Billy & George Digout. If anyone is interested we meet at Dept. of Transportation Bldg. at 9am. For info call 535-3516.
 - Anyone interested in the Parent/Tot program sponsored by the CB Resource Center coming to River Bourgeois can contact Debbie Poirier at 226-0512 or Wanda Burke@ 535-2601. This runs one day a week from 10-12 and toys, snacks, crafts etc are included. They need 10 kids for start up.
 - We appreciate all your great comments and suggestions. Any new ones contact us at rbcap@ns.sympatico.ca or call Sharon at 535-3516 or Joe at 535-2677.
 - The Round Up is available at Howard's Grocery or First Richmond Credit Union for \$1.00 and subscriptions are available for \$12.00 per year.
 - River Bourgeois Technology & Training Center is holding a Network Hearts Game for Seniors on Aug. 3, at 1pm.
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