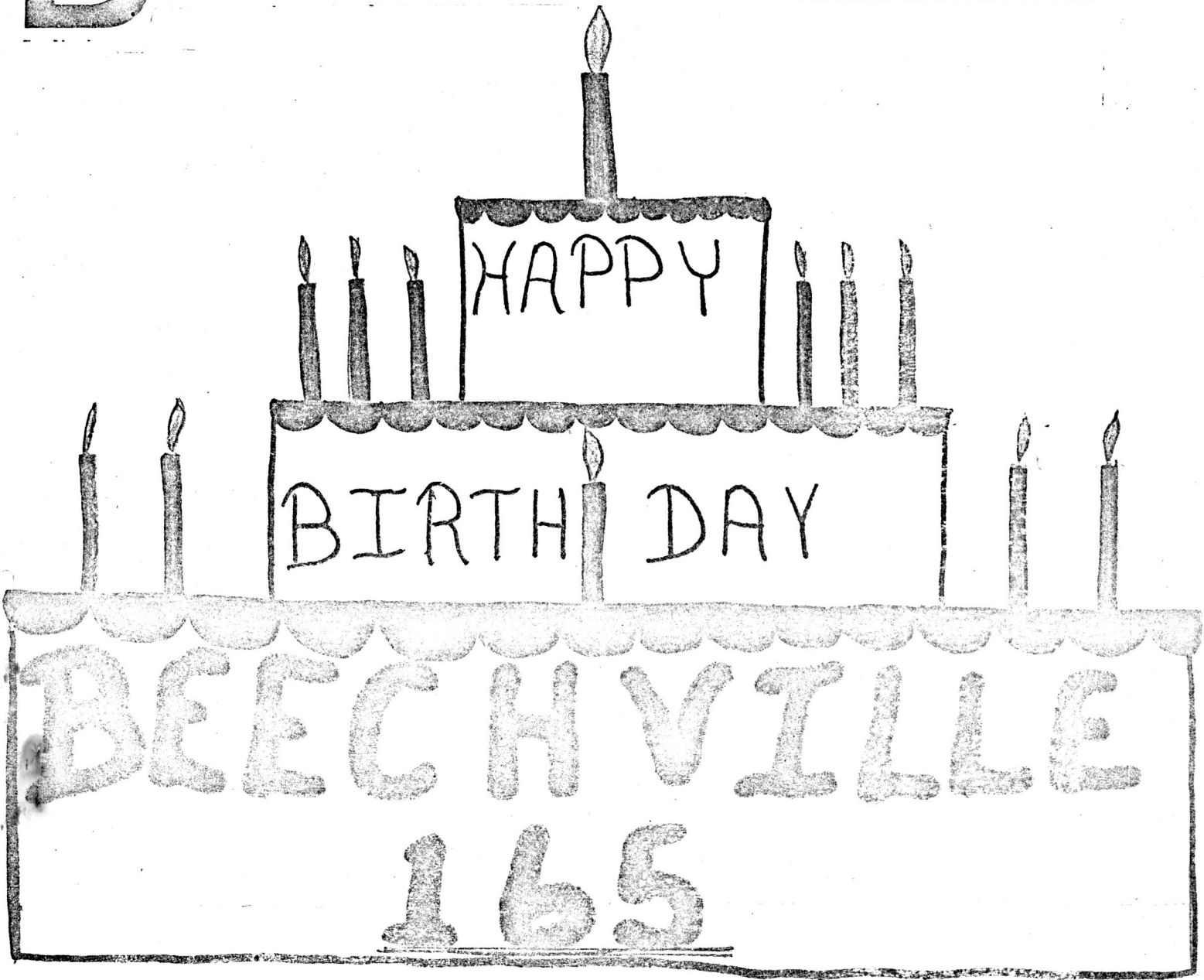


BEECHVILLE



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BEECHVILLE ELITE

Interview with Mr. Richard (Dick) Hamilton Jr.

The CAP had an interesting and long talk with one of the senior residents in Beechville. Richard was asked about his trial and tribulations in the early years (1930's). Apparently it was no easy chore growing up then. Schooling was a hard thing to get, not many Beechvillians in the 30's and 40's received an education higher than what was taught in the one room school. A high percentage were self taught or learned from others who were easier to teach. Jobs were hard to find, food was hard to find, well food wasn't hard to find if you had the money to buy it. The weather back in those days was always bad, if it wasn't snowing and blowing, it was raining. In order to cut trees, you would have to cut it off four feet from the base, then haul it out on a sleigh.

People couldn't afford coal so tree cutting was a must. To survive a winter families would pick blueberries, strawberries in the summer and make preserves, stock pile wood, get your salt fish meat and potatoes in, have your flour for making bread then still you were not ready for winter.

Christmas Eve was the last time you went to town, because the roads were so bad you couldn't move. Snow was so deep it would come to the top of telephone poles. Although Mr. Bishop's farm provided work for a few people, we used this as a last resort for work, because out at Greenhead Road which was run by George Carmichael.

Beechville once started at the Old Prospect Road, which begins around Chain Lake and ended out by Nine Mile River. Beechville began to shorten when Mr. Cox opened his store and wanted his store in Lakeside, so he (Mr. Cox) had a apetition taken around and Beechville became Lakeside. Then came the Industrial Park which doesn't employ many people from Beechville. Now the city wants another part of Beechville. It seems a long hard struggle for Beechville and getting harder. Through hard work and determination, Beechville will survive.

Thank you

Richard Hamilton

CHURCH NEWS

Auxiliary Elects President

The Beechville Ladies Auxiliary have elected Bernice Hamilton as the new president, with Bethula Williams as vice president, Evelyn Drummond as secretary with Artie Downey as the assistant, Helen Dorrington as treasurer with Germaine Hamilton as the assistant. Chairlady of the sick committee will be Ruth Cook and Marie Do-

rrington will handle the social committee. The ladies Auxiliary will also have 3 senior councillors: Mrs. Pearleen Oliver, Mrs. Marie Hamilton.

Leten Services during the next two weeks:

Wednesday March 30- 7:30 The Crucifixion of Jesus

Good Friday April 1-11:00 His Death and Burial

Easter Sunday, April 3- 3:00 The Resurrection and Ascension

Cornwallis St. Baptist Church

On Sunday March 27, 1983, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cornwallis St. Church will hold a Palm Service at 3:00. Lena West will be the speaker and the Cherrybrook BYF Choir will be the guest Choir.

The St. Thomas United Baptist Church

The St. Thomas United Baptist Church will be having special Evngelistic services. Following is a schedule of the services leaders and times. Friday March 25- Deacon Bernard Cain-Sister Marion Byard; Monday March 28-Deacon Joseph Smith-Sister Gladys Cain; Tuesday March 29 Cherrybrook deacons; Wednesday March 30- Deacon Wallace Smith-Sister Gladys Thompson, Thursday March 31- Deacon Stanford Fraser-Sister Ruby Beals; Good Friday- The Pastor "Seven Last Words" The Youth Choir.

Cultural News-Community Note:

The time has come
when we've got to be one
the man is coming to hear you say
give me \$\$ and I won't stay.

You've had this land for such a time
It's not right to give it for couple of dimes.
Pass it on down to a child
And tell them to keep it for a long, long while.

Cultural Awareness Project for Black Youth "Quest For Identity" is a quiz competition pertaining to Black history past and present. Various Black organizations and groups will compete against each other. The quiz will be run somewhat like the quiz show "Reach For The Top". Teams competing against each other. It will be held at the North-End Library on Gottingen Street.

Competition schedule: Thursday March 31 6:45 Black Cultural Awareness Group of O.E.H VS Black Youth Organization (Dart) 7:30-8:00-Sackville Bedford Black Association VS United Black Voices (Spryfield) Saturday April 2nd-2:30-3:00-Black Youth Assoc. (Dart.) VS Ebony Cultural Awareness (Hammonds Plains). 3:30-4:00p.m. United Voices VS Black Cultural Awareness Group (Hfx.).

Sports News

No 3 in the Nation

Blair Crawford, after raising the money on his own, went to Hamilton, Ontario, to wrestle in the National Amateur Championships. He wrestled in 3 matches. The first one he got pinned in the 1st round after leading 6-0 in points. In his next match he lost 14-4 in three rounds, in which a win would have put him in place for a silver medal. In his final match, he met the same guy he wrestled in his first match. the same thing happened but this time, Blair pinned him and by doing this, won a bronze medal. Congratulations Blair in becoming No. 3 in the Nation. And we are sorry for the hard times you had to get there. Keep up the good work!

Juvenile B-Ball Jamboree

Last Thursday at the Community Y on Cornwallis St. in Halifax, a Juvenile Basketball Jamboree was held. the community of Beechville had only two representatives, Quentin Hill and John Snair. They both played well but the team Quentin played on played a little better and came out on top. Quentin won a trophy for being on the 1st place team, which we like to say congratulations. But we must also say congratulations to John for being there as well. Thanks guys!

Timberlea Jr. High

On Saturday, March 26, Timberlea Jr. High will be holding a girls basketball tournament. It is slated to start at 10:00. It is a four team tourney and they are: Timberlea, Tantalou, Gatezbrook. Come on out and support your local Jr. High school's girls. See you there!

Players Come On

The guys who wish to play for the Beechville team in the B.A. Husband's Softball Tournament please get in touch with Ervin Shephard (876-7991) or Terry DeLeon (876-2568) as soon as possible. It has to be known by the middle of the week. So come on fellows don't be shy, come give it another try.

Come Catch the Drift

On Tuesday, March 29, the Beechville Community Awareness Program will be holding another night of bowling at the Atlantic Colonial Bowling Centre in Fairview. The address is 35 Coronation Ave. directly behind Halifax West High School. So come on out and catch the drift, bowl with us a bit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEECHVILLE! 165 YEARS OLD
MARCH 27 1818 -MARCH 27, 1983

COMMUNITY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEECHVILLE

Beechville has been known to have existed before the licence's were granted to the men of colour in 1818. Looking back to last weeks issue of Beechville History, you've read that the

first settlers in Beechville were Licensed land, being previously crown land, by the government 27th of March 1818.

This Sunday March 27th 1983, Beechville will be experiencing its 165 birthday. The people of our community have either not known this fact or celebrated it quietly in the comfort of their own homes. We of the C.A.F. suggest we acknowledge this great day in the history of our community and make Beechvilles Birthday a very special day, in our lives. Acknowledging the hardships and struggles our fathers and their fathers before them experienced. We are now a community in the midsts of turmoil pertaining to the decrease in our population, and the persistance of the City of Halifax trying to take over our prime land. People of Beechville, it's now lime to pull together forming a bond to make our community stronger and promote growth and development in our community. Our people have been here for 165 years this Sunday. Let's not fall apart of turn against one another and look ahead to the growth and development of our community, through our unity. Something the slaves and refugees of our past wouldn't have survived without.

Beechville is a great community, consisting of people with a lot of potential, past and present. Let's not let something our ancestors built, fall. Beechville has been her for 165 years and with our determination, will be here for another 165.

We would like to express a warm welcome home to two of our former residents, Gail Marsmen Martell, who is now residing in Toronto and Carolyn Dorrington Broodie, now residing in Virginia, U.S.A.

WELCOME HOME!

Get Well Soon! We would like to send out a get well note to Mrs. Martha Shephard. She is ill with the flu. Get Well Soon!

BEECHVILLE HISTORY

BEECH HILL CHURCH 1844:

When this church was organized by Rev. Richard Preston, the community had already been settled for 29 years. The first settlers were Edward Allen, Pompey Cooper, Benjamin Roberts, Joseph Butler, William Roberts, Robert Hamilton, Aron Wheeler, Charles Lovette Sr., Charles Lovette Jr., and Hendrick Hamilton. These men with their families comprised the original 89 refugees there in 1815.

Father Burton had cared for their religious needs until his death and Rev. Preston found them eager to have their own church. He worked with them until his death in 1861. Rev. Bailey served in Beech Hill in the late 1870's and 80's.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS QUESTIONS

2. MOTOWN
3. ANDRE CROUCH.....GOSPEL, MARVIN GAYE...SOUL, JESSE DIXON
...GOSPEL, LOUIS ARMSTRONG...JAZZ, OSCAR PETERSON..JAZZ
QUINCY JONES...SOUL, JAZZ, LIONEL RICHIE...SOUL, HARRY BEL-
EFONTE.....CALYPSO, B.B. KING..BLUES, JAMES CLEVELAND..GOSPEL
4. HAROLD MELVIN AND THE BLUE NOTES, SLY AND THE FAMILY STONES,
RAY PARKER JR. AND RADIO, ANDRE CROUCH AND THE DICIPLES,
MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY.
5. HENDRICK HAMILTON, ROBERT HAMILTON, ARRON WHEELER, POMPEY
COOPER, WILLIAM ROBERTS, EDWARD ALLEN, JOSEPH BUTLER, CHARLES
LOVETT SR., CHARLES LOVETT JR.
6. BEECH HILL
7. SACHEL PAGE
8. LITTLE RICHARD
9. RICHARD PRESTON
10. BLACK MAGAZINE

What are the nicknames of the following Black personalities?

1. Philadelphia 69'ers star Julius Erving
2. Former star running back O.J. Simpson?
3. Welterweight boxer Thomas Hearns
4. Soul Singer Teddy Pendergrass
5. Baseball super star Reggie Jackson
6. Civil Rights Leader Malcolm X
7. Singer Issac Hayes
8. The first black to win Wimbledon Tennis title.
- 9.

M A R C H 29, 1985

TUESDAY

ADULT BOWLING

18 and over. Meet
at Centre steps at 6:15
with as many cars as
possible

Place: Atlantic Colonial
Bowling 35 Coronation
Avenue

WEDNESDAY

Senior Citizens
Bowling Hfx. Shopping Centre
Meet at Centre steps
12:45

THURSDAY

7:00 - 8:00

Womens adult
Fitness Class

Swimming For Children

To be announced