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Stewart Wheeler of Winchester was the lucky winner of a 1999 Formula Z 500 SkiDoo. Here Jim Primrose of Jim's Performance plus presents him with the keys. A fundraiser for the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association which puts the money directly back into the Club, the 880 members will all benefit from the 4300 tickets that were sold. Jeff Whitteker, President of the NVSA and Debbie Strader who is Fundraising Chair were on hand to offer their congrats.

Veterans call an end to hunger strike on the Hill

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Packing up their artillery, Merchant Navy veterans sailed home last Thursday calling their three day hunger strike a success.

Although they did not meet all of the immediate objectives of their mission, the vets did believe the door to negotiations had been opened and shutting down the hunger strike was not an "abandon ship" call.

"We were trying to open the door to negotiations and get the minister (Fred Mifflin) to discuss retroactive benefits," explained chief negotiator for the group Aurele Ferlatte, himself a member of the Merchant Navy.

After World War II, members of the Canadian Forces returned home to find the government squarely behind them.

Members of the Navy, Air Force and regular forces were eligible to receive benefits from the government covering everything from education to housing.

Members of the Merchant Navy received nothing.

Over 40 years after the fact, the vets got together and decided to fight for their rights.

"We were the third largest Merchant Navy in the world," Ferlatte said. "We were building a ship a month and carrying tanks, guns, food and ammunition to England. When the war ended, we still worked for four years taking supplies to help rebuild Europe under the Marshall Plan."

Although some benefits were conferred to the merchant navy vets in the 60's, and a number more in 1992, they still fall short of compensation others who fought in WWII received.

On top of being put on an equal footing, the vets were also asking the federal government for retroactive pay, between $20,000 and $30,000 each, for the 2,300 surviving members of the Merchant Navy.

Earlier in the year, the vets had held another hunger strike which lasted nine days. Shortly before Remembrance Day, Veterans Affairs Minister Fred Mifflin agreed to listen to the demands of the Merchant Navy vets, getting them to stop their strike.

"He pulled the wool over our eyes," said Merchant Navy Veteran Doug McMartin. "They had to have the Remembrance Day Service on the Hill and he (Mifflin) didn't want a bunch of starving veterans around so he agreed to talk to us. As soon as we left, the deal was off!"

Disappointed they were not being taken seriously, the group returned to the Hill on the 23rd of November, discouraged and untrusting.

"Mifflin had told the reporters that he had already had meetings with us," said Ferlatte. "But all he did was stop and shake hands with us before going in to the House of Commons."

Standing outside Centre Block Tuesday, the vets got their wish when the Prime Minister stopped to talk with Mr. McMartin. "We wanted a real meeting and when I caught the Prime Minister coming out Tuesday, he told me we'd have our meeting. He whispered in my ear, 'Tuesday - 8:30 am!"

After the meeting Tuesday, the vets were still not convinced any ground had been obtained and put their hopes with the Progressive Conservative Party and the Right Honourable Elsie Wayne.

During question period Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Wayne raised the issue with Mifflin much to the pleasure of the vets. As they watched from the members west side gallery, smiles erupted across their faces.

"Chretien was on the edge of his seat," said McMartin, "You could tell he looked nervous. He knew we had public support and he didn't want to look bad."

Upstairs in Elsie's office, the group and supporters learned another meeting had been set up.

"It's about time," said Mrs. Wayne. "It's time for the federal government to realize the role these men played in helping to bring peace around the world."

After meeting with a House of Commons Committee Thursday morning, the Merchant Navy vets agreed to call off the hunger strike.

In an interview with CJOH Television Thursday afternoon, Osbourne McLean told anchor Michael O'Bryne the vets would be back.

"We have an agreement to have negotiations and meeting with a special committee set up," McLean said proudly. "And we couldn't have done it without this wonderful lady right here."

Putting his arm around Mrs. Wayne he told his audience, "Elise has been behind us the whole way and we couldn't have done this without her."

With the door to negotiations open, the vets will return in the new year to see if a deal can be struck.



Standing up for cause *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey*

Conservative member of Parliament, Elsie Wayne and Merchant Navy veteran and local resident, Douglas McMartin (Lakeshore Drive) met on Parliament Hill during the hunger strike by the vets to grab attention and be heard in their plight for renumeration for their contribution to the freedoms we enjoy.

Township won't put up Plaza Christmas lights

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Iroquois Plaza merchants will be jolted with at least $15,000 in wiring upgrades to flip the switch on Christmas lights this year, South Dundas Council was informed at its last meeting, Thursday.

A report prepared by Recreation Director Keith Robinson revealed that he refused to have the lights installed after a November 20 inspection found bare wires, some of them lying in water puddles, on the Plaza rooftop.

Dan Rice of South Dundas Hydro and Craig Harriman, a local electrician, assisted Robinson in concluding the "dangerous power supply" was a risk to workers or anybody else who sets foot on the roof, including children.

Also noted are a tripod sitting on the roof, and "old dusk to dawn switches" hooked onto more bare wiring.

While electrical Yuletide cheer is already lighting up the mall in Morrisburg, the report says the township will not put up lights in Iroquois until a waterproof panel-box is installed "on the south east corner of Doug Byer's store." Separate plug-ins for each of the eight groups of Christmas trees will be required. And cables will have to be encased in condo pipe.

"The Fire Marshall didn't want it put up at all," added Mayor Johnny Whitteker about the lights at the Plaza. "Someone could be electrocuted."

In fact, Council seriously considered asking South Dundas Hydro to pull the plug on the mall altogether. "If someone's going to be hurt, cut power," Township Administrator Mike Waddell advised.

"I think we're in agreement here. If nothing's being done, then we're cutting the power?" he inquired a little later, citing liability concerns.

But Council quickly backtracked from taking that direction.

"This is not even our problem. It's private property," noted Coun. Cam Martel.

The Iroquois Plaza building, including the canopy and sidewalk, is wholly owned by the shopkeepers, Coun. Audrey Rooney confirmed.

She was not optimistic about getting the merchants to work together on the upgrades. "You couldn't get them to buy a can of paint together."

Already, most sign lights and sidewalk-canopy lights have long ceased to operate, she said. "She's pretty dark in the plaza at night, let me tell ya."

Whitteker suggested a business improvement association would help, even though grants to B.I.A.'s, like those which helped transform the Morrisburg Plaza, are no longer available.

Layout costs would likely push the merchants' bill to more than $15,000, Waddell said. "It's going to be quite costly."



Swing dancers entertain *Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Dana Summers of Iroquois and Joel Geleynse, her partner from Inkerman show how much fun dancers can have swing dancing. Their debut at Prescott's Light up the Night celebration last Friday was a hit. One of the group who demonstrated the Lindy Hop, they warmed to the enthusiasm this creates as they exhibited "attitude" as they swung across the stage.

Christmas Spirit alive in Prescott

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Like a beacon in the night, Prescott was lit up as Friday night's Light up the Night Festivities brought crowds to view and enjoy the seasonal magic.

The third annual Light up the Night parade attracted thousands to the Fort Town as the biggest Santa Claus parade yet to hit the streets of Prescott wound through the town. There were the stage entertainers, among them Canadian Country singer Terry Carisse, dancers from Studio C in Cardinal and a karaoke night for those who have talent to share. The hot cider really warmed the innards as the chill wind swept across the parking lot at the clock tower.

Organized every year to help bring the community together in the spirit of Christmas. Family is the theme and it certainly seemed to work this year as those who organized (The Fort Town Boosters) were extremely pleased with the number that turned out. The Prescott Fire Department under the guidance of Captain Brent Norton were an integral part of the evening as well.

Adding excitement to the evening was the 55 float strong parade. Colourful lights adorned these beautiful creations and five marching bands added that special music that had toes tapping and some folks singing along the route. Mike Boyles was Parade Marshall and he was very happy with how well everything went.

Best float honours went to the Central Public School entry. Utilizing a North Pole theme, it hosted a number of children dressed as elves, reindeer and even featured Santa the old elf himself, preparing for his special night outside his workshop. Children walked along side the float dressed as gaily wrapped gifts...great idea!

Second place went to the Titanic sponsored by Christie Aluminum and the Village Pantry. Third spot was grabbed by the South Grenville Girl Guides. Bringing a sobering message from OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving), the entry featured a car twisted and bent and the words.."Don't End up Dead. Please Don't drink and Drive."This one came in fourth place.

Among the wondrous floats that truly lit up the Prescott night, was the Habitat for Humanity entry that hosted a Dickens'

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See Santa... or tour

You can keep the kids happy this weekend by tailing the jolly old elf as he puts in appearances in the Morrisburg and South Mountain Santa parades, Saturday.

Festivities begin at 8 a.m. in Morrisburg, when the Figure Skating Club hosts a pancake breakfast at the Civic Centre. The parade gets underway at 10:30 a.m.

Santa lands next in South Mountain, at Nationview where the parade will form before its 1 p.m. start. Then its on dasher, on dancer, on prancer, down Main Street South Mountain. Meet Santa and get some candy at the I.O.O.F. Hall afterwards.

Still on a Christmas theme, but for more grown-up tastes, Upper Canada Playhouse has its 'Homes for the Holiday' tour on Saturday (1-5 p.m.). Take a pleasant drive and get a peek at the interiors of five beautiful homes on the tour: Isobel Williams'; Pell and Shaun Wallace's; Ken Strader's; Peggy and Rick Leroy's; and Karen and David Marshall's. The tour finishes up at Lakeshore Drive United Church, where Queen Victoria herself will preside over tea. Tickets are $15 a person , and are available at Pier 31 and Mustard's Variety. Call 543-3713 for more details or tickets.

And several South Dundas businesses welcome you to the 'Country Christmas in South Dundas' tour. Running Friday and Saturday (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.), the tour uses a free passport filled with info and stamped at each location for a shot at prizes. Tour participants include: Farmer Di's Country Crafts and Tole Painting , Williamsburg; Flagg Creek Country Store; Seasons Shop and Garden Centre, Mariatown; Smyth's Apple Orchard, Dixon's Corners; and the Village Antiques and Tea Room/Bed & Breakfast, Williamsburg. Hot drinks, tasters, refreshments, and a special lunch menu at the Tea Room are featured.

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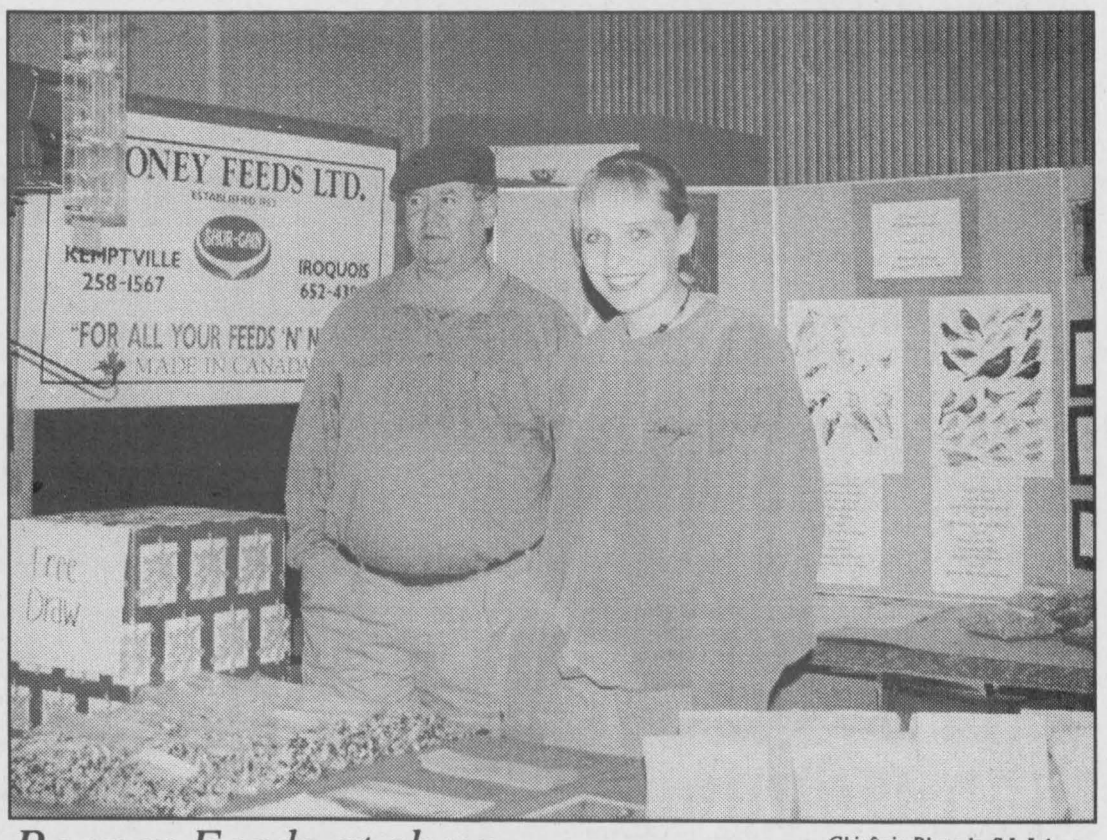

Rooney Feeds at show

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Louis Rooney and Hollie Gillis (Manager of Rooney's South Gower facility) were at the Morrisburg Home and Business Show at the civic center on Sunday last. Local business folks were displaying their wares and explaining their business to people. Getting to know what there is in the area is a great way to buy locally. Thom Electric, Bell Mobility, Warlick's Wood'n Crafts of Kemptville, the Red Cross, Marikay Cosmetics, Stradwicks Flooring and numerous other businesses were on hand to offer their services to those who came out.

New user-fees in South Dundas

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Charitable organizations will no longer be exempt from rental charges on the Iroquois and Morrisburg Civic Centres, South Dundas Council decided last Thursday in approving a new fee schedule for township facilities.

"We're not trying to impose a hefty user fee on anybody," Township Administrator Mike Waddell said, adding the new fees for non-profit and charitable groups are meant only to help cover utility costs.

The groups, which include church organizations and service clubs like Heart and Stroke, have a few fee options:

- Infrequent users will pay $25 per event to rent either of the Civic Centres, up to a maximum of four times a year for each facility.
- Monthly users will rent a Civic Centre for $200 a year.
- And seasonal users (fewer than eight months a year) will rent a Civic Centre for $175 a year.

Non-profit township committee groups, such as recreation committees, will continue to use the sites free of charge.

The Matilda Hall, which also had its fees tweaked, will continue to charge non-profit organizations $135 for Friday or Saturday usage. Helping Hands Seniors of Matilda will still have free access to that facility as well.

Council also decided broken dishes aren't to be picked up by taxpayers, agreeing to an additional $25 charge for the use of kitchen facilities in Matilda, Iroquois and Morrisburg.

A standard $100 damages deposit and $50 key deposit also made the '99 price list for the three halls, as did a $100 deposit for outdoor events in hall yards/parking lots (refunded following clean-up).

Rental fees for the Iroquois and Morrisburg Civic Centres have been streamlined for ordinary renters too; a proposal three weeks ago suggested a lower charge for the Iroquois Civic Centre and its smaller capacity, but was nixed in favour of identical pricing for the two buildings. Now, a licensed event for a South Dundas resident will cost $150 plus $15 per hour for an on-site manager (to a maximum of $100), at either location. The fee jumps to $250 plus manager costs for a non-resident. Non-licensed events now cost $100 per half day, and $175 a full day.

And all three halls have a lower rate for events held on behalf fire and accident victims.

Township Clerk Bill Horner assured Coun. Bev Sabourin the new fee structure would not mean big increases for Matilda Hall users. A full house in Matilda on the weekend, when all costs (LCBO license, rental, kitchen fees) are considered, will still cost in the $750-$800 range, he said. "I'm comfortable with it."

Said Sabourin, "As long as we're close to other years, then I have no problem with it."

Rental fees at the Morrisburg Arena were also revamped. Upped charges at the arena include: spring skating at $80 per hour, from $60; summer shuffleboard at $1,000 a season, from $900; Junior B Lions bingo at $1,000 a year, from no charge.

Needless to say, the GST comes on top of most fees and charges.

Compost snapshot

Morrisburg Coun. Cam Martel locked horns with Works Superintendent Hughie Garlough, who was pushing to move the Iroquois and Morrisburg compost sites to the Matilda and Williamsburg landfill sites.

Tongue only partly planted in cheek, Martel said he didn't want Morrisburg residents to "drive out to Chesterville" to get rid of yard waste, distance to the Williamsburg landfill being his concern.

Undeterred, Garlough had already passed around his "exhibit A": instant photos showing garbage bags carelessly dumped at the Morrisburg site, which he said had accumulated in only the last three weeks.

Martel responded it was unfair to close the site "because of the four or five percent who abuse the system."

Neither of the existing compost sites has a certificate of approval from the Ministry of Environment, and are not gated.

In addition to the uncontrolled access, Garlough fingered what he portrayed as toothless anti-garbage-dumping laws. He said a local woman, whom police recently caught red-handed dumping a truck-load of lath and plaster at the Morrisburg site, has yet to be charged.

"Police said a judge may not agree that she is guilty. Her feeling [the investigating officer] was the lady came up with a good excuse: 'I thought it was compostable,'" he said derisively.

The superintendent also said the M.O.E. requires regular wood chipping, regular turning of the compost piles, and locking gates. There was a risk as well, he claimed, that gases from piles of compost could pose a risk to site visitors.

A steamed Martel had heard enough of the problems and the legalities. He broke in and voiced his objection to the mayor, then glowered at Garlough as he intensely reiterated his desire to see the sites remain open.

The councillor had earlier asserted it was a mistake for the township to have recently hired a consultant to look into the compost issue. "We've invited the camel into the tent," he said, repeating his prediction from an earlier meeting that the consultant would only awaken the M.O.E. bureaucracy.

The consultant recommended closing the compost sites.

Coun. Rooney said she would rather the Iroquois site would stay open, even if the Matilda dump is relatively close by.

With no ally at the table, Garlough finally said he was going to install a fence and locking gate in Iroquois, and a locking gate in Morrisburg. He also recommended hiring somebody to supervise the sites.

Council made no moves to oppose his plans.

Churches plowed

Council decided the township will no longer snowplow the parking lots of a handful of churches in South Dundas.

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Bah Humbug!

It almost seems that the Grinch that stole Christmas is residing in South Dundas Township this year.

Take for instance the fact that the Council of the newly amalgamated Township has done their homework and the figures they come up with indicate that decorating the Plaza in Iroquois is just too costly to be effective. Therefore there will be NO sparkling lights in the village other than those the residents themselves place in their shrubs, on their trees and along their rooftops. The Plaza sits ready for twinkling lights in the barren deciduous trees that are growing along the sidewalk skirts. The mini mall would be such a delightful Christmas place with the addition of a few colourful bulbs...but the price tag is staggering ($15,000.?!) and the business people, while they would welcome the added customer traffic they might enjoy if a seasonal atmosphere could be created, are amazed at the cost as presented by Council. There is no need for an elaborate system of Christmas decorations, just a simple display of colour that attracts and suggests that Iroquois is a vibrant business community that welcomes seasonal shoppers all year round, but especially at this time of the year. Drive by the Morrisburg Plaza, check out Cardinal downtown (and they did not amalgamate!) and then too Prescott and Winchester are decked out in seasonal finery that gets everyone in the Christmas mode.

There seems to be nothing for it but to band together, business folks of the Iroquois Plaza and get a few strings of lights, some extension cords and lets get some Christmas spirit moving in our part of the Township. Come on...we can do it Iroquois! Let's see what we can accomplish on our own. We can look as good as other communities, that is certainly evident from the displays that residents have produced in their own yards. What do you say merchants, dig deep and we'll get some lights, put them up and say, Merry Christmas one and all!! in style. Afterall, we ARE the "Best Little Town by a Dam Site!!"

The next place that the Christmas spirit seems to be lost is our elementary school. Before I am bombarded with nasty letters and phone calls, I understand the stress, and the heavy workload that teachers are bearing up under in these times. I have a real problem however when I hear youngsters explaining how they are not having a Christmas Concert this year, but a family time with a spaghetti dinner. Whoa, back up the train...or the sled. The time used for preparations for the concert will be utilized in the classroom for actual teaching periods. What?? The efforts that create the concert each year do not represent a learning experience? I beg to differ on this issue with those who think that the time spent rehearsing and learning lines, singing songs, constructing backdrops and costumes, that quality time where youngsters are allowed to display their creativity and imagination is not time well spent. The annual concert is a big part of everyone's past...whether they had the starring role or were part of the stage crew, theirs was an important contribution to the overall event. They were proud of what they did and remember for years to come what it was they were able to do in the concert. The fact that the gyms in schools all over the area were always filled to capacity with community folks, parents, realtives, neighbours and friends is a fitting tribute to the efforts of teachers and students alike.Certainly the time and the effort are huge. No one doubts that. The time is momentous but when thought of in terms of the young people and their maturity, their overall education, there can be no question it was a most valuable part of the school year. It was an integral part of the school calendar. This year, it will not be.

There will be some concerts at local churches, as Sunday Schools prepare for the season...some will actually work with small numbers of youngsters, many of whom cannot read and must be taken through the entire program carefully and slowly by volunteers who have so little time to work with the children, but will manage to tie things up with a Christmas ribbon in time for the annual display before the congregation who will delight in whatever the classes present...the quantity of the program is unimportant, rather it is the quality of what is presented. When the faces erupt into smiles and the wee ones wave at those in the pews they recognize, nothing else really matters, does it?

I guess what I am saying is that even if the children sang a few carols it would be something that each could be proud to be involved in and Christmas would be a special part of the school year.

There was no Hallowe'en celebration for the tiny ghosts and goblins this year in the community of Iroquois and Santa was disappointed that he did not receive an invitation to stop by enroute to other communities this Christmas. The youngsters have been left out all around. If their parents were unable or unwilling to take them to another community , they just had no party. Santa will be coming on the 12th, thanks to the Venturers who were able to let him know Iroquois wants to see him this year. They had to ask for help from the Lions Club and the Fire Department for they have not enough funds to sponsor such an event, but wanted the younger children to get a treat from the jolly old elf himself right here.

Here's hoping that Saint Nicholas finds this little spot on the globe, that we do not lose sight of the fact that Christmas Eve will arrive just before Christmas Day and that it was the date of the birth of the Christ Child. Some things cannot be taken away from us no matter where we call home this year.

S.L.J.

Artist Thelma Cameron still active after eighty years

by Peter Nicol
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

Thelma Cameron is slowing down. She says.

The reason that she is slowing down is, in part because her doctor has ordered her to take things easier and partly because she has recently celebrated her 80th birthday and is beginning to feel the effects of living eight decades on this earth.

Thelma Cameron is an artist-self taught-who has been painting for thirty years. Her subjects cover a wide range; from historical landmarks to landscapes, to seascapes to portraits to still life. Whatever the subject might be, the paintings are full of light and energy, demanding and getting the full attention of the viewer. Not unlike Thelma herself actually.

Like many artists, Thelma is loathe to sell her original works. She does sell many lithograph copies and copies on canvas and regular prints, but she prefers to hold on to her originals whenever possible. And when she does sell one, she retains the rights to reproduce the artwork.

Sometimes there are practical considerations for selling original paintings. For instance, there was the time that a gentleman from Australia was eager to buy a particular painting (his wife having purchased one for him a year before)b but, as always, Thelma was reluctant to sell. However, she had recently received a carpenter's estimate for the construction of a new shed at the back of her Crystal Rock home. And so, a deal was soon struck. Now, the painting is in Australia and the shed is on the house.

One original painting that she didn't mind selling was a picture of Fort Wellington, which was presented by the Town of Prescott to Queen Elizabeth upon her visit in 1984.

Like all artists, Thelma (which is how she signs her work) accepts commissions. the most difficult she ever faced was a request to paint a family portrait. The problem was that the father was somewhat elderly and ailing and the children grown adults. The mother however, had passed away in her early twenties. Thelma had photographs to work with but her problem was that she had to "age' the mother so that she would fit in logically with the rest of the family. It took her a while to think the thing through, but she did it and the family was well pleased with the results.

Last month there was an "Open House" celebrated at Thelma's Crystal Rock Art Gallery and home in honour of her 80th birthday. By that time she had decided to take things a little easier and invited her four children to each take home a dozen or so of her paintings. The remainder are now up for sale at the Gallery which is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 2 to 5pm or by appointment. She estimates that there are about fifteen to twenty original paintings remaining (plus many copies) with a similar number in various stages of completion. She intends to get these finished and sold as well.

You would think that with the paintings sold, Thelma would enjoy her income and take it easy for a spell, but she intends to do no such thing.

Some of the money from the sale of the paintings will be donated to Brockville General Hospital and the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Brockville, but the bulk of the money will be used to finance a new project.

Thelma is also a self-taught poet whose works have appeared from time to time in a number of different publications. Her current project consists of gathering and selecting poems that she has written over the years and publishing the collection.

She has some experience in this regard, having published two books on local history. The first was published in 1994 and was entitled Crystal Rock History. The second was published in 1996 and is entitled the "SS Rapids Prince"-the story of a steamboat which plied the waters of the St. Lawrence River from Prescott to Montreal from 1910 to 1949.

While the poetry book is being put together, she will continue to work on her autobiography, which has been a continuing project over the years. "I'm up to the age of six so far," she says with a smile, "So I guess that I have a long way to go yet."

She is also set to begin a third writing project (slowing down, eh?) which is a collection of childrens' stories. The stories which will be illustrated by an artist friend, will be based on her own experiences growing up.

Thelma was born in Cornwall on October 20, 1918. She attended school there, eventually taking a three year commercial course. But as she moved towards the successful completion of her schooling, she realized that the last thing she wanted to do was to work in an office. She had always been an independent person, living in a world of books and her own imagination. "I had my own little world," she said, "I never needed anyone."

Then in December of 1925, at the age of seventeen, "Things changed." She met nineteen year old Keith Cameron. After a whirlwind romance, they were married in

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Artist, Poet and Historian Thelma Cameron.

-Getting in Seasonal Mode-

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The living room ceiling is a masterpiece in white. The primer and the stiple overcoat look great. The back part, with the wide pine floor boards has a new appearance...the white walls have given way to a heritage blue colour that is deep and rich. The sliding door and the expanse of windows at the north side give plenty of light to the room and so we plunged in and decided on a deep colour. The painter suggested that we were taking a walk on the wild side, but he too was pleased with the colour. Now the choice of curtains becomes the focus for our decorating challenge. The furniture is slowly moving back into the livingroom as we attempt to change things a bit and get things in some semblance of order before Christmas strikes.

On the topic of the season, the weather certainly is playing with us. It is December already and Christmas is but a few short weeks away and the grass will need to be mowed again soon, the lilac is budding and the bulbs will be peeking up through any hour now...local folks have done a bang up job getting the community ready. It certainly is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, there is no contest in the village, but everyone seems to be trying to outdo their neighbours. Standing back and watching, seeing the results is an amazing thing to behold. From the curtain white lights to the spectacular colour combinatins that people have put on display, it is an adventure for the eyes. Bill and Betty on Beach have gone above and beyond to place over 700 lights in the large evergreen on their front lawn. It is a magnificent symbol of Christmas. I should add that a number of folks were keeping a close eye on the activity when the tree trimmer moved the cherry picker into place...worried that the evergreen was destined for destruction. When feasrs had been put to rest, a sigh of relief was heard throughout the entire community! Take the time to cruise through town and check out the scenery, it is well worth it. The Brouses at the corner of Maple and Lakeview have done quite a job as well. Lise Coulter has outdone herself as usual with her Santa Land display as expected! There are houses dressed in green, in red, blue and combinations of numerous colours...The special lady in our lives, who lives across the way had help from one of the city mice decorating her blue spruce and it looks pretty sharp...well done!! Needless to say the Swampview gang has not gotten the outside decorations ready, let alone up. We have this tradition around the ranch, that the outside lights and decorations cannot go up until the first blizzard hits, so we will wait patiently. Actually the writer hopes that when things slow a little we will have time to get things ready for the season. The lighting of the Advent candles has begun at church and the Nativity will be in place soon, so all will be set for the celebration.

Seems that things are on a roll for the writer. Stopping by Seasons Shop to check out their Christmas displays and sale items I dropped my name in a contest and won the door prize! A pretty straw swag bow that can be a door decoration or a wreath add-on, complete with evergreens sprigs and tiny wooden mittens, it is so perfect, and something that I would never purchase for myself...I love it! And yes, I did go out and get a Loto ticket, just in case the winning streak continues.

The big guy played the music at a wedding on the weekend. A pile of practising since he always gets so nervous before these things, and then does a fine job. We attended the parade in Prescott and enjoyed it. The Light up the Night idea is so cool. We enjoyed warm cider and good company. Meeting people not seen often is always fun.

Saturday saw the whole family load in the car and go shopping. This was to be the writer's only chance to get some Christmas stuff and so she was a person on a mission. Accomplishing some of what needs to be done before Christmas arrives relieved some pressure. Both sons got some off their lists and the big guy spent a bit of money as well. It was a good day for all.

Sunday was a busy one since the reporter who was working the weekend was called to school and so the old editor filled in. Figure skating was enjoyed and pictures snapped, then the Home and Business Show was attended. Now this was interesting since Rooney Feeds were there, Mr. Louis the boss in fact, and a bag of Reindeer food, in fact the favourite treat for those fellows who work overtime on Christmas Eve was brought home. It can only be used on December 24th, and so we will let you know how it works out.

The second son worked the last few weeks on an English Independent Study of a book. Finalizing the effort that will be some 20% of his final mark, he wanted

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the bottom line

HOT OFF THE FAX: ELEMENTARY TEACHERS VOTE FOR STRIKE. A strike vote was taken at a meeting of 800 elementary teachers who gathered just last Thursday at North Dundas High School. The results, released as we go to press: 77% in favour; 22% opposed; 1% spoiled. "This mandate provides the elementary negotiating team with a strong endorsement of the positions they have taken and authorizes the Takeover Team... to commence a strike if it is absolutely necessary," says Phyllis Benedict, President of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. Mediation sessions are scheduled for Dec. 14 & 15, 1998. Negotiations between the Upper Canada School Board and the Elementary Teachers' Federation reached an impasse on November 4th.

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TALKS BETWEEN THE UPPER CANADA SCHOOL BOARD AND THE secondary teachers' union will resume this Friday. Negotiations broke down two weeks ago. And around the mulberry bush we go. Bring on the arbitrator. (nz)

ANOTHER SECOND ANNUAL EVENT IS READY TO GO: The Winchester Parade of Lights is set to twinkle this Friday, Dec. 4. Organizer Joel Steele promises the evening parade "will be even bigger and better and brighter" than last year's successful event. Christmas tree necklaces celebrating the occasion are on sale at Winchester business at 3 for $10. Things get started at 7 p.m.

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HOCKEY FANS! THE UNITED WAY HAS A STOCKING STUFFER for you. They're selling an allotment of 500 tickets to a January 16, 1999 Senators/Sabres game at the Corel Centre. Tickets are $40 each, compared to the regular price of $40-$49. Call 342-8889 for tickets and more info.

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THE ANGEL TREE IS UP AT THE BANK OF MONTREAL. THANKS TO Patterson's Tree Farm (RR 2 Iroquois) and the Chieftain. Drop by, grab an angel, then replace it with a gift for the age and gender on the wee winged cherub. Thanks to your generosity every child in South Dundas will have a merrier Christmas.

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Just Livin'

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to do well. The book was read, the essay written and then he decided to change some of it. The problem was taht when he went to the computer disc, the essay was gone! Apparently out there in cyberspace there is an English essay that he really needed. Thus it was that he began to retype the entire thing, over 2600 words again so he could ensure it was the best he could do. He was a one tired student on Tuesday since it represented his first all-nighter.

The college kid was home to help with the house arrangements and shopping and we learned that he too needs a computer since he lost 15% of a paper mark since it was handwritten and not computed. Makes one wonder what the world is headed for. His hand is quite legible and yet he was at a disadvantage before it was handed in. There must be others who can ill afford a computer. And there are some at school to book time on, but there is a long list and his time booked is not always appropriate to his demands.

There is a bug travelling around the area. Many have been hit. The Sojgrens has been acting wild and crazy perhaps some relationship there? The face and glands are painful and eating is difficult at times, the ears are burning and the head has ached for some four days now. The pressure in the atmosphere affects this and must be pushing hard. The hair has been permed and when the stylist does her magic it looks pretty good. When the writer deals with in on her own, it is just curly and the urge to burst into a rendition of "On the Good Ship Lollipop" is strong at times!!

The wind is shaking trees and shrubs and driving wires loose and Christmas tree lights that grab those branches tightly and try to stay on. It is high and everyone is tired of its force. The neighbour suggested that when her lights let go of the outdoor tree, we should be ready to snag them as they flew across our lawn. It is just about that bad. We hope the shingles, replaced yet again have this time sealed and will remain in place. Enough wind for a while!

The eyes are ready to close, so this will end the effort this week. The wisdom comes from Pierre Corneille who said, "The manner of giving is worth more than the gift." Take care and stay happy.

Focus

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January of 1936 after which they moved to Winchester. However, before long, Keith was called up to serve in the Second World War and Thelma indulged her wanderlust, travelling all over Eastern Ontario, taking a variety of jobs to make ends meet. One that she recalls well was her stint as a waitress in Calendar, Ontario, home of the world famous Dione Quintuplets. It was a booming place, but when war was declared, everyone headed back to their homes and Calendar was suddenly a quiet little town again.

After the War, Thelma and Keith moved to Crystal Rock and brought up their four children. By the early Seventies, after nearly forty years of marriage, it became clear that Thelma and Keith were wanting to go in different directions and they divorced.

Thelma kept the home in Crystal Rock and had little but her painting and writing skills to make ends meet. Although she had no formal training in either, she had the belief in herself that she could do it. "It was just in me," she said. That belief, and a willingness to work hard has brought her an artistic career in which she can take great pride.

Over the years the business grew and prospered, as her reputation as an artist, poet and historian widened. Today, she is highly regarded for both her painting and writing but, as you can see, she had no intention of resting on her well deserved laurels. So far, her list of things to do includes finishing up about twenty or so paintings and working on three writing projects. And she calls it 'slowing down'.

User-fees

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The Lutheran churches in Williamsburg and Dunbar, and the Presbyterian church in Dunbar will have to find private contractors this winter.

Iroquois United Church's lot is plowed by the municipality, but Coun. Rooney explained it was "kind of an arrangement between Iroquois Council, the school board, and the United Church." She suggested the lot might technically be a street.

Council's resolution promised to "revisit" the Iroquois issue at a later date.

Pass the salt

Council heeded Hughie Garlough's advice to pass on selling salt and sand anymore.

"I think it's better we don't," Garlough said.

Only contractors working on township jobs will get the use of South Dundas salt and sand, Council agreed.

Fair is fair

A great deal of time went into discussing the impending Fairness for Property Taxpayers Act, or Bill 79.

The bill calls for caps on property tax increases for business and multi-residential property owners.

"It's not going to be pretty," said Waddell. "We're going to have to reissue all 1998 tax bills.

"It is going to cost us big dollars."

Councillors discussed various means of expressing municipal indignation with the Harris government-- letter writing, bus rallies to Toronto, etc.

Rooney suggested municipalities withhold education taxes from the province.

"We expect people to obey our laws," Martel reminded her.

Rehashed were all of the frustrations with the policy changes emanating from Toronto. Mayor Johnny Whitteker complained about a list of 17 costs downloaded by the province to the municipalities.

Social assistance, childcare, public health and ambulances top the list.

Waddell would later clarify that some of the downloads, like the farm tax rebate program, would more accurately be described as funding reductions.

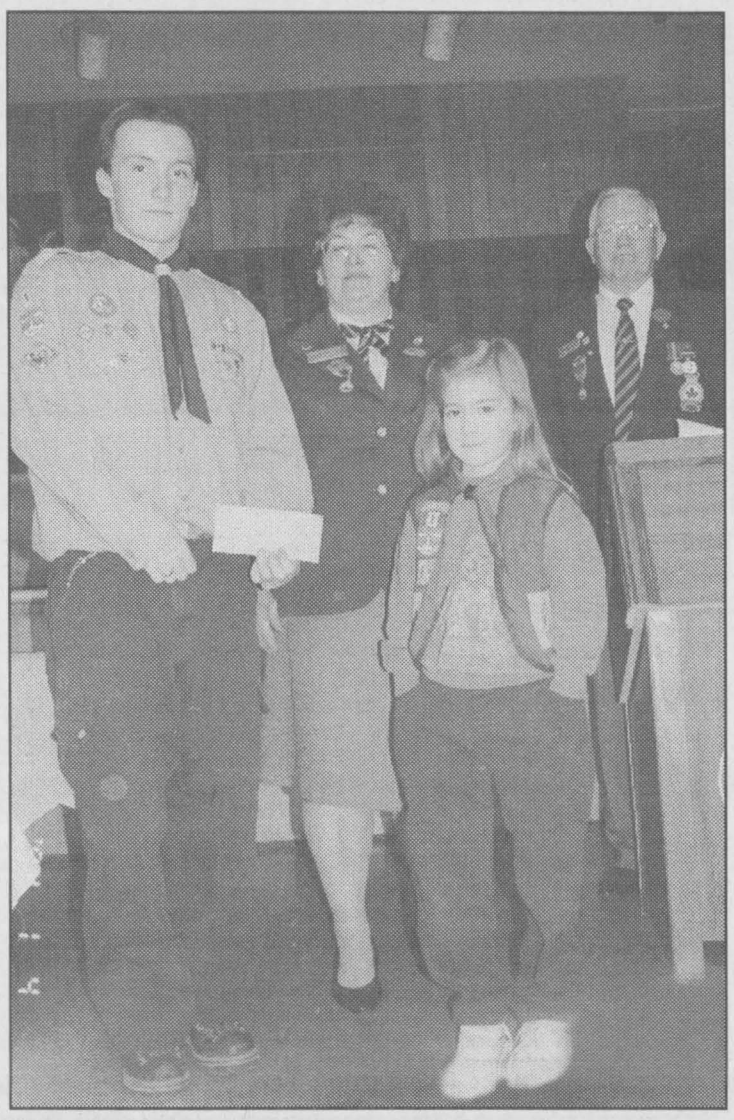
Christmas

Continued from the front

theme, always popular at Christmas. St. Paul's United Church provided a Nativity scene and there was an array of trucks decorated with Christmas lights, muscle cars loaded with gifts, Winnie the Pooh and the local Scouts Canada entry, all of which proving that everyone was in the Christmas mode. The Coast Guard base got into the picture as well with a unique entry depicting Santa's sled being guided by a Polar Bear. Pulling the sled were dolphins and the sign read..."Santa's Little Helpers at Sea." Nice touch for sure. Loebs featured that special lady, Mrs. Claus and the elves and everyone strained to get a better view. camera flashes were like sparks in the darkness as the parade moved from South Grenville High School southward to King Street.

The parade wound through town for an hour and then the lot by the clock tower was the place to be as crowds gathered to enjoy the Christmas tunes sung by Carisse, the Sue Faye Healey Dancers from Nepean. Those Irish Reels had everyone joining in the fun. Samantha Russell and her fiddle were a hit with the crowd and when the Studio C Dancers from Cardinal took to the stage, the gals in white, red and green were cute as buttons, then the older folks began to show everyone how to "Swing dance" and the night seemed warmer for sure!

Karaoke was available at the Legion Hall after the stage show was complete. Everyone was having fun and if anything was lacking, it was only a light dusting of snow that would have certainly made it all perfect. Another warm apple cider sent this reporter home with a warm glow and a huge smile! Well done indeed Prescott.



Donation appreciated

The local Scout Groups got a boost from the Legion, Branch 370, Iroquois as the Ladies Auxiliary, President Rose Lavallie presented Venturer, Kevin Coville and Beaver Brianne Hoogwerf with a cheque to keep things moving for the young people.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

LETTERS

South Dundas Christmas Exchange

Dear Editor,

The community is rallying around the South Dundas Christmas Exchange again this year as we provide food and toys for the two hundred families who require assistance at this time of the year. The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce officially launched our project this year by donating proceeds from the Gala banquet last week. This week organizers have heard from all corners of our community and reports are encouraging as interest, enthusiasm and support for this project grows.

There are presently a dozen members of the committee working very hard to ensure that everything will be in place for delivery and sorting of food which is on December 16, at 10am at the Morrisburg Legion. Angel Trees are in place, Book Trees and Mitten Trees are organized and cheques received. Food bins are conveniently placed in the grocery stores and money jars in the banks.

Please contribute generously again this year as we work together to make Christmas a little merrier for families in need. Cheques are to be made payable to South Dundas Christmas Exchange and deposited at local Bank of Montreal, mailed to the Treasurer, Sharon Jones, Morrisburg or dropped off at the Pharmacy in Morrisburg.

Robin Lane,
South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

SOUTH DUNDAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

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* Promote community awareness of business activities, communications, new development, agriculture, education planning, recreation and a community
* lifestyle attractive to all ages.
* Your participation as a member is important at this time as we plan for "Millennium 2000":

"THANK YOU" *from*
The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce

The Millennium Countdown Party welcomed over 130 guests on Saturday, November 21st. The Chamber Board of Directors would like to thank the many Chamber members, their families and friends who made this dinner party a high-point in the fall's busy program of events. To the volunteers for the Chamber and the Christmas Exchange, as well as to the musicians and caterers,
We Extend a Very Special Note of Appreciation.

South Dundas Chamber of Commerce, Video Group

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Junior B Lions pick up two points in Friday night win

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The sirens were wailing at the Morrisburg Arena Friday night as team members kept D.J. extraordinaire, "Big Al" busy with the victory tunes...

"They did what we've been telling them to do and more importantly, they played three periods of hockey!" exclaimed Coach Casselman after the Lions defeated the visiting Alexandria Glens 8-5.

But Coach Casselman and Coach Morrow have been trying to instill just how important it is to play a complete 60 minutes of hockey and last Friday night's win was an example of how a solid work ethic can pay off.

Morrisburg came up strong in the opening frame, stick handling their way to an easy 3-0 lead. The break out passes were on the mark and the single-dump and chase strategy was working wonders for the squad.

However, as they have done so often this year, the team did lapse in the second.

"Sure they did slow down a bit, but not as much as usual," Casselman said in defense of his team. At the end of two, the Lions lead had been cut to just one goal. As they headed into the dressing room, their task was clear for the final 20 minutes of play...protect that 4-3 lead!

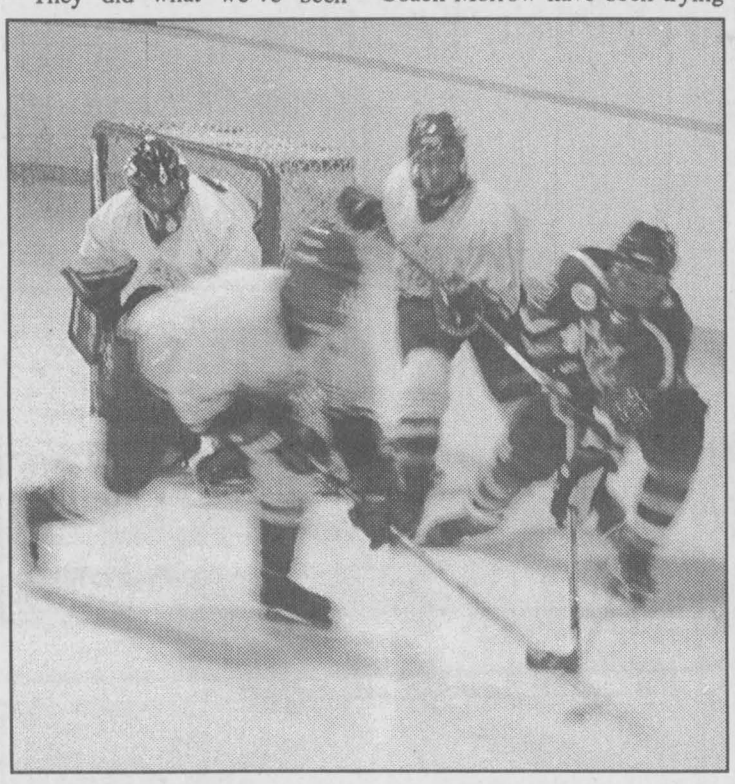
But as they have done so many times this year after a bad period, the team rebounded and went on the offensive. Morrisburg added four more goals in the final period and ended up on the winning end of an 8-5 decision.

Goals for the Lions came from Wayne Garlough who nabbed four, Chris Barkley, Carson Runions, Wayne Disotell and Cory McAllister.

"We had a great game," added the Coach,"And as usual, Terry (Gilmer) was outstanding in the pipes."

Sunday evening, the Lions travelled to Kemptville for a game against the 73s.

This Friday night the Lions host Akwesasne. Game time is set for 8:15pm.



Outstanding

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions stopped their skid in the St. Lawrence Division last Friday night with a huge victory over the Alexandria Glens. Wayne Garlough had an outstanding game for the Lions scoring four goals in an 8-5 win over the visitors. This Friday night they host the Akwasasne team, game time is 8:15.



Morrisburg Invitational

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

These skaters represented the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club in their annual Invitational Competition on Sunday. In front are (left-right) Courtney Keicks (3rd), Caitlyn VanDodewaard, Kristen Phifer, Rose Dyten, and in the back are (L-R) Laura Baker, Ellen Blatch (3rd) and Cameron Keicks (2nd). Absent from the photo are Kathleen German who skated earlier in the day. A great day for these young skaters, they made their Club proud.

SPORTS CORNER

with Brian St. Pierre

It was a very eventful weekend in the world of sports and I have very little time or space to touch on it all this week. To quickly touch on some of the subjects I wanted to discuss I will steal an idea from Sports Illustrated. In each issue of S. I. they have an interesting tidbit from the past week in sports that is supposed to be a sign that the Apocalypse Is upon Us. Here in my estimation are five of the most recent examples that the sports world as we know it must be coming to an end...

1) As I write this column (Sat. Nov. 29) the Toronto Maple Leafs are the highest scoring team in the NHL. This production from a team that doesn't have over three forwards (Sundin, Modin, Johnson) that I would give you a plug nickel for is absolutely baffling. As excited as Leaf fans must be so far this season, if this collection of "talent" keeps up this scoring pace for the rest of the season, then Pat Quinn is not only the coach of year, but, of the decade.

2) the New York Yankees re-sign centre fielder, Bernie Williams, to a 7-year, $87 million dollar contract. An average of $12.5 million dollars over 7 years for an injury prone 30-year old, who until this year was always a streaky hitter. That guy who's won the grand total of one batting title and whose name doesn't even sell tickets in New York City is worth this kind of money is just mindblowing to me.

3) The great Grey Cup game we witnessed last weekend between Hamilton and Calgary was played before over 8,000 empty seats. What baffles me is not that there were so many empty seats but that there weren't more. For those of you that didn't know and /or care, the 28,000 bleacher seats were sold out at the ticket price of $180.00 each. The problems lay in the 14,000 end-zone seats that were ingeniously priced at $135.00 each and were a problem sell (can you imagine?). In 1992, I paid $115.00 in advance for the 10th row seat at the Grey Cup in Toronto. As I walked into the Skydome that day, many seats that were priced the same as mine were being sold by scalpers for as low as $30.00 and I promised myself that I would never pay that much for a game ticket again. Only 6 years later the organizers of the Grey Cup are trying to get $135. for the worst seat in the house and cannot understand the problem until a couple of days before game time when ticket prices were dropped. I know we have always been a greedy society, but, just exactly when did we get so stupid?

4) The referee in a NFL game between Pittsburgh and Detroit either makes a huge gaffe or out and out cheats. In front of a huge American holiday TV audience Pittsburgh Steelers running back, Jerome Bettis, with a microphone over his head, called tails on a coin flip in a bid to get the ball first in overtime. Even though the coin came up tails, the referee claimed that bettis had called heads and gave the ball to the Lions who went on to win the game. After the game, the referees' claim was correctly called a bald-faced lie by Bettis and the NFL as usual did nothing. Now not only does the NFL need instant replay for close calls, but for coin flips. Why the multitude of NFL fans put up with the bumbling bureaucracy of the league is beyond me?

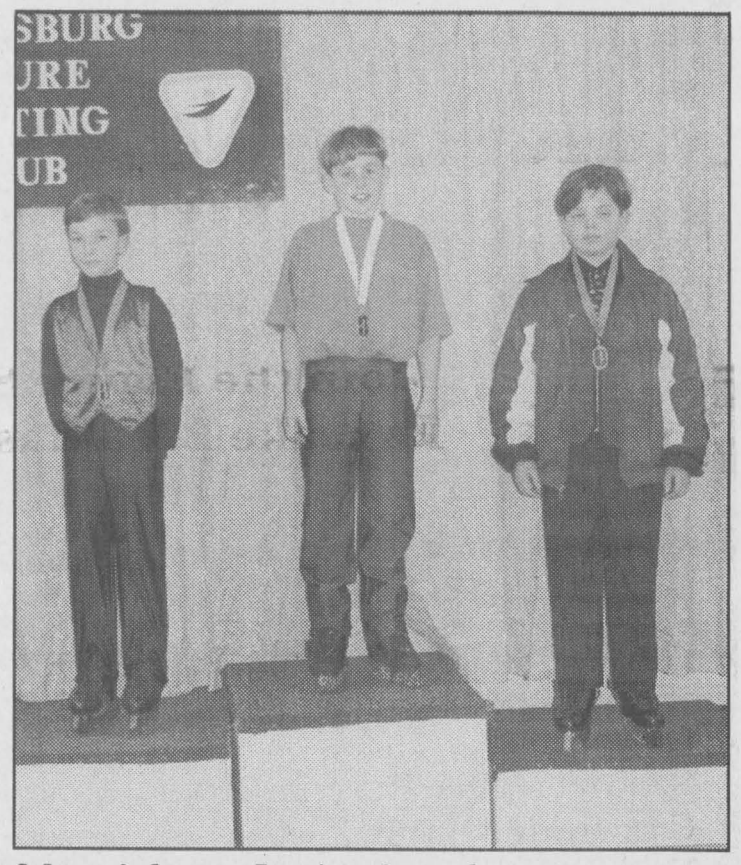
5) New York Knicks centre, Patrick Ewing, stated last week that the NBA strike was all about players being able to feed their families. This brilliant statement from one of the players' union head negoitiators who just happens to make over $18 million a season. I hope and pray that Mr. Ewing's family doesn't starve during the NBA strike because their husband and father is already clearly starving for oxygen to his brain.

Zone playdowns held for curling

with Steve Thompson

Our zone playdowns leading to senior men's provincial championship were held at the Winchester Curling Club over the weekend. Joe Potter's Navy Rink defeated Morrisburg's Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, John Lyon and Wally MacDonald in an extra end. Potter went on to win the "A" Division Championships, while Sid crossed over to the "B" side. Unfortunately he lost his second game to Keith Ritskes of Smiths Falls and was eliminated. Eldon Coombe of the Ottawa Hunt Club, also beaten by Potter, moved to the "B" side as well. Playing on a bad ankle, he re-injured it in the third end of the final and watched from behind the glass as his team took Ray Pollock of R.A. to an extra end and then stole the winning point. It was one of many thrilling games in the high-calibre competition. Coombes and Potter now advance to the regional finals, and hope to be among the final eight in the provincial championships next spring.

Meanwhile the Morrisburg Curling Club, the Men's Founder's Bonspiel was on, making it a very busy weekend for Ian McGillis. Eighteen teams competed, with our local rink of Robert Houze, Craig Harriman, Mahlon Locke and Brad LeClair winning all their games. Two other teams duplicated the feat, and the Beddingford rink from Ingleside was declared overall winner on total points. Our local team ended up two points back, tied for second with Ken Gillespie's rink from Prescott. It was an entertaining competition with fine curling, good fellowship and great meals, made a success by a number of hard-working local volunteers.



Morrisburg Invitational

photo by S.L.Johnston

These young men were competing in the Preliminary Men's Skate category on Sunday as Morrisburg hosted their annual Skate Competition. In the centre is Nathan Last (1st) of Cardinal, on the left is Cameron Keicks (2nd) and Jeffrey Van Riensdyk (3rd) of West Carleton. A full day of activity for all. Well done lads!!

Atom House Lions on the move

On Thursday, November 26, the Atom House Lions were off to Cornwall to watch a Colts game and to compete in a "Skills Competition Tournament" which is held between periods. The Lions representatives were Anthony Lemaire, Mitchell Julien and Michael Dowson for the skaters and Andrew Tupper between the pipes. As the rest of the team cheered their teammates on, the more than nervous Lions hit the ice to compete against a CharLan squad. From the word "GO" it was all Lions, who took 11 of a possible 13 points from CharLan for an 11-2 point victory. The coaching staff was very proud of their players as they gave 100% and battled through the butterflies. The Lions will move on to the next round sometime in January.

On Saturday, November 28, the Atom House Lions welcomed a team from Brockville into town for an exhibition game. The Braves did not quite know what hit them as the Lions pounced on them quickly in the first with four goals. Taking a 4-0 lead into the second, the Lions added two more goals and the Braves countered with two of their own. Morrisburg went on to find mesh early in the third widening the gap and giving them a 7-2 lead. The Lions then tried to scramble the lines for the remainder of the third frame which only resulted in a Braves comeback. Nailing three goals before the buzzer sounded for a 7-5 Lions victory. Lions goals came from Michael Dowson who had two, Mitch Julien, Jary Hess, Grant McMillan, Matt Thompson and Kevin Phifer. Anthony Lemaire and Scott Bersth each were credited with two assists. Adrian Bongers and Mitch Julien added singles.

It was back to league play on Sunday, November 29 as South Grenville Rangers #2 hosted the Lions. Mitch Julien put the Lions on the board first with a nice short handed goal midway through the first for the only scoring play in the first. In the second frame the Lions continued some nice passing which contributed to three more Lions goals. Second period markers came from Anthony Lemaire, Matt Thompson and Mitch Julien. First shift into the third, the Lions laid low allowing a ferocious comeback by the Rangers who scored two goals in one minute. Back in the game, Morrisburg would get the next goal from Michael Dowson spreading the gap back to three. The Rangers replied with the next goal but then Anthony Lemaire with his great speed created a break away and went in nailing one past the Rangers goaltender for the final counter of the game. Morrisburg would leave Prescott with a 6-3 victory and two more points. Jeff Eamon and Andrew Tupper have been simply great in the pipes for the Lions all year and continue to show improvement each game.

Assists in this game were credited to Adrian Bongers and Grant McMillan each with two; Kevin Phifer, Mitch Julien, Anthony Lemaire, T.J. McManus and Liam Remillard.

Novice C Lions in new league

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Novice "C" Lions travelled to Kingston on Saturday to begin play in their new league.

After rolling to a record of 8 wins and 0 losses in the "House League" Division, they played their first game at the "C" level against the Kingston Cougars.

A little intimidated, the Lions started slowly and were down by a 4-0 score at the end of the first period. Chris Tindal scored for the Lions in the second to close the gap to 4-1. A few unlucky bounces led to 3 more goals for the Cougars in the third period. A great effort by the Lions as they start their new challenge. Good luck team!!

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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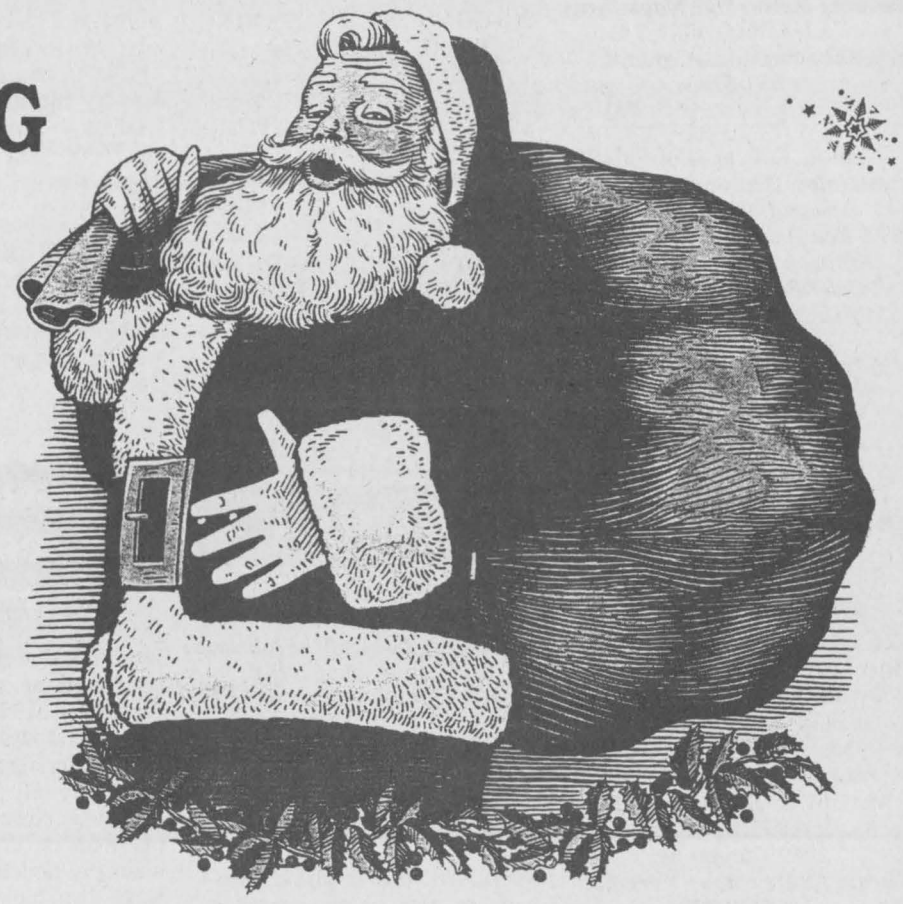

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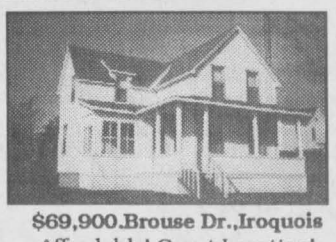
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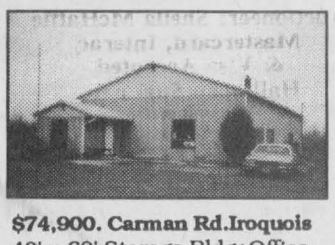
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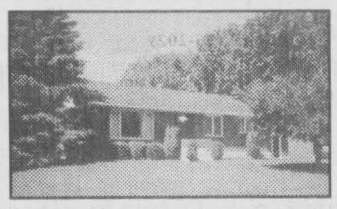
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OBITUARIES

Luva Gallinger

After a lengthy illness, on Wednesday, November 25, 1998, Luva Gallinger at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester. Born on May 12, 1919, in Osnabruck Township, she was 79 years of age.

A homemaker who enjoyed dancing and playing games like euchre and crokinole in her earlier years, Luva lived her lifetime in the Winchester area.

Predeceased by her parents, John and Addie (nee Ray) Wagner, her beloved husband, Kenneth W. Gallinger, and sisters; Jessie Heagle and Laura Holland, Luva was a member of the Williamsburg United Church.

Sadly missed by her son, Verlin of RR2, Ingleside and grandchildren, Rondalyn (Gary) Jarvis of Morrisburg, Janet (Dwayne) Billings of Hainsville, Brad of RR2, Ingleside and great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kurtis and Andrew.

Donations to the Williamsburg United Church or the Multiple Sclerosis Society were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Sandy MacPherson on Friday, November 27, 1998. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Rowat Merkley, Gary and Steve Johnston, Brazil Dennison, Bert Loucks and Robert Barkley.

Glenn McIntosh

At Winchester and District Hospital, on Thursday, November 26, 1998 after a brief illness, Glenn McIntosh of Williamsburg. Born at Winchester Springs on June 1, 1918, he was 80 years of age.

Predeceased by his parents, Heber and Eva (nee Beckstead) McIntosh, Glenn was a lifelong resident of the Williamsburg area and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

After completing his military career, (Royal Canadian Air Force serving at Trenton Air Force Base from 1941-45) Glenn worked at Schell Oil in Ottawa for 4 years. He then moved to Williamsburg where he was Parts Manager at both Ross Beckstead's Machinery Dealership and Steinberg Motor Sales. After Steinberg's closed, he worked at Upper Canada Village for 3 years before retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Sixardee Association and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 538, Williamsburg. Glenn enjoyed gardening and woodworking and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Mourning the loss are his beloved wife, Mary "Heather" (nee Hetherington) McIntosh whom he wed on June 12, 1948 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg. Also saddened by the loss are sons; Tim of Vancouver, B.C.; John of Iroquois; a daughter, Mary Ann (Robert) Scott of Pefferlaw an brothers including; Ralph of Williamsburg, Lee (Marjorie) of Morrisburg and Donald (Dorothy) of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital or St. Peter's Lutheran Church were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg. Service was conducted by Rev. Diane Raddatz at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 29, 1998. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Dave and Brian McIntosh, Hugh, Gordon and Bruce Garlough and Maynard Richmire.

Clarence Gelette

At Winchester Hospital on Sunday, November 29, 1998, Clarence Gelette of Park Villa in Williamsburg after a brief illness. Born on May 3, 1909, he was 89 years of age. Born and raised in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, he moved to Noranda, Quebec where he resided from 1942-1953. He moved to Pembroke where he lived for some 21 years. Since 1974 Clarence had lived in the Morrisburg area. Twenty months ago he moved to the Villa in Williamsburg.

Clarence was a Press Operator at the Chalk River Nuclear Power facility during his working years. A member of Lakeshore United Church, he was a Life Member of the Loyal Order of Moose and a former member of the Iroquois Lawn Bowling Club. He enjoyed many activities during his long lifetime, including playing cribbage, curling, lawn bowling, camping and gardening. He liked to watch the large ships travelling on the St. Lawrence River and especially enjoyed taking long drives in his car.

Predeceased by his parents, Oscar and Sadie (nee Keating) Gelette, as well as an infant daughter, Betty Ann, and brothers Lloyd and Alvin.

Mourning the loss are his beloved wife, Mary (nee Ashton) whom he wed on November 24, 1932 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; sons: Glenn (Carol) of Uxbridge and Gerry (Shirley) of Whitby, a daughter-Dorothy (Paul) Lowery of Otter Lake, Quebec and brothers; Wilbert (Grace) of Burlington, Donald (Phyllis) of Lacombe, Alberta as well as one sister, Bernice Stephens of Olds, Alberta.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society were appreciated by the family. There was no visitation, a private family service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on December 2, 1998 with Rev. Don Smith officiating. Interment of cremated remains was at the St. lawrence Valley Union Cemetery in Long Sault.

Marjorie Pope

On Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at Winchester and District Hospital, Marjorie Pope of Bay Street in Iroquois. Born in Williamsburg Township on March 13, 1920, she was 78 years of age.

A homemaker who lived her entire life in the area, she was a member of the Knox Presbyterian Church Ladies Group in Iroquois. Marjorie enjoyed gardening, painting and cooking. Always ready to lend her support where needed, she often baked some pretty great scalloped potatoes for dinners the Scouts catered to as fundraisers.

Predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Annie May (nee Shaw) Millward as well as her husband, Pat Pope whom she married on June 20, 1940 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg, a son, Jerry and a sister, Gladys Froats, she was a friendly and helpful member of her community.

Mourning the loss are daughters; Patricia(Frank) Hare of Hamilton and Lorraine (Harry) Norton of Iroquois. Sadly missed by grandchildren who she thoroughly enjoyed spending time with; Brenda Giosi, Sandra Havens, Kelly Nelson, Andrew and Cindy Norton and great-grandchildren; Christopher, Michael, Nicole, Jessica and Kathryn, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Diabetes Society and/or the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois. Service was at Knox Presbyterian Church in Iroquois with Rev. Marion Johnston officiating. Interment followed at Point Iroquois Cemetery. Pallbearers were Don Francis, Raymond and William Norton, Adam Lewis, Paul Mark and Richard Belanger.

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St.Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Linda Anderson

November has just flown past with some very strange weather indeed. Very strong winds last Monday certainly made life difficult for the birds. Even strong fliers like crows and gulls were blown off course by the winds. We watched a red-tailed hawk battle the winds and land on a branch of a tree near Hwy. 2 where we were able to study him. Our most commonly seen hawk (a buteo, soaring hawks), it has rounded wings, white on the chest, a dark belly band and a reddish tail when seen from above.

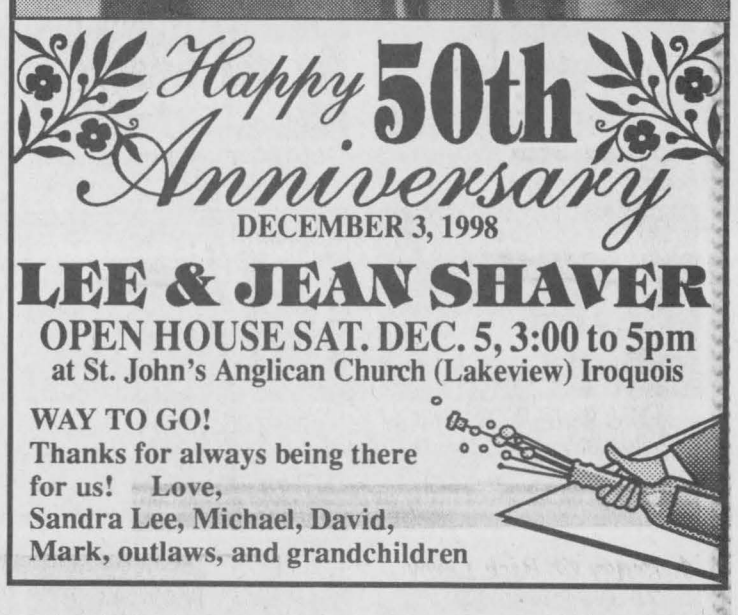
A report came in of a ruffed grouse seen strutting in a garden off Elizabeth Drive. Perhaps it took shelter in town during hunting season in October when the woods were busy with hunters.

We were startled one morning on the way to Cornwall to see a large buck with full antlers cross Hwy. 2 in front of our car just east of iroquois. Quite a sight to see! The deer was crossing from the north side to the south side where there was not a lot of cover.

Local flocks of geese are flying over frequently, some very low, just above the rooftops. Several hundred geese have been seen feeding on ground corn in the ploughed fields. A large number of Canada's rests on the beach each evening. The sound of their honking always reminds me of the change in seasons-winter is almost upon us.

The almost springlike weather has meant the squirrels are still quite active. To keep them away from the bird feeder, try tucking a squirrel treat bell into the notch of a tree. The peanuts in the bell may keep them away from the feeders.

Please call in bird reports to 652-2555. And let's bring on a little snow!



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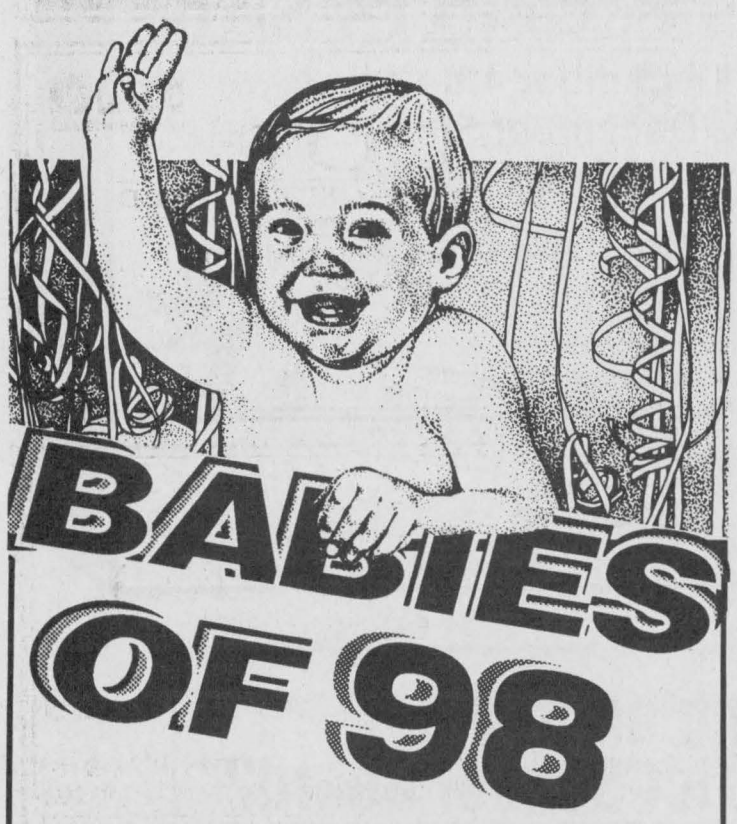

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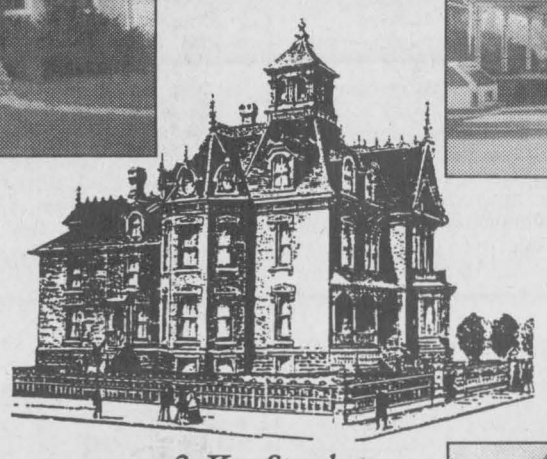

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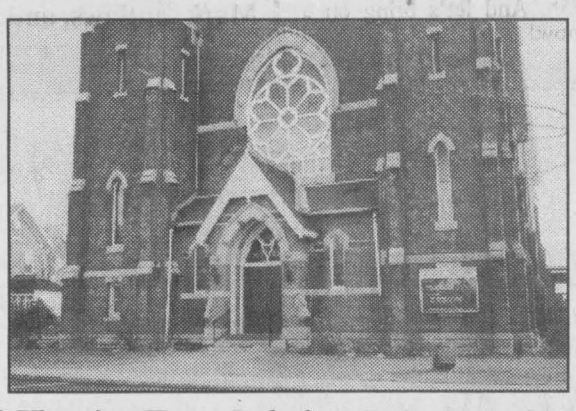

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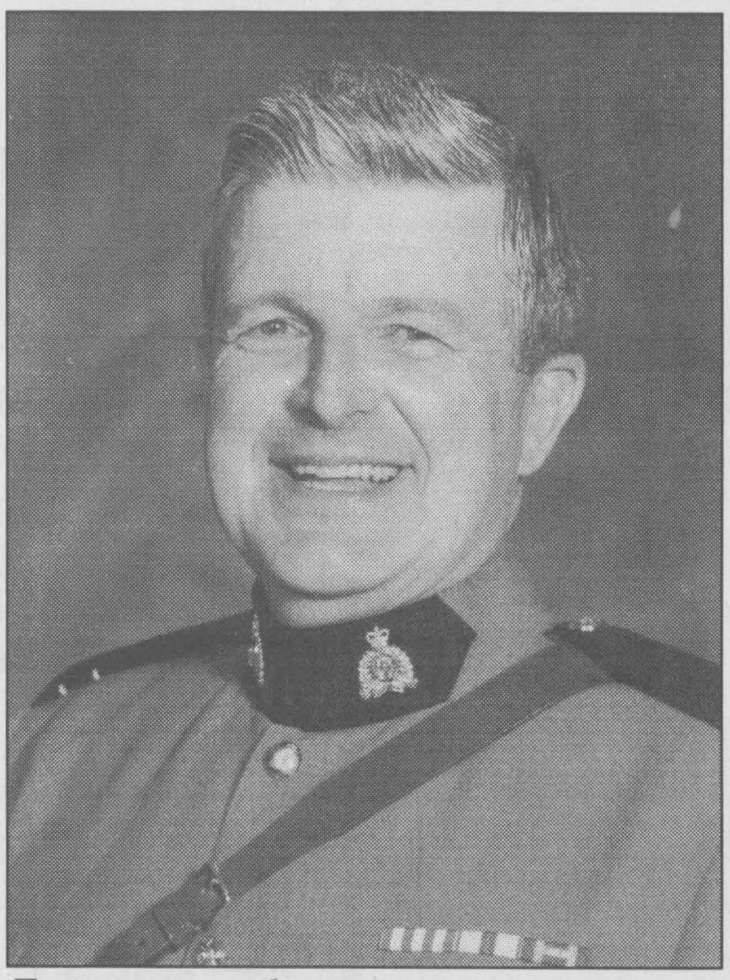
Garth has been featured on numerous TV specials. His appearances singing the canadian National Anthem have taken him from Government House to major sporting events, at home and abroad. He will team up with guest organist Barb Warren and the pastoral charge's student minister, Doug Warren on the piano.

The evening will be "interactive" with lots of opportunity for the audience to sing the old familiar carols. Barb and Doug will provide the instrumental lift for everyone to become a part of the concert, as Garth dons his "mass choir" director's role.

The public is invited to attend. last year the church was packed, so an early arrival is suggested. There is NO admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken. See you there.



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Join the fun and get in the Christmas spirit as Spencerville United presents Garth Thompson, and features Barb and Doug Warren, Sunday evening -- an interactive night of song. *Courtesy photo*

Williamsburg and Riverside welcomed to Matilda W. I.

The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and Collect followed by a one minute silence in remembrance of those who served and gave their lives in the world wars.

It was a wonderful turn out of guests that greeted everyone, as Williamsburg and Riverside had been asked to come join us. Johanna gave us a report on the Dundas literary program which is in need of volunteers to help adults read and write. If anyone can give of their time, they are asked to call 860-READ.

Evelyn Whitteker finalized plans for our Christmas dinner at the Iroquois Legion. if anyone has not yet paid for their meal, please see Jessie Geurkink. The cost is $12.00 which includes tax and tip. Remember to bring a $5.00 wrapped gift for the exchange.

It was decided to once again buy plants for the area Nursing Homes. Our yearly charitable donations were decided upon and this year added the Hurricane Mitch victims in Honduras.

Johanna convenor for the meeting introduced her brother and sister-in-law. Arie and Jannie Geurkink who showed a video and spoke about their work in Haiti. They helped with construction, Vacation Bible School and assisted at the medical and dental clinics. They brought beautiful wooded crafts made by the local people back with them. After answering questions Coral thanked them, and presented them with a flowering plant.

Fellowship continued with a luncheon. Matilda was thanked appropriately by Isobel Williams from Williamsburg and Hietrud Weher from Riverside Heights.

Next meeting is December 10 at 6:30pm at the Iroquois Legion. Here's wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and healthy and happy New Year!

Ringers still in first at Friday Darts

Thanks again to all the spares that helped us out; we really need you.

After a busy evening the Ringers are still in first place with 59 points, followed by: Lucky 7, 56; Dream Team, 50: Cheers, 49.5; Strugglers, 46; Free Willie, Guns & Roses and Jays Harem each stand at 44.5; Double Trouble, 44; Lloyd's Harem and Double Delight at 43.5; Has Beens, 41; Earl's Pest, 40.5; Long Shots, 38; Mod Squad, 36.5; Cupcakes, 35.

High scores were earned by: Jake Summerfield, 140 and 3x100; Carl Gibson, 140, 110; Jay Buckland, 140, 117; Bonnie Gibson, 134, 101; Linda Birch, 134; Duane Kirker, 135; Warren Whissell, 134; Jean Loucks and Rodney Francis, 133; Delaine Potvin, 132; Walter Reid, 127; Boomer McKee, 126, 112 and 100; Linda Casselman, 126; Denzil Tousant, 125, 100; Tony and Glen Easter, Arnie Fader, at 125 each; Jean Greenough, 120; Sheila Holmes, 119; Diane Baker, 112; Nikki Walter, 109; Donna Hodgson, 104; Kevin Laming, 2x100; and with 100 each are Michelle Walter, Joe McDonald, Jake Easter and Mike Osbourne.

John Traynor had a finish of T16, S17, D20-103, while Jake Summerville had a finish of S20, T16, D20-108.

Games won: Carl Gibson, five; Jake Summerfield, Denzil Tousant, Chris Thompson, Jay Buckland had four games each; with three are Glen Easter, Mike Osbourne, John Traynor, Tony Easter, Jake Easter, Carol Birch, Gary Bradford, and Earl Nesbitt; with two games apiece are Robbie Shaver, Joanne Graham, Kim Francis, Rodney Francis, Garnet Summers, Shawn Render, Nick Shields, Jean Greenough and June Reid; and, of course, the one game finishes are Carl Morrow, Lloyd Greenough, Pat Thompson, Linda Birch, Kevin Laming, Delaine Potvin, Arnie Fader, Pat Wright and Bonnie Gibson.

Almost missed Diane Baker's two games. Great games, see you next week.



Senior 4-H award winners

Dundas County 4-H held its annual Awards Night, Saturday at the Winchester Community Centre. Pictured are three of the top senior winners: (l-r) Donald Fisher, the Ottawa Citizen Award recipient, received a $400 scholarship; Leslie Weagant, winner of the Parmalat Award with a fourth place showing, took home a gold watch; Robert Velthuis received a Bank of Nova Scotia Award of $125 for second place. Not shown: Steve Bossel received the Bank of Montreal Award for a first prize of $200; and Jonathon Wilson also received a Bank of Nova Scotia award of $75 for third place. *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

Brinston is just one stop away from 4-way signs

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Brinston is one step away from a four-way stop, Matilda Coun. Bev Sabourin happily confirmed at Thursday's South Dundas Council meeting. The signs will be going up just as soon as SD&G Counties Council issues the third and final reading of the bylaw, probably on December 14th.

Safety concerns led residents to petition the Counties for signs on the Brinston Road at the Sixth Concession intersection (Gilmour-Henderson) in the middle of town.

On the other road issue in her ward, Sabourin said the Counties turned down a request to reduce the speed limit on Irena Road. She said the Counties' Roads Committee decided the road "appears to be safe at the rural speed limit."

A resident living on the stretch between Haddo and Irena complained the road's 80 km/h speed limit was unsafe for what is a busy school-bus route, the councillor said.

"That's one out of two," she said, pleased to be batting .500 at the municipal upper tier.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus that can have devastating effects on some of its victims; leaving them unable to work, to pay their mortgages or to provide food for their families. This is the tragic human toll of hepatitis C.

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To that end, the Ontario government is beginning the process of delivering fair and equitable treatment for these people. The first step in this confidential process is to identify all potential victims who may have contracted hepatitis C as a result of receiving blood products in Ontario before 1986 and after June 30, 1990.

This would include:

• All Ontario residents who know or suspect that they have hepatitis C as a result of receiving blood products in Ontario.

• All former Ontario residents who know or suspect that they have hepatitis C as a result of receiving blood products in Ontario.

• All people who know or suspect that they have hepatitis C due to contact with a spouse, partner or parent whose hepatitis C was the result of receiving blood products in Ontario.

This would not include:

• Those who contracted hepatitis C between January 1, 1986 and June 30, 1990 as they fall within the umbrella of federal-provincial assistance being negotiated within class actions.

If you belong to any of the included groups, call one of the numbers listed below to receive an information package containing more details.

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Happy 100th Jim!

Jim Fraser was honoured on the occasion of his 100th birthday. A community roast was hosted as he celebrated a century of vim and vigour at the Morrisburg Legion last Saturday evening. A full house greeted the distinguished gentleman as he looks towards the future with a sly smile and a grin . Hope it was a great first 100 Jim, keep it up, whatever you are doing it is right on the mark!

Iroquois Public Library promotes "Adopt-a-Book Program" once again

For several years now, the Iroquois Public library has promoted an "Adopt-a-Book Program", whereby the public is invited to select and buy a book of their choosing from a varied selection on display at the Library. The newly adopted book is fitted on the inside cover with an inscribed label mentioning the donors' name and the year of the donation. The book then becomes part of the Iroquois Public Library's own collection. Adopted books range from childrens' books, adult fiction and poetry, to gardening books, histories and cookbooks.

Due to changes in the system, the library is unable to fund the program this year. The "Friends of the Iroquois Public Library" have therefore begun fundraising to provide the capital necessary for this interesting and worthwhile project. This year the friends are selling Victorian Chriostmas Tree tinsel, a locally made product guaranteed to garce your Christmas tree with historical charm and beauty for many years. Fifty pieces of reuseable tinsel in a durable container are available at the Iroquois Public Library for twelve dollars. tinsel can be ordered by calling 652-4089. It will be a valuable addition to your Christmas tree, or, a one-of-a-kind gift for friends and distant relatives. Many have already purchased Victorian Tinsel at local craft shows from displays set up by the Friends of the Library. We appreciate their support.

Help us keep the Adopt-a-Book Program alive with the purchase of this unioque product and in doing so help augment the Library's collection with new and interesting books.

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ON PATROL

During the past week, police Officers in Dundas County responded to 13 calls in Matilda Township, 16 in Williamsburg Township, 13 in Iroquois and 12 in Morrisburg. Mountain Township had 7 calls responded to, Winchester Township had 16 and Chesterville only 5.

Routine Traffic stops made by Police Officers in Dundas County resulted in the apprehension of three suspended drivers. There are two classification of orders which will result in the loss of driving privileges; one being a prohibition made under the authority of the criminal code (as in impaired driving cases), which lead to criminal code charges if the driver is apprehended. This will require the driver to attend criminal court and if convicted will receive a disposition consistent with those proceedings. The second is a suspension made under the authority of the highway Traffic Act (which may result due to accumulation of demerit points, medical reasons, or a court order). The Highway Traffic Act suspension will also result in charges, not criminal charges, but charges dealt with under the Provincial Offenses Act. In both these cases, a conviction will also result in a further suspension of driving privileges. Driving while suspended or prohibited is a serious offence, please drive responsibly.

Between November 28 and November 30, 1998, Upper Canada Detachment Officers conducted R.I.D.E. Spot Checks throughout Stormont and Dundas Counties. On some occasions, a joint forces effort was conducted with the Cornwall Police Services. Following are statistics of this enforcement: 519 vehicles were checked, and one impaired charges was placed (includes a 90 days administrative driver's licence suspension), five 12-hour suspensions were laid and 3 charges under the Liquor Licence Act were laid as well.

**The Festive RIDE Program continues throughout the holiday season in an effort to reduce impaired drivers everywhere. Set up at various locations throughout Stormont and Dundas Counties, they are working to protect you. Please be responsible and "Don't Drink and Drive."

The OPP supports the Red Ribbon Campaign as well. The Ribbons are available at the Long Sault Office of the Upper Canada Detachment. Attach a Red Ribbon to your vehicle antenna and fill out a ballot to be eligible for a great prize as you support local efforts to make your roads safe and sober ones.

The OPP encourages everyone to use other means of transportation if they consume alcohol. Assign a "designated driver", take a cab or a bus home.

Help make this holiday season a safe and happy one!!

Cartoon Classic Christmas Ice Show

Forty-nine local skaters will compete in the upcoming Cartoon Christmas Ice Show, Friday, Dec. 11 in Cardinal.

Beginning at 7 p.m. the show will showcase the talents of those aged 3 - 17, said Kim Schrader of the Cardinal Figure Skating Club.

The Minto Skating Club's Joel Geleynse will be the featured guest skater.

A visit to the Cardinal Arena last Friday saw plenty of youngsters working hard to prepare for the show.

Unfortunately, a bad camera film means no photograph this time.

Check out the cartoon-costumed kids for yourself as they take to the Cardinal Arena ice on the 11th.

Celebrate Christmas at...

Mountain Township District Lions Club

Arts & Crafts Show

Come visit the craft Fair & watch the parade

December 4th, 5th & 6th

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Friday, Dec. 4th; 6 - 10 p.m. • Saturday, Dec. 5th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 6th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Over 25 Artisans will have their arts and crafts on display
Admission ~ $1.00 ***Luncheon area available***

South Mountain Santa Claus Parade



Saturday, December 5th
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It's time to get back to normal, but the Upper Canada District School Board is dragging its feet. These are the facts:

- The Board is spending more on administration than the funding formula allows, and is spending less on the classroom than it can afford.
- The Board has seen how other area school boards have settled the issue of additional teaching time so that the government, the boards, and their teachers are all satisfied.
- The Board has received proposals from Upper Canada teachers showing how to reach a similar agreement which includes the mandated 1250 minutes of instructional time per week.
- The Board does not have to assign an additional class to each teacher, leaving teachers with less time to spend on other important educational and extra-curricular activities.
- The Board does not need to add classes that will only result in fewer teachers teaching more students in the high schools of Upper Canada.

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What's wrong with the Upper Canada District School Board?

A message from your Upper Canada high school teachers.

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Upper Canada, District 26

Cardinal Pathfinders raise funds for millennium trip

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In the basement of the United Church in Cardinal, ten young ladies were serving up desserts, tea and dreams.

The gals are members of the Cardinal Pathfinders group, and they were raising money for the trip of a lifetime. "Last June we met a group of Pathfinders from Calgary at Upper Canada Village and they asked us if we wanted to come out and visit them," said new leader of the group, Rosemary Marriner-Vout.

Thinking this was a great idea, the leader has organized a trip to Calgary in 2000. In the windy city, the ten young gals will celebrate the Millennium in style.

The tea/bazaar last Saturday was a fund raiser for this trip.

"We've started already, calling around to different organizations to see if they have any special events planned that we can go to," Marriner-Vout said. "We'll be holding a bunch of events to help the girls raise the money for this trip."

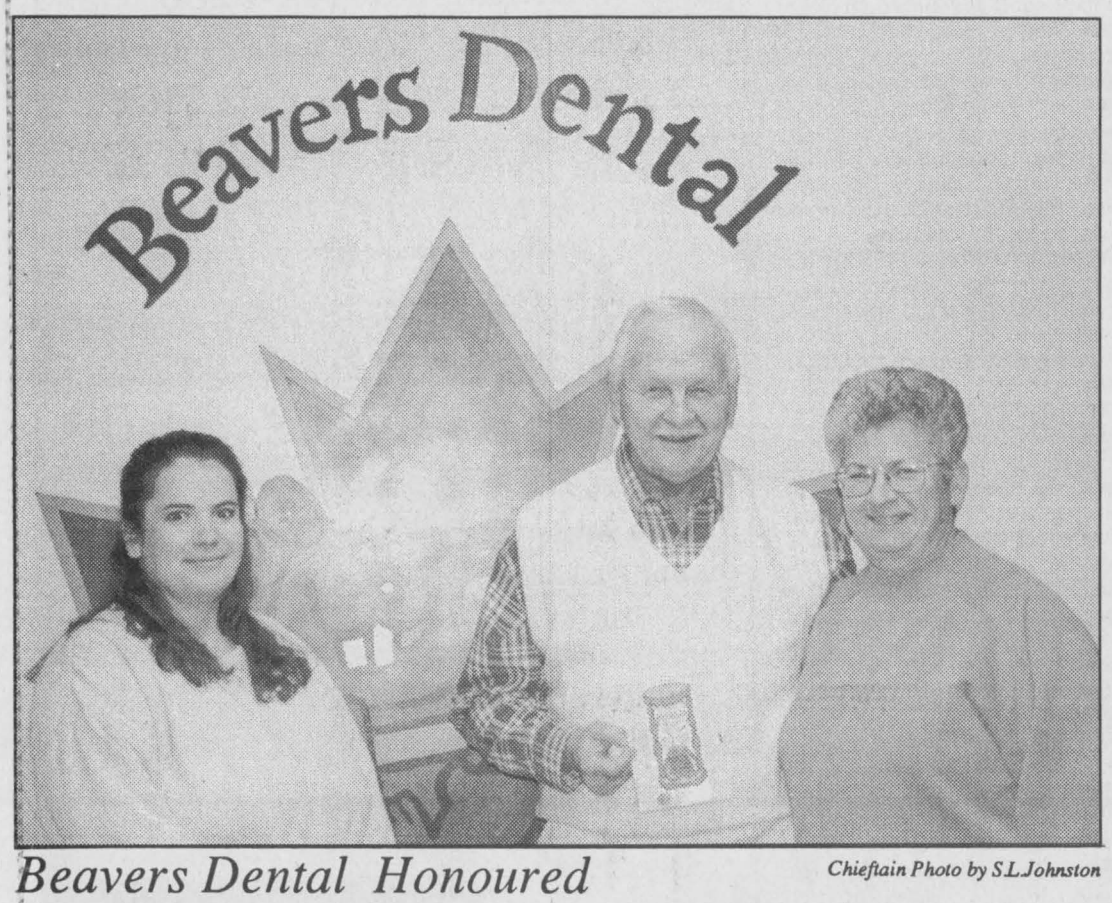
As well as tea and desserts, there were also a number of crafts on sale and although no totals were available at press time, the event was a marked success.



Millennium fundraiser

Pictured above, these Pathfinders from Cardinal are raising money for a trip to Calgary in the year 2000. They are (front l-r) Nikki Stewart and Holly Dixon; (second l-r) Stacey Marriner, Sam Allard and Emily Marriner; (third l-r) Leader Rosemary Marriner-Vout, Amber Walter, Josie Walter and Miranda Kenney; (back l-r) Catherine Potvin and Jessica McNab.

Photo by M.C. Bailey



Beavers Dental Honoured

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The Heart and Stroke of Dundas presented a plaque to Beavers, Bob Leroux (General Manager) accepts on behlaf of the plant who matched the funds raised by employees, Leslie Claxton (nee Barnhart) and her mom, Sandra Barnhart in the Annual Mother/Daughter walk for Heart and Stroke held each fall. The gals raised close to $470. which the company matched. The girls have volunteered for some 3 years and this year decided to walk and gather pledges.



Big Bikers for Heart and Stroke

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Odonto of Morrisburg took part in the Big Bike Ride at the Williamsburg Harvestfest, even though the big bike didn't show, the local business gathered pledges to help the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Dundas County, raising close to $1800. through their efforts. Here Doug McNairn (Planner) and Nick Lee (President) accept a plaque for the efforts of the plant.

Iroquois on top in Interbranch

November 24th Dart League action in Cardinal left Iroquois' own team number 7 on top of the standings with a total of 73 points.

Following the leader are: Prescott no. 1, 72; Cardinal no.4, 72; Cardinal no. 2, 67; Iroquois no. 5, 62; Iroquois no. 8, 59; Prescott no. 3, 51; Iroquois no. 6, 48.

Games won: Wayne Bellinger, 5; Bill Hutt, 4; Garnet Summers, 3; Jake Summerfield, 3; Bob Juby, 3; Garry Bradford, 3; Mickey Cook, 3; Ron Bradford, 3.

High finishes: Ron Bradford, 96; Jake Summerfield, 94.

High scores: Mark MacDonald, 180, 140, 125x2; Jay Buckland, 180; Tom Reston, 140-135x2-125; Garnet Summers, 140; Doug Allard, 140; Garry Bradford, 140; Ken Murphy, 138; Dan McKee, 137; Dick Willis, 134; Rick Deschamps, 125; LJ Steele, 125; Duane Kirker, 125.

Pork industry hotline

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has established a temporary hotline to provide advice and counselling to pork producers on financial and business management and animal care. The service will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week: 1 - 888 -599 -5584

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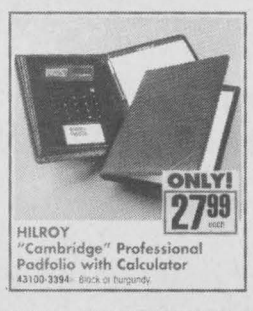

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Friendship Tea

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The St. Andrew's and St. James' Friendship Groups held a tea and bazaar at the Presbyterian Church in Cardinal last Saturday. New members are always welcome. The Groups meet in the church basement the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All proceeds go to the church and there is no charge to join.

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Here we are in the last month of the year and it makes one wonder where the time goes. It sure seems to fly by. But, wait, I have some good news to tell you! Reg Farmer is home from the hospital and coping not too badly. He has one treatment to take AND if he behaves himself, he'll do just fine. It is time for him to suggest to others what needs to be done and let himself be the overseer. It sure is great to have you home Reg!

The Legion is gearing up for a busy Christmas season and the place is taking on that Christmassy flair with all the decorations being put in place. Many thanks to those who made this possible, namely; Sheila Holmes, Duane Kirker and Joyce Murphy.

In the Branch Cribbage this past Saturday, we had another first time winner, as Randy Horricks. Grabbing second spot was Willis Douglas in his first week back from hunting camp, followed closely by Jack Coulter in third. Only six skunks showed up all day and none other than Roger Coulter managed to net a cute pair of them.

At Euchre this past week, which incidentally is going wonderfully, first place went to Jake easter while second was snagged by Evelyn Schwerdfeger and the door prize went home with Shirley Cooper.

The Duplicate bridge winners were Lyse Williams and Dick Gaiser.

The Pot of Gold winner was Bill Coville who was signed in, therefore he picks up a nice cheque for over $200...being he WAS signed in and dropped his loonie in the pot, he was lucky.

The Meat Draw winner this week was Ed Froats. Congrats Ed!

By the way, for those who have been asking about Ken Ferguson; well Fergy has taken a bad stroke and at the present time it is just touch and go concerning his condition. If anyone would like to send him a card, send it to his grandson, Jeff Ferguson at 199 Windsor drive, Brockville, K6V 6C1 and he will see that Fergy gets them since Kens' eye sight isn't very good either. Now, this week, on Thursday, December 3rd, the Seniors Dinner at the Legion will take place. John Wilson has informed us that this is a pretty popular event. For a good home cooked meal and some great fellowship, drop by the Branch. Anyone needing a ride, call John Wilson at 652-4958 and he will try to arrange something for you.

While on the subject of good food, the ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Christmas Dinner for the public on December 18, starting at 11:30am and TAKE OUT is available. The meal is the usual turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the same price as last year...only $6.00 a plate. Mark this one on your calendar!!

As I finish this week, it looks like the $1000. bill tickets are selling quite quickly and will likely be all gone by the end of the week.

Take care and see you next week.

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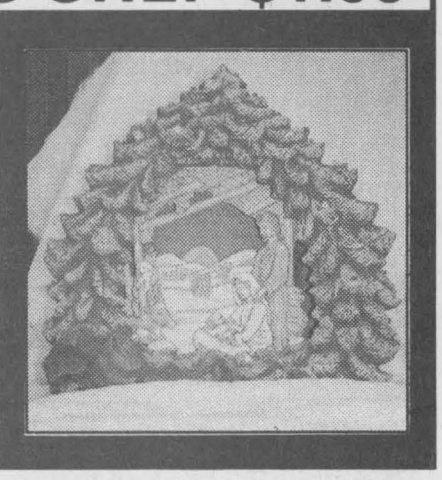

Bank of Montreal ROYAL BANK

December, 1998

Since the merger between Royal Bank and Bank of Montreal was proposed in January, we have been meeting with interested groups across Canada. In the course of those meetings, you have shared with us your ideas for building a better bank for all Canadians. You also told us how important it is that the new bank maintain its commitment to rural Canada.

Service excellence is a primary goal of the new bank and we intend to offer our customers a full range of products and services through the delivery channels of their choice, such as face-to-face banking in traditional branches, automated banking machines, mobile bankers, telephone, PC banking, grocery store and post-office branches and the Internet.

The purpose of our letter to you today is to confirm our commitment to rural Canada: no small town, rural area or remote location will lose branch service as a result of our proposed merger. We will continue to provide our customers with all the choices they value.

We are enormously proud to serve Canada's rural communities. Our proposed merger is dedicated to maintaining that commitment.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Barrett
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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