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## Our Dads

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**Rodney Schofield** - This is the story of the first time my Father and I went fishing.

We were living on Schofield Road at the time. It was a late June Sunday and Dad asked if I would like to go fishing after dinner. Of course I was up for that.

We walked to the end of Schofield Road and started at the mouth of the Schofield Brook (Ok, enough Schofields already). I remember crawling over rocks and through pools of water. As the day moved on, I was getting tired and hungry.

We travelled up to Baker's Bridge and Dad decided to call it a day. We then journeyed back home through fields and forest. That was our last summer on Schofield Road and I was six years old. I'm sure we caught fish but that enjoyment came second to the time spent with Dad.

- Ed Schofield

**Byron Long** - I consider my father Byron Long a unique person.

He grew up here in Black River, the youngest son of eleven children, worked in the woods for his father and then at eighteen went overseas during World War II.

After returning home from overseas he met and married the love of his life from the North Mountain, and built a loving home for his wife, daughter and three sons. After his daughter married he decided to uproot his wife and sons to make a new life in British Columbia.

He taught us to love and respect the world around us and instilled in us a strong work ethic and pride in ourselves.

He had a wicked sense of humour that he sometimes expressed in prose. He loved to make us laugh, he loved his work and always wanted to be busy. He was a proud father and grandfather.

When my mother become ill he looked after her for as long as he could. Then his life changed again when she went into a home.

At the age of eighty he had to learn how to cook, clean, wash, bank, shop and generally everything my mother took care of along with visiting her every day without fail. This part of his life was full of humour and heartache but he did it with a smile and loving heart.

He passed away at the age of 96 at home, knowing he was loved by all who knew him. He was my Dad, my hero and my best friend.

- Clara Spinney

**George Spinney** - Father would often tell that he was born the same year that Victoria became Queen of England (1837). He never was very tall and there was a decided stoop to his shoulders. Some said the stoop was caused from carrying too many heavy loads on his shoulders. He had no use for horses and would carry heavy timbers out of the woods on his back while a horse might be eating its head off in the stable at home.

His hair was reddish brown and so was his full beard. His eyes were as blue as they could be. As a general rule he was one of the most optimistic of men. Things were seldom so black but he could find a rift in the cloud somewhere. He had an almost child-like faith in better things to come. He had a quick temper but it was over in a flash.

On the rare occasions when he did get discouraged, he got awful down in the dumps. "Having a fit of the doldrums" he might have said. Then Mother would fly around and brew him a cup of tea, talk cheerfully and try in every way to cheer him up. He'd sit with his elbows on his knees, his pipe between his hands, the very picture of dejection.

"Somebody always steps on me plans", he'd say,

"Oh, well, George, don't bid the devil good morning 'till you meet him", Mother would always answer.

The tea would be steeped and two cups of the warm, comforting beverage placed on the table along with a little snack to eat. Father's cup emptied, he'd turn his cup 3 times around in his saucer, cup bottom side up, you understand. Then it was passed 3 times about his head as he mentally made a wish. This done, the cup was placed in front of Mother and she'd read him a wonderful fortune of better times to come which she professed to see in his tea leaves. (It was his Mother who taught her to tell fortunes).

Finally fortified by Mother's cheerfulness, the soothing

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# NATURE'S PANTRY AND PHARMACY

## *They Just Don't Get Along*

Well it is planting time again. In the past, I have written a bit about companion planting but in this article we are looking at plants that **don't do well together**. The reasons for this may be obvious and sometimes not so. **First few simple rules:**

- Don't plant large plants next to smaller plants. In most cases, the shade from the larger plants will not be tolerated well by the smaller plants.
- Don't plant plants of a similar type together as the pests will find this situation very much to their liking. For instance, don't plant tomatoes and potatoes next to each other as they share many of the same insect problems.
- If you have a number of heavy feeders in your garden, it is best to keep them at a good distance from each other.

*Here is a list of garden plants that don't get along well together:*

1. **BEANS:** Beans seem to have a negative effect on vegetables from onion and cabbage families. Some of the veggies included in these families include: broccoli, cauliflower, kale, mustard, cress, chives, garlic and leeks.
2. **CARROTS:** Carrots will not grow well when grown together with herbs such as dill and celery. Avoid herbs in the same piece of land as carrots.
3. **CABBAGE:** Cabbage will not enjoy the companionship of beans although they seem to do well when grown together with potatoes. In addition, beans, especially pole beans, are not good companions of cruciferous vegetables. Avoid growing basil around cabbages as they will hinder their growth.
4. **CORN:** Corn does not do well when tomato plants are added to the same bed. Most likely due to both tomatoes and corn being heavy feeders. If your garden soil is rich enough, these plants can do well when planted close to each other. However, the biggest reason to keep corn and tomatoes away from each other is that they are affected by any of the same pests. The tomato fruit worm also referred to as corn earthworm or tomato hornworm is a common pest that affects these plants. If planted together these pests tend to multiply easily, affected the yields of both plants.
5. **LETTUCE:** Although lettuce are leafy greens that resemble cabbage, especially those types that are head forming, they actually belong to the daisy family. The Allium family of plants including the garlic and onions seem to produce chemicals that hinder their growth. In addition, the lettuce seems to compete with the same nutrients as the members of the Allium family.
6. **PEPPERS:** Peppers tend to have very few issues when growing except for the fact that they do not do well with fennel and kohlrabi. Research indicates that fennel tends to be "antagonistic" to almost all plants in the vegetable family although this is not the case with kohlrabi.
7. **MELONS:** They do not do well with potatoes although it is in the same group as the tomato.
8. **ONIONS:** Yields will be affected when grown together with some members of legume family including different types of peas and beans. The asparagus is another vegetable that doesn't do well with onions.
9. **PUMPKINS:** For some reason, pumpkins do not do well with potatoes.
10. **POTATOES:** Potatoes don't like spinach, cucumber, tomato, squash, sunflower or pumpkin. To repel most of the pests that affect potatoes grow catnip plants, nasturtium or marigold.
11. **TOMATO:** Pests that affect tomatoes also affect pepper, eggplant and potatoes. Avoid planting these together and when doing crop rotation remember to use plants not in this family.

*Ed Schofield*

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... 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.

*June 17, 1948*

In honour of Mrs. John (?) Schofield's eighty-third birthday on Wednesday, a host of her friends dropped in to call in the evening. She was the recipient of several gifts. We are glad to report Mrs. Schofield has recovered from her severe illness of a few days ago.

Miss Mabel Nowlin is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Earl (Zena) Schofield, at Starr's Point.

The church was filled almost to capacity, on Sunday, June 13th when "Children's Sunday" was observed. Connie and Jackie Atwell very charmingly rendered a special duet.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo (Dorothy) Long spent Sunday at Mr. Long's parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long and two children visited with Mr. and Mrs. Allison (Verna) Chute in Waterville, and with Mrs. Byron (Verna) Long, in Victoria Harbour.

Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy and son Charlton, visited recently with Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield, White Rock.

Miss Olive Weir, of Halifax, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir.

Mrs. Ralph (Rosie) Ells and son Anley, of White Rock, spent Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Leverette (Mabel) Long's home.

Ruth Long, of Halifax, recently visited her mother, Mrs. David (Jennie) Long.

Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell, her little daughter Judy (Judi) and her mother, Mrs. George (?) Illsley, visited Mrs. Illsley's sister Mrs. Guy (?) Fuller in Grand Pre on Wednesday.

Miss Marjorie Scott has returned from New Brunswick, and is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora (Muriel) Scott, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield and family, White Rock, spent some time Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy.



Cold Plate Supper Take-Out Cancelled until further notice as are our Monthly Meetings due to Covid restrictions.

## What Is It?



I received this item for Mother's Day. The three legged pot is made of cast iron. The cover and wand appear to be brass and the rounded thing at the end of the wand twirls around, has ridges and might be made of ceramic. The pot seems to have had ashes in it. Any ideas?

## Humble Hills Homestead

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George Spinney *continued from page 1*

influence of the hot tea and the hope of better things to come, he would spring to his feet, a whole new set of plans already seething in his head. Stopping just long enough to light his pipe with a glowing ember from the fire, he'd start for the door with the attitude of one who knew he could lick the world single-handed without half trying. At the time I was born he was carrying on a saw mill. In winter, he hunted and trapped as well as made baskets, axe handles and things of that sort for sale.

He was considered a well educated man for his time. I never knew of any of them being able to stump him with an arithmetic problem. He'd solve it but he never could explain why he took such and such steps so his knowledge didn't help us much.

There came a time when the price of potatoes was way up. High wages were paid to each and every man who had any knowledge of sailing at all. Of course, Father had been a sailor so he shipped aboard a boat sailing between the ports of Halifax and Boston. I don't know how many times he'd made the trip but one Father remembered well. A bad storm came up after they started, the vessel dragged anchor and they were swept way off course. They feared they would be dashed to pieces on the rocks and it was only by the kind intervention of providence that they were saved from such a fate. Father said that they had expected to be wrecked against the rock formation called the "Three Sisters" not far from Parrsboro. For a fortnight Mother supposed she was a widow. It was haying time and Mother mowed the hay by hand and cured it. One day Father came strolling up the road to the house as unconcerned as you please, having no idea he was dead, and Mother fainted for the first time in her life. That put an end to Father's sailing. - *Carrie Spinney Grover*

*Excerpt from Carrie Grover's unpublished manuscript.*

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

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## Birthdays

Zane Long	June 2
Tammy MacLellan	June 6
Pat Levy	June 8
Rick Tait	June 8
Harlan Spinney (92)	June 9
Leslie Ann Levy	June 9
Dylan Schofield	June 12
Perry Munro	June 16
Leonard Levy	June 19
Keifer Levy	June 19
Jacob Long	June 29
Cameron Hoyt	June 30
Nicholas Ells	June 30

## Anniversaries

Gordon & Kathy Berry	June 2
Hank & Donna Levy (50)	June 5
Paul & Sherry Spinney	June 15
Shane & Jenna Kaizer	June 17
Ken & Brenda Byland (47)	June 22
Rick & Lynda King	June 26

## Thank You

Our Ham, Bean & Scallop Potato Supper was a wonderful success. Thanks to all of you who donated food, time and supported our fundraiser.

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## Congratulations

**Tasia Schofield** graduated from Acadia University with a minor in Psychology and a major in Sociology. Tasia is the daughter of Tammy and Brian Schofield.

## Condolences

Condolences to **Taryn Long** on the loss of her husband **Andrew Livingstone** who passed away in May, to their daughters **Alyssa and Paulina** on the loss of their father and to extended family and friends.

Our sympathy to **Jeff Long and Mary Tanner Long** on the loss of their granddaughter Josie-Rae, who was born prematurely to their son **Mitch** and his partner **Amber Hermie**.

## Get Well Soon

Best wishes are offered to **Paulina Livingstone** for a speedy recovery following her recent surgery.

**Doreen Arnborg** is in hospital with a serious illness. Best wishes go out to her.

## Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations recorded by Clara Spinney

**Apr. 29-** Winter feeders have been taken in for summer.

**May 2-** A couple of pine siskins enjoying my yard, especially the cedar trees.

**May 3** - Hummingbird feeders out, waiting for their arrival.

**May 5** - Have a visiting muskrat, he is kind of cute as long as I don't see his tail, then he looks like a barn rat.

**May 6** - Summer wouldn't be summer without visits from the beaver- one stops by early evening but short uneventful visits

**Still no hummingbirds!**

**May 7** - Loons coming in so close to shore; if I was on shore I could reach out and touch them.

**May 9** - It snowed here last night, today is cold and windy and the hummingbirds arrive at Sunken Lake, yay.  
**May 11** - Enjoying the ducks so much. They will follow me around until I feed them cracked corn.

**May 13** - At the corner of our property we have a hedge of eight spruce trees. Not big but a promising wind break. Noticing something looked amiss and upon investigation it was revealed that the beaver took seven. All my trying to co-exist is testy at the moment. I am trying to see humour in it but it will take time.  
**May 15** - Several people have told me of enjoying seeing deer in the fields around the neighbourhood.

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



Pine Siskin



Ruby throated hummingbird.