



August 2001 Newsletter

SUMMER TOURS

The executive of the Lost Villages Historical Society would appreciate your support in promoting the summer bus tours for 2001. These tours, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., will be held August 12 and 26; and September 9 and 23. We have already had some bookings for these tours, and we encourage you to promote them to family and friends. The cost of the bus tour and barbecue is \$15.00/adult, and \$10.00/child. Mary Lynn Alguire has returned for another summer as the commentator, and she looks forward to greeting members and tourists. She has many "tales" to tell about our former communities. The executive would appreciate your help with posting the advertisement at the end of this newsletter. Please find a bulletin board, etc., at your favourite store or supermarket. Your help in promoting this fundraising activity is appreciated. The tours on July 15 and 29 were successful, with many fine comments by participants. A word of "thank you" to those who helped with the barbecues: Tim Gault, Nathan Gowsell, and Donald Welch.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL A SUCCESS!

As part of the Canada Day festivities at the museum site, the Lost Villages Historical Society hosted a "Strawberry Social". This event was an outstanding success, and the following are to be thanked for their work in staging this event. Firstly, the Avonmore Berry Farm donated six baskets of berries to the society. We thank the Phillips family for this generosity. On Saturday, June 30, 2001, Lenora Salmon, Rita Canough, Rosemary Rutley, Donnie Alguire and Alan Rafuse travelled to Avonmore for berry picking, and, upon their return from the patch, Jane Craig cleaned the berries. Well done members! As well, we thank all those who supplied cakes and served the tasty treats. We are pleased with the success of this event, and hope to make it an annual event.

LOST VILLAGES SUMMER DAY CAMP

The following information has been provided by Ann-Marie Bourgon, coordinator of the Lost Villages Summer Day Camp. Ann-Marie has returned for a third summer of activities with the Summer Day Camp, and we thank her for her volunteerism and interest.

The Lost Villages Summer Day Camp is an opportunity to learn about the history of the community, while creating amazing crafts and enjoying many new games. Participants will explore a pioneer log cabin, compare life in the early to mid-1900s to today, and discover the "Lost Villages" of the St. Lawrence River. Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Barbecue (August 12), Carnival Day, Creative T-Shirt Day, and museum tours.

The Lost Villages Summer Day Camp is a three-day camp for children, 5-8 years of age. There is a choice of attending all three days, or just for one. Pre-registrations are necessary, as enrollment is limited.

The day camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, July 23, Sunday, August 12, and Monday, August 13. Registration cost is \$10.00/day, or \$25.00 for the three-day camp. Volunteer teens are needed, and hours accumulated may be used to fulfill high school volunteer hour requirements. For more information call Ann-Marie Bourgon at (613) 248-0442; the Lost Villages Museum at (613) 534-2197; or stop by at the museum for details and application form.

THANK YOU FROM ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The following note was received by Jim Brownell from Kenneth Ferguson, Chairman of the Family Life Committee of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall.

"On behalf of Dr. Rev. Fred Rennie, the Family Life Committee and the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, would like to thank you for making Ault Park and the facilities available for our annual outdoor Communion Service and congregational picnic. Please thank Nathan Gowsell for his assistance, also.

Our prayers for a sunny day were certainly answered, and, from the good comments, everyone did enjoy themselves.

Our special guests, a Black Youth Choir from the "Welcome Hall Mission" in Montreal, were full of enthusiasm. I am sure many, if not all, had never been in a rural heritage setting of that nature. I am certain it is something they will long remember. Thanks again for sharing."

It was wonderful to host the congregation from St. John's, after last year's washout. Participants had a chance to see the growth in the "Millennium Tree", planted in the spring of 1999. It is growing at a very rapid rate.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

As mentioned in the June/July newsletter, guest speakers for the September and October meetings of the Lost Villages Historical Society have been booked, and the executive of the society's encourages you to mark these dates on your calendar.

On Monday, September 17, 2001, Mr. Shaun Wallace, President of the Morrisburg and District Historical Society, will address our society. This historical society developed through the initiative of Shaun Wallace, and I am sure he will have interesting stories to tell us about the society's development. The society has been active on a number of fronts in the Morrisburg area, and his presentation will highlight their successes to date. They are off to a fantastic start!

On Monday, October 15, 2001, Mr. Chris Emard will be the guest speaker. Chris is a columnist for the Standard-Freeholder, with a weekly "Handyman Hints" column. Chris is the present owner of the Empey/Thompson House, Post Road, Long Sault, and we have discovered many things about this old house through Chris's column. The Empey/Thompson house was built at the site of the old "Empey's Inn", which, today, forms part of the studio at the back of this house.

BITS AND PIECES

On June 16 and 17, 2001, Jim Brownell was a guest lecturer on the "Elderhostel Shipboard Erie Canal/Saguenay River Program, Adventures Afloat Program". Jim met the eighty senior participants at Crysler Marina, and spent the overnight hours onboard the ship. The "Grande Carribe" left the port at 3:30 a.m., bound for Montreal. He lectured from 9:30-11:30 a.m., on the topic "The Lost Villages, Then and Now". Jim has been invited by the cruise director to be an evening lecturer on future tours which stop at the Crysler Marina. These will be one-hour lectures. Many new souvenirs have arrived at the museum site, now available at the Manson/Lapierre Store. We now stock bookmarks, placemats, and coasters, featuring the museum buildings and the plaques to the Lost Villages. These make excellent gifts. An item, hot off the press, is a map of the "Lost Villages", showing the "old" river, and the "new" lake. This is the map which is prominently displayed in the Moulinette Station. As well, we carry many books by local authors, -featuring Maggie Wheeler's "A Violent End", Rosemary Rutley's "Voices from the Lost Villages", and Donald Stuart's two books, "No Road Back, A Grown Boy's Stories of Wales", and "Anyone Can Write a Country Song".

President Jim Brownell addressed the July meeting of the Sunrise Rotary Club on July 4, 2001, and accepted a donation of \$500.00, to be used for the relocation of the Forbes Reading Room to the museum site.

Hot off the press is "The Remarkable Years, Canadians Remember the 20th Century", by Enid Mallory, and published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside Ltd., Markham, Ontario. Coinciding with the first anniversary of Fran's passing, a number of quotations by Fran remind us of her love for her community and her wonderful gift at expressing her thoughts and ideas to many. She recalls her days in Wales, and of life in the "Lost Villages" in the 1950s. As well, quotations are presented from Shirley Wells, Ingleside; Stan and Laura Wells, Ingleside; Lena McLaren, Woodlands; and Bernice Ezard, Wales. This complementary copy will be available at the September meeting. Should anyone wish to read this book over the summer months, please give Jim Brownell a call at 534-2423.

Thank you to Lyall and Margaret Manson for the most generous financial gift to the Lost Villages Historical Society. With our plans for 2001, this gift will be put to very good use.

On Thursday, July 5, 2001, the Lost Villages Museum hosted members of the Montreal West Travel Club for an afternoon visit. Jim Brownell met the group at Gedoro's Restaurant in Cornwall, and escorted them to the museum site, via the Robert Saunders Generating Station. Following a presentation and tour at the museum, participants boarded the coach, and toured through the "new" community of Long Sault, and through the Long Sault Parkway. We have not heard the last of this group, for they were most impressed with our region of Ontario. They promised to be back. In fact, Jim Brownell has been invited to lecture to a group in Montreal, at a later date. Yes, in English!

Jim Brownell was the guest speaker at the Dundas Branch of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind's monthly meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2001. This presentation was made in Stampville, South Dundas, and the participants were most interested and curious about our museum endeavours. Bud and Marion Johnston, members of our historical society from Morrisburg, extended the invitation to Jim, and this organization is planning for an early September visit and barbecue at Ault Park..

The Canadian Cattleman's Association, (Spouses Agenda), booked a tour and barbecue at our museum site on Friday, July 27, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Besides a visit to the museum, Jim Brownell participated as a "step-on" guide for a bus tour through the Long Sault Parkway, and the participants return for a barbecue at 12:00 noon. What's on the menu for the Cattlemen's barbecue, hamburgers and strawberry shortcake! Special thanks to Catherine Brownell, Rita Canough, Lenora Salmon, Doris Donnelly, Jane Craig and Vale Brownell, for assisting at this event. We received wonderful accolades from this group!

When thinking about something to do this summer, why not take a trip to visit the Carman House Museum at Iroquois; the Dunvegan Museum at Dunvegan; Nor'Wester's and Loyalist Museum at Williamstown; the Raisin River Heritage Centre in St. Andrew's West, and the Chesterville and District Historical Society's museum in downtown Chesterville. The curators and summer students would be delighted to see you.

When looking for summer crafts, why not visit the "Crafter'z Market, Long Sault. This country location, where Gerry Zeran and Linda Synott will welcome you, is situated about one kilometre east of Woodland Villa, and also features the Mille Roches Company. Glenn Forrester would be happy to show you around his shop, and you will be impressed with the craftsmanship displayed in his willow garden furniture. The Lost Villages Museum's souvenirs and books are on sale at the "Crafter'z Market".

On Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, 2001, the Lost Villages Historical Society participated in the Third Annual Antique Festival in Morrisburg. Jim Brownell set up the display in the "Heritage Tent", and many visitors to the antique festival visited the displays which were assembled. We successfully sold our wares and souvenirs at this event. Thank you to George and Nancy Hickey, Ernie and Rita Gillard, and Reg and Doris Donnelly, for representing the society at the booth. You did a fine job!

Our membership keeps on growing, and thank you to all those who followed the message with the "happy face" in last month's newsletter. We had many renewals, and we had many new members join. As was done last year, a complete list of members will be published in an autumn newsletter. The society's newest member is Connie (Rae) Applegate, of Utopia, Ontario, (formerly of Moulinette). Connie joined the society, as a result of her 2001 visit to the Lost Villages Museum on Wednesday, July 25, 2001. It was during her visit that she met David Hill, a society member, and he encouraged her to join. It was a meeting of "Moulinette" on the steps of the Zina Hill Barber Shop on that afternoon. Connie (Rae) Applegate; David Hill and his mother, Dorothy; and Bud Johnston, all formerly of Moulinette, met by chance at the front door to the barber shop. Also joining the group was Nathan Gowsell, summer interpreter. We had four Moulinette families assembling at the same time.

Have you seen the antique plow beside the Ernie McDonald Blacksmith Shop? It was donated to the society by Glenn and Kay Keyes of Morrisburg. Candy Rutley donated an old Bible, with the inscription "Lunenburg Methodist Church of Canada, -Presented by the Rev. John Davies, on its dedication to the worship of Almighty God, August 12, 1877". This will be mounted on a stand in the Sandtown Advent Christian Church.

On Wednesday, July 18, 2001, a special dedication ceremony was held at the "Blue House" at Upper Canada Village, honouring the memory of Fran Laflamme, a tireless worker for history and heritage in our area. Upper Canada Village, and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, wished to recognize Fran's many contributions to the Parks Commission, and they felt it appropriate to provide the recognition at a building which has a focus on education. The "Blue House" is used for education programs at Upper Canada Village. A plaque was affixed to the wall, above the fireplace in the house. Fran's sister, RoseMarie Smith, RoseMarie's daughter, Elizabeth, and grandsons, Christopher and Thomas, joined relatives and friends for an impressive outdoor ceremony. Refreshments were served on the front lawn. The Lost Villages Historical Society thanks the St. Lawrence Park's Commission; Dave Dobbie, Acting Manager of Upper Canada Village; Gord Brown, Chairman of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission; and all those who were responsible for recognizing Fran in this manner. The Lost Villages Historical Society appreciates this generosity. Jim Brownell's presentation at this event may be found at the end of this newsletter.

Things are progressing very well for a 2001 move of the Forbes Memorial Reading Room to the Lost Villages Museum. Council for the Township of South Stormont gave the final approval for the move at its meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2001. Hopefully, this will provide the society with a "home" for its documents and archives, -a dream which Fran had for many years. Jim Brownell met with Township of South Stormont officials, and Deputy-Mayor Heine Bruining, on Thursday, August 2, 2001, to make final plans for the move. Things should be underway by the end of August.

Nicole Demers, a Travel Consultant from Montreal, was most impressed with her group's visit to the Lost Villages Museum on June 12, 2001, that she organized another tour on Tuesday, July 17, 2001. After watching a video of the "Lost Villages Story", in French, the

participants toured the museum site. Nicole has booked another tour for September 4, 2001. As well, a Seniors' Group from Brockville, Ontario, will be making a return visit to our area. Jim Brownell will be escorting them on an "Old Cornwall Township" tour and visit to "Crafter'z Market" on Saturday, September 8, 2001. This group is led by Marian Cromb.

Jim Brownell will be the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Cornwall Township Historical Society. He has been asked to present the remarks which he made about Fran Laflamme, at the dedication ceremony at Upper Canada Village. As well, he will use artifacts, documents, and information gleaned from "Fran Laflamme, The Legend", information assembled by family and friends following her death.

The first wedding in the Sandtown Advent Christian Church, Lost Villages Museum, was held on Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. Married by Rev. Bob Burgess on that date were Dennis Cheung and Siuwai Li. The church was beautifully decorated and the bell of Sandtown Church rang loudly, following the wedding. A reception was held at Ault Park. Although Dennis was born in Canada, and his family resides in Cornwall and Montreal, he will be moving to Hong Kong, where he will work in the family business. On Friday evening, August 3, 2001, Robert (Bob) Jodoin and Diane Marsolais were married in a small family ceremony at the church by Rev. Burgess. On Saturday, August 4, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. Lori Lefebvre of Cornwall, and Tareeq Singh of New York City, were married by Rev. Bob Burgess. All parties were most impressed with our small chapel at the museum site.

A note regarding Rev. Bob Burgess. Some may recall that his mother, Loretta Burgess, recorded the songs "The Seaway Song" and "Forty Miles of Cool Waters" during the mid-1950s. An original record, with jacket, is on display in the MacLeod Log House at the museum. The Burgess family has given permission for the Lost Villages Historical Society to re-release this record in cassette and CD format. As well, they have offered to the society the original, hand-written draft of these songs, composed under the evergreens at the Burgess cottage, East Front, Cornwall. As well, we will also receive an advertising poster for promotional purposes in the '50s. The guitar music was played by Rev. Bob's dad, Morris Burgess. We thank the Burgess family for this generosity.

Did you notice that some work has started at the rehabilitation of "Lakeview Park", at the end of the Avonmore Road, and 1/3 mile from the former "Lost Village" of Moulinette. The Township of South Stormont, in cooperation with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, will enter into a long-term lease on this property, and maintain it as a wayside, day-use park. This restored park will compliment the museum site at Ault Park, and a walking trail will be cut through the bush, connecting both sites.

The "St. David's Anglican Church Driveshed" project at the museum site is nearing completion. Although about 1/3 its original length, the driveshed will give the society additional space to display the larger, mechanical artifacts which have been contributed to date. Mr. Barry Brownlee, of Brownlee Funeral Home, Finch and Ingleside, has donated his antique hearse to the society. After displaying it at the plowing-match at Navan, Ontario, in September, he will be moving it to the driveshed. A special display room, complete with windows, will be built inside the driveshed, to house the Brownlee hearse.

**LITERARY CORNER, -AULTSVILLE ANNIHILATED, BY BONNIE (CROSS)
CLARKE, MAY 1, 2001**

The following literary presentation was submitted by Bonnie Clarke. Bonnie is a new member of our society, although she has had long family roots in the Lost Village of Aultsville, and the new communities of Long Sault/Ingleside. Bonnie is the daughter of Lou Cross and the late Robin Cross, of Long Sault Marina fame.

AULTSVILLE ANNIHILATED

The knock of the uniformed police officers woke us from our beds. "You must leave the house; the blast is scheduled in a half-hour. No one is allowed on the waterside of the highway." My sister and I scrambled into our jeans and t-shirts. At ages 13 and 14, we were not exactly sure where to go. We hadn't planned to do anything that day other than sleep. But now, everything was in turmoil.

Our parents had gone to witness the coffer dam being 'blown up' and the great gush of the mighty St. Lawrence filling the prepared area of what was to become the new Lake St. Lawrence. We were naive thinking that the anticipated great gush would come. We watched and waited five days for our bay to fill at a very slow trickle.

"How long will it be?" my sister asked the police officer.

"We're not sure." This was not a helpful reply.

"Where will we go?" I asked.

We mumbled incessantly. Wasn't it bad enough that they had to cut all the trees, levelled our home with a bulldozer, and frightened our cat and dog into abandoning their home before we could physically move ourselves?

"We just moved in; now we have to move out?" my sister said sarcastically. The police officers would not leave until we were ready to go and they would escort us away from our new home. It had taken six months to build and now we were being asked to leave.

"Is there any place where we belong?" My sister again addressed the police officer who again ignored her comment.

Before all of this had started, the water of the St. Lawrence was bluer, the sky was brighter, the grass was greener and the air smelled of lilacs in the spring and fresh water in the summer. The ice on the river was there to be skated on. When it broke up in April, we could swim to the ice cakes and float down in the swift current. At that age, we didn't mind the cold, although Vena, our neighbour, thought we were crazy. The snow was on the hill beside our house so that we could toboggan all winter, from right after school until late into the night. In summer, we could open up the motor to full speed in our "Shrimp" boat with painted shark's teeth on the bow to announce her fierceness, pass Sheek Island and tie up at the "big dock". A quick run up the hill meant a visit with our grandparents on the balcony that encircled the huge house. There was always the trip to the garden that filled

the back yard. This organic garden was off the summer kitchen with back stairs that led to the storage area where a baby carriage and long dresses from the 1800's, perfect for Halloween, provided many hours of pretend. The pantry off the main kitchen always held hidden candy.

If we weren't basking in the lazy carefree days of summer, we were blessed with the long one-mile skate along the river's shoreline, with a quick skate to the edge for a refreshing drink of the St. Lawrence River that provided our insatiable appetite for life.

The centre of the log house that our father had built accommodated a huge fieldstone fireplace. He had carefully gathered the perfect stones from the fields that surrounded the house. Santa came every year down that chimney and brought with him some wonderful surprises. The walk-in refrigerator provided ample supplies both summer and winter. This log house was built on the southeast part of the 180 acres our grandfather had purchased in 1803 from Jacob Ross's Crown grant. Our log home was on these acres on the St. Lawrence that overlooked Cat Island at the head of the Farran's Point Canal.

Our grandfather's horses, Bob and Bess, although work horses, were an important part of our entertainment for the summer. With no such thing as saddles or bridles, we would climb on their backs and stroll over the farm without a worry of being thrown; they were kind and generous animals. The Ross Road that bordered the west end of the property provided many "Hopalong Cassidy" and "Roy Rogers" conflicts while we meandered through the violets and trilliums. Hickory nuts were abundant in various locations throughout the farm.

I wasn't thinking about the loss of heritage and history that day in 1958 when the police knocked on our door. I didn't realize that there would never be another Aultsville; that we would never, in our lifetimes, really find that place where we would truly belong again. The St. Lawrence Seaway was seen as a remarkable, innovative engineering feat providing a progressive supply of power and improved transportation corridors, only made possible because of the cooperation of two great nations. Who were we to question the expertise and knowledge of government?

Now we know our Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River are endangered by the dumping of the ballasts of foreign ships. There have been many new species introduced that have comprised the indigenous species and endangered their survival. Global warming is affecting Great Lakes water levels; dredging to allow continued transportation will create even more havoc with toxic chemicals. I can't help but think, if only our foresight was as accurate as our hindsight, we might not have been forced to lose our home and our heritage. _____

FRAN LAFLAMME DEDICATION

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE

JULY 18, 2001

Honourable invited guest, members of the Laflamme family, ladies and gentlemen. It is,

indeed, an honour to have been asked to say a few words about a dear friend to many, - Fran Laflamme. As the President of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and a new commissioner with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, I appreciate this opportunity to say a few words at this special ceremony.

As we know, Fran Laflamme was no stranger to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. She volunteered countless hours of her time to many of the projects which connected the St. Lawrence Parks Commission to the "Lost Villages" of the St. Lawrence. Never once, did Fran turn down the opportunity to profile her beloved "Lost Village" of Wales, or to profile the individuals who contributed to the "Life and Times" of the former villages of Mille Roches, Moulinette, Wales, Dickinson's Landing, Farran's Point and Aultsville. Visit the "Lost Villages" display in Chrysler Hall, and you will see Fran's work; visit Macdonell Island on the Long Sault Parkway and see the pictures and read the words which Fran contributed to an outstanding project. In her special way, she encouraged and contributed and left her mark. And yes, indeed, she was there to make sure that things were done right, -as in the countless hours spent at meetings when discussing and formulating ideas for the Chrysler Park Master Plan, the Heritage Integrity Statement and the like. Fran was always there with her ideas to preserve and protect the rich history and heritage of Eastern Ontario, and the "Lands of the Lost Villages".

Fran was a community activist in every sense of the word. She was always willing and ready to roll up her sleeves to assist with many community projects, and she was always there to encourage others to contribute. I shall always remember her words to me when the Lost Villages Historical Society was looking for a "new" president in 1994. Fran had a special way to convince, and to make one feel wanted and special. As well, I shall always remember our work together as we co-hosted "Celebration 30" in 1988, and "Celebration 40" in 1998. I'm sure we can all stand here today and reflect on how Fran touched lives in the community. Really, that's why we are here today, to remember Fran on the first anniversary of her passing, and to celebrate her life in the community. We could not find a more fitting place to honour her, -in a heritage building, at a heritage park, and with education the real focus of the immediate area. I'm sure Fran is smiling down on all of us today.

For those who did not have the opportunity to meet Fran Laflamme, I would like to take a few moments to provide some details on her community involvement. For those wishing to understand Fran's contribution in more detail, travel down County Road #2 to the Lost Villages Museum. Enter by Fran Laflamme Drive and visit the memorial corner which has been established in the Roxborough Schoolhouse, S.S.#17. Fran's life is told through artifacts and memorabilia, provided so generously by her family.

Fran's professional life was that of an educator, beginning in 1952 in a public school in Kirkland Lake, and ending in 1987 at Rothwell-Osnabruck School in Ingleside. At the time of the Inundation in 1958, Fran was teaching at Longue Sault Public School, -having moved my grade four class from Mille Roches Public School in late January, 1958. Fran contributed much to school life at Rothwell-Osnabruck School from 1962 to 1987, and it is most fitting that a memorial scholarship has been established in her name at the school. As

a member of the scholarship committee, I mention this, as the committee continues to solicit funds to this most important project.

In community life, Fran founded and led the first Girl Guide group in Ingleside, in 1957-58. In 1960, she worked to achieve replacement of the Wales tennis court in Ingleside, through successfully approaching Premier Leslie Frost, after Ontario Hydro balked at providing this replacement. Fran established, and for many years wrote for "The Seaway Breeze", a community non-profit newspaper covering local events and concerns. In Centennial year, she led a group, responsible for the building of the Ingleside Public Library, which she continued to support until her death last year. She was the founder and first president of the Lost Villages Historical Society in 1977, and she served in various executive capacities until her passing. In the year 2000, she was the vice-president of the Lost Villages Historical Society.

Plaques and certificates at the Lost Villages Museum will show that Fran chaired the Osnabruck Centennial Committee in 1966 and 1967, and was chair of the Cornwall-Stormont Canadian National Institute for the Blind from 1971 to 1978. She was a Councillor for the Township of South Stormont from 1991 to 1997, and she served as secretary of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Stormont-Dundas District from 1964-1968.

A review of the associations which were so fortunate to have Fran as a member would make anyone dizzy. From 1963 to 1998, she served the community on the Osnabruck Township Library Board, the Seaway Library Board, the United Counties Library Board, the Osnabruck Township Hall Board, the Prince of Wales Theatre Board, the Osnabruck Township Minor Variance Committee, the Upper Canada Playhouse Board of Governors, the St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery Board, South Nation Conservation Authority, Osnabruck Seniors' Support Centre Board, V.O.N. Eastern Counties Branch Board, the Eastern Ontario Disaster Relief Committee, and the Township of South Stormont Emergency Plan Committee. I'm out of breath!

For her contributions to community and organizations, Fran was awarded the Centennial Medal in 1967, the S.D. & G. Public School Board Achiever Award in 1991, the Ontario Heritage Foundation Award in 1998, and she received the distinction of having Fran Laflamme Drive dedicated in her honour by the Township of South Stormont in 2000.

Fran's dream, even in her concluding remarks at the dedication ceremony for Fran Laflamme Drive, was for a permanent home for the Lost Villages collection, -a collection which she meticulously cared for at her home. Hopefully, in 2001, we will have a permanent, year-round home for the collection, in the Fran Laflamme Resource Centre at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, Lost Villages Museum.

Fran was committed to her church, both at Dickinson's Landing and Ingleside. Throughout her lifetime, Fran contributed to many executive positions in Our Lady of Grace Parish, and chaired many, many groups and projects. In 1995, Fran received her 40-year pin for service in the Catholic Women's League, and in 1999, she was awarded the Maple Leaf Service Pin, for outstanding service for God and Canada over 44 years. As you

see, Fran left her mark on the community. And this is only a partial list.

In concluding my remarks today, I reflect on words which Fran expressed at the dedication of Fran Laflamme Drive, April 15, 2000. I quote, "In my waking night time hours, I have this recurring thought that if a visitor were to ask, "Who is Fran Laflamme?", that you could point me out and say, "There she is." But, if that is not to be, then I hope you believe with me that my spirit will be with you always." Ladies and gentlemen, we know Fran Laflamme, and we know of her commitment and loyalty to the community and its people. We know that she left a lasting impression on each and every one of us. And yes, her spirit is with us today, and her spirit will live on as children enjoy the many activities which develop from this special house at Upper Canada Village. On behalf of the commission, , I thank you all, and especially the Laflamme family, for honouring an outstanding community citizen. God bless you all. Thank you.

GET WELL SOON!

Delighted to hear that Kay McNairn is on the mend. Have you seen her flower gardens? Superb!! Alan Rafuse had his surgery, and he mended well. He is back at the "driveshed" project. Alex MacGillvray is now on the mend, after spending many days in the hospital.. We wish him well and hope that his health will be restored. We miss you at the Lost Villages Museum.

VOLUNTEERS MEETING

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!! A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sandtown Church at the Lost Villages Museum, to discuss the feasibility of opening the museum in September for "late summer tourists". If enough interest is shown, (and I think we could), then we will open for the month of September. As well, we will require some help in August, as Nathaniel Millward will be on a vacation. It is hoped that a number of members will show up for this meeting, and full instructions, (hand-out included), will be given to those present. With our tremendous summer season, I am sure we could offer much to those tourists who wish to check us out after students return to school.