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George & Ethel Stone



Ethel Frances was born August 20th, 1944 the fifth of fifteen children to Mary (Boucher) & Edwin Bona of the Church Point. Mary was a stay at home mom who not only took care of her family but also tended to the farm animals and raking of the hay all summer. Dad worked in Sydney and around Cape Breton Island in construction and would come home every Friday night for the weekend. It was with great pleasure the children welcomed dad home as he would always have candy. It was a big disappointment when later on in years the children discovered they were not special “Sydney candies” as they had been told but that dad had stopped at Gerard Touesnard’s store at the top of the hill to make the purchase. In the summer the children had to wait until dad got home in order to get their twenty-five cents to see the movie at the hall and most of the time he was late and they would have to run all the way to the hall not to miss the start. Because the fifteen children were born within a thirty year period, there was never a lack of playmates however toys were scarce and they had to create their own pastimes. Ethel, Joan & Betty loved to cut pictures out of the catalogue and create their own doll house layout. Baseball was an integral part of the Bona family and

still is. “Mom’s Brats” as their team is known regularly play during the festival. Ethel went to the “Henhouse School” until age ten before moving to the newly built Stella Maris School. Ethel obviously inherited her father’s (mom can’t sing a tune) singing talents and started singing in the church choir as a teenager and some fifty years later is still a regular. Her brother Wally sent Ethel money to take piano lessons however after seven months mom said “no more lessons as you need the money for clothes”. The tears did not sway mom’s mind. Following school Ethel went to work for Don Stone as a housemaid taking care of six children. She was in awe of seeing all of the modern conveniences the family had and took a while to figure out the vacuum cleaner because at home you put a kid on a towel and pushed it along the floors to shine it. During this time Ethel went to the Cozy Corner in St. Peters and met the man of her dreams George Stone.

George Edward was born May 13th, 1936 the second of nine children to Peter & Betty (Brymer) Stone of Lynches River. George had moved to Sudbury, Ontario to work at Inco for two years before moving to Flin Flon, Manitoba where he worked as a truck driver. In 1960 he returned home and it was at this time he met the beautiful Ethel Bona. Ethel moved to Halifax to tend to George’s brother’s children while George went to work for National Sea Trawlers. Three years of romance was followed by a wedding at Sacred Heart Church in Lakeside, Halifax County on Nov. 30th, 1963. George & Ethel had four sons in the next six years: Terry, Paul & Jamie who all reside in Amherst and Darrin who lives in Mom & Dad’s back yard. Six years later they had a fifth son named Kevin who calls Lower Sackville his home. They also have ten grandchildren.

In 1964 Ethel & George moved to River Tillard in a home purchased from Jimmy Smith and in 1969 built their current home on Church Point. George went to work for John McClellan of West Bay driving a pulp truck for a couple of years and then

worked part time for Bernard Burke while driving a school bus the rest of the time. In both places the pulp trucks had to be loaded by hand. Times were slow so George bought himself a truck and began collecting the garbage in RB at a cost of \$2 per household. Not long afterwards the County started collecting the garbage and once again George was out seeking employment. He returned to work with Bernard Burke part time hauling pulp to the mill and when things got sluggish he began hauling pulp from Framboise to the mill. The next five years he was at Lawrence Stone's garage in St. Peters. As a result of an unfortunate accident when a transmission fell on his back, George was unable to work for an extended period of time. He once again returned to work for Bernard Burke until 1984 when he overturned his truck and re-injured his back and was forced to retire. Meanwhile Ethel helped to take care of her aging grandparents. She worked for Joyce Carter of St. Peters taking care of her ailing husband before working for the ever so jolly Kay Thomson. For years Ethel taught religion and prepared the children for their First Communion. She also prepared the linens and chalices for Mass.

This Feb. 10th Ethel, her sister Joan and brother-in-law Michael spent the afternoon sledding down the hill. Mom watched from the window and even with an offer of driving her back up the hill she still declined to go sledding. These days George enjoys playing cards especially auction forty-five while Ethel enjoys knitting and tinkering on the key-board. Sons Darrin & Terry inherited mom's musical talents and enjoy strumming their guitars. They love having the children and grandchildren around and are enjoying their retirement. George & Ethel, we the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of health & happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Can You Identify?



This is another photo developed from glass negatives received from Mimi Fougere. The first one we used in March, 2007. Although we did have not much luck in identifying people, we would like to see if anyone can tell us who these handsome men are. We've determined these photos were taken by Franco

Pate some time between 1910 & 1915 by the ages of the people in the first photo we ran. If you can identify them, call Therese Pottie 535-2740 or Email don.theresepottie@stpeterscable.com

Winter Festival Celebrations in RB



Stanley McPhee and Flo Sampson posing with their crowns after being named Valentine's Day King & Queen.

Several events took place in River Bourgeois during the February Winter Festival: Stanley MacPhee & Flo Sampson were crowned King & Queen of the Valentine Day Tea; Valerie Boyd & Sharon Chilvers were the bridge winners while John & Joe Sampson took home the honours in tarbush; forty-five game winners were shared by Stanley & Monica McPhee and Raymond Burke & his grandson Drew Sponagle; cribbage tournament winners were Lucille Boudreau & Margaret Burke and Madonna Broaders took home the prize at the bingo.

CWL Annual Meeting



Back Row: Valerie Cunningham, Sharon Digout, Leona Campbell, Mary Fougere, Father MacDow, Linda Burke, Lucille Boudreau, Anne Clow. Front Row: Deirdre Boyd, Tina Coleman, Elaine Burke & Therese Pottie.

On February 16th the St. John the Baptist Catholic Woman's League held their annual meeting. The following Executive was elected for the next two years: **President** Elaine Burke, **Secretary** Tina Coleman, **Treasurer** Therese Pottie, **Spiritual Advisor** Father MacDow, **Past President & Spiritual Development** Deirdre Boyd, **Community Life** Leona Campbell & Sharon Digout, **Education & Health** Linda Burke & Janet LeBlanc, **Communication**

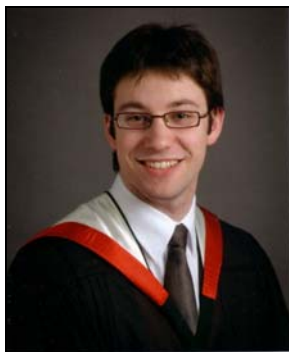
Valerie Cunningham & Lucille Boudreau, **Organization** Anne Clow and **Christian Family Life** Mary Fougere. Five members of the community were given *Certificates of Merit* for their outstanding services to the community: Diane Breau, Germaine Carter, Mary Fougere, Ann MacNeil & Fabie Richard. A delicious meal was prepared by Peter LeBlanc and six gentlemen from the community helped with the serving. All of this was followed by a Mass celebrated by Father MacDow and the official installation of officers.

65 Years of Marriage



Congratulations to Joe & Margaret Bouchard who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9th. They are shown above six years ago with granddaughter Amanda & her husband Jason Barnhill. Joe & Margaret reside in the Richmond Villa in St. Peters.

Graduation



Congratulations to Tyler Jason Burke, "T.J." who received his Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours in Physics and History of Science and Technology at Dalhousie University on May 28, 2007. Due to his achievements, T.J. was placed on the Faculty of Science "Dean's List" from 2004 to 2007. He was the recipient of the Dr. A. Stanley Mackenzie Prize in Physics 2007 & 2006. He was the Canadian Association of Physicists Prize Exam Top Dalhousie Student 2007 & 2006. T.J. was chosen by the Chair of the Physics & Atmospheric Science Dept. to conduct research for Dalhousie University in

the summer of 2007. He was awarded the Lorne OL Titus Scholarship 2006 and the Darrell Montgomery Memorial Prize 2006. He received the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Undergraduate Student Research Award 2006. In 2005 he was the recipient of the Dr. W.J. Archibald Prize in Physics for the best overall student entering the Honours programme in Physics. He became a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society in 2004. T.J. received the Dalhousie Chancellor's Scholarship in 2003 and it was renewed for three consecutive years. Although traditionally a science student, T.J. is presently pursuing his interests in religion, languages, and world cultures.

Congratulations also to T.J.'s sister Kelsey Anne. She was the recipient of the Lord Stretching Medal in 2007 in recognition of outstanding performance for her involvement in all unit activities with 824 Silver Dart Squadron, St. Peter's. This medal is the highest award which can be bestowed on a Cadet in recognition of exemplary performance in physical and military training. She was awarded the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence and the Air Cadet Long Service Medal in 2006. Kelsey is the only Warrant Officer and the Drill Team Commander at her home squadron which she joined in 2001. As a younger cadet Kelsey took courses in leadership & instructional technique. In 2007 she was an instructor and cadet supervisor at the Greenwood Air Cadet Summer Training Centre. In the summer of 2006 she had a similar role at the Cold Lake Air Cadet Summer Training Centre in Alberta.

"T.J." and Kelsey are the children of Larry & Theresa, brother & sister to Colton and grandchildren of Viola (Landry) Samson & the late Raymond Samson, Samson's Cove, and Lawrence Burke & the late Hilda C. (Pâté) Burke. We are extremely proud of your achievements T.J. & Kelsey and wish you continued success in your future studies & endeavours. Always remember Mom's motto: "Reach for the stars, the sky is the limit."

History

RIVER BOURGEOIS NEWS--FEBRUARY, 1958

The 37th of Vol. 2 of the ROUND UP, published on Nov. 29th, 1957, was the final one edited by Marie A. Boyd. At the end of that publication Marie wrote that the next ROUND UP would be prepared by an old guy (Peter Digout) and a young guy (Stanley McPhee). The old guy and the young guy began their editing career in February, 1958, when the 38th edition of the ROUND UP was published. A few of the news items mentioned in this issue were:

"Rennie Fougere & Annette Pottie were married at St. John the Baptist Church on January 25th, 1958. They were attended by Peter Pottie & Sylvia

Fougere. After the wedding Mass, dinner was served to approximately 400 guests.

Home for the winter months after being employed on the Great Lakes were Gilbert and Wilfred Burke, Peter Pottie, Lawrence Pottie, Whitney and Willie Boudreau, Leo Bouchie, George Boudreau, Alfred Richard, Alex Burke, John Burke, Ronald Burke, Raymond Pottie, Henry Fougere, Clifford Goyetche, Carl Morrow, Donald Fougere and Dickie Burke.

It is reported that 46 television sets are now in use in homes within the community.

Peter Pottie of Hawker has recently wired his home for electricity. It is understood that Peter has plans for 1959. Congratulations to Peter & Sylvia on their recent engagement!! Congratulations to Danny & Alice (Pottie) Sampson on the birth of their daughter Darlene Elizabeth.

New cars were recently purchased by Peter MacPhee, Willie Boudreau, Claude Burke, Peter Burke and John Burke.

Everett Doary has gone to Petawawa, Ontario, to join the Canadian Army. Everett is the oldest son of Fred & Geline (Landry) Doary.

Stanley McPhee has purchased Walter Fougere's house situated on the north side of River Bourgeois. (This house is now owned by Carmen Fougere). The following students at Stella Maris School did a great job collecting for the March of Dimes; Mary Ann Boudreau, Helen Burke, Hattie Burke, Lola Burke, Elaine Richard, Florence Goyetche, Marie Bowser, Rita Bowser, Gerry Fougere & Hubert Fougere. The Principal of Stella Maris School, Sister Lidvina, passed on her thanks to all those who contributed in any way towards the Bingo held at the school, to raise money for Library & Reference books for the intermediate grades. The amount of \$ 78.00 was realized.

In spite of the highly paid new editors the subscription rate for the Round Up remains at \$1.00 per year." *Thanks to Russell Fougere for this clip from 50 years ago.*

Births

Burke: Arvid, 7lbs 9oz, born Feb 16th to Stephen & Gunilla of Loverod, Sweden. Brother for Maya. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Albert & Marlaine Burke and Goran Ramstedet.

Deaths

Cote: Jerry, 61, of Sydney Forks passed away on Feb. 1st. Our condolences to his wife, Katherine, children, brother Danny and family of RB.

Fougere: Willard Joseph, 93, of Poulamon passed away on Jan. 28th. Our condolences to his wife

Naomi, sister-in-laws Nora Cameron and Josephine Morrison & brother in-law Vince Dewolfe.

Gillis: Gertrude, 92, Halifax passed away Jan 17th Gertrude was a resident of River Tillard from 1945-1969. Our condolences to her children: Gordon, Tommy, Alfred, Bernice & their families.

MacLennan: Ceretha, 87, of Oban passed away on Feb. 10th. Our condolences to daughters Sandra & Dianne and their families.

Bits & Bites:

- **45 card** games Seniors Bldg Sundays 7 pm.
 - **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7 pm.
 - **SENIORS ANNUAL MEETING** March 4th 1:30 pm.
 - **Merchandise Bingo** March 9th 2pm at TLC.
 - **Seniors Mini Bingo**, March 12th at 1:30 pm.
 - **CWL** meeting will be held on March 13th.
 - **CAP SITE ANNUAL MEETING** Wed., March 19th at 7 pm. Regular meeting to follow.
 - **RBCSS ANNUAL MEETING** at 7 pm on March 26th.
 - **Happy Birthday** to Theresa Landry who celebrated her 80th birthday on Feb. 8th.
 - **Congratulations to Bob & Eileen Yuille** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 2nd.
 - A pair of child's prescription glasses was left at the CAP site. Please call Sherry at 525-3182.
 - High school students or other community members willing to **volunteer at CAP site**, please call Sherry (3182) or Ann at (2944). Must have basic computer skills.
 - **CAP site winter hours** are 2-4 & 6-8 Mondays to Thursdays and 2-4 on Friday. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. T shirts, used books, Heritage Walk booklets etc. still on sale. We will be closed for March Break. Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Visit our website at www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap.
 - **Anyone wishing to book the TLC** should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. 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 etc.
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