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Carrie Trueman



Margaret Caroline (Carrie) was born October 13th, 1917, the youngest of four children to Annie (Landry) & Isiah Dugas of Cannes.

Carrie attended the west end school but was not studious. Following an episode where the teacher made her sit in the class with her chewing gum on her nose in the sixth grade, she lost interest in school and quit. In the meantime, she became quite proficient in letter writing and would visit her neighbor, Mary Boucher (whose home was located on the property where Kay Boyd now resides) who was illiterate and so Carrie would write letters to her daughters on her behalf.

Carrie recalls that her father set rabbit snares and sometimes the rabbits would be frozen so he gave them to the children to play with. They would wrap the rabbits as dolls and play with them until they thawed out-the dolls would then become dinner. There were also many stories about the evils of playing cards on Sundays and legend has it that lightning once came in the front door and turned a cross black while the men were playing. This did not

deter her father from teaching Carrie to play cribbage.

Carrie left for Halifax as a teenager to visit her sister Louise and seek employment. She worked in a restaurant as a cook before moving on to be employed as a housemaid for three years. Each summer the family would take Carrie with them to Ottawa on vacation. When the family moved away permanently, Carrie went to work at a bakery on Gottingen Street. She vividly recalls a handsome young gentleman in an army uniform forever loitering in the bakery pretending to purchase cookies. As time went by he finally introduced himself as Roy Trueman. Several months later on February 16th, 1942 they wed. Carrie and Roy had four children: Joan now in Halifax, Ronnie in Sackville, Sharon in Digby and Yvonne in Port Hood. The family now includes seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren including a recent holiday baby named Grant.

Carrie and Roy moved to Westmount near Sydney following their wedding. Two years later they purchased a house on the Southside (now the home of Leo & Theresa Landry) and Roy hitchhiked home each weekend. One time a bat entered the house and Roy, being a brave "city boy", promptly jumped onto a chair for safety while Carrie ran around the house with a broom trying to kill it.

Due to eyesight problems, Roy was forced to leave the army and so packed up his family and moved to Halifax to seek employment. For the next thirty years Roy was employed as a butcher, then at the dockyards and in later years worked as a house painter. In 1980, Roy retired and could not wait to move his wife back to his favorite place in the world, River Bourgeois. They built the famous red house on the north side with its nice ivy cover. Sadly Roy passed away in April 2003 after almost sixty-three years of wedded bliss.

These days Carrie enjoys reading, loves her crossword puzzles, her television and visits from her family and friends. Her good friend, Kay Boyd,

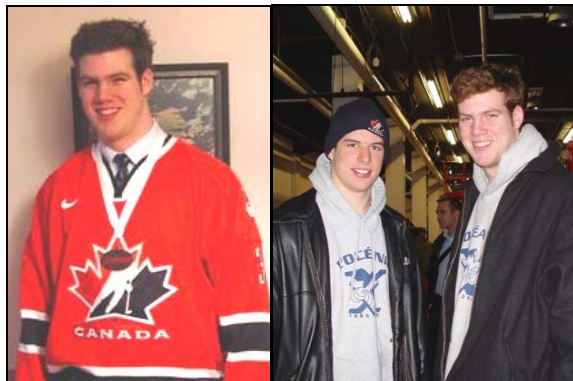
comes by every day to bring her mail and helps her with needed tasks. Carrie, we the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness and may you continue to have such a wonderful sense of humor. *Sharon Chilvers*

Winter Wonderland



Victor Burke celebrated his 90th birthday on January 24th in the midst of River Bourgeois's worst snowstorm in years, by shoveling his walk.

Future NHL'er



Graham Bona

Graham with Sydney Crosby

Graham is the son of Melvin & Ruth Bona and the grandson of Mary Bona. This time last year, he lived in Halifax with his mom, who is a nurse at the IWK Hospital, his dad, a longshoreman and his sister Kinnon. Graham attended JL Isley High School and played hockey in the Chebucto Minor League followed by Triple A with the *Dartmouth Subways*. (He has played against Adam, Mike McPhee's son). He is 16 years old, 6'3" and weighs 220 lbs.

His life changed drastically when he ranked 7th overall in the Quebec Major Hockey League draft from Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. He was drafted by *Rimouski Oceanic* and as a rookie defenseman played in more than 80% of the games. He is playing on the same team as Sydney Crosby (Canada's Juniors gold medal winner). Graham along with another teammate is now billeted with a

family in Rimouski and his schoolwork continues by correspondence courses and with tutors.

Graham was selected to play on *Team Atlantic* in the Under 17 World Hockey Tournament in Alberta over the Christmas break. He had a great tournament with plenty of ice time. The team did very well but lost in the semi final to *Team Western*, which went on to win the Gold over *Team Pacific*. *Team Atlantic* then played *Team Ontario* for the Bronze medal. This was the first time in their 19-year history that a team from the Atlantic has ever played off for a medal. *Team Atlantic* went on to defeat *Team Ontario* 5 - 4 to win the Bronze.

Melvin, Graham's dad, was there for the entire tournament and said it was very exciting and that he was glad that he had the chance to make the trip. The first game they played was against *Team Germany*; he said there was a couple of thousand fans there and they were cheering "GO CANADA GO". Mel was not sure why, because the team was *Team Atlantic* not *Team Canada* and then he saw his son Graham with a *Team Canada* jersey on. He said "tears came to my eyes at that moment and I was never so proud of my son". *Brian Bona, proud uncle*

Lost Pictures Anyone?



Does anyone recognize these ladies? Carl Grimes found a roll of film at the shore below Gilbert Bourque's in November. If anyone knows who they are, they can get the pictures by calling Sharon Digout at 535-3516.

CAP Site Update

We welcome Tanya Burke to our CAP site. Tanya has been a dedicated volunteer at the site for the past three years covering the Thursday evening shift with Mike Fougere. She will be working for the next eleven weeks under the Richmond Community Access Society Youth Initiative Program, which is designed to enhance the technical and

communication skills of participants under the "Technology Train the Trainer" program.

Our new hours for the site are: Monday 2-4 and 6-8pm; Tuesday & Wednesdays 8:30-4 and 6-8pm; Thursday 2-4 and 6-8pm and Friday 2-4pm. Our daytime community volunteers are getting a rest while Tanya is here. Nights will continue to be manned by volunteers with Tanya also in on Thursday evenings.

Take advantage of our new hours to visit our used book section-we have a great selection. Don't forget we also accept donations of books. You can send a fax, photocopy, search the net, print your favourite photographs, etc. The software "The Family Tree Maker Program" has been installed on our computers and is available to download all your information. There are also binders with birth, marriage and death records for River Bourgeois as well as many RB family trees which have been downloaded from the Internet with permission

We have donated one of our old computers to the Dept. of Social Services for use by their clients who want to upgrade their technical skills.

The River Round Up continues to sell well and we thank all who help with it. Unfortunately the two printers used for photocopying them both died last month and they had to be replaced. The cost of postage has gone up again (Carmen's fault??) as well as the cost of our inks. Therefore at our last CAP meeting it was moved that we increase our rates to: \$15 for River Bourgeois delivery, \$20 Canadian and \$25 for international subscriptions. The prices will be effective upon renewal.

The good news is that High Speed has finally come to RB residents and we hope to have it at the site soon.

History



People returning from church on a winter's day long ago. Thanks to Anne Louise Touesnard for this picture

Hervey Boyd

Hervey Matheson Boyd was born at River Bourgeois on Sept 22nd, 1891. He was the first of seven children born to William S. & Annie V.

(Hureau) Boyd. The other six were; Cameron, Russell, John, James, Marie and Cecelia (Mrs. Walter Fougere).



Hervey, the athlete. Thanks to Mimi for the picture

Hervey was educated at Cannes School, St. Peters High, St. F.X. & Dalhousie University. As a youth he was always involved as a participant and/or organizer of local baseball and hockey teams. After getting his BA at Dalhousie, he obtained employment in Ottawa and became involved in the sports scene in 1912 as manager of the *Champions* of the Ottawa Civil Service Hockey League (the captain of this team was his first cousin John B. Kyte-later Fr. Kyte). He then went to the United States to work for a very brief period as a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune* but returned to Ottawa in 1914 to enlist in the 185th Battalion C.I. and served overseas for four years in WWI.

Hervey returned to Ottawa after the war and obtained employment with the Federal Government. He became a member of the Rideau Aquatic Club and quickly became associated with city baseball, basketball, football, hockey and lacrosse clubs. Some of his athletic involvements included:

- Coached teams in the Ottawa Senior Baseball League for many years.

- Charter Executive member of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association when it was formed in 1922 and later was president of that Association for two terms.

- Manager of the Rideau Football Team in the Junior and City Leagues.

- Formed the Ottawa Rangers Football Team, which won the Quebec Intermediate Championship in the 1920's.

- Managed the Ottawa Rideau Basketball Team, which won the Canadian Championship in 1925.

- For ten years he was a sports writer for the *Ottawa Citizen* Newspaper.

In "real life", Hervey was the Chief of Criminal Statistics for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for many years. He married Eleanor O'Connor in

Ottawa in 1937. They had no children. Hervey died of heart failure at his residence in Ottawa on April 7th, 1946.

In a memorial tribute to him by the *Ottawa Citizen* it was stated that Hervey "was regarded as one of Ottawa's leading authorities in every field of sports". *Thanks to Russell Fougere for this article. Russell is the son of the late Walter & Cecelia Fougere. He has kindly agreed to send us a bimonthly article on the people and events of River Bourgeois.*

Births:

Boudreau: Ella Nicole, 8lbs 9oz, was born January 2nd to Tanya & Chris. Congratulations to grandparents David & Debbie Digout, Buddy & Lucille Boudreau and first time great grand parents Therese Digout and Ken & Mary Cosman.

Deaths:

Baccardax: Joan Lucille, 53, of Halifax passed away January 2nd. Joan was the daughter of Cecile & the late Tobie Baccardax. Our condolences to her mother, daughter Bridget, brothers Peter, Lorne and Don, and sisters Sally and Faye and their families.

Howley: Gordon, 81, of Bras D'Or passed away January 8th. Gordon was the father of the late Sandra Landry. Our condolences to his son-in-law George A. Landry and his family.

MacDonald: John Joseph, 56, of Coxheath passed away on January 9th. Our condolences to his sister Mary Digout and her family.

Bits and Bites:

- **Seniors** meeting Feb 1st at 1:30 pm.
- **CWL** meeting on Feb 8th at 7pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., Feb 9th at 1:30pm.
- **CAP site** meeting Wed., Feb 9th at 7pm.
- **RBCSS** meeting on Feb 16th at 7pm.
- **45** card game at Seniors Sundays at 7pm.
- **Cribbage** game at Seniors Mondays at 7pm.
- The Parishioners of St John the Baptist parish raised \$3355, which was donated to Development and Peace organization for the **Tsunami relief fund**. The fundraiser concert planned by the schoolchildren had to be postponed because of the weather.
- As part of the Richmond County Winter Festival, the following function will be held in RB: **Bridge Game**-Feb. 20th. 1-4pm at Seniors Bldg sponsored by the RBCSS. **Cribbage Tournament**, Feb. 21st at Senior's Bldg sponsored by the 50+ Club. **45-Card Game Tournament**, Feb. 27th

sponsored by RB Cap Site. Lucky prizes will be drawn.

- **Annual Christmas Bird Count** was held for St. Peters area on Dec 28th. 26 birders took part and they counted 57 species including 6 Robins. On the Big Pond CBC on Boxing Day, they had the same number of species but had 511 Robins and the Port Hawkesbury area count had 401. Usually if you have one or two it is good. So when you see all the Robins on the side of the road it does not mean that spring has arrived.
- We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks, the kindness of all who sent cards, mass intentions, flowers, gifts, brought food, made phone calls and visits during Joan Baccardax's illness. Thanks also to all who visited, brought food, sent flowers, cards and/or mass intentions, made donations to charities and other messages of sympathy to ease Joan's passing. Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered with deep appreciation. **The Baccardax Family**
- **Happy Birthday** to Susan Walker, Germaine Carter, Kay Boyd, Viola Touesnard, Georgie Boudreau, Gilbert Bourque, Emily Boucher, Bernard Sampson, Peter and Kenneth LeBlanc. **Special 90th Birthday** wishes to Margaret Bouchard and Victor Burke who both received a Certificate of Congratulations from Premier John Hamm.
- The **CAP Site hours** are Mon. 2-4 and 6-8, Tues. & Wed. 8:30-4 & 6-8, Thurs. 2-4 & 6-8 and Friday 2-4 pm. On Weekends an appointment can be made by calling Sherry (3182) or Sharon (3516).
- A reminder that anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Monica MacPhee at 535-2743 until further notice. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535- 2939 to open the church for any function such as wedding, baptisms or funerals.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Annual Subscriptions are available for \$15. delivered in RB, \$20. within Canada and \$25. internationally.

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