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# Cousineau edges Gray for ND mayor's chair




**A sign of the times**

North Dundas mayor elect, Claude Cousineau was all smiles after the final election results were posted Monday evening. The Winchester Township reeve will take over the reins of the new, amalgamated municipality Jan. 1, 1998. Approximately 20 supporters helped celebrate the victory at the Winchester Twp. Community Hall in Morewood. Press Photo – Brownlee

**by Jeff Brownlee**
*Press Staff*

WINCHESTER — Monday's municipal election was the biggest historical event to date for North Dundas, but the man who will lead the virgin municipality into a new millennium is used to breaking new ground.

Claude Cousineau edged nearest challenger, Winchester Village Reeve, Dr. Larry Gray by a mere 189 votes in the race for the township's top job Nov. 10.

Cousineau polled 44 per cent of the 3,438 ballots cast, while Gray's percentage of the popular vote reached the 39 per cent mark. Just 40 per cent of the eligible voters exercised their democratic right.

Becoming the inaugural mayor of North Dundas when political boundary re-alignment takes effect Jan. 1, 1998, is one more first to add to the Morewood resident's political treasure chest.

The current reeve of Winchester Township was the inaugural deputy reeve to be elected SD&G county warden in addition to being the first franco-Ontarian to be elected to a municipal seat in his home township.

"This is another first for me," said Cousineau, 53, seconds after tallying up the results at the Winchester Village Town Hall. "It was extremely close, but I think my versatility overcame in the end."

While the mayor elect believes the deciding factor of the race was more personality than issues, he plans to use his multi-faceted approach to politics to face the biggest challenge before him — balancing both the rural and urban interests while getting residents to look at the big picture.

"We have to make people think globally," Cousineau added. "We have two urban areas and a farming community and we have to find a balance."

His economic plan for the new municipality that boasts a population of 10,826, doesn't follow the hi-tech trend from its neighbors to the north.

Instead, it will focus on the area's main asset.

"Agro-businesses," said Cousineau. "That's our main strength."

He said there are plans in the works to establish three major agro-business operations in the municipality, including a bean crushing plant. That venture will likely create 35 new jobs while a second similar industry, still in the early stages, will likely add another 65 positions.

But Cousineau said that any decision must use a team approach. While he's the leader, there are still eight more votes on council.

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**Osgoode Township**

## Thompson nabs mayor's seat with decisive 900-vote margin

METCALFE — Osgoode Township Coun. Doug Thompson slid easily into the mayor's seat Monday night after ousting incumbent mayor Lloyd Cranston and challenger Jim Waddell.

Thompson finished the evening with 2,778 votes, Waddell with 1,878 and Cranston with 874.

The morning after, the victory was starting to sink in for Osgoode's new mayor elect.

"I had a feeling things were going to go my way, but you never know," said Thompson.

Thompson told the people he greeted at the doors he knocked on and who attended the all-candidates meetings that he would revisit the decision to charge a $1 fee for each bag of garbage they put at the curb.

It's a promise he still intends to keep when he and the new council sit for the first time together Dec. 2. The tag-a-bag system is scheduled for January 1998.

He also wants to work at improving communication between township staff and residents and at the beginning of the campaign, pledged to take a 10 per cent salary cut.

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**South Dundas**

## Whitteker continues tradition of leadership with new council

DIXONS CORNERS — A new township, a new council, and essentially a new beginning was how Township of South Dundas winners in Monday's election were looking at their newly acquired positions on Monday night.

Johnny Whitteker, reeve of Williamsburg Township, was named mayor of the Township of South Dundas by a difference of 378 votes ahead of Charles Barkley.

Spirits were high as the last figures trickled in late Monday night at the community hall in Dixons Corners.

The big run for mayor was led throughout the night by Whitteker, a veteran of the local political wars. In the end, Whitteker had 1,899 votes, Charles Barkley trailed with 1,521 votes and Lyle Van Allen had 1,060 votes.

Rowdy Gillard swept Ward One (Williamsburg Township) for the position of councillor with 814 votes; candidates Bert Geertsma and Tom Henderson had 405 and 286 votes respectively.

The vote was closer in Ward Two (Matilda Township) with Bev Sabourin coming out on top with 562 votes to Norm Tinkler's 407 votes and Mike Ault's 302.

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**Paying respect**

Winchester Legion member Sunny Boyd salutes fallen comrades at the cenotaph during Remembrance Day ceremonies last Sunday. Wet weather and frigid temperatures didn't deter almost 100 people from attending the commemorative event which started with a parade from the legion building to the public school.
Press photo — Brownlee

## Parade update

WINCHESTER — It is just over three weeks until Christmas arrives in Winchester with the village's first-ever evening parade of lights and the count for parade entries has risen to 52.

The clock is ticking and the parade committee is working overtime to make sure all of the preparations are perfect for the arrival of Santa Claus.

Everything is new this year — a new time, a new route, and a new theme.

The new time is 7 pm on Friday night, Dec. 5.

The new route is much longer than in past years, beginning and ending at

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## Teachers return to classes

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

CORNWALL — Teachers and students were back in school at the beginning of the week, and for appearances' sake it's been business as usual.

"My visits to some of the area schools indicate that it's as normal as it can be," said James Dilamarter, director of education for the SD&G Board of Education. "Many of the teachers are happy they're back. The teachers are adjusting to their classes, and some are extremely happy to be back. Mostly they're very busy, working on making up the time that's been missed."

Making up class time after the two-week teachers' strike (Oct. 27 to Nov. 9) is utmost on the minds of teachers, principals and school boards this week, Dilamarter indicated.

"The SD&G board's school year is longer than most other boards in Ontario, as we have fewer exam days," he said. "We've postponed two professional activity days that had been scheduled for this week.

"But," he added, "we're not making any hasty changes, just in case the government decides to do something first."

Despite rumors in the media that teachers would be under a work to rule if they returned to the classrooms, Dilamarter said that is not the case. "I don't think that teachers would do anything like that to harm the students," he said. "We may see them protesting in other ways, through rallies and meetings outside of school, but not in the school with the students."

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## Cousineau

The races to become a member of Cousineau's team in each of the four wards, created from the amalgamation of the villages of Winchester and Chesterville along with the meshing of Mountain and Winchester townships, were far from landslides.

In Ward I, 167 votes separated frontrunner Alvin Runnals from Martin Schoones. Both will represent Winchester Township at the new council table next year.

Ward II featured the tightest race. Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose and former reeve Keith Fawcett tied with 692 votes for the jurisdiction's two seats.

Just 28 votes separated the top contenders in Ward III. Bob Riddell out polled David Sloane 517 - 489.

The Chesterville riding saw the vote split between six candidates. Roger Cole and Gail Parker earned the right to represent the ratepayers of Ward IV. The margin of Cole's victory was 95 votes.

Cousineau will earn approximately $10,000 per year as the municipality's top politician. While his new pay schedule won't come into effect until January, the mayor elect is ready to punch the time clock almost immediately.

"I'm taking a short break, but when I return I'm going to work like hell again!"

## Osgoode

While most incumbents and new candidates arrived at the township hall in Metcalfe to receive the results, Cranston was at his Osgoode home waiting for the numbers to come in.

However, when there was no denying he wouldn't be returning to the mayor's office, he expressed concern about some of the promises Thompson made during the campaign.

"People now have the opinion he can just throw the agreement away," said Cranston. "You just can't do that. You have to tell people no and sometimes take the brunt of it and carry on."

Cranston also said he hopes that Thompson will be able to maintain a zero per cent increase, something he said he is proud his administration has done the past three years.

"I hope he can keep taxes where they are," said Cranston. "We all pay municipal taxes even if Thompson doesn't."

With 12,368 eligible voters in the township, 5,614 or 45 per cent exercised their right to vote.

The rural voice in Osgoode Township is also alive and strong.

The two top vote getters who will sit on council, George Wright and incumbent Coun. Dwayne Acres have campaigned on maintaining a rural atmosphere and protecting the interests of the farming community.

Wright was at the top of the heap with 3,345 and Acres was close behind with 3,330.

It's a strong voice for those wanting to keep Osgoode rural with the threat of it being swallowed up by its urban neighbors and becoming part of one big city.

"People are looking for the basics and no frills out here," said Acres, as he was watching the results come up on the screen.

Wright, whose campaign budget totalled only about $1,000, which came out of his pocket, admits a lot of door knocking paid off.

"It seemed clear from the beginning from the people I spoke to they wanted a change," said Wright.

Former Carleton Board of Education chairwoman and most recently trustee, Carol Parker finished the night with 2,565 votes and said the job ahead of her is going to be a difficult one.

Dale Harley, who finished third in the race for council with 2,717 votes, said he was grateful for the renewed support because now he will have a chance to complete some of the projects started by the township such as the economic strategy plan.

Robert van den Ham, regional councillor for Cumberland and Osgoode won his bid for re-election with 4,216 votes. Greely resident John Cyr was second with 2,939, John Geary with 580 and Daniel Bood with 392 votes.

## Strike

For the most part, Dilamarter said, it's business as usual for teachers. "It's almost like the strike didn't happen. The teachers are keeping very busy, trying to catch up with class time missed. I know there is some pain over what has happened, but everyone has to concentrate on their work, and some have said it's nice to not have to think about Bill 160."

He added, "We're just trying to get things back to normal, and looking for ways to recapture the time that was lost during the strike."

At Winchester Public School, recapturing time lost includes the cancellation of the Christmas operetta due to loss of classroom time and practice time. Christmas carolling sessions will be held during the last week of school in December.

The Nov. 13 and 14 professional development days have been postponed, and the new provincial student report card will go home on Mon., Dec. 1, and parent-teacher interviews will be held on Fri., Dec. 5.

**NOT GIVING UP**

Meanwhile, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) president Greg McGillis said that, although teachers are back in their classrooms, there is still a feeling of unrest.

"I think that secondary teachers feel that the strike was a great thing," he said. "Unfortunately, it didn't help to make changes to Bill 160. I've been meeting with secondary school teachers, and the feeling is increasing anger and defiance towards the government. The one thing that brought out inequity is now over, and we just hope we can do as much as possible to clarify the issues in the public's mind."

McGillis explained that Bill 160 is such a complex piece of legislation that very few people are able to understand it, and few have even read it. "There's so much, it's overwhelming," he said. "It's the tyranny of education, and the tyranny of dictatorship."

The teachers have not given up, McGillis said, adding that their sacrifice was not in vain. He said that they are now planning to do something to protest the bill next week, but what they will do is still unknown.

"We will continue to work at looking at something that we can do to let the public know how illegal the bill is," McGillis said. "And there will be a court challenge the day the bill is passed, probably next week."

His indication was that something province-wide would take place next week when the bill is passed.

"It's like a great disaster has happened and everyone is in mourning," McGillis said. "There's a lot of grieving going on, people are talking with hushed voices ....it's a feeling of helplessness all around."

Work for the teachers this week has been back to normal, McGillis said. "It's business as usual, yes, but teachers who have under seven years' seniority know that they won't have jobs next year; teachers know that funding is coming down and it will be devastating to curriculum, extracurricular activities and small rural schools."

He added, "Schools will never be the same."

## Parade

the old Hydro yard. The parade will leave the old Hydro yard on Henderson Crescent, up Louise Street to York Street, crossing St. Lawrence to Albert and up to Main Street. The route continues down Main Street to Howard Avenue, onto Dufferin Street, down Bailey Avenue, and back down Main Street to St. Lawrence, returning to the old Hydro yard.

And the new theme is "A Country Christmas Parade of Lights". The entire parade will be lit by Christmas lights, spotlights, lanterns and whatever else entrants can devise to light up their floats and entries.

December 5 promises to be an exciting, enchanting and fun time in the Village of Winchester. Aside from the parade, there will be a bustle of activities happening throughout the village.

"We hope to have the night of the parade become a festival of lights in the future," parade chairman John Adams said. "We had said that this year we just wanted to do the parade right and we would expand on it next year, but it's all coming together so well."

Between 5:15 and 5:30 pm, on the evening of the parade, the Christmas Wish Tree will be lit at the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital. With each monetary donation given to the WDMH Christmas Wish Tree Campaign another light will shine in the donor's honor on the wish tree. Donations will go toward the clinical and technical equipment needs of the hospital.

The Osgoode Township Men's Choir will sing Christmas carols during the lighting of the tree, and then will move downtown for a carol sing-along on the steps in front of the Baptist Church from 6 pm until 6:45 pm.

There will also be free parking in the main lot at the hospital for parade goers.

Local country singer Marlene Fawcett will also be appearing at the main corner from 6:45 until the beginning of the parade.

If you plan to arrive in Winchester early on the evening of the parade to take in the other activities, plan also to dine on either spaghetti or chili. The Winchester Hawks Junior 'B' hockey team will be providing a spaghetti dinner at Henderson Hall from 4 pm until the beginning of the parade. Wine will be available. The cost for dinner is $5 for adults; $3 for children.

The United Church Women Unit #1 will host a chili dinner at the United Church at the same time, for the same price.

To keep you warm while you await Santa Claus, the Winchester Scouts and Girl Guides will be selling hot chocolate at various points along the parade route. "And they will be offering a discounted price on the hot chocolate for people who bring their own mugs," Adams said. "They want to try to cut down on the litter caused by styrofoam cups, so bring along a travel mug or a coffee mug, and your hot chocolate will be a little bit cheaper."

Also new this year is a Town Crier who will spread the word of the parade throughout the village on the day of the parade.

Also, the firemen and the food bank will be working together this year in raising donations. The firemen will be collecting new and good used toys along the parade route, as well as passing boots around to collect money donations.

First and second prizes will be awarded to parade entry winners in five categories. The categories are: antiques (vehicles, machinery); vehicles (ie. milk truck, antique car, etc); farm implements and equipment; horse drawn; and general floats. Trophies will be awarded to first place winners. The trophies can be kept for one year and then are returned for the following year. Plaques will be awarded to first and second place winners.

"We have 52 floats confirmed and it's still only Nov. 12," Adams said. "We have just under a month left before the parade, and I hope we can get another 10 entries in by then. We've never had anything close to this (number of floats) in the past."



## Using force

Members of the Osgoode Fire Department work to pry open a door and free a trapped occupant of a late-model Dodge Shadow. The vehicle was involved in a three-car crash Nov. 9 in Vernon at the intersection of Hwy. 31 and Frank Street. Firefighters had to use the jaws of life to extricate the passenger. She was sent to hospital with undisclosed injuries. No charges have yet been laid inthe mishap.

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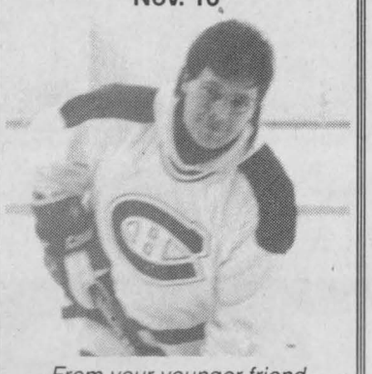

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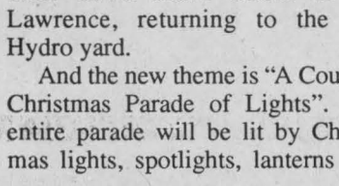

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# Community puts stamp of approval on retiring postmaster

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

MOUNTAIN — For 20 years, Marjorie McDermid has been at the heart of the community in Mountain — where the mail is. And as she retires this month, she takes with her 100 years of postal service. That is, 100 years that the post office in Mountain has been situated on the same land.

In 1974, Kenneth and Marjorie McDermid took over as postmasters when former postmaster, Mrs. Van Allen retired.

In 1975, a fire destroyed the general store that had contained the Mountain post office.

After the fire, Kenneth McDermid built a new post office on the same land. In 1977, Kenneth passed away.

After her husband's death, Marjorie McDermid decided to carry on the job of postmaster. A house was built onto the back of the store her husband had built, and McDermid moved in.

And she's been there since.

"It's been over 100 years that the post office has been on the same property," McDermid recalls. "There's a lot of history here for such a small post office."

If there's one place in a small community that is visited by nearly every resident nearly every single day, it's the post office. And in 20 years, McDermid has seen a community change, grow up, and continue with life.

"I've seen people grow from babies right up to university age," she says, unable to hold a few tears back. "This really is the centre of the community. I'm here to hear people's problems and to be a good listener. There's more to this job than sorting the mail."

Indeed, McDermid knows virtually every person in the community. "Although," she adds, "it's sometimes difficult to match names to faces. My granddaughter and I were walking in Winchester last week and nearly everyone we passed said hello to me by name. My granddaughter was so impressed that I knew so many people."

A small-town community post office is much different from the service one would receive in a city, McDermid points out. She says the public appreciates having a post office in the hamlet, and has shown its appreciation to her over the years.

The post office, she says, is more than that; it's a meeting place for community members.

"I've enjoyed the public, and I will miss them and the children when I retire," McDermid says sadly. "I'm at a loss for words to describe the meaning that working at the post office has had for me."

For one thing, it meant an income for McDermid and five of her seven children after her husband died. "I'm so grateful that I was able to take over the post office when my husband died," she says emotionally. "I would've been out on the street if I hadn't had that job. I'm very grateful to Canada Post."



Mountain postmaster Marjorie McDermid hands over the post office keys to Carol O'Brien who will take over the postal service after McDermid's retirement this month.

Press Photo — Culliton

The post office has expanded significantly in the 20 years that she's been in charge, McDermid states. It's grown in terms of added services and new products such as t-shirts.

But the post office has grown in another way, too. "It's expanded greatly volume-wise," McDermid explains. "There are more customers, more people moving into the area."

In her retirement, McDermid plans to visit the hospital and feed the elderly. "I also want to learn to golf," she says. "And visit with my family. They're booking me already for babysitting!"

With 18 grandchildren, McDermid expects to be spending a lot of time visiting with family.

An afternoon tea will be held in her honor on Sun., Nov. 23 at Mountain Hall. All are welcome.

Although McDermid will be retired, she won't be far away. She'll remain in her home where the post office is currently situated.

And the post office won't be far away, either. Carol O'Brien, a part-time employee at the post office, will become the new postmaster. The new post office will be in the store on Van Allen Street, in the back part of the Stage West Restaurant. Construction is taking place now to ready the store for the post office.

Meanwhile, McDermid will have 20 years' worth of memories as she enters a new phase in her life.

"People always come in and chat with me. I'm involved in their everyday lives," she says fondly. "I've watched people grow up. It's not like in the city — you give a personal touch here."

And one such personal touch that occurred recently comes to mind. "A little girl had hurt her finger in a car door before coming into the post office," McDermid recalls. "I put ice on her finger, made a fuss over her, and gave her a popsicle to calm her down.

"She came in a few weeks ago and sat up on the counter, and tried very hard to find the finger that had been injured so that she could show me. I made a fuss over her, and then she asked if she could have another popsicle."

## South Dundas

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The new councillor for Ward Three (Morrisburg) took the position by a difference of less than 100 votes. Cam Martel won with 485 votes; Dirk Testerink followed with 390 and Doug Martin 115.

In Ward Four Audrey Rooney became the new councillor for South Dundas with 317 votes while Bill Ewing took 160 votes and Art Roberts had 146.

For Rooney, the shock of winning had still not subsided the morning after the election.

"You go in (to the election) because you want to do something, but when you see your name up on the board, it's just overwhelming," she told the Press. "It hasn't sunk in yet that I've won."

The first thing she would like do, Rooney said, is to get a citizen's group organized to aid council. "A group of people from different age groups and interests who can report to us," she described. "I've found that one-on-one in your living room, people will tell you what's really on their minds. But they don't want to go before council and express their views."

Her one disappointment in the election, she said, was that there had to be only one winner.

Councillor Bev Sabourin felt the same. "I'm sorry there have to be winners and losers," she said on Tuesday. "But I'm thankful for the vote of confidence that the people in Matilda gave me. There's a big job ahead, and we have to make sure that the decisions we make are in the best interests of all of South Dundas."

Ward One Councillor Rowdy Gillard was feeling good about having won on Tuesday. "It's a nice feeling," he said. "We're starting a new thing for South Dundas. After being a councillor for Williamsburg Township for so many years, the prospect of dealing with all of South Dundas is very exciting."

Gillard added, "It's too bad that we've lost a lot of experience from past councils in this election, but hopefully we will still be able to utilize their experience in the future. The people made their choice, and now we have to make it (the new council) work. We all have to sit up to the table and try to agree on the issues. That's how a democracy works."


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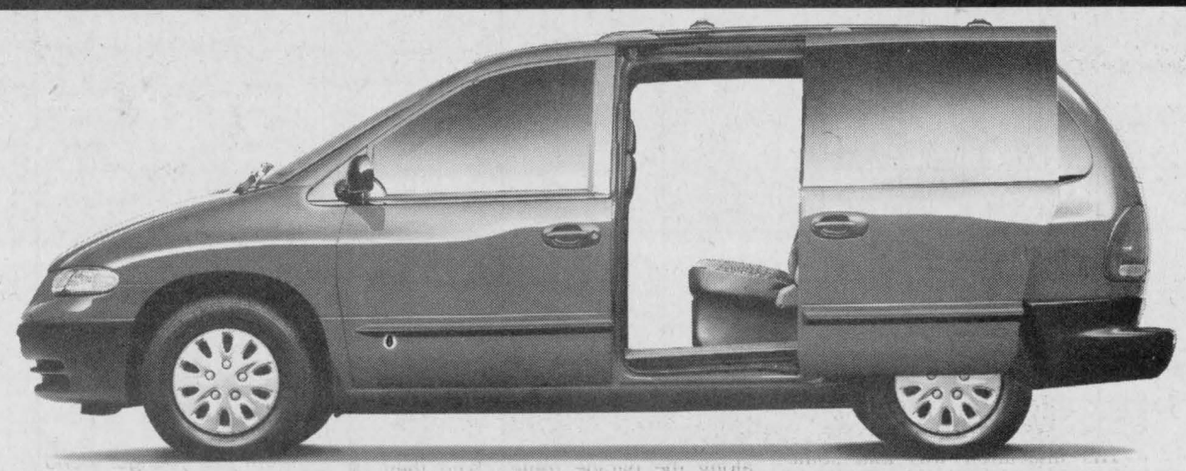

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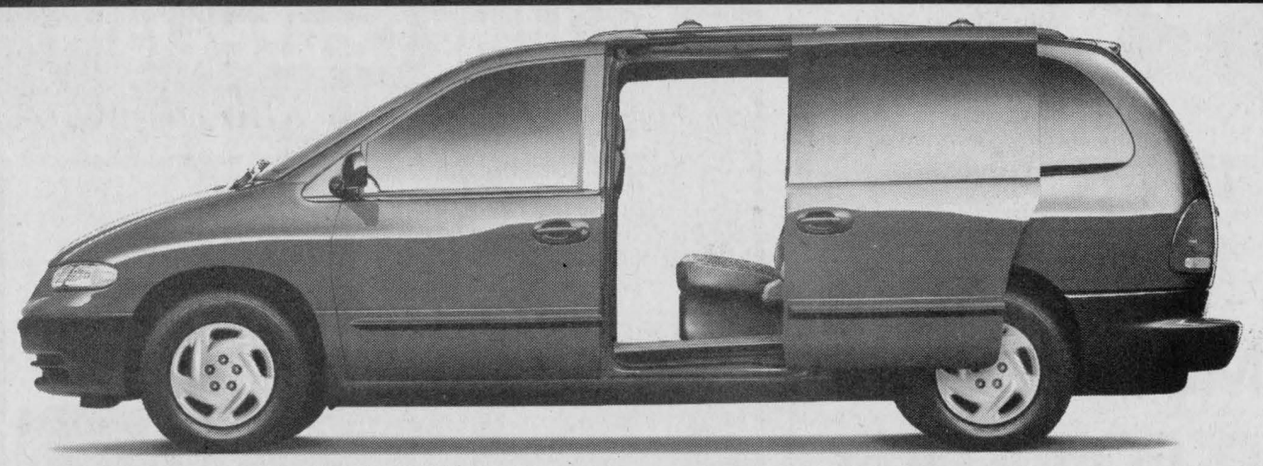

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## *Conceding defeat*

Winchester village Reeve, Dr. Larry Gray (right) congratulates Claude Cousineau, the first mayor of the new municipality of North Dundas. It was a close battle for the top job, but Cousineau edged Gray by a mere 189 votes. The new, nine-member council takes over Jan. 1, 1998. Press photo— Brownlee


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# Community helps teenager overcome financial hurdles

METCALFE — The community is pulling together to help a local teen and his family face the biggest challenge of their lives.

Jason McDonald, a Grade 11 Osgoode Township High School student, compressed his spinal cord between the fourth and fifth vertebrae when he caught an edge and fell into the boards during a hockey practice in September.

As a result of the accident, McDonald lost the use of his lower limbs and has limited movement in his right arm.

McDonald loved hockey right from the first time he strapped on the blades at the age of seven. He was striving to become a member of the Metcalfe Jets Jr. B hockey club next year.

The community is helping the 16-year-old and his family overcome the tremendous financial hurdles.

The Gloucester and Metcalfe and Russell hockey associations in conjunction with area Lions clubs have initiated a trust fund account in Jason's honor. Donations can be made to the fund at the Royal Bank in Metcalfe.

Two fundraising events have also been scheduled. A dance at the Greely Legion is slated Nov. 29 at Greely Legion. Cost is $20 per person.

Also on the agenda is a Senators Alumni game at the Metcalfe Community Centre Dec. 19 at 7 pm.

For more information, phone Brian Johnston at 821-0531 or Mike and Julie McIntyre at 821-1833.

## OBITUARIES

### *Rena Bell Merkley*

Rena Bell Merkley of Chesterville died on November 6. She was 94.

A retired saleswoman, Mrs. Merkley was born June 1, 1903 in Winchester Township to Eslie Grant Gray and Margaret Ethel Alison.

She was also predeceased by her husband Kenneth Merkley, brothers Eslie, Charles and Ralph, and one sister, Evelyn Holmes.

Mrs. Merkley will be fondly remembered by her children Harold (Annie) Merkley of Chesterville, Ronald (June) Merkley of Lansdowne, and Janet (Dwayne) Servage of Elma. She will also be missed by her nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville on Nov. 8.

Reverend Bert DeBruijn officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Donnie Servage, Lyle Servage, Steven Merkley, Jim Feeley, Jeff Pogue and Drew Merkley. The flower bearer was David Merkley.

### *Andrew Douwe Smith*

Baby Andrew Douwe Smith passed on peacefully in his parents' home in Kemptville. He was three months and one day old.

Born August 6, 1997, Baby Andrew will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Glenn and Sharon (Douma) Smith, his sister Rachel, and brother Eric.

He will also be missed by his grandparents, Gordon and Dorothy Smith of South Lancaster, and Don and Nettie Douma of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Interment was at Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal, Quebec.

### *Morgan Emerson Swerdfeger*

Morgan Emerson Swerdfeger of Winchester died on Nov. 3. He was 81.

A skilled dairy operator, Mr. Swerdfeger was born October 29, 1916 to Allen Swerdfeger and Morgan Hermina.

He was married to Iris Jorgensen who predeceased him in 1984.

Mr. Swerdfeger will be fondly remembered by his children Frances (Dave) Nickerson of North Vancouver, Brian (Linda) Swerdfeger of Chesterville, Donna Swerdfeger of Ottawa, Donald (Linda) Swerdfeger of Winchester, George Swerdfeger of Calgary, Alberta, Eric (Elaine) Swerdfeger of Kanata, and 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He will also be missed by his brother Grant and his wife Belva of Morewood, brother Dwight and his wife Joyce of Cobourg, and sister Edith and husband Harold of Prescott.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home in Winchester on November 6.

Reverend Carol Poley-Delisle officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Mr. Swerdfeger's grandsons Brad, Mike, Jason, Derrak, Craig and Ryan.



### *Lights on*

Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and East Grenville MPP Noble Villeneuve joined Winchester Reeve Larry Gray, Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose and a host of local residents as the traffic lights at the junction of Hwy 31 and 43 and Main Street - West were switched on last Wednesday (Nov. 5). Both sets of lights at the highway junctions, north and south of Winchester, are now operational.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

# Wine & cheese party planned as fundraiser

CORNWALL — The Encore Seniors Education Centre will be host to a wine and cheese party for a fundraising event this month.

The event will be held at St. Lawrence College in the Aultsville Hall Student Lounge on Thurs., Nov. 27 between 7 and 9 pm. The cost is $8 per person.

Encore is a non-profit organization run mainly by volunteers. It operates out of St. Lawrence College, Cornwall, and includes an Outreach Program which this semester is in place in Ingleside and Alexandria. The wine and cheese party is being held to raise funds both for operations at the Cornwall campus and to aid in its outreach expansion.

Encore Seniors' Education Centre is an award-winning program offering daytime academic courses for seniors and older adults in the tri-county area.

For further information please call Beverly Hincks at 613-937-1525, fax: 937-1523.


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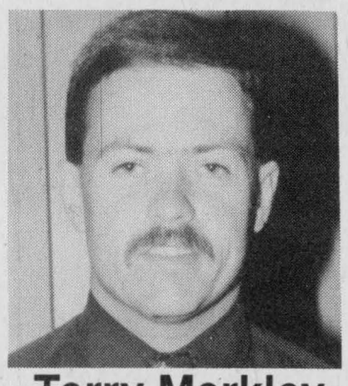

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EDITORIAL

## A father's love

The depth of a father's love is difficult to measure. Recently, Canadians have witnessed the risks that one father took in his love for his daughter and his desire to protect her from further suffering.

Robert Latimer was convicted a second time of second degree murder last week for killing his daughter, Tracy, in 1993. On Thursday we will find out if he will serve the minimum sentence of 25 years in prison that goes with that conviction. He has applied for a constitutional exemption.

Pity the members of the jury in that case. The jurors were instructed to decide if Latimer intentionally caused Tracy's death. Of course he did, and it was premeditated, too.

What would jail do for Latimer? It is touted primarily as rehabilitation but does Latimer need to be rehabilitated? Latimer committed his crime for a reason, admits to it and is unlikely to be a repeat offender.

He fully admits putting Tracy, his 12-year-old disabled daughter, in the cab of his pickup truck and piping in deadly exhaust fumes. He says that it was a mercy killing to end her suffering and to save her from years of medical "torture" and "mutilation".

Latimer obviously does not regret the decision he made back then; and one could assume that he would do the same thing if he had it to do over again.

One can also see in his eyes that he knew what he was doing; he knew what the consequences of his actions would be; he was prepared to face them; and he is prepared to face whatever he is dealt as a sentence, with no regrets.

In this country, the laws are awfully unbalanced.

We can legally kill the unborn through abortion. Yet we keep others alive for years on life support and through torturous, heroic medical surgeries.

But if an animal is in pain and suffering, we take heroic measures to put it to sleep and head off any more suffering.

It's called being humane.

This is possibly the most profound example of the extent of a father's love for his child — that he would put himself through hell in legal battles and potentially 25 years in prison in order to spare his daughter any more pain in her life of suffering.

Possibly, this was the ultimate sacrifice.

He loved her that much.

L.C.

# This week in...

### *1947*

On Sun., Nov. 16 the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Winchester observed its 50th anniversary by holding special services. The pastor was Rev. Kielty.

The appointment of reeve P.S. Boyd of Chesterville as municipal clerk for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry carried with it a yearly salary of $4,000 made up as follows: $2,500 for services as clerk-treasurer; $200 as secretary-treasurer of Glen-Stor-Dun Home; $400 as secretary-treasurer of Board of Health; $600 as secretary-treasurer of St. Lawrence Sanitorium; and $300 as secretary-treasurer of the Old Age Pensions Board.

### *1957*

Election fever has hit Winchester and district with no less than four of the immediate municipalities going to the polls on Monday to elect reeves, councillors and school trustees. In Winchester village reeve John Fader had already been elected to his fifth term by acclamation.

Precedent was almost set at Winchester's nomination meeting when two women, Mrs. Hugh Balkwill and Mrs. Percy Roberts were nominated to the office of councillor. The nomination of these two women created quite a stir among the predominantly male audience and it certainly marked the first time in 20 years that a woman has been given such a privilege in the village. Some of the more enthusiastic ratepayers believed that it would pave the way for the 'fairer sex' to take a more active part in municipal politics.

### *1967*

Editorial — "Seems a long time ago but there was a time when Halloween was a night of good fun, a few tricks and quite a lot of treats. People of all ages dressed up, made the rounds, and if you had an outhouse you could rest assured it would be gone in the morning or at least tipped over. Times have changed. There are few if any outhouses around anymore so there is nothing to tip over...except cars like the one in Metcalfe, and other valuable property. And today windows big and small not only get soaped, they get broken. Gangs are not made up of four or five people but of 50 or 60, although the gangs in Winchester on Halloween night were chiefly school students, many of whom were not creating any unnecessary mischief."

### *1977*

Winchester Hawks, sparked by a three-goal hat trick from right-winger Brad Sullivan, upset Prescott Saints 6-3 in their own rink. Hawks trailed their hosts 3-2 after one period but tied it up in the second and outscored the opposition three zip in the third to take their second straight victory.

According to reeve Johnny Whitteker, Williamsburg Township council wasn't "too happy" with the $10,000 price tag placed on the recently closed Williamsburg Public School by the SD&G Board of Education. Although the reeve admitted that the municipality may be forced to accept the board's offer, he said the township would begin the bargaining at $8,000. The school, located in Williamsburg, was closed by the board in June because of declining enrollment.

A boarding home for the elderly and disabled near Morrisburg was inspected following the discovery of fire and health irregularities including a fire exit door which was kept nailed shut for more than a year. Violations were discovered at Royden Manor by board of health and fire inspectors acting on complaints from relatives of residents.

Charges of misrepresentation by some councillors against a construction company who is proceeding with work on a proposed restaurant in Winchester were denied by the company's lawyer. The lawyer told councillors that his client had not attempted to mislead council when applying for a building permit for the work. In an attempt to stop work on the project council, at a previous meeting, decided to notify the company that the permit approved by the village was not sufficient to allow completion of the renovations. Some councillors at that time said the company had attempted to misrepresent the amount for which the permit was requested.

### *1987*

In an effort to police recreation spending and avoid the duplication of events, Winchester Township council decided to form an umbrella recreation association. There was a lack of communication between the township's seven recreation associations but a township recreation association would help keep recreation associations in touch with each other and prevent events from being held on the same day, councillors said.

The biggest problem facing waste management strategists was that the best and cheapest areas for landfill sites tended to be on agricultural land. Mountain Township Council was told that there was a lot of "second class land" that was less valuable agriculturally that could be used but it needed to be lined with a synthetic membrane to stop leakage. Five of the 13 areas being considered for a Grenville-Dundas landfill site lay within the boundaries of Mountain Township.







# Sweat equity

I am sitting in my sauna, contemplating the events of an unhappy afternoon.

I had to make a presentation to a bunch of corporate executive types, and my presentation did not go well. Having to get up to talk in front of a lot of people is not something I enjoy at the best of times. When I have to stand up in an executive boardroom full of tight faces, blue suits and God knows how many cattle's worth of Italian leather shoes, I get the willies.

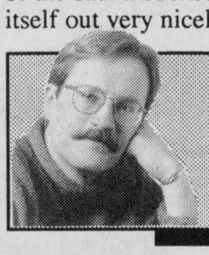
After a day like that, I retreat to my sauna to unwind and put things back in perspective.

The Vikings and the North American First Nations peoples had it right, you know: you shouldn't do business with anyone until you've had a sauna — or sweat lodge — with them. The First Nations people believe that the cleansing of the soul and body is essential if people are to talk and negotiate in good faith. The Vikings believed that if they didn't like you, they wouldn't let you out of the sauna until you were done to a medium rare.

After this afternoon, I think the Vikings may have been on to something.

Anyway, one of the best things about saunas, and what ought to make taking a communal sauna a pre-conference requirement in boardrooms across the country, is that participants have to be in the nude — or at least near-nude.

It is not hard to look impressive and be intimidating when you are wearing a blue Armani suit, a red tie and a pair of Italian, calf-skin slip-ons, lounging in a boardroom, sipping cappuccino, watching a presenter squirm in the spotlight. But shed the suit, sit in the nude in a sauna with a bunch of strangers and you'll find that being imposing is much more difficult. Get people out of their corporate uniform, have them sweating bullets and swigging luke-warm water out of the sauna bucket, and suddenly the corporate playing-field levels itself out very nicely.



## Home Free

**by Otte Rosenkrantz**

Ideally, of course, the sauna experience should include a nude roll in the snow. The descendants of the Vikings believe this is good for the circulation — by which they may have meant that the shock "circulates" people from this world into the next — and the Japanese know the value of a chilling dip after a steam bath in restoring business acumen.

The bottom line — if you'll pardon the expression — is that even the CEO will seem less frightening and aloof once you have seen him or her dashing naked through a snowstorm, luffa sponge and towel in hand.

Now there may, of course, be some concern in the business community that having saunas with the corporately inferior will lead to disrespect and unwarranted familiarity. This is not necessarily so. What is far more likely to happen is that we will all develop a shared appreciation of the ridiculous. It is surely impossible for just about anyone to look at themselves — much less their boss — in the nude in a public sauna without instantly developing a sense of humor. And there is no question that during these tough economic times, we could all use a good laugh.

For example: close your eyes and picture your VP of marketing in the nude. There, see what I mean?

If there is a down-side to this whole sauna approach to "taking a meeting", it would be in the area of the potential for lost productivity. Having grown comfortable with the idea of the pre-meeting sauna, how long before the entire meeting is conducted in the nude in the sauna? And are we then far from tele-saunaing? Corporate saunas around the world could be linked electronically to allow business people to "do meetings" without having to actually travel anywhere — or even get dressed.

This, of course, would open up a huge market for the entrepreneurs who first develop water and heat proof fax machines, portable computers and telephones — the possibilities are mind-boggling.

But you can forget about the sauna franchise. As soon as I find my pants, I'm going to corner that myself.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bill 160 not about quality education

**The Editor:**
The full-page advertisement published in the Winchester Press, Nov. 5, on behalf of the Ontario provincial government that states: "Our education system isn't working! Our children are falling behind. It must be changed now," is deliberately misleading.

This whole media campaign is simply political propaganda designed to dupe the Ontario public into believing that Bill 160 is about quality education. Consider each of the simplistic statements:

• More teacher time with students

The objective here is to convince parents that teachers of their children will spend more time in their children's classes. Instead, the extra teaching time will be used to fill in for the 7,000 odd teachers that Mike Harris wants to take out of the system. Bill 160 is not about giving more teacher time to individual students. It is about giving more students to teachers.

• Understandable report cards

Many teachers have already given up their time to pilot the new report card which is ready for use during this school year. Bill 160 is not needed for this.

• An end to large classes

Bill 160 takes $700 million and more than 7,000 teachers out of the system. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that you cannot reduce the average class size under these constraints. In addition, Bill 160 does not set a limit for maximum class size — merely maximum average.

Average class size means just that. Classes of 15 and 35 average to 25, but which parent wants their child in the class of 35? If Mike Harris is really serious about ending large classes then Bill 160 should state a maximum class size.

• Province-wide testing

Province-wide testing is already in place. Bill 160 has nothing to do with this.

• More parental involvement

Bill 160 strips school board trustees of virtually all their powers. Amalgamation means that SD&G will be part of a new board stretching from the eastern extremity of Ontario to Lanark. How many parents will be induced to travel to board meetings, especially in the winter, to give their input to such a castrated board? Mike Harris is looking for input from no-one except the non-elected gnomes that surround him. Bill 160 will, if anything, reduce parental involvement.

• A back-to-basics curriculum

Curriculum and standards are and always have been set by the Ministry of Education. One of the main problems that Ontario boards, teachers and students have had to put up with for many years is that each new party in power feels that it needs to put its stamp on the education of our children. Teachers are already implementing the latest "new curriculum" during this school year. Bill 160 has nothing to do with back-to-basics curriculum.

What is the cost of all this media propaganda? We all know where the money is coming from — the taxpayers of Ontario. The government is afraid to admit that money and the power to grab it are the driving forces behind Bill 160. Mike Harris needs about $700 million for the next tax cut. The new deputy minister of Education has been directed to take this same amount from education.

Is this just a coincidence?

Why doesn't the government of Ontario have the courage to lay out exactly what is in Bill 160 instead of trying to sidetrack the public with political propaganda? If the government refuses to translate Bill 160 into plain language then the media should do it for us. The public needs to be informed. Bill 160 is not about quality in education. It is about grabbing at least $700 million out of the system and making damned sure, via the numerous Henry VIII clauses, that no one in the public or legislature, can oppose it.

Perhaps a new advertisement should appear in the media:

Our government isn't working!
Our citizens are being misled.
It must be changed now!
Government reform can't wait.
The public deserves better!
Let's hope it will not be too late.

**Irene Casselman and Mike Else**

## Public needs more access to ice time

**The Editor**:
Public recreational skating and shinny hockey — where has it gone? Couldn't we have more of this?

I was struck by the fine use being made of the Winchester Arena for child care during the teachers' strike. Among other things, the young people used the ice for general skating for some three hours each day. Skaters of all ages seemed to love it. What a good way to use open time at an expensive community facility. Congratulations to the program organizers and the arena management.

Wouldn't it be great if those young skaters has similar access to the ice during normal weeks?

I much appreciate the free public skating now offered by the arena: Mon.-Fri. 4-5 pm; Sat. 8-9 pm and Sunday 6-7 pm. Couldn't the ice be made available for recreational skating Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school as well, if the rink is staffed at these times anyway?

How about a few open shinny hockey sessions for after school? Would any adults be willing to supervise such sessions? How about a couple of session in mid-week earlier in the day for stay-at-home parents and pre-school children? How about a session or two on mid-week evenings, for the working adults who cannot possibly attend sessions at 4 pm.

Skating is a fine social and aerobic activity for people of all ages, from two to 80. It's a fine alternative for teenage couch and mall potatoes. With our emphasis on highly organized and expensive formal minor hockey and figure skating teams, we have lost a lot of the recreational access to skating.

So many children drop out of hockey and figure skating around age 13, when most of them realize that they will never be stars. What a pity that they don't continue skating for fun.

It's sad that few teenagers are seen at most public skating sessions. It's only when young people have children of their own that they sometimes return to the rink.

It's also sad that arena managements tend to give low priority to recreational skating. For instance, the public session of Nov. 8 at Winchester was cancelled at less than two hours notice.

The rink attendant told me that the ice was rented to a hockey group, and that, "things had backed up" during the day.

I don't know what this means, but I do know which users are first to lose their ice time.

That's not fair.

Recreational skaters are just as important users of the community facilities as are hockey groups. (And it's simply not a question of paying the hourly rate. I would be happy to pay an admission fee for public skating time.)

As a taxpayer and parent, I want my community facilities to cater strongly and fairly to general recreation. Specialized expensive activities like formal minor hockey are not any more important.

And anyway, an organization should honor its schedule unless much more than two hours notice is given.

There is community interest in recreational skating and unorganized shinny: witness the huge popularity of the Rideau Canal skating and the heavy use made of local outdoor natural ice rinks for shinny hockey during the short outdoor season.

If more public skating and shinny time was offered by our indoor rinks, I would hope that attendance would slowly rise. Slowly, because we are so accustomed to the absence of public skating times and to the de-emphasis recreation.

The arena managements will have to commit to providing popular times for recreational skating for some years so that we can have a fair chance at judging the popularity of recreational skating.

I note that Winchester's public skating times are the best in the locality. The Chesterville Arena offers four public sessions, but two of them are around mid-day in mid-week — times not accessible to anyone at school or work. The Finch Arena offers exactly one public session per week. Does this not offend anyone in the Finch area?

Finally, I wonder if the Winchester Arena will offer a lot of extra recreational ice time during the day for the two weeks of the coming Christmas school holidays?

**Jim Johnson**

## Osgoode bucks trend with new CAO

**The Editor:**
I wonder why I am writing. The deed is done so it serves no purpose except for one — I'm not a happy camper.

Behind closed doors Oct. 28, Osgoode Township council made it official. What was their rush? Was the person entertaining other job offers when the contract expired at the end of November or did the slush fund they must be using to pay $70,000 come to an end?

It must be a slush fund because most municipalities are advocating no increase in taxes. So where does the $100,000 to run a new department come from?

Also this person seems to know the jargon of the day. "She will continue to work at streamlining the process that will aid council with speedy decisions rather than getting bogged down with a lot of bureaucracy."

Yep de do!

One of her first recommendations was to scale back the number of township departments from 10 to five. It sounds like downsizing to me except in this case, "no jobs were lost due to restructuring."

She also says, "I would like to discuss a 10-year plan and what our focus will be." She must have a vision. While the provincial government wishes to reduce the number of municipalities and cities under a regional government system, Osgoode Township wants to do the opposite and create more positions.

**Ken McOuatt**

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## Bill 160 takes away parents' rights

**The Editor:**
I am very concerned about the wording in Bill 160. I fear for the implications of that bill because it will take away the rights of parents to be able to seek out changes of undesirable conditions or situations in our schools. In our rural area of Dundas, with the present larger school board office and administration in Cornwall that we already experience, we, the parents, are not being heard.

SD&G directors of education don't listen to the parents' concerns. Cornwall schools get more consideration than our rural schools. The government is proposing even bigger school boards. The plan, as I understand, will add Prescott-Russell, Lanark and Leeds-Grenville to our area. This will put our Dundas schools in a board where our rural Dundas County will be the minority.

The parents of Dundas will not have a hope of being listened to.

Bill 160 will give too much power to the Ministry of Education and Premier Harris. This is an infringement of the rights of parents to have any say in their children's education. Parents and taxpayers should have the right to know that their school taxes will stay in their area to educate the local children. I understand that the government will give themselves the power to take money from one school tax area and give it to another.

I fear that the premier and cabinet are planning to take too much power and violate the rest of Ontario residents' freedom. Our local school board should have a say in setting our school taxes, budgets, buildings and hiring staff.

I fail to understand how the children in this province will benefit from the government putting people in the classroom who are not educated and trained teachers. Are you taking us back to post World War II when there was a shortage of teachers and people with some summer school were teaching in the schools?

If our province is in such a terrible state that the politicians are willing to jeopardize our future generations, if they feel money is more important than the needs of our children, perhaps they need to consider cutting their own salaries and pensions.

**Verla M. Graham**
Winchester

## OPINIONS

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

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## CORRECTION NOTICE

*WE WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IN OUR CURRENT "SHOP EARLY AND SAVE" flyer*

**Page 8: The illustrations should be transposed for binoculars, item10,** 76-1009-6, **and item 12,** 76-1061-8.

**Page 9: There are no boys' 8-16, 2-pc. snowsuits, only 1-pc snowsuits are available.**

**Page 26: Revitalizer cushion,** 32-1470-8. Copy should read: **4 massaging motors, NOT 5.**

*ALSO, WE WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IN OUR CURRENT "GREAT GIFT IDEAS" flyer*

**Page 10: Scrunch'n Wear,** 50-3524-6. The illustration is incorrect showing Hair Wraps'n Braids.

**Page 19: Sanyo ultra-thin stereo with remote,** 44-1664-0 is not available. Rainchecks will be issued.

**Page 27: The illustrations for item 10, Hood repair kit,** 26-0190-6, **and item 11, Survival Kit,** 26-0012-2, **should be transposed.**

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## Kudos for temporary child care staff

**The Editor:**
I would like to commend and thank all the volunteers who worked at the community centre in Winchester while schools were closed these last two weeks.

The organizers of the temporary child care services did a tremendous amount of work organizing and volunteering.

The support of the community was truly impressive and it is so heartwarming to see how people can pull together in times of need. There were so many wonderful ways people helped out.

I was leery the first week as to who was doing the support and the ratio of supervisors to children. With the coverage from the papers, I felt more comfortable and appreciated the services the second week.

I am a mother of an only child. It makes for a long day with a sitter and no other children to play with so this gave her an opportunity to have activity and interaction with others.

She thoroughly enjoyed going there.

Thursday morning, I was able to volunteer my services and I saw first-hand what the volunteers had been dealing with the whole time.

Children are good on the whole, but all it takes is a few disturbers to make it less enjoyable for others.

Activities are so important as when boredom sets in, so does mischief.

This experience made me even more aware what teachers have to deal with on a continual basis.

We as parents, need to help them with guiding our children the best we know how, and shouldn't expect everyone else to do it for us.

Thank you to the community for all your support.

**Tricia Hyndman**
**Winchester**

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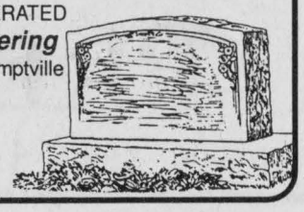

# Unofficial poll-by-poll results for South Dundas

| PLACE NUMBER | LOCATION | MAYOR | | | COUNCILLORS | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | WARD 1 | | | WARD 2 | | | WARD 3 | | | WARD 4 | | |
| | | C. Barkley | L. VanAllen | J. C. Whitteker | B. Geertsma | R. Gillard | T. Henderson | M. Ault | B. Sabourin | N. Tinkler | C. Martel | D. Martin | D. Testerink | B. Ewing | A. Robert | A. Rooney |
| **WARD 1** Advance | Municipal Office, Williamsburg | 11 | 21 | 41 | 7 | 48 | 16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 1 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 36 | 56 | 96 | 80 | 60 | 46 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 2 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 32 | 47 | 123 | 51 | 114 | 35 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 3 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 8 | 71 | 110 | 28 | 154 | 17 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 4 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 28 | 34 | 107 | 48 | 90 | 30 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 5 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 20 | 77 | 135 | 80 | 115 | 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 6 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 20 | 46 | 161 | 34 | 140 | 46 | | | | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 7 | Williamsburg Fire Station | 43 | 40 | 155 | 77 | 93 | 65 | | | | | | | | | |
| **WARD 2** Advance | Municipal Office, Brinston | 22 | 9 | 26 | | | | 13 | 25 | 16 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 1 | Stampville (former Public School) | 11 | 21 | 32 | | | | 20 | 31 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 2 | Stampville (former Public School) | 79 | 17 | 27 | | | | 24 | 56 | 41 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 3 | Stampville (former Public School) | 115 | 30 | 58 | | | | 46 | 86 | 71 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 4 | Dixons Corners Community Hall | 101 | 17 | 56 | | | | 41 | 62 | 59 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 5 | Dixons Corners Community Hall | 190 | 38 | 58 | | | | 70 | 148 | 56 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 6 | Dixons Corners Community Hall | 84 | 5 | 23 | | | | 32 | 54 | 23 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 7 | Dixons Corners Community Hall | 74 | 23 | 33 | | | | 19 | 22 | 83 | | | | | | |
| Voting Place 8 | Stampville (former Public School) | 62 | 31 | 77 | | | | 37 | 78 | 49 | | | | | | |
| **WARD 3** Advance | Municipal Office, Morrisburg | 10 | 14 | 43 | | | | | | | 21 | 7 | 38 | | | |
| Voting Place 1 | Civic Building, Morrisburg | 51 | 87 | 83 | | | | | | | 106 | 29 | 83 | | | |
| Voting Place 2 | Civic Building, Morrisburg | 71 | 102 | 138 | | | | | | | 159 | 30 | 113 | | | |
| Voting Place 3 | Civic Building, Morrisburg | 82 | 148 | 189 | | | | | | | 199 | 49 | 156 | | | |
| **WARD 4** Advance | Municipal Office, Iroquois | 19 | 15 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 14 | 18 |
| Voting Place 1 | Civic Centre, Iroquois | 137 | 41 | 46 | | | | | | | | | | 66 | 55 | 103 |
| Voting Place 2 | Civic Centre, Iroquois | 109 | 46 | 41 | | | | | | | | | | 51 | 43 | 98 |
| Voting Place 3 | Civic Centre, Iroquois | 106 | 24 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | 29 | 34 | 98 |
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Ward 4 (formerly the Village of Iroquois)

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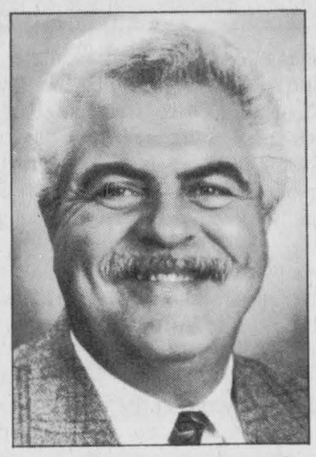
Bill Barclay - 2,484
Jane Ewing - 1,756



## Celebration night

It was a night of waiting and then celebrating for candidates in the Township of South Dundas election at Dixons Corners on Monday night. Councillor for Ward Three Cam Martel and Counsellor for Ward Four Audrey Rooney posed for a quick photo after the final numbers had trickled in. Press Photo -- Culliton

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**Thank You**

Thank you so very much to our family, who planned such a wonderful evening to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Your thoughtful and careful planning showed in so many ways. We greeted, chatted, hugged, laughed and even danced throughout a perfectly wonderful evening with family and friends. Thanks are extended to all who came to join in the fun, to all who sent cards and gifts and most especially to a warm and loving family that always makes us feel so unconditionally loved.

*Sincerely,*
*Willis and Gisela Kerr*



I would like to thank the people of Mountain Township for your support.

*–Keith Fawcett*



**Thank You**

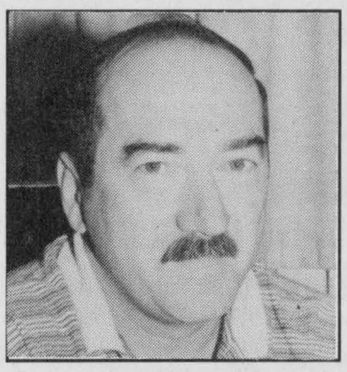
*I would like to thank all the voters of Ward 2 who supported me on November 10.*



Annette Turner



**Thank You**



Bob Riddell

**To the Residents of the Village of Winchester:**

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*Special thanks to Rose, Robert and Melissa*



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Congratulations to the people of North Dundas on the election of your new council. The diverse mix provides representation for all. We, the new council, accept the challenges of amalgamation and downloading and are committed to the development and prosperity of our new municipality. I'm proud to represent the constituents of North Dundas in these very challenging times. Thank you for your support and encouragement at the polls Monday.

**Sincerely,**
**Martin Schoones**



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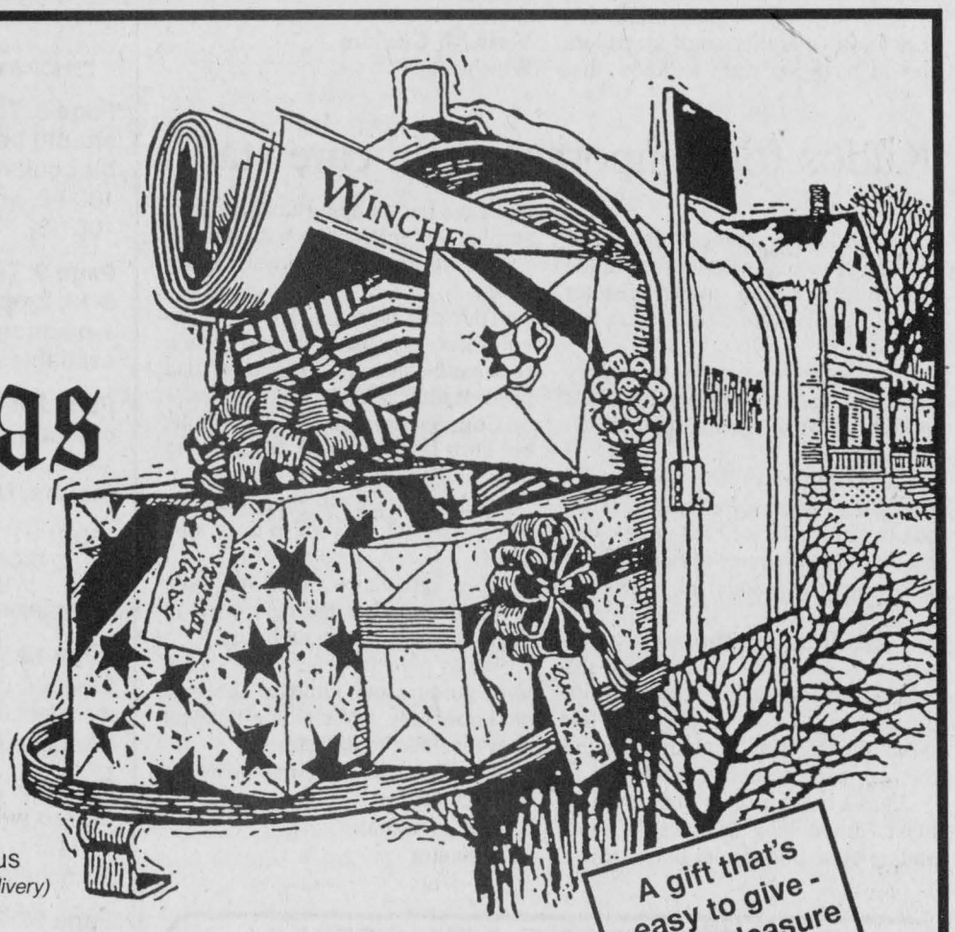


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### A moment of silence

A group of cadets bow their heads for a moment of silence at the Mountain cenotaph during Remembrance Day ceremonies Nov. 8. A group of close to 50 people turned out to pay their respects.
Press photo-Brownlee



### Bridging the generation gap

Kirsten Milne is flanked by the profile of a Legion member during Remembrance Day ceremonies in Mountain. Local dignitaries turned out to lay wreaths in honor of fallen comrades.
Press photo-Brownlee

# ITR play *'Blithe Spirit'* good, fun performance

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

OSGOODE — Ghosts, confusion and laughs rule in the Isle in the River Review's production of "Blithe Spirit", a play by Noel Coward.

Opening night was Fri., Nov. 7 at the Community Centre in Osgoode. The performance runs this week, Nov. 13, 14, and 15.

The play opens in the living room of Charles Condomine's house in Kent, England with Condomine and his wife, Ruth, discussing the seance that is to take place in their home later in the evening.

As the Condomines, played by Anne Quinn and Clarke Garrett, welcome Dr. and Mrs. Bradman (Steve Campbell and Isobel Eastman) to their home for dinner and a seance, the laughs begin.

The laughs continue when Madame Arcati the medium arrives. Played by Janice Boyles Marks, Madame Arcati is a boisterous, unique, overly-dramatic woman who is full of surprises, drawing laughs from the audience with her antics, even when the focus of the scene isn't on her.

A ghostly appearance made by Condomine's first wife, Elvira (Pat Milne) throws a twist into the seance and causes marital troubles for Condomine and his current wife.

The maid, Edith (Megan Provost) provides more humor as a harried, nervous servant, scurrying in and out of the room.

A superbly designed set and professional work on lighting finished off a good product.

Despite some opening night jitters, the play was well performed by all, under the direction of Ron Watkin, and continues in the tradition of entertaining community theatre.


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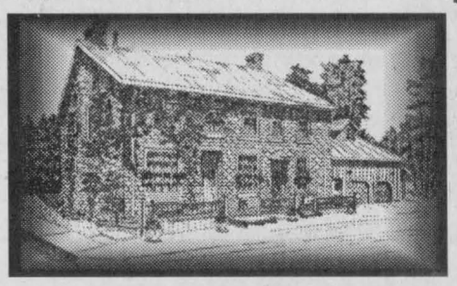

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## Police blotter

### Local charged in hunting accident

WILLIAMSBURG TWP.—Winchester resident Basil Pemberton, 39, has been charged with careless hunting after he shot Randy Moke, 44, of Newington in the foot Nov. 5 while the two were hunting in the area of Anderson and Church roads.

Moke was treated at and later released from the Winchester Hospital.

Both OPP and MNR officials investigated the accident.

### Trailer snatched

MORRISBURG — Police have been unsuccessful so far in their search for a brown, "Muwa" trailer that was stolen sometime between Nov. 2-5 from a Fifth Street residence.

### $5,300 worth of coats stolen

MORRISBURG — An early-morning break and enter at a local business Nov. 8 netted thieves approximately $5,300 in ski jackets and fleece pullovers.

The Upper Canada detachment of the OPP report that access to the building was gained through a glass window of the north side of the building.

A total of 38 Columbia ski jackets and six Columbia pullovers were stolen

### Insulation lifted from job site

WINCHESTER — Sometime between 10 pm on Nov. 7 and 6:15 am the following morning, 48 sheets of blue Dowform styrofoam insulation was stolen from a Baker Road construction site.

Estimated value of the loss is approximately $2,000.



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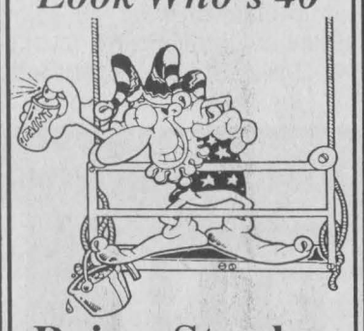

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## UCW members at Nov. meeting

**by Doris Ennis**

WINCHESTER — The Winchester UCW met on Nov.10. President Orma Earl welcomed the members to the meeting and read a short poem called "Remembrance". A period of worship was led by Lillian Moore and June Armstrong with the theme "Creating Lands of Peace".

A report on the anniversary supper indicated that 414 meals were served and that 50 frozen dinners were delivered to the food bank.

Time was spent considering an accumulation of appeal letters. It was agreed to support the North Dundas Children's Fund, the Dundas Learning Centre, the Centre for Christian Studies and the Francis Sandy Centre.

Plans were made for delivering good cheer plates to shut-ins for Christmas. Each unit will be asked for 12 dozen cookies. Also for the Christmas season memoriam poinsettias will be accepted to help decorate the sanctuary. The Christmas meeting of the UCW will be in the form of a pot-luck dinner on Dec. 8 at 6 pm.

Unit One reported a successful Halloween visit to Dundas Manor with members arriving in costume. Unit Two will sponsor its annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon and Bake Sale on Dec. 6 beginning at 11 am. Unit Four will be catering to a meeting of the Canadian Food Grains Bank.


We're growing...



*Bill Baker, C.G.A.*

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Baker to our staff. Bill is a graduate of the University of Waterloo's Co-op Math and Accounting program and is a Certified General Accountant. After spending the last 15 years in Southern Ontario working in public accounting and industry, Bill is pleased to return to the Winchester area. Bill originally comes from the Crysler area and is looking forward to seeing familiar faces.

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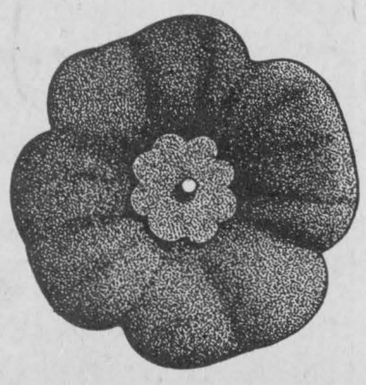
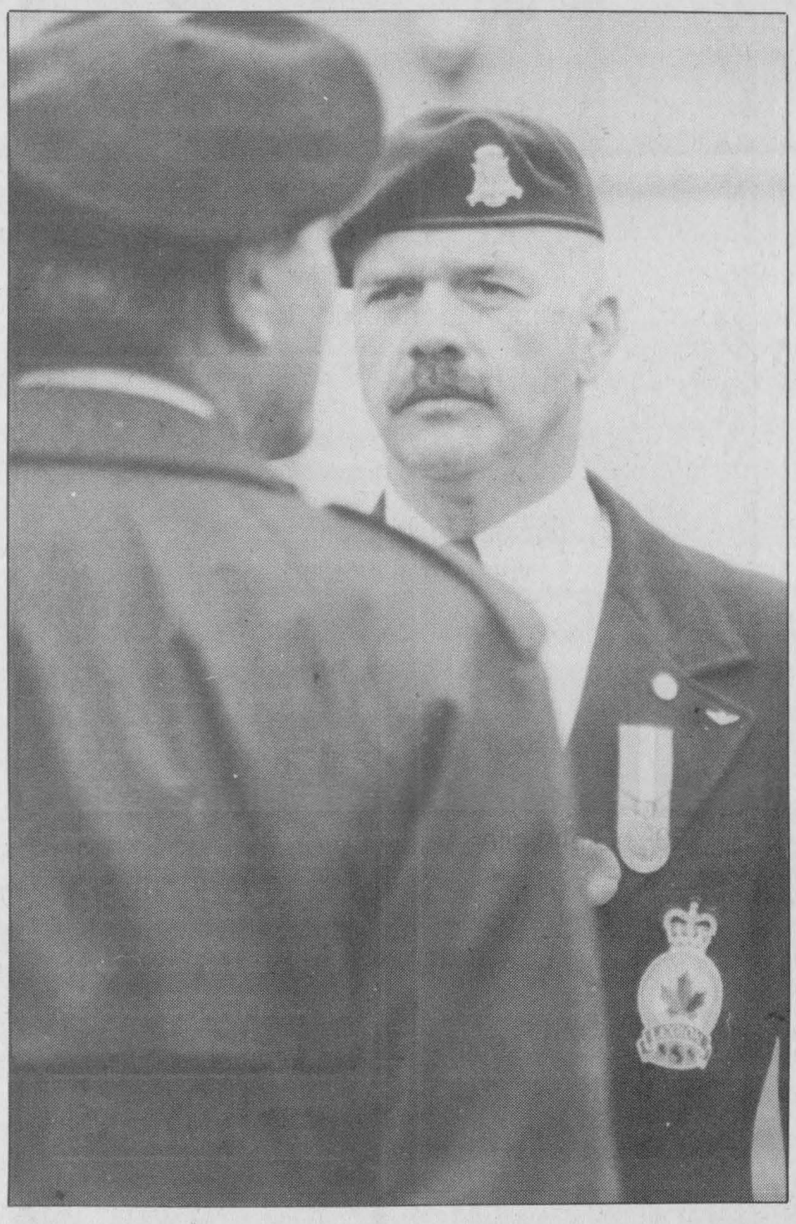
The Ottawa Police Pipe Band, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 108 Winchester and children in the scouting movement marched from the legion building starting at 12:15 pm to the public school for a commemorative service in the gymnasium at 12:30 pm.

Following the service, many dignitaries and community residents set wreaths at the cenotaph in honor of veterans who risked their lives.













Winchester observed Remembrance Day 1997 on Sunday. The Ottawa Carleton Police Pipe Band headed up the parade (top left). Winchester's Jack Yourt was one of the pipers on parade (top right). The tiny Sparks tried to hide from the rain. Gord Crowder (above) was part of the Br. 108 color party. Gord Shepherd forms up in front of Len Steck (photo left).
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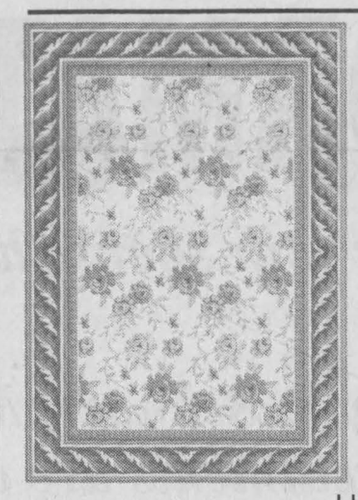

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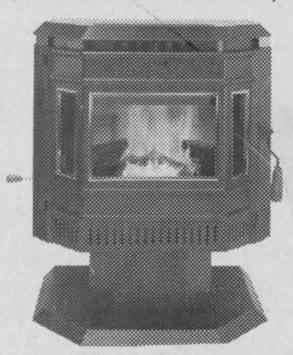

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# Nurse takes on new challenge

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The title of nurse practitioner is not a new concept. But a South Mountain woman was one of the first 50 graduates in Ontario to be involved in a university program that combines a university degree with the diploma for nurse practitioner.

Connie-Gail Crowder has been a VON (Victoria Order of Nurses) since 1989. She took two years off to take part in this new program at the University of Ottawa, and recently received her degree as a Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner with eight other students in Ottawa, and 50 across the province.

"With this degree, we concentrate on prevention, health promotion and wellness," Crowder told the *Press*. "I'm a nurse first. I come from a nursing background, but there is an overlap of medical training. That is, diagnosis, prescribing some drugs, and ordering tests."

This opportunity arose in 1995 when the government decided to fund a university program for five years with the 10 main universities in Ontario.

"A lot of my job is educating patients, for example during physical examinations," Crowder explained. "That means teaching about health promotion, how to give a breast self-exam."

The title of nurse practitioner expands the role of a nurse, Crowder said.

"We're one part of the health care team. We need to work together with other health care professionals, including nurses, doctors, and the patients," she explained. "It's collaborating, sharing, and respecting each other's differences. It takes a combination of everyone's expertise to bring it all together."

Crowder's ambition is to provide ongoing counselling for patients in education and mental health. "I want to provide the right health care, and provide it at the right time with the right process," she said.

She added, "We (nurse practitioners) are not taking over anyone else's role. We complement each other in order to give the best possible health care to the community. It also allows the client to choose his or her health care provider. It gives the patient control and choice."

On a personal level, Crowder's achievement in receiving her degree means a lot. "It means professional growth and enlightenment, and a new challenge for me," she said. "It has provided me with assessment skills and critical thinking for my clients. It gives me autonomy."

She added, "I'm able to provide patients and the community with a different spin on the nursing role. I can provide continuous care for clients, and they can get consultations when they need to."

Crowder is enthusiastic about her new role, and wants to promote the position of nurse practitioner to the public.

The 50 students in Ontario who received degrees as nurse practitioners were part of research being done in the U.S.A. and in Canada. The class was part of the research project to see if the program is worth the government funding. Crowder believes it is worth it.

"A nurse practitioner provides services and reduces emergency room hospital utilization rates and lab costs," she said. "They free physicians to deal with clients who need their help."

There are many nurse practitioners in the U.S.A. who specialize in different areas of medicine, like pediatrics. But not in Canada, Crowder said.

"I don't foresee specialties for nurse practitioners in the near future," she said. "We may end up having to specialize but remuneration needs to be looked at. There will never be a third party bill, and there is no infrastructure in place for funding for nurse practitioners."

According to Crowder, the Ministry of Health hopes that by 1999 there will be 500 nurse practitioners in Ontario. "But that doesn't guarantee that they will be able to practise," Crowder pointed out.

For now, Crowder is a nurse practitioner with the VON office in Winchester. She is the first nurse practitioner in the area, and is blazing the trail for the future.

"I believe that nurse practitioners can be of service in rural areas where it's difficult to attract physicians," Crowder said. "We're not going to replace physicians, but we can provide part of the service."

She added, "I strongly believe that nurse practitioners are the wave of the future. We make up part of the team, and choices are important for the patient."




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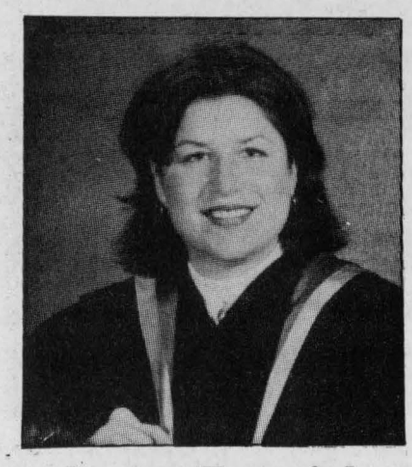


## Laura Zrymiak

Laura Zrymiak, daughter of Nick and Mary Zrymiak, graduated from Lakehead University on May 31, 1997 with a Bachelor of Natural Sciences and a Bachelor of Education, First Class Standing. Laura has accepted a teaching position in Auckland, New Zealand, beginning January, 1998.

*Congratulations and love from Mom, Dad and Bill.*

# Township downloads building to club

METCALFE — Young computer buffs who were looking for a facility to hang their modem, now have a place to call home.

Osgoode Township is providing computer club members a building, it owns beside the township hall, rent free.

Tom Lee, director of parks and recreation, told council last week there hasn't been any interest expressed in renting the building since the Metcalfe community policing committee vacated recently.

"We happen to have an empty building next door and because we can't rent it, we let them have it," Lee said.

However, if someone does express interest in renting the building, the club has 30 days to vacate the premises.

The township will also be responsible for the heat in the building, but the club will have to pay to insure the contents and install a bathroom.

Metcalfe resident Rhonda Hicks, who formed the committee last August, said the group couldn't find a more appropriate location than the house beside township hall.

Lee added that the rent-free offer will also give the club time to see if the idea works without spending a lot of money.

Lee also told council the youth committee approached the township for the use of a facility on a cost-recovery basis to sponsor a dinner and dance fundraiser, which will be held Nov. 22 at the community centre.

# Seniors meet

**by Marjorie Baker**

MOUNTAIN — The Mountain Township Seniors held their meeting on Oct. 29 at the Mountain Hall with a large attendance. They were welcomed by president Mavis Graham. O Canada was sung followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Doris Scarfe and approved. Evelyn Francis gave the treasurer's report. The kitchen report was given by Irene Crowder. Keith Fawcett gave the hall report with good news about the progress of the hall repair.

Muriel Milne gave her report, advising that there will not be any trips planned until the new year. She reported on the order of some new tables for the hall.

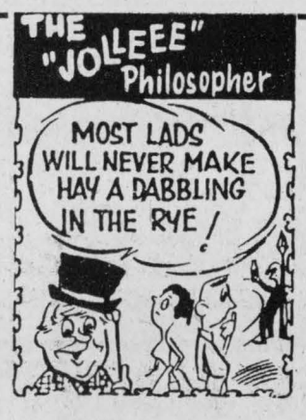
Members are asked to bring donations of non-perishable goods for the Christmas baskets for the November meeting. Our Christmas dinner is being held on Dec. 10. A definite number is needed by Nov. 26.

Volunteer drivers are needed by the Cancer Society. The group gave a donation of $25 to help with the Armistice Day service.

Birthdays were acknowledged and Grace was sung, followed by a delicious pot-luck dinner.

After the dinner the program was opened with a poem read by Hilda Kirkby.

A masquerade parade then followed, and Margaret Hyndman was our chosen winner.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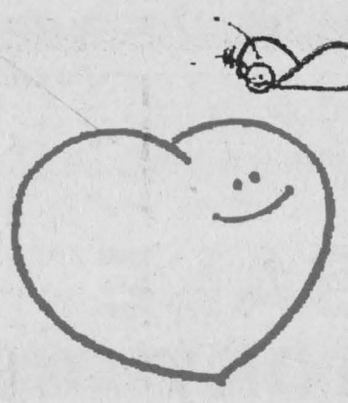

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# Farm update

## Silvercrest facility gets down to work

**Dianne Fetterly**
*Agricultural editor*

AVONMORE — Silvercrest Farms, operated by the Canham family, showcased its new 120-head freestall barn and milking parlor at an open house here last Saturday (Nov. 8).

Built by Marvelville Carpentry, the 128 by 88-foot barn features some of the latest in dairy technology.

One of the up-to-date features is a flush system used to clean the barn. It empties into three lagoons situated behind the barn.

The steel-clad building is naturally ventilated with turkey curtains. It has insulated cathedral ceilings and end walls. Large doors are located at both ends of the barn. Stalls are equipped with pasture mats for added comfort and floors are grooved to prevent cows from slipping.

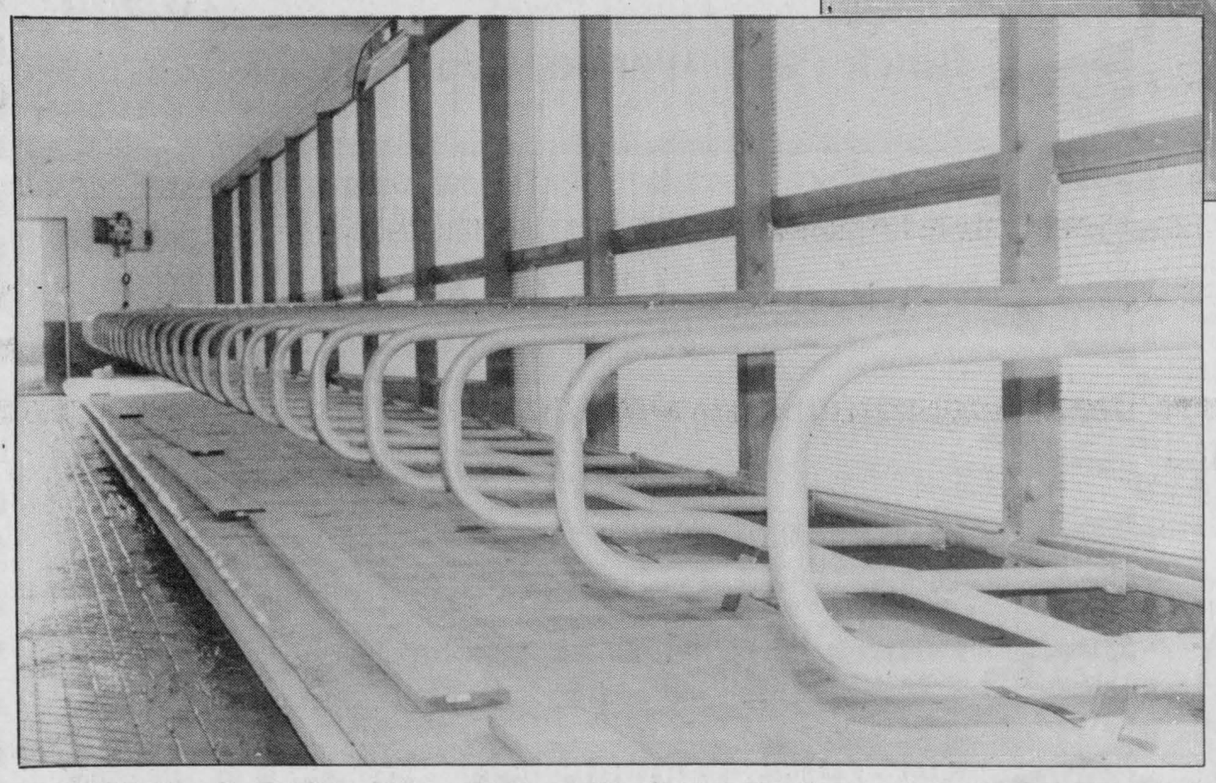
The milking parlor and milkhouse area is 60 by 77 feet. The new Maestro Gang Exit/Gang Index Double 8 parallel parlor was designed by Plante Farm Equipment Ltd. and Electrical. It features Heavy Duty Diamond stalls with an automatic take-off system and "comfort floor" tiles in the parlor pit. Cattle are ushered into the parlor through a Drover crowd gate.

The milkhouse, a calving pen and an area for treating cows is also located in the 60 by 77-foot structure.

The Canhams are currently milking about 60 head of cows, but Earl Canham says they hope to expand the herd now that the new barn is complete.

Silvercrest Farms is located south of Avonmore on Rush City Road.





***Shiny new***

*Visitors to Silvercrest Farms look over the newly installed double 8 parallel milking parlor. Earl Canham and family held an open house at the new facilities last Saturday.*
*At left: The barn's stalls are equipped with pasture mats for cow comfort. The freestall area receives natural ventilation through turkey curtains. Press Photos — Fetterly*

# update

## Ormond Bee Happies tour Crerar's

**by Kelly Klein-Swormink**

ORMOND -- The third meeting of the "Ormond Bee Happies" was held on Wed., Oct. 8 at the home of Joanne Toonen.

The club made popcorn balls with honey, honey hot chocolate and fruit punch with honey. These snacks were enjoyed as the members watched several bee-keeping movies.

For the fourth meeting the club went to Crerar's Honey on Highway 31. Jeff Crerar took the club out to the shop for a tour. When they went inside, Mrs. Bette Crerar gave them a tour of her store and demonstrated how to make beeswax candles.

Mrs. Crerar showed the club a bee movie and provided punch and cookies with honey. Andrea Bridges thanked Mrs. Crerar for an educational evening.

Before club members left for home, Mrs. Crerar gave each member a sample of honey and a pamphlet.

## Members try healthy snacking

**by Amy McKeen**

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The first meeting of the Healthy Eating 4-H Club was held Sat., Nov. 1 at the home of Sandy Weagant.

This club was named "Snackaroos". Virginia Sahl was elected president, vice-president is Becky Berube, and the secretary is Laure Bossel. In this club we will be cooking. This week we made oatmeal pancakes, peach smoothies and cheese strata. Everything was good but we did not get to try the cheese strata since it was not ready. So far this club is a lot of fun. We all look forward to learning about more healthy snacks and meals.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## Farmland values on the rise

REGINA — Farm Credit Corporation (FCC) market analysis indicates Canadian farmland values rose by an average of 5.6 per cent between January 1997 and July 1997. This continues the upward trend in farmland values experienced over the past four years.

The research results, reported semi-annually by FCC, indicate that increases vary considerably from province to province, reflecting different factors in the agricultural economy.

Manitoba recorded the highest semi-annual increase in the country at 8.9 per cent, followed by British Columbia at 8.1 per cent and Ontario at 7.9.

In Ontario, sales generally slowed toward the end of the assessment period. There continued to be pockets of activity, particularly in eastern Ontario and the counties bordering Lake Huron. The impact of offshore buyers, the acquisition of land for expansion of cash crops and expansion in the livestock industry are factors that influenced land values. However, rising operating expenses reduced net income available to purchase land.


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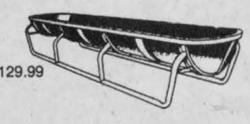
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## *Fall work*

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**Dianne Fetterly**
*Agricultural editor*

KEMPTVILLE — While attendance was down a bit this year, potential students got a taste for college life during Unique Careers Day, held at the Kemptville College of the University of Guelph last Wednesday (Nov. 5).

Dr. Jonathan Morgan, of the organizing committee, suggests the strike by Ontario's teachers probably had an impact on the turnout.

"We obviously lost the organized trips from high schools, but we did get about 100 students," Morgan said.

There was a high degree of interest in the equine, agriculture, and power and equipment programs. And those who did turn out were students that were truly interested. As well, not everyone who attended had registered, he explained.

The weather also co-operated and organizers were happy they went ahead with the event, Morgan added.

From the welcoming area located in the Purvis Library, visitors joined a group to tour the campus. Visitors were encouraged to ask about various aspects of the college.

All the diploma programs, Food Services Management, Agriculture, Equine Studies and Landscape Horticulture as well as the one-year certificate programs, Diesel Equipment Mechanic, Diesel Equipment Technician, Welding and Equipment Repair and Equine Certificate, were represented at the event.

Potential students visited the livestock evaluation lab; saw tillage, food preparation, welding and tree climbing demonstrations; viewed greenhouse and landscaping displays; toured livestock facilities; and met the college staff.

Visitors also toured the residences, cafeteria, gymnasium, lecture theatres and computer lab and saw demonstrations of the Internet access available to students.

# O-C makes bid for 2001 match

CUMBERLAND — Local individuals, businesses and municipalities have thrown their support behind Ottawa-Carleton in its bid for the 2001 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show.

A committee under the auspices of the Ottawa-Carleton Plowmen's Association is putting together a bid presentation for the 2001 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show to be held in the Municipality of Cumberland. This 84-year-old traditional plowing competition has the devoted following of the agricultural community and their suppliers.

Several buses for supporters interested in attending the bid presentation, to be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston are being organized for Mon., Feb. 16, 1998. The buses will be leaving at 7 am from the Navan Arena and the JR Brisson Equipment yard in Vars and will return that afternoon or in the late evening for those attending the banquet. Buses are being sponsored by JR Brisson Equipment Ltd., M.L. Bradley Ltd. and Embrun Ford. Those interested in enquiring about banquet tickets or those wishing to reserve a bus seat can call Sam Dagg at 613-835-2729 or after Nov. 18, Joan or Doug Lancaster at 613-833-2837.

The supporters will also be well-dressed. In order to generate revenue and also to provide a recognizable team uniform, souvenir ball caps, golf shirts or woven shirts have been designed. These are available at J.T. Bradley's in Navan, by calling Ivan Tanner at 613-835-2467, or by ordering through the web page at http://www.wivianne.com/ipm2001.

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