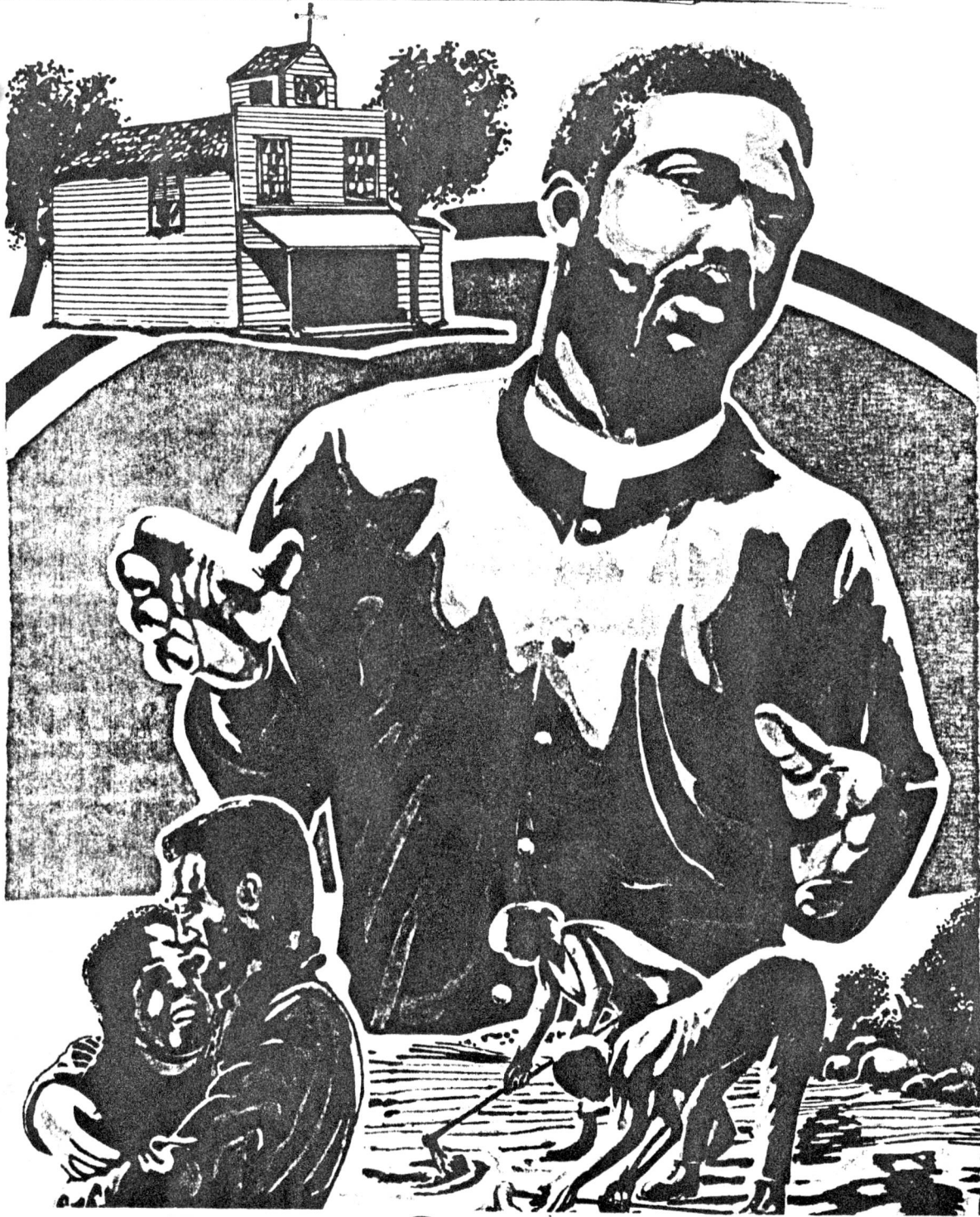


BEECHVILLE GAZETTE



8th **EDITION**

April 24-30

Paul Dorrington

Ivan Wright

Terry DeLeon

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Henry Wright celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on April 18. C.A.P. wishes Charles & Marj a Happy Anniversary.

A Fitness Buff!

If you can walk, run, or jog, come to Alderwood School on April 28 for fitness class. On Thursday April 28, we will have a special guest who can stretch and bend fairly easily, so come out and stretch a leg!

Rolita Sommers: A graduate of Cornwallis Basic Training Camp in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Rolita is a member of the Armed Forces, training as a Aero Technician. She is presently posted in Summerside P.E.I.

C.A.P. is going to try and answer a question which was asked by a resident of Beechville. Who were some of the first teachers in Beechville? As far back as we could go were: Mr. Bunbury, Mrs. Liz Gabriel, Mr. Sherry, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Skinner.

Attention Everybody!

C.A.P. are holding a talent show. We would like to see or hear from talented people. Anyone interested, please contact Paul Dorrington, Terry DeLeon, or Ivan Wright.

WHO'S WHO

ANDRE WRIGHT- grade 12 student at Sir John A. Macdonald High School
1981-82 House council and sports council member.
1982 Winter Carnival, Andre won the mens high single trophy in bowling 128 pin down.
On the S.J.A Rugby team.
Member of the church senior choir.
Vice President of the Beechville Mens Brotherhood.
Andre's fourth year as an Air Cadet in the 529 Armdale Kiwanis.
Rank-Warrant Officer, position -Second-In-Command.
Received most outstanding first year Air Cadet trophy in 1980.
1981 Best Turned out Air Cadet Trophy.
1982 The Best All around Air Cadet Trophy.
1980 top ticket seller award. He sold the winning ticket for a trip to Bermuda.
First place Awards for Air Cadet Volleyball team 1981 and 1983 in N.S.
Second place award in basketball in central N.S. in 1981.
1980 first place Camp Awards for Drill and sports.

Saturday April 9, Andre competed in the Annual Central N.S. Drill and Sports Championships. He received first place awards in volleyball and second place in floor hockey.

1982 received his private pilot's permit. Andre would like to express a special thanks to Mr. Kelly of Timberlea for his helpfulness during Air Cadets. He would also like to thank Commanding Officer Captain Doug Nicholas and his wife for their leadership and support.

WAY TO GO ANDRE, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! C.A.P.

BEECHVILLE ELITE

Joseph Shephard

Joseph Shephard born in Truro, N.S. came to Beechville in 1920 at the age of 16 with his sister. Son of George and Mary Shephard. Attended school in Truro and New Glasgow. Joe informed us of the hard times in Beechville in the early 1900's. He told us of the school at the flat rock and some of the teachers he remembered: Liz Gabriel, Mr. Shenery, Sid Burnbury and others. The school was also used for meetings, bean suppers, dances and various other social functions. The Beechville school was the only school in the area for miles until you got to Halifax, so Blacks and whites both attended the school under the Black teachers. Mr. Shephard used to pick up Mr. Shenery and Sid Burnbury to bring them out to the school.

Times were tough and jobs were hard and almost impossible to come by. Joe scraped and did what he could to make ends meet along with the other members of the community. Joe in his younger days had many a jobs; worked on Willie Bishop's farm cutting hay, George Raines Mill, both men's farms were in the community. His other jobs included; staved labour on the roads, Department of highways, on the coal boats, Pier 2 on the railroad, shovelling snow, plasterer, watchman, making kindlin wood and chopping hard wood to sell to the people in Halifax. While working at Pier 2 with the railroad shovelling snow and gravel, Joe had to walk to work near the Halifax Harbour, work all day and well into the night, then walk home and do chores and get up for work at the crack of dawn. Pay was .25 per hour. Joe said

this was the way of most, if not all of our Beechvillians back in those days. Everything was evolved around work and battling the aches and pains as well as the discouragement of prejudice working against the Black man. Joe's other jobs were caretaker of the church which involved cleaning, making the fire for the oil lamps, keeping fire going twice a day on Sundays, on Wednesday nights, and Friday night Sunday services. He was always active in the church and helped out in any way he possibly could.

Joe reminisced about the Black constables that were in Beechville. The Black constables were somewhat like policemen, but didn't have the same freedom. They mainly dealt with the Black people and very few whites that were scattered further out of the city. Bill Hill Sr., Issac Wright, William Wright, Richard Hamilton Sr., George Brown, Richard Hamilton Jr. and others. Times during the depression were very rough, no work, no money, and just enough food to get by for most families. Joe told us also that Beechville started from the Armdale Rotary Hill to the Nine Mile River bridge. Also the Beechville Post Office.

Joe told us also of the great deal of houses that were in Beechville, for example, where CJCH is now, was once Black peoples homes and where the big towers are now were once Black peoples gardens. The Magazine Hill explosion stood out in Joe's mind, remembering one explosion after another. People evacuating their homes, injured people, shells and debris dropping into our lakes. Times were hard in Beechville but due to determination, unity, and hard work, they always managed to provide for their families and keep somewhat of a smile on their face, remembering those days as the good old days.

Joe Shephard long time resident of Beechville for 63 years is a hard working man, providing for his large family and working at whatever job he could. Joe and Martha Shephard have been together for 44 happy years. A family of nine children, all adults now. We of the Community Awareness Program would like to thank Joseph Shephard for his retrospective knowledge of Beechville, and wish him and his wife good health and a long life for the future.

THANK YOU CAP

We of CAP would like to maintain our acknowledgement of our senior citizens through out Beechville Elite column. The senior's are a major part of Beechville's history and future. Their knowledge and experiences mean a great deal to us in educating the youths of the past in Beechville and their ordeals faced in this community. There is a vast amount of history in the memories of our senior citizens, all we have to do is take the time and listen.

CAP

CHURCH NEWS

BEECHVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Service at 11 a.m. with Senior and Junior Choirs.

ST. THOMAS BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH PRESTON

Saturday: Boys Choir rehearsal 2 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Spring Tea 2 - 5 p.m.

District #1 Laymen Rally in our Church

7 p.m. to observe Day of Prayer. The speaker will be the Pastor.

Sunday: (May 1st) The Deacon Board will conduct 11 am service with music by the young boys choir.

District #1 Sessions at East Preston 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Family Program: Sponsored by the Building Fund April 30th. Families invited to participate.

EAST PRESTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday: Bake Sale by WMS

Sunday: Women's Day Services 11:00, 3:00 and 7:00 with Cornwallis at 3:00 and Beechville at 7:00 pm.

CHERRY BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday: Deacon Ralph Sparks 11:00 am with the Youth Choir.

Sunday School at 1:00 p.m.

Preaching service, communion and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

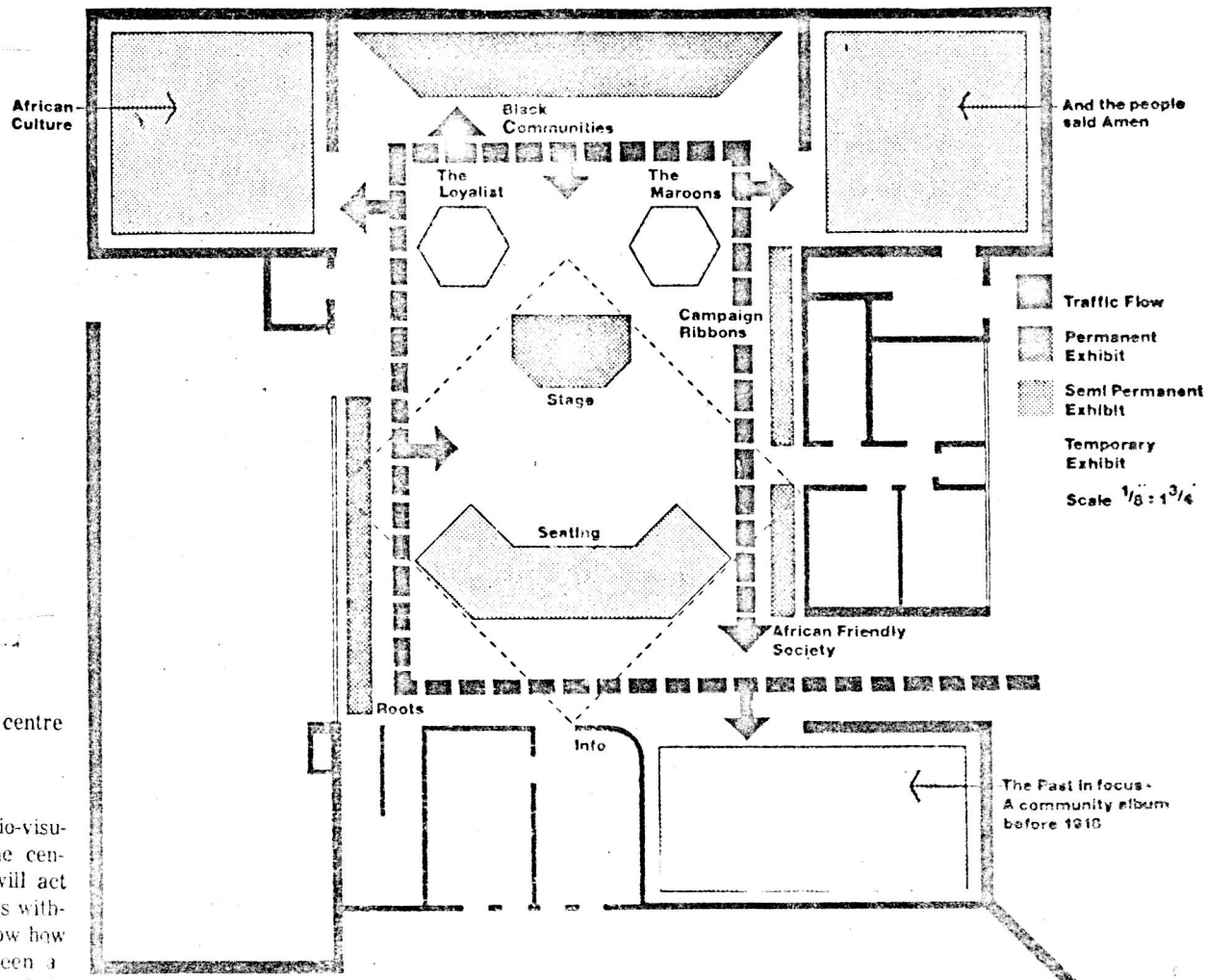
CULTURAL NEWS

Benefit Program: On Saturday the Africville Genealogy Society is sponsoring a Program at Joseph Howe School in aid of the 1983 Reunion of former Africville residents early in August. Tickets available from Sisters Joyce States, Wynola Fraser. Adults \$2.00; Senior Citizens and children \$1.00.

Publication: The Joint Action Committee has published a book entitled, "From Africville to New Road". It was officially announced on Wednesday and sells for \$2.00. Contact Mr. Ed Beals or Mr. Brian Johnston.

Medical Care: Dr. Anthony Sebastian has opened a practice every Thursday morning 9 - 1 p.m. at the Sarah Jane Senior Citizens Manor, East Preston. Anyone wishing to visit can make an appointment (434-2155) Wednesday.

Black Cultural Centre: representing our heritage



Exhibits proposed for the centre include:

Permanent exhibits:

"Since 1605" will be an audio-visual presentation featured in the centre's amphitheatre area and will act as an introduction to all exhibits within the museum area. It will show how and why Black people have been a part of Nova Scotian heritage since

the province's earliest days.

"Roots" is a large wall mural depicting principal immigration routes from Africa to the Americas. Inset vignettes and artifacts will explain various aspects of the journeys from continents of origin to ultimate destinations.

A large background map of Nova Scotia will be the focal part of a display entitled "Black Communities". A brief history will detail the founding of each community, including some no longer in existence. Centre staff hope to supplement this visual display with "voice-over" accounts narrated by community residents.

"Campaign Ribbons", an exhibition of large banners hung from the second floor ceiling, will illustrate the participation of Black people in armed conflicts dating from the early Black

Pioneer and Colonial Corps to modern times. Texts and illustrations will accompany the banners to allow visitors to determine what banner is for what campaign.

Semi-permanent exhibits:

A collection of West African artifacts, currently in storage at the Nova Scotia Museum, will be featured in "African Culture". Housed in a self-contained room at the northwest side of the centre, this exhibit will feature cased displays of artifacts with lighting and musical accompaniment. The music and lights will be keyed to an audio-visual presentation which will provide historical context.

"And the People Said Amen" is a personality-oriented exhibit which shows the importance of black people to their religion. Located in a northeast display area, it will provide a

chronological history narrated by various religious leaders who will tell their own "history" as if speaking in the past. As each speaker makes a presentation their photograph will be spotlighted in semi-darkness. After each has spoken the room will return to general lighting allowing visitors time to view related materials.

Future semi-permanent exhibits will focus on slavery, prejudice and other significant factors of the Black culture.

Temporary exhibits will concentrate on visual arts, craft displays and transient visiting exhibitions. The photo mosaic "The Past in Focus - A Community Album Before 1910", which opened April 8 at Mount Saint Vincent Art Gallery, will form the first contemporary exhibit at the Centre.

Black Cultural Centre floor plan

BEECHVILLE HISTORY

In 1822, a better road was needed from Halifax to Beechville. Benjamin Roberts of Beechville presented a petition to the House of Representatives of Nova Scotia in General Assembly. The petition was presented on February 1822 to the House and was received by Christian Brehm in March 1822. The General Assembly seen that there was a need for a better road so they granted a sum of between fifteen & twenty pounds. Here is the official written document of the men of colour.

See interpretation on following page.

HELPFUL HINTS

Professional painters say the correct way to hold a brush is to grasp it comfortably near the handle base. Don't bear down on the brush. Just exert enough pressure to make the bristles flex slightly toward the tip.

Make a disposable apron for dirty chores such as cleaning the oven, frying food, washing the dog or feeding the baby. Cut holes in a large plastic garbage bag for neck and arms and wear as an apron.

Peanuts and peanut butter are an excellent source of niacin, important for the normal function of the gastrointestinal tract.

To remove ballpoint ink stain from material, dab on concentrated hair shampoo or spray on hair spray, rub out the ink, then launder the item as usual.

Shells from eggs used in cooking make attractive mobiles when tied to wire crossbars or painted coat hangers and hung where a movement of air will make them sway.

Inexperienced mothers will feel more confident about giving their infant a bath if they wear thin cotton gloves. These assure a firm grip on a wiggly child and enable the free hand to be used as a washcloth. Rinse out gloves after bath time and hang them to dry, ready for use the next day.

Give an aspiring young dancer or gymnast the joyous responsibility of becoming the family exercise leader, demonstrating skills and helping others in the family, including mother, father, sister or brother, in weekly exercise sessions at home.

Drop a thimble over the center tube in a percolator before adding ground coffee; filling the pot will be easier with no worry about grounds falling into the water.

Hang a mirror behind a baby's changing table. The child will enjoy watching himself in the mirror and changing will be easier.

When painting with a roller, line the tray with a plastic bag before pouring in the paint. When the job is done, discard the liner; the tray will not have to be cleaned.

To The Honorable House of Representatives
Of Nova Scotia in General Assembly -

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Volume 90
#124

The Petition of Benjamin Roberts a Man of Colour
in behalf of himself and Others Consisting of four
Families Most Humble Sheweth

That they were
settled by Government on a Tract of Land called
Beach Hill in the Year of 1815 about Seven Miles
from the Town of Halifax. Your Petitioners beg leave
to state that the Road on which they pass for
four Miles is in a very bad State: Although they
have performed their Statute Labour it does not
come nigh their Wishes: for it does not make it
Accessible for a Team and being very poor cannot
alter its Situation: Your Petitioner humbly pray
this Honorable House to take their Case into
their Consideration and be pleased to Grant them
a sum of Money for to Enable them to make
Bridges and Repair the Road: and Your
Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray

Feb. 22. 1822 Benjamin ^{his} Roberts
Mark

We, whose names are signed in this petition
in behalf of the colored people settled at
Beach Hill, do recommend some assistance
to be given them from the House of Assembly,
and which with their statute labour, would
enable them to make good the road to the settlement

BEECHVILLE HISTORY

TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA IN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY-

THE PETITION OF BENJAMEN ROBERTS A MAN OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS
CONSISTING OF FOURTEEN FAMILIES. MOST HUMBLE THEWETH.

THAT THEY WERE SETTLED BY GOVERNMENT ON A TRACT OF LAND
CALLED BEECH-HILL IN THE YEAR 1815 ABOUT SEVEN MILES FROM
THE TOWN OF HALIFAX. YOUR PETITIONERS BEG LEAVE TO STATE
THAT THE ROAD ON WHICH THEY TRAVEL OF FOUR MILES IS IN A
VERY BAD STATE: ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE INFORMED THEIR STATUE
LABOUR IT DOES NOT COME HIGH THEIR WISHES: FOR IT DOES NOT
MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE FOR A TEAM AND BEING VERY POOR CANNOT
ALTER ITS SITUATION: YOUR PETITIONERS HUMBLE PRAY THIS
HONOURABLE HOUSE TO TAKE THEIR CASE INTO CONSIDERATION AND
BE PLEASED TO GRANT THEM A SUM OF MONEY FOR TO ENABLE THEM
TO MAKE BRIDGES AND REPAIR THE ROAD: AND YOUR PETITION AS IN
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FEB/22/1822

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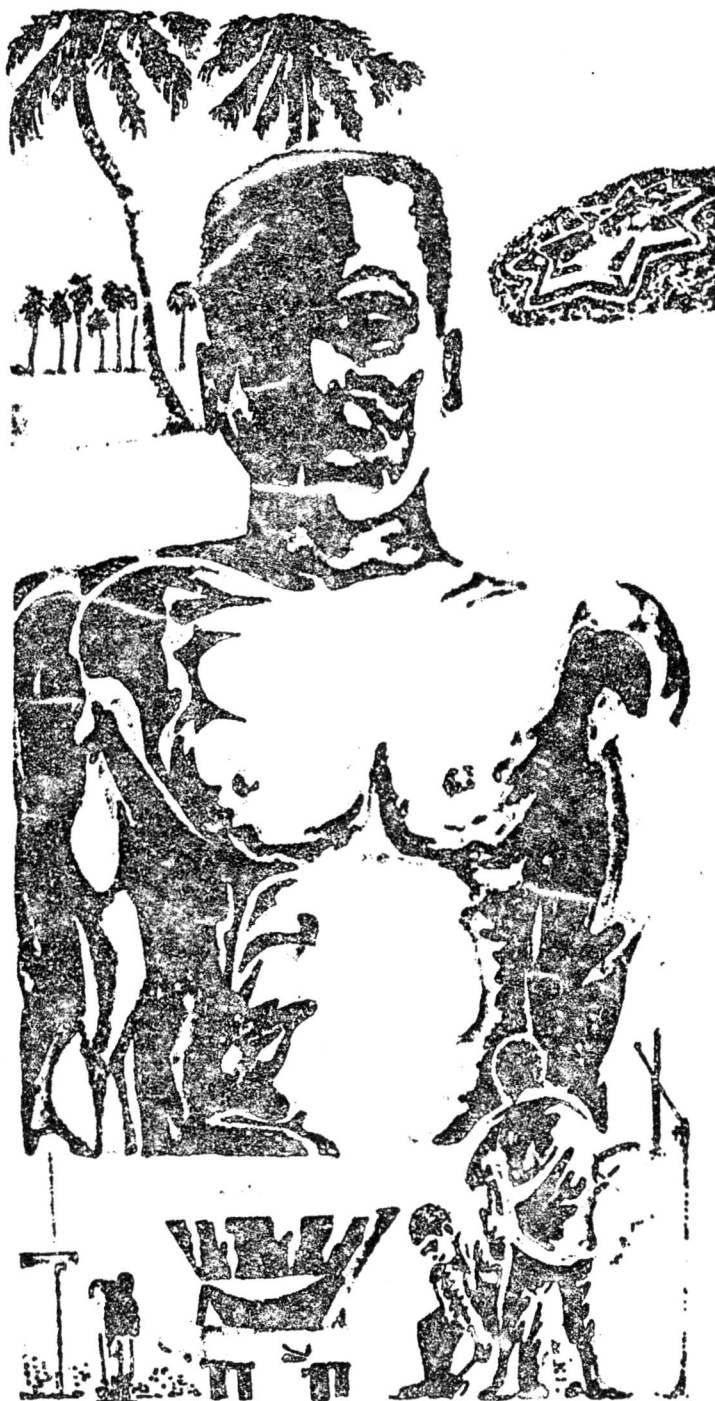
REPORT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGES THAT THE PEOPLE OF COLOUR
HAVE PETITIONS FOR.

FROM THE HEAD OF THE NORTH WEST ARM THERE IS A ROAD WHERE A
TRUCK OR CART CAN TRAVEL FOR HALF A MILE THEN A BRIDGE IS
WANTING AFTER CROSSING OVER THE RUN OF WATER IT IS ONLY A
ROAD FOR A SLEIGH TO A LAKE, THEN THEIR IS A PATH AROUND TWO
LAKES AND CONTINUES A PATH TO THE SETTLEMENT. TWO MORE BRI-
DGES AS WANTING: THE SUM THAT WOULD BUILD THE ROAD AND MAKE
BRIDGES WOULD AMOUNT TO BETWEEN FIFTEEN OR TWENTY POUNDS IF
CAREFULLY EXFUNDED.

CHRISTIAN BREHMAN

N.B. PLAN OF THE LANDS WHERE THE SETTLEMENT CAN BE SEEN OR
HAD AT THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OFFICE.

WHOSSES NAMES ARE SIGNED TO THIS PETITION IN BEHALF OF THE
COLOURED PEOPLE SETTLE AT BEACH HILL, DO RECOMMEND SOME
ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN THEM FROM THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND
WHICH WITH THEIR STATUE LABOUR WOULD ENABLE THEM TO MAKE A
ROAD TO THEIR SETTLEMENT.



The Maroons

Approximately 600 Maroons sailed from Jamaica and arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July, 1796.

An allowance of 25,000 pounds was given by the Jamaican government to help the Maroons settle in Nova Scotia.

Upon their arrival in Halifax, the Duke of Kent, Commander-in-Chief, Halifax, went on board to inspect the Maroons and was received as their guest of honor.

The Prince was impressed with the Maroons and offered them work on the fortifications being erected on Citadel Hill. Although the Maroons offered their services to the Duke free of charge, the Duke insisted that they be paid. An agreement was reached and the Maroons received nine pence a day plus provisions, lodging and clothing.

In the summer of 1796, the Maroons settled on several estates in Preston. The cost of the land and buildings was 2,000 pounds sterling. The government of Jamaica held title to the lands. The winter of 1796-97 was a cold and dreary one, with heavy snow falls, and the spring that followed was one of the worst in Nova Scotian history. The Maroons were depressed and discontented with the weather and requested a transfer to a warmer climate.

It wasn't until January, 1800 that the decision was made to send the Maroons to Sierra Leone. In August, 550 Maroons left for Africa aboard the ship *Asia*, arriving at Sierra Leone in October of the same year.

SPORTS NEWS

Hal Turner--Beechville Hockey Player

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Now he is still playing Bantam B, along with AA Bantam. TASA still the team he plays for now along with the Scotia Selects. He did try out for the Halifax MacDonald's AAA cut but was told by the coach to go to Sackville to play with the Blazers from Sackville. He made this team but wanted to learn more about the game before making his move to higher calibre teams.

When he went to the Scotia Selects, he had to compete against 100 other guys. He made the team, along with going to a team tournament in Toronto and making the first page, in a colored photo with his billet. Now, he is gone to Boston to play in another big tournament.

In other tournaments, Hal has won All-Star trophies and top scorer trophies. Hopefully he'll do the same on this trip.

In the future, Hal hopes to be drafted by a Toronto or Montreal based junior team. Then he hopes to be picked up by the Montreal Canadiens.

Hal is also an all-star in other sports, but hockey is his number one sport. Keep skating and scoring Hal and you can become Beechville's answer to Wayne "The Great" Gretzky. Good Luck!

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The B division consists of six teams Beechville, Yarmouth, Truro, Windsor, New Brunswick and Halifax. The Beechville team is represented by Paul Dorrington, Dennis Dorrington, Ivan Wright, Barry Wright, Paul Blackmore, Ronnie Wright and Lonzo Wright former residents, sons of Mrs. Maude (Wright) Lorde, Brian Williams of Sackville, Mike Williams and Al Ryan of St. Mary's and Dalhousie varsity teams. Our team has formerly won the Black tournament in 1980 and 1981. We are back on the track to take another Championship for Beechville this year. So come out and cheer us on at St. Pats Junior High May 19, 20, and 21st.

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and Martin DeLeon having the high single of the night of 222 and 226 respectfully. Clarence Wright, Lionel Wright, Maude Wright, Harold Cooke and Terry DeLeon were the other bowlers of the night who did great also. Good showing bowlers. See you next week.

Seniors Bowling

This league is still going good. We the C.A.F. would say good showing from the people and keep it up.

With a little help from Greystone players, Sharmaine Glasgow, Joann Gannon, Ricky Grouse, Vincent Devereaux, Victor Sampson, Beechville recorded two victories - 37-34, 71-60. Glenn Higgins, Barbie Hamilton sparked their teams in the wins. Scott Sommers, Shawn Shephard, Mike Shephard, Otis Hill, Dave German, Krista Dorrington, Delores & Mumzie German, Leann Turner, Doreen Hill all help in the win as well.

Athlete of the Week

This week's recipient of the C.A.F Athlete of the Week is Hallet Turner, due to his outstanding playing in hockey. This week, travelling to Boston and hopefully, leading his team to victory.

Last Weeks Answers :

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Andrew Young | 4 religion, politics |
| 2. James Earl Jones | 7 literature |
| 3. Berry Gordy | 8 dancer, actor |
| 4. Jesse Jackson | 10 Executive Director of BUF |
| 5. Sidney Poitier | 19 Boxer |
| 6. Sir Arthur Lewis | 6 Economics |
| 7. Alex Haley | 9 Politics, freedom fighter |
| 8. Ben Vereen | 11 pro tennis player |
| 9. Eldridge Cleaver | 18 boxing promoter |
| 10. Haamid Raheed | 17 former soccer player |
| 11. Althea Gipson | 3 music recording business |
| 12. Eli Whitney | 1 politics |
| 13. Booker T. Washington | 2 actor |
| 14. Augusta Savage | 12 scientist |
| 15. Billy De Williams | 13 education politics |
| 16. Joe Louis | 20 comedian |
| 17. Pele | 16 boxer |
| 18. Don King | 5 actor, director |
| 19. Muhammed Ali | 15 actor |
| 20. Eddy Murphy | 14 art |

THIS WEEKS QUESTIONS

WHO AM I ?

4. PERSON:

CLUES:

- a) I was born in 1811, Maryland, United States as a slave
- b) Loathing the cruelties my people endured under the scourge of slavery, I escaped in 1849 along with three of my brothers and sisters.
- c) I became dedicated to freeing others from the cruel institution and became a conductor of the famous "Underground Railroad" leading many blacks to freedom in the Northern States and later to Canada.
- d) I became the most famous conductor of the escape route making 19 trips into the South to bring blacks to the Northern "Free States" and when it became difficult to lead them to the North, making 11 trips from the South to Canada where slavery was abolished.
- e) In 1978, my life was portrayed in the t.v. drama "A Woman Called Moses" starring Cicely Tyson.

5. PERSON:

CLUES:

- a) I was born a slave in Virginia, in 1815 I escaped and came to Nova Scotia in search of my mother who had migrated to the Province earlier with the Refugees after the War of 1812.
- b) Taking up residence in the Province, I became involved with the African Baptist Church of Halifax under John Burton and began doing religious work among blacks in the Province.
- c) In 1831, I was sent by the Baptist Church to London to raise funds and study the Ministry. Ordained later that year, I returned to Nova Scotia and began organizing churches in Halifax, Dartmouth, Preston, Beechville, Hammonds Plains, Digby, Greenville and Liverpool.
- d) In 1854, I organized a Conference of African Baptist Churches at Granville Mountain, which gave birth to the African Baptist Association
- e) The black Communities of East and North Preston bear my last name.

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 25th - 28th, 1983

MONDAY 25th	TUESDAY 26th	WEDNESDAY 27th	THURSDAY 28th
<p>senior Citizens Trip To Mount St. Vincent Art Gallery - Guided Tour of Black History in photographs exhibit. We'll be around to pick you up at 12:30.</p>	<p>Video Fever Double Feature Rocky III & NBA All Star game Alderwood School 6:00 p.m. sharp 50 cents every- one.</p> <p>Bowling at Atlantic Colonial Lanes. Meet at mailbox near Esso Station 6:15 or see ya there at 6:45.</p>	<p>Senior and adult Bowling as usual 12:45 if you don't have a drive meet at mail box near Esso Service Stn. If you would like to join just drop by, all are welcomed.</p>	<p>Baseball practice right after school Lakeside, Beechville baseball field, bring gloves, bat and necessary gear</p> <p>Women's fitness Class 7:00 p.m. at Alderwood School.</p> <p>WITH SPECIAL GUEST HELEN MARGARET LANGLEY</p>