

From the Desk of E.J. Graham,
Mayor of Slate River Village...

As your Mayor nothing pleases me more than to see that as a community we have all worked hard to bring forth the changes I have vowed to you, the community from the beginning of my campaign.

Even with the heavy rain, crop output has never been better, the increased business from the train bringing us better farming supplies, fertilizer and even more wheat and grains from the prairies.

After the numerous break-ins to Mr. Shutner's General Store I have never been happier to see our community come together to ensure proper security.

I'm proud to say that we are putting Slate River on the map this year, increasing train travel. For now it is simply between Port Arthur and Fort William, but eventually we will have direct trains from Toronto and Winnipeg, making travel easier and bringing more visitors to our quant little village.

As your Mayor, I believe it is necessary to share our success stories with all who read our paper, and am proud to shine light on some of our hardest working townspeople. I've had the editor highlight some of our great individuals, hoping it will bring them better business and improve moral among our community.

Once again I would like to welcome visitors to Main St. North and hope you all enjoy your stay with us.

- E.J. Graham, Mayor

Letter from the Editor...

Thank you very much for visiting the Slate River Valley!

It is with great pleasure that I bring you the third issue of the Pioneer Gazette. The Mayor and I have been working very hard to bring back some of the things around the village that have long been forgotten, such as our local newspaper.

I'd like to take the time to thank all of the people within the village for their support and gracious hospitality as together we make Slate River a wonderful place to work and live!

- K.A. Clifford, Editor in Chief

VILLAGE UPDATE

Thank you for taking the time to review our Village News and allowing us to share with you the updates and changes we have been working hard to accomplish. The revival of the Pioneer Gazette has been something we have been working hard at bringing back to the Village so that we have a clear way to communicate the locals stories, Village updates, and new displays we are working at bringing to the Museum site.

We hope that you enjoyed your visit and the opportunity to "Come Touch History" wish us and our local residents here on Main Street North.

- Founders' Admin. Team

2011 Changes Thus Far:

- ◇ Dairy Display (General Store)
- ◇ Pioneer Home—2nd Floor bedrooms now open to the public
- ◇ Pioneer Home—Dinning room now open to the public
- ◇ Free WIFI Internet
- ◇ New Caterer
- ◇ New Apparel
- ◇ New Gift Shop
- ◇ Website
- ◇ NEW LOGO:
- ◇ Office moved
- ◇ NEW Candy

Volunteers Needed:

- ◇ Various Projects
- ◇ Village Extras
- ◇ Display Changes
- ◇ Pioneer Day Camp

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Pioneer Gazette

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

- Theft in the Library
- William Shutner Murdered!
- Walsh—Black Wedding a success
- Too many suspects to determine Shutner's murderer
- Dr. Appleton in the village Aug 27—31, make appointments with Dr. Puller.
- Music Store owner, Patricia Missing; presumed dead

GENERAL STORE OWNER MURDERED

On Monday, July 18, beloved General Store owner, William Shutner was murdered. The cause of death is unclear as we still are lacking a Sherriff in our quaint little village.

Shutner was found dead on the settee upstairs in the General Store and foul play is suspected.

It seems that there are too many players in this game, as everyone in the village seems to be a suspect. Our own mayor doesn't even seem to be safe from the eye of the law.

The time of death has not been determined, making it difficult to point fingers in the right direction.

Instead, the village is pointing their own fingers, and still there has been no confession.

Several trails of evidence were left about the village, including bloody broken glass in the China shop, bloody dental tools, bloody rope in the library and a bloody, drenched apron in the teacherage. With all the evidence about the village, the mayor required the help of visitors to the village to help solve the murder.

At this point in time there has been no official word as to who the killer is, but we are all much aggrieved at the loss of poor dear William.

As a result of his death, Shutner's wife will be running the General Store but speaks of

plans to sell it to anyone interested in buying it.

There has been some interest from visitors to the village, but so far Mrs. Shutner has declined every offer.

"It's to hard to let it go right now, Will's heart and soul went into this store, and I can't let it go unless I know I'm getting the right price for it," Says Mrs. Shutner.

Further investigation is pending on Shutner's death, and funeral arrangements were made for Friday, July 22.

CHILDREN INVITED TO ENJOY ONE LAST CELEBRATION OF SUMMER

The children in the village anxiously await the arrival of Pioneer Day Camp, a day for children of the village to enjoy one last celebration of the summer season. Local farmers are supplying rabbits, chickens and pygmy goats for a petting zoo for the kids to enjoy, and

the whole community is coming together for face painting, bubble making, obstacle course and so much more for the kids to do before school starts up again. Word around the village is that a stranger is coming in from Fort William who knows how to do magic!

This fun-filled day is set for Saturday, August 20th and the festivities begin at 1:00 pm. Children must be registered with the Mayor's assistant; K.A. Clifford in the Mayor's office in order to participate in the fun!

AROUND THE WORLD—NOVA SCOTIA MAN COMPLETES 3-YEAR TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Joshua Slocum completed a 3-year trip around the world on July 3, 1898. Slocum has always been a traveller, having started his first journey from Nova Scotia to Dublin, Ireland at the age of 16.

Slocum's circumnavigation began in Boston, Massachusetts on April 24, 1895. He sailed first to his boyhood home of Brier Island, Nova Scotia, and then departed from North America on July 3, 1895.

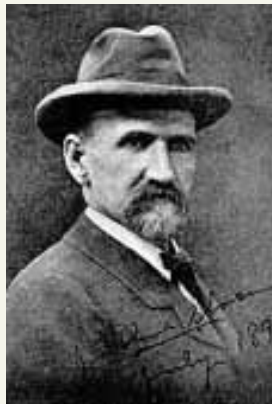
Slocum's ship, a schooner called *Spray* was navigated by Slocum himself, using only one lunar distance observation and relying on the traditional style of dead reckoning for longitude rather than using a chronometer.

Unfortunately, due to the Spanish-American War, his return was barely noticed in the United States when he arrived in Newport, Rhode Island, and news of his return

is just reaching us now.

Slocum states that he fully intends to write a detailed book about his incredible journey, set to be published next year. Writing the book was his inspiration for completing the circumnavigation in the first place.

Slocum intends to continue travelling on the *Spray* for the remainder of the year.



Joshua Slocum—Travelled around the entire globe in 3 years

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FACES OF SLATE RIVER—JANE SWAN

Local Librarian Jane Swan has been a well-known face around Slate River ever since she spear-headed the project to bring a library to the Village Square with the Mayor.

This is Jane's second year as the village librarian, and recently has been working hard at focusing reading towards the children in our quaint little village.

Jane has been working hand-in-hand with new school teacher, Miss Margaret, to tailor the titles available to children of all ages and adults alike.

This year she received a new card-catalogue to help her keep track of her customers. The catalogue was donated by a small library in Fort William which no longer

had need for the wonderful piece of furniture.

Her work in the library has changed the face of Slate River entirely, bringing a fun and educational place for children to spend the day in town while their parents are doing their weekly shopping.

FACES OF SLATE RIVER—LILITH BLACK

Quite possibly the most controversial character in our quaint village, Lilith has been an integral part of our community all this year.

Lilith's charity work and fundraising within the village and for the church has been phenomenal, despite the rumors

that seem to surround her. Currently on her fifth courtship, Lilith has been married 4 times since she arrived in Slate River with her young daughter, Mary. Sadly, all of her husbands have passed away in mysterious circumstances.

Lilith certainly doesn't have a hard time finding love, as men often feel it is their duty to take care of her and Mary.

Despite the rumors, Lilith has a very sweet disposition, and a unique interest in poisons. Perhaps you would like a tour of the village from "The Black Widow"?

FACES OF SLATE RIVER—DR. IVAN PULLER

More well known by his interesting pun of name and profession "Dr. I. Puller", Dr. Ivan is our favourite village dentist.

Not only does he keep all our smiles white and cavity-free, Dr. Ivan often acts as a doctor for minor injuries around the village while his good-friend and colleague, Dr. Appleton is working in other towns.

Dr. Ivan has a keen eye for knowing when to make us smile with his great sense of humor. Maybe he's just se-

cretely checking if he's got business!

Dr. Ivan also has a philanthropic side, as he can often be seen helping Joyce Smith in the China Shop rearranging her displays between patients, or collecting books around the village with librarian Jane Swan.

Ivan was one of the first people to suggest the boycott of former Carpenter, Alexander Williamson after his mistreatment of Marie Cupp, stating "It was only right to protect the integrity of the women of our village, and

Alexander's actions were simply ungentlemanly,"

Ivan will be working with the Mayor and the family of late William Shutner to help run the General Store while his business in the Dentist Office is slow.

Visitors to the village can't help but enjoy themselves as Ivan takes them around to see the sites Slate River Valley has to offer, his smile is simply infectious!



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NEW SCHOOL YEAR JUST AROUND THE CORNER

As we in the village are busy prepping our farms and families for the coming harvest and inevitable winter, Miss Margaret is busy preparing for the coming school year and the curriculum for the students of Slate River Valley. With this being her first year in the village as school teacher, she isn't quite sure what to expect, but says that it's just part of the fun of being a teacher.

"I've already gotten to know many of the children in the village by name, and they're all such little darlings. I am anxious to be teaching again," Says Miss Margaret.

Miss Margaret plans on following in Miss Joanna's footsteps when it comes to a curriculum that the children are already used to. Involving playtime and field trips are part of her plans, having already made arrange-

ments with local farmers to bring the students for some educational fun, since not all of the students come from farming families.

The village seems positive that Miss Margaret will do well with her teaching, and looks forward to seeing smiles on the faces of their children as they enjoy another year of learning at the S.S. #1 Conmee School House.

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