



The River Round Up

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The Richmond Community Access Society will be holding a Public Information Session on Friday, November 3, 2006 from 2-4 pm at the River Bourgeois Technology & Training Centre (Tara Lynne Community Center). The session is being held to discuss the future of the Community Access Program and the impact the federal funding cuts will have on C@P Sites in Richmond County. MP Rodger Cuzner, MLA Michel Samson, Richmond Municipal Councillors and Government Representatives have all been invited. For further information call Patty Cave at 226-0703/0383.

Maurice (RB Veteran) & Lucille Landry



Joseph (Maurice) was born on June 6th, 1934 the third of seven children to Beatrice (Landry) & Charlie Landry of Church Point. He attended the two-room East End School prior to moving to Halifax in 1950. While he was employed in a grocery store his friend, Harold Landry, persuaded him and his brother Donald to go work on a freighter. All three convinced the captain of their expertise. Harold was a boiler, Donald a steward and Maurice a 2nd cook (he did not know what a galley was). The

freighter was sailing to Venezuela carrying clay and within twenty-four hours its engine broke down. For the next seven days they drifted down the Caribbean Sea and some days they ran into food that they had discarded the day before. Finally the engine was repaired and they reached their destination. While on location one of the crew (not one of the above mentioned) met a young Latin girl and wishing to spend more time with her, proceeded to set the freighter ablaze. Damage was extensive and it took a month before they could sail to British Guinea where they loaded up with logs before heading home. When they reached New York the freighter was too badly damaged to continue, so the staff was dismissed. Not dejected by his first sailing adventure Maurice joined the Navy in January 1953. Following training in Halifax and Cornwallis he was posted on the ship *Quebec* and set sail for Korea where they patrolled the shorelines seeking and blowing up trains transporting ammunition from North to South Korea. After the war officially ended in 1953 they continued to patrol the area for the next year. Upon his return Maurice was reacquainted with a schoolmate named Lucille.

Lucille Anne Rosabell was born March 1st, 1936 the eldest of Mary (Boucher) Bona's fifteen children of Church Point. She also graduated from the East End School before going to work at the Claridge Restaurant in St. Peters. When the restaurant closed for the winter Lucille went to Newmarket, Ontario where she worked at a Five and Dime Store. A year later she returned home to work at the MacDonald Hotel. In 1955 she moved to Halifax to work in the Capitol Store. On Natal Day of that year she went to the celebrations being held on the navy ships. It was here she ran into the young handsome Maurice Landry. He invited her to a dance that evening and she promptly turned him down claiming she already had a beau. Several days later Maurice heard that she was going to a dance so he went very determined to win her heart and he was successful. On July 5th, 1956 they were wed at St. John the Baptist Church.

Maurice & Lucille had three children: Barry who lives in New Hampshire, Lawrence in RB and Marlene who passed away in 1989. The family now includes five grandchildren.

In 1958 after having sailed around the world Maurice called it quits as it was too difficult being away for months at a time from Lucille and the children. They return to RB and he went to work for Riverside Industries and later hauled pulp to the mills. In 1962 they moved to Massachusetts where many of Maurice's family resided. He worked in a factory until 1980 when they decided to return to RB and start a general store on Church Point. Nine years later they closed the store and Maurice did some carpentry work until he retired in 1996 and Lucille worked for Sobey's for the next nine years.

In 1980 Maurice & Lucille became Branch Members of the St. Peters Legion Branch 47. He served as 2nd, and 1st Vice-President before becoming President and is now serving his tenth term. Lucille joined the Woman's Auxiliary and is now in her third year as President. Both are lifetime members. They spend five days a week working or serving at legion functions. It leaves little time for their favourite pastime, playing cards with their friends. Maurice the people of RB wish to thank you for serving our country and may you & Lucille enjoy many more years of health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

We Must Always Remember

Throughout the years Canada's War Memorials and Cenotaphs have stood in repose as a reminder to all of those who sacrificed their lives in the cause for peace. One day each year they come to life, as a flower would bloom for that single moment of time, in solemn remembrance. We must always remember for if we do not, the lives of some 116,516 Canadians would be meaningless. Today we see young men and women in Afghanistan making the same sacrifices as those before them. The first Remembrance Day, (originally called Armistice Day) was celebrated in 1919 to celebrate the end of World War I on Monday the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour in 1918.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of Canada's war brides. In remembering our men we must also remember those ladies who left their families and friends for a whole new life in a strange new world. River Bourgeois in particular was blessed with the gift of one of these very special ladies in the person of **Margaret (Jones) Morrison**.

To my knowledge there is no complete record of all who served from our community, although one is being compiled but will take time. In River Bourgeois as well as all of Canada many members of a single family would volunteer to serve. This was

the case for two families in particular. *Victor & Mary Emma (Landry) Digout* saw four of their sons enlist. Just a few short days into the war, *Charles*, 20 years, joined the RCNR and served three years on corvettes in North Atlantic convoy duty. After graduating from Officer Training, *Charlie* would captain his own ship. *Ferdinand*, 19 years, joined the RCDC (Royal Canadian Dental Corp.) the following year being promoted to Sergeant and served in Halifax, Debert and Newfoundland before joining the infantry. *Pte. Vincent*, 18 years, enlisted in March 1941 and served with the North Novas in Holland and Germany. *Quote by Mathew Holton CBC War Correspondent "North Novies—Men of Whom any Country would be proud"*. LAC (Leading Aircraftsman) *Marshall*, 17 years, would follow his brothers in 1943 and served in Montreal, Labrador and Newfoundland.



Left to right-Top Charles & Ferdinand. Bottom Marshall & Vincent

Two other sons *Fred* and *Arthur* also volunteered only to be denied due to health reasons.

Charles & Alvina (Landry) Richard would also offer six sons and their father to the war effort. (Refer to "Just Imagine" below).

Remembrance Day always appeared to me to center around those who were in one of the four services and rightly so. I have often thought how fortunate we were that war had not come to our shores and also thought what about all those innocent victims of war (collateral damage as they are referred to today). Do we ever think of them or ever give thought that there may have been those who were not attached to any branch of the military and yet unexpectedly gave their life for the same cause? I believe one such River Bourgeois man is in that category.



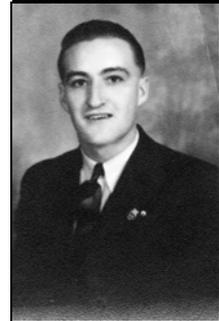
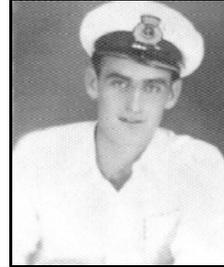
Clifford LeBlanc

Charles Cleophas (Clifford) born Jan. 21, 1914, the son of Benjamin & Genevieve (Bourque) LeBlanc, was a Halifax Shipyard worker. It was in this service that he would give his life. One of the earliest steel vessels (a harbour tug) built and owned by the shipyards started out as the *Sambro*. Having previously sunk during the Halifax Explosion of 1917 it was re-floated in 1927, renamed *Erg*, and put back into service. On July 6, 1943, the *Erg* was ferrying workers and their equipment to repair vessels for convoy when a Norwegian freighter, *Norelg*, arriving in Bedford Basin overtook her in the fog and rain to strike her on the port side. Only five of the twenty-four men were saved. All three crewmembers lost their lives. Although there is more to this very sad event, the importance is that another River Bourgeois son is lost and more important a wife lost her husband and a seven month old daughter-her father who can never share their love for each other.

There are many words to describe the gratitude of all the nations of the free world at this time of year, but in the end *remembrance* is truly what it is all about. *Respectfully, Don Pottie-Information courtesy of: Yvonne (LeBlanc) Bond, The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Veteran Affairs Canada.*

Note: Our Cenotaph is in need of major repairs. When called, will we be there for them as they were there for us. Anyone wishing to contribute can send a donation to RB Community Services Society, PO Box 56, River Bourgeois, B0E 2X0. An income tax receipt will be issued for those \$10 and over..

JUST IMAGINE: The years are leading up to 1939 with news of an impending war being broadcast over the airwaves. The place – South River Bourgeois. Charles (Charlie) & Alvina (Vina) (Landry) Richard have been raising their eleven children ranging in age from 21 to 5. They are living quiet lives and going about their daily chores pretty much like all other families in this small community. That is, until the declaration of World War II – a war that would last six years and take many family members, most of them men, far from home to places they had only read about in school.



Charlie, Clarence, Alfred, Egbert, Martin, Leo & Fabian

Charlie, husband & father, aged 44, along with their four eldest sons joined the Merchant Navy in 1939. He served along the Atlantic coast. The eldest son *Clarence* at age 21 sailed with his dad on the *Lord Stratacona*. He later sailed the Gold & Ivory Coasts of Africa and South America. *Alfred* at 20 sailed to Liverpool & London, England then along the North American coastline. *Egbert* at 17 served on Corvette ships with his good buddy Charlie Digout and *Martin* aged 15 sailed the North Atlantic. In 1941 their 5th son *Leo*, at only 16 years of age, joined the army serving in the Medical Corp. His war years were spent entirely in England. And lastly, son number six, *Fabian*, at 17 joined the Merchant Navy in 1943 and sailed along the coasts of both North & South America. **Can you imagine** a wife and mother at home in this small part of the country, trying to care for the remaining five children (two of them boys too young to follow their father &

siblings) and of course worrying about those called to serve in such a war. We must remember that, in those days, when 'the boys' left for war, there was no returning home until the war was over unless they were badly wounded. Families sat in their kitchens every evening listening to updated radio broadcasts of the war. And for six years everyone with loved ones at war prayed that they would never receive that dreaded telegram.

Imagine a father and six sons all served their country in the war efforts and all seven were fortunate enough to return home physically unscathed but most likely emotionally scarred. *Therese Pottie, Granddaughter & niece*

Births

Clow/Bartlett: Oliver Charles, 7lbs 2oz., was born Oct 2nd to Charles & Sherrie of Enfield, new brother for Avery, Ailyn & Sophie. Congratulations to grandparents Willis & Sandra Bartlett and Dave & Anne Clow.

Burke/Pottie: Kaitlin Maria, 8lbs. 5oz., was born Oct 11th to Russ & Shauna of Sampsonville. A sister for Kendra. Congratulations to grandparents Leonard & Cynthia Pottie, Rena Burke & Louis Burke and great grandmother Jean Pottie.

Parks/Hartling: Mackenzie Lee, 7lbs 11oz, was born Oct 12th to Kenneth & Erin of Dartmouth. A sister for Jordan. Congratulations to grandma Gladys Parks & great-grandmother Charlotte LeBlanc.

Burke/Cluett: Kelsey Rebecca, 7lb 7oz, born Oct 22nd to Kelly & Jack of Dartmouth. Congratulations to grandmother Gail Boudreau and great-grand parents Matilda Boudreau and Vince Dewolfe.

Weddings

Samson/Arsenault: Congratulations to Angie daughter of Hughie & Doreen Samson and Trevor son of Barb & Al Arsenault of Halifax on their wedding on Sept. 29th at St. John the Baptist Church. Angie & Trevor will reside in Halifax. *We apologize for having the incorrect name last month.*

Burke/Mitton: Congratulations to Josephine Burke daughter of Lavin & Sarah Richards and David Mitton on Oct. 7th Josephine & David reside in RB.

Eagles/Landry: Congratulations to Cathy Eagles & George A. Landry from all their family and friends. Cathy & George were married on Oct. 27th.

Deaths

Bradley: John passed away on October 13th in Sydney Mines. We express our condolences to his sister-in-law Mary Cosman.

Touesnard: Gerard (Gerald) Michael passed away on Oct. 22nd in Halifax. Our condolences to Gerard's

family; Vivian, Mary Agnes, Darlene & Adrian; sisters Catherine Touesnard & Regina Thibeau and all his extended family

Bits and Bites:

- *Each year we dedicate our November Issue to our Veterans." Lest We Forget".*
 - RBCSS wish to thank George J. Landry, Monica McPhee and their many cooks & servers who organized the very successful Men's Breakfast during the festival.
 - **RBCSS is seeking a new janitor starting Jan. 1st.** All applicants interested can send their letter/resume to Box 56, River Bourgeois, B0E 2X0. Deadline is Nov. 17th.
 - **Seniors Meeting** Nov. 7th @ 1:30 pm.
 - **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Nov. 8th @ 1:30 pm.
 - **CWL meeting** on Nov 9th 7pm after 6:30 mass.
 - **RBCSS meeting** on Thurs., Nov. 23rd at 7 pm.
 - **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
 - **45 Card** game Seniors Bldg. Sundays-7 pm.
 - **Craft & Bake Sale** Nov. 25th 10 to 3 at Seniors..
 - **Cards and exercise** each Mon. 1-3 Seniors Bldg All member welcome. It only costs \$5 per year
 - **Happy 80th Birthday** to Buddy Boudreau.
 - Notices for St. John the Baptist, St.Peters or Immaculate Conception Church's bulletin email david.digout@stpeterscable.com by 5pm.Thurs.
 - The volunteers at the Capsite would like to express their sincere sympathy to the family of Gerard Touesnard. Gerard was our willing, knowledgeable source of events, people and places in RB in all our historical endeavors.
 - CAP site will open to the public from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Mon to Thurs and 2-4 on Fridays. CAP phone # is 535-3251; Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com and our website is www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap We now have wireless & high speed internet service.
 - Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms or funerals.
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