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Let's Talk About Summer Jobs

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I have held various positions over what is rapidly becoming a very long life, both paid and unpaid. Reflecting on the variety, duration and responsibilities of each I realize how, taken together, they formed the person I became. I was lucky to have enjoyed all my employment to one degree or other and I certainly learned a great deal from each. Some lessons were harder learned than others, personalities, responsibilities and time constraints varied, but overall it's been interesting. In the beginning ...

I began my formal working life at age 14 working at Nowlin's Canteen in Wolfville for the two hours supper period on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays plus the occasional two-hour week end shift. At 50¢/hour, I was raking it in and on an upward trajectory having previously only babysat for 25¢/hour before midnight, 50¢ afterwards. I would have to devote an entire column to my experiences in that fine establishment, and particularly learning to deal with what can only be described as an unusual owner/manager, but overall it was a pretty good job that provided me with numerous stories which I have repeatedly related over the years, funnier now than they have been relegated to memory's territory.

But for sheer misery, the summer job I had between grades 10 and 11 remain in my memory and provide the stuff of nightmares. I spent several weeks that summer hunched over a table, sitting on a hardwood stool in what used to be the faculty lounge (lots of summer sun streaming through the very high bank of windows, door closed so as to not distract us and no air conditioning) in Rhodes Hall on the Acadia Campus. The job? Addressing envelopes. That was it. Addressing envelopes. Hundreds of envelopes. Every day. All day.

Used to be that the thrill of completing high school was seriously tempered by the knowledge that provincial exams awaited. They did not take the place of school final examinations. Oh no. These were in addition to the final school examinations. It was possible to "graduate" from high school at the end of June on the strength of the school results, but, since provincials marks were not received until mid- August, one could still "fail" the grade and thus be prevented from going on to higher learning if those scores were found to be wanting. Nobody worried overmuch about what that stress was doing to our young sensibilities.

Right after Canada Day, those teachers who must have drawn the short straws would congregate on campus to grade students' examinations from all over the province. A few local students would be hired to address the envelopes in which the official

transcripts would be sent. I was one of them. There were no computers then and nobody thought to offer us typewriters. Oh no. Handwritten they had to be AND legible AND they were heavily scrutinized AND, if not deemed suitable, the writer had



the opportunity to do them over with a small negative adjustment to their paycheque to cover of the cost of the ruined envelopes. Ask me how I know that. I learned a lot that summer. I also became painfully aware that there are places in Nova Scotia whose names take up more than their fair share of available letters and in those places, people had many children of high school age. Many children.

You don't get a choice of which communities you would do. When you were finished with one community's senior student inventory, you would stack the addressed envelopes neatly in a box and go get the list of whatever settlement was alphabetically next in the pile. I could never prove it, but I believe some of my co-workers planned to take their time when some of the more time-consuming communities were coming up. As I was slower on the draw, I ended up with communities like Shubenacadie, both Middle AND Upper Musquodoboit, Meagher's Grant, Margaree Forks and every single one of the Brooklyns which then meant you had to add the County as well. In case you are wondering, there are 3 Brooklyns - Hants, Queens and Yarmouth Counties. By the end of that summer my arm felt like deadwood, my fingers were permanently gnarled, I had the beginnings of a dowager hump and my butt was sore. I have sort of held it against those communities ever since. I believe my total income was something in the order of \$175, but I could be wrong. Some things do not remain in memory. Some things do.

- Gladys Long

Photo: unknown photographer, unknown date. Some people you might meet at Nowlin's Canteen: l-r: Paul Nowlin, Marty Lake, Jimmy Moore

Hello, Neighbour!

BIG FALLS FISH GROWERS LTD.

The following information, from their web site, describes the fish facility at Black River Lake, 1165 Black River Rd. You may have driven by at some time and wondered about it.

Located at Black River Lake near Gooseneck Cove, Big Falls Fish Growers Ltd. is a land-based fish farm, using a blend of science, technology and our combined 50+ years of industry knowledge to raise high-quality Atlantic Salmon from egg to smolt. Owner operated and managed, our commitment to the local community and sustainability - in terms of environmental, economic, and social factors-is at the core of our success.

OUR TEAM

Big Falls began with a vision to address the rising demand for sustainable seafood. Founded in 1995, our facility and farming practices have evolved with the changing face of aquaculture. We believe the best results come from working together as a team. We have a current full-time staff of 6, and add an additional 6 employees at peak times of the year. We pride ourselves on being a community-based facility - committed to hiring and training local workers, many with backgrounds in the traditional fishing industry which provided them a unique intuition for working with fish. We also source local feed and equipment, participate in community forums, and engage local groups in ongoing education initiatives.

OUR FACILITY

Healthy fish require optimal growing conditions- and we provide the ideal setting. Black River Lake is well-suited for an extended growing season, offering a reliable source of cold, clean, fast-moving water. Annual production at our 20 tank facility exceeds 100 tons of fish. We use industry-leading technology which allows us to better monitor fish development, behaviour and overall health.

ATLANTIC SALMON

Farmed Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) represent 85% of the production value of aquaculture in Atlantic Canada. Salmon is loaded with protein, omega-3 fatty acids (DHA and EPA), and a number of important vitamins and nutrients. Wild salmon stocks have faced steady declines, and farmed salmon provides a sustainable, year-round supply of delicious, healthy seafood.

THRIVING FISH HEALTH

Our fish have been certified disease-free for nearly 20 years by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The ideal growing conditions of Black River Lake allow us to produce thriving fish with excellent fin condition, large body size, and outstanding transition success.

OPTIMAL CONDITIONS

Our eggs (hatched in January) can be sea-ready smolt by November of the same year. This provides our partners with the unique advantage of being able to capitalize on the spring growing season. Smolt from our facility are recognized for their superior growth rates.

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

We were the first NS facility to develop and produce an effluent monitoring program for review, and have designed and implemented an innovative fish containment system to prevent smolt escapement. We apply continuous improvement initiatives to help us remain leaders in the industry.

For more information see: www.bigfallsfish.com

Ed Schofield

Black River

... from the Wolfville Acadian

This column was originally printed in the Wolfville Acadian and was printed without the wife's name, as was the practice of the time. Where it is known we have included it in brackets.

July 1, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Willie (?) Smith and little son Lindsay, from Port Williams visited recently with Mr and Mrs. Joseph (Blanche) Smith.

Little Bruce and Larry Long have returned to their home after having been patients in the hospital following tonsil operations.

Mrs. Arthur (?) Buckley and two sons Ronnie and Dale, Lumsden, called on Mrs. Lawson (Bessie) Atwell, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy is a patient at E.K.M. Hospital where she had a tonsil operation Monday.

Ivan Levy spent the week end at his home here. Miss Leona Lake was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell visited at Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (?) Buckley's home, Lumsden, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon (?) Hennigar called on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Blanche) Smith one evening recently.

A few of the school girls from here participated in an entertainment held in Gaspereau Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford (?) Schofield, Mrs. Georgie Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin (Verna) Forsythe and their son, all of White Rock, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy's home, Sunday evening.

July 8, 1948

Pass List Black River School:

Advanced Department - *Grade 9* Orville Levy, Jean Scott, *Grade 8* Jean Nowlin, *Grade 7* Ruby Nowlin, Bertha Schofield, *Grade 6* Pauline Schofield, Alva McInnis, Mervin Levy *Grade 5* Connie Atwell, Warren Scott

Prize List: Highest Average : First - Ruby Nowlin, Second Jean Nowlin

Excellence in English - Connie Atwell,

School Spirit- Ferne Nowlin

Industry and Effort - Orville Levy,

Neat Work books - Ruby Nowlin, Connie Atwell, Jean Nowlin

Attendance at Church and Sunday School - Ferne Nowlin, Jean Nowlin, Ruby Nowlin, Connie

Atwell, Alva McInnis, Orville Levy and Mervin Levy

Special Prize for Work in C.G.I.T.- Jean Scott



Masks Must Be Worn

AUGUST EVENTS

COVID 19 Prevention Guidelines
in Effect

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$3 drop in fee lunch, 50/50Draw	4 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	5	6	7
8	9 Ways & Means 8:00-9 pm	10 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$3 drop in fee lunch, 50/50Draw	11 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	12	13	14
15 Director's Meeting 7:00-8 pm	16 Book Club 7-8 pm	17 Election Polling Station Cards Cancelled	18 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	19	20	21
22 Monthly Meeting 7:00-8 pm	23	24 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$3 drop in fee lunch, 50/50Draw	25 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	26	27	28
29	30 Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	31 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$3 drop in fee lunch, 50/50Draw				

Auction 45 Card Games

Welcome Back! 45's Start
Tuesday, Aug.3 7-9 pm
The drop-in fee is \$3.00
which includes a lot of fun
playing cards
and a superior lunch.
50/50 draw available. Hope
to see you here at the Black
River Community Hall. Covid
Prevention Guidelines in
effect. Must wear masks. For
more info please
email Zelma:
sunkenhaven@gmail.com

Seniors Connect

Once again we are
opening the Hall to our
Seniors for the
opportunity to meet,
converse and play games.
Please join us on
Wednesdays 1-3 pm.
A light lunch provided.
Must wear mask.

NEWSLETTER *The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.*

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LIVE LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER & PODCASTS

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JACK SPINNEY BRAIDED RUGS - local and handmade, 85 Upper Sunken Lake Road, Sunken Lake B4P 2R2 Tel: 902.542.1552

Looking for KINDLING for the winter season? Look no further. **Jack Spinney is offering QUALITY, DRY KINDLING** at the great price of \$5 for a full feed bag. Call Jack at 902 542 1552.

Birthdays

Ken Bylund	Aug. 10
Debbie Hancock	Aug. 13
Brody Russell	Aug. 16
Joe McInnis	Aug. 30
Leslie Ells	Aug. 30

Anniversaries

Zane & Gladys Long	Aug. 1
Bryce & Diane Ells	Aug. 2
Jeff & Debbie England	Aug. 6
Frank & Shelley Hill	Aug. 6
Justin & Amy Davies	Aug. 15
Don & Theresa Feltmate	Aug. 17
Jeff & Mary Tanner Long	Aug. 20
Todd & Pam Schofield	Aug. 24
Bruce & Tanya Hoyt	Aug. 30
Rick & Pearl Tait	Aug. 30

With Appreciation

Thank you to **Sobeys, New Minas** and **Superstore, Windsor** for their donations toward the purchase of cold cuts for the Take Out Supper in July.

We would not be able to put on the fundraiser without the help of our community. Thank you for your donations, your labour and your support.

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Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Donna, Keshia, Keigan, Keifer and their families, the brothers and sisters and friends of **Stephen Levy** who passed away June 28.

whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/154884/?fbclid=IwAR0HgyNcjgWWLUVCGuniIER8gdIJDqTGbsUvL3SmGloye_QSEwEN7RoaJg

Our thoughts and condolences are with Cheryl Rector, her family and friends on the passing of her husband **Mark Rector** in early July. He had been battling MS for many years.

Anley Ells passed away in early July. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. He passed away after a long illness and was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/155006

Get Well Soon

Albert Atkinson, summer resident of Sunken Lake, is in ICU in Halifax. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

June 17- There is a question of where the hummingbirds have gone? I only have the odd one; other people have noticed their absence as well. Robin Armitage has a nest of tree swallows that she is worried about as she also has a flicker that is supposed to be real danger to them.

June 23 - No baby loons this year. I have been told that the crows destroyed their eggs. Well I knew it was going to happen. The bull frog is back disturbing sleep. I know it is Mother Nature but I could kick him in the britches if he wore them.

July 1- Lorna Pick was walking up the road here when a mother deer and fawn walked out in front of her. She was surprised but pleased.

July 5 - My hummingbirds have returned thankfully. Some of the ones I have now must be the young, but where they all were I cannot answer. The tree swallows that Robin Armitage has been watching so closely have now left their nest. Clayton Pick and I took an injured duck to *Hope for Wildlife*, new to our neighbourhood. They seem so caring we were glad we went. They thought they would be releasing it back in the wild in two weeks.

July 12 - Leora Spinney had an interesting drive around Sunken Lake when a mother deer and fawn walked out in front of her.

July 13 - Tracey Pick got a beautiful video of a male pileated woodpecker feeding its young. She was so lucky to get his video. The beavers are back being a pest, even in the grapevine and that bull frog's song is louder every night. Sometimes I have to remind myself how much I love wildlife.

July 16- Had an interested report from Delmar Jordan who saw a piebald deer at the Cement Bridge at Black River Lake. He said the back end was all white with brown on the front end. A couple of years ago he saw an albino deer, a short distance from there. Lucky sightings Delmar.

July 18 - Tim Jordan, Janice Dickie Jordan, Barr Family, Max and Kaleigh Stirling (Hope For Wildlife) involved in dramatic rescue of loon on Black River Lake. Loon had a fishing line around neck, beak and tongue and hook in its stomach. It has since been released back in lake. See rescue of loon on our Facebook page.

Telephone Clara 902.542.3180 with any of your wildlife observations and she will add them to her own or email: claraspinney123@gmail.com