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Ice storm aftermath: many still in dark



They survived

Sunday afternoon these three Kenmore families were making a statement with a home-made banner. Strung between broken trees in the front yard the Posthumases, Browns and Bruce/Wynnyks proclaimed they weren't about to surrender after 13 days of living together without power. Monday (Jan. 19) the lights finally flickered on in the village sending 10 people and two dogs back to their own homes. A wood stove, barbecue, dug well and drinking water from the Kenmore Community Centre kept this extended family comfortable.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

WINCHESTER — In the past week Ontario Hydro has been charging ahead, working around the clock to power up thousands of customers.

As of yesterday however, 6,300 (30 per cent) of customers in the Winchester area were still without electricity.

But there is some good news for customers in this location.

With almost total restoration to customers in the Arnprior, Cobden, Kingston, Perth and Brockville areas, the utility company is now concentrating the majority of its resources on restoring power to the Vankleek Hill and Winchester areas.

Almost 2,000 staff from utilities across the country and 463 military personnel are working 16-hour shifts trying to light up the remaining homes across the province.

"With service restoration almost complete in the Ottawa area, I will be relocating to the Winchester and Vankleek Hill areas to improve the co-ordination of restoration efforts," said Ron Stewart, Ontario Hydro's executive vice-president responsible for transmission and distribution systems. "We now have more than 1,600 people in these two areas dedicated to restoring electricity service as safely and quickly as possible."

With over 30 utility crews in the immediate Winchester area, Hydro has made a lot of headway the past week.

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Teachers cram to make up lost time

CORNWALL — School is back in, following an extended holiday due to the ice storm that hit eastern Ontario two weeks ago. Some students hadn't been back to school since Christmas vacation began in December.

SD&G Board of Education Director James Dilamarter indicated that all schools in the dark would be re-opened by the end of this week. In the immediate Winchester area, all schools re-opened on Monday.

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North Dundas eyes local disaster relief committee

by Jeff Brownlee
Press staff

WINCHESTER — North Dundas council is lobbying for a local-based disaster relief committee instead of a county-wide body to distribute an estimated $75 million of provincial and federal financial aid.

Council believes the local, eight-member committee would be much more efficient than the 12-member model proposed by SD&G, said North Dundas deputy mayor Bob Riddell.

"I think we could handle claims much quicker and it would be more convenient for people in the township," he added. "We handled the disaster, we spent the money. Now let us finish what we started."

While four of the six municipalities in SD&G prefer the local solution, provincial politicians haven't given the green light to proceed. It appears to prefer the regional and county models.

The Harris Tories are instructing municipalities in the ice storm disaster area to strike committees and appoint members to aid in the distribution of relief money to citizens.

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Minister of agriculture reassures area farmers

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — "There has to be patience. We've never been here before."

That was the message to the farmers of eastern Ontario during a visit by Lyle Vanclief, federal minister of agriculture, on Sunday.

Vanclief visited the farm of Denis St. Pierre to speak with farmers about the ice storm and its damage to property and livestock. He told farmers that he had spoken with Farm Credit Corporation about equipment loans, generators and help with cash flow problems.

"We're not faulting anybody — we just weren't prepared," he said. "Nobody brought the storm upon us intentionally."

He answered questions from concerned farmers about insurance, farm credit, and government reimbursement for lost livestock and milk that had to be dumped during the crisis.

"I talked to (MPP and minister of agriculture) Noble Villeneuve about the dumped milk," he told the crowd of approximately 40 people. "The Dairy Farmers of Ontario will be looking at the issue, but right now we don't know."

He told farmers to keep documentation of their expenses and losses during the storm. "Farm Credit Corporation said

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PM debriefed on Operation Ice Storm

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — In an unprecedented visit, Prime Minister Jean Chretien met with soldiers and hydro representatives at the Winchester Community Centre, which had been converted into an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the duration of the State of Emergency last Thursday (Jan. 15).

He also visited Parmalat Canada's Winchester site (formerly Ault Foods). The visit preceded his departure for the Team Canada trade mission in South America.

A crowd of local politicians, soldiers, citizens and media welcomed the prime minister upon his arrival, who made a round of the room to shake hands before taking his place in the briefing area set up by visiting soldiers.

Osgoode Township mayor Doug Thompson, chairman of the EOC welcomed the prime minister and introduced several members of the emergency crew.

Lieutenant-Colonel Walt Natynczyk gave the prime minister an update on the situation in North Dundas. Two-hundred soldiers were busy helping hydro workers to re-establish power to rural residents, he told Chretien.

Hydro representative Ken Summers told the prime minister that the area's hydro suffered major damage in the storm. "We have around 500 staff working on repairs in an area that normally has 65 workers," he said.

Chretien took the podium to thank everyone for the work they've done in this time of crisis.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Walt Natynczyk walks with Prime Minister Jean Chretien during the PM's short visit to Winchester on Thursday. The PM was debriefed on the Hydro situation, and took time to view a broken hydro wire at the community centre and the loads of wood that were sent in from various locations.

Press Photo -- Brownlee



In with the new

The new council for the Township of South Dundas held its inaugural meeting on Thurs., Jan. 15 in Williamsburg. The meeting was council's second attempt, as the first try at the inaugural meeting was cancelled due to the ice storm. The new council, pictured, is made up of, top left, clerk Bill Horner, councillors Rowdy Gillard and Cam Martel. Bottom left, councillor Audrey Rooney, mayor Johnny Whitteker and councillor Bev Sabourin.

Press Photo — Culliton

North Dundas enters recovery stage

WINCHESTER — Two weeks after the worst ice storm of the century put thousands in the dark across eastern Ontario, North Dundas is slowly starting to put the pieces back together.

The disaster stage is over and now we're entering a recovery phase, said Bob Riddell, North Dundas deputy mayor.

The state of emergency may still be on in the township of 10,600, but emergency relief efforts are starting to wind down. The regional Emergency Operations Centre is being phased down, shelters will start closing their doors at noon on Friday and some troops are deploying to other areas.

Slowly life is returning to normal. But Riddell says that the township won't try and rush efforts.

"We will follow the provincial guidelines for the state of emergency," he added. "Once there is no more need for shelters, all of our volunteers are finished and the township's infrastructure is working, then and only then will we call it off.

Officials expect the township to reach that stage early next week.

HIGH PRICE TAG

Riddell said that final figures haven't been tallied yet, but he estimates Ice Storm '98 will cost the municipality more than $1 million. Over $240,000 was spent buying 96 generators and North Dundas is expecting a large overtime bill from township staff and huge repair bill from Ontario Hydro. Other expenses also incurred included start-up costs for shelters in addition to grocery bills.

"I don't know how much this is going to cost," he said. "But I expect it will be in the million-dollar range."

DISASTER PLAN

Ironic? Maybe.

But as a new municipality, North Dundas was planning to implement a disaster plan for emergency situations at its first meeting Jan. 5.

While it didn't address that part of the agenda during its inaugural meeting, both politicians and staff were thrown right into the mix three days later, without a plan.

"It is a little bit ironic how it unfolded," said Riddell.

But it couldn't have worked out any better, added the deputy mayor.

"Everyone and everything came together and we got through this."

The plan of action used by the municipality, will now be used a blueprint to mold a disaster plan for the township.

The storm also was a catalyst for friendship among staff and politicians.

"The council and the staff really pulled together and we all got to know one another," said Riddell. "It was a big test and we passed. We surprised a lot of people.

"This made me proud to say I live in North Dundas."

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Hydro

On Jan.10, 35,000 customers in this area were still without power.

But some residents who are starting their second week without electricity, aren't as mad over the fact that they're in the dark as much as they are over the lack of communication by Ontario Hydro.

"We've been left in the dark twice," said Loughlin Ridge Road resident Martha Buston. "It's been almost impossible to get any information on our situation. I don't understand why they can't give us their best estimate."

Locally, main feeder lines have been restored to most villages in the area, however there are a few residents in rural Mountain Township near Hallville, Kenmore and Edwards that are still in the dark.

Hydro crews will be working double shifts, trying to have power restored to most areas by the end of the week.

School

"The new semester was supposed to begin on Feb. 3, and exams were originally to have taken place next week," Dilamarter said on Tuesday.

To make up some time, exams have been cancelled for most students, except OAC students, Dilamarter announced. The new semester will begin on Fri., Feb. 6, and exams will take place for OAC students during the first three days of the new semester.

In addition, for the next three weeks class time for high school students will be increased by 20 minutes. The increased class time will be taken out of breaks and lunch times, however, so that the day isn't lengthened, interfering with bus schedules.

"The teachers have been very supportive with our decisions," the director said.

In fact, the teachers are so supportive that they are volunteering to provide remedial and support programs for high school students in SD&G.

OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation) District 21 president Greg McGillis announced that extra help will be provided for students who are interested on Sat., Jan. 24 and Sat., Feb. 1 at local high schools during the morning.

Students must indicate their intention to participate by Friday of this week and be willing to provide their own transportation.

Elementary teachers indicated that they, too, would be willing to provide extra support when needed. This will be reviewed in the near future with administration.

"We are working together with the board administration to provide for the needs of our students," McGillis said. "This has been a difficult time for our students and we hope that this helps."

The school board has also requested that co-curricular activities that interfere with class time be eliminated unless commitments have been made to particular businesses within the communities (ie. ski trips that have already been booked).

Fund

North Dundas has compiled a list of eight names, two representatives from each of the four wards, for its panel. Riddell said that council tried to choose a group of diversified people, representing all the interest in the township. It's not sure how it will whittle down that list if it has to send two representatives to the county level.

Either way, the disaster relief committee would be totally autonomous from any municipality. Representatives would have the power to issue cheques as compensation for losses incurred during the storm.

The fund will only pay for things not covered by insurance, added Riddell.

North Dundas administrators expected a final word on the issue from provincial and federal politicians today. Whatever model it assumes, it's expected that the disaster relief committee will be up and running by early next week.

A $500,000 emergency fund is already set up for people in SD&G in desperate need of firewood, fuel or money for groceries.

Vanclief

that if you are going to miss a payment, let them know now, not a few months from now," he told the farmers.

Mention of price gouging during the storm brought a disappointed response from the minister. "It's disgusting," he said. "A situation like this brings people together, but it brings out bad things, too." He referred to three people who had been arrested for impersonating army personnel and helping themselves to people's generators.

"All I can say is, if somebody rips someone off, make sure that everyone else knows about it. I really don't know how those people sleep with themselves," he told the farmers.

Asked if the price of milk will go up, Vanclief responded, "There won't be an increase, but this gives the Canadian consumer a chance to thank the dairy farmer again. Because if this happened in the U.S., we know they would take the chance to hike the prices. We need to point out to the consumers what the farming industry does for them."

He said that the farming community was "an incredible bunch, showing patience and guts".

"There have been very few complaints," he told the Press later. "They have been understanding and wonderful, but fair in their complaints. They know that when the lights come on the disaster is still far from over. We'll try to be fair with them, but we know that nobody is going to get 100 per cent coverage. We're trying not to leave the farmers discouraged, but we have to try to be realistic."

To the farmers congregated in the St. Pierre dairy barn, he said, "Keep your chins up. You've all shown how you can pull together through the community. This will be a stronger community and country when this is all over."

ST. PIERRE

Denis St. Pierre's dairy farm had its power reinstated on Sunday, about three hours before the minister's visit, and after 11 days in the dark. "We should have had a generator," he said. "We'd always relied on Hydro, and we were never out for more than a couple hours."

On the first day of the power outage, his 65 cows were milked by hand. A milking machine was later hooked up with a generator, but milkings took four hours, and the cows had to be cleaned by hand.

Earl Scott of Paris, Ontario provided a generator to the farmer. But St. Pierre lost several animals to mastitis and pneumonia.

"My real concern is for the young farmer," the 30-year farmer said. "They have a high debt-load, and this disaster will really hurt them. All of the farmers have been stressed and tired, but they were unable to go to the shelters because they couldn't leave their herds."

Chretien

"There are people coming from all over Canada to help, from as far away as Vancouver, to eastern Ontario and Quebec," he said. "Everybody is helping everybody; farmers are helping other farmers, and volunteers are moving in. A big thank you to everybody — you are all acting as great citizens."

He said that Agriculture minister Lyle Vanclief had seen 100 Hydro trucks from Detroit, Michigan on their way to help in Quebec. "I'm very impressed to see people from all over North America helping each other in this time of need."

He continued, "The power is coming back. Some will be days and some will be weeks before power is on. But we will make sure that every house is visited so nobody is abandoned or suffers more than they have suffered already."

VISIT TO PARMALAT

A stop at Parmalat Canada by the prime minister gave general manager Yves Leroux a chance to tell the national leader about the plant's operations.

"On Sunday morning (Jan. 11) eastern Ontario was full of milk, but our plant was back in operation at the right time," he told the Press later. "We have the capacity to house all of the milk in eastern Ontario."

The milk processing plant lost power along with the rest of Winchester on Wednesday night (Jan. 7). It has the capacity to process one million litres of milk per day.

Chretien told Leroux and the crowd at Parmalat that financial assistance would be available. The government was to sit down and talk about financial assistance on Sunday.

"Losses were minimal, but there's been a huge impact on local producers," Leroux said. "We were the first plant up and running in eastern Ontario. The crews in Winchester made it happen. We want to thank the people of Winchester, the hydro workers, and the army — thanks to all of them."

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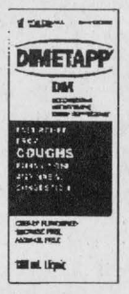

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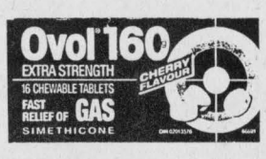

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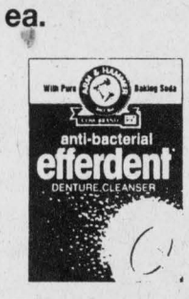

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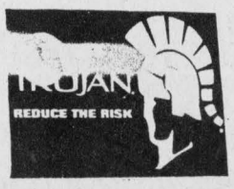

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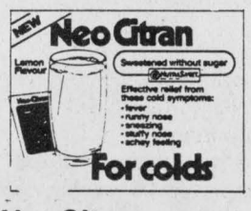

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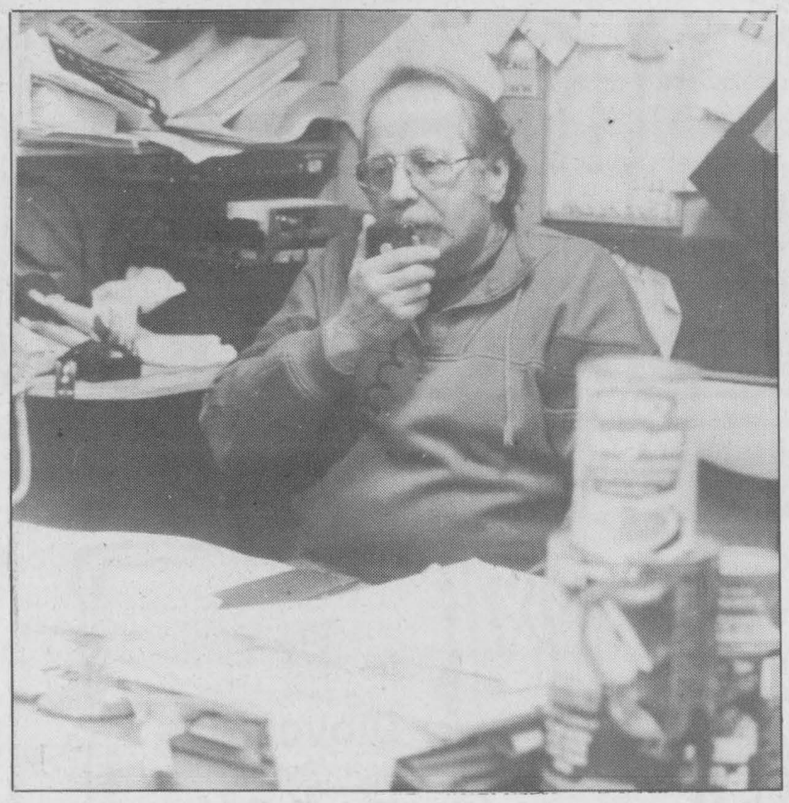




Storm service centre

Volunteer fire departments throughout eastern Ontario provided, and in some areas continue to supply, vital services to ice storm victims. The Winchester Fire Hall is still a hub of activity. A donated crane and operator from Byers Farm Supplies (top photo) loads a generator. Bottom photo: Winchester fire fighters Dan Kelly, Brad Holmes, Roly Hebert and John Proulx donated time, trucks and expertise as they transported generators to darkened village and area homes. Volunteers worked in 20-hour shifts to supply power, pump basements and heat up cold residences. The department's old tanker was also pressed into service to take water to nearby farms.

Press Photos — Van Bridger

Super effort

Top photo: North Dundas Township employees Brent Copeland, Tom Sloane and Doug Froats were among the volunteers who kept generators finely tuned. Bottom photo: John Proulx put in long hours as the voice of Winchester base during the crisis. Proulx helped direct crews to over 80 Winchester village homes who needed basements pumped out.



NDDHS NOTES

by Sam Cullen

MAPLE RIDGE -- Two weeks in the life of a high school student:

Jan. 5 — I woke up. No school!! So, I went back to sleep.

Jan. 6 — I woke up. No school! (Note that there is only one exclamation mark today: enthusiasm is already starting to diminish.)

Jan. 7 — I woke up. No school. (Note the increasingly diminishing enthusiasm). I rolled over and continued to sleep.

Jan. 8 — By this point in time, almost everyone was in the dark. My day consisted of wearing many layers of clothing and bucketing out the sump pump hole in the complete darkness of my basement. Ohh! The excitement.

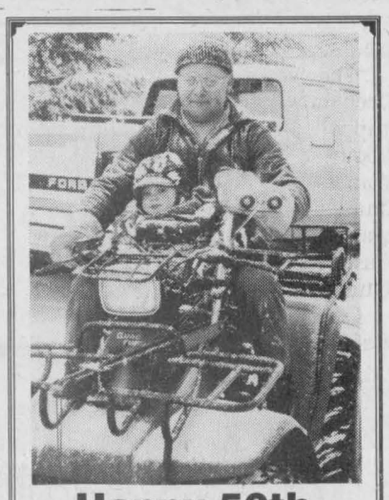
Jan. 9 through 11 — see above. With the occasional phone call to friends (if and when telephone lines are working) to check on their safety and to get confirmation that the outside world does indeed still exist. I hate ice.

Jan. 11 — I'm lucky. My power's been restored. Maybe that means we'll be back to school — back to normal — sometime soon.

Jan. 12 — I hate ice storms.

Jan. 13 - 18 — see above.

Jan. 19 — We're finally back to school. Geez, this is tiring... I sure could use a snow day to sleep in...



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EOC Winchester starts to wind down

WINCHESTER — It came into existence just one week ago, but control central for the ice storm ravaged area east of Ottawa is already starting to wind down.

The Emergency Operations Centre at the community centre has been heading up relief efforts for North Grenville, North Dundas, Osgoode, Russell and Merrickville-Wolford townships since its inception Jan. 13.

Now, the Ontario Provincial Police has removed its representative, the army is starting to deploy and soon municipalities will pack it in as well.

From co-ordinating military and police deployment in each township to the distribution of supplies, the EOC has been a God-send, said Osgoode mayor and centre chairperson Doug Thompson.

"It's really worked well," he added. "It's been an excellent central co-ordinating body. We have to congratulate the military for this. Through the EOC, they've really pulled area communities together."

And communication is the key.

Each of the five townships had representatives staffing posts at the community centre on an ongoing basis. When an aid request from each particular locale was forwarded to the eastern headquarters, it was dealt with immediately,Thompson added.

Even Prime Minister Jean Chretien made an appearance at the headquarters Jan. 15 to be brought up to speed on the continual hydro repair efforts.

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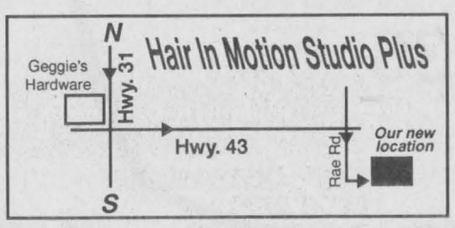



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Crisis centres shelter hundreds

by Derek Puddicombe

OSGOODE—While the lights in the big city shone brightly and heat filled urban homes during the worst ice storm in Canadian history, Osgoode residents depended on community centres for food and shelter.

OSGOODE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sue Harrington spent most of her time making sure there was enough food, hot and cold, available for anyone who walked through the doors of the Osgoode Community Centre. The doors opened Jan. 8 for people to collect water. The next day the centre had a generator and 25 cots were set up for people to sleep. At the peak of the crisis 18 people stayed overnight.

For several days volunteers depended on the Metcalfe fire station for supplies, but by late last week the centre was self-sufficient.

"We have enough food here to run a cruise ship," said Harrington Jan. 17, waving her hand at tables of hot and cold food, drinks and fresh baked goods being served by volunteers behind her.

"We are following Canada's food guide quite nicely."

Like others, Harrington's modesty kicked in and she didn't want to be singled out as the key figure in keeping the centre open and feeding thousands who dropped in over the course of the power outage. And there are many volunteers who didn't think twice to help out at the centre.

"The outpouring of volunteers has been unbelievable," she added as she flipped through a duotang with about a dozen pages filled with names of volunteers, phone numbers and the names of people who walked through the doors with food. Last Friday night Milano's Pizza of Ottawa dropped off 52 pizzas.

Osgoode restaurants Main Street Cafe and Ozzie's Pizza also came through, donating food and their kitchens to cook food.

Harrington said Osgoode didn't need a storm to prove that residents care about each other.

"This is the best darn community in the world," said Harrington.

VERNON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Like other shelters, the Vernon Community Centre was serving hundreds of meals a day to people without any power or the means to cook their own food.

Vernon was one of the first shelters in the township up and running, with a generator donated by Air Canada pumping power into the facility.

"We saw a need for the shelter right away," said shelter volunteer and Vernon resident Roy Mills, who was spending much of last weekend locating homes for generators.

Brothers George, 83, and Rankin Baker, 81, started sleeping and eating at the shelter Jan. 9. By last weekend, eight days after entering the shelter, both were anxious to get back to the familiar surroundings of their own homes in Vernon. Neither had ever experienced a storm anything like what is now being called Canada's worst natural disaster.

"The power don't come on too quick out here," said George, walking down the hall to his sleeping quarters with the aid of a cane.

To keep themselves busy they have been talking with other shelter residents and going for frequent walks in the community centre.

"The first night was a bit strange, but it's been okay," admitted Rankin.

Rankin managed to get out of the shelter each day to visit his dog Askhim. He brought the dog to the shelter several times to visit and play with the children.

"Every time I go home to feed him he gets excited because he thinks he's coming here," he said.

METCALFE LIONS DEN

The shelter in Metcalfe was moved over to the Metcalfe Lions Den when the military arrived Jan. 9 and took over the Metcalfe Community Centre. It was used as the military's central command post during their stay. It's also where some of the 150 soldiers slept. Others slept in the curling club next door.

The story was much the same at the Metcalfe shelter. Hundreds were fed, including hydro workers who were working nearby to restore power. Ronda Hicks was co-ordinating much of the effort at the Lions Den and said the shelter always had lots of food with people arriving from outside the township to donate foodstuffs.

"At the height of all this we were serving over 1,400 meals a day," said Hicks, who added some volunteers arrived from Ottawa and took some of the food home and cooked it before bringing it back to Metcalfe.

GREELY COMMUNITY CENTRE

With much of the power restored in the township, the Greely Community Centre is winding down after almost two weeks of dishing out meals to hundreds of residents.

However, last Wednesday the shelter was still in full swing preparing meals and offering a place to sleep.

The key to the success of the Greely shelter was getting a generator, said Mike Vezina, the emergency measures co-ordinator for Greely, who like many others worked 16-hour days throughout the recovery of the ice storm.

Although the Greely shelter is no longer serving hot meals it will continue to hand out boxes of dry food from 6 pm to 8 pm each night until supplies are gone.



A new beginning

North Dundas installed its new councillors on Jan. 5. The nine-member council consists of two representatives from four wards — Mountain, Chesterville, Winchester Township and Winchester village — in addition to Mayor Claude Cousineau. Pictured above, from left, the new politicians are: back row — David Sloane, Martin Schoones, Keith Fawcett, Roger Cole, Alvin Runnalls and Bob Riddell. Front row — Estella Rose, Claude Cousineau and Gail Parker. Press Photo - Brownlee



Banding together

Students at Winchester Public School and members of the Canadian reserves had to share the halls of the school Jan. 19. Many of the students were thrilled to have the men and women in their gymnasium and new friendships were born, like the one pictured above. Private JR Charbonneau and Private Wes Boisclair spent most of the lunch recess chatting about the military with students Kurtis Stoate and Jamie LaPorte.

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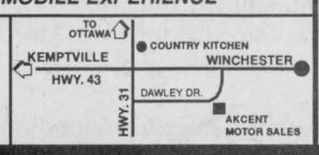

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E D I T O R I A L

Let there be light

In one short month, Winchester has gone from bright lights to no lights, and back again.

That's right. Although it seems like eons ago, it was only about a month from the night of the Parade of Lights (Dec. 5) to the night that Winchester lost its lights (Jan. 7).

Ironic, isn't it?

A month ago, we had an entire community pulling together to make the first-ever Parade of Lights a success, attracting spectators from miles around, and putting Winchester on the news in Ottawa and other places in Ontario.

And two weeks ago now, Winchester made national and, in some cases, international news when the village and surrounding area was plunged into darkness in the worst natural disaster in Canadian history. And once again, the entire community, and then some, pulled together to help friends, neighbors and strangers alike survive the ice storm and its aftermath.

It's been a remarkable community spirit and strength that helped Winchester through the horror of the past two weeks. It's certainly not over yet, as many are still in darkness, but watching the people who make up the community work together in the name of survival was truly inspiring.

Stories have poured into the Press about the goodness that has shaped the ice storm of the century into a good news story. Stories of farmers sharing generators, helping each other to milk their cows.

Stories of people with generators travelling day and night from house to house, hooking up their generator to pump out basements and power sump pumps.

Stories of people with electricity cooking huge meals and taking them to shelters to help feed those without heat or hydro or means of cooking.

Then there were the people with power who invited neighbors to dinner, cooking for upwards of 14 people in their homes at a time.

There is not just one hero in this tale. There are tens of thousands of heroes, from farmers to hydro workers to police to community leaders to ordinary citizens who all helped in some way to make things easier for everyone. It could have been much worse without all of the people who pitched in and did their part.

Tales of sacrifice, generosity and plain old humanity.

But not only right here in Winchester. No, people came from across the country, from coast to coast, to help out their fellow Canadians. And others sent supplies and relief aid to eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Most touching were the supplies and workers that came from Manitoba, where flooding last year put people in dire straits and once again help poured in from across the country.

Undoubtedly, people from Winchester and the surrounding area put together care packages and other necessary items and sent them to Manitoba last year.

What goes around comes around.

L.C.

This week in...

1938

Winchester resident Alys McIntosh brought to the attention of the Press an ironic twist in a 1938 copy of the Press. The Jan. 20, 1938 issue, which she has been holding onto since she was 10 years old, a gift from her grandparents, features two significant obituaries. One was an obituary for Mrs. McIntosh's grandfather, George C. Reveler, and the other was for Mrs. Howard H. Nesbitt. Mrs. Nesbitt, as it turned out, was the grandmother of Mrs. McIntosh's future husband.

1948

Fire, believed to have been started from defective electric wiring, broke out in the upper part of the residence of James Chester at South Mountain and forced the Chesters and their young son to jump out through the window in their night attire to escape death by burning. The house, with all of its contents, was destroyed. The loss was estimated at $4,000.

1958

Winchester's fire fighting equipment was greatly improved with the announcement by municipal council that a new LaFrance Village Queens Trailer Pumping Unit had been purchased at a cost of $3,100. The purchase followed a recent fire which saw the village's main fire fighting instrument fail to operate.

A decision was made to keep Winchester stores open on Saturday nights. In a showdown vote at village council eight business places favored Saturday opening and seven went for the change to Friday. Practically all of the 30 in attendance expressed an opinion, or ten, some of them overly emphatic, and for a while it looked as though a decision would never be reached.

1968

Winchester experienced the lowest temperatures ever registered in January, 1968, and just as folks breathed a sigh of relief and set back to relax and watch the mercury climb, a cloud opened up and in a period of six hours, 12 inches of snow blanketed the area.

Across the board increases in pay from the clerk/treasurer down to the hourly rated town employee were approved at the first session of council. Keeping in mind the increasing hours necessary to administer the affairs of the village and bearing in mind the immediate past year which ended with a slight surplus, members of council voted themselves a raise, also. Each member of Winchester council was entitled to the maximum $16 per meeting.

1978

In keeping with tradition Mountain Township Reeve Ewart Simms was acclaimed as the new warden of SD&G at the inaugural meeting of county council in Cornwall.

Ministry of Transportation and Communications officials met with the St. Regis Mohawk band council to discuss proposed road work over an ancient burial site. A 12-mile section of Hwy. 31 was slated for widening and resurfacing in the spring but work over the archaeological site had been delayed. Ministry officials took great pains to prevent a confrontation with the Indians.

It was a big 10-4 — win, that is — for Winchester Hawks in Prescott. The game was a must for the Hawks who needed the two points to keep within striking distance of first place Morrisburg and was played in the unfriendly confines of the arena of their closest opposition. Going into the contest Prescott had won their last two and were just six points behind Winchester. Playing in someone else's rink didn't bother first-year scoring sensation Barry Casselman, who broke loose for four goals and an assist against the Saints. Casselman scored four in a row to lead his team from a one-all tie into a comfortable 5-1 lead.

Winchester Town League All Stars whipped Ottawa City Fire Fighters 8-3 on two-goal performances by Owen Shortt and Dave van Bridger. It was the first game of the exhibition season for the Stars and was an excellent tune-up for the next game when they were to post their yearly challenge to the Junior Hawks.

1988

The debate over smoking in schools heated up after a decision by the SD&G Board of Education to butt out the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's anti-smoking contest. The district health unit had planned to have children collect names on petitions protesting the board's refusal to ban smoking on school property. However, Winchester trustee Graham Casselman said the board's decision was not based on the nature of the contest. The SD&G Roman Catholic School Board banned smoking on all board property.



Provincial Agricultural and Food Minister Jack Riddell denounced the free trade deal at a Dundas Federation of Agriculture annual meeting, saying that the deal would bring a new era of uncertainty for Ontario's farmers. Free trade critics didn't have enough time to examine the documents before they were signed, said the minister.

It was a moving moment when Shirley Fawcett, co-chairperson of the centennial committee, presented Winchester Village Reeve Larry Gray with a Chain of Office at a levee celebrating Winchester's 100th anniversary. Gray was the first reeve in the history of Winchester to have his name inscribed on the chain.

It was finally over. Winchester's five game Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League losing streak came to an end as the Hawks trimmed the number two ranked Alexandria Glens 7-5 in front of 150 fans. "We really needed that (win)," sighed a relieved Bill Murphy following his squad's well-deserved victory.

Left-winger Corey MacIntyre and centre Scott Barnes of the Winchester Hawks were named to the St. Lawrence Division All-Star Junior B team. They were to join representatives from the Alexandria Glens, Char-Lan Rebels, Kemptville 73s and Morrisburg Lions in an All-Star game in Prescott's Leo Boivin Arena.



Fourteen days in the dark

I confess, I'm an addict.

I spent the past 14 days trying to kick the habit, but it was futile. While I suffered just a few withdrawal symptoms in the first couple of hours, it became a little easier as time wore on, at least until the end of the first week. From then on, with each passing hour, I yearned for just one little taste, no matter how small.

I fell off the wagon on Saturday. I overdosed in just one hour and words will never explain the sudden rush of pleasure..

First was the television, then the water pump and a couple of lights.

I couldn't stop. I needed more.

Then came the refrigerator and the stereo followed by the hot water tank.

Finally, the computer and the pellet stove.

I'm not ashamed to admit it, I'm hooked on electricity. And believe me, that's one addiction I don't plan on giving up -- ever.

It took the worst natural disaster in Canadian history to get me out of denial, but it was a great learning experience, one that I hope I will never have to endure ever again.

The biggest piece of information I've walked away with from this ordeal is that we're too reliant on electricity.

One thing that has stuck in my mind are the words of a gentleman I met at a shelter.

"We have the technology to put a man on the moon, but we're still using virtually the same technology, the same equipment to heat and light our homes people did in the '40s."

He has a point. How much has the production and delivery of this "essential service" changed in the past 50 years?

Not much, it seems.

Writer's block

by Jeff Brownlee

There were many 60-year-old hydro poles being used before the storm. Not many of those antiques survived the three-inch buildup of ice.

I almost didn't either.

In the back of my mind, I've always known that life would be different without electricity. But I didn't realize how much until I was forced to turn into MacGyver and melt icicles on the wood-stove to make coffee, have a makeshift shower and to do the dishes.

Being stuck in your house in the heart of winter gives you ample opportunity to relax, maybe pick up a book and enjoy the change of pace. I had to do something to drown out the constant racket of my neighbor's generator as he sat in his home, watching movies for 12 days straight.

By the fourth day and the sixth book, I was bored of relaxing so my mind started racing on other ways to pass the time.

Count I thought.

And count I did.

There are 34 blocks in my fireplace, 128 wall tiles in my bathroom, 15 windows in my house and 75 links in my dog's chain. One evening, my bowl of Raisin Bran had 12 raisins and the roll of toilet paper had 89 squares left on it.

It took just 20 minutes for me to lose interest in that hobby.

After the first week of heading off to bed at 7:30 pm mainly for a lack of anything else to do, my patience was starting to wear a little thin.

Cabin Fever set in. Time to get out.

What better way to get out and enjoy a cold Canadian January day than drive around, staring, gazing and analyzing hydro lines in a 10-mile radius.

I had many theories on from where and how my house was electrically fed -- everywhere.

It was useless. I was bored, I had no power and it looked like I wouldn't have any, ever again.

But then a miracle happened.

Last Saturday, holding on to the fear of freezing my well line, my friend lent me his huge Honda generator.

Alright, half-way back to civilization, I thought.

After running miles of extension cords through the house, it was

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sit back and enjoy life, writer told

The Editor:
The last thing I expected to hear during the Ice Storm of the Millennium was someone saying "sit back and enjoy life". But I did, and it was a memorable experience. Here is how it happened.

Three men are squatting on their haunches around the cold furnace. For two of them this is the third time they have attempted to baby this beast into not simply starting, but staying on. Their contribution to this now collective effort is a generator which, when fired up, sounds as though it could scare the life into the broken heater.

The other man is the furnace expert. After listening to the symptoms and diagnosis from Bill and Garry, he directs his experienced ear to the sputtering motor. Within seconds, Dwaine has determined that the problem is in the box that facilitates auto or manual temperature control. The flimsy wire is replaced with a firmer one, the furnace fired, and as it begins to cough its way to normal service, the three allow themselves to do a little catching up on the State of Emergency in Winchester.

This is day seven of the 1998 Ice Storm. I am part owner of the furnace in question. I am also on my haunches in the basement with the men trying to learn as much as I can about everything that I can, furnace included. One thing I learned early on is that the folks around here are neighborly.

On day two of The Storm, Joel and Rhonda brought me a cup of steaming black coffee. They repeated their admonition not to freeze and re-extended a warm invitation to stay with them.

Just two months before, they had motored down the road on their two sit-down lawn mowers to spend the best part of the day helping us collect and burn the tons of leaves our beautiful, deciduous trees had bequeathed to us.

Today, most of these trees have broken trunks and branches, the aftermath of a powerful Mother Nature that rendered all things and creatures, humans included, virtually defenceless and much aware of our vulnerability. Humans, though, are resilient, so when weather permits, we will host another "lawn party", the purpose of which this time will be to cut the fallen trees into firewood to give to those who can use it.

Between now and then, Bill, Garry, and Dwaine will continue to miss meals and sleep for as long as it takes to bring warmth and comfort to their community. Dwaine, because he can't say no to those in need of his furnace repair and maintenance skills. And, yes, maybe one of these days we will receive a bill for his services. After all, this is his business. But I had to chase him down my road to ask him how much I owed him. He said not to worry about it, that he would "catch up with me" later. Everything about Dwaine is like that. Neighbors and service first, business and money after.

As far as Garry and Bill are concerned, they are volunteers with two hearts as big as the generator they lug from house to house. They choose to be on call, day and night, and not just in their own neighborhood. They will drive to other towns, townships and counties. Should they show up at your place, you'll see efficiency mixed with just the right amounts of courtesy and consideration.

After your house has enough heat to last a few hours, they will shut down the generator, load up and leave. And if you're lucky, Garry's parting remark will be similar to the one he made at our place.

"There's nothing left to do now but sit back and enjoy life."

That's what he said, with a tired smile, grateful, I knew, for another small victory in this awesome battle with the Ice Storm of 1998.

And you know what? I did.

Judy C. Scott
Winchester

"I hope my power is back on soon"

Editor's note: This letter was written on Wed., Jan. 16 at 11:20 pm by Tina Ouellette, age 12, of Hallville. Hydro was restored to Hallville on Sat., Jan. 17 at 9:30 pm.

The Editor
I would like to have electricity very soon. It has been 11 days without hydro. This storm has made us a state of emergency crisis.

Homes are starved, heatless and sick. There may even be people dying. We will probably look back on this day laughing.

There have been fires and disasters to homes. People have to move out until the hydro is restored. Hallville is left in the dark except the candle lit windows and our corner store (Loughlin's) who has sacrificed sleep to help others and stayed up 24 hours for workmen.

We may have a small town by looks but strong at heart. We will survive, not give in on anything. We are willing.

My house is bringing in people that need heat and food.

I am sitting here now, the house silent, by the fire and a candle burning slowly at my side thinking, "I can do this, I will help, not grieve." It sounds stupid, but you and I know it's true.

P.S. I hope the power is back in four days like they promised.

Tina Ouellette
Hallville

Thanks from South Dundas mayor

The Editor:
I would like to thank all those who worked so diligently over the past two weeks to ensure that the residents of South Dundas remained safe and secure during this time of crisis.

I would particularly like to recognize the outstanding contribution made by South Dundas employees, emergency co-ordinator Bill Shearing, Mike Waddell for his leadership and countless hours at the Emergency Centre, fire fighters, Provincial Police, the military and all the volunteers who worked day and night. Also to South Dundas Hydro and Ontario Hydro who worked in unbearable weather to repair the lines.

I would also like to thank the Operating Engineers Training Institute for allowing us to use their building for an emergency shelter, Les Cruickshank for his large generator, and Rowdy Gillard for his leadership and supervision at the shelter.

Thank you to Cam Martel for chairing the emergency committee, Audrey Rooney for her work in Iroquois and Bev Sabourin for the work and organization at Matilda Hall. The word around is that is the place to go for an excellent free meal.

Thank you to Howard Johnston's for providing meals and Harland Veinotte for providing transportation, and to the farmers who shared generators to milk and water the livestock. To the people who helped people and neighbors who helped neighbors, my sincere thanks.

I thank all South Dundas residents for their strength and patience during this crisis. These acts of kindness will never be forgotten and it makes me proud to be Mayor of South Dundas.

J.C. Whitteker
Williamsburg
Mayor,
South Dundas

CUPE concerned re: changes to hydro

The Editor:
The ice storm disaster has made people much more aware of the crucial work done by public utility workers. What many people do not realize is that the Harris government is intending to restructure the electrical utility industry. The changes being contemplated may jeopardize our ability to respond to emergencies like the ice storm crisis.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), which represents 20,000 utility workers, is concerned that plans to restructure Ontario's utility sector may lead to a reduction in accountability, reliability and service.

The ice storm disasters illustrate what public services and public service workers are all about. Thank goodness the people of Ontario and Quebec had public utility workers to rely on. Householders and small businesses should not have to count on corporations that will cut services to increase profits. Trained, dedicated public employees are there to do whatever has to be done. The ice storm has shown that our public system works.

CUPE is concerned that changes will be made to the electrical utility industry without strict regulations put in place to govern it. The public needs to be protected. If any changes are made, we need regulations to ensure that the industry is run safely and fairly.

CUPE is also worried that thousands of utility workers will lose their jobs. When Britain privatized its electrical utility system, managers got hefty raises while 50,000 utility workers lost their jobs. We only have about 20,000 utility workers in Ontario and we need every one of them. Their work is critical — our communities depend on it.

Our electrical utility industry is here to serve all the people, that's why it has been operated in the public sphere. Let's ensure that it remains in the public domain.

Sid Ryan
Ontario President, CUPE

Thank you to Agrico, Hydro and Bell

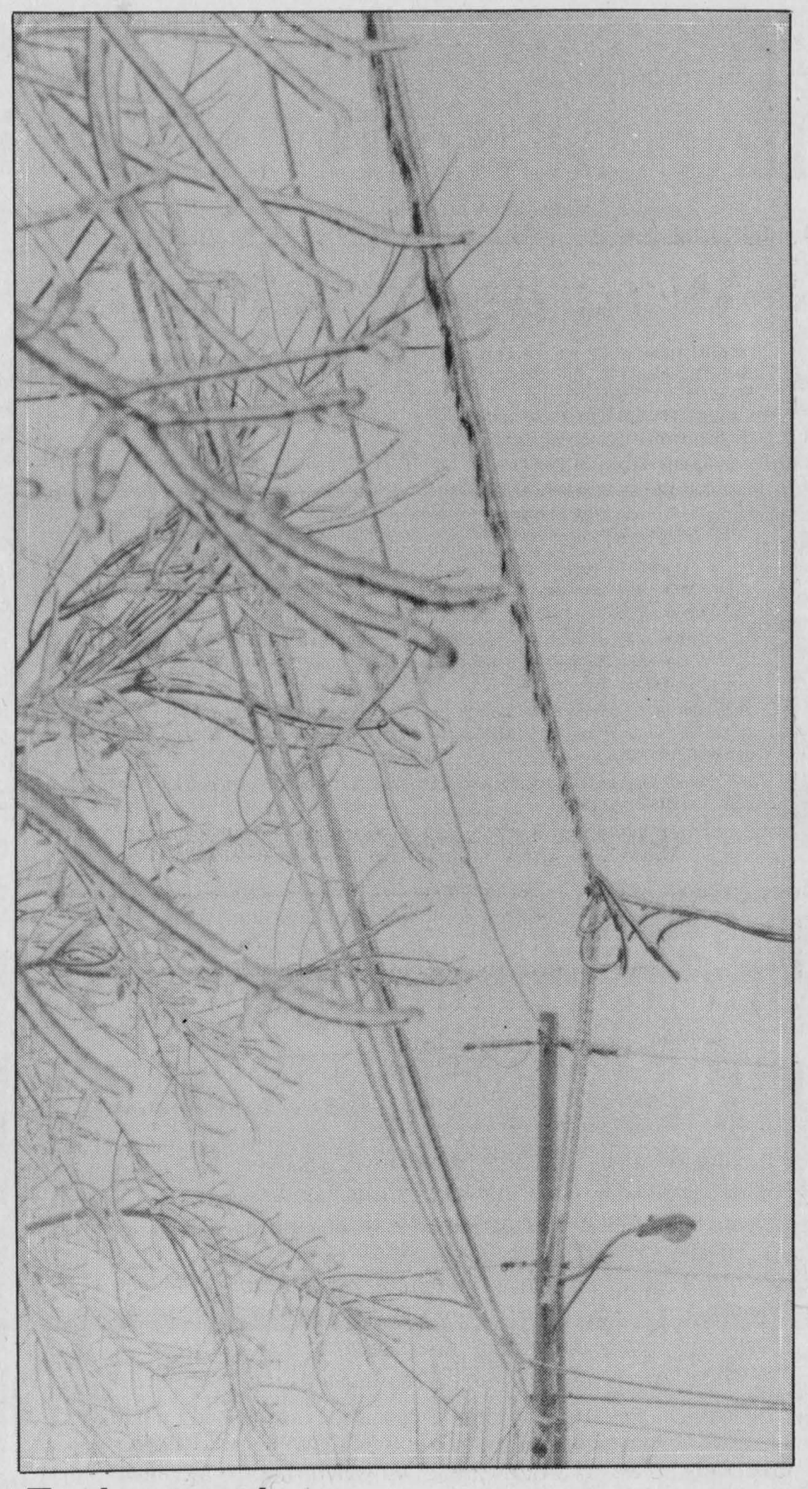
The Editor:
Many of us who are residents of Ormond owe a sincere "thank you" to Agrico, and specifically to Dave Barkley, for the use of their gas-powered water pump when the hydro went off after the storm. It certainly saved from damage many pieces of equipment in our basements.

A very big "thanks" also to those working to restore the power, through whose efforts the hydro went on ahead of schedule, as well as those oft-forgotten Bell workers who were working just as hard to restore our communication system.

Ron Anderson, Ormond

OPINION

The Press welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the community. Letters must be signed and include the writer's telephone number. Letters may be edited for length, grammar and libellous statements.



Early warning

Up to four inches of ice coated trees and powerlines as the Ice Storm of 1998 began to unfold on Wed., Jan. 7. By the end of the day most of the electricity in the Winchester area had been knocked out. There were still at least 6,300 homes in this area without power on the morning of Jan. 20. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Brownlee

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time to hook up the water pump. I went into the pump room and unconsciously turned the light switch on. It lit up.

But it didn't register in my mind, as I quickly became the poster child for The Lights Are On, But No One's Home Syndrome. Maybe it had been so long since I had seen it, that I forgot what it looked like?

I went about my business connecting the pump to the generator and had the toilet flushed five times before it dawned on me.

Power. We have power.

It was better than winning Lotto 6/49. My severe state of depression quickly turned in jubilation and celebration.

I couldn't believe myself. I was excited over electricity.

I turned every light on in the house, plugged in both the radio and television and cranked the volume up to 10 and just sat there as I wasted about $10 worth of electricity in about three hours.

It was finally over. No more waking up to 5 degree Celsius temperatures, no more lugging five gallons of water home every night and no more Alphaghetti cooked on a woodstove -- disgusting if you've never tried it.

I hope I never have to go through that again. After 14 days in the dark, I can be honest to myself -- I'm hooked on electricity.

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Morewood recreation centre hub of activity during crisis

by Jeff Brownlee
Press Staff

MOREWOOD — Coping and hoping.

That's how Elaine Wagner described passing time at the Winchester Township Recreation Centre for seven days as she and other residents waited for power to be restored at their homes. The village's main hydro lines were energized Jan. 16.

But for some, it has been a long, painstaking wait. Others found methods to occupy both their time and their minds.Wagner turned to volunteering, but no matter how busy she kept herself, her anguish was evident.

"We're not doing bad, we're keeping busy," the hairstylist said last Friday afternoon. "We just want our hydro back on."

She and others had to put their lives on hold until their power was restored. For many, especially small business owners, the future has an air of uncertainty.

Just two weeks ago Wagner was making a living trimming hair and would have been forced out of her home had it not been for some very quick action by a Winchester business.

Wagner, her elderly mother and young son, had endured three nights in their unheated home before imploring Acres Equipment to install a natural gas stove as quickly as possible. She contacted the firm Sunday morning and had the heat on the next evening.

Instead of spending her days cutting hair, during the blackout Wagner cut cold meat for the daily luncheon average of 150 people.

She has no idea how she will handle the transition as life returns to normal. But she expects that her home-based business will suffer a hit.

"I really don't know what will happen," she said, opening her third loaf of fresh bread in a five-minute span. "I had customers booked. I don't if they went somewhere else or if they want me to still cut their hair.

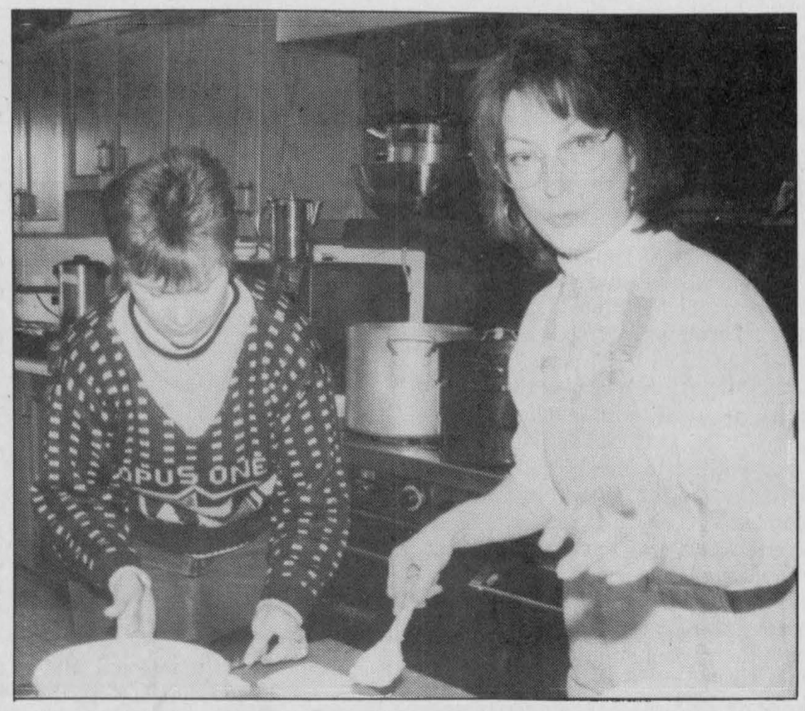
"It's difficult, because Winchester has had power for a couple of days."

Morewood was one of the storm's hardest hit areas. Ice downed limbs, telephone poles and in some cases, even trees.

The village itself looked like it was caught in time. The streets were barren and the clock at the local convenience store was stuck at 5:55 am.

But it's not until one approaches the recreational centre that the magnitude of the situation finally sinks in. The building's parking lot was packed with both military and hydro vehicles, even an armored personnel carrier shadowed a Ontario Hydro half-ton truck as children played on the snow banks behind them.

"I never would have imagined that you would see that here," added Wagner.



Cooking up a storm

Elaine Wagner (right) and Maureen Heuff work on last Friday's lunch at the Winchester Township Recreation Centre. The two Morewood residents were part of a volunteer team that put together amazing meals at the shelter that had an average of150 people for lunch, every day for the past couple of weeks.
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Strong community spirit pulls township together

by Dianne Fetterly
Press Staff

HALLVILLE — Strong community spirit is helping rural communities cope with the effects of the ice storm of the century.

Residents in the hamlet of Hallville survived 11 days without power and several days without phone service. And at press time, a number of homes and farms in the surrounding areas were still coping without power.

"It's amazing how everyone chipped in to help out... How they pulled together (to survive the worst natural disaster in Canada's history)," said Marg Loughlin of Loughlin's Country Store in Hallville.

The store, which served as the area's command centre, remained open 24-hours-a-day throughout the crisis. Customers flooded the store in the early days of the storm looking for non-perishable food items, candles, batteries and drinking water.

Firefighters, volunteers and army personnel delivered much-needed supplies, pumped out flooded basements, cleaned up fallen trees and provided heat to those in need. They also checked on rural residents to ensure their safety.

A soup kitchen set up at Amber's Cafe welcomed weary hydro workers, firefighters and soldiers as well as those unable to prepare hot meals at home.

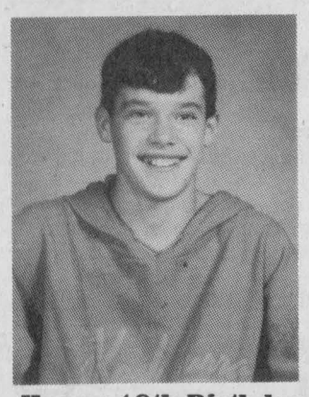
The command centre in Hallville is still set up, but things aren't quite as hectic now, added Loughlin.

While things have begun to wind down at the South Mountain shelter, located in the IOOF Hall, the facility will remain open until it's no longer needed.

"People are still coming in... There are lots of people in the area without power who are still in need," said IOOF member and volunteer Ron Wardle.

Besides serving great meals, the shelter provided a gathering place and a source of comfort for area residents as well as those working around the clock to restore order to the chaos.

"There are no words to describe the hardships these people have endured. Things have gone well (at the shelter) and I'm proud to be part of it."



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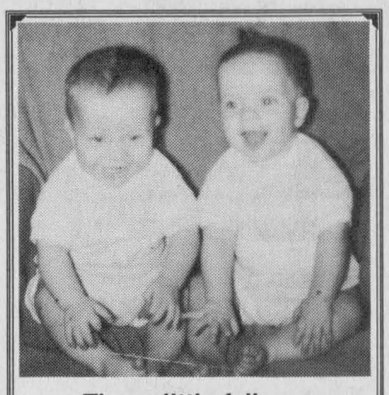

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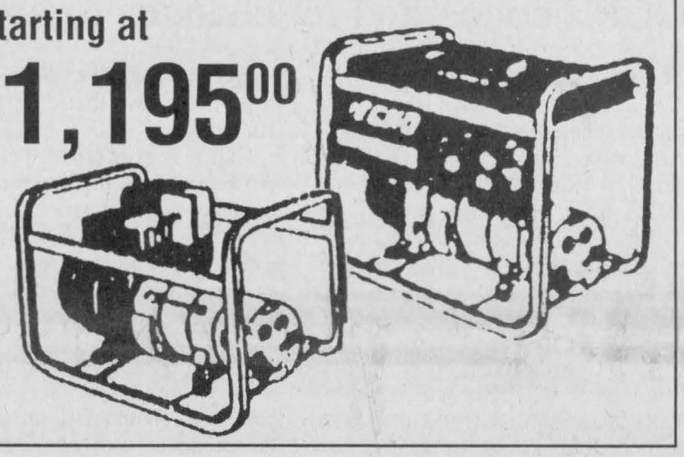

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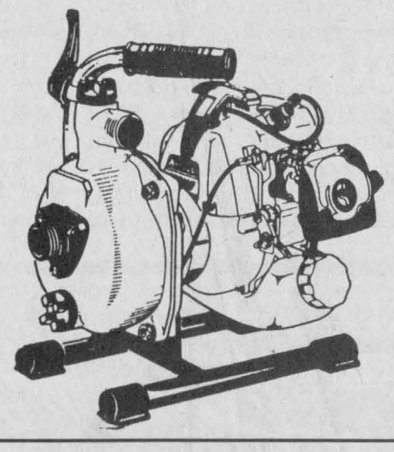

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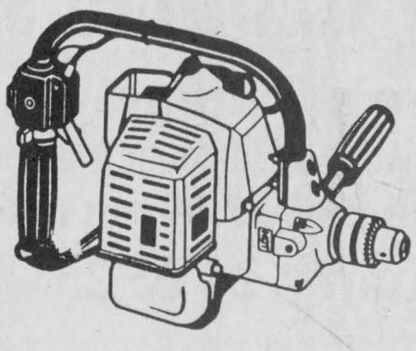

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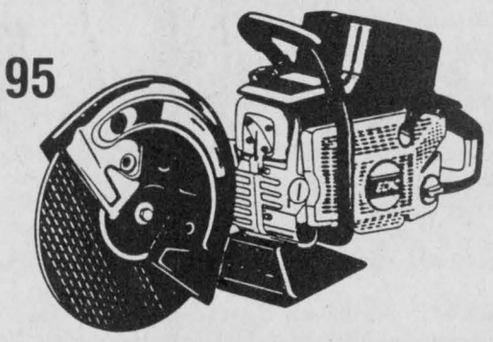

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Recovery progressing slowly from ice storm of the century

As the story of the Ice Storm of the Century stretches into its third week, photo opportunities still abound. Clockwise from top left: Members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons hoist the regiment's flag at Ontario Hydro. Members of 2nd Service were dropping hydro poles east of Winchester on Sunday (Jan. 18). The military helped load wood into a trunk at the Winchester Community Centre. Connie Granlund was one of the many volunteers who helped at the Winchester Curling Club soup kitchen. It was estimated 600 hot meals were served there last Thursday. One of the helicopters based at the Winchester Community Park on Saturday (Jan. 17). A Bell Canada worker wrestled with a cable south of Morewood Sunday afternoon (Jan. 18). CJOH newscaster Carol Ann Meehan reported the storm from Winchester last week. A crew of Bona Tremblay works helped restore power in Winchester and are assisting with the clean-up (photo centre page).

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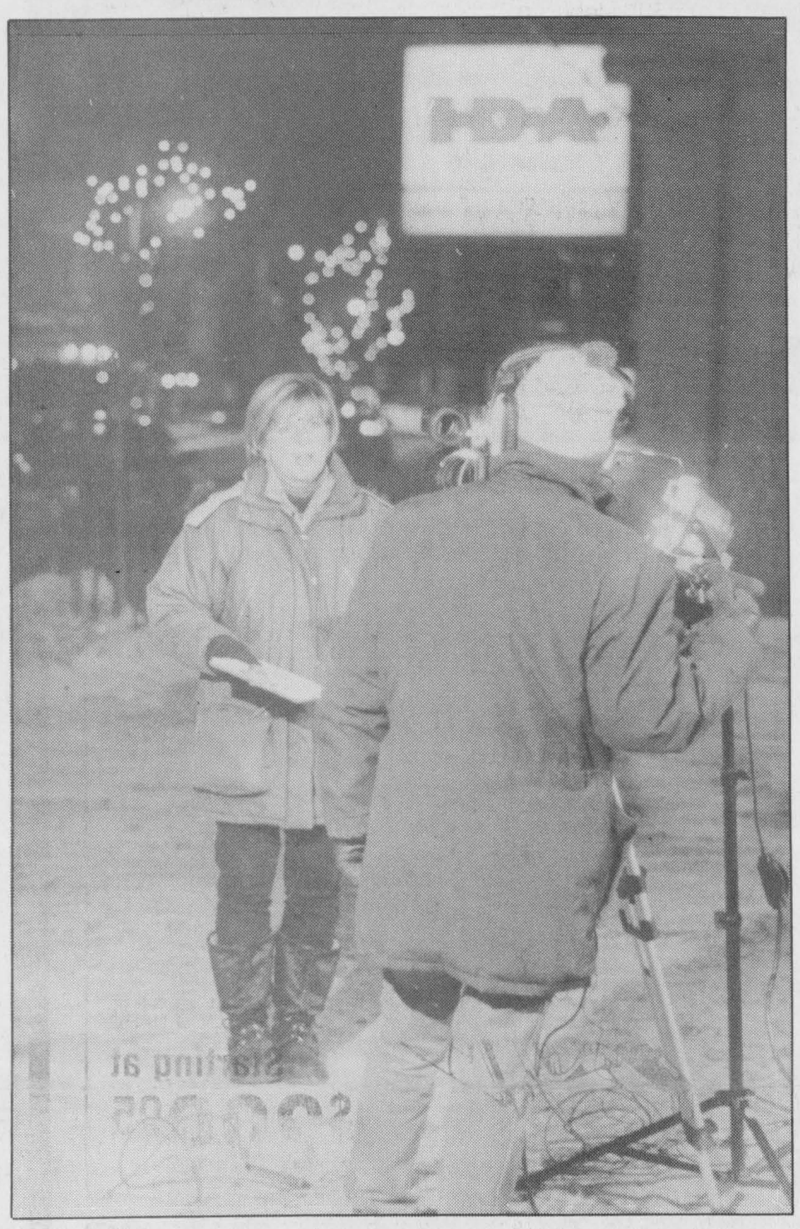
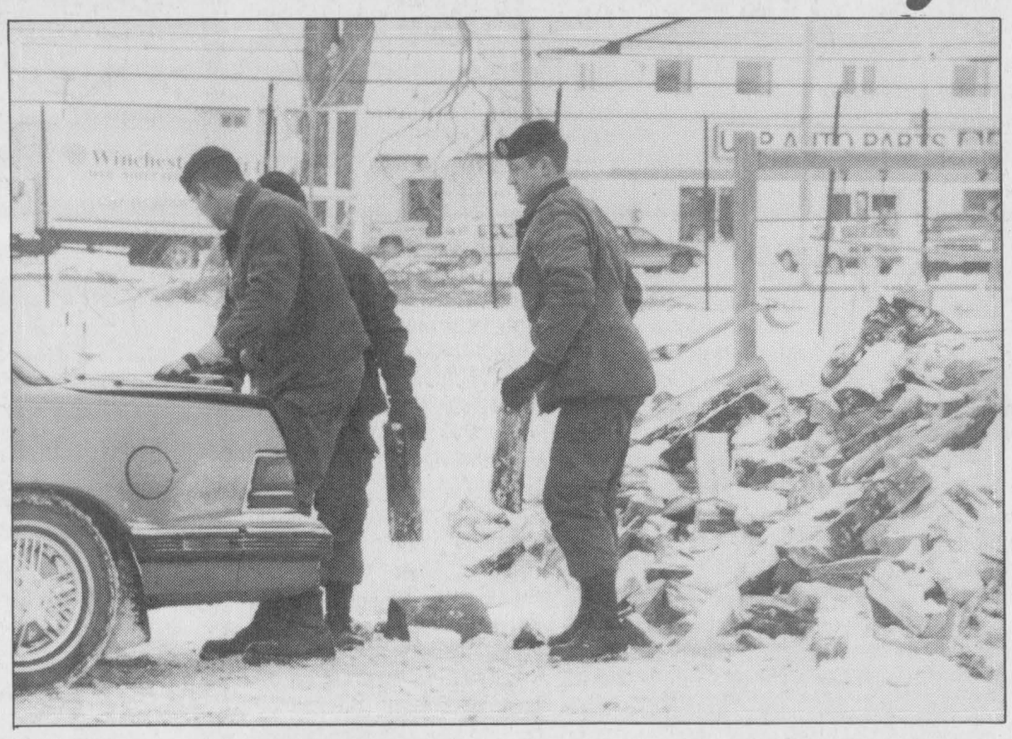
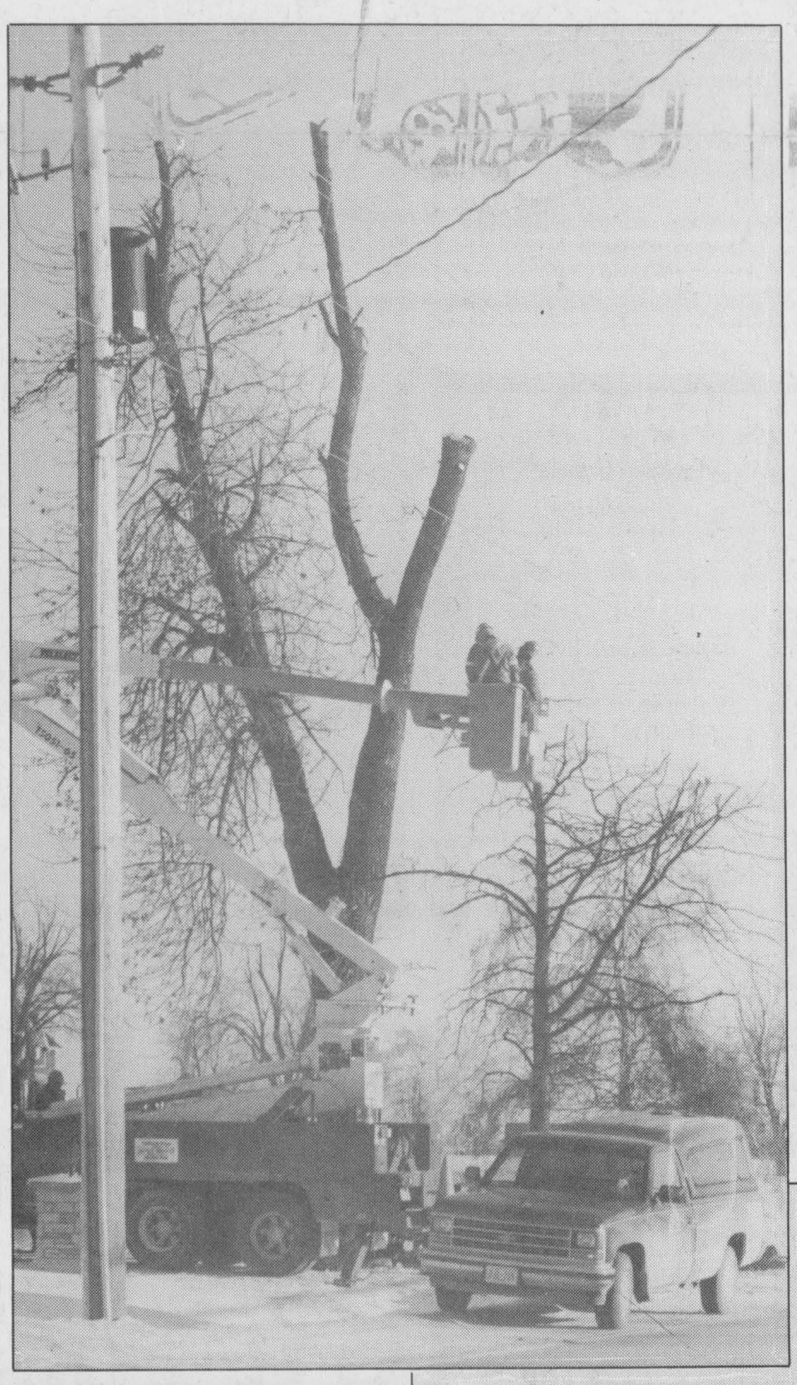
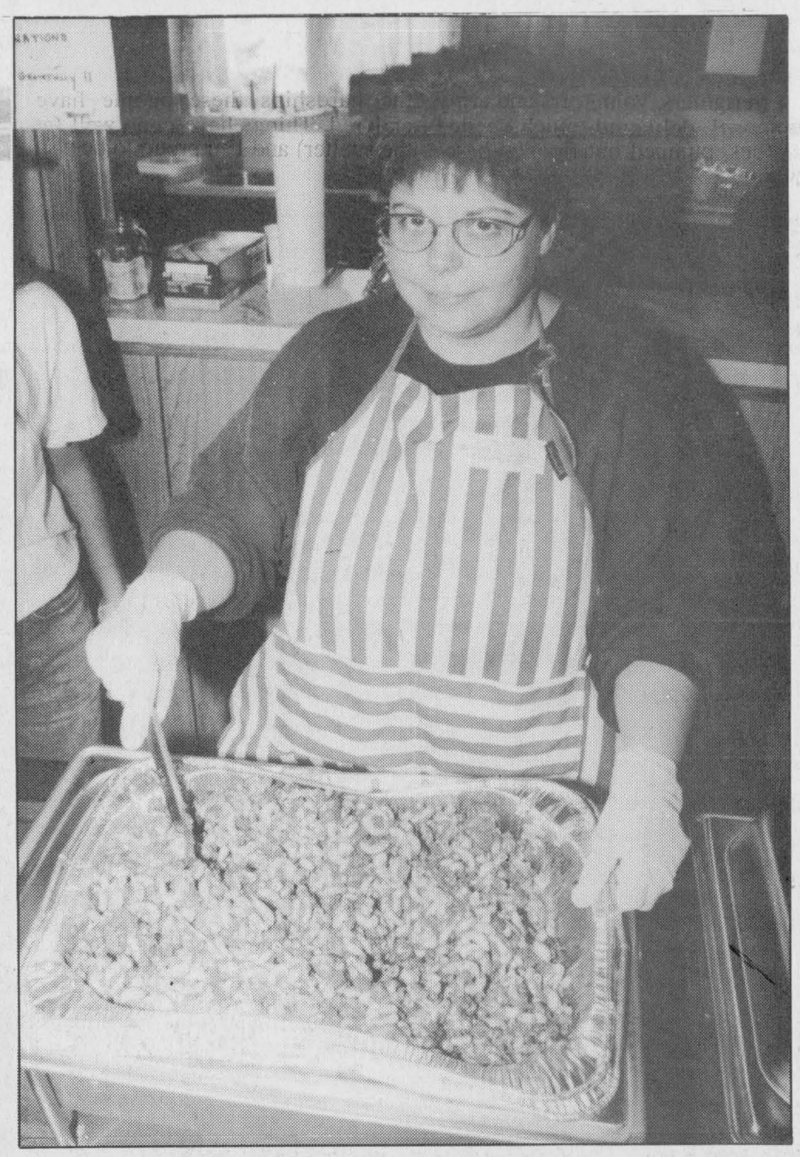
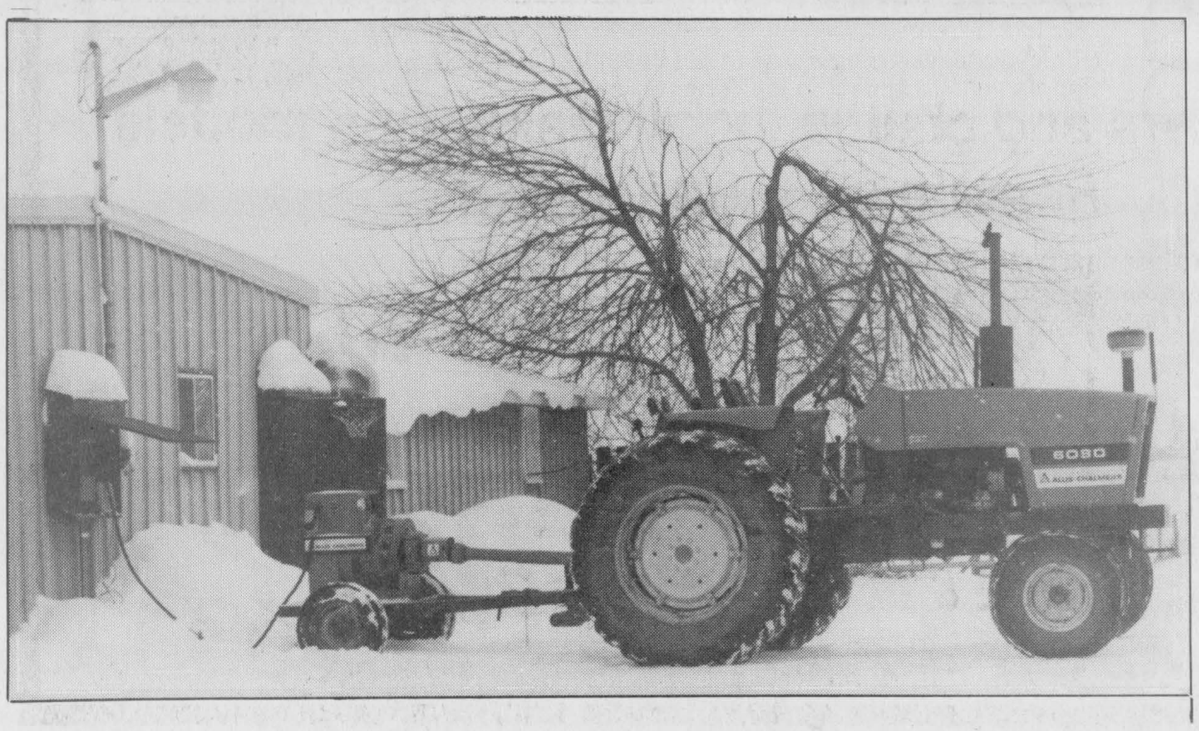












Hospital copes well with ice storm '98

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The Winchester District Memorial Hospital fared well through the ice storm in the last two weeks. A back-up generator came in handy for the hospital when Winchester's lights went out.

Patients only spent seconds in the dark before the generator kicked in. The hospital opened up beds for people who needed food and a place to sleep, and the military also provided cots for the hospital so that staff members could sleep there instead of risking a trip home.

Fighting a case of laryngitis and working around the clock, hospital administrator Joseline Sikorski slept on a mattress in her office for the duration of the storm. "The community is like one big extended family," she said. "Everyone is working together, and went out of their way to make sure their neighbors were okay."

She added, "The hospital was prepared, and we were recently working on a revised disaster plan for accreditation standards. Everyone worked together like a well-oiled machine."

The Community Care Access Centre set up an area at the hospital to care for people who receive home care who were unable to stay in their homes or in shelters during the crisis. Most of the people were in wheelchairs.

Margaret Newby, a dietary employee at the hospital, left her animals at the farm in order to be at the hospital. She stayed at the hospital for several days straight, working to provide free food for anyone who needed it.

Dennis Piche, hospital engineer, worked 48 hours straight in the first couple days after the storm hit, sleeping two hours in that time. He spent most of his time driving to get generators, standing in line-ups, because the items were selling fast. He also made a trip to Peterborough to pick up five generators.

Corinne Wicks, CSR, said that she enjoyed parts of the black-out. "It was pretty cool, I had a candle-light bath with hot water just after the power went out," she said. She normally works in CSR at the hospital, but filled in on the long-term care ward as a nurse's aid during the storm.

Millie Murray, nurse: "I've been here on the front line since it started," she said on Sun., Jan. 11. She had received a call at home in Cardinal where she lives on a farm. "There was a hydro line across my driveway, and I couldn't leave the house. So I called an emergency number, told them I was a nurse and that I needed to get to work, and one hour later the OPP arrived to pick me up." She got a ride to work, and stayed at the hospital for several days. "It was nice to be able to go to work where it was warm and I could shower," she said.

Gary Gates, medical laboratory technologist, said that on Friday and Saturday nights (Jan. 9-10) the number of outpatients was the worst he'd seen in 17 years of working at the hospital. Most of the outpatients had complaints of chest pains, heart attacks, and some were just cold.

Penne Arnold, dietary, said she was coping well despite no power at home. "I had candles in every room and I dressed in layers and danced around to keep warm," she said. However, this storm was not a new experience for Arnod. "It's much like when we get storms on the island (Tonga Island, near Fiji)," she said. "Except it's warm there."

Dora Francis and Marion McLean, switchboard operators, worked shifts as long as 12 hours as they answered non-stop phone calls and spoke to outpatients. The only real problem was Saturday (Jan. 10) as the phone lines went down for a time. There was no way of calling out of the hospital. A radio system was used to communicate with police and the fire department.

Kathy Hillis, an RPN, had considerable worries while she worked overtime for several days, sleeping at the hospital at night, during the first days of the storm. She had left her husband at home on a dairy farm in Morewood, where a generator provided electricity to the barn.

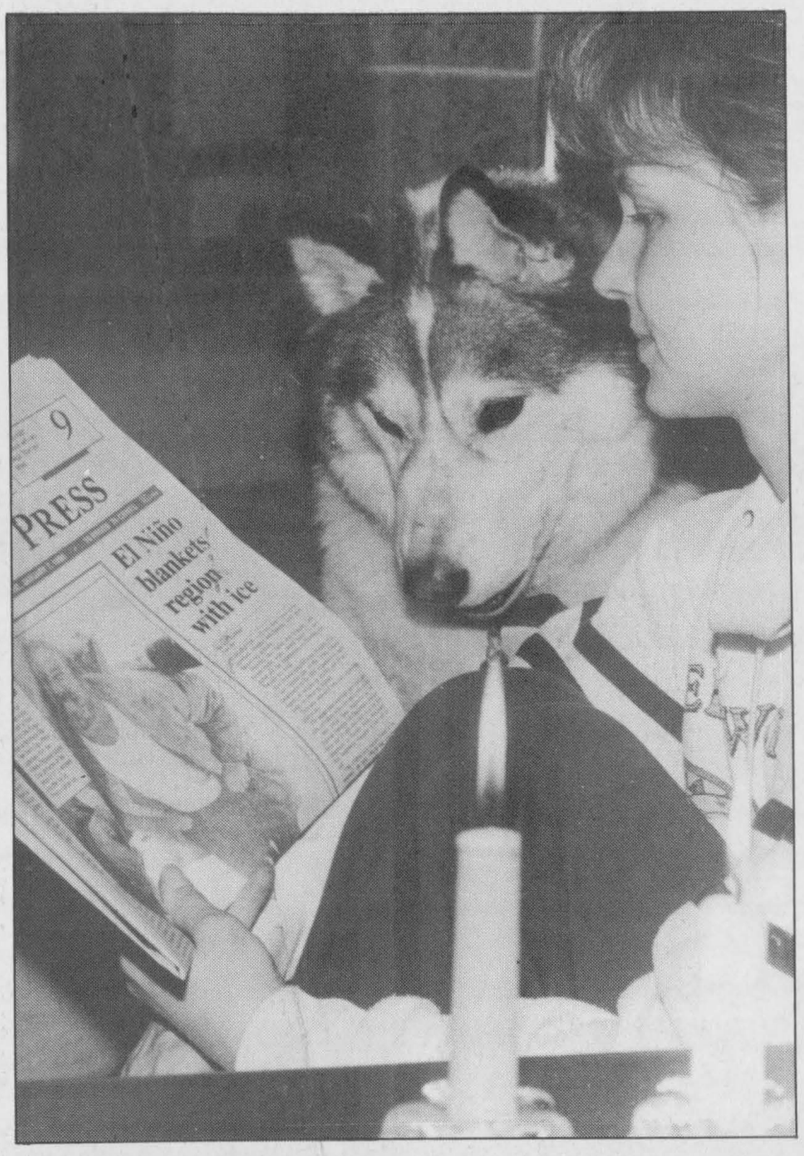
"He's been milking cows once a day, and he has to dump the milk, because there's no place to put it before the next milking," she said.

The basement was flooded with two feet of water, and the phone lines were down, too.

"It's been hard," she said. "I have no communication with home, and they have no numbers to call for emergency, no radio, and they're using candles in order to see."

Her children, ages 14 and 10, were left at home also. "We're throwing our income down the drain," she said sadly. "I don't know how the animals are and I don't know if we're insured for this. We were told it would be a month without electricity, and on top of that, the kids could lose their semester at school."

Dr. Adamson worked 30 hours straight on Thursday and Friday (Jan. 8-9). "All of the doctors are helping out," he said. "It's getting hard to keep the days straight."



The nightly news

Osgoode resident Paula Turner and her Husky, Chinook, weren't going to let the worst natural disaster in Canadian history and a black-out stop them from getting the scoop in the *Winchester Press*. Both Turner and and the dog are faithful readers of the paper every week.

Press Photo - Brownlee

Crime rate low in blackout

WINCHESTER — Despite a few rumors running rampant around the area, OPP statistics reveal that crime was down in this area during the first week of the disaster.

"We've never had so little going on," said OPP Chief Superintendent Robert Eamer at a Jan. 13 press conference at the Ontario Hydro headquarters. "Eastern Ontario has never been a safer place to live."

Eamer said that reports show that during the first week following the ice storm, there was less crime than any average day.

But this didn't mean that there wouldn't be a bolstered police presence in powerless areas, added Eamer.

This past week police did boost its patrolling and even got some help from the Ottawa-Carleton force.

Military officials and police had knocked on 1.4 million doors in eastern Ontario by Jan. 12 and were planning on going around a second time.

Citing the numerous incidents of crime in the Hallville area, North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau asked if the army would be able to aid in patrol efforts.

Osgoode Mayor Doug Thompson wanted to know if future plans included giving the military policing powers.

"We're not employed (here) to pick up weapons," said Colonel Walt Natyznyck.

"But we will let our presence be known."

Patrols involving both soldiers and police were stepped up this week in an effort to thwart much of the criminal activity in the area. In North Dundas this past week, officers responded to 128 calls, up from the average of 70.

Many of those were reports of suspicious vehicles and people, said Constable Al Lummiss.

While reports of 53 generators being stolen in the early days of the disaster circulated like prairie wildfire, Eamer set the record straight.

"Reports did say that 53 were stolen, but what they didn't say is that 30 of those were misplaced."

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Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

There will be stories told for years about surviving the ice storm, with tales of courage and compassion from strangers as well as neighbors, and how we "coped." We will even get to the stage where we can laugh about learning more than you ever wanted to know about wood stoves, the inappropriate commercials on radio (powered by the lawn mower battery), of fixing up problems in the bedroom with an electric blanket, or the gentleman who said he'd had a complete wax job on his hands.

Our hearts go out to those still without hydro as they continue the fight for survival. Many of us, however, are getting back to a more regular life and it is the emotional impact which has to be dealt with. We have all suffered loss - perhaps livestock, businesses, trees but more than that, a way of life. We can build up emergency supplies and guard against being as unprepared as some of us were, but now we know we are vulnerable. No longer can we say, "It could never happen to me."

But we also have the strength of knowing that we can, and did, survive.

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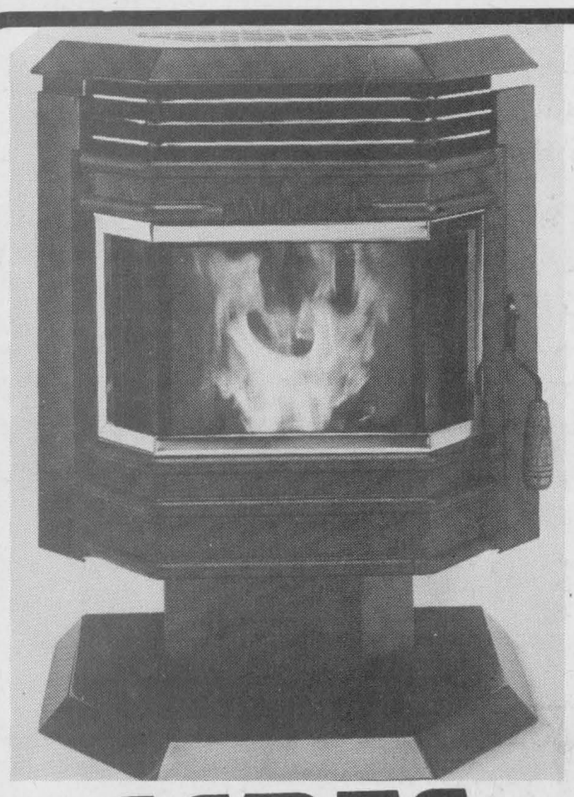
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Milk transport drivers praised

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Neither snow, nor sleet nor the worst ice storm of the century could keep area milk truck drivers from picking up the milk.

"(Drivers) have been working tremendously hard... They've been doing everything they can to help out farmers," said Louise Ladouceur, whose husband Denis manages a Russell-area milk transport company.

The storm which swept the region last week, knocked out power to most of the area's farms, forcing milk truck drivers to change routes, re-arrange pick-ups and battle extremely icy roads. At some farms drivers had to wait for farmers to clear fallen trees and branches from laneways.

"Because farmers were sharing generators they were milking whenever they could... Drivers were heading down icy roads and picking up (milk) wherever they could," Ladouceur said.

This week many of the rural roads remain icy and treacherous.

Over the weekend phones at the Ladouceur office were "ringing off the hook" after news reached farmers that Winchester processing plant, Parmalat Canada had shut down because of the power outage.



Milk trucks were a welcomed sight to work-weary dairy farmers coping with the devastating ice storm.

According to Parmalat Canada spokesperson John Hutchinson, the Winchester plant, which processes about 1.2 million litres of milk per day, was shut down for about four days but was able to make all but a very few of its milk pick-ups. During the shutdown, drivers trucked the milk to a processing plant in Ottawa.

Driving during the storm was a nightmare... The worst she's gone through, said Betty Darling, a truck driver for Ferguson milk transport in Osgoode.

"It took me two hours to get to Ottawa and three hours to get the milk unloaded."

And while drivers worked day and night to get the milk picked up, it was the farmers' reactions that kept them going, Darling said.

"Farmers were bringing us coffee... they were so happy to see us... Some were even hugging us."

Farm update

OFA launches fund to provide rural relief

by Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Support for farm families is pouring in to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's Ontario Rural Relief Fund.

"People are already responding... Support has been great," said Dundas County's OFA rep Alvin Runnalls.

Last spring OFA members helped out Manitoba flood victims and now Manitoba farmers have returned the favor with donations to the fund, said Runnalls.

And a representative of the Ontario Grape Growers Association in Niagara called Runnalls last week with a donation of $1,000 to the cause.

As well, people from across Canada and the United States have brought in generators and other supplies, he added.

The OFA launched the fund last week to help farmers of storm-ravaged eastern Ontario cope with what is being called the largest natural disaster in Canadian history.

"It's going to take a long time for farmers in eastern Ontario to recuperate from this devastating storm. The damage is unprecedented and we want to do everything we can to help rural residents get back on their feet. We're hoping that the fund will help cover the cost of items not covered by insurance policies," said OFA President Ed Segsworth who toured the area last week.

The much-needed resources will be used to restore livestock systems, replace pumps, electrical lines and transformers on farmers' properties as well as tractor and generator damage and livestock injury.

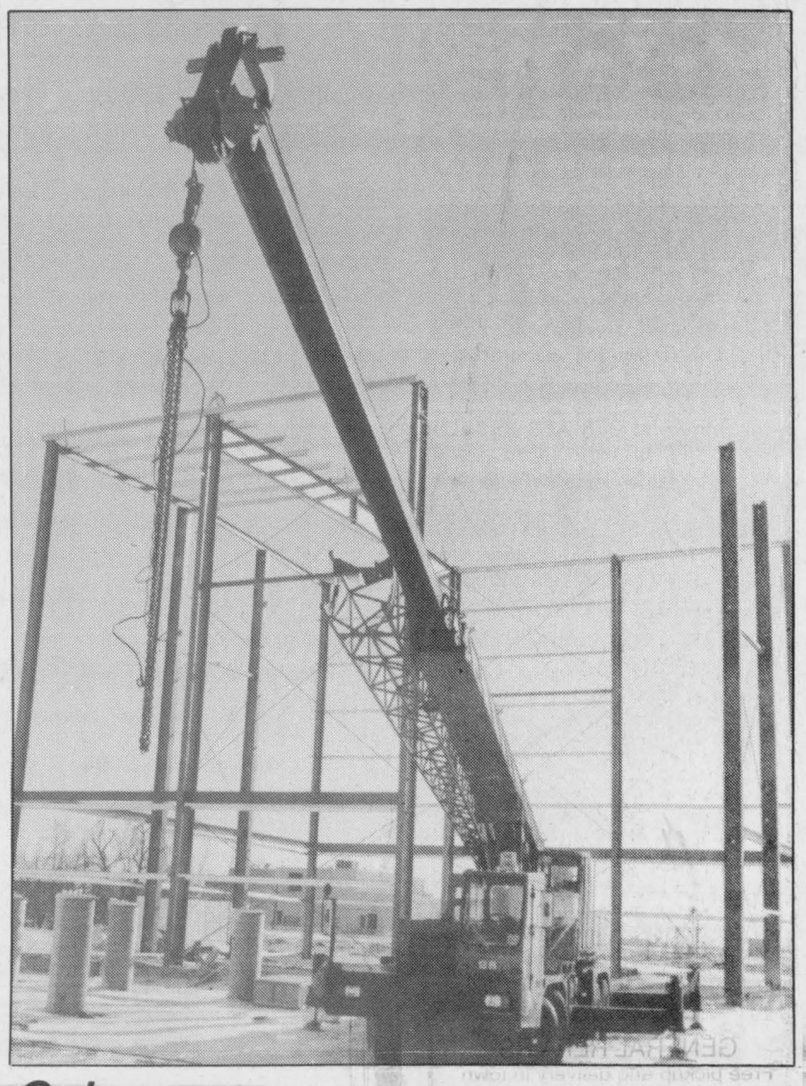
"Basically anything the money is needed for," said Runnalls.

Besides setting up the relief fund, the OFA lobbied for military help, hotlines, emergency phone centres and donations of generators. The federation also kept its phone lines open during the weekend at the Toronto office to offer information to farmers hit by the storm.

DONATIONS

There are four telephone lines set up for contributions to the Ontario Rural Relief Fund. To make a donation of $25, callers must dial 1-900-630-0025; for $50 donations, 1-900-630-0050; for $125 donations: 1-900-630-0125; and for $250 donations: 1-900-630-0250. Contributions will be charged to the telephone number donors call from. Tax receipts will also be issued to the name of the person to whom the telephone number is registered.

Interested individual can also donate by making cheques payable to the "Ontario Rural Relief Fund", c/o the Foundation for Rural Living, 150 Geddes Street, Elora, Ontario, N0B 1S0.



Going up

Construction on the new soybean crushing plant in Winchester began in early December and has continued despite the ice storm of the century. A ground-breaking ceremony scheduled for Jan. 9 had to be cancelled because of bad weather. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Ag societies meet

SOUTH MOUNTAIN -- Due to the ice storm both the Mountain and Chesterville Agricultural Societies have rescheduled their annual meetings from Sat., Jan. 17 to this Saturday (Jan. 24).

The Chesterville Ag Society's meeting will be held at the Anglican Parish Hall, while the Mountain Township Agricultural Society's meeting will be held at the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain beginning at 9 am.

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WSA winter seminars highlight rural and farm life in the '90s

WINCHESTER — The WSA's annual course — "Rural and Farm Life in the 90s will be held in Winchester this year.

Formerly held in Kemptville, this year's event will take place at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs office in Winchester. It is planned for Wed., Jan. 28 and Wed., Feb. 4.

The cost for the two days is $15 for WSA members and $20 for non-members. To attend one day only the cost is $10. For those bringing their own lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. A potluck or potluck dessert will be held the final day.

The morning session on Jan. 28 will feature health issues. Johanna Jennings and six other experts from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit will tackle health issues such as: Can lack of sleep effect your IQ?; Health line, when to use it and why; Do Canadian foods need better nutrition labels; How to prevent accidental food poisoning; Diets are improved, but Canadians are still too fat; How to do weight bearing exercises the proper way.

During the afternoon session, participants will delve into the psychic. From 1 - 3 pm Connie Adams will discuss psychic powers. Adams uses her ability to do readings as a form of entertainment and doesn't disclose disturbing news unless they ask for her impressions. She is planning to open an office near Kemptville.

On Feb. 4 from 10 am to 12 pm OPP officer Al Lummiss will update course attendees on scams occurring in the rural areas. An educated, alert and forwarned citizen is a step ahead of the swindlers. Don't give con artists a foot-hold in your finances.

In the afternoon, participants will learn about decorative tole painting with the help of Farmer Di's Country Craft of Williamsburg. A Bavarian tole painting craft kit with two brushes will be available for $10 and Diane will supply the paint. If you ever wonder if you have any talent or ambition to do tole painting, now is the perfect time to find out. While there is no obligation to purchase a kit, Farmer Di would like to know in advance how many people would like to try tole painting so she can prepare the kits ahead.

Everyone is welcome to attend the course. Pre-registration is not necessary, however those wanting to purchase kits should let organizers know.

For information contact: Alida Scheepers at 774-3356, Tony Spikker at 489-3434, Florence Fnukal at 258-4195, or Eda Van der Linden at 821-1936.



Fond farewell

A favorite teacher at Winchester Public School announced her retirement at a Christmas concert in December. Music teacher Marion deGray was presented with parting gifts by students, as well as hugs and tears of sadness in the response to her retirement. Pictured, Brian Cummings and Travis Armstrong (front) and Darryl Moore and Bailey Lewis (top) presented gifts to Mrs. deGray as principal George Hollingdrake looked on.

Press Photo -- Culliton



Farm stop

Federal minister of agriculture Lyle VanClief toured eastern Ontario farms over the past week to assess damage from the ice storm. Dairy farmers worked around the clock, sharing generators, milking cows by hand and carrying water to thirsty animals. Some cows were not milked for several days. Pictured, VanClief (right) chats with Denis St. Pierre at his Winchester-area farm.

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ODHI cancels annual meeting

TORONTO — As a result of the state of emergency in Eastern Ontario, Ontario DHI has decided to cancel their annual meeting slated for Jan. 13 - 14 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The extreme weather conditions have made it impossible for any of the delegates from Eastern Ontario to attend the meeting. DHI executive members say their thoughts are with eastern Ontario dairy producers as they struggle to maintain their operations during this difficult time.

The meeting has been rescheduled for the morning of Feb. 17 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

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The Corporation of the Township of Osgoode would like to take this opportunity to thank all people who selflessly dedicated their time and continue to dedicate their time to the ice storm relief efforts. Many people put aside their personal situations to help others in need. We will all be eternally grateful for their assistance.

As everyone is now dealing with the aftermath of the storm, we would like to provide our residents with information that may be useful to them in the coming weeks and months.

- The Township of Osgoode is still under a State of Emergency, however all area **schools have been opened.** Parents are encouraged to call their child's school regarding special arrangements for drop-off and pickup of children.
- **Emergency Shelters:**

  The following shelters are now closed: Osgoode Community Centre and Vernon Community Centre.

  The Kenmore Community Hall is serving meals from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and at the Greely Legion Hall from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- If you require **emergency food supplies** please call 821-1011.
- A **Disaster Relief Office** has been set up on the lower level of the Township Hall and is staffed by volunteers. Details of eligibility for financial assistance for the ice storm are not available at this time, however if you wish you may contact the Disaster Relief Office at 821-0256 and they will take down all necessary information in order to contact you when details do become available. You may also call the Township of Osgoode at 821-1107 and we will address your concerns.
- The need for mental **health support** often follows a crisis of this nature. A group of Regional Health Department nurses and qualified personnel from the Royal Ottawa Hospital are available to assist anyone in the community who is in need. Health support can be contacted at 821-1011.
- **Firewood** is still available at the township roads garage at 2481 Scrivens Drive.
- If your basement requires **pumping** please call 821-1011.
- The township and the region are co-ordinating the **removal of brush** over the next two weeks. All residents are being encouraged to bring their brush to roadside for pickup. If you wish you may also bring your brush to the brush depots located at the following locations:

  Roads Garage - 2481 Scrivens Drive
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  Brush will be picked up again in the spring (date not yet determined).
- A free **burning permit** will be available to all residents in the spring. Burning permits may be obtained by calling 821-1011.
- One free **dump pass** will be available for each household in the Township of Osgoode. The $10.00 regional fee for these passes has been waived until May of 1998. Please call the Roads Department at 821-2357 to arrange for your free pass.
- Residents are asked to please return all **borrowed equipment** to the Township Fire Hall or to their local community centre at their earliest possible convenience.
- Residents are asked to please return all **borrowed water bottles** to the Township Fire hall or their local community centre as soon as possible.
- OPP and Regional Police will be continuing their increased patrols in the township.

Summers wins shootout, in stalemate with Knights

OTTAWA — Rookie forward Dave Summers came through in a shootout to give the Winchester Hawks an extra point in a 7-7 tie with the Ottawa West Golden Knights.

The St. Lawrence/Metro Division contest was played last Thursday (Jan. 15) here at the Barbara Scott Arena and marked the first time the Junior "B" Hawks had skated together since the ice storm hammered eastern Ontario earlier in the month.

Last Friday night the Hawks hosted their first home game since Buckingham stole a point in a shootout in Winchester on Jan. 5. Unfortunately, for the home team, the visiting Metcalfe Jets downed the Hawks 5-3.

"We hadn't played since the storm started and weren't very sharp in Ottawa," offered Hawks general manager Bill Wammes.

"Friday night (against Metcalfe) we gave the puck away and they (Jets) scored. You can't make mistakes when Potvin (Yves), Chretien (Dan) or Hickey (Brian) are on the ice," he added.

Wammes noted his club was without forwards Shayne Stroughair, Jeff Leonard, Jason Desormeaux, defencemen Rob Raistrick, Derek Nadeau and goalie Anthony Calhoun.

"If we have everyone out I think we can beat them (Jets)."

The season's two-game series between the Hawks and Jets was a wash with both teams posting a win. The Hawks won 7-4 in Metcalfe and the Jets 5-3 here in Winchester.

BUSY WEEK

Wammes notes the Hawks have a full slate ahead of them. Tomorrow night (Thurs., Jan. 22) the Hawks will visit the South Ottawa Canadians; Friday night (Jan. 23) the Kemptville 73s will be in Winchester and Sunday afternoon (Jan. 25) the Hawks will be in Morrisburg to play the Lions at 2:30 pm.

And on Saturday (Jan. 24) four members of the team (Chad Simpson, Ryan Nichol, Jeff Leonard and Eric Savard) will take part in the Rideau-St. Lawrence All-Star Game in Athens.

The two games iced out by the big storm are being rescheduled. The Hawks will go to Westport on Sat., Feb. 7 and they may host the South Grenville Rangers on Wed., Feb. 11.

HAWKS 8 - KNIGHTS 7

Dave Summers opened the Jan. 15 game in Ottawa scoring an unassisted goal at 12:53 of the first period and gave Winchester an extra point with his goal in the shootout.

Summers now has seven goals and a total of 25 points in his rookie year.

Eric Nadeau and Eric Savard also clicked for first-period goals. Tylor Copeland, Ryan Nichol and Chris Bailey snapped home second-period pucks. Copeland's second goal of the game and sixth of the season sent the game into overtime. He made it 7-7 with 0:31:2 left in regulation time. Fern Multari and Jason McKenzie set up the play.

Assists went to Jeff Leonard (2), McKenzie (2), Multari (2), Craig Holmes, Summers, Serge Bellavance, Ryan Simpson and Bailey.

Gregg Griffith started the game and was lifted after four goals. Affiliate goalie Ryan Armitage of the St. Isidore Jr. "C" Eagles finished the game.

Ryan McAllister (2), Brandon Deaves, Ryan Kelahear, Oliver Demeester, Mike Murphy and Kirk McConnell netted the Ottawa West goals.

Each team took six minor and one 10-minute misconduct penalty.

JETS 5 - HAWKS 3

The Metro Division's Metcalfe Jets scored three times in the second period of last Friday's (Jan. 16) match in Winchester and squared their two-game series with Winchester at a game each.

Dan Chretien potted all three of those goals scoring at 8:18, 8:01 and 4:14. Defenceman Brian Hickey scored the second goal on a power-play at 3:15 of period one and Yves Potvin's shorthanded marker opened Metcalfe's scoring at 8:26 of the same frame.

Chretien (3), Potvin and Hickey were the Metcalfe goal getters. Potvin (2), Hickey, Jeff Dames and Steve James picked up the assists and Dave Darling tended the nets.

Captain Jason McKenzie cracked in the first two Winchester goals scoring from Eric Savard and Ryan Nichol at 12:30 and Fern Multari and Savard (powerplay) at 7:36 of period one.

Craig Holmes (assisted by Dave Summers and Serge Bellavance) closed the gap to 5-3 clicking for his 10th of the season at 19:20 of the third period.

Gregg Griffith took the loss and was backed up by "AP" Ryan Armitage.

HAWKS HAPPENINGS

Mary Simpson, grandmother of Hawks defenceman Chad and Ryan Simpson claimed Friday night's 50/50 Draw prize and promptly donated the $83 to the local ice storm relief fund.

Defenceman Mark Ciancibello (#7) has been dealt to the South Ottawa Jr. "B" Canadians.

Jason "Pitt" Desormeaux (#6) is attending college in Kingston and isn't able to join the club on a regular basis.



The Winchester defence had to pay special attention to Metcalfe spark plug Yves Potvin (photo) during Friday night's Jr. "B" encounter. Potvin still managed to score once and draw two assists in Metcalfe's 5-3 victory.
Press Photo — Van Bridger



Winchester rookie forward Dave Summers netted a pair of goals, one in a shootout, to help the Hawks gain two points in a visit to Ottawa last week. He has now collected seven goals and 18 assists in 33 games.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Chretien packs Jets firepower in 5-3 win over hometown Hawks

WINCHESTER — Veteran centre Dan Chretien put together the highlight package all on his own here last Friday night.

Chretien, Metcalfe's top scorer, exploded for three consecutive second-period goals and led the Metro Division's second-place Jets to a 5-3 Eastern Ontario Jr. "B" Hockey League victory over the home-town Winchester Hawks here on Jan. 16.

Metcalfe had Dan Audet (minor) and Chad Guy (five-minute major) in the box while the Hawks were without Fern Multari (minor), Eric Nadeau (10- minute misconduct and a minor) at 9:40 of the second stanza.

Just one minute and 22 seconds after the parade to the penalty box had taken place, Chretien began his three-goal binge. He took a relay from Yves Potvin and Brian Hickey and tucked in a backhander at 8:18. He then stripped the puck off of a Winchester defender and fooled Gregg Griffith on another backhand play at 8:01 and completed the natural hat trick on an unselfish effort by Potvin who took the puck from the last Hawks defender and broke in on a beleaguered Griffith. Potvin went right to the Winchester net and dropped the puck for Chretien who just had to cruise in and punch it home at 4:40.

Chretien's effort snapped a 2-2 tie and lifted the second-place Jets (18-8-1) to their fifth straight victory, a 5-3 decision.

Buckingham (21-6-0) leads the Metro Division with 42 points. Metcalfe has 38, both teams have played 27 games. South Ottawa (12-16-1) stands third, 10 points behind the Jets. Ottawa West (7-20-2) is fourth and Clarence Creek (9-17-1) is fifth, 18 points back of Metcalfe.

JETS 5 - HAWKS 3

Winchester captain Jason McKenzie turned a gift into the Hawks' first goal when the puck took a wild bounce off the back boards, catching Jets goalie Dave Darling out of the net. All McKenzie had to do was tap the disc into the empty net. Eric Savard and Ryan Nichol drew assists.

Yves Potvin tied it with his unassisted, short-handed goal at 8:26. McKenzie connected again (from Fern Multari and Savard) at 7:36 to put the Hawks up 2-1. Jets' Brian Hickey then knotted the count at 2-2 turning a power play set up by Jeff Dams and Steve James with 3:15 left in the first frame.

Chretien then cut loose in the second period to take the count to 5-2.

"Boy that was nice to watch," quipped Metcalfe coach Bob Dumelie at the end of the second period. "It isn't often you see a natural hat trick that quick."

Craig Holmes whipped in his 10th goal of the season at 19:20 of the final period. Dave Summers and Serge Bellavance helped Holmes make the score 5-3.

"We haven't played for two weeks. So I think the team played pretty well," offered Metcalfe's general manager Roger Thibault.

Thibault says Sunday's (Jan. 18) home game with the Char-Lan Rebels was postponed. That leaves Metcalfe with three games to work into their schedule. They also have games with Buckingham and Kemptville to replay.

"We haven't practiced in two weeks so we hope to get back on the ice tomorrow night (Jan. 21). Once the military moves out of the Metcalfe arena we (Jets) should be able to move back in," he explained.

This Friday night (Jan. 23) the Jets fly into Arnprior to take on the Packers. Sunday (Jan. 25) afternoon (2:15 pm) they will be in Clarence Creek to tangle with the Beavers.

ALL-STAR GAME

Several members of the Metcalfe Jets took part in the 1997-98 Metro - Valley All-Star game Saturday (Jan. 17) in Clarence Creek.

Goalie Jeff Thomson, Bryce Douglas, Jamie Mitchell and Jeff Dam played in the Under-18 All Star game. The Valley took that match by a 5-2 count.

Yves Potvin, Dan Audet, Cory Peel and Dan Chretien skated in the Over 18 contest. Dan Audet was named the Metro Division's game MVP. Goals by Audet, Chretien and Potvin helped their division post a 9-3 victory.

"It was a good show. I expected there wouldn't be much emotion but it was a physical game, very entertaining," Thibault said.

Hawks place four on All-Star roster

WINCHESTER — Three forwards and a defenceman will represent the Winchester Hawks in the 1997-98 Rideau-St. Lawrence Jr. "B" Hockey League All Star game.

The mid-winter classic contest will be played this Saturday (Jan. 24) at Centre 76 in Athens. The puck will drop at 7:30 pm.

Sixteen-year-old rookie defenceman Chad Simpson (2-9-11) will join Winchester's top scoring line of Ryan Nichol (32-40-72), Eric Savard (21-39-60) and Jeff Leonard (23-29-52) on the St. Lawrence All Stars squad. The Hawks forwards hold down three of the top four places in this week's scoring list.

The first-place Alexandria Glens and number-three ranked Char-Lan Rebels each placed five on the "Dream Team". The Kemptville 73s sent four skaters while the Morrisburg Lions had three players named.

Marc Sauve and Roch Lajoie of the Alexandria Glens and Winchester's Lindsay Selleck will coach the St. Lawrence Stars. Glens general manager Guy Quesnel will hold down that job while Mike Gauthier of the Glens and Dale Lewis of Morrisburg will act as team trainers.

ALL STARS

The 1997-98 St. Lawrence Stars are: #1 -Tim Craig, goalie, Kemptville; #2 - Steve Iwachniuk - defence - Morrisburg; #3 - Chad Simpson, defence, Winchester; #4 - Marc Menard, defence, Alexandria; #5 - J.S. Larocque, defence, Char-Lan; #9 - Dave Weagle, defence, Kemptville; #10 - Andrew Williams, forward, Kemptville; #12 - Les Haggett, forward, Morrisburg; #14 - Matt Collins, forward, Morrisburg; #15 - Yves Ruest, forward, Alexandria; #16 - Jeff Leonard, forward, Winchester; #17 Kurt MacSweyn, forward, Alexandria; #18 - Eric Savard, forward, Winchester; #19 - Doug Ferguson, defence, Char-Lan; #20 - Jonah Leroux, forward, Char-Lan; #22 - Josh Dixon, forward, Kemptville; #25 - Eric Fontaine, forward, Char-Lan; #26 - Nicolas Besner, forward, Alexandria; #27 - Ryan Nichol, forward, Winchester; #33 - Tom Payment, goalie, Char-Lan; #35 - Sebastien Laplante, goalie, Alexandria.

RIDEAU STARS

The 1997-98 Rideau Division Stars are: #1 - David McCarthy, goalie, Westport; #1 - Anthony Firmani, goalie, Gananoque; #4 - Adrian Haird, defence, Gananoque; #5 - Doug Lloyd, defence, Gananoque; #7 - John Dipaolo, forward, Gananoque; #8 - Curtis Stephenson, defence, South Grenville; #9 - Bill Palmer, forward, Athens; #10 - Paul Fowler, defence, Westport; #11 - Matt Reynolds, forward, Athens; #12 - Ryan Vivian, forward, Westport; #14 - Tom Ivey, defence, South Grenville; #15 - A. J. Howe, forward, Brockville; #16 - Corey Compeau, forward, Gananoque; #17 - Justin Ellis, forward, Brockville; #18 - Curtis Carswell, defence, Gananoque; #19 - Dereck Layng, forward, Brockville; #21 - Chris Ferguson, forward, Brockville; #23 - Robert Coon, forward, Westport; #25 - Tyler Libby, forward, South Grenville; #27 - Steve Sled, forward, Westport.

Alternates: Rob McMillan, defence, Brockville; Ryan Turnbull, forward, Westport: Sean Brophy, goalie, Gananoque.

Coaches: Jeff Snow, Westport; Dave McFadden, Brockville. General Managers: Ed Mulville, Westport; Ron Truesdell, Gananoque. Tranier: Jim Kelsey, Brockville.

Hawks donate to local fund

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Hawks Jr. "B" Hockey Club will contribute to the Red Cross Ice Storm Relief Fund.

The Hawks will contribute $2 from every adult admission at this Friday night's (Jan. 23) game against the visiting Kemptville 73s.

The special promotion is possible through the co-operation of the North Dundas Recreation Department and the Hawks. The puck is slated to drop at the Winchester Community Centre Friday at 8:15 pm.

Bantam curlers compete at zones

WINCHESTER — A new crop of curlers has moved up through Little Rocks into the Junior program and represented the Winchester Curling Club at recent Zone events.

On Jan. 3, a bantam mixed team (under 16 yr., before July 1/97) consisting of Craig Adams - skip, Leslie Levere, Jake Graham and Crystal Glassford made it to the semi-finals in a Prescott Bonspiel before being eliminated.

Last weekend, Jan. 17-18, both a bantam boys and bantam girls team participated in the Zone events at the RCMP Club in Ottawa. The boys team, skipped by Scott Adams, Ryan Casselman - vice, Craig Adams - second and lead Jake Graham gained competitive experience as they progressed to the semi-finals before losing to Manotick.

Meanwhile a very young team of skip Sheena Casselman, vice Leslie Levere, second Crystal Glassford and lead Mandy Peddle lost both games to the Zone A & B winners.

Skip Jill LaPierre, and a rink composed of Travis Thompson, Julie Byvelds and Trevor Doornwaard will represent the WCC at the Junior Mixed Regionals this weekend (Jan. 24-25) in Carp.



Official start

The Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks Hockey Club had two members of the Headquarters and Signals battalion officially open last Friday's game. According to club officials, it was one way the Winchester area was able to acknowledge the military for its assistance during the ice storm of 1998. Metcalfe Jets captain Cory Peel (left), Pte. Rob Schofield, Cpl. Shannon Barber and Hawks captain Jason McKenzie took part in the face off.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Sports scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Jan. 14: Napanee 9, S. Grenville 4
Jan. 15: Winchester 8, Ottawa West 7 (SO)
S. Ottawa 6, Morrisburg 2
Jan. 16: Ernestown 7, Westport 4
Metcalfe 5, Winchester 3
Buckingham 14, Morrisburg 2
Jan. 17: Athens 7, Ernestown 5
Picton 7, Brockville 3
Jan. 18: Gananoque 7, Napanee 2
Picton 5, Athens 3
Kemptville 6, Ottawa West 4
**Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive 1 point*

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
St. Lawrence Division						
Alexandria Glens	21	6	5	177	123	52
Winchester Hawks	20	11	2	206	158	43
Char-Lan Rebels	18	10	4	142	106	43
Kemptville 72's	17	14	1	163	154	36
Morrisburg Lions	9	24	2	130	221	24
Rideau Division						
Westport Rideaus	16	14	2	155	154	37
Gananoque Islanders	14	12	5	130	125	34
Brockville Tikis	12	15	4	184	176	31
S. Grenville Rangers	11	16	4	136	147	31
Athens Aeros	5	23	4	127	200	19
Metro Division						
Buckingham	21	6	0	163	85	42
Metcalfe	18	8	1	137	100	38
South Ottawa	12	16	1	107	140	28
Ottawa West	7	20	2	139	172	23
Clarence Creek	9	17	1	113	130	20

TOP SCORERS as of Jan. 15, 1998

St. Lawrence Division	G	A	Pts.
Ryan Nichol, Winchester	32	40	72
Nick Besner, Alexandria	23	35	58
Eric Savard, Winchester	20	38	58
Jeff Leonard, Winchester	24	30	54
Dave Weagle, Kemptville	18	35	53
Rideau Division	**G**	**A**	**Pts.**
Derek Layng, Brockville	21	30	51
Chris Ferguson, Brockville	20	30	50
A.J. Howe, Brockville	25	22	47
John DiPaolo, Gananoque	19	28	47
Rob Coon, Westport	17	29	46
Metro Division	**G**	**A**	**Pts.**
Eric Durocher, Buckingham	28	35	83
Mike Murphy, Ottawa West	24	30	54
Pat Charbonneau, Buckingham	32	19	51
Matt Blake, Ottawa West	29	15	44
Ghislain D'Aoust, Buckingham	17	24	41

Winchester & District Broomball League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 15 & 16: Cancelled
Week 17 (Jan. 18):
Mountaineers by default over Newington
Dave's Drywall 5, NDHQ 0
Morewood 5, Embrun 3
**Teams losing in OT receive bonus point!*

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Dave's Drywall	11	1	1	55	14	23
Newington	6	6	1	26	29	13
Mountaineers	6	7	1	20	26	13
Embrun Sports	6	7	0	23	33	12
Prescott Road	4	4	4	22	19	12
Morewood	5	7	1	31	33	11
NDHQ	3	8	1	12	31	7

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Jamie Norman, DD	10	9	19
Dan McDiarmid, DD	8	10	18
Jason Norman, DD	7	8	15
Steph Lemieux, E	3	12	15
Dave Hudson, PR	12	2	14
Paul Downey, DD	7	7	14
Miguel Belisle, E	7	6	13
Brian Como, M	6	7	13
Marc Charlebois, E	7	4	11
Billy Pynenburg, N	4	7	11

Winchester & District Ladies' Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 12 (Jan. 11):
Cancelled
Week 13 (Jan. 18):
Double Beauty 2, CountryGirl 0
Andy's Food Town 1, Stewart Classics 1
Annable's Jewellery 2, Sports Unlimited 0

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Annable's Jewellery	8	2	2	34	12	18
Double Beauty	8	3	1	26	17	17
Stewart Classics	7	3	2	18	9	16
Andy's Food Town	5	3	4	21	14	14
Sports Unlimited	2	10	0	6	21	4
CountryGirl Shop	1	10	1	6	38	3

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	Pts.
Nancy McDiarmid, AJ	14	10	24
Tanya Blais, DB	7	5	12
Sue Whelan, DB	6	4	10
Barb Canham, DB	5	5	10
Sharon McLeod, AJ	5	4	9
Diane Shane, AJ	4	5	9
Deanna Van Loon, AJ	2	7	9
Jada McNaughton, SC	7	1	8
Amy Fraser, SC	7	1	8
Diane Downey, AFT	4	3	7

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 16 (Jan. 6):
Boyd Chrysler Rams 9, Funtastic Pools 2
Country Kitchen 5, CountryBoy 1
Week 17 (Jan. 13): Cancelled

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
CountryBoy	11	2	2	65	45	24
Country Kitchen	7	6	2	79	53	16
Funtastic Pools	7	6	2	70	86	16
Boyd Chrysler	2	13	0	52	83	4

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Darrell Shelp, FF	29	15	44
Ray Sherrer, CK	18	17	35
Keith Moore, CK	19	12	31
Randy McLeod, CB	13	15	28
Mark Guy, B	17	8	25
John Ralko, CK	13	10	23
Todd Findlay, FF	10	12	22
Ken Byrne, CB	12	8	20
Dale Williams, CK	9	11	20
Ken Konik, BC	9	10	19





Hat trick

Metcalfe Jets centre Dan Chretien slipped three goals into Gregg Griffith's net during last Friday (Jan. 16) night's Junior "B" hockey match. Chretien's second-period hat trick was the difference as the Jets shot down the Hawks 5-3. The teams have split their two-game series.

Bantam Demons play tough tourney matches

LONG SAULT — The North Dundas Bantam Level I Demons faced some stiff competition in the South Stormont Minor Hockey tournament on Jan. 2.

In three matches they posted one win and suffered two, late-game losses.

The South Stormont Selects used an overtime goal by captain Scott Dunne to edge the Demons 3-2 in their opening contest.

Wayne Smirle scored the first North Dundas goal on a pass provided by Jon Chambers and Francis Dagenais at 5:38 of the second period to tie the game up 1-1. Scott Drummond turned a play started by Smirle and Chris Koopman into the go-ahead goal (2-1) with 3:51 left in regulation time.

The Selects stormed back and tied the game on a marker by Derek Proulx at 3:12 and won it when Dunne connected with 0:24 left in overtime.

North Dundas evened its record at 1-1 in round two nipping the Morrisburg Lions 2-1.

Goalie Carl DeJong blocked everything the Lions fired at him until his offence got untracked. Scott Drummond (assisted by Bill McRoberts) finally put a puck into Ryan Tuttle's net at 8:57 of the third period. Chris Koopman (unassisted) followed that goal and made it 2-0 with 3:22 left on the clock. His goal proved to be an important one because Morrisburg was able to close the gap to 2-1 when Jason Denio scored from Eric Irvine and Glen Mellan 1:04 before the final buzzer.

The Demons were eliminated after the Vankleek Hill Cougars scored twice in the final 3:32 of a third-round game and posted a 4-2 victory.

Will McLean netted the Demons first goal at 6:13 of the first period and Scott Drummond cashed in the final one at the eight-minute mark of the final frame. Bill McRoberts (2), Wayne Smirle and Chris Koopman all earned assists.

Switch scores three of four

WINCHESTER — Brad Switch netted three goals, including the winner, as the North Dundas Atom "C" No. 3 Demons edged the Morrisburg Lions 4-3 on Jan. 18.

Switch's third goal broke up a 3-3 tie with 0:40 left in the exhibition game. Kyle Dearing fired in the other goal and drew an assist. Matt Holmes (2) and Aaron Levere picked up the other assists.

Goalies Tyler Johnson and Andrew Greaves shared the net-minding duties.

It was an all North Dundas contest on Jan. 17 and the exhibition game finished in a 7-7 tie when the No. 3 Demons scored three times in the final 5:23 of the game to knot the final score.

Kyle Dearing (2), Carl Tuck (2), Pat Greaves and Brad Switch scored for the No. 3 squad while Shawn Gilmer (2), Bobby Cayer (2), James Corkery (2) and Brody Lutz connected for the No. 2 Demons.

Brad Switch (unassisted) opened the scoring at 13:10 but Shawn Gilmer tied the score with help from Nick Zubatuk at 12:09. Kyle Dearing (assisted by Derek Durant) gave the No. 3s a brief 2-1 lead only to have Bobby Cayer (assisted by Brody Lutz) then make it a 2-2 game for the No. 2 Demons at 6:22.

The teams traded goals again before the end of the opening stanza as the tally went to 3-3. Carl Tuck turned a play engineered by Justin Peters (Novice) and Kyle Dearing into a 3-2 lead for the No. 3 Demons but once again the No. 2s squared the count when Brody Lutz scored on a feed from Nick Zubatuk.

The No. 2 team used three unassisted goals (two by James Corkery and one by Shawn Gilmer) and another by Bobby Cayer at the 9:12 mark to build a 7-4 lead. Corkery and Marty Derks set up the Cayer marker.

Carl Tuck (assisted by Switch and Novice Demon Bobby Little) counted the No. 3 goal.

The No. 2 Demons held on to their 7-4 lead through the first stages of the final frame but gave up three goals in the final 5:23 of the match and settled for the 7-7 tie.

Kyle Dearing sliced a goal off of the No. 3 deficit scoring from Dan Lapier with 5:23 left in the match. Pat Greaves then closed it to 7-6 scoring with help from Tuck and Dearing at 4:30.

Greaves then came up with the tying goal at 0:53.8 before the buzzer.

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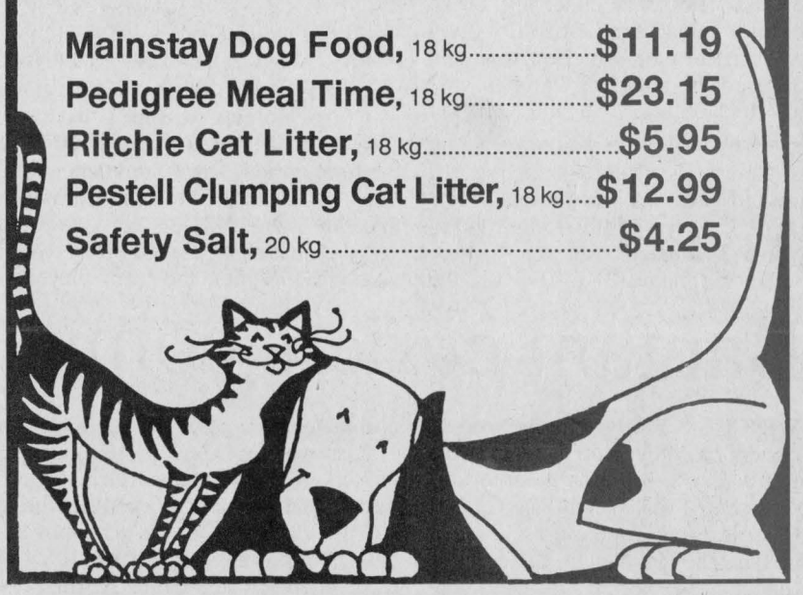



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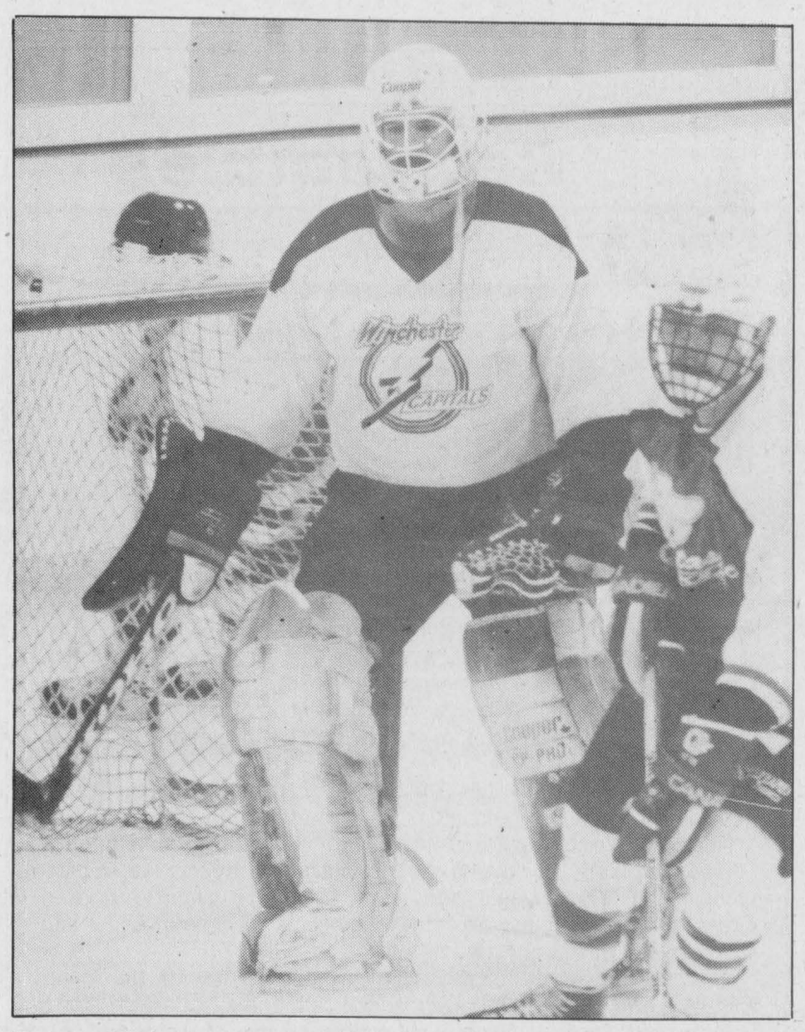

Country Kitchen goaltender Ben Henry missed the shutout by one as he and the Stars knocked off the CountryBoy Kings 5-1 in a WTHL contest played on Jan. 6. The Boyd Rams took the other half of the twin bill by a 9-2 count over the Funtastic Flyers.

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Short-staffed Kings lose second game of schedule

WINCHESTER — The Ice Storm of '98 claimed week 17 of the 1997-98 Winchester Town Hockey League schedule, it was the second double-header erased this season after the Nov. 18 twin bill was canned by bad weather.

As the ice storm broke on Jan. 6 most of the teams were shorthanded but both games were played.

The first-place CountryBoy Kings (11-2-2) had just seven skaters available for duty and suffered their second loss in 15 games when they were downed 5-1 by the Country Kitchen Stars (7-6-2).

In the other half of the slate the Boyd Chrysler Rams (2-13-0) got six-point efforts from Brad Holmes and Ken Konink as they blasted the understaffed Funtastic Pools Flyers (7-6-2) 9-2.

Keith Moore's unassisted goal gave the Country Kitchen Stars a 1-0 lead and then he set up a 2-0 lead when John Ralko scored 0:33 before the half.

Jerrold Boulanger had help from Ray Sherrer and Mark Lewars when he increased the lead to 3-0 at 24:44 of the second half. Boulanger then engineered a goal by Sherrer who made it 4-0 at 20:07.

Chris Van Bridger used a pass from Dave VanDelst to ruin Ben Henry's hopes for a shutout when he slipped a low shot into the corner of the net with 7:00 left on the clock.

Derek Medaglia's unassisted goal made it a 5-1 final at the 4:45 mark.

RAMS 9 - FLYERS 2

Ken Konink whipped in four goals and picked up a couple of assists leading the Boyd Chrysler Rams to a 9-2 romp over the Funtastic Pools Flyers.

Defenceman Brad Holmes enjoyed a productive game collecting three goals and three assists.

Chris Williams added a goal and three assists, Simon Ladrch picked up a goal and two helpers. Mike "Goose" Guy (4) and Tim MacLean earned assists.

The Rams led 5-1 at the half and salted the win away with four more in the second stanza.

Brett Fitzimmons and Al Christopherson popped in the Flyers markers. Christopherson, Derek Hyndman and George Michaels set up the scoring plays.

Drywallers plaster National Defence 5-0

WINCHESTER — Art Martin bagged a pair of goals and set up a third helping the Winchester and District Broomball League's top team, Dave's Drywallers to a 5-0 win over NDHQ.

Martin's three-point effort came during Sunday night's (Jan. 18) triple header. It was the first action for the WDBL since Dec. 28.

The victory improved the Drywallers' record to 11-1-1 and dropped NDHQ's mark to 3-8-1.

In the other encounters the Mountaineers (6-7-1) won by default over the Newington Knights (6-6-1) and the Morewood Vikings (5-7-1) defeated Embrun Sports (6-7-0) 5-3.

The Drywallers led NDHQ 3-0 at the half and 5-0 at the buzzer. Steve Norman, Martin and Paul Downey knocked in first-half markers while Martin and Jamie Norman slapped in the second-period goals.

Steve Norman (3), Downey, Martin, Terry Symgwaty, Dave Coir and Dan McDiarmid engineered the scoring plays.

The Morewood Vikings scored five times in the second half as they scrambled back from a 1-0 first-half deficit for a 5-3 victory over Embrun Sports.

Miguel Belisle scored from Ghislain Patenaude with 1:36 left in the first period as Embrun took a 1-0 lead on the Vikings. But it was 5-3 for Morewood at the buzzer.

Lucien Proulx got the Viking comeback started when he tied it up on a play engineered by Steve Cooper and Maurice Chartrand at 24:00 of the second half.

By the time it had ended Proulx (2), Meryl Patterson, Dan Laird and Brian Como had netted goals. Assists went to Cooper (2), Paul Melenhorst (2), Maurice Chartrand, Patterson, Laird, Como and Ted Hudson.

Belisle, Marc Charlebois and Steve Hendley notched Embrun's goals on passes provided by Belisle, Charlebois, Ghislain Patenaude, John Corvenelli and Steph Lemieux.

Phantoms post sixth victory

WINCHESTER — Five different shooters hit the target as the Phantoms knocked off the Kay Tabs Roadrunners 5-2 here in Winchester Ladies Broomball League action Saturday (Jan. 17) evening.

It was the first action since the Ice Storm of 1998 hit and in the other half of the twin bill the Nighthawks and Seaway Valley Devils battled to a 1-1 tie.

The first half of the game was scoreless and it was the Nighthawks (4-2-3) who cracked the goose egg when Carol Robinson scored (unassisted) at 22:00 of the second stanza.

Jackie Yelle saved a point for Seaway Valley (0-5-3) when she tied it up at 1-1 with just 0:21 left on the clock. Rachel Robinson drew an assist on the play.

The Phantoms (6-1-1) ran out to a 2-0 first-half lead on the Roadrunners (3-4-1) and cruised to a 5-2 victory.

Wilma Teplate turned a pass provided by Kelly Rombough into a 1-0 lead at 22:15 of the opening half. Teresa Cinanni upped the lead to 2-1 when she cashed in a feed from Dianne Gallinger and Angel Brisson at 14:12.

Goals by Christina Rombough (unassisted) at 14:29; Brisson (assisted by Cinanni and Gallinger) at 11:35 and Roxanne Yelle (assisted by Chris Rombough and Kelly Rombough) at 7:35 opened up a 5-0 lead for the Phantoms in the second half.

The Roadrunners finally cracked goalie Kim McLean's style and popped in two goals in the final 2:49 of the game. Gail Garlough put her team on board scoring from Kim Casselman at 2:49 and again 1:27 before the buzzer on a play started by Debbie Ledger and Casselman.

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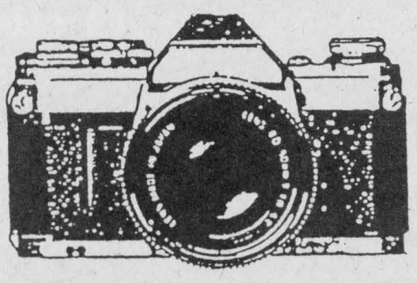
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Novices capture hardware

LONG SAULT — The North Dundas Novice "B" Demons finished off 1997 in fine fashion capturing the "A" Division championship at the South Stormont Minor Hockey Association tournament.

"The tournament was first class, with some extras for the kids... Congratulations to South Stormont," commented North Dundas coach Tom Kirkwood.

In their three matches the Demons outscored their opposition by an 18-1 margin, defeating St. Isidore 3-0, South Grenville 8-0 and South Stormont 7-1 in the championship game.

Colin Moran scored a pair and Matt Simms slapped in the other goal as the Demons blanked St. Isidore 3-0 in the opening round. Assists went to Andrew Beuman, Travis Froats, Trent Scott and James Kirkwood. Chad Kennedy and Tyson Volks shared the shutout.

North Dundas built up an 5-0 lead in the first period against the South Grenville Rangers and cruised to an impressive 8-0 win in round two.

Colin Moran (2), Tyler Fawcett (2), Trent Scott (2), Travis Froats and Matt Simms recorded the goals while James Kirkwood (3), Dean Moore (2), Colin Moran (2), Scott and Froats earned assists.

South Stormont became the only team to score a goal against North Dundas and did so in the championship match but it wasn't enough as the Demons skated to a 7-1 victory.

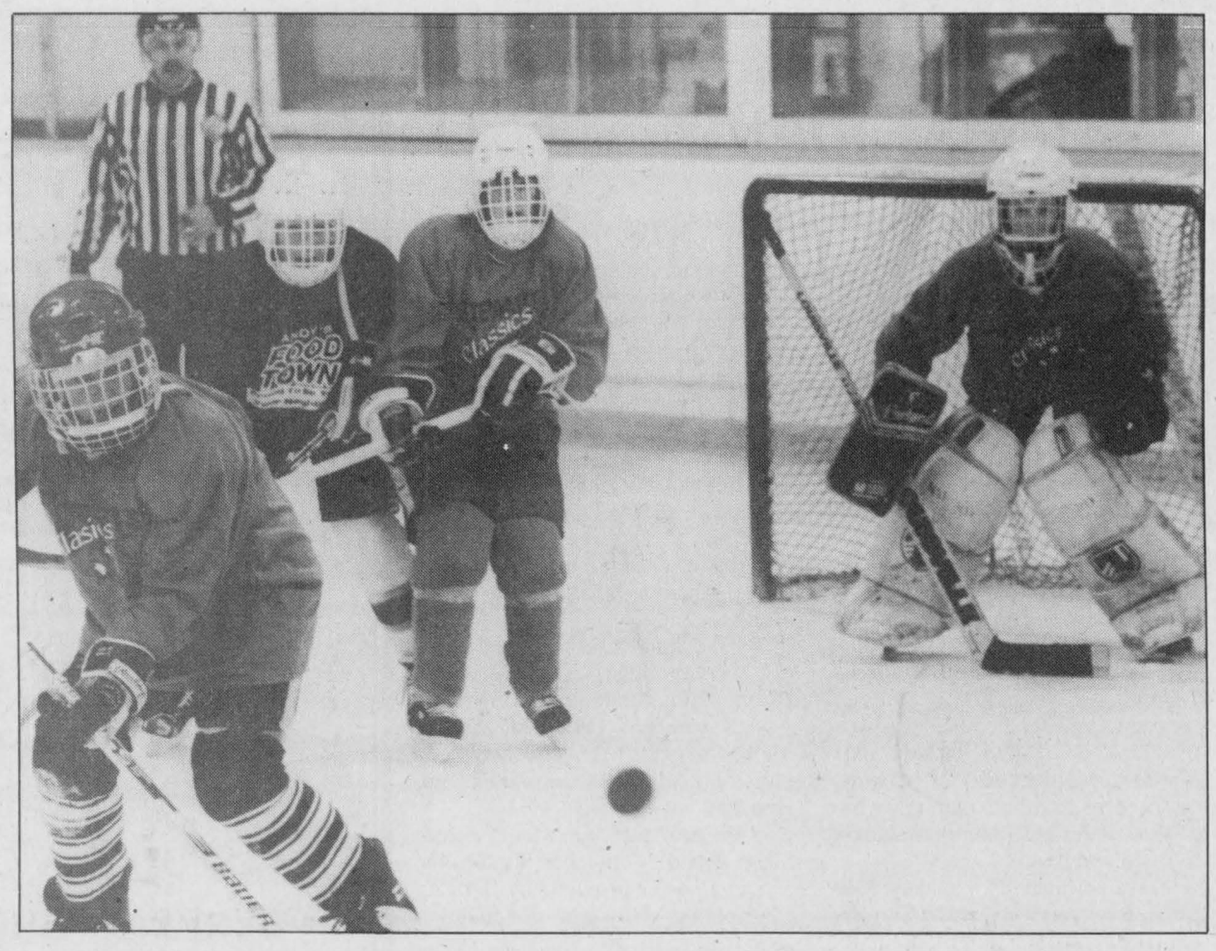
Travis Froats paced the attack with three goals. Colin Moran pumped in a pair with singles going to Tyler Fawcett and Trent Scott. Fawcett (3), Kirkwood (3), Moran, Froats and Allysa Baker set up the scoring plays.

The Demons led 4-0 after a period.

Coach Kirkwood reported the tournament also featured a skills competition with Conner Rielly and Matt Simms representing North Dundas in the skating event; Travis Froats and Andrew Beuman in shooting and Tyson Volks in the goaltending category.

"Tyson (Volks) was edged out as the Top Goaltender," Kirkwood said.

"I had congratulated our players on the skills competition but explained that the other teams may have won the individual competition but we always come to play as a team, and play is what we did," he added.



The Stewart Classics and Andy's Food Town Maroons skated to a 1-1 draw in WDLHL action on Sunday. Karla Marshall pegged the Maroon goal while Amy Fraser replied for the Classics. Carrie Nolan (photo) and Angela Durigan were the opposing goalies. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Blues, Stylists post perfect wins

WINCHESTER — Roxanne Backes turned in a perfect effort in the nets backing the Annable's Jewellery Blues as they posted their eighth win of the Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League season.

With Backes blocking pucks the Blues were able to improve their record to 8-2-2 and hold on to first place by a single point over the Double Beauty Stylists (8-3-1) who skated to a 2-0 win over the CountryGirl Gold Diggers (1-10-1).

The other game on Sunday's (Jan. 18) card ended in a 1-1 tie as Andy's Food Town Maroons (5-3-4) and Stewart Classics (7-3-2) clashed in the 10 am match.

Nancy McDiarmid took care of the scoring netting her first and the winning goal on a relay from Deanna VanLoon 3:38 before the half. Her second of the game and 14th of the season was engineered by Wendy Achtereekte 3:01 before the final buzzer.

Double Beauty remained within a point of the Annable's Blues by virtue of a 2-0 decision against the CountryGirl Gold Diggers.

Carol Chesbro was the winning goalie and was able to protect a 2-0, first-half lead. Lila Joletta fired a Barb Canham pass into the Gold Diggers cage at 14:43 of the opening session and Tanya Blais completed the picture when she used a pass provided by Robin Kerr and Shannon Vidal to make it a 2-0 contest 4:14 before the half.

All of the scoring was done in the first half as Andy's Food Town Maroons and the Stewart Classics finished in a 1-1 tie.

Karla Marshall turned a pass from Laurie Sloan and Cheryl Cooper into a 1-0 lead for the Maroons at 19:12 of the first half.

Amy Fraser's unassisted goal tied the final count at 1-1 with 5:03 left in the same session.

Angela Durigan (Maroons) and Carrie Nolan (Classics) were the opposing goaltenders.



Rec rambles

by Matt Krisjanis, Director of Recreation & Culture for the Township of North Dundas

Hi sports fans. Well here we are, back on paper one more time. Sorry for the delay, but under the circumstances time was a factor and the lack of it prevented me from putting pen to paper.

I truly hope that you have all come through this crisis safe and healthy. Mother Nature can be a mean little mama, but human survival will always prevail.

I know that I can never write enough about the people and volunteers who have helped and sacrificed their time and equipment to provide a little comfort and peace of mind to the thousands struck by this ice storm. And to begin to name these people, organizations, companies, cities, etc., I'm sure that I would miss someone, so in short, thanks to all who came to help those in need.

The ice in both rinks (Winchester and Chesterville) is up and running. Programs and schedules are in full swing.

For all you country steppers, we will be again offering line dancing every Tuesday night. For more information on this, contact Linda at 774-4253.

The Winchester Jr. B Hawks will be hosting Kemptville this Friday night (Jan. 23) at the Winchester Community Centre. Game time is 8:15 pm. This week's game is a special event in co-operation with the Winchester Jr. B Hawks and the North Dundas Recreation Department. For every paid adult admission, $2 will be given to the Red Cross Storm Relief Fund. So come to the game, meet your friends and support your Hawks and a good cause.

Once again I would like to remind you that we are now the Township of North Dundas and all those recreation associations in North Dundas are there to help you in recreation and special events. Support them — all they are doing is making your leisure time more enjoyable and providing your community with good recreational fun.

Please let me know of any upcoming functions or events and I will be happy to put them in this column.

My thought for the week: "A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew."

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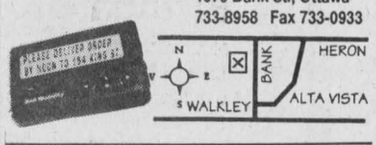

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38-52

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FOR SALE — Rubber cow mats, 4' x 6'. Call Garry Murphy Sales & Service, 652-4802.
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Household

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Pets, Livestock

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31-44

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FOR SALE — 5-month old pup Rotweiller/German shepherd mix. Very nice dog, all shots, $100. 987- 5688.
43-44

FOR SALE — Holstein dairy cows, fresh 40-50 lbs. per day. Call Harry 821-1050.
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FOR SALE — First calf springer Holstein heifers. Also stove wood. 774-5792 or 774-5160.
43-44

Birth Notice

GUY — Mark Guy and Alice Koekkoek and big brother Nevin are thrilled to announce the arrival of Owen Mark. Born January 5, 1998 at 12:47 pm, weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs. Proud grandparents are Albert and Gerry Koekkoek of Hallville and Keith and Betty Guy of Winchester. Special thanks to Dr. Rosenquist and maternity nurses at W.D.M.H.
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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS — I want to especially thank Colleen and the staff for the great care I received at Winchester Memorial Hospital during the ice rain tragedy.
— Ruth Howes
43

CARD OF THANKS — A sincere thank you to Dr. Flowers and staff at Winchester Hospital in ICU and 3rd floor. Thanks to all for your visits, calls, flowers and cards. A special thanks to staff for coping so well these past difficult days. It has all been much appreciated.
— Ab Skuce
43

CARD OF THANKS — Mere words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to the many many people for all your support during the passing away of our beloved wife and mom; to all of you who prayed for us, thank you. Your prayers continue to be answered; to the Daniels Funeral Home thank you for your professional caring service; to all our friends in the community, thank you for all your concern, your cards, your donations of food, your offers of assistance, visits, and flowers; to our Grantly neighbors, we were and continue to be overwhelmed by the never ending outpouring of support. It makes us proud and privileged to be part of this community. Thank you for the cash donations. We plan to use these funds for special family outings; to the Grantly ladies, thank you for the delicious luncheon during the wake; to Justin's Atom Hockey team, thank you for the flowers and for being there; to all Jodi's, Nicole's, and Justin's friends, thank you for being there for them; to Pastor Rowaan, thank you for all you have done for us; to the ladies of the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, thank you for the luncheon you prepared; to Gerald who looked after the farm, thank you, we couldn't have managed without your help; to our family who has been by our side and shared our sorrow with us, thank you for your love. Although we often don't understand why God allows these things to happen, we accept it as being part of His plan, and know that one day we will be re-united with Joanne in Heaven.
— Love: Tim, Jodi, Nicole and Justin Van'tFoort.
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CARD OF THANKS — We would like to thank our employer, Dundas Manor, for their kindness and hospitality during the ice storm of 1998. Jill and Ross Alguire and Shelia Cooper "lived" at the Manor during the electrical outage. They not only saw to residents' needs, they saw to ours, making sure we had adequate supplies to do our jobs the best we could. Just making sure we were properly fed (thanks for the treats and hot food). The positive outlook on the bleak situation made the time pass easier, knowing we were all working towards the same goal. Your kindness was appreciated by everyone.
— Dundas Manor Ltd. Employees.
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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS — The family of the late Ruth Milne wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who remembered us in so many ways at the time of Mother's death. A special thank you for all the acts of kindness shown our Mother during her stay at Dundas Manor. These will long be remembered by all of us.
— The Milne Family
43

CARD OF THANKS — Our neighbourhood would like to thank Danny, Brian and Jeff (a.k.a. The Sump Pump Suckers) for keeping our sump pumps emptied, barbequing our meals and just keeping an eye on things. Al and Colleen for welcoming us to stay with them in their warm house (16 people in total). Faye and Ray for their ample supply of wood. Poppy Ray, Grandma Marie and other relatives in Bancroft for sending us goodies and Rick for bringing them to us. And a special thank you to Darrell, Al and all the other Ontario Hydro workers who are working day and night to restore the power. We always knew we had a wonderful neighbourhood and this storm has just reinforced that feeling. I don't think any of us would live anywhere else ... except for Bancroft maybe.
— The Howard Street Gang.
43

CARD OF THANKS — We would like to thank Stock School Buses and their drivers for transportation to and from Beachcroft Seniors' to North Dundas High School for a warm place to sleep and warm meals. A special thanks to all who volunteered in freezing weather. Also thanks to our daughters Barbara Larmour, Debra Dewie who were concerned about our health and Rick Latimer and family for taking care of our bird and building.
— Art and May Harper
43

CARD OF THANKS — The family of the late Stuart deJong who passed away January 10, 1998 wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dr. Adamson, the nursing staff on 3rd floor WDMH, all the VON nurses and Homemakers from Red Cross for all the care and support given to Stuart during his illness. Also the many who sustained us with prayers, visits and deeds of kindness. Your loving encouragement will long be remembered.
— Maaike deJong and family.
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CARD OF THANKS — I would like to thank everyone who helped me during the ice storm. Special thanks to the firemen and the soldiers who took me safely down stairs to the bus and back upstairs again when I returned home. Thanks also to Barbara and Dianne who drove the bus and helped any way they could. Everything was greatly appreciated.
— Thanks again, Sadie Brown.
43

CARD OF THANKS — The family of the late Lorne Skuce wish to thank family and friends for their flowers, donations, visits, cards and food. A special thanks to all staff at Dundas Manor for their care, Chris Duncan and to Stephen Neil for their professional services. Your many kindnesses will long be remembered.
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In Memoriam

HUTT — In loving memory of our dear dad, Kenneth, who passed away January 21, 1995.
When all is still and silent,
And sleep forsakes our eyes,
Our thoughts are in the silent grave,
Where our dear father lies.
We have lost our soul's companion,
A life linked with our own,
And day by day we miss him more,
As we walk through life alone.
— In our hearts forever, love, Keith, Sheila and Betty.
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SHAW — In loving memory of James Ralph who passed away on January 3, 1988 and Helen M. who passed away on January 10, 1994.
— You are in our hearts forever.
— Mary, Nick and family; Jim, Louise and family.
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Auction Sale
Thurs., Jan. 29
6:00 pm
McHaffie Auction Hall, Morrisburg
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Coming Events

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At the Country Kitchen 9:30 am-2 pm, adults $6.95; children under 8, $2.95. Now available: No smoking dining room. 774-2417.
12tfc

LIONS BINGO
Every Monday night at the Winchester Lions Hall. $500 jackpot. Consolation prize. 7 pm start. All welcome.
24tfc

CHESTERVILLE AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING RE-SCHEDULED
Sat., Jan 24, 12 noon, Chesterville Anglican Parish Hall. Tickets $8. Dinner and election of Directors and Executive. All members are invited to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a member, director or assisting with the Chesterville Fair are asked to contact George Ennis, President, 774- 2079 or Mary Schoones, Secretary, 448-3866.
43c

HEALTHY WEIGHTS PROGRAM RE-SCHEDULED
"Get off the diet and on with your life". The 8- week course will now start on Jan. 27, at W.D.M.H., from 7-9 pm. (Tuesday nights). Cost $125 plus GST, couple rate $175, plus GST. Call 774- 2422, ext 5248 for information or to register.
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CEDAR GLEN GOLF COURSE LIVE BAND
Sat., Jan 24, "The Canadian Strangers", 8 pm-2 am. Cover charge donated to Ice Storm Relief.
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AUDITIONS
Dundas County Players "Honestly Now", a crime comedy. Jan. 23, 7:30 pm, Jan. 24, 12 noon, 774- 1637 Liz, above Winchester O.P.P. No appointment required.
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ANNUAL MEETING
Metcalfe Agricultural Society will be held on Sat., Jan. 31 at 1:30 pm. in the Lion's Den at the fairgrounds.
43-44c

ATTENTION ALL BRIDES AND GROOMS FOR 1998 AND 1999
Winchester Bridal Showcase, Tues., Feb. 10, 7-9 pm Winchester Lions Hall. For more information call Joan Steele, 774-0724.
43-45c

Auction Sale

AUCTION SALE
LEO'S LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE
GREELY, ONT.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
commencing at 3:30 pm.
Herd of M. Bisson, Navan, Ont. consisting of 25 crossbred cows, 25 stockers and 2 bulls (mix - Limousin, Hereford and Salers).
INFORMATION
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AUCTION SALE
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GREELY, ONT.
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commencing at 3 pm.
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Thank You
We would like to thank M. Martin and staff of the Winchester Emergency Centre for providing a generator to keep our office open during the ice storm. We would also like to thank Bill Hamilton for providing his John Deere tractor to power the generator, Dale Keyes for connecting it, Bill Shaver and Neal Bartholomew for consultation and repair of our furnace, and Donat Tremblay for the many ways he helped out.
Dr. Julie Wilhelm and Dr. Chuck Adamson
South Mountain Medical Centre


January Dairy Sale
NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO ICE STORM
Friday, January 23
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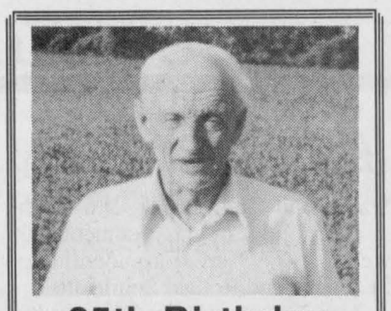
85th Birthday
The family of **Lloyd Merkley** wishes to invite his relatives and friends to celebrate his 85th birthday on **Sunday, February 1, 1998 from 2-5 pm** at his residence, **446 Fred Street, Winchester.**
Best wishes only please.

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Internet Intro.	Jan. 26 & 28	5	$30
Microsoft Word	Feb. 9-18	10	$60
Microsoft Excel	March 2-11	10	$60
Tues. & Thurs. 7:00-9:30 pm			
Intro. to Computers	Jan. 27-Feb. 12	15	$80
Windows 95	Feb. 24-March 5	10	$60
Web Page Design	March 10 & 12	5	$30
Desktop Publishing	Feb. 17 & 19	5	$30
Sat. 9:00 am-2:30 pm			
PowerPoint	Jan. 31	5	$30
WordPerfect 7 Workshop	Feb. 7	5	$30
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Tues. & Thurs.	Jan. 27 to Feb. 26	20	$80

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Emergency Response Telephone Reception

Due to limited demand, the emergency relief telephone reception hours will be reduced to:

Tuesday to Wednesday (January 20 & 21, 1998)
6:00 am to 12:00 midnight
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Thursday to Friday (January 22 & 23, 1998)
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
After hours emergency calls should be directed to
613-774-2753

Commencing Monday, January 26, 1998
Municipal office hours will return to normal
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

If you require **any** assistance please feel free to call **613-774-2105** during the hours indicated above.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn "Peggy" Bouck

Evelyn "Peggy" Bouck, a resident of Dundas Manor Nursing Home, Winchester, died on Thurs., Jan. 15. She was 83.

A retired registered nurse, Mrs. Bouck was born on Oct. 15, 1914 in Brighton, Ontario to the late Mr. Morrow and Evelyne Beatle.

She was also predeceased by her husband Arnel Joseph Bouck.

She was the dear mother of Margaret (John) Southcott of RR 3 Merrickville and Douglas (Elaine) Bouck of Regina. She is fondly remembered by grandchildren Stacey and Greg Bouck, and Keith (Carrie) and Douglas Southcott, as well as great-grandchildren Stephanie and Ronald Southcott.

Mrs. Bouck was predeceased by her brother Douglas Morrow and a grandson, Robert Southcott.

A celebration of Mrs. Bouck's life will be held at a later date. Graveside committal of ashes will be held in the spring at Sprucehaven Cemetery, Brinston.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Daniels Funeral Homes Inc., Winchester.

John Cardiff

John Cardiff of Winchester Group Home, Winchester died suddenly at home on Wed., Jan. 14. He was 57.

He was born in Ottawa on July 11, 1940 to Evelyn Cardiff (nee McCauley) and the late John Cardiff.

Mr. Cardiff spent the last 16 years in group homes in Williamsburg and Morrisburg, and he spent 30 years prior to that in Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls. The first 12 years of his life were spent with his family in Ottawa.

He will be missed by his brother Donald Cardiff of Ottawa and sisters Brenda Cardiff of Vancouver, BC and Linda (John) Schenck of Brinston.

He was the dear uncle of Chris Schenck of Toronto and John (Sandra) Schenck of Ottawa and great-uncle of Evan Schenck. He was the beloved nephew of Winnifred Cardiff of South Mountain and Hannah McIntyre of Huntsville.

He was predeceased by aunts Margaret Potter, Bertha Pritchard and Hilda Smyth and uncles Bill Cardiff, Albert Cardiff and Archie Cardiff.

Mr. Cardiff loved children and he liked to laugh. He had a soft heart for those in need, and he was always trying to help anyone who needed it.

There was no visitation at the funeral home. A memorial service will be held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sat., Jan. 24 at 11 am.

Donations to Dundas County Community Living would be appreciated by the family.

Stuart (Sjoerd) de Jong

On Jan. 10, 1998 Stuart (Sjoerd) de Jong of RR 2 Chesterville died at his home, where he had spent most of his working life. He was born on Dec. 9, 1923 in Oudega, Friesland, The Netherlands.

He married Maaike Kloosterman on May 6, 1948 in Oudega. They immigrated to Ontario. He was known as a hard worker, always willing to do the most menial tasks. Always a farmer at heart, his whole life was spent as a farm laborer, eventually building and developing his own dairy enterprise. They worked on farms near Alliston, Cornwall, Aultsville, finally purchasing their own farm at RR 2 Chesterville in the fall of 1956.

He was a quiet, kind man who had a deep appreciation for nature.

He was devoted to his family. He was blessed with one of the largest families in the area. Dear father of Grace (Basil) Staal of Navan, Ann (John) Bouwers of Metcalfe, Bill de Jong of Barrie, John (Hilda) de Jong of Spencerville, the late Abraham (Yvonne) de Jong of Athens, Teresa (Keith) Madden of Prescott, Jenny (Peter) Van Ryswyk of Oxford Station, Pat (John) Campbell of Nepean, Hilda (Henry) de Kroon of Lansdowne, Rita (Robert) Roughton of Williamsburg, Sylvia (Rick) Harmsma of Lyn, Harold (Laura Lee) de Jong of Chesterville, Connie (Dan) Meinema of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also survived by 48 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. de Jong is survived by three brothers Cornelis (Dirkje) of Glen Becker, Roelof (Anna) of Williamsburg, and Abram (Gertie) of Inkerman, as well as a sister, Jitske de Jong of The Netherlands.

He was predeceased by brothers Sybren (formerly of Chesterville) Piebe, Fokke, Bindert and sisters Hinke Stel, and Hiltje Vander Heide, all of The Netherlands.

He was a member of the Christian Reformed Church of Williamsburg since its formation. He attended Sunday services regularly with his family. A highlight for him came on May 11, 1997 at a service with many friends and family. Here he shared a conviction of what God had done for him and the assurance he had been given of his eternal destiny.

Visitation was held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Tues., Jan. 13. The following day visitation was held at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend George Rowaan followed by interment at New Union Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill de Jong, Harold de Jong (sons), Ben de Jong, Stuart de Jong, Dan de Jong and Chris Craig (grandsons). Honorary pallbearers were Krista Bray, Shannon de Jong, Brenda Van Ryswyk, Sarah Madden (granddaughters) and Stuart Steel (grandson).

Donations were gratefully acknowledged for the Lung Association and Timothy Christian School, Williamsburg.

Keith Hess

Keith Hess of Morrisburg died suddenly at home on Thurs., Jan. 15. He was 70.

Born April 11, 1927 in Williamsburg Township to the late Francis and Sarah (nee Millar) Hess, Mr. Hess spent his lifetime in the Elma area, and worked in the feedmill and farming industry.

He was predeceased by his wife, Hilda (nee Barkley) Hess, whom he married Oct. 8, 1949 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Manse, Williamsburg.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children Lorne (Monique) Hess of Blackburn Hamlet, Larry Hess of Elma, Linda (John) Cinnamon of RR 1 Winchester, Lillie Hess, Lorraine (Glen) Adams of Iroquois, Laura (Billy) Cashman of Russell and Louise (Richard) Cronin of Finch. Mr. Hess will also be sadly missed by 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by two brothers, Roy (Reta) Hess of Brockville and Glen (Joyce) Hess of Brockville.

He was predeceased by his infant sister Agnes, and brothers Carl, Lee, Lyle and Ray.

Friends called at Marsdon and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Sat., Jan. 17. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Sun., Jan. 18. Reverend Roger March officiated. Interment was at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Pallbearers were Neal Bartholomew, Billy Cashman, Glen Adams, Richard Cronin, Steven Petersen and John Cinnamon.

Dwight E. Jones

Dwight E. (Casey) Jones died suddenly in Toronto on Sat., Jan. 17.

Mr. Jones was the beloved husband of the late Ruth (nee Dixon).

He was the dear father of Carroll Ferguson of Kingston, Mary Gibson and her husband Ed of Winchester, and Charlotte Watt (Don Abrams) of Verona. He will be lovingly missed by grandchildren Dan (Irene), Allison, Mary Susan, Shelley (George) and great-grandchildren Jamie and Kaitlin.

He is also fondly remembered by sister Opal Aikens of Bell's Corners and by his cherished friend Jean Deeks of Toronto.

Mr. Jones was predeceased by infant daughter Patricia, son-in-law John Watt, grandchildren Jamie and Robbie, sister Idena Crawford and brother Rowat.

Funeral services will be held at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui Chapel in Kingston on Thurs., Jan. 22 at 11 am. Interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Winchester.

Friends will be received on Wednesday from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Hugh "Leslie" Lemond

Hugh "Leslie" Lemond of Winchester, formerly of Ottawa, died on Thurs., Jan. 15 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 84.

A truck driver for Borden Dairy, Mr. Lemond was born in Russell on Sept. 20, 1913 to the late Hugh Lemond and Maude Stanley.

He was the loving husband of Mabel Lemond (nee Forsyth), and the dear father of Roger (Vera) Lemond of Richmond and Betty (Dale) McLldoon of Victoria, BC. He will also be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Lanna, Mary, Don, Charles and Debbie, and his sister Mabel Langille of Truro, NS.

At the request of Mr. Lemond, there was no visitation. A graveside committal service will be held in the spring at North Russell Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted with Daniels Funeral Homes Inc. in Winchester.

Margaret Ruth Milne

Margaret Ruth Milne of Dundas Manor in Winchester died on Jan. 10 at Dundas Manor. She was 95.

A retired registered nurse, Mrs. Milne was born in England on Sept. 19, 1902 to the late Ernest David Sansome and Christina Strachan.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Milne, in 1951.

She was the dear mother of Arthur (Jean) Milne of Mountain, Robert (Joan) Milne of Embro, Franklin (Betty) Milne of Mountain, Allan (Shirley) Milne of Port Dover, Mary (Ralph) Fawcett of Winchester and Douglas (Phyllis) Milne of Salford. She is also lovingly remembered by 25 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Milne graduated as a registered nurse on May 12, 1928 at Kingston General Hospital and worked at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for many years.

She was a member of Winchester United Church Women.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Homes in Winchester on Jan. 14. Reverend Carol Poley-Delisle officiated. Interment will be at South Gower Cemetery in Kemptville in the spring.

Alexander Campbell Mullin

Alex Mullin, a familiar face at fall fairs and farm meetings all over eastern Ontario over a period of three decades, died on Dec. 29 at the Woodland Villa, Long Sault. He was in his 78th year.

Tall and thin, with camera and camera cases slung over his shoulders as a badge of his career in journalism, Mr. Mullin was at home with country people, understood their concerns and enjoyed their respect.

He joined the staff of the Cornwall Standard-Freeholder in 1947 and served as its district editor for many years, retiring in 1981. Stricken by Parkinson's disease, he was confined to Woodland Villa during his final years.

In a testimony given at Mr. Mullin's funeral, at St. Andrews-St. Marks United Church in Long Sault on Jan. 2, Hon. Noble Villeneuve, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, described Mr. Mullin as a man who loved nature, the farm community and agriculture and whose accuracy and objectivity as a reporter was of the highest order.

"He helped a lot of people individually but he also helped agriculture in eastern Ontario and served it very, very well," Villeneuve said.

Mr. Mullin is survived by one sister, (Isabel) Mrs. Gerald (Mack) McCormack of Ottawa and by one nephew, William McCormack. Ironically, his brother-in-law died Jan. 1 in the Ottawa Civic Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Mullin was a member of the Masonic Order and an honorary member of the Long Sault Fire Department and Legion.

He was a bee-keeper who was always willing to help others learn the business, and an avid reader, photographer and gardener until illness intervened.

His column, Beehive Notes, appeared in both the Standard-Freeholder and the Watertown Times and has often been described as one of the most unusual columns in journalism on the continent.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Janet Evans, who praised Mr. Mullin for his contribution to the community and his support and dedication to his church and its congregation.

Pallbearers were Alfred Lafave, George Hillis, Jim Brownell, Bryce Lama, David Hill and Norman Beauvais.Alexander Campbell Mullin.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McArthur Bros. and MacNeil Funeral Home, Cornwall. Spring burial will be in the family plot, St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Ingleside.

Lorne Ambrose Skuce

Lorne Ambrose Skuce died on Sun., Jan. 4 at the Dundas Manor, Winchester. He was 83.

Mr. Skuce was born at Hallville on Sept. 30, 1914 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skuce. He lived in the Vernon-Ormond area all his adult life.

He is survived by one sister, Rose Campbell, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Skuce was predeceased by sisters Cecile Declaire, Lena Hoy and Anne White, and by brothers Frank, John, Richard, Edward and Melvin.

Funeral services were held at the Duncan Funeral Home on Tues., Jan. 6 with Reverend Stephen Neil officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Reids Mills Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brian Moloughney, George Oschmann, Earl Hoy, Walter Hoy, Carl Skuce and Ron Skuce.

Lloyd Smirle

Lloyd Smirle of Riverside Heights died suddenly on Wed., Jan. 14 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 75.

Mr. Smirle was born in Cannamore on April 27, 1922 to the late Gray and Mary Smirle (nee Lozott).

After WWII Mr. Smirle farmed in Dunbar for 15 years. He then moved to Froatburn and along with his wife, operated Smirle's General Store while he worked on St. Lawrence Seaway Authority as both a Linesman and Lockmaster.

In 1977 they sold the business and moved to Riverside Heights; however, he kept working for the Seaway until he retired in 1987.

Mr. Smirle was the dear husband of Joan Smirle (nee Stretton) whom he married in Leatherhead, Surrey, England on Nov. 27, 1943. He was the loving father of Les (Noreen) Smirle of Oshawa, Terry (Linda) Smirle of Markham and Shirley Smirle of Brockville.

He will be sadly missed by grandchildren James (Denise), Heather, and Mary of Oshawa; Robert (Michelle) of Kingston; Katy, Michael and Christopher of Markham, and great-grandchildren Dyson of Oshawa and Maverick of Kingston.

He is also survived by brothers Ford (Dorothy) of Ottawa and Weldon (Joan) of North Carolina, and sisters Marjorie Connolly of Ottawa, Sybil (Jack) Richards of Peterborough and Lily Lowell of Toronto.

He was predeceased by sisters Annabelle Fox and Edith Smirle and brothers Cecil, Arthur and Cyril.

Mr. Smirle served in WWII as a radio operator in a Bren gun carrier. He was wounded twice during the five years he served his country.

He took pride in his gardening and his home, he enjoyed fishing and nature-watching, as well as seeing a good wrestling match. He was an avid card and dart player and at one time he belonged to both the Morrisburg and Riverside Heights Mixed Dart Leagues.

Mr. Smirle served as president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 538 for 10 years, and he helped establish their hall in Boucks Hill.

He was also on the board of directors of Camp Kagama, a youth camp near Ingleside.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Fri., Jan. 16. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Sat., Jan. 17.

Reverend Bill Kurschinski officiated. Interment of cremated remains will be held in the spring at Morewood Presbyterian Cemetery.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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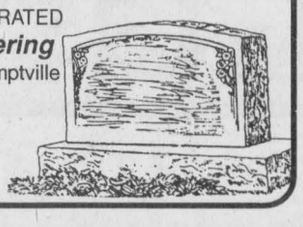

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