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The Magic of Christmas

I have often wondered why my Mother is so tired, usually sick and bleary eyed by the time Christmas rolls around. This year I know and it is going to get worse. We always said to her, "Mom, you are doing too much, why don't you let us help?" And she would, we would get delegated to wrapping the gifts, cleaning the house and so on. But still every year she was still in the same condition.

I guess I hadn't actually realized how much she had to do that was covert and intended for the tradition and the joy of Christmas. My parents' house is decorated better than any design magazine, the food is abundant and exquisite – enough to make anyone toss out their diet plans. The gifts are al-

ways beautifully wrapped, even if the price tag is still on, and the ambiance permeates holiday cheer and mystique. WE LOVE IT!

This year, with the little one busy, as ever, I was intent to fill my house with Christmas cheer. Many people laughed and said "well you will be taking down your tree as soon as she get into that!" Regardless, I was determined to create that same mystique of Christmas as my Mom did. Why? It is for the kids. That was the big realization that I had concerning my exhausted Mom, she does it for the kids. I am sure quite frankly if it was just her and Dad, the decorations may not go up, it is just so much work.

I have often heard and believe to be true that having children changes your life forever. A friend of mine recently told me that she still believes in Santa Claus and would give anything to see him deliver presents under the tree. She is, by the way, 32 and a mother of two. I laughed, but somewhere in my heart I guess I still believe too. Besides how else could Mom's around the world possibly survive the Christmas event if there wasn't a little magic around somewhere.

Happy Holidays everyone, give the Mom in your life a big hug and keep believing in the magic of Christmas.

 Shari McKenzie-Ramsay

Centreville District Community Development Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

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BEAUTY

Since I have come to live in this area, I have heard many visitors comment on how beautiful is our part of the world. For some, it is the prettiest part of our planet. I must say that it does look wonderful, especially at this time of year.

But I must say that with all the travel that I have done, I have discovered that our whole world is a beautiful place. In some areas of the globe, it is not the scenery that gives beauty but the people who inhabit the rugged terrain. In other places, it is the lone tree in the middle of a vast golden plain. In yet other areas, it is the grandeur of a rugged mountain range. I have even discovered beauty in the middle of a desert where nomads patiently travel in search of pasture and water.

All this has taught me that God has created a world that is made beautiful not just by what we see with a quick visual look but also by its contrasts. And the same, I believe, holds true to human beings. Some of us look plain while others have the beauty to cover the front pages of magazines. Some exhibit an inner radiance that draws people while others prefer to be more by themselves. But I have found that in every person that lives, there is a uniqueness that has beauty.

It is true sometimes that beauty may be harder to see. Some of us may think we don't even have any. But when we take the time to get to know a person, there is no doubt in my minds that we will discover where their beauty lies. And the same holds true for us. As we explore who we are, we will discover beauty we may never have thought was there.

We are told that when God made the world, He looked at His creation and He saw that it was good. Then He decided to create humankind. He created us in His image, capable of creating, capable of emotions, capable to build relationships, capable of looking after ourselves. And then, after we were completed, God saw everything that He had made, and it was VERY good!

And so as we drive along seeing the beauty of God's world on a sunny winter day, let's remember that His beauty also resides in each of us.



By Mark Potvin

Pastor, Centreville Baptist Church

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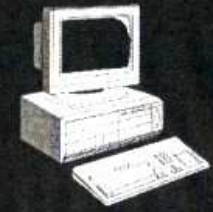
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The Centreville Community Hall is now equipped with a stand by generator and will be available as a comfort station during declared states of emergency.

SURVEY KING'S TRANSIT SERVICE

In the previous issue of the Centre Post, community members were asked to take part in a telephone survey in order to determine the level of interest in having King's Transit provide a bus service to Centreville. The response deadline was 26 October 2006.

The next step in the process will be to present community members with a proposal and ask them to indicate their support or non support.

Bringing Your Community Together!

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FLOWERCART TAKES USED CLOTHING BIN OUT OF CENTREVILLE

Flowercart is a non-profit, charitable organization that promotes the community participation of adults considered to have an intellectual disability by increasing their employability.

The three programs within Flowercart are Developmental Services Area, Community Employment Services and Vocational, comprised of Baker's Choice Fine Foods and the Used Clothing / Woodworking Departments.

There are 31 clients who work in the Used Clothing / Woodworking department on a rotating scheduled. (At any time there are approximately 15 clients in the department.) There are two full time employees and two part-time employees. Clients are taught the jobs and the job-related skills required for woodworking and processing used clothing for sale.

You might wonder how the combination of used clothing and woodworking developed. In the mid-90's the market for the line of woodworking products that was being produced was shrinking and the amount of employee involvement required to produce the line was increasing. At the same time the opportunity to enter into the



Brenda Peach, Flowercart vocational participant, sorting used clothing at Flowercart. Flowercart recently removed a used clothing collection bin from Centreville.

collection and wholesale sale of used clothing presented itself. We decided to keep producing the woodworking products that provide work and training for clients, e.g., kindling, and enter into the used clothing sales business; hence the combination.


All of the used clothing that we sell is donated to us. We have had a number of used clothing collection bins in our community over the years: but, with the increase in costs associated with

operating a van we have been slowly taking the bins out of the community with the hopes that people will bring their donations to our head office in New Minas. Our hopes have been realized as the volume of clothes has not gone down.

"We are now asking everyone to "go the extra mile and" and drop off their used clothing..."

In September we took the second to last bin that we had in the community

back to Flowercart. It was located at the Centreville Kwikway Store on Lydiard St. Thanks to the staff of Kwikway and the people of Centreville for your years of support. We are now asking everyone to "go the extra mile" and drop their used clothing donation off at our head office in New Minas (9412 Commercial St., right beside the golf course). You can drop your clothes donation off any time.

 By Roger Tatlock,
Executive Director



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TAKE A HOLIDAY FROM RECYCLING? NO WAY!

This Christmas season why not just take a break from all the trouble of sorting waste? Consider it a little gift to yourself - no recycling or composting during the holidays. We could chuck all the food leftovers right in the garbage. Vegetable peelings from Christmas dinner - straight to the trash can. No need to rinse those eggnog cartons, or any of the zillions of beverage containers we're sure to use this December. Just send it all to the dump.



Can you imagine? Most people can't. Recycling and composting have become a part of our daily routine, and the recycling program is a service we've come to expect. Valley Waste staff talk to community members at various events and over the hotline and often hear comments like, "I simply can't imagine tossing things away like we used to." Valley residents report that when they take trips to other parts of Canada, they're very uncomfortable and even disturbed to have to throw away compostables and recyclables.

For Valley Waste employees,

those comments are music to our ears. Recycling and composting should be a normal part of our lives, it's part of what we do here in the Valley to preserve our community. Of course there are many other things we can do to protect our environment; reducing waste is one piece in a larger puzzle.

Everyone at Valley Waste wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season. We hope you will make choices to reduce waste and reuse, and that you recycle and compost all you can. If you have visitors during the holidays, introduce them to our sorting system and send them home wishing for a recycling program as comprehensive as ours!

Here are few reminders:

Holiday Collection schedule: There is no collection on Christmas Day (alternate pick-up is Sat, Dec 23) or Boxing Day (alternate pick-up is Sat, Dec 30). **Collection goes ahead as usual on New Year's Day.** Always have items at roadside by 8am.

Christmas Tree disposal.

There is no special collection for Christmas trees. You can cut your tree into four foot lengths, bundle it, and set it out for regular collection. Please remember however that the compartment on the truck is small, so tight and neat bundles are a must. Perhaps a better alternative is to drop off your tree free of charge at the Management Centre in Kentville. Trees will be accepted free throughout the month of January.

2007 Waste Management Calendar.

Calendars will be delivered via Canada Post in late December 2006. The calendars are delivered as "unaddressed ad-mail", so if you don't normally accept flyers, you may not get one. Most Post Offices are happy to keep a few calendars on-hand, so check with them if you haven't received yours. The calendar provides important information about collection and other waste management issues.

If you have questions about the waste management program please contact Valley Waste:

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 Submitted By Denise Young



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LIGHT UP THE WINTER NIGHTS! Make an Ice Luminary

You can light up winter nights with an ice luminary. Give it a try...

Start with a bucket—like an empty ice cream bucket—and a smaller bowl or container. Put a couple of rocks in the bottom of the bucket to make a shelf. Then, put the other container inside the bucket and on top of the rocks a pizza tripod or something to bring the smaller container level with the top of the ice cream bucket.



Put some rocks inside the small container to hold it down. Then pour water all around it into the big bucket. You can make the water blue or green if you want by adding

food coloring. Or, maybe you want to add some glitter? Or how about some berries? Or maybe some orange slices? Or some pine needles, be creative!

Once you've finished adding water and any decorations, put it in the freezer. Or, if it's cold outside, just put it in your backyard.

Now, wait for it to freeze. Once the ice is hard, take the rocks out of the inner, small container and pour in some warm water. That will loosen it up so you can remove it. Then you can turn the bucket upside down in the sink and run warm water over it to remove your luminary. (It's kind of like getting ice cubes out of a tray.)

There you go! You have a winter ice luminary for your patio or front steps!

If you want to try making a luminary with a different shape, try this using water balloons.

Put the filled water balloon in a bowl to hold it upright, or tuck into a mound of soft snow and let it freeze. If you put it in the snow, the bottom will freeze last, because the snow insulates it.



If you want, you can pop the balloon before the bottom freezes, and that unfrozen bottom will become the top opening of your luminary where you put the candle.

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Jingle Bell Bracelets

Craft Materials:

Pipe Cleaner, Wrist or ankle size
Bells
Beads



1. To create a basic bracelet, just thread beads and bells on a wrist- or ankle-size pipe cleaner (we used the bumpy type here), then form it into a circle; make a clasp by looping together the ends of the pipe cleaner.



2. For a fancier look, form a single pipe cleaner into a circle, thread on 4 or 5 bells, then coil additional pipe cleaners around the first, between each bell.



3. For our deluxe version, start with a bumpy pipe cleaner, threading 1 bell onto each "bump"; form a single pipe cleaner into a circle, then twist the bumpy pipe cleaner around it so that each bell faces outward.

GONE IN THE FLASH

So let's say you need to evacuate your house on short notice. Maybe your neighbor's pounding on your door, yelling for you to **run!** because your house is on fire or maybe that broken water main is flooding your home faster than you can bail. Whatever the reason, you've gotta' go, and go now! What do you grab on the way out? Sure, the kids and animals, but then what? Family photos, those figurines Grandma gave you? **Hurry! What will ya' bring?**

If you're like most folks, carrying out all of your well-organized files of family documents as well as financial and medical records isn't at the top of your list. That's too bad, because all that is precisely what you'll need to restart your life, if you were ever to **lose everything** resulting from such a devastating event. So, how are you going to get the filing cabinet all the way up the basement stairs and out the door in an "unplanned" emergency? Let some simple technology come to your aid.

Go get yourself a flash drive. It's actually small, portable computer hard drive, about the size of the common lighter. Ask for one that's at least 256 MB in size. It'll plug right into any computer that's no more than 6 or 7 years old and it'll hold more than that filing cabinet full of any information you want. Plus, today's drive allows you to lockout access by everyone except you and/or some trusted others. 100% security. So, after you've watched your whole world

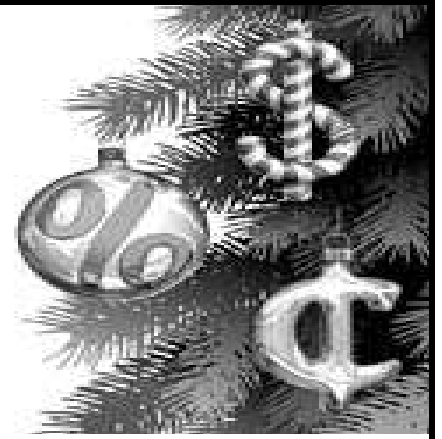
go up in smoke, down the river, or whatever, all you need to live and fight your way back to the top of your game, is your trusty little flash drive.

Now that you have the technology to rebuild your life and that of your family's, let's get some files put on it. You may have bank accounts at two institutions, three different credit cards, maybe some investment accounts with some other firms. Create a thorough listing so that you – and your heirs – no exactly what you have, where it is. Make sure to include account numbers and descriptions along

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with all the necessary contact information, making for easy notifying. Take time to list your liabilities as well as your assets. If you have bills to pay or services like phone, cable, internet, etc., you'll know you what you have and where to call.

You can save one of the latest copies of your bills that you may have opted to receive via e-mail, although the reality is that much, if not most, of your documentation will be on paper. For these, you'll want to scan them. If you don't have a scanner, gather up what you want and drop into your local Staples or the like, and have all your vital documentation, especially your **birth certificate, tax return(s) marriage and/or any other license, property deeds and the pages from your insurance policies that show the coverage(s), firm and policy number** scanned.



Fantastic. Now get out your digital camera (or borrow/rent one) and run around your house, yard, garage, shed, etc., and snap picture after picture. Shoot everything so that when you submit that sky-high insurance claim, you'll be able to back it up. This is also important because you probably won't remember all you had and how you had it. Once you've got everything shot, just upload those pics to your emergency flash drive and **PRESTO!** you now have all the most crucial data in your life stored in one lighter-sized gadget. Plus it's easy to keep updated.

So.....what's the very first thing you're gonna grab as you bail out? Right, your kids and animals with your flash drive a very close third.

I hope this information will not only be of interest to you but will compel you to act on it as a New Year's resolution after-thought. Now, stop thinkin' 'bout it and go do it.

Have a great 2007 and stay tuned for more.

By Steve Peverill

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Fleece Tied Pillows

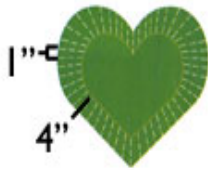
Making the cuddly pillow is so quick and easy, it's like performing a magic trick. What's the secret? Knots. The pieces are tied together (fleece fabric needs no hemming). Which makes this gift simple enough to complete in an afternoon, and cute enough to give to a best friend or cousin.



CRAFT MATERIALS: Fleece, Scissors, Ruler, Chalk, Fiberfill

Time needed: About 2 to 3 Hours

Arts and Crafts Submitted By: Pamela E. Peverill



1. Cut two identical heart shapes from the fleece, 1 red, 1 green. To allow for a 4-inch fringe, be sure to cut the hearts 8 inches larger than you want your finished pillow. We cut ours 26 inches across and 22 inches long for an 18-by 14-inch pillow.

2. On 1 fleece heart, use a ruler and chalk or a disappearing-ink pen to draw a heart 4 inches in from the edge of the fabric (see illustration). Measure and draw fringe that's about 1 inch wide and 4 inches long (up to the center heart, as shown).

3. Stack the hearts with your chalk lines on top. Cut the fringe, through both layers of fleece, stopping at the center heart.

4. Begin at the bottom point of the heart and tie the top piece of fringe to the bottom piece by double-knotting them. Continue up the side of the pillow. At the dip at the top, knot together the top 4 fringes (2 pairs) into 1 double knot to cinch the opening more tightly. Then go back to knotting just 2 fringes until only 4 pairs are untied

5. Stuff the heart with fiberfill. Tie the remaining fringes. Brush off any chalk that still shows. Ink lines should disappear according to the package directions.



6. **For a twist on this gift:** Try a different shape, such as this lion pillow. We knotted together squares of orange and yellow fleece and brought our king of the jungle to life with cord whiskers, and felt eyes and nose attached with tacky glue. For square pillows, cut off and discard the corner fringes before you begin knotting.

Scene from inside

On a winter afternoon.
contained, constrained,
inside by the season's
first storm.

Through a window
I gaze. Watching
as dark trees twist,
evergreens shift,
stiff maples and
poplars sway.
against lead
grey skies.

In the copse
dead trees are
embraced and held
by the living.

Snow falls,
flakes dance.

A cold white
mantle begins
to blanket
the frozen earth.

The light grows dim,
dusk falls. Harsh
vitality is here.

Life endures,
throbs, inside
and out. My spirit
revives, vibrates
to the tune of this stark
welcome winter world.

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Grenville Jones was born in Liverpool, NS in 1950 and educated at Bishop's College school, Lennoxville. In 1968, he returned to the Maritimes and entered Acadia University where he earned a BA, major in French and a BEd. It was also there that Gren met his wife, Gail who lived in Newton, Mass. Following his studies, he taught school in the Annapolis Valley for 31 years (CDHS, KCA, NKEC) before retiring to pursue his other passion, teaching summer high school immersion courses in Saint Malo and escorting small groups of adults on specialty tours.

Gren visited France for the first time in 1965 while on a five week summer tour with a school master from BCS. In 1971, he spent the summer studying at the University of Nice. In 1983, he was selected to represent Nova Scotia French teachers at a summer school offered by le BELC, a Parisian school for teachers of French second language. Gren took his wife Gail

and their two daughters, Lisa and Rebecca to the school in Brittany. The following year, Gren began teaching summer immersion in Nice.

Following three years of teaching in southern France, he met another French teacher, Mr. Dominique Henry with whom he established Nova Languages Inc. They taught together in Saint Malo and La Baule in Brittany until 1996 when Dominique retired. Gren decided that he wanted to continue teaching in France, an activity that he continues to practice. His school is located in Saint Malo and students enjoy a five week tour each summer. In 2006, the Tall Ships race will begin from the port of Saint Malo! This activity will be a key feature in this summer's program.

During this time, parents often asked if they could join Gren and Gail in France. Thus began another idea and a new passion: Adult Specialty Tours! In 2006, they have a May "Corks and

Forks" tour for 10 days as well as a War Memories tour for 2 weeks in June.

The September tour will have a very special feature where participants will have the opportunity to meet with a chef and to experience what it's like to be in an authentic kitchen in a Loire Valley chateau. It's a "hands on" activity! Along with fine dining and lodging in country inns with lots of charm, Gren is certain that people who enjoy travel in small groups will take advantage of his knowledge and experience.

Gren and Gail Jones have been residents of Foleaze Park since 1977. Gren has been a volunteer with Ducks Unlimited Canada for the past 25 years and Vice-President of Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia Branch. Gail is a consultant with Mary K and co-director of their company, Nova Languages Inc. 📺

This article, written by Mr Wigglesworth, originally appeared in a South Shore newspaper "The Advance". It was submitted by Grenville Jones.

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TRAVEL IN FRANCE: Part One

#1: A new destination!

Quick! What's the top travel destination in the world???

- A) Florida
- B) Mexico
- C) Dominican Republic
- D) France

The answer is "D." With a population of over 60 million, this Western European nation is a gateway for travel in Europe. In 2003, over 70 million visitors visited France!

I decided to write about my travel experiences in France because I've been a regular visitor to France. I first saw Paris, the Loire Valley, the D-day landing beaches and much more at the tender age of 15 in 1965. I was fortunate to be on a five-week tour with one of my schoolmasters from BCS in Lennoxville, Alexis Troubetzkoy. His family was Russian nobility and he was born in Paris after the Revolution. As a bachelor, he taught for several years in Lennoxville and it was during these years that he organized a series of summer tours for his students. Alexis quickly became my mentor and contributed more to my education than I could ever imagine.

For me, that trip would become a key element in my education and in my teaching philosophy. I became a French teacher and began my career at CDHS in 1974. I studied in France in 1971 and then, in 1983, another educa-

tional opportunity came my way. I was invited to represent Nova Scotia French teachers at a summer school in Brittany. The "BELC" is a Parisian school that is dedicated to educating those who teach French as a second language, and thus I decided that it would be a good idea to take my family along for the ride. It became an opportunity to travel and show my wife, Gail, and our children, Lisa and Rebecca a slice of the life and culture of this beautiful and fascinating country. It was an unforgettable experience!

The school session took place in Saint-Nazaire, a bustling deep-water seaport at the mouth of the Loire Valley. It's a city where many of the great ocean liners continue to be built. It is also a place that has an unforgettable link to the dark years of the occupation from the summer of 1940 to the eventual liberation in 1944. Hitler's Wall of the Atlantic would include a submarine base at St-Naz. That would become the target of a heroic raid in 1942. During our séjour, we lived in a tiny hotel on a beach near the school. Our hosts had two children who were the same age as ours. After two weeks, the girls stopped speaking English! They enjoyed the wonders of life in a new environment where the culture played an important role. Whether it was in the market which was held in the street in front of our hotel, or in the little shops, they met and talked to total strangers in the company of their new friends. My little family became very inde-

pendent as I was very involved in my studies and could only devote evenings and weekends. We were frequently invited to visit people's homes for meals or simply for a drink "à l'heure de l'apéro." We traveled around the region on weekends in our rental. We discovered parts of Brittany and the Loire that I had seen in '65 and we fell in love with a country which was emerging in the new Europe. On one weekend, we stayed in a Breton farmhouse with friends from Paris- it was a typical home with stone floors, wooden beams and plenty of atmosphere. They said it was a 'young' farmhouse as it was only about 250 years old.

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The church in the village was from the 12th century and many of the people spoke Breton, the old Celtic language. On Sundays, the people still wear their traditional costumes to church and the women wear their 'coiffes', a beautiful lace head-dress.

1983 was a year when France was actually in a recession. The Canadian dollar was at an all-time high and we took full advantage of the situation! It actually cost us less money to stay in France than it would have if we were at home! While traveling, we stayed in country inns and ate in moderately priced restaurants. As teachers we were often admitted to museums for free. We regretted the day that we had to leave France, but we also knew that we had achieved a goal that some people only dream about.

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Story From The Family Farm

My wife Sheila and I had a busy spring and summer. We were able to find the time in late July for a two-week camping trip to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. It was an opportunity for us to go to some historical places, visit family and to enjoy the beautiful Maritime scenery. The rain showers that have helped the crops to grow and to keep the countryside so lush and green continued during our camping trip. The lesson I have learned from our trip is that it is not wise for people my age and with arthritis to sleep in a tent during wet weather.

We both have an interest in history and enjoyed our visits to historical locations along our journey. All of the Maritime Provinces are rich in history with Nova Scotia being no exception. Our European history began in Nova Scotia began with the early French settlement in Annapolis Royal in 1604 and the Acadian French settlers who began their farming in this area in 1632. The Acadian French Road that is now called Saxon Street establishes their presence here in Centreville. This road continues west from Centreville to the Aylesford area where it joined another Acadian French road that continued west to Annapolis Royal. The

section of road that goes through this area was known as the Old French Wood Road. My first visit to the abandoned section of this road that is here in Centreville was over 60 years ago. I was with older siblings and friends picking Mayflowers. I have made several visits to the area walking along the old road that was undisturbed. It was an interesting area visit before tractors and heavy forestry equipment were introduced that lead to the destruction of this section of the Old French Wood Road.

John Erskin, the author of "The French Period In Nova Scotia a.d. 1500-1758 And Present Remains", documents a large Acadian French settlement near the intersection of Saxon Street and Gibson Woods Road. I have found no documented accounts concerning an Acadian French settlement in Centreville. My family was good friends and neighbours of the last generation of the Kinsman family who lived in the house on the east of 221-highway west where Calvin Ward lives. There were two sisters and one brother who lived in this older home. They were descendants of the early Planters that arrived from the New England States in about 1761 to take over the

Acadian French lands after their expulsion by the British in 1755. The house that was the original Kinsman home was built before 1790. Part of this home was built on a previous foundation. The eldest and most informative concerning local history was Maud Kinsman. I accept that which she told



me, as I also believe my father and others as absolute fact. Miss Maud Kinsman spoke about two old cellars in their pasture that she used to play in as a child. The information that was passed down by her family is that they were there when her Planter ancestors arrived to settle on the large land grant in 1761. I can remember these old cellars as impressions indicating that there had at one time been a building there.

I have often read and heard it said that the highways and roads that we have often follow Mi'kmaq trails and early Acadian French roads. When I take into consideration the many roads that lead into Centreville, it is understandable that there were travelers and visitors to Centreville a very long time ago. With the French spelling, Centreville may have been the name given to the area by the Acadians. The township of Corn-

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wallis was formed in 1761 and Centreville was located in the approximate centre of the township. It is mentioned in Eaton's History of Kings County that Centreville may have acquired its name because of its central location and that the governing council for the township of Cornwallis held their council meetings here. This was before the shiretown was established and the council was held in other areas as well.

Phillip Paul and his wife Margaret lived in the last house on Butler Road. They were a Mi'Kmaq couple and were respected residents of Centreville for many years. Phillip had a great memory and he had a lot of interesting stories to tell. He could recall stories and facts that had been passed down to him by his Mi'Kmaq family. He would speak about when he was a boy and traveling with his nomadic tribe of Mi'Kmaq people. The area that is Centreville was one of the locations where Phillip's people came to make camp. It was their tradition to come to this area because of the abundance of ash trees that grew around the Centreville area. The ash was used for making baskets. The area where Phillip's people camped was on Butler Road. In his younger years and during his annual visits, Phillip became very fond of the area and

he decided that he would like to build his home there. This decision was carried out when he later built his home where he lived until he was advanced in years. Phillip

Paul has left us with the facts that the Mi'Kmaq people

spent a lot of time in Centreville a very long time ago. It is difficult to find documents or any written information concerning Centreville. I have been told a lot about Centreville and I only share the information that I believe is correct or was told to me by reliable sources. Some things I have heard, I do not have the facts to be able to share with others. A couple of examples are, I have previously heard by the elderly people that the farming families had a group and they met in the old Centreville hall. I also heard concerning plays and entertainment that was put on in Centreville. The above mentions have become a fact to me when I was given the privilege to have on loan to me a book titled "Central Grange 1878-1881". This was a wonderful book for information concerning the period when Centreville was a bustling farming community. In reference to entertainment provided by the local people, the book included the events and the names of the people that provided the entertain-

ment. The book is called "The Centreville Litary Club 1885-1889". The third book that was loaned to me is an account concerning the payments for school

taxes. This was when the school district was responsible for the school and each family paid their

school taxes based on property assessment. I can recall when Mrs. Ell Margeson visited the homes with her horse and buggy to collect school taxes. This book of accounts and minutes for school meetings is dated 1903-1910. It has supplied me with names of the residents of the community and the names of the school teachers who were on salary for \$200 for the school year. I had intended to include the information that I have written down from these old books before they were returned but I have rambled on about other subjects that I thought may be of interest to the readers. The Centre Post may want another one of my articles and I could include the information that I have copied from these old documents. I would appreciate any information concerning the community of Centreville that may be of use to complete a history of Centreville. My phone number is 679-5274. Address is P.O. Box 76, Centreville Kings Co., B0P 1J0**

By Mac Frail

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