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Major cleanup

Retired Major General Lewis MacKenzie and his daughter, Kimm, work to cut up brush left from January's ice storm. MacKenzie was helping to kick off Disaster Relief Week, May 4 - 9. Press Photo -- Culliton

MacKenzie helps storm relief cause

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — In a last, full-fledged campaign to raise money towards ice storm relief, this week (May 4 - 9) has been declared Ice Storm Disaster Relief Week.

Retired Major General Lewis MacKenzie was in the area on Tuesday morning to help raise awareness for the week-long campaign. He was visiting at his daughter's home on Highway 43, just east of Winchester.

MacKenzie has been helping out at Kimm MacKenzie's home since the ice storm. Her husband, Captain Jean Grant, left for Bosnia the day the ice storm hit. He's expected home in June or July.

MacKenzie spent the past weekend with his daughter and was there four or five times throughout the storm.

"There's been mostly cosmetic damage here," MacKenzie said, indicating the property and house. "It was precarious on the roof when I was up there with an axe on several inches of ice, though."

He said there was superficial damage done to the property compared to his daughter's neighbors. Her power was out for about 10 days, but that wasn't as long as many others, he said.

During the ice storm there were many who referred to the scene as a 'war zone'. MacKenzie said that comparison had upset him at first.

"It did upset me when I first heard that, but when I drove through the area on my way here, it did look bad. But there were no bodies along the side of the road," he said.

While helping out during the ice storm and its aftermath, MacKenzie said, it was nice to see colleagues like Rick Hillier in the area, helping out.

"I've seen a lot of horrible things in my career but I've also seen a lot of Canadians helping out all over the world," MacKenzie told the Press. "It was really nice to see Canadians helping Canadians."

He added, "It's been very encouraging to see Canadians rallying around eastern Ontario and assisting those who were in need. There are many people who are still not back in their homes, businesses have lost a lot, and there are significant costs to homeowners."

A series of local celebrations and major donations from organizations are planned for the provincial Ice Storm Disaster Relief Week. According to Jim Bennett, chair of the Eastern Ontario Disaster Relief Committee (EODRC), of the estimated 30,000 claims valued at $100 million, about $50 million in losses is expected to have to be met from fundraising dollars.

A total of about $10 million needs to be raised. So far, half that has been raised and the target is to meet the goal in the next couple of weeks.

"What was unique about the ice storm was that it came and went so fast," MacKenzie pointed out. "A flood will last a month or more, but ice melts. So it's been harder to keep up the profile of this disaster. And it's essential to raise assistance for ice storm relief."

MacKenzie also pointed out that the majority of money raised has been in eastern Ontario — from those who actually endured the storm.

"There has been a study done that shows that the province of Newfoundland gives the most money to charity, while they have

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School board still studying new location

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

CORNWALL — A decision on where to locate the board office of the newly amalgamated Upper Canada District School Board is expected to be made sometime this month.

Dundas trustee Maria Thompson said that the original recommendation during amalgamation talks had been one central office for the board with two regional offices.

At the last meeting (April 22) a detailed report was presented to the board for consideration, dealing with all possible costing matters, available sites and jurisdictional demographics. The board has been looking at various alternatives and has visited many of the possible site locations, Thompson said.

"To have one central office, it would be far from the outer edges of the board," Thompson explained. "Parents, teachers and students need better access to the school board."

However, she said, funding has been cut and the board is no longer able to transfer funds. That is, the board is no longer able to save money in one program and apply it to another area within the board.

"It's probably not do-able to have three locations, no matter how small the main office is," she said. "Another option is to have one main office and several offices inside existing schools sprinkled throughout the board. That would be the economical way. I can't see there being a new building built."

Thompson explained, however, that there has already been a struggle for togetherness in the new, widespread board. "It will take longer for the trustees to identify the board as one complete body.

The board has instructed administration to bring further information to assist with making a recommendation at the next meeting (May 13), when a decision is expected.

2000 trees for camp

Hydro, Scouts join planting efforts

WINCHESTER — Close to 200 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were out in force in Saturday's soggy weather to plant 2,000 white spruce seedlings at Camp Sheldrick.

The St. Lawrence Scouts encompasses Morrisburg, Prescott, Kemptville and Winchester.

Ontario Hydro, Winchester was the sponsor of the trees, part of a wider operation that will see Ontario Hydro sponsor the planting of approximately 50,000 seedlings across eastern Ontario this month. They are concentrating on the hardest hit communities during the ice storm.

"We wanted to express our thanks to Ontario Hydro customers affected by the ice storm for their understanding as we worked to restore power in the area," said Ken Summers, Hydro distribution superintendent in Winchester.

Camp Sheldrick, located near Winchester Springs, is leased from the South Nation Conservation Authority, and is used by local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and has been the site of the program Scoutrees for Canada plantings before.

Scoutrees for Canada is a nation-wide environmental program designed to give all members of Scouts Canada the opportunity to demonstrate their concern for their country.

In future years the millions of trees — 45 million trees since 1972 and 3.5 million each year — will help beautify Canada and provide a renewable resource.

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Police declare village safe

WINCHESTER — Winchester is a good place to live and North Dundas township council should not think differently, according to Winchester OPP constable Peter Valiquette.

Following an event which occurred at the beginning of April involving a Winchester man and several youths, Valiquette addressed council's concerns about violence in the village.

"I've spoken with the mayor and the township clerk about police response in this situation and how to deter similar events in the future," Valiquette said.

He explained that police have been investigating the incident and working at preventing further incidents.

"I worked that night," Valiquette said. "There were four officers on duty that night in the village and the area, in vehicles."

He informed council that members of the Winchester detachment will do more sporadic foot patrols in the village to help deter such violent incidents.

"The culprits anticipate us in a car, not on foot," he pointed out. "We have been out on foot, but our patrols are random. However, regardless of patrols we can't catch them all."

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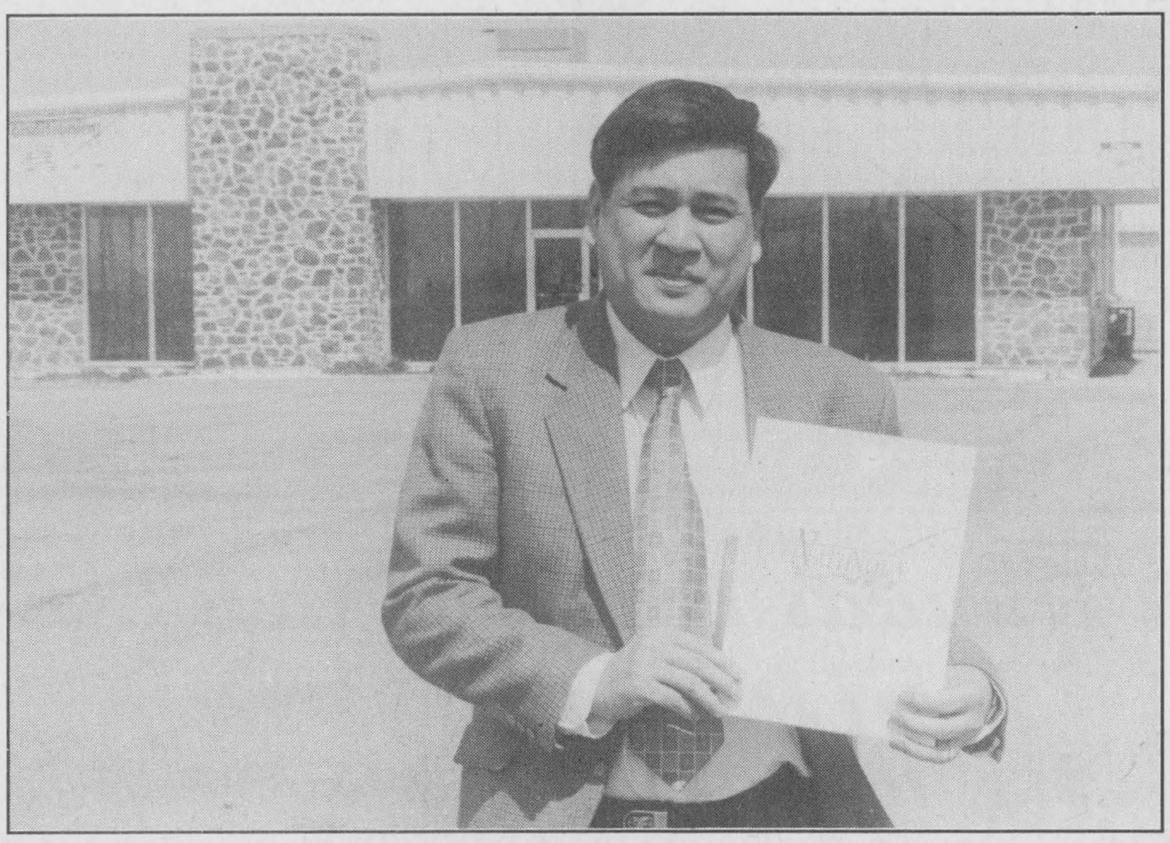

Dr. Nam Fong Han, president and CEO of Natunola, stands in front of the company's Winchester site.

Natunola promises 10 new jobs for fall

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — There are jobs coming, and they'll be filled at the local level. That's a promise.

Phase one of the building of the cosmetic and skin care plant, Natunola, on St. Lawrence Street south in Winchester is expected to begin in June and will be finished in October, according to the company's president and CEO, Dr. Nam Fong Han.

The cosmetic plant is a spin-off of the soybean crushing plant that is being built in the same area of Winchester. Natunola Health Inc. is a new Canadian-based and owned developer and manufacturer of high value-added plant-based ingredients for the cosmetic and toiletries industry.

Han is a chemist who has been involved in the cosmetics industry for 10 years. He is the former owner of Canamimo Inc, a $10 million plant in Saskatoon, which was sold last year to an Edmonton-based company. The company consisted of oat processing for cosmetics and skin care.

Natunola is less than a year old, and Han said he hopes that his new company will be built to the same level of industry in this area. He said that he expects the new $4 million plant will continue to grow and expand in the future.

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OTHS presents *Music of the Dragon*

METCALFE — Months of practising and planning will come together on Tues., May 12 when nearly 100 Osgoode Township High School students present the Music of the Dragon.

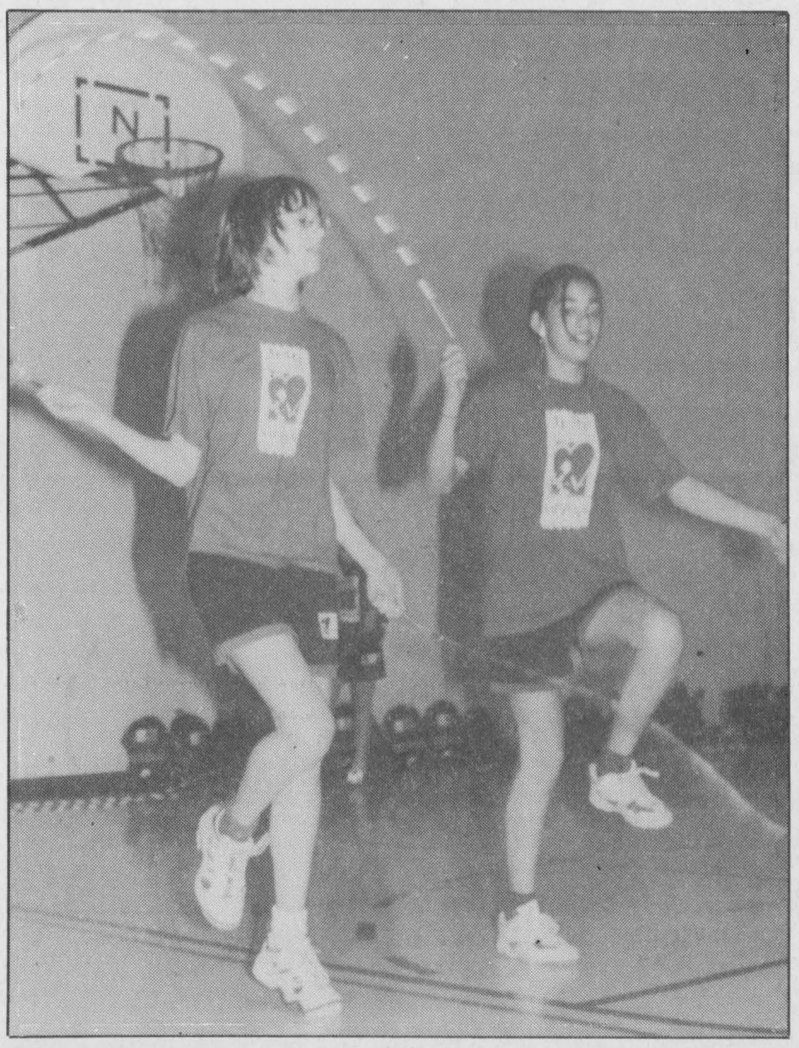
This year's production includes music played by the concert band, the jazz band and the rock band. The Renaissance singers and an A Cappella group bring their unique vocal talents to this performance. Special sound and lighting effects, along with costumes and props, will further enhance the musical presentations.

The music department has created its own production crew whose responsibility is to co-ordinate all aspects of the show. Music teacher Pierre Massie is directing the show.

Shannon Morrison is the stage manager, Melanie Vermeerish is the artistic director and props and costumes are being co-ordinated by Rebecca Moore. Keeping the organization in line is Faye Lynott, secretary, and Jason Lawrence, treasurer. Kelly Kozlowski is the promotional representative, Barry Clark looks after corporate funding and Martin Hicks is the technical director. They direct a small army of students who work evenings and weekends to make this a spectacular production.

The last weekend before the production will be a marathon of tech rehearsals running night and day. At this time, Kieran Milne, sound engineer from "Disc and Dat Productions" and lighting engineer, Holly Massie, will be setting all lighting and sound cues for all the acts. Parents from the Band Boosters and teachers at OTHS will be on deck to supervise and look after the kitchen.

The one-night show starts at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. Tickets are available in advance from students in the music department or by calling OTHS at 821-2241. Tickets are also available at the door.



From the heart

Members of the Jump Rope for Heart demo skipping team from Centennial School in Spencerville put on an enthusiastic demonstration for students at Nationview Public School on Mon., April 27 af The group travels to area schools to promote 'Jump Rope for Heart', a fundraising program for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Many local school children participate in the program each year to raise money for the cause. Press Photos— Fetterly

Deadline postponed

CORNWALL — The deadline for area residents to appeal their municipal property assessments has been postponed by one month, pushing it back from June 30 to July 31.

The reason for the change is to allow megacities in Ontario like Toronto a chance to recuperate from the major hit they took with the new fair assessment system. Toronto had never been reassessed, meaning assessments there were based on values in the 1940s.

The deadline for municipalities to receive their new assessment rolls has also been postponed by one month. The rolls are to reach municipal offices by May 29.

"The extra month has helped us a lot in that it gives us more time for re-assessments," said Michel Contant, manager of quality assurance for the Ministry of Finance. "The municipalities are not so happy. It delays them from determining the taxes. But for us, the extra time gives us a chance to make sure the assessments are more accurate and to fine-tune them a bit more. This month is like a God-send to us. It's super."

Contant said forms requesting reconsideration can be filled out right up to the deadline and that by filling out the form rather than take an alternative route, residents can save the $20 fee.

Once the form is filled out, assessors will phone the resident to attempt to compromise an agreement, which usually involves the shuffling of a few papers to make it official.

If no agreement can be reached, the resident would have to file an appeal.

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Relief

less to give than the rest of the country," MacKenzie said.

"It always seems that the more people have suffered, the more appreciative they are that other people need help."

During the week the Red Cross, the Bank of Montreal and many other organizations will make substantial donations to the fundraising drive. Selected Loeb's stores in the Ottawa region, Kingston, Brockville and Prescott will be selling trees to replace those lost in the ice storm and donating the profits to local disaster relief committees.

On Sat., May 9 MacEwen Petroleum will be donating one-cent per litre on all gas sold at MacEwen stations in eastern Ontario. On Fri., May 8 and Sat., May 9 Harvey's will be donating 50-cents from every hamburger sold and Home Hardware is donating a percentage of paint and stain sales.

"The ice storm relief has been precedent-setting," MacKenzie added. "Nobody has ever responded with retribution so quickly before."

Trees

Scoutrees for Canada is also a fundraising project. The funds raised have been used to help further scouting in the community and to develop campsites.

Violence

The incident occurred on Fri., April 3 when Winchester resident Ted Mead confronted some youths in front of the Becker's store on St. Lawrence Street in Winchester.

He told council at the April 20 regular meeting that the confrontation led to an attack on him by four youths and a chair was thrown through a window in his home later that evening.

Two 17-year-old youths were charged in relation to the incidents.

Valiquette added, "We have been successful in catching two of the culprits. This incident occurred at about 9:30 pm and we weren't called until 11:45 pm, after the second incident occurred."

He explained that police had only a description of a vehicle from the victim, and that the culprits were arrested the next day. They were released on a promise to appear in court at a later date.

"This is not a huge problem in Winchester," Valiquette said. "There are groups of youths who don't abide by the law. It's not just in Winchester or North Dundas — it's everywhere."

He told council that what police can do is continue to respond to calls and do patrols of the village and the township. "We are out there, we're doing what we're paid to do, but we're not babysitters."

Valiquette told councillors that there is a small facet of deterrents available to the community, saying that this is something for the community members at large to take part in.

"These kids made a decision to act this way," he said. "Some lay blame on parents but we can't know why it happens. Only they (youths) know."

He added that some residents know who the culprits are but for various reasons won't tell police. "Rumors spread quickly and we can't stop rumors, but the truth is this is a safe, good place to live," he said.

Councillor Alvin Runnalls cited an incident he knew in which there were people driving in the streets of Winchester and swearing. "The woman knew who they were but she was afraid to report their names because she has children who attend the high school and she didn't want to cause trouble for them," he said.

Valiquette explained that reports can be made anonymously by telling police the licence plate number and/or a vehicle description.

"However, without a complainant, if we catch them we can only talk to them and give them a warning," he said. "We need a witness from the community to point a finger."

Valiquette informed council that without trespassing signs at the school, police cannot do anything about youths in the school yard. Winchester Public School, he said, will be putting up 'no trespassing' signs for after school hours.

"There are different things that can be done in the community to give the OPP more authority," he said. "Small businesses won't do much to deter the youths because they spend money there.

"But the OPP are moving to a new building (North Dundas township building) so hopefully that presence will be a deterrent."

Natunola

Natunola produces a product named "Vegelatum Clear", or canola gel, a natural plant-based replacement for petrolatum (used in petroleum jelly). It is produced from modified canola oil and has many similar properties as petrolatum but is superior with its thermostability, gel-like structure and also with the fact that it is less greasy. It will be used in skin care, hair care and sunscreens.

Yellow Mustard Seed Gum is another product that will be manufactured at the new plant in Winchester. The natural plant derived gum is water soluble and forms a thin film when applied to the skin, a good moisturizer to be used in hand lotions, sunscreens, shaving cream, face cream and skin healing lotion.

Han announced this week that the SD&G Corporate Development Committee has made an equity investment in Natunola to the tune of $300,000 to secure a partnership between the two. In addition, Dow Agroscience intends to make a contribution of $700,000 to strengthen its relationship with Natunola.

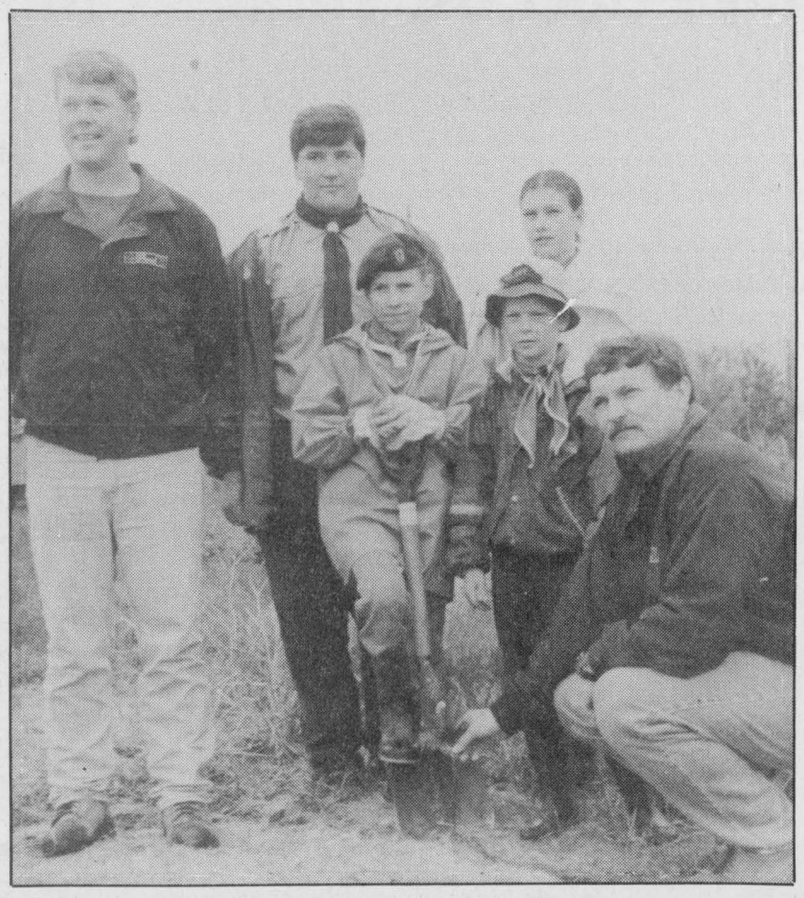
In March Han told the Press that the Winchester location is the perfect spot for his business.

"Most of our customers are in the US so it's good to be so close to the New York border," he said. Major customers are located in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

"Winchester also offers one benefit unavailable from any other location," Han added. "That is, its proximity to the planned soybean processing plant and its by-products which may be usable by Natunola. We intend to work very closely with the soybean plant."

Han indicated that 10 jobs would be filled locally by the end of 1998. The jobs include machine operation and office work. Once in full operation, the plant will have hired between 25 and 35 people locally.

"We're pleased with the support from the community so far, and we are eager to work with the established businesses in the area," Han said. "And we plan to keep residents informed of the progress."



Team work

Ontario Hydro, Winchester division was the sponsor for 2,000 trees planted at Camp Sheldrick by Scouts and Cubs on Saturday (May 2). Ontario Hydro is a first-time sponsor of the annual event. Pictured, left, Robert Horton of Ontario Hydro Winchester, Adam Lewis of Iroquois Venturers, James Herrington of Kemptville Cubs, Stacey Henry of Williamsburg Scouts, Cliff Conquer of Kemptville Beavers and Ken Summers of Ontario Hydro Winchester use team work to plant one of the 2,000 trees. Press Photo — Culliton

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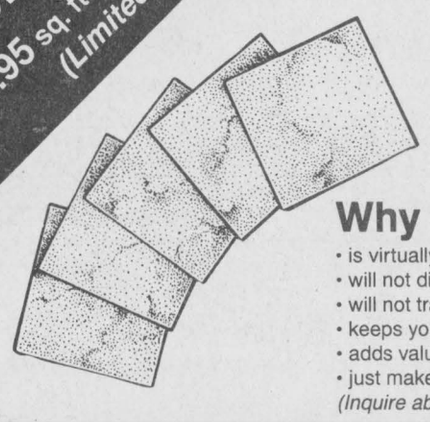

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Musical love keeps organist going strong 60 years later

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — A career that has spanned 60 years will be honored in Williamsburg this weekend. It's not a retirement party, but an anniversary party. Joye Loucks has no plans of quitting any time soon.

Joye Loucks, 73, played the organ for the Mother's Day service in May, 1938 at the former Elma United Church. She was 13.

She had joined the choir at the church in 1937. The following year when the organist was to sing a solo at the service, Mrs. Loucks was to accompany her on the organ. The organist invited the youngster to play the entire service.

Mrs. Loucks began learning to play the piano first at age nine, but she had a pump organ at home for practicing.

In 1944 she had her first full-time organist job. Of course, she wasn't paid — it was a volunteer position.

"It's a job you have to like or you couldn't remain with it for so many years," she says.

In 1960, Mrs. Loucks was hired for $1 per Sunday — $50 a year. She stayed with the Elma church until 1966 then went on to Chesterville United Church and stayed there until 1986.



Joye Loucks

During that 20 years at the Chesterville church there was only one minister, the late Reverend L.M. Ferguson.

In November, 1986, Mrs. Loucks was expected to retire from her organist duties. However, the following spring the Winchester Springs United Church needed a replacement organist so she filled in for the summer.

And in 1988 she was hired as the organist at the Williamsburg United Church — the place where, in 1942, she played an electric organ for the very first time. She remains there as the organist today.

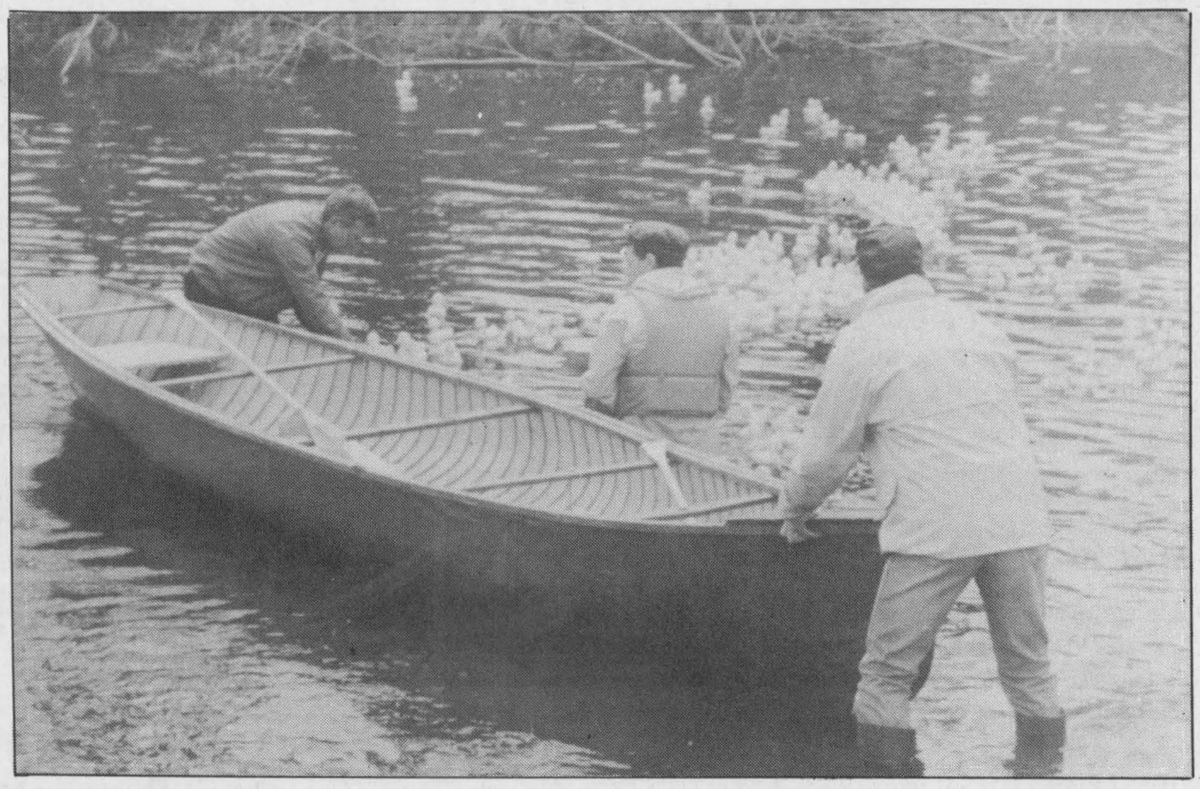
A lifetime of music has provided many memories for Mrs. Loucks. In 1944 she joined a dance band, playing piano. The group included the late Hugh McMillan on drums and his wife, Roma, playing the violin. Bill Becksted was on guitar. Roma McMillan still plays the violin in a band in Ottawa called "Mostly Bows".

She recalls that the group played mainly in country halls, and in the winter time there would be no heat at the beginning of the evening, so she would wear gloves to play the first few songs.

Mrs. Loucks also sang with a dance band in Kemptville called the "Colemans".

In 1946 she married the late Bert M. Loucks, who passed away in March of this year. The couple farmed together for 51 years in Elma. They have two children, Bert of H. Bert's Collision near Elma, and daughter Bonnie Ball of Acton. She also has two grandsons, Robert and Jim.

The musical example of longevity couldn't choose a favorite song, and she could never make a choice of favorites between the organ and the piano. She merely has a love of music and is happy to have been able to do a job she loves for so many years.



Go duckies go!

The annual South Mountain Duck Race was held on Sat., May 2 on the Nation River. Due to a slow-to-nil current in the river, however, the ducks had to be 'encouraged' to race to the finishing line at the centre of the hamlet. Winners were P.H. Poole ($500), Geoffrey Nivens ($100) and Jim Wright ($50).

Press Photo — Culliton

Storm technicians free for the asking

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

AVONMORE — Landowners who feel that their trees were doomed during January's Ice Storm can get a second opinion.

A temporary service that offers landowners an ice storm technician to calculate the damage done to a property, at no cost, is being hailed as a success by area organizers.

One such technician is Harry Hutchinson. He assesses the damage done to both residential properties and woodlots, and gives landowners a few tips at the same time.

"I can give advice on pruning, fertilizing, harvesting," he said. "We try to make landowners aware of what their options are. Some may think their land is destroyed when it really is not severely damaged at all."

Hutchinson said the service, which runs only on money funded by Human Resources and Development Canada, has received more than 700 calls since it began in February and has a waiting list of about two months for residents requesting the services of a technician.

"Some people call to make general inquiries, some people call for advice and some call to set up an appointment with a technician," said Hutchinson.

When an ice storm technician comes to the property, he or she conducts an on-site inspection, which includes taking measurements and estimating the damage of each individual tree, which varies depending on its age and type; takes readings from a sample plot; and provides information and advice to the owner.

The service is partnered with the South Nation Conservation and can be accessed by calling the local stewardship co-ordinator, Jim Hendry at the OMAFRA branch in Avonmore, at 613-346-2143.

A toll-free number for the Landowner Resource Centre in Manotick is also available for residents requiring tree tips or who want to set up an appointment with an ice storm technician.

The number is 1-800-387-5304 and if the caller is requesting an ice storm technician, his address, lot size, concession and lot numbers and the former township in which they live will be requested.

The program is using records of the former townships, not the amalgamated ones.

The information is sent to the OMAFRA branch nearest the caller and an ice storm technician will call the landowner back to set up an appointment.

Village picnic

WILLIAMSBURG — Plans for this year's Williamsburg and Morrisburg Village Picnic are already under way, and the Morrisburg Recreation Committee sent a letter to South Dundas Council for their April 23 meeting to ask for financial assistance. After some discussion about how much the former townships each gave to the committee last year, a motion was carried to grant $2,000 to the event.

Euchre winners

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — Williamsburg Township Seniors' group members played euchre on Wed., April 22.

Winners were as follows: ladies — Peggy Wright, Mabel Prieur, Marion Hart; gents — Ray Casselman, Keith Scott, Muriel Cossaboom; door prize — Lottie Gill, Cecil Lee; draw — Dwain Harper, Sharon Munroe, Lottie Gill, Lois Sweeney, Harold Durant (2), Phyllis Scott, Marguerite Stewart and Olin Smith.

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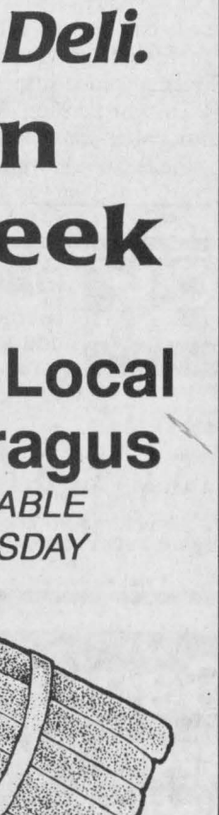

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Police blotter

WINCHESTER — During the past week police officers from Dundas County responded to 87 calls for service.

Break and enter

IROQUOIS — On Wed., April 29 police received a report of a break and enter which had taken place at a Carman Road business in the Iroquois area. The break-in was first discovered the previous day but the theft was not apparent at that time. A set of Michelin XZE 1122.5 tires, valued at $900, was stolen. Constable J. Taylor-Dupuis is investigating this incident.

Matilda vehicles targeted

MATILDA TWP. — On Thurs., April 30 OPP began an investigation into the theft of an all terrain vehicle from the former Matilda Township. Overnight a Suzuki King Quad, 300 cc ATV was taken from the yard at a private residence located on Haddo Road in South Dundas. This vehicle has not yet been recovered.

On Tues., April 28 police received a report of an attempted theft of a motor vehicle in the former Matilda Township. Sometime overnight a forced entry was made into a 1993 Chevrolet pickup parked at an Irena Road residence. Damage was also sustained to the steering column when an unsuccessful attempt was made to start the vehicle. Damage was estimated at $1,000.

Counterfeit money

WINCHESTER — On Tues., April 28 OPP received a report involving the passing of counterfeit money in Winchester.

In early April a local business had been the recipient of a $50 bill which was later found to be counterfeit. The bill was tendered to pay for a small purchase which allowed for a large portion of change to be returned to the suspect.

The suspect is described as female, tall, dark complexion, and had been travelling in a small vehicle with Quebec licence plates. Constable P. Como was investigating this incident.

Car vs. deer accidents

CHESTERVILLE — Over the past week police in Dundas County investigated six motor vehicle collisions involving deer. Four of these incidents occurred on Highway 401, while the other two occurred on Haystead Road and County Road 7 north of Chesterville.

During 1997 the abundance of deer on the highways was a continual problem for drivers and was not restricted to just spring and fall. Car-deer collisions can result in extensive damage to vehicles. These incidents may be reduced by drivers recognizing the potential danger and exercising caution when driving at night.

Public mischief

IROQUOIS — One person has been charged as a result of an investigation conducted by OPP on Thurs., April 30 in Iroquois.

Tammy Montgomery, 26, of Iroquois has been charged with public mischief in relation to an incident reported on April 22 which initiated a police investigation.

Montgomery is scheduled to appear in Provincial Court in Morrisburg on May 27 to respond to this charge.

Nudity charge

MORRISBURG — As a result of an investigation by OPP on Fri., April 24 in Morrisburg, one man is facing a number of criminal charges.

Randy Thompson, 30, of Morrisburg has been charged with two counts of uttering threats and one count of nudity, in addition to one count of possession of a substance.

Thompson is scheduled to appear in Provincial Court in Morrisburg on June 2 to respond to these charges.

Alcohol charges

WINCHESTER — In the past week police officers in Dundas County investigated three incidents involving violations of the Liquor Licence Act. Two 12-hour driver's licence suspensions were issued and two arrests were made in relation to drinking and driving offenses.

The provincial RIDE program is also in effect throughout the year to help reduce the incidents of drinking and driving.

Impaired driving is a criminal offence and on first conviction can result in a driver's licence suspension for one year. At present, if a driver is caught with a blood alcohol concentration over the legal limit, or refuses to provide a breath sample they will automatically have their driver's licence suspended immediately for 90 days.

This suspension is independent of any suspension issued by the courts after convictions.

Please, don't drink and drive.



Saying thanks

Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre held a volunteer appreciation night on April 29 to say thanks to their 147 volunteers who help with various activities. Pictured here, left: Kathleen Harkness, who volunteers with the Red Cross and the Diners' Club; Donalda Banford, who has volunteered with transportation services; Janet Levere helps organize volunteer activities and directs the outreach services; Edith Whittaker, who volunteers her time with the visually impaired, transportation services and social recreation; and Carole Brouse, who helps with transportation services and works with the visually impaired. The evening featured a seniors theatre group called 'Sage Age Theatre' from Carleton Place.

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OPP respond to 95 calls April 27-May 3

MANOTICK — Officers from the Manotick detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to 95 calls for service during the week of April 27 to May 3. Police responded to 20 false alarms, nine break and enters and eight motor vehicle accidents.

On the afternoon of Mon., April 27 police received a report of a break and enter at a residence on Second Line, Osgoode. Entry into the residence was gained by prying open a door at the rear of the residence. Electronic equipment and approximately 90 compact discs were stolen.

On Tues., April 28 police received a report of a break and enter to a residence on Drew Henry Drive, Osgoode. Sometime over the weekend the garage was entered and several items were stolen, including a gas barbecue, a 10-speed bicycle, a red tool box, dishes and an antique table.

Overnight on Wed., April 29 a theft occurred at a residence on Regional Road 73, North Gower. Four tires were stolen from a '96 GMC Sierra pickup truck. The vehicle was parked beside the residence when the theft occurred.

On May 1, police received a report of a break and enter from a farm house on Second Line, Kars. Stolen was a wood cook stove and an oil cook stove.

On May 2 police received a report of a break and enter to a motor home that was parked off Second Line, Osgoode. Stolen was an Audiovox am/fm stereo radio/cassette recorder.

In the early morning of May 3, Constable Jan Harris was on patrol in the village of North Gower. A vehicle was observed going through a stop sign and was clocked speeding. The female driver of the vehicle was found to have been drinking. The driver was charged with failing to provide a breath sample.

On May 3 at approximately 6:50 pm police were called to a hit and run accident at the Petro Canada station in Vernon on Highway 31. As a vehicle was entering the gas station it was struck by a vehicle leaving the station. The suspect vehicle fled the scene and headed north on Highway 31. The suspect vehicle is believed to be similar to a grey Honda Civic with damage to the driver's side front corner.

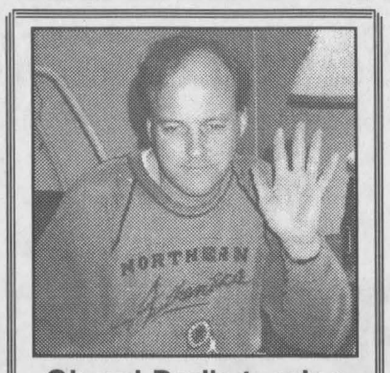
In the late evening of May 3 police were called to a residence on Church Street in North Gower. The victim had had, in recent weeks, ongoing problems with someone driving their vehicle over his front lawn. On this particular night a brown older model Camaro was observed with headlights off, driving over the front lawn.

Sometime overnight on May 3 a truck was stolen from a residence on Marco Street, Greely. The vehicle is described as a white 1993 Chev 4 x 4, bearing Ontario marker 80180L. The vehicle had been locked.

Sometime overnight on May 3 a motorcycle was stolen from a residence on Marco Street, Greely (an address different from the theft of the truck). The motorcycle is described as a 1995 Kawasaki K2L, green, bearing Ontario licence LT657.

Garden tour

MORRISBURG — The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Dundas Chapter, will hold its annual Hearts and Flowers Day on Mother's Day, Sun., May 10. The event, which will be held at "The Garden" (south of the water tower at 50 Augusta St. in Morrisburg), will give mom a free relaxing tour of the beautiful garden created by Jeff Arsenault. There will be many attendance prizes, a draw for a diamond ring, a photographer to take family pictures, a blood pressure clinic and much more.



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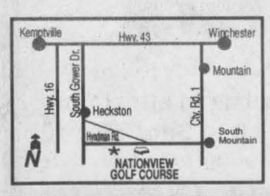

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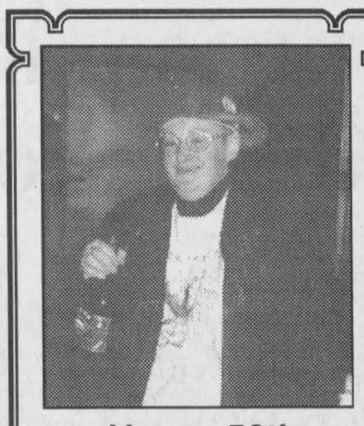

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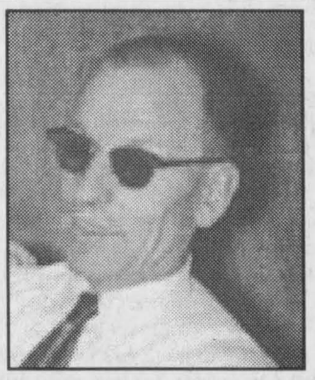

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Coping with MS

Positive attitude helps Chesterville family

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — When Donna Lutz started having problems with numbness and stumbling at the age of 18, she wasn't sure what to think. For four weeks, the tingling and numbness travelled through her feet, up her legs and stopped at her waist and hands. Suddenly, the symptoms were gone, just in time for her doctor's appointment. The physician told her it was nothing and not to worry.

The problems persisted about once a year for the next seven years before she finally got an answer.

In 1985, at the age of 25, Lutz was diagnosed with chronic Multiple Sclerosis.

Now 38, the Chesterville resident looks back on those long years before her diagnosis and realizes her healthy attitude toward the disease is the main thing that keeps her going strong every day.

"It gets you down, but you have to keep your attitude up," said Lutz, who now walks around only with the help of a walker. "The first thing I did when I was diagnosed was I turned to my husband and said 'This is going to cost you. I only wear gold'." She was referring to the gold medical alert bracelets that decorate her wrists and neck. Her husband, Gord, approached her, put his hand on her shoulder and said 'Sweetie, you're going to do just fine.'

Those seven years before being diagnosed, Lutz said, were the hardest on her and her family.

"It was the not knowing that was the hardest part," she said. "Having these problems and getting no answers was very hard to handle. I thought it was MS, but my doctors kept saying 'you're watching your father. It's all in your head.'

Finding out that I have MS was actually a relief for me. I finally knew what was wrong, and I could get on with my life."

Her father had been diagnosed with MS in 1971 when he was 41. Donna's diagnosis came from the same doctor who had broken the news to her father about his condition. Donna's great aunt had MS as well.

"MS is all around in my family," said Lutz. "It's like a second word to saying hi. I don't have any pain with mine, just numbness. But my father did. He suffered a lot. He had a very negative attitude toward it.MS is completely different for a man than for a woman. My father said 'Nobody's gonna do anything for me.' I said 'I have MS and everybody's gonna do everything for me.' My father was the bread winner in the family, and he absolutely could not handle his condition. It was very emotional for him. I have seen so many MS patients who just let themselves go. They say 'oh, I've got a chronic disease', and give up. They can't handle it. I had two kids knowing I had MS."

Though there were a few medical problems in the family at the time of birth for her two children, Brodie, now 10 and Bree-Ann, 8, are healthy and strong.

Lutz is not worried about her children contracting the disease. Her only hope is that if they do, they can keep their spirits up.

Four years ago, Lutz got involved with a double blind study that lasted three years and helped doctors examine the effects of the new drug Rebif on MS patients. Once it was discovered that the drug helped control the disease, the MS Society told patients it would pay for them to use the drug for an entire year following the study. The drug costs $1,600 per month. The year runs out in November for the Lutzes.

Gord gives Donna injections of Rebif into her legs three times a week, which Lutz said 'hurts and burns like crazy,' despite the numbness.

When asked if the drug has worked for her, she said simply, "I'm here, I'm moving. Something's working. I feel like I've got control of it."

Gord said that being supportive comes easy when she has a good attitude toward her position. Though seeing her stumbling and, at times, crawling, can be difficult.

"Some days are tougher than others," he said. "But there's not much else you can do with what you're dealt. We joke about it, that helps. There's not too much she doesn't do."

"It's your plate," Donna added. "You can either eat it or choke on it."

But MS isn't the only thing troubling Lutz these days.

Ten years ago, she was diagnosed with histo plamosis in her right eye, a disease commonly contracted after contact with chicken or pigeons, neither of which Lutz can remember being around.

In March of this year, doctors found histo in her left eye too.

"My vision is limited, that's for sure," she said. "I can't imagine going through this not having the family I have. They've been so supportive. My kids are wonderful, always being responsible and helping me out when they can."

So what advice would Lutz give to others diagnosed with MS?

"Keep your attitude up. Joking about it helps too. It's not going to kill you. You can live with this."



Coping comfortably

Donna Lutz, of Chesterville, was diagnosed with MS in 1985 and has since taken a healthy attitude toward her condition. Keeping her spirits up, she said, is the best way to handle it. Press Photo -- Bierworth.

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EDITORIAL

Pulling together once again

The people of eastern Ontario, and particularly North and South Dundas townships, lived through the Ice Storm of the Century.

They know the devastating effects the storm had on their homes and their livelihoods in many cases.

They know the cost of the disaster and they know the toll the cleanup has taken on them in the months since January's ice storm.

They know that this was the worst natural disaster in Canada's history.

And they know how to get things done and raise money to recover from the disaster.

This week (May 4 - 9) is Disaster Relief Fundraising Week in Ontario. This is the 'home stretch' for fundraising, an extra push in an effort to meet the target of $10 million. So far $5 million has been raised in pledges, but another $5 million is still needed to cover the claims from the storm.

It seems ironic that eastern Ontario, the place where victims suffered through the effects of the ice storm, is also where the major fundraising effort is taking place.

It's remarkable that the people who have already paid so dearly in angst, frustration, horror, sorrow — not to mention out of their own pockets — are the same troopers who continue to participate in fundraising efforts, giving what they can.

As the retired Major General Lewis MacKenzie said in the front page article in this week's Press, it seems to be that those who know best what it's like to want or need something badly are those who will give the most back.

This week, as in the months since January's ice storm, we will see heroic efforts as the people of eastern Ontario rally together to raise the remainder of the funds needed.

The provincial government is matching each dollar raised by up to four dollars, an admirable effort on the government's part.

Businesses are uniting to raise money through their individual profits this weekend, and community groups and organizations are doing their parts.

The people of eastern Ontario know what they themselves have been through and they know what has to be done.

Just like during the ice storm, what needs to be done to get through will be done. The people of eastern Ontario came through the worst disaster in Canada's history virtually unscathed and stronger for it.

It promises to be an inspiring week as eastern Ontario unfurls the activities, the fundraising and the rallying together.

The residents of eastern Ontario are survivors.

L.C.

This week in...

1948

Negotiations were opened on a collective bargaining agreement between representatives of Nestle Products at Chesterville and the executive of United Dairy Workers Local 488. Among concessions sought by the union was the request for an increase in the hourly rate of pay from 15 cents to 18 cents.

Owners of dogs within the Corporation of the Village of Winchester were notified that all dogs were to be kept under control from May 1 to September 30 each year. Owners were not to allow their dogs to run at large during that time. Dog owners were also reminded that their dogs were to be shut up from sunset to sunrise the following day, throughout the year, as a safeguard to sheep.

1958

Final clean-up work was under way full scale from Iroquois to Cornwall to clear the north shore of the St. Lawrence in preparation for flooding. Demolition of all buildings in the area was virtually completed and the final clean-up marked the last stage to remove any debris that might float and give trouble at the powerhouse site when the water would rise in the head pond.

Electors in Williamsburg Township were to go to the polls to decide whether or not they wanted liquor served in a licensed outlet or in a dining lounge. Application had been made for the vote by the popular Locketon Lodge Hotel. Council passed the necessary bylaw authorizing the vote which was to be held under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Liquor Act.

1968

Winchester Chamber of Commerce was notified that the Bank of Montreal intended to open up a full-time branch in Winchester. A telegram to Chamber Secretary Walter Shadbolt from J.B. Leslie, Vice-President, Eastern Ontario Region of the Bank of Montreal stated "We are pleased to confirm Bank of Montreal will open full-time branch in Winchester..." Although the bank had not issued a formal release concerning the location, there was much speculation that it would be located in the renovated Hotel Winchester.

The Canada Post Office announced the introduction of two new stamp booklets to be sold across the counter for $1 each. The booklets were to replace the cello-paks and would be available in the four and five-cent stamp denominations. They would be more economical to produce and more convenient to carry in pocket or purse.

It was announced by St. Lawrence Junior League President Basil Dawley and Secretary Keith Carkner that the Jack Dawson Memorial Trophy for the player who demonstrated the most sportsmanship and ability in the league in the 1967-68 series was won by John Arnott of the Cardinal Junior Pats. Arnott was a key player in the Cardinal team's drive to win the league crown.

1978

Despite council's belt-tightening measures which reduced Winchester's share of the 1978 tax bill by almost one mill, increases in school levies mean a 6.8 mill hike over 1977 figures for residential public school supporters. At a council session, final tax figures showed a residential rate for public school supporters of 134 mills compared to the 1977 rate of 127.2. Commercial rates were to climb 7.6 mills to 152.6.

Morrisburg captured their second Ottawa District Junior "B" championship in three years defeating Richmond Royals 3-2 in game five of a best-of-seven final. Following the dramatic victory, trophies were passed out to a jubilant squad of young hockey players.

Like most sports, Junior Interprovincial Fastball had become a costly pastime. It cost the Winchester Royals well in excess of $2,000 to operate. Costs coupled with travelling and a big time involvement factor had driven Winchester, Domville, Hill Volants and Kemptville As from participating in one of the province's best Junior Fastball leagues.

The $2 million Chesterville dam across the South Nation River neared completion. Concrete work on the north side of the river was nearly done and it was disclosed that other phases of the South Nation River water management and land reclamation project were not to be implemented until the dam was complete.

1988

The SD&G public school board was to blame for the public school supporters having to tighten their belts a few notches. The board's budget escalated from $67.3 million in 1987 to $72.2 million in 1988, an increase of 7.2 per cent. Public school supporters would be paying for the increase with a tax hike of 6.2 per cent. The increase would add about $38.50 to the tax bill of the average ratepayer.

A flood of imitation maple syrup, sold in plastic opaque bottles as the real thing, hit eastern Ontario, said a government official. At least one Quebec man was selling fake maple syrup in Ontario and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food was considering laying fraud charges under the Farm Products Grades and Sales Act. Bill Haggart, OMAF fruit and vegetable



inspector for eastern Ontario, said he had received a flood of complaints from consumers who bought the fake stuff, which was mostly corn syrup.

For at least the fifth year in a row, Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be operating in the red. The hospital's board of directors passed a $10.6 million budget with a deficit of $29,550. But the deficit figure was likely to jump to more than $200,000 when the hospital's $175,000 in pension plan payments were included. The Ministry of Health excluded those payments from hospitals' 1988/89 operating budgets.

Rookie Jeff Holmes walked off with two Hawks awards in Winchester at the Junior "B" hockey club's annual banquet. The Winchester minor hockey graduate, who played junior as a major midget this season, was voted the 1988 Rookie of the Year and the team's most improved player. The season ending banquet, hosted by Peter Boretos and Paul Theos at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, also marked the retirement of six-year coach and general manager Ken McClatchie who was to remain as a member of the Hawks' team executive.



Woo hoo! Waffling on the bandwagon

But seriously...

by Lori Culliton

Hallelujah and praise the Sens! I have been converted. That's right. For anyone who perused this space last week (there has to be at least one) I am here to retract everything that was stated in this column.

Okay, maybe not everything.

I admit I still don't understand the playoff rules and try as I might I still can't comprehend icing.

I do, however, believe I have a not-so-firm grasp on the concept of off-side.

But I digress. Why the sudden change in outlook and attitude? you might ask.

Well, I have seen the light. Actually, what I saw was the game. *The game*. That's correct. The historical Stanley Cup first-series-winning game on Saturday night in which the Sens kicked Devil butt.

Woo hoo.

What an experience.

Standing in a crowd of 18,500 very excited, very loud fans revelling in an extremely Canadian moment helped me to realize that I've been missing out on something special.

The thrill of seeing the puck slide right into the net, the thrill of seeing so many thousands of people cheering for that little piece of rubber, the thrill of the taste of a jumbo pretzel... I've been missing all of it.

It's hard to explain, but standing in the rafters of the Corel Centre, cheering on the team previously described as the underdogs, I realized just how impressive it was to be a part of the celebration.

And right from the beginning of the evening, when O' Canada was sung, I sensed that there was something very Canadian and patriotic about being there.

Call it crazy, but I experienced the same sensation as I felt in 1995 standing in Montreal at the Referendum Rally.

And while I was having this truly Canadian moment, I had a realization.

And here is that realization:

"Maybe, just maybe, hockey could help bring our country back together."

Right after that came this realization:

"Get with it. This is only a hockey game."

But think about it. Here we are in the Stanley Cup running, most of the teams who are progressing were the underdogs and have defeated the top-slated teams.

And three Canadian teams are among them: Ottawa, Montreal and Edmonton.

(When I queried our resident sports guy to make sure I had those teams correct, he actually giggled at the thought of me venturing into the hockey world for the second week in a row.)

But what if, just what *if*, Ottawa and Montreal ended up facing off for the Conference Championship. (Yes, I admit I thought it would be great for the two to meet for the Stanley Cup but I'm told that's just not how it's done.)

Don't shake your head at me, it could happen. Sure, I'm a hopeless optimist, but anything could happen.

In fact, what better moment could there be than a truly Canadian sporting event to bring the two disagreeing sides of our nation together?

Of course, that probably wouldn't work. We'd just end up arguing over whose team is better instead of revelling in history.

So after all of this soul-searching and philosophizing, I realized that hockey is probably the most Canadian activity we could participate in, other than complaining about the weather, no matter how cold or how hot it gets.

And I realized that nobody cares about whether hockey can bring the country together.

They only care that their team wins the playoffs. And for a Canadian hockey fan, that's about it.

Meanwhile, all I have to say is this profound piece of wisdom:

Nyah nyah. I got tickets!

Kenmore resident unveils military plane replica

KENMORE — It wasn't difficult to tell who the proud owner of the Burgess-Dunne biplane was.

Barry MacKeracher, 68, was quick to approach visitors to his Yorks Corners Road yard here on Saturday and offer an explanation or answer questions about the replica 1914 military aircraft... an unusual sight to say the least.

Passing motorists slowed, gawked at the wooden plane and its 47-foot wingspan and then proceed, still wondering what it was. Others stopped for a close-up look and a personally guided tour by the airplane's builder.

MacKeracher retired from a 25-year career at the National Aviation Museum in 1990 and began researching and then constructing a replica of Canada's first military aircraft using a single photograph for almost 70 percent of his information.

Six years later he and his friends pulled the Burgess-Dunne tail-less biplane out of his shop and assembled it on his front lawn. He was hoping to attract the attention of a philanthropist who could complete the project, including flying it, and then donate it to the National Aviation Museum.

"It took us about three hours to assemble it. It's the first time it has been done outside, off of the concrete floor in the shop so it took a little longer," MacKeracher explained.

The former flight engineer has created most of the parts himself going by drawings. The flight control gears were original Massey-Ferguson combine parts machined to the correct thickness and then drilled to reduce the weight. He has made the spruce and mahogany wooden frame, struts and spars by hand as well as inventing brass, steel, wire and hardware parts as needed.

The Canadian government paid $5,000 for the original biplane, a test version of a seaplane designed by J. W. Dunne, which had to be landed on water because it was wind sensitive. It couldn't be landed on land if the wind wasn't right. "If it was 15 degrees off the wind it would turn its nose to the wind, so they put a float on it and were able to land it into the wind on the water."

MacKeracher says he has more than $5,000 in turnbuckles alone. "There are 110 turnbuckles (to keep the piano wire bracing tight) on the plane, worth about $50 each."

He has to put the fabric covering in the wings and finish it with nitrate dope coating.

"It will take 100 yards of cotton fabric to cover the frame. The cotton is worth $3,800. I will need 16 pails of nitrate dope, which is worth over $200 a pail... and that's not counting the thinners. So, I still have quite a bit more invested to finish it. But if I have to budget another six years to do it, I guess that is what it will take."

Paying strict attention to detail, MacKeracher has used 2,800 brass screws to attach the mahogany plywood-skin to the pontoon. Each one was then covered with solder.

"I had to get my friend to do a lot of the soldering because I can't stand the fumes," he said.

The screws on the top of the pontoon each has its slot turned into the wind. "They thought it was more aerodynamic and would give them about a tenth of a knot more speed." MacKeracher explained.

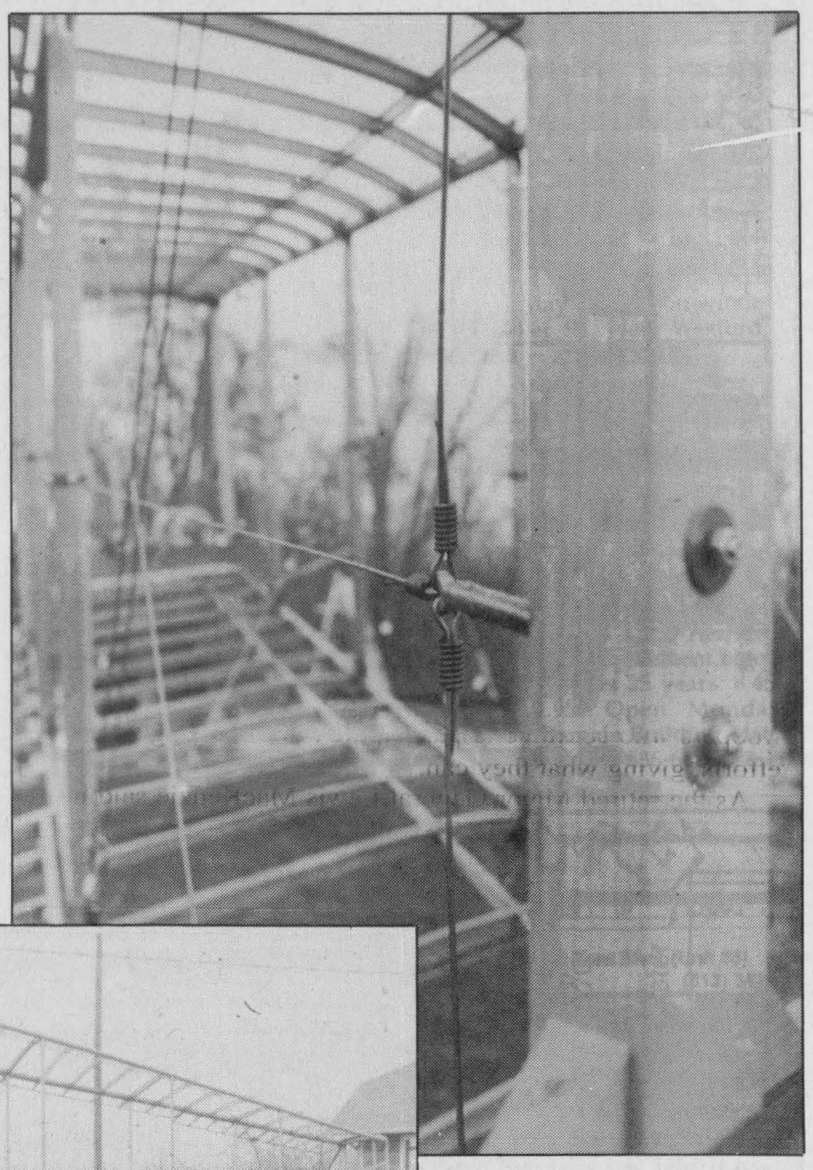
The National Aviation Museum loaned MacKeracher a non-working Curtiss OX-5 eight-cylinder engine for the purpose of Saturday's display.

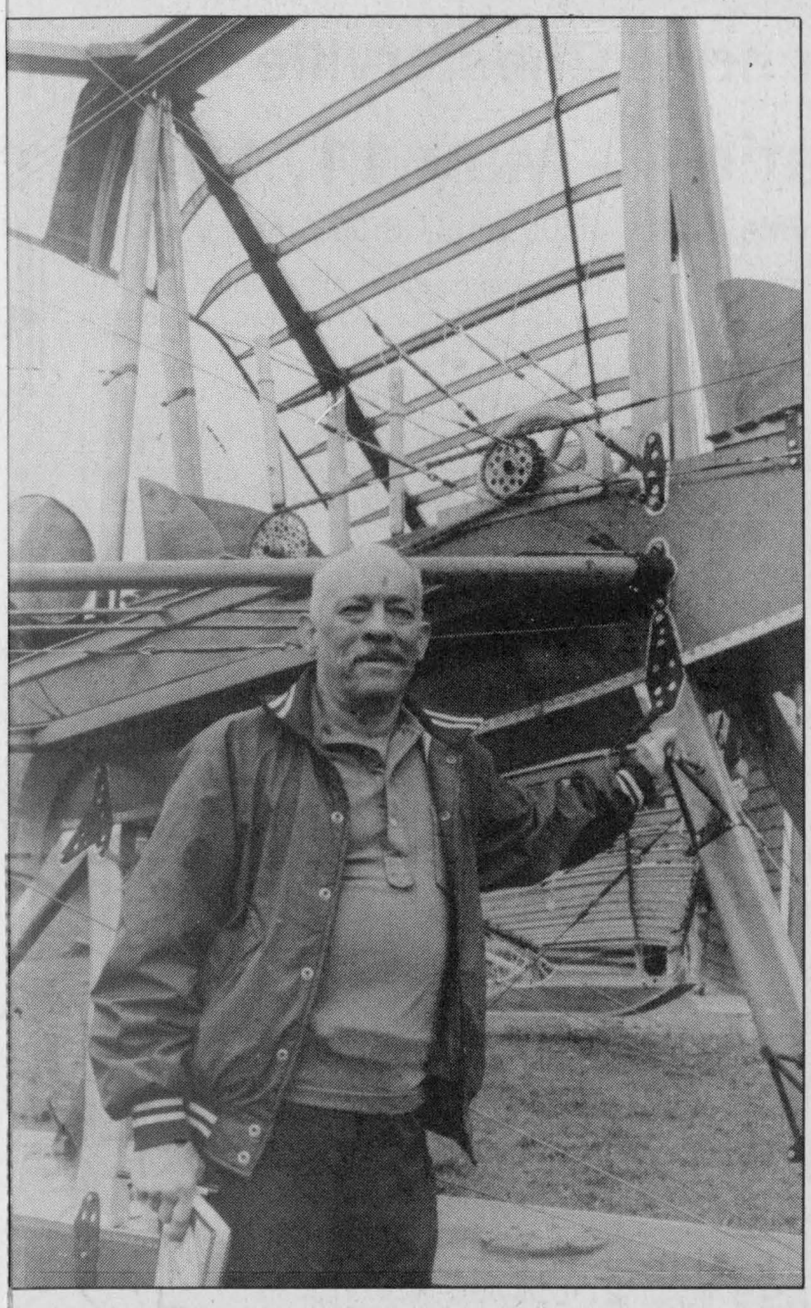
The 400-pound, 100-horsepower Curtiss powerplant, in operating condition, would push the 1,275 pound plane along at 70-75 miles per hour. Cruising speed was in the 60-65 mile per hour range.

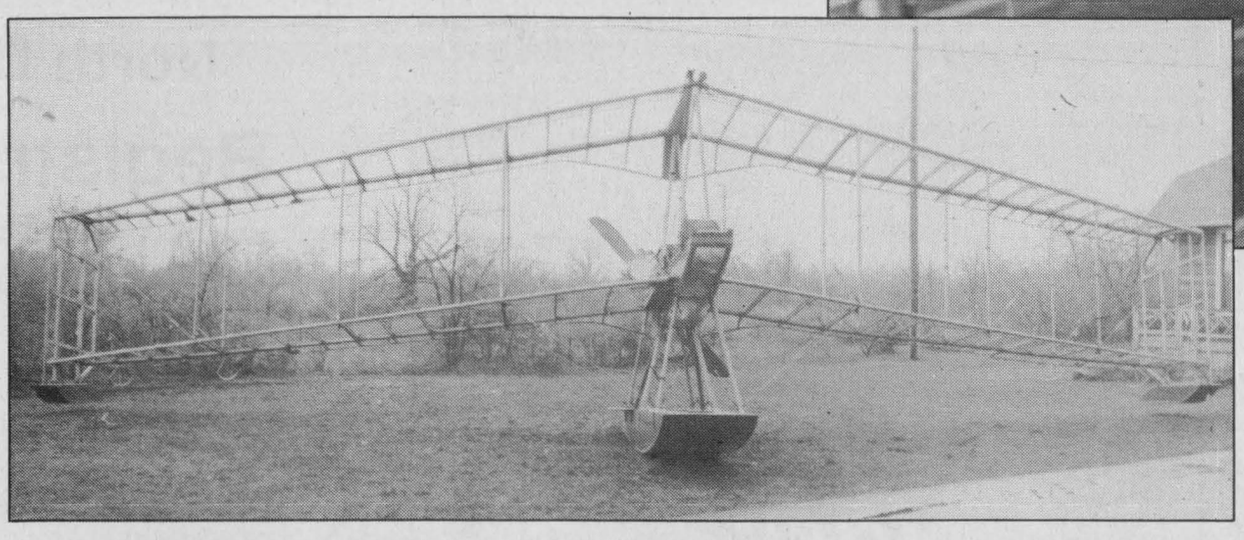
With Saturday's exhibition drawing the attention of both the local media and residents, MacKeracher is hoping some more interest in his project with be generated. He would like to see the plane fly but because he doesn't have a working engine or a pilot's licence, he will have to wait on some assistance to develop.

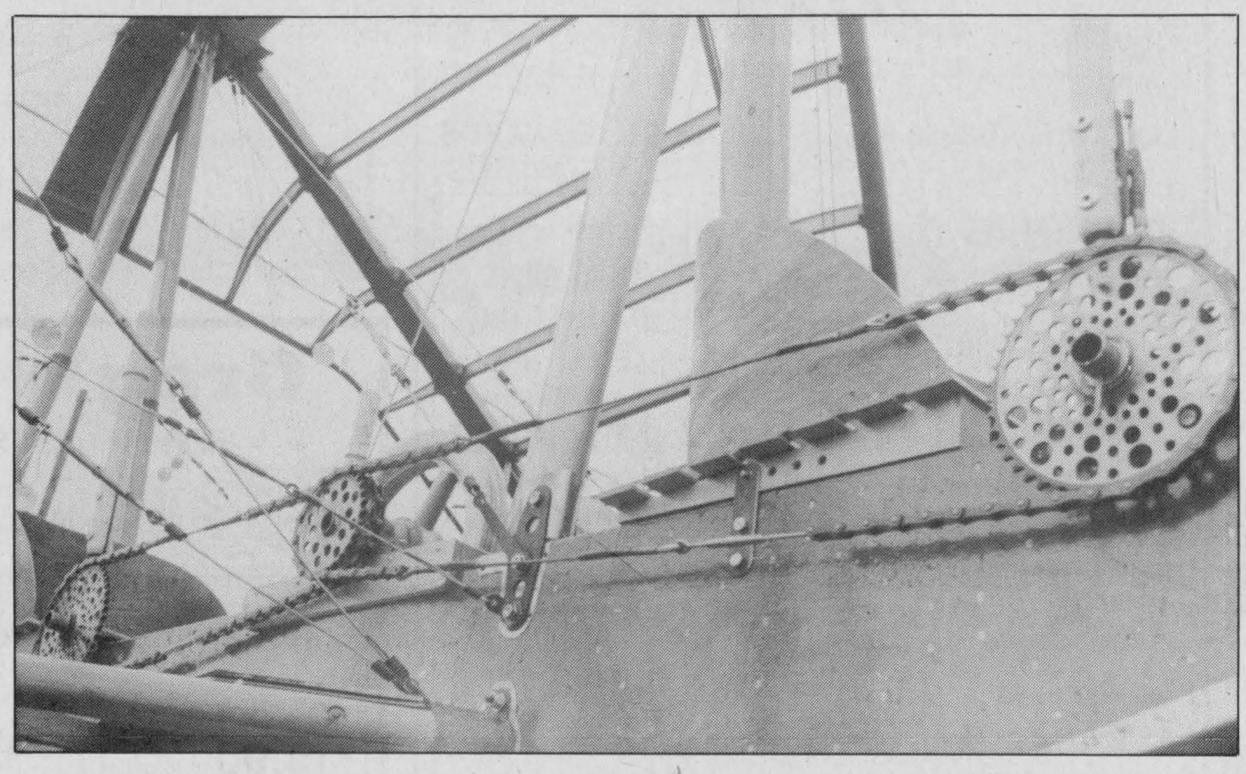












History on display

Barry MacKeracher assembled his 1914 Burgess-Dunne replica on display at his Yorks Corners Road home last Saturday. The biplane has a wing span of 47 feet and is 26 feet nose to tail. The two-man aircraft stands 11-feet, six-inches high and there is a six-foot span between the upper and lower wings. The main pontoon sports 2,800 brass screws, each covered with solder. MacKeracher fashioned many of the fittings, including the flight control gears (top, right) on his own.
Press Photos — Van Bridger

'What was your best Mother's Day present?'

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

WINCHESTER — For many women, Mother's Day means a few more items to throw into their collection of useless gifts. But for some, it can mean memories and presents that last a lifetime. We asked local moms to share their fondest Mother's Day when by asking: "What is the best Mother's Day gift you have ever received, whether material or something someone has done for you?"



Kathryn Mulder, Inkerman

"My third child was born around Mother's Day. She'll be eight this year. That was the best gift I received. My husband's not much on gifts; he'll usually give me a card or something, but that's all. But if I was to get a gift, I'd want it to be plants. I love gardening."



Sandra Cummings, Winchester

"About five or six years ago, my family took me out for a picnic lunch at the Crysler Memorial Park. My three kids prepared all the food for the picnic and they brought their gloves and ball along and we had a game of baseball. It was a lot of fun."



Marlene Faulkner, Winchester

"I think mine was having all the family together about four or five years ago. It was wonderful. All six of my children were there, and some of my grandchildren, and we had dinner."



Astrid Bierworth, Winchester Springs

"Eight years ago, I was working on a major project for my appraisal designation. I had been working on it for a year and I needed one day without any interruptions to finish it, but it wasn't that easy because I had work during the week and family on weekends. So my husband asked me what I wanted to do for Mother's Day and I said 'I want you to take the kids away for the whole day' and he did and I got my project done."



Marg Summers, Winchester

"Having my family with me. That's all I need, I don't need a gift."

Iroquois UCW among four to disband

KEMPTVILLE — United Church Women members of St. John's United Church, Cardinal, hosted the annual meeting the of Seaway Valley Presbyterial UCW on Tues., April 14. The theme was "Reaching Out."

Gathering to music led by Louise Shaw, members were delighted to see colorful baby blankets decorating the front of the sanctuary. These had been crocheted by UCW members for ailing babies at CHEO.

Following a welcome by president Erna Witherspoon, the UCW purpose was repeated. Ada Baldwin, representing the ladies of St. John's, gave a welcome and the history of their church.

Worship, conducted by Ina Poole and Rietta Hillis, made reference to the women's early morning visit to Christ's tomb, finding the stone rolled away.

In present time, what stones hold us back? Who will roll the stone away for us? The biblical women went about quietly doing what had to be done, likewise our women of the early church. Today's UCW follow this tradition. The Ecumenical Decade is nearly over, showing us the need to accept the gifts of all, men and women, working together. The offering was donated to the Healing Fund.

Theme speaker for the day, Edith Warner, introduced by Muriel Eastwood and thanked by Edith Jenkins, is home on study leave from China to obtain her certificate for teaching English as a second language.

Warner has been working in China for the Amity Foundation, teaching English courses to English teachers. She goes as a teacher, and not as a missionary, but finds many opportunities to be a Christian witness.

Mission and Service Fund dollars help pay her salary and expenses. Many Chinese people are turning to Christianity. Anyone wanting to supply bibles to China should make a contribution to the Bible Society, noted "for Amity Foundation." Warner will be returning to China at the end of her study leave.

As is usual before lunch, the literature ladies enthusiastically reviewed a selection from the books on the browsing tables.

Jim Grant, chair of Seaway Valley Presbytery, brought greetings and closed the morning session with grace.

Opening the afternoon session, Witherspoon introduced two guests, Isobel Eastman, president of the Ottawa Presbyterial UCW, and Kay Black, president of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference UCW.

Black spoke to the group about the task force on women. Nancy Hazen is the representative.

The 1998 budget was accepted. The roll was called by pastoral charge and many charges were not represented. The Lillian Allison banner was presented to the UCW of Avonmore-Finch.

Louise Shaw and Janice Reynolds presided over a service of closure for four UCWS — Bethel, Iroquois, Jasper and Pittston.

A memorial tribute was given to those UCW members who had died during the past year. Their names were softly called out as a rose was laid on the communion table.

Retiring members of the executive were presented with scrolls by Peg Campbell in appreciation for their past service.

The 35th Anniversary hymn for the UCW, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice" was then sung.

Shaw gave the nominations report and the new executive was installed by Black. It was noted that there are still a few vacancies to be filled — vice-president, secretary, stewardship convenor and a representative for Region Two.

Anyone interested in filling one of these positions is asked to contact Louise Shaw at 989-5240 to find out the job description.

Courtesies for the day were given by Marion Christie of Hawkesbury UCW.

Those who would like information on the making of quilted, knitted or crocheted blankets for CHEO babies, a very worthwhile project for the women of the church, call Ina Poole at 448-3432.

A benediction and the singing of "Go now in Peace" closed the meeting.



Go fish!

"Big" Jim McLaughlin was on hand to help Ed and Sandy Puddephatt with the grand re-opening of the Winchester Video Store, Paddletales tackle shop and Country Clearance (in association with CountryBoy, Winchester). The three-in-one store is at a new location near the corner of Main and St. Lawrence Streets in Winchester. Pictured, McLaughlin, best known as the host of the Ultimate Fishing Show on the Outdoor Channel and OnTV, discusses fishing poles with Paddletales owner Ed Puddephatt.

Press Photo — Culliton

Get active

WINCHESTER — Did you know — if all Canadians were active, savings to the health care system for heart disease alone would be $776 million a year.

SummerActive is a national campaign aimed at getting more Canadians physically active. This year it will take place across Canada from May 22 to June 19.

Sneaker Day will kick it off on Fri., May 22. This is a chance to join the millions of others across Canada who are planning to proudly wear their sneakers and be a little more active on Sneaker Day and throughout SummerActive.

In Winchester, a Poker Walk will be held to show support for healthy active living. The walk will begin at noon on Fri., May 22, beginning at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Participants in the Poker Walk will receive a playing card at each of several stations along the walk, and the person with the highest poker hand at the finishing line wins a prize. There are various other prizes to be won that day, as well.

For more information call 774-2139.

Self-defence course

ST. ANDREWS WEST — South Stormont Community Policing is offering a free self-defence course for women and seniors on Sat., May 9 at the St. Andrews West Firehall along Hwy. 138. The course is set to take place from 8:30 am to 11:30 am with instructor Leon J. Chamois, who has a second degree black belt in Jiu-Jitsu. Participants are asked to come prepared, wearing loose, comfortable clothing, running shoes and minimal jewelry and to bring a towel and two old newspapers or magazines. The guest speaker during the course will be senior constable Bill Bolton of the OPP.

Day Camp

North Dundas Chesterville RA

Registration - May 11, 1998

Chesterville Arena - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

A program for children (age 7-11) will be offered this summer out of the Chesterville Community Park. The Program will be divided into two sessions.

1. July 6 - July 31
2. August 3 - August 28

Maximum Registration is 20 children.
This program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration - $200.00 per child per session

Registration Fee must accompany registration.
There will be a $10. charge on all cancellations

Questions? Contact Cathy at 448-2073

Midway coming

MORRISBURG — The Morrisburg-Iroquois Knights of Columbus are preparing to present their annual Valley Shows again, and presented to South Dundas council during their April 9 meeting this year's locations. The Morrisburg show is scheduled to take place from Thurs., May 14 to Mon., May 18 between the plaza and the information booth, beside County Rd. 2. The Iroquois show is slated to open on Thurs., July 9 and will run to Mon., July 13. It will be set up on the grassed area between Hwy. 2 and the paved parking lot at the plaza. Council said they have had no problems with the valley shows in previous years, but had made arrangements to have an emergency fence installed around the midway for the duration of the shows. "I don't have a problem with the municipality providing the fence," said mayor Johnny Whittaker. "But I think the midway crew should put it up and take it down." A motion was passed to approve the sites for the shows under the condition that a temporary fence be installed around the rides.

Council donates to Elma Public

ELMA — South Dundas council will be signing a cheque for $1,000 to donate to Elma Public School with the purpose of updating the playground equipment. The motion was passed after the school sent a letter to the council and the issue was discussed at their April 23 meeting. The letter stated that the school committee would like to begin construction on a new playground in May at a cost of $33,000. One of the reasons for the change is to make some of the equipment accessible to the physically challenged. The committee has raised $21,000 in the past three years, but is still in need of financial assistance.

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Hotdoggin'

Williamsburg was brimming with activity on the weekend as the village held its annual town yard sale on Saturday. There were plenty of bargains and treasures to be found around the village that day. Pictured, area youths employed their entrepreneurial skills and sold hotdogs to passersby during the yard sale.

Press Photo — Culliton

Local youths win contest

OSGOODE — Several Osgoode Township youths are a little richer this week after setting their creative minds to work and coming up with award-winning short stories.

The youths entered their tales into the Osgoode Township Library Budding Authors Contest and the awards were presented on Thurs., April 23 at the City of Nepean Council Chambers as part of the Ottawa Literary Awards Ceremony.

Patricia Lawlar helped organize the contest and said it was thrilling for the winners to be a part of the ceremony in Nepean.

"It was really nice to be asked to be part of the awards," she said. "It was a huge success. I was really pleased with it."

In the category for authors aged seven to 11, Jessica Heuving placed first, earning $25, Amanda Wilson came in second, winning $10, and Melissa Moor was in third place, taking home her new $5 bill.

In the 12 to 15 age category, Alison Kelsey came in first, taking home $50, Thomas Surinskis won the $15 second place prize, and there was no third place winner.

In the 16 and over category, the first place prize of $100 went to Tricia Mattice.

Neil Sinclair placed second, bringing home $40, and Brett Walker stuffed the third-place prize of $20 into his wallet.

The awards were sponsored by the Township of Osgoode Public Library Board, Friends of the Library and Canada Brick.

"It was really wonderful," Lawlar said of the awards ceremony. "I can see it only getting better. There's a lot of talent out there, and we like to see young people putting it to use. We'd also like to see it expanded to seniors, because I'm sure there's a lot of great stories they could tell if they had a chance."

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

In case anyone has forgotten, Sun., May 10 is Mother's Day, and once again, St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain will be serving breakfast. This is held in the IOOF Hall in South Mountain and runs from 9 am until around noon. The cost is $15 per family; $4/adults and $2.50 for children.

I recently returned from a short trip to Texas and, naturally, I have to tell you about it. With a son now living in Austin, I wanted to check out the area. (You get there via Toronto, three-hours flying southwest to Dallas and one hour west to Austin.) It's beautiful and I found the people laid-back friendly and courteous. Everyone was helpful and constantly urged us "y'all have a good day." There is a slight difference in weather, though, with the average temperature for the April weekend about 85-90 degrees Fahrenheit (or 30 degrees Celsius for those not old enough to know what that is) and it warms up in the summer.

The cleanliness of the cities might have something to do with the motto. "Don't mess with Texas." Apparently, if you are caught inadvertently littering there is a $10 fine. If littering is done deliberately, the fine jumps to $1,000.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Alamo in San Antonio. In a brief history lesson – The Mexicans, under Santa Anna, wanted to take back the land where Texans had settled. In the battle of the Alamo, 189 Texans defended the Mission against 3,000 of Santa Anna's troops. They held it for 13 days but only a few women and children were spared. The battle, however, allowed time for troops to be mustered and seven weeks later, Sam Huston, the first president of Texas, defeated the Mexicans at San Jocasta. Their battle cry was "Remember the Alamo". The State of Texas was born. Texans are justifiably proud of this event and the ruins of the Mission are treated with reverence.

To add a little spice to the trip, on the evening before returning there was a tornado warning for the county where we were. Warnings flashed across the television screen and apparently if it gets close, sirens go off which can be heard everywhere. Fortunately, nothing came of it.

It was good to see my son, who now, on occasion, wears a stetson hat, cowboy boots, drives a truck and scatters "y'all" in his conversation. I had a good time.



NDDHS NOTES

by Sam Cullen

MAPLE RIDGE — Ah, North Dundas. How these halls have changed over the years. With the 35th reunion fast approaching, nostalgia is beginning to fill the halls.

From its humble beginning in 1963, many graduates have left our humble little abode for bigger and better things. From doctors to dentists, florists to fishermen, gardeners to geologists, people from NDDHS have made their mark in almost every field.

NDDHS cookbooks will also be available soon. A fundraising project of our school council, the hope is to raise money to improve our school and hopefully replace even more of our outdated lockers with new ones.

If you feel you are at a loss for meal ideas until you get your new cookbook, you can always go to McDonald's; the average person goes there 1,811 times in a lifetime.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal Hep C vote not fair, compassionate, writer says

The Editor:

On April 28 the Liberal Party of Canada showed its true colors to Canadians.

This was not Liberal compassionate red, but rather Liberal "Havana-style democracy" red — as John Nunziata so aptly described it.

Jean Chretien demanded that all Liberal MPs tow the party line and vote against the hepatitis C victims' compensation package bill put forth by the Reform Party and in effect turn a heartless, cold shoulder on these helpless constituents.

Chretien said this was a matter of confidence in the government. However, this could not be further from the truth as precedence in parliamentary rules clearly demonstrates that a vote on such a bill would definitely not be considered a matter of confidence.

In fact, Leader of the Official Opposition Preston Manning wrote to each Liberal MP to inform them that he would absolutely not consider it a vote of confidence.

Despite the opportunity to vote for their constituents, Liberal Mps were herded, like a flock of sheep, to blindly follow their leader or face reprimand if they defied his authority.

This same tactic has been used by totalitarian regimes around the world and it appears the real reason behind it is to kill any bills originating from other parties regardless of their merit.

The Reform bill would have created a no-fault financial compensation package.

It also would have extended compensation to all those infected and not just those during the period from 1986 to 1990.

In fact, the Krevor Report noted that HIV victims infected from 1987 onwards received compensation and that anything less for other victims of this tainted blood tragedy would be unconscionable.

Krevor also noted that testing to avoid contamination was available for use as early as 1978, if the government had desired to ensure a safe blood supply!

The bottom line is about showing compassion and responsibility for all victims and their families, who are now paying the ultimate price because of past governments who were afraid to deal with this issue.

These people now deserve to be treated fairly. Our current system of government, whereby it is demanded that MPs vote the party line, is standing in the way of democracy and this must change.

Charles Dillabough
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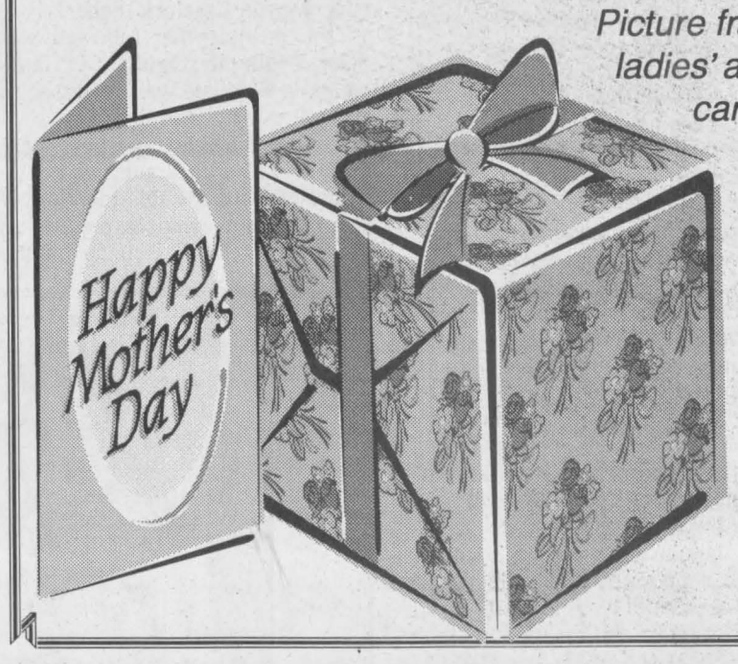

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Bags, baskets popular for blooming displays

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

MARIONVILLE — Meadow Greens Nursery, just outside of Marionville, has opened its doors for another season and the greenhouses are bursting with colorful arrangements and new products.

Owners of the nursery, Jane and Tony Hendrikx, held the grand opening for the season on Sat., May 2 with flowers and plants sprouting to each corner of the nursery.

Several items and events are new for this year, including impatients that come in yellow. Though the flower itself is nothing new to the nursery, the Hendrikxes said they hope the color will be a hit this summer. Impatients, they said, usually come in pink and red.

Also new is a schedule of demonstrations that will take place each Sunday. This weekend spectators can watch and learn how to make a basket.

"The point is to get across to people how easy some things are to make and hopefully get some people interested in trying to make their own," said Tony Hendrikx.

Perrenials too, he said, are increasing in popularity, as are assorted baskets of flowers.

"A lot of people are looking for something different," he said. "With the hanging baskets, no two are exactly the same and they're all very beautiful."

Other hot sellers at the nursery include flower pouches and flower towers. Apart from radiant blooms, the nursery has a stock of shade trees; annuals; vegetable plants, including tomatoes and peppers; fruit trees; mixed planters and pavement roses.

"They're tough as nails, they grow low and they spread really well," Hendrikx said of the pavement roses. "It's tons of flower and low bush."

The nursery, which celebrated its 10th anniversary last year, is open all week from 9 am to 7 pm.

For more information, call the nursery at 445-3042.

Card party raises over $300

by Marjorie Phillips

WINCHESTER — On Monday, April 27 the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted a dessert and card party at the NorDun Centre in Winchester.

A total of $310 was realised from the 10 bridge tables and 11 euchre tables.

The leftover desserts, sold for $2 a plate, quickly disappeared and were probably enjoyed for supper that night. A little jar of honey or jelly went to one member from each table who was willing to confess to having had the privilege of being firstborn.

This was the first time that the auxiliary had used the NorDun Centre for such an occasion. It was one more event marking the 50th anniversary of the hospital and the auxiliary.

A special thanks to Lottie who worked above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks also to all who contributed by making desserts. A fun time was had by all.

Bridge players hold season finalé

WINCHESTER — The closing party for the Marathon Bridge tournament was held on Tues., April 14 at the Winchester Curling Club.

The Ladies' high prize for the evening was won by Reta Savage and Bill Dellaire won the men's high prize. The door prize was won by Marg Boyd.

The winners for the year were announced with Marg Boyd and Sybil Curtis as winners of side one of the ladies. Bev MacMartin and Marjorie Phillips were runners-up. On side two of the ladies, Reta Savage and Bev MacMartin were the winners and Doris Holmes and Betty Millar were runners-up.

In the mixed bridge, the winners were Orman and Reta Savage and Ken and Anne Marie Smith were the runners-up. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The committee thanks all the players for participating and hopes everyone will be back next fall. They would welcome any new players who would like to join.

Life stories liven seniors' meetings

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — On Tuesday, April 21 the Williamsburg Township Seniors Group held its monthly meeting at the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre. Twenty-four members enjoyed a potluck dinner.

The meeting that followed was opened with the singing of O'Canada and a welcome was expressed to all by President Olin Smith.

Happy birthday wishes were expressed to Olin Smith, who celebrated his birthday this month, and congratulations were expressed to Ralph and Jean Casselman on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The program consisted of a story by Olin Smith and his life, from birth at the Grace Hospital in Ottawa until the time that he purchased his home in Williamsburg and became a member of the seniors group.

At the May meeting Dwain Hess will tell the story of his life, having spent the entire time in Williamsburg Township.

Following the adjournment cards were enjoyed during the remainder of the afternoon. The group is always looking for new members.



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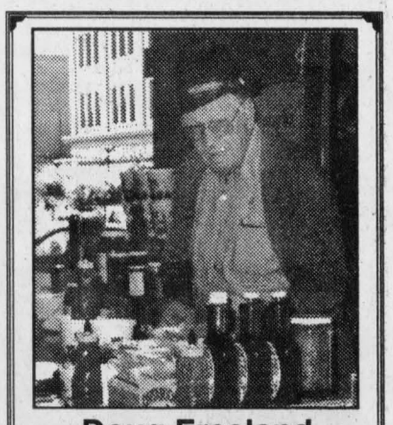
May 11th



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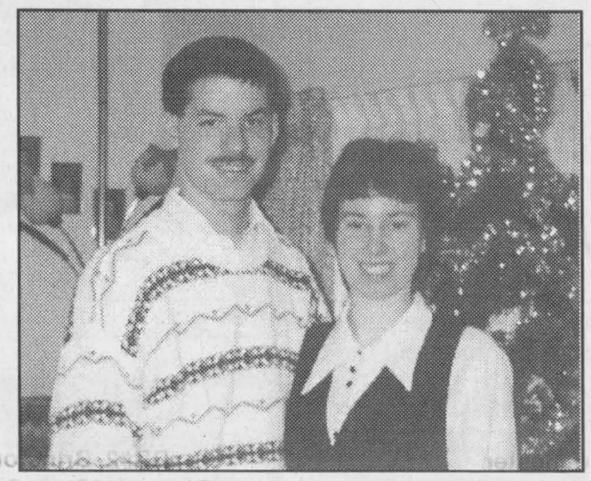
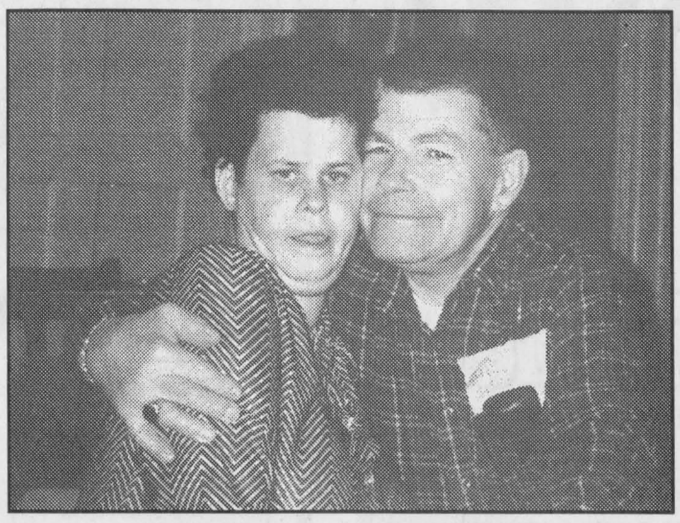


Eldridge–Backes

Jack and Edna Eldridge of Williamsburg wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their only daughter Louise Edna to Steven Richard, youngest son of Norm and Claire Backes of Chesterville. The wedding ceremony will be celebrated on September 5, 1998 at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, Morrisburg, Ontario.



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Denise and Ken are pleased to announce their forthcoming wedding, Friday, July 3 at Winchester United Church, 7 pm, followed by reception at Winchester Lions Hall.



Forthcoming Marriage
Durant – Smith

Jack and Mary Durant, Chesterville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Lori Dale to Stuart Alexander, son of Gloria and Alex Smith of Timmins. The marriage vows will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chesterville on May 30, 1998 at 3 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Ida Bouck

Ida Isabelle Bouck, a lifelong resident of the Williamsburg area, died suddenly on Sat., May 2 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 57.

Mrs. Bouck was born in Williamsburg on July 20, 1940 to the late Edward Algire and Nellie Lapier. She was predeceased by her husband Clifford Lorne Bouck in 1984.

She was the dear sister of Betty (Bob) Smirle of Milton and Donald (Hellen) Algire of Cardinal and was loved by many nieces and nephews. She was the dear friend of William Hare of Prescott.

Mrs. Bouck enjoyed helping older people and children, and she loved country music and enjoyed dancing. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Mon., May 4. A funeral service was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg on Tues., May 5. Reverend Diane Raddatz officiated.

Interment was at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Pallbearers were Jim Metcalf, Bruce Macintosh, Roger Tupper, Wayne Barkley, Edward Broniazeski and Jack MacDonald.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Association would be gratefully acknowledged.

Lulu Graham

Lulu Graham of Osgoode Township Care Centre, Metcalfe died on April 24 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was in her 98th year.

Mrs. Graham was born on July 25, 1900 in Russell, the daughter of the late Robert Meharey and the late Lilliss Wyatt. She married Percy Graham in September, 1925. He died in 1995.

She enjoyed many crafts and many of her loved ones have items of her handiwork. She was an organist at Russell Presbyterian Church and enjoyed playing the piano until recent years. She was a charter member of the Russell Women's Institute.

Mrs. Graham and her husband farmed in the Russell area and retired to Vernon in 1973. She then resided at Crysler Residence for four years and at Metcalfe for 10 years.

Mrs. Graham was the mother of Willard (Dorothy) Graham of Innisfail, AB; Mervin (Cecilia) Graham of Calgary, AB; Bevis (Verla) Graham of Winchester; Lilliss (Lloyd) Morrice of Brandon, MB. She was the mother-in-law of Jacqueline, wife of the late Eldred (Dave).

She is survived by 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Enid Meharey of London, ON, and Ruby (Graham) Spiller of Almonte. Also by brother-in-law Clayton Graham of Mississauga. Mrs. Graham was predeceased by her husband Percy and son Eldred (Dave) and her only brother, Rayford Meharey.

A funeral service was held at Duncan Funeral Home on April 29. Interment was at North Russell Cemetery. Reverend Keith Brown officiated.

Pallbearers were Doug Cherry, Norman Robinson, Wilmer Hamilton and Harold Cowan and grandsons Tim Graham of Vancouver and David Graham of Nepean,

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons Donald Graham and Clelland Hamilton and granddaughters Nora (Graham) Curlett of Dallas, TX, and Theresa Graham of Dartmouth, NS,

Memorial donations to Osgoode Township Care Centre and Osgoode Presbyterian Church, Vernon would be appreciated.

John Visser

John J. Visser of Russell died suddenly at home on Thurs., April 30. He was 53.

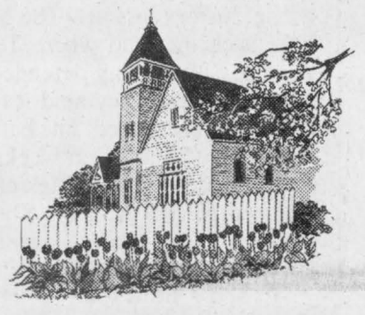
The son of Elsie and the late John Visser of Chatham, Mr. Visser was the beloved husband and best friend of Janice (nee Niewenhuis).

Mr. Visser was the dear father of Arthur, Brian, Bradley, Heather and David, as well as Vincent, Debbie, Daniel, Randy and several grandchildren.

He will also be missed by siblings Peter (Martha) of Orillia, Jack (Renate) of High River, Alberta, Olga (Jim) Upton of Orillia, Mary (Peter) De Haan of Ayr, Ontario and Grace (Jeff) Nielsen of London, Ontario.

Private funeral arrangements took place on Sunday evening (May 3), followed by cremation.

Donations to the Canadian Red Cross would be most appreciated.



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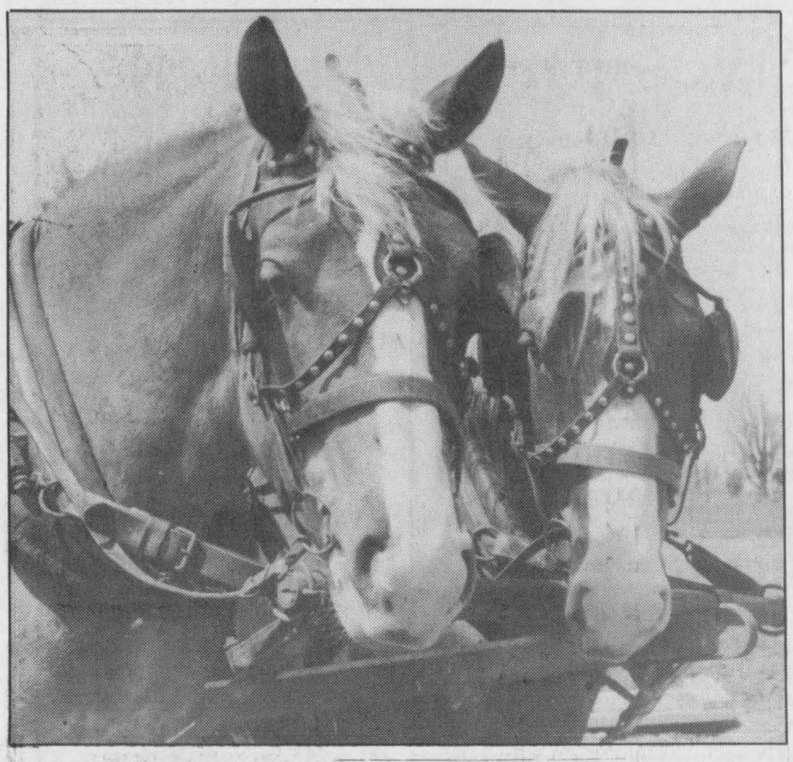


Farm update

Teams training for annual pull

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Competitors are working their teams in preparation for the Mountain Township Agricultural Society's annual horsepulling competition slated for Sun., May 17 at the fairgrounds in South Mountain.

"It takes a lot of hard work to get ready (for a competition). Horses have to work two to three hours every day. They're like an athlete, they must train," said Roy Sherrer, who has organized the event for the past 18 years.

While some heavy horse owners train their teams by having them draw skids, others use their horses to work the fields or in the bush. During the winter months, some horsepullers hitch their teams to sleighs to keep them in shape, Sherrer said.

Since it takes a few years for horses to build up enough strength to be able pull the heavier weights, most heavy horses are five to six years of age by the time they participate in pulling competitions. Teams often comprise a pair of geldings or can be mixed — a mare and a gelding, he explained.

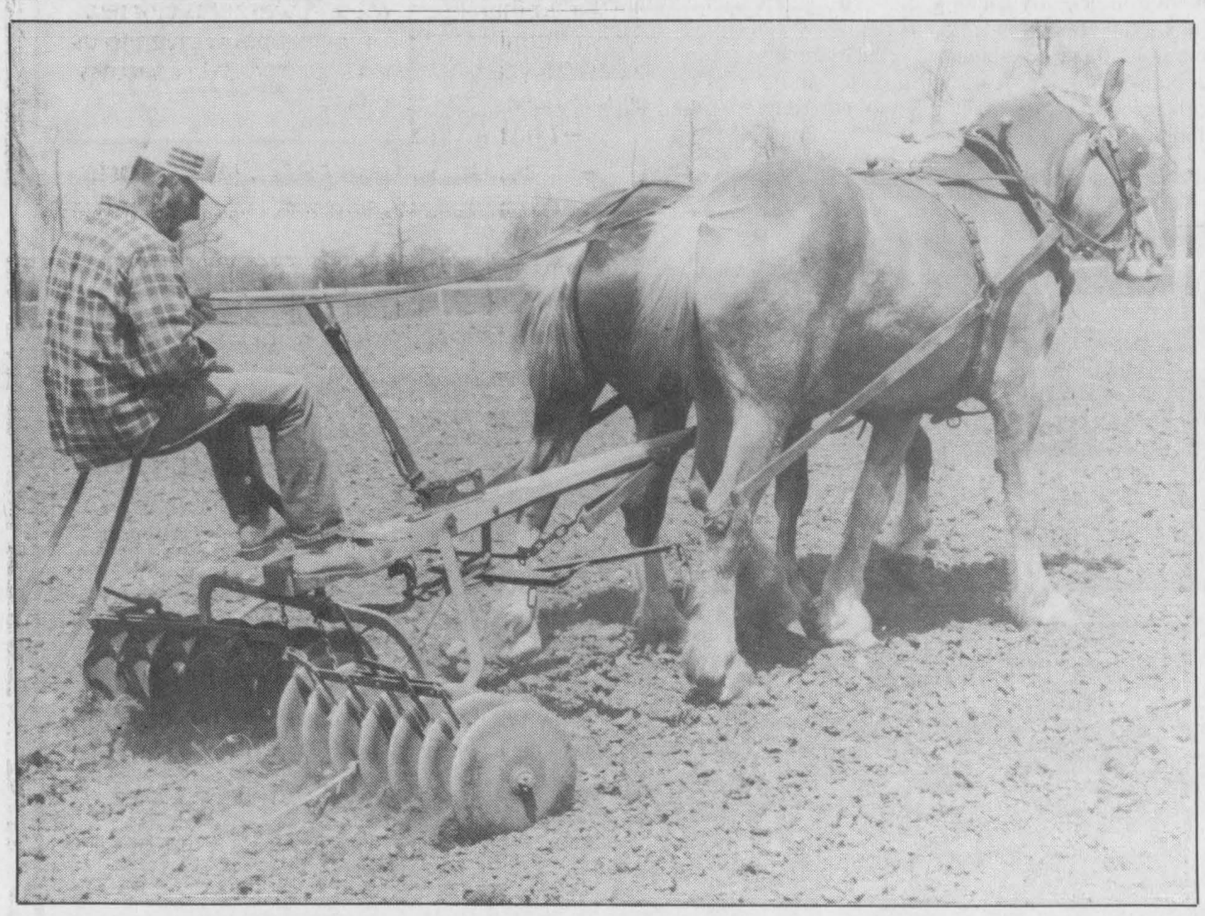
Sherrer hasn't entered a team in the South Mountain pull for a few years, but hopes to have one ready for this year's competition. He has been using his Belgians to work up some land this spring.

The South Mountain competition kicks off the horsepulling season in eastern Ontario, which wraps up with a pull in October during the Metcalfe Fair. Members from the Eastern Draft Association and the Ottawa Valley Horsepullers Association are involved in the eastern Ontario pulls.

The Mountain Township Agricultural Society's pull usually attracts about 10 - 15 teams in each class — light, heavy and ladies single driving. Competitors from across Ontario as well as from as far away as western Quebec and northern New York participate in the event.

"We're (organizers) hoping for a beautiful day (and) a good turnout,"

The competition gets under way on May 17 at noon. Admission at the gate is $6.



Roy Sherrer uses a team of heavy horses to disc up a field at his Mountain-area farm. According to Sherrer, some heavy horse owners who compete in horsepull competitions, keep their horses in shape by using them to do field work or by having them work in the bush. PressPhoto -- Fetterly

update

Judging club meets for first meeting

by Meagan Kittle

WINCHESTER — Thirteen members gathered at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs office in Winchester on April 27 for the first meeting of the Dundas 4-H Judging Club. The leaders this year are Mary Fisher and Phyllis MacMaster.

We began at 7:30 pm by introducing ourselves and discussed what we could do for a project this year. We then watched a video which two of last year's members had made on judging a dairy cow. Next we went through the steps to judging and looked for the ideal. We has a discussion on what we would look for in the ideal placemat, apron and farm magazine.

Elections were held with results as follows: president, Robert Velthuis; vice-president, Richard Groniger; secretary, Jodi Gannon and press reporter, Meagan Kittle.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting would be held on Wed., May 20 at 7:30 pm at the Velthuis farm.

Knitters to give bears to alzheimer's

by Christopher Toonen

ORMOND — The Ormond Notorious Knitters sixth meeting was held to learn more fascinating aspects of knitting. Blocking sample pieces was handled by youth leader Shannon Toonen. Members stuffed "Bears for Alzheimers" and sewed up the opening with an invisible seam. While we were working, our leaders gave us information on what we can do when visiting an elderly friend or relative with dementia. It was decided that some of the members will deliver the knitted bears to an institution where they care for people with deteriorating forms of alzheimer. All members who finished were allowed to pick yarn to knit a coaster using the pattern for dishcloths. The pattern was donated by Andrea Bridges.

The achievement program will be held June 8 at Morewood Public School. Dundas County Junior Farmers will host the event.

Woodworkers choose executive

by Terry Morrow

WINCHESTER — Nineteen members attended the first meeting of the Dundas 4-H Woodworking Club held April 21 at Willy Armstrong's residence.

Members chose their new executive as follows: president, Jon Wilson; vice-president, Pam Morrow, secretary, Melissa Stoodley; and press reporter, Terry Morrow.

All members introduced themselves and had to describe and name a piece of wood each were given. A special thanks to leaders Willy Armstrong and Ron Wilson for supplying the drinks and donuts.

At a second meeting held on April 27, members met at Willy Armstrong's home and then left for the park in Winchester. Club members planted approximately 150 trees in the park area. Upon returning, discussion was held for our next meeting and then the meeting was adjourned. Thank you to the drivers for transporting club members to and from Winchester.

The next meeting will be held on Sat., May 9 with club members travelling to Ferguson's Forest Station in Kemptville.

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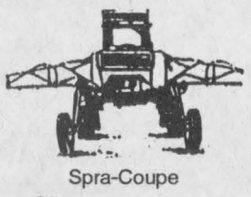
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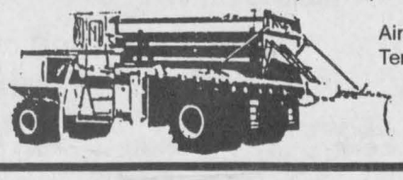
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Samson competed in a three-legged race at the Dundas Veterinary Services on Sunday afternoon during a party for amputeed pets. The party was held to demonstrate how well the animals cope after an amputation.

Press Photo – Fetterly

Party held for amputee pets

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Spectators cheered as canine competitors crossed the finish line of the three-legged race — leaving their human opponents far behind.

It's not surprising that dogs would be victorious in a race against people. But all the canine competitors in Sunday's race at Dundas Veterinary Services had only three legs.

The three-legged race was part of a party held for amputeed pets and their owners. Its aim was to document on film the progress of these animals to show clients who may be faced with the possibility of having a pet's leg amputated.

"It will show future clients how three-legged animals get around... how well they cope. (Amputation) gives them another option," said Dundas Veterinary Services employee Rose Hennin, who helped organize the event.

According to Hennin, the clinic recommends amputation when an animal's leg can't be fixed with a cast or if the leg is beyond repair. Amputation is an option to extensive, costly surgery to repair the leg and is an alternative to euthanasia.

Often by the third day after amputation, the animal is recovering and by the end of the week has adjusted its balance for walking. When a front leg has been removed, it will take the dog or cat a little longer to adjust,she explained. Hennin has a cat which had a back leg amputated.

Currently, Dundas Veterinary Services has nine patients which have had legs removed. Of the nine, two of those are cats and the remaining seven are dogs. In many cases, the amputations are the result of the animals being hit by a car.

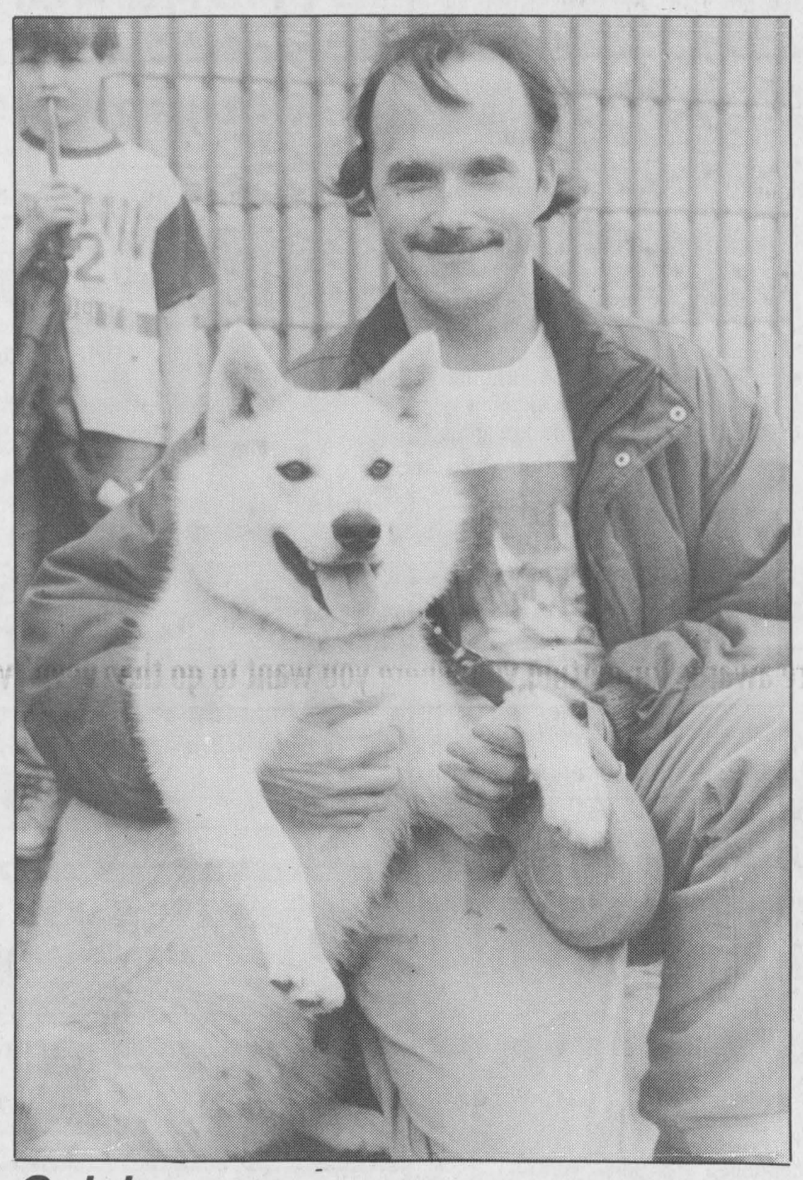
'Bandit', a friendly, husky/corgi mix, was the winner of the three-legged race. At about six months of age, Bandit lost a back leg after being hit by a car. His brother was killed in the incident.

Two days after surgery to remove his leg, Bandit was on the mend — even trying to climb the stairs, said his owners Paula and Doug Morency of Osgoode.

According to the Morencys, after losing their other dog in the accident, they felt they chose, for Bandit, the least-risky option with the quickest recovery time.

The Morencys also said they were pleased how well Bandit recovered. In fact, he recovered from the trauma faster than they did, they said.

The amputee pets party was held in conjunction with Animal Health Week — May 3 - 9. DVS also hosted tours of the clinic as well as portrait sittings for pets.



Quick recovery

'Bandit', posing with his owner, had a leg amputated after being hit by a car last year.

Press Photo -- Fetterly

Seaway receives loan

CORNWALL — The Seaway Grain Processors Inc. has received financial support from the Agricultural Adaptation Council's CanAdapt program for the construction of its 66-million litre per year ethanol manufacturing facility in Cornwall.

"The loan package being provided by the AAC is an important ingredient in Seaway's efforts to construct a 66-million litre ethanol production facility in eastern Ontario. We appreciate the confidence the council has shown in Seaway by including our project in its portfolio of important Ontario agriculture and rural development initiatives," said Seaway Grain Processors president Bud Atkins.

When the $48 million ethanol manufacturing plant is operational, it is expected to produce 66 million litres of ethanol per year to be used in environmentally friendly, blended fuels. Fuel ethanol is added to gasoline in a 10 per cent blend to reduce carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas vehicle emissions.

As well, 53,000 tonnes of distillers dried grains, for use as a high protein livestock feed and 39,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide for recycling use in food packaging will be produced.

The plant will use 6.5 million bushels of corn a year — valued at about $26 million annually.

Seaway Grain Processors Inc. is a subsidiary of Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-operative. Under the direction of an 11-member board of directors, the co-operative has 2,300 members.

CanAdapt funds are available for projects designed to foster long-term growth, financial self-sufficiency, employment and competitiveness in Ontario's agriculture and rural communities. Assistance is available in various forms, including grants, loan guarantees and interest rebates. The Agricultural Adaptation Council receives funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund (CARD).

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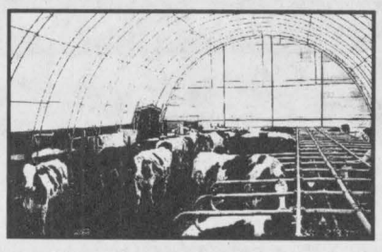

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Students write poems for environmental project

SOUTH MOUNTAIN -- The following poems were written by students at Nationview Public School in South Mountain and read over the PA system with announcements. They were among several activities the school held during its "Earth Day" celebrations on April 24.

Earth Day Fun
written by: Nicole Littleton and Rachel Rawson.

Earth day is on the land
in the sea
and on the sand.
On Earth Day,
it's fun to play
in the grass
and in the bay.
In the sea
I'm filled with glee
cause a sea with litter
looks real bitter
When people litter
I get a jitter.

Earth Day
written by: Shannon Dessureault

E is for the ever green grass.
A is for the apple trees it has.
R is for the rising of the sun.
T is for the tasteful water is has.
H is for the hot sun that rises every morning.
Put the word together and what does it spell? EARTH, a place to live.

Save the environment

We should try to have a clean lunch every day.
Every time we cut down a tree, we should plant one or two more trees to replace the tree that we cut down.
We should reduce, recycle and reuse. It is bad if we litter of throw away trash because it is harmful for the environment.
Try to make the world a better place.

Earth Day Poem
written by: William Howard

Every time I drive by a dump
All I see are a bunch of lumps
Tires and trucks litter the ground
Like someone just left them there.
It smells and stinks and has a very peculiar stench
Dumps can be found round the world
And someday they might take over the world
But if we stop this from happening
There will be a lot of mess

Earth Day
written by: Kyle

For earth day I want to plant one million trees and I want to make sure all the grass stays as green as glow-in-the-dark chalk.
I want to make sure there is no pollution anywhere in the world.
I want to make sure the sick kids down in different countries get lots of food and fresh air and make sure all the stuff from the ice storm gets picked up.
I would even be willing to help out people that need their stuff picked up and I would make sure there is no more pollution.



Planting trees
Nancy Beavers' Grade 1 class at Nationview Public School in South Mountain were thrilled to plant several seedlings along the grassy stretch at the front of the school on Fri., April 24. The activity was part of the school's Earth Day celebrations.
Press Photo -- Bierworth

Celebrating Earth Day

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Nationview Public School students proved how down-to-earth they could be on April 24 with the celebrations of "Earth Day".

The school's Grade 1 class, headed by teacher Nancy Beavers and Grade 5 teacher Sandy McInnes, planted several silver maple trees in the space between the front parking lot of the school and the road. Each student in the school took home a seedling that day.

Earlier that week, the class was presented with a trophy from principal Jack Barkley for having the cleanest lunch, or the least amount of garbage left over after lunch time.

"We're just working toward beautifying the environment and the school yard," said McInnes. "The students learn about how to protect the environment, and it's a lot of fun for them at the same time."

The students completed several environmental projects and contests throughout the week, including writing poems about Earth Day. Several of the poems were read over the PA system with the announcements.

The school also has an environment club which involves students in Grades 1 to 6.

The school's daily 'Juice cart' at lunch time was cancelled after Grade 1 student Phillip Lamothe suggested the idea, saying too much garbage was left over from the items on the cart.

Raffle winners

CHESTERVILLE — The winners of the several raffle prizes drawn as part of the homemade craft and bake sale, which was held at the Faucet Hall in Chesterville on Sat., April 4 have been announced. The sale was presented by the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society and provided local artisans avenue in which to display their handiwork.

The winners were as follows: Jennifer Zubatuk of Chesterville won a children's cap donated by Trish Wouters of Kids Only Clothing; the Harper Skin Care Products, donated by Lifestyles distributor Debbie DeCooman, was won by Theresa Gibeault of Chesterville; a black forest cake, donated by Jasper's Cafe owner Heather Parent of Chesterville was won by Luella Ranger of Chesterville and Lois Lannin of Chesterville brought home a handpainted bird feeder donated by Debbie DeCooman.

Greg Pietersma, Chesterville's tinsmith, donated an "Ice Storm Survival Kit", which included a lantern, candles and a kerosene lamp. The kit was won by Betty Henderson of Elma. Pietersma also donated two passes for the Ottawa Craft Show, which were taken home by Florence Hoople of Chesterville.

Alanna Cracknell of Morewood won the draw for a plush lamb toy from Ruth's Alterations.

Winchester Institute installs 1998 officers

by Norma Duncan

WINCHESTER — At the Winchester Women's Institute annual meeting, potluck supper was enjoyed by visitors and members. Roll call was answered by payment of dues, then business and annual reports from officers were adopted as read.

Tweedsmuir Curator Olive Summers will organize a day for members to help update our history book. This book contains very valuable local history.

Marjorie Shadbolt is planning a fundraising card party for the near future.

Ileen Robinson reported for the nominating committee, vacant offices were filled by nominations and acceptance for duties.

The installation of officers for 98/99 was performed by Helen Holmes. Singing of God Save the Queen closed the meeting.



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Animals regarded as 'one of the family'

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Animals have always played an important role in our lives, and over the past couple of decades, attitudes toward pets have been changing. More people are looking at their pet as a member of the family.

And there's no better time than this week to hug your furry friend.

May 3 to 9 is Animal Health Week. It's a national event sponsored by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and is meant to increase public awareness of the aspects of animal health, such as food quality, diseases and flea control. The awareness reaches out to owners of all kinds of animals, big and small, pets and livestock.

Dr. Michele Dutnall, a veterinarian for Dundas Veterinary Services in Winchester, said the clinic is celebrating animal health in a big way.

Last weekend the clinic held an open house and a party for amputeed pets. This was something that had not been done here before, Dutnall said, and it was a way of saying thankyou to owners for taking the time and patience to care for their amputeed animals.

Last weekend also marked the second year in a row for Wayne LaPrade to stop by with his camera equipment and turn our furry little friends into perfect models. Some, he admitted, were a lot harder to pose than others, particularly the feline subjects.

This year too, the clinic is cosponsoring a walk-a-thon with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

In past years, the clinic has celebrated Animal Health Week with pet photo, coloring and essay contests.

Attitudes toward household pets are changing, Dutnall said. Pet owners are developing stronger bonds with the animals, which in turn affects the health of both.

"I always find the spectrum of bonds between owners and pets to be the biggest challenge," she said. "It's a big challenge every day to try to read people and distinguish how strong their bond is with their pet. It's hard to judge sometimes. The strength of the bond determines how much the owner will want us to do for the pet. If the bond is very strong, the owner will take the time and effort to get the pet through the medical problem, whether it's a simple lifestyle change or giving the animal a pill every day for a few weeks. Obviously, doing that is beneficial to the animal and it's beneficial to the owner too because he or she can have that pet for that much longer."

Dutnall, who each day comes home to two dogs, two household cats, three barn cats, five horses, several baby chicks and baby turkeys, said having a pet can be quite beneficial to people too.

Statistically, pet owners have been known to have a lower blood pressure than those without pets. The companionship and unconditional love from the animal helps calm most people, which helps relieve stress.

The medical advantages pets have on seniors is also quite amazing, Dutnall said. Giving an elderly person an animal to love and care for gives them companionship and responsibility.



Pet portraits

Several area pet owners brought their furry friends to Dundas Veterinary Services in Winchester on Sun., May 3 to have professional portraits taken by Wayne LaPrade. The event was part of the clinic's 'Animal Health Week' celebrations. Press Photo -- Bierworth

For children, a pet is often a first responsibility.

"They're responsible for a living, breathing creature," Dutnall said. "It's not like giving them a responsibility like doing the dishes every night where if they decide not to do them one day, they'll still be there in the morning."

On the other hand, sometimes pet owners will suffer allergies instead of giving up their animals.

"We see lots of people who put up with allergies with pets because they don't want to get rid of them," she said. "The discouraging ones are the ones who put the pet to sleep because of an allergy, then after the pet is gone the allergy doesn't get any better."

Everyone looks at their pet in a different way, Dutnall said. Some treat their animal like a favorite child, others treat it as nothing more than an inferior being. And it's the range of attitudes in between that both fascinates and challenges Dutnall.

"People get attached to all kinds of animals, not just dogs and cats," she said. "I've seen people have strong bonds with horses, goats, cows, some even get attached to guinea pigs and hamsters, though they're not as easy to bond with because they're not interactive animals. If you've never had a pet, it's hard to describe the bond. It's very individual."

One of the services the clinic offers is advice on caring for puppies and kittens. "We try to make that first year with a puppy or kitten a positive experience," Dutnall said. "Too often, people get frustrated with the pet during its destructive phase, and end up getting rid of the animal. But if they had learned how to deal with the problem more effectively, they could have enjoyed that animal for another 10 to 15 years."

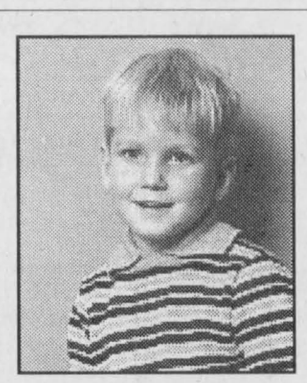
With the quality of pet foods becoming increasingly better and pet owners taking more responsibility for the health and safety of their pet, Dutnall said the medical problems she most often sees in animals has been changing over the past 25 years.

There are fewer cases of animals being hit by cars and getting a mouthful of porcupine quills, simply because owners are not letting their pets stray to far on their own and are keeping them with them when they go off the property. But at the same time, vets are seeing more problems dealing with obesity, dental problems, diabetes and behavioral problems.

"The most important part of caring for animals is to bring them in for a check-up once a year," said Dutnall. "That way, we can pick up diseases and infections in time to treat them. A lot of people ask me 'why once a year?', saying that they can see their doctor every few years and be fine. But once a year in a pet's life is relative to about five years for us. If you think about, we only visit our doctor once every few years. But we live well into our 70s and 80s. Cats and dogs live for 10 or 20 years."

Vaccinations are an important part of an animal's annual check-up, particularly the rabies shot which is enforced by a public health law.

Because of the strong bonds between owners and pets, animals are treated as a member of the family.



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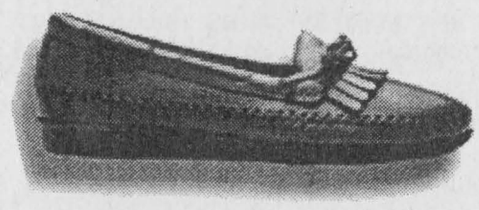
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