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Memories of Black Donald: Ghost town 1934 -1954 (Part 2)

By Howard Popkie

Just a little more about Jack Wilson and his General Store. The store was sometimes quite crowded with certain items and one Christmas Jack lost some solid chocolate Santa Clauses in amongst other things. He found them the following summer and sold them to my father for a decent price, but he made Dad promise not to tell young Art Weager about it or "we'll never hear the end of it". Art was a real tease.

The boarding house where the single men lived was just up the hill from the store on the road leading to the power house on the Madawaska River. This building, which belonged to the Graphite Company, was two story and measured 40 ft. by 40 ft. with a veranda in front and a screen door in summer. It was solidly built of hewed square timber and there were sleeping quarters upstairs and downstairs for the men plus a large dining room where their meals were served. The kitchen was also huge with monstrous wood stoves for cooking and baking. Close by the boarding house was a smaller building, a shower room for the men to clean up from the relentless graphite dust that clung to everything. There were a lot of bars of red lifebuoy soap sitting around the shower stalls.

Up the hill a bit further and across the road was another 15 ft by 35 ft. building, somewhat like an army barracks. It was covered with black tar paper, had no insulation and the long narrow windows most often had dark green shades pulled down to keep the sun out. The men who worked the night shift slept here during the day and often the walls and roof were sprayed with water in summer to keep the building cool while the men slept.

All the houses in the village that the families lived in were built much alike and

we all had electricity which many people in outlying areas did not have in those years. It was exposed wiring throughout the house, (now referred to as 'knob and tube wiring'), the wires mounted on white glazed pottery insulators. The lights consisted of bare bulbs hanging down on black wires suspended 18 inches from the ceiling. The houses were a story and a half and roughly 14 ft. by 16 ft. with a gable end. There was a kitchen and living room and pantry downstairs and an archway in the entre. Upstairs were two bedrooms and an archway. The side walls upstairs were 3 ft. high and most of the ceiling was the slope of the roof. Close to the ceiling, was the brick chimney, built inside and extending up through the roof. The partition between the two bedrooms was made of 1 inch by 12 inch boards, painted, and the door between consisted of an old blanket hung on a string. Windows were the same upstairs and down, four 8 inch by 8 inch panes in the top half and the same in the bottom half. In summer we nailed cheese cloth over the open bottom half of the windows to keep the mosquitoes out. There were long dark green window shades on each window.

The furniture in Mom and Dad's room was a big iron double bed and a roll top desk made of red oak where Dad did his sign writing and Mom's dresser, made of two orange crates with a board across the top and a curtain around it on a string. This was topped by a wooden framed mirror, a large one in the centre and a small mirror on each side mounted on hinges to the larger one. Two huge trunks, a kitchen chair and a big glass chamber pot pretty well completed the inventory in that room.

In our bedroom at the top of the stairs was an old iron crib for me and little iron single beds for my two brothers. There was a stand close to my crib and I recall

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The Village of Black Donald

Painting by Dwyene MacNab (Artfest)

The verdict on waste sites

By Richard Copeland

Progress is being made in the Township of Greater Madawaska (GM) in improving the handling of waste. Tyler Peters of Greenview International conducted an information session for the Griffith Matawatchan area on August 12, with two more sessions to be held in the GM area.

The poorly attended but informative session gave a detailed look at the design of the new transfer stations (Griffith, Norway Lake). The locations will undergo considerable construction costing, just under \$2M, with considerable assistance from a COMFRI grant from the Ontario Government, which was approved in 2005. The stations allow for an efficient "U" turn entry/exit and more comfortable downward pitch of refuse into a removable container. The Griffith site will accept tires, refrigerators and electronics, but we still will not have a facility to dispose of household hazardous waste. Hazardous household items still require a trip to the Renfrew site. Larger items, like a couch, will not be accepted and have to taken to

the Mount St. Patrick (MSP) site where they will be shredded into the landfill.

An analysis of the GM landfill situation found that there was a future landfill capacity of 25,000 cubic metres at Black Donald and 45,000 cubic metres at MSP. This capacity puts GM in good shape for the future, when compared to other former geographic townships. GM only recycles 8-15% of its waste, a statistic that is lacking when compared to other areas. Another interesting find is that the garbage content for our area is 25-30% organic material. It is the intention of the overall program to offer a waste diversion program to improve the amount of waste going into the landfill. One of these is an organics depot service, offered now only at Norway Lake transfer station. Organic material will go to Ottawa Valley Recycling. No plans as yet to offer wider coverage for this program or to get the waste returned as compost.

GM Township will provide the transfer container transportation and are current-

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ly sourcing a vehicle for this purpose. Council has requested that some changes be made to Highway 41 at Griffith to allow turning lanes into the transfer station from both directions. There are no plans at present to change the charging structure or the hours of service. Staffing requirements for the overall program have not been fully assessed.

The Matawatchan land fill site is scheduled to close sometime in 2009. The site will be environmentally monitored for 25 years, a requirement under the Environmental Protection Act. For most Matawatchan residents the closing will add considerable round trip driving (30 - 50Kms). For some it will be added costs and time.

It may be a good time now to start planning the most efficient way to deal with these changes.

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Friendly invasion will develop trails

By Bill Graham

A sixty to seventy member unit of the Ottawa-based 33rd Combat Engineer Regiment will be that friendly invasion of Greater Madawaska on the weekend of September 12-14, 2008. While they may enjoy the deep woods of the Calabogie area, they are not here as tourists, but as army reservists doing field training. The field training in this particular case is trail development.

Councillor John Pratt has been the driving force behind this initiative. "This is a cooperative project involving the Canadian Forces and the Township of Greater Madawaska", he said. Trail development has been on the municipal agenda for years but with scarce funds, it is not on the top of the agenda. On the other hand,



Tim Yearington pnts the way for future trails

Canadian Forces are always looking for opportunities to train and field work such as building bridges and clearing trails is an essential component in army engineering.

This is not the first time the army has assisted Greater Madawaska. Before amalgamation, in the late 1990s, a bridge over an inlet of the Madawaska River on the Matawatchan Road was taken out by ice and local residents had to detour over many kilometres through Denbigh to reach Matawatchan. This was an emergency situation and the army brought in and installed a Bailey bridge until a permanent replacement could be built.

In the exercise in Calabogie significant trails development will take place. At the Madawaska Nordic ski facility, 2 km. of new cross-country ski trails will be developed and a bridge built. The Madawaska Nordic Club was well placed to take advantage of the presence of the combat engineers since they already had a plan for ski trail development in hand.

In addition, 5 km. of hiking trails will be cleared and opened near the Calabogie Peaks Resort. According to Tim Yearington who is involved in 'back country adventures' with The Peaks, an agreement with 'Natural Resources' (MNR) to allow development of this 'crown land' is close to completion. Non-intrusive marked trails, no more than four feet wide, are envisioned. The configuration of the main trunk will run east-west from the edge of Calabogie Lake to Eagle's Nest.

This is the first phase of trail development with future development possibly taking place in the Griffith Up-lands or the Matawatchan area.

While we at the Highlander are still con-

sidering whether we want to imbed with the army in mid-September, we will certainly bring you photos and stories from their visit in the next Highlander in mid-October.

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"Positive Energy" House Tours Coming Soon!

By Janet McNeil

As noted below, Ottawa River Institute (ORI) recently received a large donation from Toronto resident Barb Winter. ORI, a group that was incorporated in 2001, has as its mission to "foster sustainable communities and ecological integrity in the Ottawa River watershed."

The "positive energy" house tours project ORI is currently working on has been made possible by this donation.

As the cost of conventional energy sources keeps rising, and supplies of "cheap" oil are dwindling, more and more people are becoming interested in learning about "off-grid" living, i.e., using alternative energy sources such as wind and solar for electricity, and wood for heating.

On October 4th and 5th, local residents can take advantage of two different house "tours," and learn more about alternative energy living.

On Saturday, October 4th, there will be a tour of five homes in the Wilno/Killaloe area, while the Sunday tours will feature three homes near Griffith and Denbigh. Each house is different and distinctive in its own way. The Wilno tours include a straw bale home and an "Earthship." Each of the eight homes on the two tours uses solar energy, some use wind, and some feature solar hot water heating as well. All are most interesting to see, and the owners are a fountain of learning about how to conserve energy and make the most of alternative energy methods.

For more information on the tours and/or to sign up, contact tour organizer Janet McNeill at (613) 584-2101, or send an e-mail message to janetmcneill@nrtco.net



ORI President Ken Birkett receives a large donation cheque from Toronto resident Barb Winter, in memory of her late partner, Frank Starr, while several ORI Board members look on. Left to right: Janet McNeill (house tour project coordinator), Barney McCaffrey, Audrey and Richard Copeland, Barb Winter, Ken Birkett, Claire Lepine and Margit Templeton.

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my mother giving me some castoria once when I was not feeling well, and my dosage she measured out in the bottle cap, then left the bottle on the stand because she was called downstairs for something. I rather liked the taste of the castoria sort of sweet, so when Mom didn't return right away, I sampled some more of it, using the bottle cap as she had done. I spilled some on the bed clothes, making a big brown mess, but I guess it was nothing as compared to what happened in a couple of hours. One of the highlights of my young life.

The inside walls of the house were covered with cardboard from boxes we saved from Jack Wilson's store, nailed on with roofing nails, some boxes inside out, sideways or upside down, all to help insulate the house along with sawdust or wood shavings inside the walls. Some people put wallpaper over the card board and some painted the doors, window frames and floors, but many did not bother with such extravagance.

Downstairs, when you entered the front door, you were in the living room with a window on your right plus the stairs, and another window on your left. There was a day bed, Mom's potted flowers and some kitchen chairs near the archway, then a box stove and beyond that the kitchen with a cook stove. The pipes from these two stoves ran the length of the house and helped to heat upstairs and down besides taking the smoke to the chimney upstairs. Stove pipe wire and hooks held these pipes up close to the ceiling. On the left of the kitchen stove was a back door leading to the summer kitchen which was more or less a shed built onto the end of the main house. In summer we moved the cook stove out there, and in winter when we moved the stove back into the main kitchen, this lean-to as a woodshed.

In the main kitchen, to the right of the stove was a washstand with a washbasin, a pail of water and a dipper. Also on the right was a big kitchen table with bench-

es on both sides for seating and a chair at each end. Along the left wall were the kitchen cupboards for dishes and food and a drawer or two for cutlery.

On the outside the houses had red insulbrick siding on the walls and tar paper on the roof. Inside they looked pretty identical too, with fly stickers hanging from the ceiling in the summer and fly pads in a saucer of water.

When a new family came into town to work, they made a temporary shelter for them, and I know of one family who came with a small baby and they spent that first winter in a 12 by 14 poplar log walled but about 4 feet high with some kind of floor and a white tent on top for a roof. In the spring, they managed to get a sort of quantset but made of metal to live in. The clothesline pulley where this family lived, (existed?), hung for many years on a tree at the town site after Black Donald village became a ghost town.

Dad kept a cow for milk in the 1930s and in summer she was tied by a chain to a steel crow bar driven in the earth. When

she ate what grass she could reach, Dad would move the crow bar to a different location. Most of the neighbours kept a cow, a pig or two and maybe a half dozen chickens. Some people also had an ice house (no refrigerators back then), which was just four walls, no roof, and plenty of sawdust to pack around the blocks of ice to keep the ice from thawing out until such time that it was needed.

There were a lot of ghost stories told around the supper table especially in the long winter evenings after the dishes were cleared away, and shortly afterward most of the children had chores to do out in the little barns and stables out behind the house where the domestic animals were kept. The only light out there would be from an old kerosene lantern, and it created a rather spooky atmosphere with long shadows from the animals and from the children themselves.

Leonard Leclaire played a mean trick one night on the Scully children next door. Leonard had a horse that died and he cut one of the horse's legs off, then placed the leg at the entrance into the Scully's haymow just above the stable with the

hoof hanging down. He had supper with the Scully family that night and afterward he told a lot of stories from years back about how people had seen the old Devil himself, and of course he added that the Devil had hooves like a horse. Finally, Leonard put on his coat, saying he was going home, but instead he went out to Scully's stable and hid in the hay mow overhead. Soon the Scully children, Raymond and his sisters, lit their kerosene lantern and went out to do their evening chores which included feeding, watering and milking the cow. Freezing rain was falling and the yard was like a skating rink. They slipped and slid their way to the stable with the lantern casting long shadows and began their work, milking the cow and so on. Leonard Leclaire, overhead in the haymow, began thumping about and shoved the horse's leg down a bit further so the children could see the hoof quite well. Holy Hannagh! The children came barrelling out the stable door, Raymond in the lead with the lantern swinging wildly in one hand and his sisters close behind.

They all slipped and fell when they tried to run on the ice, but Raymond beat them all back to the house, mostly on the seat of his pants to inform his parents that the Devil was in the haymow.

The Graphite Mine Company manager, Mr. Banting and his family, lived in a larger house with a fireplace. They had a patio out at the back that was made from one of the old burling stones from the mill. This huge stone was at least six feet in diameter and was once used to polish the graphite. Bantings had a house in town plus a cottage on their own private island which could be seen out in the lake.

More on Black Donald --Ghost Town in the next issue

Editor's note: Thanks to Wes Bomhower for compiling and editing this text.



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PHOTOGRAPHING VALLEY TRACTORS

If you have a tractor and know a bit of history about it, you may end up in James Hutchison's new book "Valley Tractors". The brainchild of James, and his publisher, Tim Gordon of General Store Publishing House in Renfrew, the inspiration behind this book is to document the most interesting and unusual tractors that have made their way into the valley. "Tractors have tilled our soil, powered many of the saw mills that built our homes, and have even moved a few of those houses around!" says James. "I would like to capture some of this unique history before it becomes mere memory."

James is a professional photographer who recently came back home to the

Valley, settling in the picturesque village of Burnstown. "Yes, there are a lot of landscape and architectural photo opportunities in the area" he says, "but I want to focus on something that speaks about our people, and the technology these people used to settle this land." James was born in Ottawa, so his affection for the Valley comes naturally.

Many publications about the Ottawa Valley have done a great job capturing word-of-mouth historical accounts that would have been otherwise lost. This new and unique perspective of the valley's culture is sure to find a place amongst the history books of this genre. If you wish to be interviewed by James, and possibly have your story and picture published, you may email him at james@jamesphotography.ca or phone 613-281-0550 any time.

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Out on the First Concession

By Wes Bomhower

JUST LIKE THAT - POOF!

My older brother, Everett, started smoking at age 16 years, (when he began earning his own wages,) and continued smoking until one day at age 62 he landed in hospital with a brain aneurism from which he never completely recovered. Specialists operated but he died three years later. And though I am reasonably certain that his smoking had nothing to do with the aneurism, the cigarettes had given him a permanent cough which aggravated his whole system after the doctors operated, and the cough caused hemorrhaging.

Everett was a big man in his day. He stood well over six feet tall with hands twice the size of mine, and he used those hands to roll his own cigarettes quite expertly. He always carried half a pocketful of wooden matches and though at different times he was given a fancy cigarette lighter as a gift or whatever, the lighter usually ended up on his bureau and he went back to using matches again.

He served almost two years in the army during World War 2, with an honourable discharge in 1945 when the war in Europe was over. He was around home on the farm for a short while before gaining employment with Ontario Hydro. The few months he was around home, he and I had a lot of fun together even though there was seven years difference in our age, and we would quite often go back to the village on a Saturday night.

The local hang-out was Bert-Warner's little burger shop back street where one could listen to the latest country music on Bert's nickleodeon or even play an illegal 5 cent slot machine in the back room sometimes. But that was when the clock was showing close to midnight. Early in the evening we would usually stop at Reyn Dillabough's barber shop, some-

times for a haircut or more often just to shoot the bull for awhile with the other lads.

This particular evening there was a real crowd of young lads about my age in the barber shop and Reyn was busy cutting Arnie Bethune's hair as we arrived. Everett sat down and began rolling a cigarette, placed it between his lips and then shoved his tobacco pouch into his pocket, at the same time bringing out a wooden match to light the cigarette, but he was talking to the barber and he kept the unlit match cupped in his big hand for a minute or two. Finally,(and I had seen him do this many times before,) he wiggled the match between two of his big fingers and scraped the head of the match with an equally big thumb nail. Presto! There was an instant flame and with one motion he lit his cigarette, keeping the match cupped in his hand then squeezing the flame out with his thumb and forefinger, all the while concealing the burnt match in his hand. To Arnie Bethune, sitting in the barber's chair, it looked like some kind of magic and his eyes were wide with the wonder of what he had just witnessed.

Later in the evening we overheard Arnie telling some of his buddies. "That big Bomhower can make fire in his hand, 'just like that, poof'! No one believed him of course, but Arnie insisted that he saw what he saw. Arnie and three or four other lads approached Everett and asked for a demonstration of fire making as he had done in the barber shop earlier. Everett just gave them that big slow smile of his and said, "I can only do it sometimes, and right now I can't manage it. Maybe another time boys". And for many weeks afterward, those same boys followed my brother everywhere when he came to the village, hoping they could see him make fire in his hand "just like that, poof"!

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Big shoes to fill

As we reported in the last Highlander, John Baird has resigned as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Township of Greater Madawaska to accept a similar position in the Township of Laurentian Valley. Our loss is their gain.

For those who have not met him, John is a big man. Maureen Brennan, a colleague who will replace him on an interim basis, pegs John at 6 foot five inches. Bruce Parker, who worked with John in his capacity as Councillor in the last administration, figures John is 6 foot 10 inches. John Pratt jokingly rumoured that while in Kingston at a conference John needed to find a hotel that had beds large enough to accommodate him. Evidently, John is already in the process of becoming the stuff of legend; a modern day Joe Mufferaw who has evolved from feats handling logs to similar feats handling paper.

John’s administrative ability, if handling paper can be equated, was the first thing mentioned by his friends and colleagues. Councillor Don Mercer stated that John: “brought a definite high level of administrative discipline to the municipal government process within Greater Madawaska.” Councillor John Pratt went so far as to say that John “was instrumental in bringing Greater Madawaska’s municipal governance into the 21st century”.

Reeve Peter Emon also worked with John when he was Councillor Emon in the former administration, so he knows John well. “John was always ensuring the process and the decisions were open, reasoned and fair to ratepayers. He would often ask the question of fairness and openness when it was likely easier for him to just follow the decisions enacted by Council.

On a personal level I have learned a great deal from John and have valued his assistance and advice as ‘new reeve’. Our municipality and our ratepayers have benefited greatly from his time with us. I have watched with great admiration as he has maintained meaningful contact with people from his previous stops and I anticipate he will remain a friend ‘at large’ of the municipality and a large friend of us all. He is only a phone call away and I expect I will be calling him often to keep in touch.”

According to former Councillor Bruce Parker: “During John’s all-too-short stay in Greater Madawaska, all of the township’s policies and procedures were updated and re-written... many for the first time in more than a decade. Council’s procedural bylaw - the self-imposed rules that govern how council acts and meets - took a major turn for the better. Coun-

cil activities became more public, better organized, with advance notice, comprehensive agendas and an accurate record of all proceedings. Both council and the public were kept much better informed.”

John was hired by Greater Madawaska in 2005, which Bruce Parker felt was the single most important decision that the administration of the time made. For the office staff it was an important change. Maureen Brennan, representing office staff says: “It was definitely a major change, in the beginning, having a full time male presence in the administration office. In the beginning John was quite the practical joker and we in the administration office were wary of what was next. It was a great way of breaking the ice and a way of seeing if the office staff would accept him in his leadership role.

My recollection is that it didn’t take long for all staff to get over the change in leadership (even though it was a 6 foot 5 inch CHANGE) and on occasion we turned the tables on John and his jokes. I believe staff both in and outside the office was able to work with John’s leadership style and direction. Individually and collectively we were all challenged to broaden our scope and responsibilities and I am pleased the way we came together over the duration of John’s management in Greater Madawaska.

As my immediate supervisor I found John to be available for assistance and ready to give advice when requested (sometimes even when it wasn’t requested!). He gave me the opportunity to work in an area I thoroughly enjoy, the planning department, and I have broadened my knowledge significantly in that portfolio due to John’s confidence in me to ‘get the job done’. Even my fleeting moments of ‘hysteria’ were dealt with (most of the time) in a kind and professional manner.”

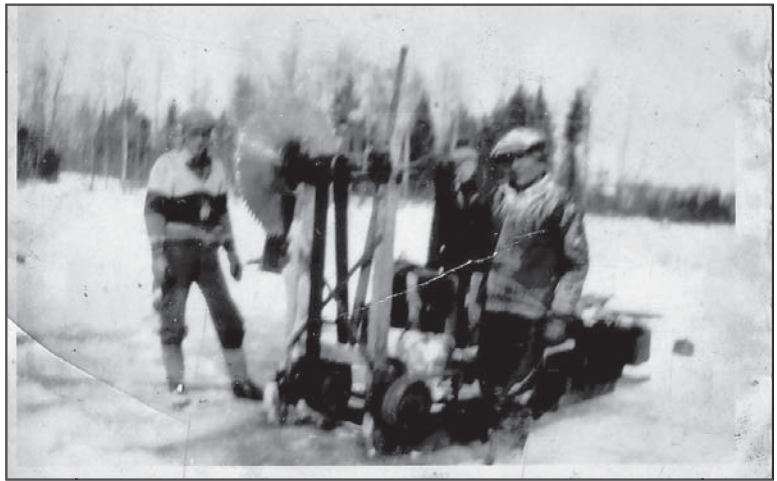
Being a CAO in Greater Madawaska is not an easy matter. As Bruce Parker recounts: “John inherited a township with too many dumps, too little money, too many private roads, too little cohesiveness... and The Track!”

This year John was given the responsibility of deciding when bylaws concerning the Track were being violated—what a thankless job! In a community where emotions run so high about the Track issue, such responsibility is a prescription for stress or worse. Maybe John made the best decision.

Regardless, John’s big shoes will be hard to fill.

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Looking back...



Ice cutting on Balvenie millpond near Griffith - Circa 1930

For the Greater Good

Recently a reader raised a very important issue of minority rights concerning the Track issue.

In a public meeting regarding the Calabogie MotorSports Track (CMP) which was held May 1, 2004, municipal solicitor Peter Mirski emphasized that the law requires a balancing of rights; those of the applicants (CMP) and those of the public and neighbours. He said, for this meeting, that it was not a matter of how many were for or against the proposed zoning amendment, but what new evidence might be presented.

Clearly the ‘letter of our laws’ have been met, for the track has been built and is operating. Bylaws have been passed and broken with penalties being pursued and charges brought forward for legal interpretation of definitions within the agreement.

Our Opinion Survey in July suggests that the majority of the residents are in favour. Most likely the majority of this majority are not near the track or one of its ‘sound tunnels’ through which noise can escape. Such is the demographic of the town. Those in the wake of these sounds have an experience well described by the reader in his letter.

Historically, all groups, be they nations, provinces or municipalities continuously face tough choices in the name of what is generally termed progress. If you’re on the flight path of the new economy generating airport, denied light of day or tangled in traffic by new high rise residences or find a rezoning for a cement factory across the street you have been sacrificed for the greater good. The project initiator will have legally invested large amounts of capital and time to bring forward their dreams of progress; the sacrificed will have already invested their capital, time and spirit for their dreams of the future.

The sacrificed see their capital and spirit depleted by the new reality and the assault on their person and environment.

As a nation we are internationally acknowledged for our progress in minority rights, particularly when applied to foreign nationalities, or race or religion. But minorities at risk in smaller geographical groups appear to have little recourse to solve their problems, other than to look as large, loud and menacing as they can to be heard through political or legal processes. Our CMP affected citizens have indeed been pushed to their limits and their resulting aggressive stance has taken a toll on elected officials and municipal staff alike. Demands for six figure expenditures on lawyers and sound engineers may very soon create another vocal group of angry GM taxpayers who may not wish their tax dollars doled out in this fashion.

For a community just a few years down the road from a fight to prevent school closings, growth in the local economy could provide an attraction for the young families that have been lost to more viable communities. Awash with quality artists, fine shops, activity trails and a solid hospitality industry, Calabogie could put a tourist attraction of this scope to good use. In the longer term, as growth plans for the CMP are realized (some capable of reducing the noise) more employment can be created directly.

To CMPs’ credit, they have undertaken sound reduction programs and physical reductions on site through the construction of enormous earth berms. Initial computer models were unable to predict exactly how the noise would move. New facilities to be constructed or under construction like the conference centre will shift the customer base toward corporate clients reducing the noise levels through user changes.

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Homeopathy

By Susan Veale B.S.c
Natural Health Practitioner



A Short History of Medicine

- 2000 B.C.** "Here, eat this root."
- 1000 B.C.** "That root is heathen, say this prayer."
- 1850 A.D.** "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."
- 1940 A.D.** "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill."
- 1985 A.D.** "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic."
- 2005 A.D.** "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root."

New clients often ask "What is homeopathy?"

In this month's article, I will summarize the ideas of early philosophers and physicians, those who presented ideas as the foundation of homeopathy.

The foundation of homeopathy was built on the principle that "like cured like". This principle came to be known as the "Law of Similars".

Medicine in early times was largely intuitive. Science and pharmacology were not disciplines that had been developed yet. Men, who trained as physicians, were also philosophers, as they had to think, ponder and observe how and why disease occurred and how it was cured.

In ancient Greece, the great philosopher and physician "Hippocrates", recognized the natural ability of the body to heal itself. He made reference in his writings to the fact that "the symptoms of a disease were an expression of nature's healing". For his work, he is referred to as the "Father of Medicine".

Although the term "homeopathy" was not yet chosen, the basic principle was recognized by Hippocrates around 300 BC when he wrote, "By similar things a disease is produced and through the application of the like, it is cured."

Aristotle, another great philosopher of that era stated, "The simile acts upon the simile".

Through early AD time, there continued to be those physicians who upheld

the belief that "like cured like". Galen, a prominent Greek physician who gained great recognition in medicine in the early first century, wrote of "natural cure of the likes".

Medicine over the next several centuries developed slowly, however, during the 15th and 16th centuries, medicine as a scientific study began making new inroads.

During this time, a Swiss doctor, "Theophrastus Von Bombast", a man soon to be known by the name of "Paracelsus" for his opposition to his colleagues, believed "sames must be cured by sames".

By the early 17th century, medicine relied on purgative methods of treatment to draw disease from the body. Such methods included bloodletting and various other poisonous nostrums. Many of these treatments produced terrible side effects, effects similar to the "over use" of certain allopathic medicines prescribed in our modern world today.

Fortunately, there were physicians such as Dr George Stahl who continued to believe in the principle of "sames being cured by sames". Dr Stahl wrote, "To treat with opposite acting remedies is the reverse of what it ought to be. I am convinced that disease will yield to, and be cured by, remedies that produce similar affections!"

These principles remained simply ideas for most of the 17th century.

The concept of "sames being cured by sames" remained undeveloped. For two thousand years, these principles were known yet never used in practice or subject to any conclusive study.

Building on the foundation of these early philosophers and physicians, a brilliant German physician by the name of Samuel Hahnemann, (born in 1755), dedicated his life to the development of what became known as today's modern system of Homeopathy.

For more information on homeopathy and natural healing, I may be reached at 613-752-1540.

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The Smartest Man in Renfrew County

By Garry Ferguson

"Did you know, Arch, that little sneak Victor's goin' to court to get *my* share of the money Uncle Harold left to botha us?" Gord Hunter settled on the cool sawdust in the shade of Archie MacMillan's old sawmill as he waited for a reaction from the older man.

Archie, who sat with his back against one of the huge posts supporting the mill, dug into the sawdust near his left leg, brought out a green bottle and unscrewed the cap. "Yer cousin Vic?" Archie raised the bottle to his sunken mouth without removing a misshapen roll-your-own stuck in dried secretion at the right side of his bottom lip. His Adam's apple jerked in time to swallowing noises that reminded Gord of a bullfrog's mating croaks. "Naw. Y're shittin' me," Archie wheezed as he replaced the bottle cap. He managed to leave the cigarette intact as he wiped his mouth on a ragged shirtsleeve.

Gord nodded, stretched his long neck until it was fully extended and spit into the river water lapping at his wide work boots. "Fraid not," he said. "Uncle Harold, the teetotlin' old beggar, slaved on that rock-pile farm all his godforsaken life. Too cheap to get married, even. When he kicked the bucket, he left a chunk t' be split between me'n Vic when we turn eighteen. If either takes as much a *taste* of the booze before that, it's all supposed to go to the other. We could've tied on a few good benders with my share."

Gord brushed wood chips from his dark shaggy hair as he regarded the older man's gaunt face, stained and wrinkled like a well-worn horsehide mitt. Arch doesn't mind a fella takin' him away from his millwork, he thought. Probably just looking for an excuse to shut 'er down and yarn anyways. A good old lad, he is - and a good old bootlegger to boot.

Gord smiled at this last observation and laid back with his hands clasped behind his head. He closed his eyes. The hiss of white water over the mill's rotting waterwheel and the monotonous rasp of a locust faded as though he had floated far above them. The aroma of pine gum hung, like a pleasant memory, on the afternoon heat.

"Jumpin' Judas," Archie finally broke the silence. "I allus *said* that fella Vic had a greedy streak in'm. Bet he's still got the first dollar he ever made. Y're gonna hafta beat the little bugger in court, since he's too tight to start boozin' 'er right along with ya."

Gord tried to shake off his drowsiness as he turned his head to look at Archie. "The problem is that everybody along this part of the Madawaska knows I take a little

swig of the old porch-climber now and then. There ain't much a body can do, eh."

"The hell there ain't." Archie's exposed toothless gums while the smoldering butt remained anchored in its place. "I know a fella what kin help.

"A few years back when I got nailed by them Provincial Fish and Game fellas for dumpin' sawdust in the river, I went to see this here lawyer over in Pembroke. Name's Michael McReady, or somethin' like that. Smartest man in Renfer County."

"Yaah? Heard of him. Sounds like he comes from the Irish. They must make good lawyers, eh."

"S'ppose so. Born with the gift o' the gab right in'm." Archie placed the bottle between them.

Gord picked it up, tilted it and sipped without moving from his prone position. "Well, it don't really matter," he said, as though it wasn't his problem anymore. "I doubt if anyone'll help me now. Be like pissin' against the wind."

"A week before my trial," Archie persisted, "ole Michael McReady comes over with another lad. Some muckymuc, eh. Gets me aside and sez, 'Take a bag of sawdust up river and toss 'er in.' Well, sir, he stands the fella over there beside the water - just above the mill. What do they see? Sawdust come floatin' down." Archie exposed his gums again and cackled. "When the fella mentioned this in front of that judge, we all went home. I'm tellin' ya straight. You can't go wrong."

Over the next few days, Gord spent most of his waking hours considering this advice. Each morning when he felt as fresh as the dew on the long weeds in the front yard, his confidence in Archie's wisdom was renewed. He couldn't lose. Michael McReady would do all the brainwork and the talking: he, Gordon Hunter, would sit back and become rich. In the heat of the long afternoons, when he couldn't muster the energy to move off the veranda, a lawyer and a court case seemed like so much fuss and bother. It would be alot easier to let Vic have all the money, he'd conclude.

On a Tuesday morning, before his optimism could wane with the day, Gord rolled out of bed and told his mother of his decision. "Ma," he said. "I'm going to fight like hell to keep that rotten little bast . . . That Vic, he ain't gettin' his filthy hands on my money. I'm hirin' the smartest lawyer in the county."

"I'm not so shore that's a good idea," she snorted as she shoved grey hair away from her eyes with one pudgy hand and

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St. Andrew's United Church
 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Cemetery Service – September 7

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

Hilltop Tabernacle
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

DENBIGH AND VENNACHAR

Vennachar Free Methodist Church
Summer worship time
 10 a.m. Sunday mornings
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 Resume in the fall
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 worship services will commence at 11am

St. Luke's United Church
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

The New Apostolic Church
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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 The Mill Street Chapel at 538 Mill St.,
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 Bible study: Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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 Sundays 10:30 a.m.

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 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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 Monthly Dinner Meetings
 dinner at 4:30 followed by meeting
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 meets second Thursday monthly,
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Lions Club Bingo
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The Calabogie and Area Ministerial Food Bank
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 September 2, 16, 30 Bingo
 September 23 Casino Bus Trip

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Countryfest
 September 12, 13 and 14 (Denbigh)
 See page 10 for details

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Denbigh Checking In

By Angela Bright

*What a time the children have had at the library with the Summer Reading Program, inspired by this year's theme, "Laugh out Loud!"

From outdoor games, to crafts and creating great works of art, reading books and stories and enjoying some yummy snacks. Sometimes it is hard to believe you are learning when you are having so much fun!

*Can you think of a better venue for an art show than Bon Echo Provincial Park, with inspiration abounding from every angle of the landscape! Canvases and sculpture were laid out for the annual Art Exhibition and Sale that was held in July, designed by artists who came from near and far. No matter what your taste, you could easily create a very long wish list as you strolled through the living gallery. There were hands on workshops too, one

in painting ceramics, the other carving soap-stone sculptures. The day we attended, music was provided by Shari & Jerry Tallon and they welcomed the children to the stage area to join in the entertainment with drums and tambourines. We also took the opportunity to wander around the park and take some pictures, and made stops at Greystones Gift and Book Shop and the Visitors Centre. The Friends of Bon Echo were wonderful and inviting hosts, as were the staff members.

*The Sun Flower Project of the New Apostolic Church in Denbigh: True to its name this flower when in full bloom looks like Sun. We used this wonderful flower this year for a special Sunday school project that all our children can participate in. Our children have their own little garden, at the front of our Church. Each child planted a Sun Flower seed and marked its location with a special decorated marker bearing their names. You can see this little plot as you drive past our Church.

Now we tenderly care for these beautiful plants by watering and tending our garden each time we come to church. As the flower grows our Sunday school teachers will use them as examples of Christian life for our children. The Sun Flower always turns its head to point to the sun's location in the sky. This teaches us to always look to the Son of God, Jesus, for guidance and help throughout our lives. Out of one seed planted the Sun Flower produces many new seeds as its beautiful flower. This teaches us how our Heavenly Father increases, blesses, us in many ways as we tend our garden and plants.

The garden and flowers represent our lives and actions which we want God to Bless. In the fall, when the flowers bloom, they will be used to decorate the Thanksgiving Altar in our church just as our lives and actions add beauty to God's work. To the children of our community we extend an invitation to come and join us. We are very excited about our project and proudly wear a T shirt to prove it. Visit www.nacdenbigh.8k.com.

*Countryfest is coming! Circle September 12, 13 and 14th on your calendar. On Friday the 12th, the weekend kicks off with a talent show at the hall at 7pm and a lawnmower pull at the rink site also at 7pm. Admission for these events is a donation to the food bank, either food or cash. Saturday the 13th is a full day with the horse draw, games and face painting for the kids, as well as a ham supper followed by the dance. Dinner is \$10 per person, and \$5 for ages 4-12. Sunday will be the day for the logging events. Admission is only \$10 and that gets you a wristband good for both Saturday & Sunday. There will be a flea market area set up as well. Anyone wishing to sell their wares please contact Betty Bass at 333-2366.

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Cottage Corner

Please don't feed the animals!

By John Roxon

There have been recent news accounts – originating primarily in BC – about black bears making wanton and unprovoked attacks on humans. In one, a feisty old gal waxed poetic about the bear ripping into her scalp, crushing her jaw and mangling her eye. “Uh oh, there goes the eye”, was one of her more colourful quotes taken at her bedside. In another attack, a woman was innocently tending to her garden when she heard a sound behind her. Thinking it was a neighbour arriving for afternoon tea she turned and WHACK! – the friendly community bear was making another social call. I guess he was upset because he forgot the tea biscuits yet again. You know, once you feed these wild animals – either intentionally or not – they have an all too human habit of coming around again and again for another hand out – much like cottage guests. Like the commercial says, “Stop feeding them cheese!”

These animals are no different from kids in their teens and early twenties – once they know where the good home cooking is, you can't bloody well get rid of them. Bears (and adult kids) aren't the only nuisance pests around which you should never feed.

One harrowing experience I had lately was with a chipmunk. Go ahead and laugh. Go ahead and point me to the .22 department of the Canadian Tire – but I tell you, the chipmunk is one nuisance I wouldn't wish on my worst enemies. Actually, I would wish them on my worse enemies – ha! – That'll teach them.

Oh, it happened innocently enough. I was eating peanuts or cherries, I can't remember which, and I was casually throwing the odd peanut – or cherry – onto the ground for what at the time was my little furry friend. Up to this point Chippy



Photo: John Roxon

(what else should you call a chipmunk) would keep a healthy distant from me, the cottage and all the evils associated with humans at a cottage. He wouldn't come any closer than about 20 feet and if I made a sudden move – such as yawning, scratching a black fly bite or opening a beer – he would scurry back to his home at the base of a row of cedars. While sitting quietly and reading I would get the feeling of being watched and sure enough there was Chippy at his required 20 foot distance staring at me with a jaundiced eye. So my little friend – and I now realize I should use the term very loosely – would run up, grab the peanut – or cherry – and back to his burrow he would go. Now I take full responsibility for what came next. I know, I know, I've watched Marlin Perkins and other nature shows, I've been to many of Canada's national parks and I was glued to “Hinterland Who's Who” as a kid – I knew not to feed wild animals. I know it gets them too comfortable around people and I know it's a recipe for having permanent unwanted visitors – much like the in-laws who would not leave. But somehow I didn't think of a chipmunk as a wild animal. They're fairly docile (or so I thought), they're quite cute and they're content to just grab the food and then hide in some corner of the forest. They were more like miniature funny looking cats than wild beasts.

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Over time, as I continued to throw peanuts – or cherries – onto the forest floor the comfort zone between Chippy and me began to shrink. Gradually it went from the 20 feet to 10 to five...This was very gradual mind you so I thought nothing of it and I certainly didn't feel threatened or feared for my life at this point. Plunk, plunk, plunk went the peanuts (or cherries) and closer, closer, closer crept the chipmunk. And then all hell broke loose! When we were absent from the cottage there were strange goings-on which we could only attribute to the chip-

munk. One time, parts of our small herb garden was torn asunder. Another time, small pine nuts were found in a neat pile by the barbecue. A third time there was a row of perfectly oval droppings leading from the barbecue to the steps of the deck. This chipmunk was not being very fair, I thought. Imagine relieving himself in mock defiance just because he didn't get his daily peanut – or cherry. It got so bad that he would openly eat our ripening tomatoes within 5 feet of where we were

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"Eight local members of the Renfrew Art Guild met recently to firm up plans for the 8th Annual Artfest in Calabogie on October 4th and 5th. Two new members of the Guild, Dianne Richardson of Green Lake, and Margaret Burleigh of Black Donald Lake brought some of their paintings that will be in the fall show. In the picture are: back row, Dwyene MacNabb, Denise Jasmen, Kim Carnegie, Yvette Blinky and Barbara Brown. Front row: Georgette Reed, Dianne Richardson and Margaret Burleigh".

Lion's 'Show and Shine' a great success

By Barbara Doyle

The Show and Shine was a great success with 62 Registrants displaying the love and hard work that is required to maintain the Shine on Antique Class automobiles.

The viewers were generous in their support of the Lions Club endeavours, both in donations and purchases of the BBQ food so skillfully cooked by Lions Bill Shipley and Dan Andrew.

So kudos are due to all the hard working members of the Lions Club, especially Committee Chair Jean Fong.

We also would like to thank Garry and Yvonne Tohiyky for the hard work they put in organizing and contacting the various Automobile Associations. Due to their efforts we have many car owners talking of coming again next year.

We hope the Vendors who participated

had a successful and fun day. We thank them for participating in our Show and Shine event.

The Lions club is still collecting used spectacles but are no longer collecting cans or ink cartridges

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Spreading the word about sustainable energy

by Janet McNeill

"Every time humankind has switched from an existing fuel to a newer one -- from wood to coal, coal to oil, oil to natural gas -- the switch has been associated with economic progress. The same will be true for alternative energies, such as wind energy, solar power, cogeneration, and fuel cells." So say Jim Woehrle and Julie Bach, from the group 'Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy.'

Here in Renfrew County, several Ottawa River Institute projects have been helping to raise awareness about and promote energy efficiency/conservation, local food self-reliance, and "green building" that involves passive solar design and wind and solar energy.

ORI has received grants from Trillium and the Ontario Ministry of Energy to fund sev-

eral projects that have been coordinated by ORI Project Coordinator Cheryl Keetch.

Ms. Keetch made more than ten "Introduction to Renewable Energy" presentations across Renfrew County -- a project that was launched on Earth Day (April 22nd), 2007. She also visited six municipal Councils in the County to discuss the economic and environmental advantages of local food self-reliance and present her slide show "Local Foods: You Are Where You Eat!"

In the Fall of 2007 ORI launched the 'Home Energy Upgrades' project that saw Ms. Keetch deliver five workshops around the County, mostly in individual homes where energy conservation techniques could be demonstrated. Participants learned how to caulk windows and doors, install weather-stripping and hot water heater jackets and pipe installation. These were excellent hands-on, down-to-earth practical opportunities;

I know because my home was one of the ones she presented in! She will be doing 8 - 10 more of these Home Energy workshops this Fall. If you are interested in participating, please send an email message to ckeetch@webhart.net

Earlier this year Ms. Keetch prepared a "Green Building and Passive Solar Design" presentation that she has shown to eight different groups around the County, drawing on her extensive experience in the home-building field. The presentation provided a thorough introduction to the many different kinds of "alternative" housing styles now on the increase all over the world as people become interested in greater energy efficiency and environment-friendly building materials and methods. Those who attended were given information on local builders, designers, suppliers and installers of alternative energy, along with some recommended books and Web sites.

Thanks to a recent private donation made to the group, a new

ORI project is also now underway.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5th, two "positive energy tours" featuring alternative building and energy are scheduled to take place. The October 4th one will involve houses in the Wilno area, while on the 5th, homes in the Matawatchan area will be featured. The tours will include quite a variety of houses and building strategies. The homeowners on the tour will be asked to tell their "story" -- in other words, what motivated them to build using alternative energy methods, and what lessons they have learned that they can pass along to others hoping to undertake similar projects.

These kinds of tours have been on the increase around Ontario. The Citizens for Renewable Energy group in Lion's Head, Ontario used to run an annual tour, and their example inspired a group in the Prince Edward County area; theirs took place on Earth Day weekend. A tour also took place recently in Peterborough, and there will be one this Fall in Thunder Bay.

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4:00PM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (1 hr. plus, if necessary)

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Fishing with Jim

By Jim Weatherall,



Summer is rolling on and fishing is slowing down, no thanks to the weather.

I was out on Calabogie Lake with a father and two children recently. Jamie had the first pickerel on, but she lost it at the boat. Her brother Harry landed the first three pickerel. We ended up with a total of nine fish that afternoon. The kids out fished their father Mark, which didn't prove too difficult.

Fishing has been difficult this year due to an excess of weed growth (in my opinion). It appears to be a problem in many lakes this year, but if you are a bass fisherman, you'll have to put up with this, as that is where they are. I am not finding them near wood or stumps, but in the weeds.

I've been out for bass on Norcan Lake twice (two weeks apart) and found them in five to eight feet of water in heavy weed cover. I still used a "wacky worm" when the weed cover was below the surface. Where weed cover was so heavy that the electric trolling motor wouldn't move through it, we went to top a wa-

ter rubber frog and a hula popper. We took some nice two to three pound large mouth. Four of these bass made a delightful shore lunch. Thanks to Bert Morrow for the use of his camp facilities, which made for a dry and comfortable place to eat our lunch.

A little tip for you when jigging for pickerel.... In order to keep your minnow from falling off as you jig, incorporate a small slice from the rings of a Mr. Twister tail body and place it on the hook over the barb of the hook. This will keep the minnow on and give you a better chance of getting that trophy fish.

We are waiting as patiently as you are for word about the "Real Fishing" episode filmed in Calabogie with Bob Izumi and the date will appear in this column as soon as we hear from Bob's producer. Good things come to those who wait, so they say. For those of you who are interested, an article is in the summer issue of "Real Fishing" magazine, on sale at some retailers. The story is about Bob's visit to Calabogie in May. Pick it up at magazine retailers where it is available.

In the meantime, I'll see you out on the water. Be safe and protect our natural resources.

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Meeting Royalty

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J

Well in this short story we go back a long way, and at that time I was a "Scouter" of the 12th Boy Scout Troop in Oshawa. Like many leaders we thought that our opportunity for pay-back time had arrived for the many good adventures we had enjoyed as young Scouts. We sure had a lot of neat times at Camp Wataskiwan in St. Catharines.

We were just starting a family and a career move to Oshawa. The local Scouting Council offered me the position and it fitted with my canoeing, fishing, camping and athletic background. Suddenly we also had a big family of boys. And that's what our ever expanding troop seemed to do--grow and share in regular outings with 54 boys ---year round.

The back country kids here in the Madawaska Highlands had "Lone Scouts" but on the other hand they didn't seem to require it so much. My friends and I here were always fishing, canoeing and hiking into Brule and Fortune and other waters and woods.

So after a few years with so many young men wanting to stay in our Harmony

group we had to open up another section. We decided to use the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as a program. This Outward Bound course seemed to fill our needs between Queen Scouts and Rovers. In fact we became a pilot group for the national Venturers senior scouting section. These boys became so good at their various tasks that you probably could have parachuted them out of an aircraft in the middle of winter or run the toughest white water and hike the wildest wilderness and they would be survivors.

With their hard work, four of these boys became the first scouts in all of North America to become Gold award winners. In fact Prince Phillip flew to Ottawa specifically to present these top awards and also to pin silver and bronze on other Ontario winners.

Later over a scotch at Government House, the Duke asked me; "Ernie, do you think that this scheme is worth a damn? A seemingly down to earth fellow, we continued to talk, mostly about Moose hunting and how we regularly bivouacked in the Kabenung Lakes area near Wawa. He certainly seemed interested and was quite a pleasant fellow who could probably fit into most Ontario Hunt Camps. We were also presented to the wonderful Vanier's-- the Governor General and his wife at that time.

in the plushness of the Chateau Laurier.

By the way, all those boys did very well in their endeavors and became leaders in their respective communities in the years that followed.

Well, unaccustomed as we are in hobnobbing with Royalty ---let us drop back even further into time. You may smell the cordite and smoke-- hear the guns of war --a much more serious time during WW1." The war to end all wars." they said. It was then that my uncle, Arnold H. Jukes, who by the way had also been a Scoutmaster, joined the Canadian Corps with his brothers. He soon became an Intelligence Lieutenant partly due to his German language. You see he grew up in the little German Canadian town of Hanover Ontario. Then with further officer training he was shortly on his way overseas to battlefronts such as Flanders, The Somme, Passchendaele, Mons and Vimy, to fight his cousins.

A proud Canadian, he soon became a Captain and then a Major with the 58th Battalion. He was decorated many times but perhaps his most memorable time was when he was invested with the Distinguished Service Order by King George the fifth at Buckingham Pal-

ace. He deservedly met the king and queen on a few other occasions and was often mentioned in dispatches from Whitehall. He earned the "bar" to his Military Cross with his famous raid, in which he donned a dead "Huns" uniform and entered an enemy pillbox.

Being last down into it's murky depths he explained to the twenty or so frightened occupants how they were surrounded by hundreds of Canadians and it would simply make a lot of sense to give up and get out of the war. Most all of the soldiers started up the stairs surrendering to Arnold's twenty men waiting. The enemy General refused until Arnold stuck his 9mm Luger pistol into his ear and ordered "Mach schnell" The Major didn't believe in war and the slaughter of our youth. But he did very well in it because it was his job. He told me there never has been, nor ever can be, a "good" or worthwhile war.

He led rather a "golden" life and became a well known international bass baritone singer on stage and radio. In fact he was invited to sing for the troops at Vimy during the first anniversary in 1922. Years later when his voice failed due to surgery, he turned to wood carving and worked for the publisher W.R. Hearst at his Castle Carmel in California during the depression. He

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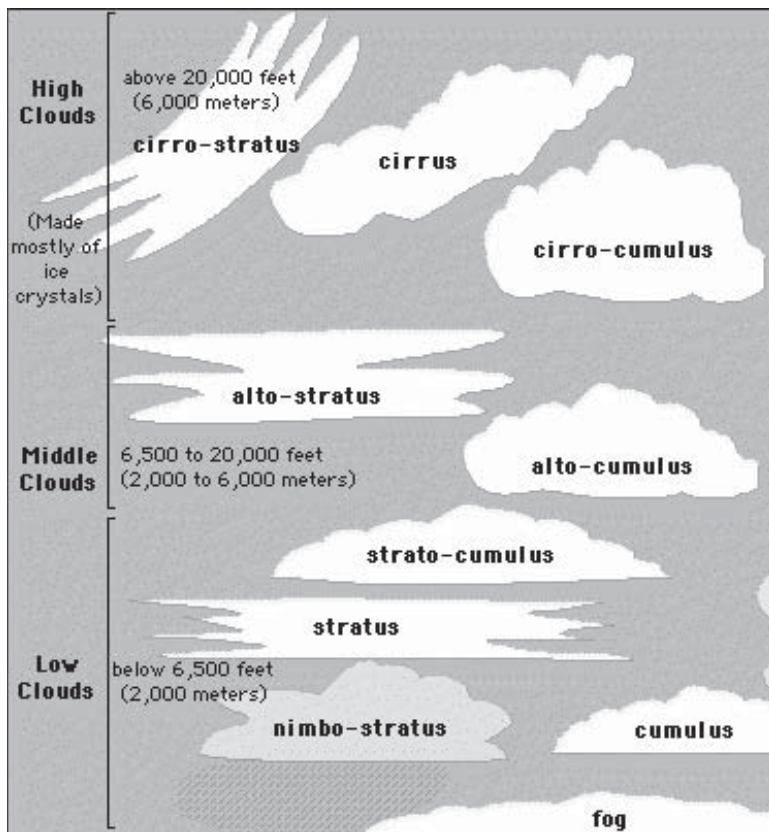
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Clouds

By Floris Wood

Here are some of the things the atmosphere does to support life on Earth.

named Burt if he could tell what kind of weather we would experience during the next 24 hours just by looking at the sky, I got a dissertation on clouds. But, unlike Burt, who seemed to hold everything he ever learned in his head, by the time I sat



Of course, it provides us with the air we breathe. Our favourite part of that air is the oxygen.

Second, it protects us from many dangerous rays, waves and particles generated primarily by the sun that constantly bombard the Earth, by deflecting them off into space.

Third, it protects us from larger objects that penetrate our atmosphere but burn up from friction with molecules of air.

Finally, it provides a way for the weather to happen. Water, sitting around the oceans on the surface of the Earth, would do nothing for the land plants and animals that need it to prosper, if the water had no way to get to them. The weather brings it to us by vaporising the water, forming clouds and dumping it all over the Earth, more some places than others.

A sky without clouds looks blue, right?. Why? White light from the sun contains all colours, but, nitrogen, which makes up 79% of our atmosphere (along with 20% oxygen and 1% other) scatters the blue part of the colour spectrum. The other colours travel on to the Earth's surface with little interference. So, essentially what you are seeing is blue nitrogen.

While crossing the Atlantic on a military transport ship I once asked an old sailor

down to write this article I could not think of the names of more than two clouds. So I turned to my old buddy, the internet.

Generally speaking the three elements that determine the characteristics of clouds are water, temperature and motion. No water, no cloud, unless it is a cloud of dust. As surface water warms the topmost layer vaporizes. Millions of individual molecules or clumps of molecules float upward through cooler air or with rising warm air called a thermal. As the molecules rise they cool and tend to clump together more and more forming cloud droplets. The water molecules may cluster around a particle of dust or salt that is floating in the air. These foreign particles are cooler than the water molecules and as the water molecules lose heat to the particles they condense back into cloud droplets. The air itself cools at a rate of 10 degrees Celsius for each kilometre of height.

The almighty sun, which gives us life and will probably someday bring about our demise, is the great generator of the weather. What I described above happens on a local scale all over the Earth, wherever there is water. But on a global scale the equator is the part of the Earth closest to the sun, therefore the hottest. So the air around the equator is superheated compared to the air in the higher latitudes. As the equatorial air rises it leaves a vacuum (low pressure area) behind. You may

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have heard that nature abhors a vacuum, so cooler air from the north and south poles rush toward the equator to replace the heated, rising air. Now if the Earth were not tilted and not turning, the Earth might be a very pleasant place with the two poles supplying cool air to the equator, which heats the air and raises it miles into the sky where it starts a northward journey to the poles, where it sinks as it cools and heads again to the equator and repeats the process.

But as the Earth turns under the rising air it drags the air with it. The air becomes turbulent and gets mixed together. Sometimes this turbulence comes in the form of pleasant breezes, but in certain times of the year, and especially near the equator, this air eddies and whorls in a giant circular motion. Over warm ocean water these circular wind patterns can pick up tons of warm water and heat. The added content causes the storm to gain energy. If

the storm encounters cooler water it may fizzle out and lose its water in a nice rainfall. In the presence of more heated water, however, it will grow into a tropical storm and continue to intensify into a hurricane.

Five air masses have a great deal of control over our weather in North America. They are the cold, dry high Arctic air masses that bring our frigid winter temperatures; the less cold, but still dry continental Arctic air masses that cool our summers; Maritime polar air masses that influence mostly the east and west coasts, but only occasionally affect our weather; Maritime tropical air masses, usually from the Gulf of Mexico, occasionally reach Canada and can make for hot, humid weather in summer days; Continental tropical air masses seldom affect Canadian weather but cause temperatures to reach above 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the US southwest and hot, humid weather in the Mississippi Valley

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Improve. Promote. Grow.

By Debra Giffin

It's been a busy summer for CABA leading up to the launch of two new initiatives: "Festival of the Senses" and "Stash-a-Cache" taking place October 4th and 5th in Greater Madawaska and the village of Burnstown.

The Festival of the Senses will attract local residents and tourists and will involve more than 20 local businesses and organizations. Activities will include the work of 21 artists and a tea room (Sense of Colour), a drum workshop (Sense of Rhythm), a scarecrow competition and children's games (Sense of Fun). Businesses are highlighting the senses. At the time of printing, the following businesses had already committed to joining. Check out www.calabogie.org after August 25 to see what the plans are for Calabogie Peaks (Sense of Adventure), Bittersweet Gallery (Sense of Artistry), the Calabogie Highlands (Sense of Warmth), the Creative Glass Studio (Sense of Illusion), Murphy's Landing (Sense of Great Taste), Polly's Li'l Shanty (Sense of Home Cooking), Calabogie Pizzeria (Sense of Aromas), Mulligan's Den (Sense of Power), Shooter's (Sense of Decadence), Calabogie MotorSport Park (Sense of Speed), Calabogie Run (Sense of Excitement), The Fans of Calabogie B

& B, Celtic Colours Studio, Neat Coffee Shop, the Library and more.

The "Stash-a-Cache" project is part of this festival. Geocaching is a world-wide, high-tech treasure hunting game played by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors, and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. CABA's goal is to become a destination for this target market.

By October, at least 15 new geo-caches will be placed throughout the Township, accessible by vehicle, ATV, hiking, biking, and by watercraft. We are hoping to attract "treasure hunters" from surrounding areas as well as provide one more outdoor activity for our area residents, cottagers and tourists. The GPS coordinates of each cache will be posted on the internationally popular www.geocaching.com website in time for the festival. Jim's Bait and Tackle will have a list of the coordinates by October 4 -5.

To provide business owners and interested individuals with the training needed to join this growing trend, CABA is hosting a **Global Positioning System (GPS) Workshop** on September 8th (see details at www.calabogie.org). Jeff Muzzi of Renfrew County Forestry and Trails along with Alastair Baird, Economic De-

velopment Officer for Renfrew County and our Township, will be providing the equipment and training. Jeff has also assisted CABA with the identification of six historical sites for the caches along the K & P Trail. Caches will contain historical information and maps to add to the treasure hunters' overall experience. Jim's Bait & Tackle in Calabogie is accepting registrations (fee is \$10) for the September 8 workshop or you may register with Deb Giffin at 613 433 4223. Registration closes on September 5th or after the first 25 registrants. Workshop participants will be encouraged to later place their own hidden treasure, growing the cache numbers even more.

September 8th at 7 pm is the quarterly meeting for CABA members, hosted in the Madawaska Room, Dickson Manor, Calabogie Peaks. The annual CABA awards will be an exciting part of the evening's agenda.

End

Don't Feed the animals (Cont)

standing - chewing and looking over his shoulder as if to say, "Yeah, whaddya going to do about it?"

I've cut off the feedings but I fear I'm too late. Chippy has posted guards under the cover of the barbecue and he continues to taunt us whenever we're at the cottage. He or one of his sentries would even go so far as to run over our bare feet as we're sitting outside playing Yahtzee.

Royalty (Cont)

finished his career making models for the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in 1954.

So you see there are many ways to meet interesting people, some in high places. One never knows. Usually there is some special work attached. If you do have an opportunity to work for your community wherever you are, grab on to it in spite of possible politics, you could still have a lot of fun.

Keep learning, just about anything. Never let the brain idle. Keep your cheerful friends, and remember if it helps you at all, that there is just no way you can possibly look as bad as that person on your drivers licence.

End

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And then, just to show his utter contempt for us, he proceeded to take one of the die that had fallen on the deck to...well, wherever it is that chipmunks play games of chance.

I've lost this battle and I may just have to give up the cottage to the chipmunks. I am telling you this, dear reader, as a warning - as an example as it were of just what could happen when you feed the animals.

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GREATER MADAWASKA LITERARY MATTERS

By Mary-Joan Hale

Do you have Olympic Fever? I have been off to work every day with black circles and visions of gymnasts, swimmers, divers and wrestlers swimming (no pun intended) around in my head. Upon arrival, another competition awaits Kayleigh and me: opening and unpacking hundreds of boxes of books, sorting, and shelving, connecting computers, TV/VCR, moving and arranging furniture ad infinitum! The patient men who rebuilt the walls, taped, plastered and painted them warned that we should be sure where shelves should go, because once the screws were into the floor, no more moving could happen. I am sure that every husband who has had to move furniture around (and back again...or not), can

feel sympathy for the crew. The shelves are stable and we are filling them. All spring and summer, the work crews were fantastic and full of humour and professionalism. The two tradesmen installing the tile did so on the hottest days.

It is still a work in progress, but patrons who have popped in, all seem to be pleased with our new look. Even when we were in our little trailer, the services, though limited were in play. Our wireless services were a boon to all with laptops and continue to be 24/7. We are open for business, though still shelving Adult Fiction.

I have warned Kayleigh about the dangers of repetitive motion problems from reaching and shelving books. I developed a frozen shoulder several years ago. It is

very insidious. Gradually you are unable to lift your arm and due to the complex musculature, the pain in the neck and shoulder area is extreme. Many months of physio cured the problem. Fortunately, both of us have not experienced any difficulties. We were lifting too much and I put a stop to that. A friend quoted her grandfather. "Why are you wrecking your back to save your feet?" We are being careful...and then there is ice cream!

The children's program this summer has been hilarious. Kayleigh has been keeping them giggling from start to finish. The Cat-in-the-hat stickers on their names are evidence of the number of books being read. The theme, 'Laugh Out Loud' has been amply presented by Kayleigh. By the time you read this, they will have celebrated Wacky Olympics

and Kooky Christmas in August! The children will be making a piñata which the silent library elves will fill with treats (not of the sugar kind). We will then bid farewell and many good wishes to Kayleigh as she heads off to London to take her Masters in Library and Information Science degree at Western. It has been a slice and I am very grateful.

This fall, the library will participate in a special (yet-to-be-announced) event in Calabogie. Keep your eyes and ears opened for this. Also, we will celebrate our Grand Re-opening and what a way to celebrate our 30th birthday. Yes, folks we are 30 years old and still going strong, with a few blips along the way! You will hear more about it when our plans are settled.

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Smartest man (Cont)

waved the stove poker with the other. "My pore dead brother's money'll just go down yore gullet anyway. Why don't you get yourself a good wife, and settle in? Runnin' with that bootleggin', wizened up little poultice, Archie 'll be the death of you. I'm just glad yore father didn't live to see you let this place git run down like it is."

Gord said, "Thanks a lot, eh," when Archie announced that he'd give himself a day off from the mill and used his lumber truck to chauffeur Gord over to Pembroke.

"This here's Gord Hunter," he mumbled to Michael McReady after a receptionist had guided them between piles of dusty books and yellowing journals to an office hazy with pipe tobacco smoke. "He's gettin' a damn' dirty deal and I said to him, 'If there's a fella kin help you, it's Mr. McReady.'"

Michael McReady stood by grasping the edge of his scarred desk and hoist-

ing himself. The effort caused even his scalp to show red through white hair as he made a half-hearted attempt to fasten the wrinkled shirt where it had opened at the apex of his gut. A button, securing the waistband of his trousers, threatened to tear lose and hurtle toward his visitors.

He bent when he greeted Archie then straightened to envelope Gord's hand in his. "Hmm - well. We do the best we can," he rumbled around a pipe stem.

Gord had never seen hands so big and so clean. An image of the lawyer out-pulling a team in a horse draw flashed through his mind as he flexed his freed hand behind his back.

When the two men emerged from McReady's offices, Archie reached up and slapped Gord between his protruding shoulder blades. "Everthing'll be ar-right" he chortled. "You'll see. He might look like a grey-headed old tub of lard but you got yourself the smartest man in Renfer County on your side now."

"He don't seem to me like he'd know his arse from a hole in the ground," Gord muttered. "I think I'm beat arready. It'll probably cost me twenty or thirty bucks for nuthin', eh. The old bastard makes me nervous too, the way he stares - those damned watery eyes - and he talks so loud."

From the kitchen window, Gord watched Archie's truck ease down the road, through a warm morning rain, and stop in the yard. Archie cranked the window down and let the engine finish its spasmodic run-on before he yelled, "Halloo."

As Gord emerged onto the veranda, he noticed a box, made of fresh lumber, on the back of the truck. "Somebody die?" he yelled.

"How's that?" Archie bent his left ear forward with a cupped hand.

"On the back. A rough box. Somebody around here?"

"Naw. Too small." The cigarette stuck to Archie's lip waved up and down as he spoke. "It's that lawyer of ours. Sent a fellow with instructions for me to tack this together. He said to fetch it here. Gimme a hand to put 'er in the woodshed."

"What t' hell has this got to do with my

court case?" Gord waved an arm in the direction of the box. "I must be gettin' crazier'n you and that old lawyer put together. Letting you talk me into -"

"Oh, he knows what he's doin'," Archie interjected. "Like I allus said, you'd better get up pretty damned early in the mornin' to get aheada that fella. Smartest man -"

"Yaah, I know. You told me."

"Sent word to tell you he'd be here Wensdy night. Says you're to make sure your mother's here with you. No one else - 'cept me. I'll bring a few more pieces and finish this thing."

"Oh yaah?" Gord said raising his eyebrows. "Well - I suppose. Guess I got nowheres to go anyways."

Wednesday's dusk had barely deepened to darkness when Gord, who had been dozing on the veranda, was jolted awake by the clatter of engines. Archie's truck, followed by a dark car, rattled into the yard.

"You met Mr. Michael McReady arready." Archie waved at the man who squeezed out of the car. "Remember I said that if there's any fella can help, it's him? Did I tell you -"

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Clouds (Cont)

as the air picks up moisture while moving east. Each of these weather systems influence each other and can clash in tornadic chaos when tropical air mass fronts meet cool northern air mass fronts.

Let's think about how high is high. Above 30,000 ft. it is really cold so almost any water vapour turns to ice particles. The last time you flew in a plane for a long distance you probably heard the pilot mention that you were cruising somewhere near 30,000 ft. or above. Airlines like that altitude because their engines and airframes are designed for it, it is above most nasty weather and air traffic, and the jet streams, if travelling the same direction as the plane, will save on fuel and time, not to mention that they can spend much of the flight descending. It seems that the fuel you save while gliding down from 30,000 ft. more than covers the amount of extra fuel spent getting up there. Lastly, the

air is thinner and offers less resistance.

Clouds between 18,500 and 30,000 ft. and above are thin, wispy and white and called Cirrus clouds. The occasional thundercloud will grow vertically to 65,000, but not often. The jet streams stretch out the ice crystal clouds over hundreds of miles resulting in streaks or sheets of clouds. These are the clouds that give us the beautiful array of sunset colours as the slanting sunlight reflects off the ice crystals.

Then we have the midrange alto clouds that live in the 6,500 ft to 18,000 ft range. Water vapour dominates the ingredients of these clouds which are usually puffy.

Stratus clouds form under 6,500 ft and are usually more gray and cover the entire sky or form in rows with blue sky visible between the rows. Some produce a steady rain or mist.

Cumulus clouds, regarded as fair weather clouds, are a cloud type and may be

found in mid or lower range. Although puffy and well separated, they eventually join forces to form a Cumulonimbus cloud or thunderhead.

Perhaps in the scheme of events in the entire universe the onset of life on a planet is no big thing. And, who knows, perhaps we will someday learn that there are millions of terrestrial bodies that support some form of life. But, for now, at least, we can feel pretty privileged that we live on a planet on which conditions have remained stable enough for long enough to evolve an organism as complex as a human being. Many conditions must be met for a planet to support life. Even a slight change in some of these conditions would render Earth incapable of sustaining human life. One only needs to consider the great difference between summer temperatures, when we are a little closer to the sun, and winter temperatures, when we are a little farther away from the sun, to realize what a delicate relationship we have with a sun that is millions of miles away.

One of the very important conditions necessary to life here on Earth is that the living things on a planet must be able to tolerate or even benefit from the atmosphere that surrounds the planet. Earth has not always been a hospitable place for life, but it is now so permeated with life that living organisms can be found miles below and above Earth's surface. Humans have evolved into a being that depends upon a very specific Earth atmosphere; we have a real stake in keeping that atmosphere hospitable to us. So, the more we know about the atmosphere the more hospitable we might be to it, in the hope, of course, that the atmosphere might return the favour.

We don't have to be walking encyclopaedias, like Burt, who also gave me a dissertation of how far one can see over the ocean horizon, involving the observer's height, the height of the object being observed, the curvature of the earth (eight inches per mile), the weather conditions and your location on the Earth, among

other things. But we can educate ourselves well enough to know when politicians and others who would like to manipulate our views, are pulling the wool over our eyes.

End

Greater good (Cont)

Our reader offered his candid opinion that the 'dust' would not settle. Unlike a high rise, an airport or a cement factory the CMP facility is scheduling and event dependent. There may be opportunity in this dilemma for negotiation and compromise. With the passing of time, as the CMP completes the changes to their landscape, these efforts could show reductions in noise, which were missed by the computer simulations. It is an effort for improvements, but requires patience and monitoring to validate.

The two sides need to talk. They need to talk with the reasonableness of one neighbour to another. Perhaps it is a negotiation; perhaps it involves compromise and compensation. The formation of the GM Environmental Sound Advisory Committee can be a step in the right direction. Beyond the monitoring of noise both sides need to be open to negotiations and no point of negotiation should be deemed too trivial or irrelevant. Any compromise is worth discussion.

End

Sustainable (Cont)

An idea whose time has come, seemingly!

Future Watershed Ways columns and the ORI Web site will provide more detail about ORI's upcoming Fall events. If you would like to get on a list for the house tours, please send an e-mail message to janetmceill@nrtco.net

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Space Weather Report

By Doug Vassey

Solar Weather and Jupiter: Part One

King Jupiter as it has been called is the most dominant planet in our solar system. With a diameter of 142,796 km Planet Jupiter is 11 times the diameter of Earth and contains 77% of the mass of all the planets in our solar system. Jupiter has a similar composition to the Sun.

If Jupiter were 60 times the mass that it is, it would be a star. More mass would not make Jupiter grow in size, but rather, cause the planet to collapse from compression under gravity. At this point, thermonuclear reactions would ignite and Jupiter would become a luminous star with a diameter of about 100,000 miles (161,000 km.) With Jupiter as a star; life on Earth as we know it would not exist.

Jupiter's core is about the size of Earth and is made up of similar iron and silicate. The gravitational pressure of Jupiter's core is about 30,000 times that of Earth atmosphere. If Earth were subjected to that type of pressure our planet would compress to about half its present size and become three to four times as dense as iron. Jupiter's core is surrounded by a shell of metallic hydrogen about 25,000 mi. (40,000 km.) thick. Metallic hydrogen is an exotic form of hydrogen not found on Earth. Under the high pressures on Jupiter, hydrogen is compressed to a metal! Further outward, as the temperatures drop, the hydrogen changes to a liquid state. The liquid hydrogen continues outward until the temperatures and pressures decrease enough for the hydrogen to turn into a gas, thus beginning Jupiter's "atmosphere." (StarrySkies.com)

Thunderstorms on Jupiter can be supernaturally severe with thunderhead clouds three times as high as here on Earth. Jupiter is big enough to fit 1300 Earths inside it, and is a massive ocean cocktail of gas and liquid. Some of the storms on Jupiter are remarkably similar to Earth. However the storms on Jupiter are powered much differently than Earth storms. "There is a lot of activity we see on Jupiter that we see on Earth," says Peter J. Gierasch, professor of astronomy at Cornell University. Along with colleagues from Cornell, the California Institute of Technology and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the storm complexes on Jupiter, says Gierasch, is that they have the same physics as thunderstorm clusters on Earth, but they are generated by a completely different type of heat source.

Generally, thunderstorms on Earth are small individual cells of cumulonimbus clouds, caused by summertime heat from the Sun. On Jupiter, the colossal meso-scale convective complexes last from 12 hours to several Earth days, producing correspondingly huge deluges of rain over vast areas. New study results show that - contrary to previous belief - these

thunderstorm complexes are not fuelled by the Sun's heat, but instead develop from the intense heat emanating from Jupiter's core.

The giant planet lies five times further from the Sun than the Earth, so it receives much less solar heat. On the other hand, Jupiter's core is extremely hot. It still retains heat from the original formation of collapse and compression of the planet's huge gaseous bulk. "It is in the process of cooling, and it will likely continue to cool for at least another five billion years," Gierasch says.

Earth storms are the result of low pressure systems. The Great Red Spot is a great anti-cyclonic (high pressure) storm akin to a hurricane on Earth, but it is enormous (three Earths would fit within its boundaries) and it has persisted for at least the 400 years that humans have observed it through telescopes. The clouds associated with the Spot appear to be about 8 km above neighbouring cloud tops. Presumably the persistence of the Great Red Spot is related to the fact that it never comes over land, as in the case of a hurricane on Earth, and that it is driven by Jupiter's internal heat source. Computer simulations suggest that such large disturbances may be stable on Jupiter, and that stronger disturbances tend to absorb weaker ones, which may explain the size of the Great Red Spot.

In March 2006 a backyard astronomer discovered a new red spot storm on Jupiter. It is a storm (Oval BA) that was once more white in colour but likely has intensified in strength. It is thought that these very powerful storms dredge debris up much higher in the atmosphere, where solar ultraviolet rays make the colour appear red. It is now called "Red Spot Jr."(NASA)

Life on Earth as we know it exists because of Water, Oxygen and carbon based organics. Scientists are discovering more and more that life can and does exist without those basic Earth elements. Scientists plumbing the bubbling, black depths of a 137 degree F geothermal hot spring in Idaho have discovered a unique community of microbes that thrive without sunlight or oxygen. Scientists say the organisms are very similar to life as it might exist on Mars and other planets.

The one-celled organisms, Archaea, grow by consuming the hydrogen produced by hot water reacting with bedrock 600 feet below the Beaverhead Mountains. Since Jupiter has heat, hydrogen and other elements in abundance it is possible there are unfamiliar life forms on that Planet. (United States Geological Survey and New York Times, January 17, 2002) Sources: (Cornell University, California Institute of Technology, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Science at NASA, Wikipedia, First Science.Com, Space Weather Canada)

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Smartest man (Cont)

"Giddyay." Glad you're here," Gord lied.

McReady said, "Ev'nin', Gord. Hmmm - well, we'll do the best we can," but wasted no time and few additional words. He had the box brought into the lamp-lit kitchen where his pipe added to the entrenched aromas of fresh bread and burning coal oil.

Archie nailed a couple last-minute additions, which he called "rockers", to the bottom of the contraption and the men placed it in the centre of the room.

"Hmmm - yes. Good! Now, Mr. Hunter - ah, Gord, get in and sit down."

Gord spun to face McReady. "Whaa?"

"Go on. Yu heard me," McReady insisted. "Now, Mrs. Hunter, I'm gonna tell you what I want yu to do."

"Never mind tellin' me nothin'," she rasped, wrinkling her nose as though sensing something unpleasant. "I'll have nothing to do with yore tomfoolery. My God in heaven -"

"Mrs. Hunter," McReady interrupted. "Excuse me. But - is that new home-baked bread I smell?"

"Yehess." She lowered her voice. "I baked it today."

"Would you figger me too bold if I asked you for - just a little slice? Smells so good, I'm damn' near drooling."

"Oh my God in Heaven! I should have offered you a snack when you came," Mrs. Hunter wailed as she placed a hand

on a plump cheek and made several false starts toward the pantry. "Some tea? Will you have some tea with the bread, Mr. McReady?"

"Hmmm - yes. That'd be turbly nice, Mrs. Hunter. About the court case, I wouldn't do anything illegal, but there are - hmm - strange percedures sometimes. You understand? We must do the best we can - under trying circumstances. I haven't smelled bread like this since Mother died." He turned his back to the old woman, hauled a handkerchief from a pocket and blew his nose. "I do need your help, though - if you would be so kind."

"Thought you said this fella was smart," Gord whispered. "Besides actin' like a glutton, he's sniffin' like old Gramma Hunter at a weddin' - while I'm jammed into this friggin' whatever - feelin' like an idjit."

Archie compressed his lips until they disappeared into the space once occupied by his teeth then snorted. "Serves you right for bein' such a long streak of misery, but like he allus sez, he does the best he can."

"I've put the tea on and there's my own butter to go with yore bread," Mrs. Hunter whispered as she put a hand on McReady's arm. Now, Mr. McReady, I'll do what I can to help, but first I want o' have a private little chat with you - in the pantry."

As Michael McReady was leaving he called the men outside.

Hmm - Gord," he growled around his pipe stem as he covered his client's shoulder with a hand reeking of stale tobacco. "I want yu to look me in the eye and promise, before God, that you'll not take a drink before the case comes up t'morra - not even a smell. Now let's hear it from you."

Gord couldn't see the watery blue eyes in the darkness but looked toward the man's face and said, "Yaah. Sure. I promise."

"Archibald," Michael McReady continued. "As a, hmm - gentleman and a friend to this boy, I want you to see that this here promise is kept. You'll, sure as hell, be called as a witness."

Archie attempted to square his stooped shoulders. "I promise," he intoned, as though already in court.

From low in the western sky, light shafts exploded in a blinding glare against the dirty windshield of Archie's lumber truck. Through the opened windows, a searing draft joined intrusive engine flatus in juggling enough dust to create a premature twilight in the cab.

"Jumpin' Judas!" Archie, who was trying to steer and roll a cigarette at the same time, yelled. "Havin' a helluva time figgerin' out where I'm goin' - with that glare." He turned toward Gord to make himself heard over the roar of the engine. "Gotta keep puttin' my friggin' head out the winda."

Gord leaned toward him with a hand cupped behind his left ear. "Well, whatever, but after survivin' that court, it'd be a bugger if you went and got us kilt

now. He flipped an empty wine bottle, he'd been holding, into the ditch where it exploded against a rock. "There goes another dead soldier," he snickered. "Wanna pass me that other jug? Under the seat there - by your feet.

"Ahhh - good stuff." He tipped the bottle after Archie had passed it to him. "What a hell of a day! My own mother! I can't believe what her'n and that Michael McReady went and pulled on me. I wanted to get my hands on that money before I'm too old to enjoy it. Dammit! Maybe they tricked me with some of those papers I went and signed. Anyways, at least the court case turned out okay. Did you see the look on Victor's snivellin' little face when you said you knew me since I was born and never saw me buy booze?"

"Well, my eyesight ain't that good these days, you know. But if you'd ever once paid when you bought from me - like you was supposed to - that wouldn't have been so true."



"And when you swore to the judge that you were dead sure I never took a drink since my mother rocked me in the cradle, well-sir - I thought I'd piss myself. Wait'll Mother hears about it."

"Well now," Archie said as he completed the cigarette he'd been working on. He clamped one end of it between rubbery lips where it hung like a twisted fang. "Your ma'll want to know how we won, but I think you'd best say nuthin' about what was said there today. She might get to frettin' over some of the swearin' we done. I got a sneakin' suspicion, though, that she could dam' well tell you what yer trust fund thing- or whatever they called it - is all about. When everthing is said and done you might find that you were also dealin' with the smartest woman in Renfer County."

Gord snorted.

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