Minister says it is time to improve quality of education

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

An unprecedented happening is about to occur in the high schools of this province. Teachers at Seaway High in Iroquois are deeply concerned with what is being proposed and with the ramifications thereof. "There is just too much change coming down the tubes and so little time to digest it let alone to implement them." The Minister of Education had outlined a booklet of proposal which he is inviting the people of Ontario to respond to, by November 30, and everyone is encouraged to do so.

Speaking to a number of concerned parents at an information meeting at the high school last week, teachers, who had spent time trying to comprehend just what the Ministry is telling everyone, along with Principal Murray did a fine job of informing those present, sharing their acquired knowledge of specific areas of the document as presented by the Education Minister and offering the various options for consideration and debate. Mr. Murray cautioned that an optimistic outlook for parents and educators will go far and wanted everyone to think carefully when filling out the survey.

The document introduction suggests, "No one is completely satisfied with our high schools, parents, students and teachers:we're proud of the achievements of our high schools, but we know we must do better to live up to the standards of the teachers, students and parents who are the true owners of high school education in Ontario. We (the Ministry?) already know many ways we can improve high schools to meet the legitimate expectations of Ontario's young people and strengthen confidence in our education system."

Suggesting that teachers are a frustrated lot, may be true to a point, but perhaps their frustration is not with the system and curriculum as suggested, but with the rapidity of changes being thrown at them in a very short period of time. "We just de-streamed Grade 9 and now we are tossing that out and looking at something completely different for that year."

It is suggested that the world has in fact been changing faster than our high schools. Some parts of the document.."Excellence in Education: High School Reform" sounds like a propaganda issue. The message from the Minister looks great on paper...but the problem is whether the issues can be resolved satisfactorily and implemented within the time frame...be in place by 1998 fall term. He expresses the desire to develop a high quality education system that can set new standards around the world. There are some who worry that the Honourable Minister is advocating change for the sake of change; so his government can leave their stamp on education in the province!?

The encouraging word from the Principal, "The situation is not as desperate as it sounds."As with everything new, there is a pile to digest and this meeting went a long way to accomplishing this task for those who attended. The pros and cons of the proposals were laid out and discussed. Everyone can decide for themselves, fill out the survey and hopefully be heard on this vital issue.

Staff who attended a weekend meeting in Toronto on this passed on to everyone the facts that they were told, "We are presently number one in the world, since Ontario's Education system cannot afford to remain number one, we will have to settle for being number five or six...where could the funding come from?"

Principal Murray, always the "eternal optimist" suggested that Seaway is well on the road to being in the forefront of education today..."We, the community are fortunate, a pro-active staff, school councils(You the parents are being given more power, Seaway having already placed emphasis on math, sciences and computers, we are ahead of the game." He quoted numbers to substantiate his statements; 100% of our grade 11 students take math and a whopping 75% of grade 12 are enrolled in math courses, science looks just as good and we offer computer courses, which are compulsory at the grade 10 level, thus every Seaway student has at least 100 hours of computer under their belts when they graduate, a most beneficial plus to their resume."

According to Mr. Murray, Seaway is a growing school. "Our growth alone is a

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SD & G Warden Charles Barkley was honored at tribute banquet

by Sean McKibbon
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'I think it's a heck of a system and it has been a really good year,' said Matilda Reeve and Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Warden Charles Barkley at his own tribute banquet. But it wasn't a year without controversy, as evidenced by Williamsburg Reeve John Whitteker's comments to the assemblage of well dressed municipal leaders.

Whitteker, the longest serving member of county council and on record as being against amalgamation, addressed Barkley and congratulated him and the other county chairmen on their term, but he also raised some concerns about amalgamation and the future course of the county.

'We've got more changes coming down the pipe in the next year than we've ever had.' Whitteker compared the changes to the changes in county council made from 1969-1972, when county council meetings went from fifteen-day stints, spaced widely apart in the year, to meetings every other month. He said that those changes had been for the better, but that the effects of the new changes remained to be seen.

'I think we can make (amalgamation) work if we want to make it work, but we've all got to work together,' Whitteker said.

Others, such as Floyd Dingwall, past Warden and member of the county executive, were less serious, roasting Barkley with jokes and jibes.

'It's just a chance to say goodbye as warden to the people I've worked with. It means the end of a successful year and this is a kind of a last chance to say thanks when we're all together,' said Barkley, explaining the banquet.

Barkley was presented with a watch by Jim Bancroft, the reeve of Osnabruck Township and chairman of the County's roads and bridges committee.

Whitteker joked, that when Barkley was starting out on county council he'd taking Whitteker's advice and joined the library committee, 'But, you don't seem to listen to me like you used to,' said Whitteker eliciting a few chuckles.

'You're right,' said Barkley, 'I did listen to you back then about joining the library committee, but now I've gotten smarter.' Everyone laughed.



Warden receives tribute *Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon*

Stormont Dundas and Glengary Warden Charles Barkley receives a commemorative watch to recognize his service as Warden of the county from Jim Bancroft, chairman of SD&G's roads and bridges committee and Reeve of Osnabruck Township. Barkley received the watch Tuesday, Nov. 19 during a tribute banquet at the Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg. Municipal leaders from all of the municipalities in SD&G attended the event.

Christmas is only four weeks away

This Saturday, November 30, Santa will be at Rooney Feeds in Iroquois. Bring your pet and get his/her picture taken with the Jolly old Elf. He'll arrive at 8 a.m. and stay until noon.

Christmas is coming and there's only four weeks left until the big day. Seaway's drama classes, grade 12 and OAC, will present *Alice in Wonderland*, a magical journey with the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts, starting Tuesday, December 3, and running at 10 am and 1 pm. Wednesday, December 4, will have the same show times and on Thursday, December 5, show times will be at 1 pm and 7:30 pm.

Santa will stop by Morrisburg at 10:30 am on Saturday, December 7, and will enjoy breakfast in Iroquois. He has promised to bring treats, get your picture with him between 11 am and 1:30 pm. (Hosted by the Scouts).

A Christmas Carol will be presented at UCP, December 13, 14, 20, and 21, all at 8 pm with a Sunday matinee on December 22, at 2 pm. Always a favourite, local talent will be displayed with Charlie Marsden as Scrooge.

Morrisburg will hold open meeting

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Village of Morrisburg has decided to go to the public with the information they have on amalgamation and give the people a chance to have their say.

Municipalities across the province must let the provincial government know what decisions on restructuring have been made by January 1st 1997.

Morrisburg must inform the United Counties of their decision on municipal restructuring as soon as possible.

Taking the lead in the restructuring process, the United Counties have come up with a proposal to amalgamate the 20 municipalities in S.D. & G., down to six.

Before Morrisburg council decides what their decision will be, they have decided to let the public have a say.

"Even if we can't influence the out-come of the decision I think it's important that the public have a say," stated Morrisburg Councillor Larry Schnurr. "It may be a done deal, but it seems to me it's only fair to let the public have a say."

Council voted unanimously to hold a public information meeting on the subject and the out-come of the public meeting will determine the decision that Morrisburg council makes.

"Gord (Reeve McGregor) and Dirk (Deputy Reeve Testerink) have made it clear to me that they would convey the public's wishes to the Counties," said Councillor Schnurr.

At the public meeting, scheduled for the 5th of December at 7:00 pm in the Civic Centre Auditorium, the public will be brought up to speed on what has transpired over the last year in regard to amalgamation.

"They will get a very neutral presentation hearing what the accountants have come up with," explained Schnurr who adamantly opposes amalgamation. "And I've been assured I will get two minutes to express my feelings."

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Matilda council discusses amalgamation at meeting

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Matilda Township council received a letter from the village of Stirling concerning the amalgamation of municipalities. The letter called for a moratorium on restructuring until the Who Does What committee finishes its report.

In the letter Reeve Marion Bastido wrote that she thought the committee was on the right track and that amalgamation talks should wait for direction from the committee.

Council decided at its meeting Nov. 13 that it would be inappropriate to answer the letter at this time because of the stage council was at in talks. However, Coun. Bev Sabourin commented, "They tell you to do it, but they don't tell you how." In a similar vein, the council also received a letter from the Iroquois library board suggesting that Iroquois provide library service for all of Matilda as well as for itself in an effort to save money.

"What are we supposed to do with our library?" asked Sabourin.

"I guess we wouldn't have one," said Reeve Charles Barkley.

Council tabled the letter. Matilda's clerk Bill Horner says the letter is supposed to be scheduled for discussion at the next council meeting.

"It couldn't really be discussed until Iroquois made their presentation on it the next night. But the Library system is a county system. Iroquois is the only municipality in the county that runs their own."

Horner said that Matilda's library costs $40,000 a year, which he says is in line with other municipalities such as Williamsburg whose library costs $39,205 or Winchester's which costs $37,200. Iroquois's library operates at a cost of $19,700 according to Lorna Seibert, Iroquois' clerk.

Rev. Marion Johnson, a member of the Iroquois library board said the library was just considering possibilities and hadn't made a formal proposal to Matilda yet.

"We're waiting to hear if they are interested or not.

It's just that we're looking at amalgamation on the horizon and we're trying to look at all the options. One possible option is that Iroquois will continue to be independent and I guess the other option is that Iroquois will amalgamate. I guess we're trying to look at all the options available."

Johnson says the idea of Matilda using the Iroquois library rather than the county library system is not necessarily contrary to amalgamation. The Iroquois Library board was to make a presentation to the Iroquois Council Tuesday night that would outline some of the finer points of providing Matilda with service.

In other business, John Westervelt and Roger Gilmer approached Matilda Council asking that their names be removed from a petition circulated by Jim Adams. The petition calls for the

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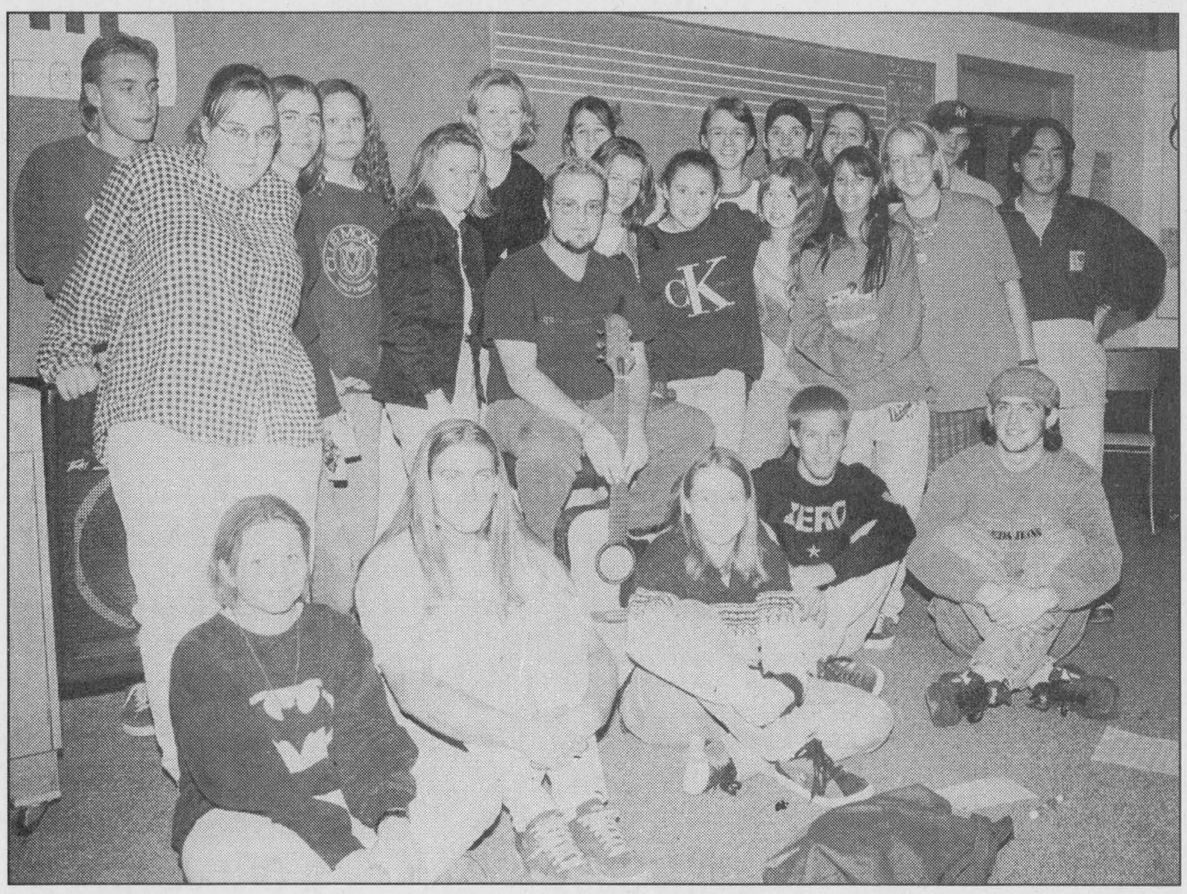

Mankind Man speaks to Seaway students

Lead singer in a rock band who is cracking the big time is not an easy assignment, but one Graham Greer of the Barstool Prophets gladly accepts with a smile. This multi-talented young man took time from his hectic schedule to speak with students in the music program at the high school. No time was "Wasted" as he entertained the appreciative crowd.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Barstool Prophet lead singer here!

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Sometimes I feel like a fish out of water"...Gordon Greer sings the lyrics which he wrote as the shiny compact disc spins in the player.

Last week the music room at Seaway High heard the unique sound of Gordon's voice as he sat on a stool in front of a group of local fans.

The lead singer of Barstool Prophets, whose music is a mix of rock, blues and jazz which could be labelled alternative music popular with many of today's teens, he had no problem holding their attention.

A cool experience for the students, Gordon who is a long time friend of Seaway music teacher, Kristine Flaherty arrived at the school with his wife and new baby and gave some fans and students something for their friends to envy. Stickers advertising the latest effort on disc, and patiently signing autographs for all who ventured into the room, he showed that fame has not gone to his head. This young man knows where he is at and where he is headed.

Opening the floor to questions the Seaway gang seemed extremely shy. Urged by their teacher, they slowly came out of their quiet space and did in fact ask what was on their minds. He volunteered that he is a self taught guitar player who began jamming with Glenn Forrester, the son of his school's Principal who played bass. The boys hooked up with a drummer, Bobby Tamas and nine years later they are still movin' to the same beat. "We just kept trying to get recognized, we continue to move ahead, there hasn't been any signs of stagnation yet," says Gordon.

When quizzed about the groups' big break, he suggested that when one member of the group moved to Montreal and the other three moved from their native Cornwall to the big city of Ottawa, their hometown following tagged along and the number who seemed to

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Rink Flap
Page 4 will focus you in on Exercise Rink Flap, an emergency preparedness run-through.

Super seniors
The Spartans did well at EOSSAA. Turn to page 6 for the low-down on the court.

Similar pairs
Two young ladies skated to a win in Morrisburg on Sunday. See page 6.

A night out
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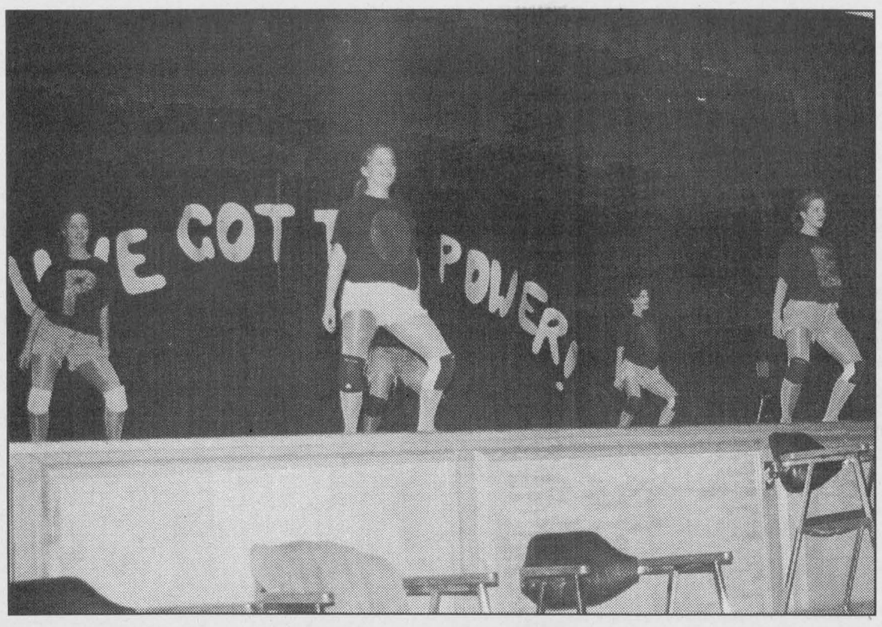
Bending the Bows
Some fine musical entertainment was listened to and enjoyed at the Playhouse. Page 10 has story and photo.



'You've got the Power'

Seaway District High School was chosen as the official kick-off school for drug awareness week across the province of Ontario. Pictured above, the 'You've got the Power' dancers performed at Seaway's opening ceremonies last Monday morning. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Former Tie-Cat brings anti-drug message to SDHS

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There is no war on drugs, if anything governments are cutting funding to services that provide teens with education about the danger of drugs, says Greg Gary, co-ordinator of the Ontario Drug Awareness Partnership.

Gary was at Seaway District High School to introduce a multi-media motivational presentation shown to students. The presentation capped off the province's launch of Drug Awareness Week at Seaway.

"I don't see any reason why we should take a softer stance on softer drugs. I don't see any reason in your youth to be using drugs or alcohol. I don't see how drug or alcohol usage would be helpful in your youth."

Gary, a former football player for the Hamilton Tiger Cats, said that students have plenty of other pressures such as homework placed upon them without the complication of drug addiction.

"There is no *war* on drugs. There's nothing going on like that. If anything I see people cutting back on resources to get information out to kids." Gary cautioned that a softer stance taken by the government could lead to negative consequences.

Gary congratulated the students on the good work Seaway was doing to increase drug awareness and healthy living. He said they should be proud of themselves. He also told them that they had the power to make the choices that would shape their lives.

"I used to have a friend named Marcus. Marcus and I went to high school together and we were both exposed to a variety of choices about drugs and alcohol," said Gary. Gary said that while he eventually decided that drugs were not for him Marcus decided to use them.

"I got a phone call... they told me my friend Marcus Sears had died of a crack cocaine overdose."

"I'm telling you this, not to tell you that drugs are bad. I have respect for all of you and I think you all know about the consequences of using drugs. I'm telling you this because I want you to understand that you all have choices you can make that will affect the course of your lives even right now. Marcus made choices and I made choices and it's up to you to make the choices that will shape your life," said Gary.

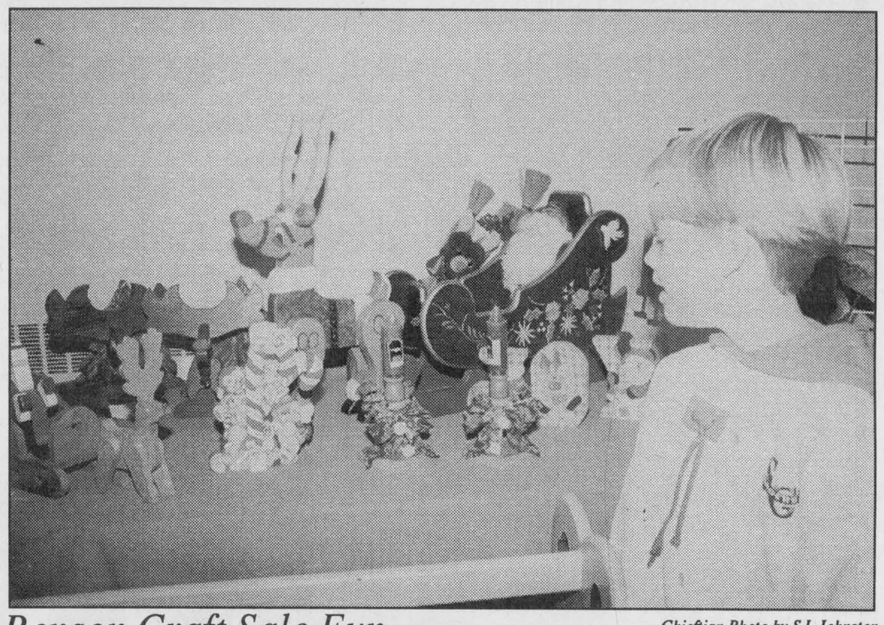
Gary says that he decided he wanted to combat drug use by youth after he stopped playing football in Hamilton and worked as a security guard at the Sylapps maximum security detention centre for young offenders in Oakville.

"I kept seeing the same issues around drug and alcohol use by the youths there and I decided I should do something about it," says Gary. He took a certificate course in addiction studies at McMaster University and formed the Ontario Drug Awareness Partnership to try and educate people about the dangers of drugs and what they can do to prevent drug use. Gary says adults have a responsibility to guide youth.

"I had some incredible role models. There were a couple of adults who took the time to talk to me and say some really powerful things that really helped steer me in the right direction."

In addition to guidance from role models, Gary said a particular set of conditions can help youths cope with the pressures they face.

"They need to feel good about themselves. They need to have goals and have some goals that they have reached and feel like they can accomplish those goals. Being active, having an active lifestyle helps, and of course a good home life and school environment."



Benson Craft Sale Fun

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Nathan was checking out the merchandise on sale by many of the vendors in the Benson School gym on Friday last. His teacher brought the entire class through so they could have a look see at what was available. The tables were filled with seasonal goodies, from these wooden decorations that would brighten any mantel to eatables that tempted everyone's taste buds.

Summer Festival Christmas draw

The Summer Festival Committee in Iroquois is busy raising funds to support their efforts this summer.

They are hosting a Christmas Draw for $100. worth of groceries from S & F Food Town which is first prize, while second and third are the same: $50. worth of meat from Crawford's Meat Shoppe in the Iroquois Plaza.

Tickets are on sale at S&F, Crawfords, Seaway Treasures and Mustard's Variety.

"Any proceeds will go to support the Parade and other Summer Festival events," says committee member, Tracey Stewart. She advises everyone to get their tickets, they are moving fast. What a wonderful way to get Christmas dinner for the price of a ticket!

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come out and enjoy their sound grew steadily. "The big thing was when we hired our Manager, Sandy Pandya, who was managing The Waltons (A Toronto band who is also doing well). She opened up a lot of doors for us. We had a CD out, but didn't know where to go from there...she pointed us in the right direction."

The name is different and that is important. Starting out as the Wallflowers, which they had been called all through their high school years, they ran into a problem when Jacob Dylan (Bob's son) came out with a song entitled, Wallflower. He explains that for a while they used it to advantage because people responded to the name and associated it with the more famous singer, but it wore thin and a change was in order. He continues, "Playing in bars we kept seeing these old guys who seemed to wear holes in the mahogany bars from leaning on them and talking about things they had no idea about. The scenario appealed to us and so the name Barstool Prophets came to be, and stuck!"

Opening for such name groups as April Wine and Trooper when they came to Cornwall, the Barstool Prophets, while still high school students, they were able to nurture their stage presence and create a personna of their own. "Our first cross country tour was to open for "Odds", a band who gave us a chance to show what we could do...you need these breaks." He speaks highly of groups like this who gave them an opportunity, "They helped us a lot, and we were able to get ncessary exposure. We went on to open for Blue Rodeo and the Jeff Healy Band."

Touring is a tough part of the job both for Gordon and the other members as well as for their families. His wife notes that she does not go on tour with the band. "We were together before the band, and that makes it easier. Gord sends me presents through the mail and that is neat. If they play a gig close by I go to the show (Ottawa, Kingston), but I never wanted to be with them on tour."

Gordon tells the students that touring is a gruelling experience. "Waking up in hotels becomes a collectively confusing time for all the band. They all seem the same. After a long trip it can get to you, and you want to get home. Then when you are home, you get anxious to hit the road again. It is like a never ending cycle. I love it, being on tour and being home..."

As lead singer in the group, he feels more responsibility on his shoulders. "I am the mouthpiece for the rest of the band. The entire group gets labelled by what I say and do." Stating that the lead singer has to develop a personality so he/she can keep things moving between songs, he says, "The more I do, the more the others get involved and things snowball, and the flow just seems to happen naturally. This makes a better show for those who come to listen," He tells the young people that his pet peeve is "hecklers" at a show.

The band is catching on in the U.S.A., but Gordon tells everyone that it is hard to crack the American market;"Trying to become known all over again, it is like a replay of what we went through here six years ago. Being Canadian, it is tough to crack the U.S. market. Their radio personalities will play an American group who may sound horrible before they play us, who they may actually find better, but the stigma of being Canadian demotes us down the ladder as it were."His confidence shows when he says, "We are prepared for the long haul. We set short term goals; attaining them makes us feel like we are getting somewhere, and it is easier to move on to the next."

He notes that the band is home presently writing some new material, solidifying dates for concerts with their manager and discussing the future with Sandy as they see things falling into place. "We like to give local bands the same shot that we were given. A trickle down effect, you get the ball and need to pass it on to other lesser known groups, so we try to get unknowns to open for us, so they gain exposure."

While he recalls how he used to write songs and bring them to the others for their assessment, it has now evolved to the point where songs are more of a collective effort. "Some songs are written in a day, while others take longer and longer to get to the place where we are all happy with how they sound." Taking ideas for tunes from what is happening around them, like the inspiration for Birdman came from a neighbour who was a pigeon fancier. Live shows permit the band to toss in things or take things out, some songs lend themselves easily to additions,and as long as they stay fun, there is no harm done." He runs through how the song Paranoia came to be: "I had the music, gave the guys their parts and we tried it, but it was not working, so I put words to the tape I had at home, and after taking out the chorus, sticking it at the end, it came together for us, and now is my personnal favourite song."

When asked if the guys, Glenn "Gonzo" Forrester (Bass, back up vocals), Al Morier (Solist on electric guitar-fuzzy at times, classical at others and lap steel), Bobby Tamas (drums) and himself (Lead vocals, acoustic guitar, electric guitar (clean) and harmonica) would consider a show at Seaway, he apologizes and says that the manager is a great way to get ahead, but coming to play at Seaway would be very expensive now, and the group must be true to Sandy. (She gets 10%, while our agent earns 15%) As much as we would love to do it, we just couldn't without red tape and hassle. (The price of fame!)

Playing acoustic and singing Sunshine so Fine a number from the group's CD, Crank, Gordon does a terrific job of even winning over an older attendee who may well become a fan of the Barstool Prophets...

High Schools

positive thing." He carries on, "In spite of negative leadership from Toronto, we will make things work. We will need to deal with changes, but if we can keep the faith, Seaway will make these changes happen as easily as possible." He did warn everyone that as parents and business people in the area, "Your help will be vital to ensure our success."

Advocated: All high school periods will drop in duration from the present 72 minutes on the semester system to 60 minutes. This will be better for students who find the time per class too long. It will dictate that each student will take five courses per semester, and this may throw a scare into many young people. Less time in class will mean more homework and so students will need to become more independent. Rural schools like Seaway will find it tough to offer the same education as big city education facilities. A lot of decisions will be made for our students by others far away, who do not even know the situation. The biggest worry seems to be that the teachers' workload will definitely increase and as this happens, their energy level will deteriorate. When will they find time for extra help for students who need it? What about sports? What about drama, band, choir etc.?

All students who wish **to graduate** under the proposals will require 37 credits. Depending on what option is agreed upon, the distribution between compulsory and optional subjects can be 25 to 12 or at the other end of the scale, 20 to 17. Presently, students need 30 credits to earn a diploma, the ratio being 16 and 14.

Co-Op Education: The Minster is leaning toward this workplace experience as a viable option. Whether a half or full credit, 45 or 90 hours, numerous questions arise from this including: how this can be accomplished if every student has to earn this credit (Where will they all go? How can this fit into a timetable? for example)? A short term of workplacement could be harmful. Is 45 hours long enough to make a lifetime job choice? What kinds of summer employment qualifies to allow students to be exempt from this? Job placements are limited in a rural setting and Unions will not take kindly to students ousting workers. Transportation is a very real problem in rural areas, and travel time would cut into the real meaningful job experience. This sounds like a pandora's box!!! Summer jobplacement would cut into student employment for needed funds for next semester. Where will the time come from for all that is proposed?? More onus on the business community and schools cannot dictate to them, nor force them into situations. Safety concerns will need to be addressed, and why would business offer to do the educators' job?

The Course Series: An overview of the proposed changes include a deviation from the basic, general and advanced course system presently available to students. In their stead will be a series of courses which will take the student along a prechosen path to school after graduation from high school. Series I will be a general type course outline that will be the same for all. Series II will be for those preparing for college apprenticeships and direct entry to the workplace. Series III will be for those headed to university or a specific college program. Series IV also called "transfer courses" will allow students to move from Series II to Series III courses. These will be shorter and focus on the additional material needed for a successful transition. (A student with Series II math could take Series IV to allow entry into Series III.) This looks great on paper, sound terrific in theory, but can it actually work? Other than becoming a timetabling nightmare, there are other considerations to be looked at: What about when classes are full, where do the students fit in? How can it be accomplished? Who teaches the transition courses? When are they taught? What material has to be included in them? More staff will be required to get this one off the ground, and there is less money to hire people...What about the student who changes his/her mind late and cannot get into a bridging course? (Too bad, you lose!...is this fair?)

PLA: here it comes, perhaps the roughest to deal with. Prior Learning Assessment means that your child can theoretically earn credit for a course without taking the course. If the child can demonstrate the required skills, she/he will not have to take it and will move directly to the next level. This is perhaps the epitome of education, and could be reality in Camelot. Ideal for exceptional students, adult learners and transfer students, but what about the social skill development that is missed? Is a youngster ready at any age to accept the responsibility this may place upon him/her?

Mentors: Each teacher will act as an advisor to several students. Periodically throughout the school year, the teacher will meet with the student and his/her parents to discuss progress and future plans. BUT...teachers have no social work training, nor fine tuned guidance training, and this is based on the premise that schools are impersonal and leaders do not have a positive relationship with students. Is this true everywhere?

Student transcripts: These will show ALL attempts and the results achieved for all courses. (This means a failure will be recorded and a retake of the course at a later date will not help that student attain a desired mark. Why should dedication be punished?) They will include student achievement on the compulsory, provincial based Grade 11 literacy test (Which will accommodate exceptional students, but will allow for illness and alternate test dates...who will take care of these arrangements?). What about the students who do not meet the provincial standards? If the literacy test is failed, will that student still get a diploma? Is the teacher/school held accountable for the students results? Can the school/teacher be held liable if the student does in fact fail?

Career Portfolio: Every student from Grade 1 to Grade 12 will have the added responsibility to carry with them a CP. They must decide at an extremely early age what they plan to do upon graduation. There will be no OAC year and the necessary courses will need to be fitted into a shorter time frame. All OAC maths for example are needed for university math and sciences, when will these be taught? How can students be prepared for university when the same content is mandatory and yet the time frame shrunk by a full year? No Ontario Universities offer qualifying year courses where students can catch up, B.C. does! Where will the curriculum come from? When will it be available? How many students will suffer before all is in place?

Provincial Testing: The workplace is worried that students are coming out of school illiterate and without necessary mathematical skills. But provincial tests take time from regular classroom teaching. When is best to administer these? How will the results be used? By Whom? If some schools attain the label of "SuperSchools" due to these the more academically minded will transfer , leaving many schools with low enrolment.What about special needs students? What about re-tests? (Costs incurred for a bad day or illness?) How will the knowledge of these affect classroom teaching? Will classroom flexibility be lost? Poor results in Grade 11 give the student only one year to bring up marks...is it enough? Who benefits from these, the students, the school, the teacher or the government?

There seems to be no clear answers. Toronto, the Teacher's federation, the Ministry cannot define or provide guidance. Tossing OAC was a political decision and the year 2002 looms when double the number of students will graduate (Grades 7 and 8; and try for one half the number of vacancies at post secondary institutions. The unemployment rate continues to raise and we are going to turn grads out earlier with less time to receive the top notch education skills needed...what is happening anyway??? Who has the game plan? We are not all equal, not all students fit into specific Ministry pigeon holes as it were and as educators tell us, "Flexibility often is all that keeps students in school these days...making school less attainable for all, and providing timetable impossibilities can lead to where?"

Amalgamation

"I'd like some direction on this issue and if 200 people came out and were opposed to this, then I'd be prepared to fight for them," Schnurr commented.

In the same regard, the councillor also noted that if 200 people came out and supported amalgamation, then he would express those wishes.

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Rebin speaks

Professor Niki Rebin (pictured above standing) was the guest speaker at the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club meeting last Tuesday night. Ms. Rebin has gathered a wealth of knowledge in her travels around the world and shared that knowledge with the local Canadian Club members.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

The future is up to each of us...

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Trendologist, author and consultant in communications, Professor Niki Rebin came to the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club meeting last Tuesday evening with a message - the future is up to us!

With an extremely long list of professional and academic credits, Ms. Rebin's absolutely delightful style of meandering around the room while she spoke to the audience seemed to put everyone at ease, elevating the collective conscious in the room.

She told those present that although the United Nations has Canada ranked as the number one country in the world in which to reside, a great deal of the traditions that make Canada unique have begun to slowly disappear.

Noting the unstable condition of the country in regards to the unity issue, the loss of the RCMP Musical Ride, the changing of the words in Oh' Canada, the very foundation upon which our great country was built, is in jeopardy.

"We now find ourselves in a state of learned helplessness," said Ms. Rebin. "People are giving up, our values are going right out the window, so we say 'I'll just give up'."

Pent up with anxiety and the enormous pressures of the twentieth century, this state of learned helplessness is something all of the generations, from the finger tip generation to the seniors, are feeling.

But according to Ms. Rebin, even with all of these worries and concerns, people are getting more inventive.

Employees at Alcan Aluminum learned that there would be a downsizing and a great number of employees would be losing their jobs.

Rather than merely accepting the downsizing and hoping for the best, the employees at Alcan, got together and came up with a solution.

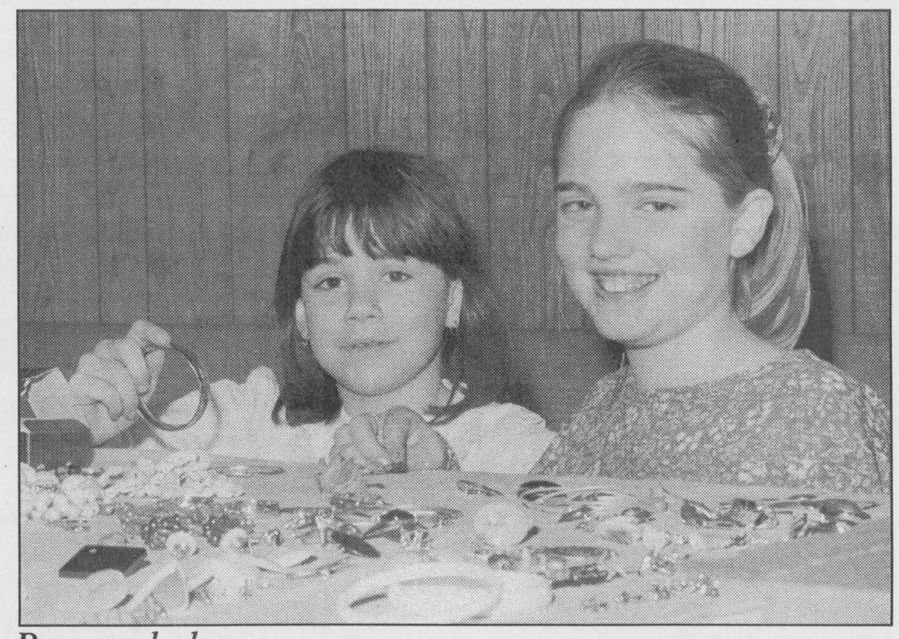
"They created a job bank and every employee contributed an extra 2 hours," explained Ms. Rebin. Instead of laying off workers, the sacrifice of two hours a week was enough to keep all of the employees and at the same time cut costs.

"Everyone of us has a creative idea that doesn't cost anything," she said.

"The only stable unchanging place in life is a cemetery. In a cemetery everyone knows their place and the keep it!"

She said that a lot of people are going back to the basics and it is up to us to decide what the future will hold for ourselves and Canada in the next millenium.

"It's not up to the people who are not here today, it's up to all of us who are here to make a difference."



Bazaar helpers

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Iroquois United Church's Christmas Bazaar was a success thanks, in part, to Sunday School helpers like Caitlin Vandodeward and Courtney Swank. The two girls helped by selling costume jewellry that was donated. According to the seven-year-old Vandodeward, the pair "sold a tonne." Organizers said the event, which featured crafts as well as the jewellry and a hot lunch, was a great success.

Edwardsburgh Township plans to charge auctioneers

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The gift of the gab may cost money in Edwardsburgh Township.

Council is planning to impose an annual fee for the right to auctioneer in the municipality, starting in 1997.

Currently, auctioneers pay $100 annually to the United Counties for a licence that enables them to conduct business in all municipalities. But the province has downloaded that responsibility, opening the door for municipalities to impose their own fees, starting in January.

Reeve David Dobbie thinks that the change is a good revenue-generating tool for the township.

"This is giving us a way to create some revenue, albeit small," he said at the Nov. 18 council meeting. "Auctioneers don't pay any business tax. There aren't mega dollars to be made here, but we're looking at dollars and cents now."

While council hasn't agreed upon a fee, it is unlikely that it will be in the neighborhood of $100.

"There's no way in this wide world any man could afford to pay $100 to every municipality," said Deputy Reeve Ross Somerville.

The township's administration committee will take a look at the counties' bylaw and council plans to have its own -- also including fees for wrecking yards -- in place by the end of the year.

Scouts continue to do badge work

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The local Scout Troop continues to work on badges, this month it is their Safety Badge and they have begun in earnest. A visit to the Fire Hall gave each the opportunity to actually use a fire extinguisher. Putting out a fuel fire, they each wore firefighters gear and learned how to stay low, and swish from side to side to ensure the flames are out. The added precaution of backing away just in case the flames ignite again was stressed to the young people. Returning to the hall, all Scouts got to try on complete firefighting garb from head to toe thanks to fireman, and Scout Counsellor, Shawn Markell.

Recognizing the symbols on various kitchen items is important and these were reviewed at a regular meeting. The future will see them change a vehicle wheel, check out car safety and prepare a safety kit for their parent's vehicle. A visit is planned with the OPP Community Officer when bicycle safety will be the topic. Recreational safety is important in the world of the 90s as many children grow to adulthood and remain active. This should be a fast section to cover.

Badges will be presented when earned.

The annual Cheese blitz is gearing up for all three sections. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be selling Christmas Cheese Gift Packages in the area. This is a major fund raiser for the groups and it is hoped everyone will help out.

On Sunday, December 8, Santa will once again drop by the civic centre in Iroquois. He plans to arrive at 10:30 and stay around until 1:30.The Scouts will host the jolly fellow for breakfast. Santa has promised to bring his list, check it twice and even bring along a treat for the youngsters and they can have their picture taken with him if they like. The $5. for this will got to the Scouts' CJ'97 fund.

Breakie will be sausages, and pancakes or eggs, your choice. Together with juice and coffee or tea, syrup and some good camradery, Santa tells The Chieftain he is looking forward to seeing a big crowd, since this will be his only visit to the village before Christmas Eve. So kiddies, grab mom and dad, bring your letter so Santa can take it with him and join the fun. Breakie costs $3.00 per person.

The Scouts have served at Upper Canada Playhouse ushering for the Showtime performance as a community service and are selling tickets on a ceramic Christmas scene donated to them by Cedarcreek Crafts. The draw will take place on December 8 at 1:30. A looney gets you a chance to win this beautiful item, a great gift for someone special or a wonderful way to decorate your table or mantel. Contact a Scout or leader you know for a chance to win.

Winter Camp looms on the horizon and a CJ'97 workshop, A Scout Klondike and some bowling. Special events may crop up, but all in all the Troop stays busy. Some Scouts will assist the Beaver Colony making bird feeders, the Cub Pack worked on some of the Safety Badge alongside the Scouts and who knows, some time may be found to celebrate the season too.

FRONT PAGE

Matilda

Westervelt drain to be cleared and relocated. Westervelt and Gilmer say that they had been under the impression the petition was only asking for the drain to be cleared.

"We'd like to have (the drain) brought back to its original depth," said Westervelt. He and Gilmer said they were both busy with farm work when Adams dropped by with the petition and hadn't read it thoroughly enough.

While there was some question at the meeting as to whether they could have their names removed, Horner said later in a telephone interview that he had found out that as long as the petition hadn't been accepted formally by council the names could in fact be removed from the petition. Horner said that the names have been removed.

Dupont receives award

DuPont Canada Inc. Maitland facility received the Pollution Prevention Achievement award for attaining outstanding results through improvements in process design, operation and maintenance, redesign of products or climination and substitution of toxic materials.

Environment and Energy Minister Norm Sterling handed out the awards for excellence in technology research and development, industry conservation and pollution prevention at the Environment and Energy Conference of Ontario in Toronto last Wednesday.

"These awards recognize the work of individuals, organizations and companies who are making valuable contributions to Ontario's environmental and economic well-being," Mr. Sterling said in presenting Environment and Energy Awards of Excellence and Pollution Prevention Pledge Program Awards.

"The winners are helping develop new solutions to old problems," he added. "And they're putting Ontario in a good position to meet the environmental challenges of the next century."

The Awards of Excellence recognize high-quality work in research and technology development, as well as industry conservation. Pollution Prevention Pledge Program Awards honour companies for outstanding achievements and leadership in the prevention of pollution.

Seniors Centre at Stampville on hold

The approval for turning the former Stampville School into a senior's centre is on the provincial minister of health's desk waiting to be signed, says Matilda Township Clerk Bill Horner. But he isn't holding his breath. Horner says he's been told that the two-year-old project was on the brink of approval four or five times.

"It's such a frustrating project. The building is ours, it's paid for, the plans are there, we just can't seem to get approval," says Horner.

The seniors centre would be a satellite office of the Park Lane Senior's Support Centre in Williamsburg, says Horner.

One Year Later

"The centre will have maybe a hospice office, and a place where seniors can come and get help with their taxes. They also want to put in some recreation facilities-- a pool table, dart boards that sort of thing." Horner says the seniors also hope install a wood working workshop and have pedicure and other services brought in to the centre periodically.

Horner says that the province has told him the $125,000 necessary for the project to go ahead have been requisitioned. But he's hesitant to say the project will go through. Horner said the money would help to buy a new heating system and to effect renovations to the building.

Last year at this time the Township had been told that the project was set to go ahead. One year later they are at much the same point.

"For a while it seemed that it would go ahead. We'd already tendered the contract when the province told us they weren't happy with the specifications. Then we had waited so long that we'd gone past the last date where we could enforce the contract. We had to retender." Horner says that when new specifications were submitted the province wouldn't go ahead with it because the Township's architect hadn't formally written recommending the province accept the tender.

"It's out of our hands right now. We haven't any say in it at the moment. We've been told four or five times that it was going to happen. We'll just have to wait and see," says Horner.

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Change for itself

At last I think I have found something that Education Minister Snowball, oh, excuse me, Snobelen has stated concerning our system of educating our children that I can agree with.

Over the past week I have sat in as a reporter and a parent at a most informative and interesting meeting, followed his ramblings in the daily newspaper and on telly and am hopeful that someone will temper his drive before he creates an education monster beyond control.

I will state unequivocally that the staff at Seaway deserve a hearty pat on the back. They spent part of a PA day learning what they could about the proposed reforms to be implemented by 1998 at the secondary level, then held an information evening at the school and invited anyone and everyone to be a part of it.

Well done... and perhaps one of the best meetings attended in some time; this gave everyone who came out, food for thought and insight into what is being rammed down our system's throat.

What I came away with was a better feel for what is happening. Various opportunities to ask questions provided a platform to jump from and expand upon. Working in small groups gave everyone a chance to get what they wanted from the information presented. Moving from session to session, different views were presented and options explained. Great exchange of ideas and suggestions was had.

What the Honourable Minister has stated is that Ontario students will return to the basics: (YES!) this is something teachers have agreed with forever. Students will concentrate on maths, science, spelling, grammar, geography and Canadian History, reading and writing...fine I say, not that the schools have not been working on these, but perhaps a more focused effort will produce adults who can read and write effectively as well as think objectively and utilize the skills they attain during their school years when they embark upon the world after school. This cannot hurt.

He also agreed that parents and teachers will be provided with detailed skill descriptions which will assist everyone with knowing what is expected at each grade level: no problem here either, everyone will welcome these....students, parents, and teachers.

Learning Outcomes, which will give parents specific descriptions of what students will know when they pass each grade should give them a clearer idea of where their children are in each subject area...and we all want to know what is going on with our children at all times in their learning environment.

BUT...we need to be careful that school does not just become a factory to turn out young people who do well on standardized tests, who can achieve higher levels while performing certain tasks and forget that they are human and can be, and in this age of rapid growth, must be much more.

Afterall, much of the Minister's suggestions have been sparked by his desire to see our students able to better the test results released earlier this past week. The Third International Mathematics and Science Study found Ontario students to be performing below that of students in the western provinces (British Columbia) as well as other countries.(Singapore for example).

Another point that I find I can agree with the proposals on is when it is suggested that Canadian History become a compulsory subject rather than a fringe area in our schools. I strongly feel that our children need to know the history of their own country. History is offered only twice in our area at the secondary level and then it is an elective (Meaning that students can opt out of it for something else). If we are to know where we are headed, we need to know from whence we came...History gives young people a basis from which to draw upon in explaining some of the whys and wherefores of today's world. Mistakes can be avoided if we know what the consequences of other similar errors produced. Our area is so very rich in history, it seems a shame our children are not afforded the opportunity to learn it. Hands on learning remains in the mind longer and with History alive, students can really learn it. Giving the chance to work on other subjects along side History, like English gives purpose to school efforts in a tangible manner.

Something else the Honourable gentleman from Queen's Park seems to have overlooked is the diversity of the system in the province. What works in Toronto may not work effectively in Iroquois. Large, city schools can offer a far broader spectrum than small, rural ones. It only stands to reason. The system finds it hard to equalize material across the board, province wide.

Who will put all the reforms into practise?

Teachers are frustrated, but not with the same issues the Minister targets. He wants to load them even further and yet expects better results...does this make sense? Doing more with less is the catch phase of this provincial government...not everything works in actuality as it should when taken from paper. In theory some of his reforms seem like they should be great, but are they practical?

There is much which needs close scrutiny and the time line he has established does not allow for it. Parents and community, teachers, principals and school boards have been told they can have input before anything is initiated...whoa! Some things are already set to go into effect...before anyone has given their opinion.

What kind of a democracy are we living in today???

Change for the sake of change is not warranted.

Too much, too soon.

Slow down Mr. Minister. We just get used to one change (Grade 9 de-streaming was initiate by the NDP government and now the Harris regime is switching this year again) and another is upon us. Grade 13, OAC is going to be trashed. Now parents can pay for an additional year of schooling for their children at the college or university level, while still paying to the Elementary and Secondary systems. More to pay but less money to do it with. Less coming from the government to help. Where will it stop?

And perhaps the saddest thing is that without schooling beyond secondary levels, what future can our children look forward to? It is a tough world out there and as much education as possible is necessary to fit young people to handle what will be thrown at them. More so today than ever before.

The thought of children deciding their adult future when they are still in elementary school is ludicrous. Senior students in OAC are having difficulty making such monumental decisions. Why do we insist on our children becoming adults when they are still children?

We have been given no choice...OAC is gone in '98, like it or lump it. And Ontario universities will not provide preparation years for certain courses. Coming out of grade 12, students as young as 16 years old will be asked to fit into a new environment, alone, away from home security and stability, carry a full course load at first year level and do well...

Will the rest of the proposed changes come into effect in the same manner?

How can we ensure that we will have our say? That our opinions will be heard?

The government in Toronto seems to enjoy dictating to us.

Will this just be another on their roster of things to blast through into law with no regard to what the people of Ontario have to say on the matter?

Mr. Minister, you should take time to listen to the professionals in the field of learning...they may just have some insight into this issue that may well prove worthwhile!

Teachers are only human, they can do just so much.

Do not push them too hard or too far too fast.

S.L.J.

Morrisburg tests emergency plan with exercise Rink Flap Thursday

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Village of Morrisburg has been leading the United Counties in the process of coming up with an Emergency Plan specifically for the village. With the exception of the City of Cornwall, there isn't a municipality within the United Counties that has come as far in the process as Morrisburg.

In fact, since its inception, the emergency planning report has been included on the monthly agenda of Morrisburg council as part of council's regular business.

Last Thursday afternoon, members of the Community Control Group (CCG) gathered at the Morrisburg Civic Centre to put the village's emergency plan to the test.

The CCG consists of seven members representing the Village, OPP, Fire Department, Health Services and Social Services. In the event of an emergency, any one of the seven members can call the CCG together to discuss whether or not an emergency should be declared

The paper exercise was developed to test the emergency plan's efficiency and to see how well the CCG would work together in a hypothetical disaster situation. A learning experience, the mock disaster gave those present a better understanding of their roles within the CCG.

The Emergency

It is a cold November morning. There is a strong wind coming from the EAST.

When making his first patrol of the day, a member of the arena (Morrisburg Community Centre) staff saw smoke and flames in the wooden structure above a gas heater. He immediately placed a call to the Morrisburg Fire Department.

When the first firemen arrived at the arena, flames were spreading quickly through the structure. The fire had broken through the roof. A request for Mutual Aid assistance was made. Morrisburg Hydro, Clean Water and Centra Gas were contacted.

The gusty winds were fanning the flames, and the fire was quickly spreading to the WEST of the building.

Students of the T.R. Leger School were arriving for class and parking in the arena parking lot. Hydro staff were at work. Students were arriving at the Morrisburg Public School. People were arriving at the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic for morning appointments.

The Senior Fire Official assessed the situation. He may have to ask for more help from Mutual Aid. He felt that there will be a need to evacuate the area due to the wind-borne embers, smoke, and the possibility of escaping ammonia gas. He was particularly concerned about the T.R. Leger School because of its construction and age and the Morrisburg Public School because of the number of young children. Access to the emergency site must be controlled. There may be injuries. He quickly realized he didn't have the necessary resources to meet the demands of this emergency. There would be a need for a controlled and coordinated response to minimize property damage in the area and to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants near the emergency site. The Senior Fire Official concluded that the emergency plan should be activated.

The Senior Fire Official briefed the next-senior, on-site fire officer of his estimate of the situation and passed command of the site to this officer. Using a cellular phone, the Senior Fire Official initiated the assembly of the Community Control Group. He requested support from the O.P.P. He called the ambulance service to advise them of the situation and possible need of support. He proceeded to the T.R. Leger School, Hydro Office, and the Public School and advised them to prepare for a possible evacuation.

He then headed back to the Fire Hall to ensure that the emergency alert procedure was being successfully implemented. After confirming that members of the Community Control Group were being contacted, the Senior Fire Official proceeded to the Emergency Operations Centre and started to make notes for his briefing of the Community Control Group.

It is now 9:30 am, and the Emergency Operations Centre is operational...

Working together

Each member of the CCG was given a copy of this make-believe disaster. With no right or wrong answers, the role players were asked to deal with the situation at hand.

Throughout the two hour exercise, pink sheets of paper were given to individual members of the CCG. Each sheet of paper increased/decreased the level of the disaster and those in possession of the new information had to figure out how they would deal with it.

Following the guide lines of the village's emergency plan, Reeve McGregor did indeed declare an emergency and as the disaster continued to escalate, the CCG worked to keep everything under control.

Communication seemed to be the greatest obstacle in this mock disaster. Participants were told in the pre-exercise information session that closing the communication loop, was of the utmost importance.

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Members of Morrisburg's Community Control Group discuss options

Dusting of snow turns mind to Santa

Just plain livin'

with Sandra Lee



The youngest son celebrated another birthday last week... hard to believe that the "baby" is fifteen already! As you may recall, we had tickets to see The Ice Capades which were not too bad, the drive in, actually was a little crazy, but the parking easy to get into and out of and the nerves stayed in tact, so, all in all it was pretty good. The map was left at home and the idea that anyone would recall the route to the Corel Centre is just pushing it a bit much. Wanting to trek through the country and avoid as much city as possible, including the highways, we ended up in Manotick. That is fine, mind you, but then we began backtracking and wasting time and kilometers. Stopping to ask a service station attendant did not help too much either. Anyway, by guess and by golly, with a little help from everyone in the car, we could see the bright lights in a field across the way, "There it is!"; now if we could only get there... finally a sign and a familiar pair of yellow arches. We did not go to see Ronald, but decided to eat at a Burger King. Yes, another mistake...all the workers seemed to be on a training course on this night, they stumbled over one another and read our order, but ignored us. They seemed in some other galaxy, wandering aimlessly around looking at burgers and fries, but not attempting to put any on a tray. Drinks sat just out of reach as other people got their orders and we waited, and waited and got frustrated and waited some more. Finally we ate and split that joint, a touch disgruntled. Arriving in plenty of time, we checked things out, waved at the Pink Panther and chose a T-shirt to bring home. The show was not as great as we remembered former Ice shows to be, but it was okay and there were some memorable moments and we ate popcorn and enjoyed the flashy fireworks. The pyrotechnic who portrayed James Bond was quite good. The acrobatics did a most admirable job and the bungie jumpers (for those who could see them) were right on the mark. Getting home proved no problem although we cheated and took 416 to Manotick and then headed homeward through familiar territory.

The birthday boy was happy as he received an IOU for his gift which he had to wait until the weekend to pickup, it is a pellet gun which when time allows we will begin training and target practice with. Some cash came his way as well from inlaws and he is a hoarder of funds so was pleased. Cake was enjoyed by some family members as they arrived to wish him well and chow down a bit. It grows increasingly difficult to get everyone together for these routine things, but we continue to try. It is good to see brothers and uncles, aunts and cousins not often visited with of late.

Picking up the birthday gift on Saturday was a good experience to check out what is available for Christmas. The stores were not too crowded and we logged prices and items into the old memory bank for future reference. There should be another day to grab those special items for the folks on our list. This is always such a busy time of year, it is tough to find time to get everything accomplished that we want to. All we can do is what we can, and hope it is enough.

This week brought a unique experience for the old writer. The Sojgrens Syndrome is playing havoc with the old bod, and as things irritate, we worry. The one eye has been causing some problems and fear was not being overcome so an appointment was made with the Optometrist. This lady is just wonderful in our books, she explained every move and gave a reason for it, so that nervousness was eased. The result of the examination was that a pair of glasses will soon adorn the old mug. Necessary only for close up work like this typing and reading, they should ease the strain and hopefully make the dry eyes a little happier. So, do not laugh too loudly when you first see the bespectacled face of the reporter...be kind. Now, if the tear gel could be gotten into these old peepers all would probably be much better all around. And we are going to give it a shot, really!

Funny, how sometimes good comes from something we are not happy about. Take the other morning for example, sleep was not cooperative and after struggling, I decided to get up and make some hot milk to try to get some much needed rest. Awake long enough to see that the sun was just coming up, and the sky along the eastern horizon was a red blaze. The contrast with the charcoal black of the barren treeline was stark against the blood red of the sky. It would have made an amazing photo, but by the time the sore eyes would focus and the camera was located the sun had disappeared behind the cloud cover which moved in almost immediately.

Driving to an assignment on Sunday gave some neat snow pictures. The eyes are able to check out the landscape and snow fallen upon piles of logs, rail fences, pickets and evergreens make pretty fodder for the viewer. Creeks and ponds iced over, with snow drifted along the shoreline, ducks swimming lazily up to ice flows newly created, sun breaking through the clouds and dazzling the scenery...all make one glad to be alive.

A trip to the hospital this weekend on Sunday evening as son number one was complaining of pain and unable to eat, nothing definite but some medication that we hope will help him feel better soon. Everyone was very kind and obliging at the hospital, and even when a blood sample was necessary, it was gotten with almost no hassle.

The big guy continues to mark tests and projects, and get reports ready. Parent/teacher interviews are this week and so he has been hitting the papers pretty heavily lately.

That snow fall was just perfect to get everyone in the mood for Christmas, and yes, thanks to son number two, the outside lights are up. They will be turned on next week after the first of December hits...see, there is this superstitious, pagan streak in the writer that read if they go on before the 1st bad luck will befall the household. We do not need any so next Sunday, the lighting ceremony will take place at Swampview in all probability with pomp and fanfare!!

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the bottom line

IF YOUR CAR WAS SNOWED IN MONDAY YOU CAN THANK THE WHITTEKER boys! That's right... The South Dundas Snowmobile Club held their annual *Bring on the Snow Dance,* and it obviously worked! Thanks guys! (mcb)

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COUNTRY MUSIC FANS TAKE NOTE: THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER ARE going to be in the area this weekend. You can catch them at The Brockville Arts Centre this Saturday night at 8 pm. Tickets are available at the Arts Centre Box Office. (mcb)

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WENDY TOOK A STEP BACK IN TIME THIS WEEKEND PAST. ONE OF THE elite Loyalist College Alumni, Wendy visited some old chums in the *Friendly City* and had a really good time. I'd like to tell you some of the stories, but I've been sworn to secrecy! (mcb)

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HEY EVERYBODY, REB IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL! NO, SHE HASN'T BIRTHED any babies yet (that doesn't happen until January) but she and husband Dave are looking forward to their new addition. Anyway, Reb called to chat and it seems her and Karen will be doing the lunch thing this Thursday... If you'd like to get in on their lunch date, give Karen a call for the final arrangements. (mcb)

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THE ANGEL TREE WILL BE UP BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT. KAREN AND I will be going to pick out a tree on Thursday morning. Last year Mr. Graham donated the tree and this year Mr. Findlayson is making the donation. We have 71 angels so far, so make sure you get in and brighten some child's Christmas with a gift. (mcb)

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I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE LADIES AT THE IROQUOIS GOLF CLUB. The ladies held their year end pot-luck dinner and auction last week and someone sold Karen a mug that plays Christmas tunes! It has been just lovely!!! I knew I should have gone to babysit! (mcb)

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Just Livin'

Continued from editorial page

We, like many watched the Grey Cup game (It was even on in the emergency room at WDMH) and since we do not follow the CFL, we cheered for our province and wonder of wonder, the Argos carried home the silver! Sitting in the warmth of our living room, watching the game in the snow was cool.

Saturday was a mixed bag and as the reporter tried to carry on several items, driving in the rain that turned to snow was not fun. After supper heading to other assignments was no fun either as the snow came at the windshield and the whiteouts when cars passed in a hurry to get somewhere, which left the driver alone in a white space and a bit afraid. The knuckles were a lot whiter than we like to see them. Funny what an accident does to the mind...strange things still wander through the outback of the brain as driving becomes tricky. Many on the highway seemed to not realize that conditions were turning nasty and slowing down was what they should have done. The return home was on slick, tightly packed snow that resembled ice. Carefully and cautiously was the way to crawl along, and when the driveway was entered, there was a deep sigh of relief for sure. The snow and colder weather may well be here to stay, it is the end of November folks, we have to expect such tell tale inklings of what lies ahead of us. Bundle up and stay warm.

The dog has been enjoying her nest of fresh straw. Son number two placed the entire bale in a huge box on the deck and she delights in snuggling down into it and being able to strike off across the lawn when the whim hits her. The cold does not appear to bother her yet and as long as she is happy, so are we. She does not need to remain indoors all day along if she is comfortable outside.

Thanks to all who expressed their best wishes to the old Skipper. There are many who deserve the same or even more, but for what I received, I am eternally grateful and appreciative.

Monday dawned drab and the weather threatened, but the afternoon was sunny. Thankfully, since the special lady who had the heart opertaion a few years back was due for her 75,000km check up at the Heart Institute and she always gets a little up tight (As we all would in her shoes). The idea ofd a storm or less than pleasant weather acts as a real downer for her, so it was wonderful to see the sun. Then too was the OC Transpo strike, but the traffic was fine. Probably everyone who takes the bus either could walk to their destinatiuon, does not own a vehicle anyway and so could not add to the congestion on the roadways, or car pooled. Anyway, things are running fine in the heart department. One little thing has to be watched mroe closely, but in general, all is tickin' as hoped. What a marvellous place filled with such terrific folk. Doctor Keon was met upon our arrival and the trip home was cool. A pick'em up suggested, "Get in, sit down, shut up and hold on!"...yes, sribed on the tailgate. Some have a great sense of humour.

Take care and keep smiling.

This weeks' wisdom comes from Mahatma Ghandi who said, "There is more to life than increasing speed."

Focus

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"We can't assume anything," explained Bill Shearing, Morrisburg's Emergency Planner. "You want to keep closing-the-loop, so people won't be lacking the information they need to make decisions."

As the exercise escalated and ammonia from the arena began leaking into the environment, a full scale evacuation of residents in the immediate area was called for.

Wrap-up

In the wrap-up following the mock disaster, all participants felt that the aims and objectives of the exercise had been full-filled, although numerous questions did arise.

Police Official, Sgt. Brent Mattice, voiced concern over the size of the emergency operations center and suggested that an alternative location such as the Operating Engineer's Training Institute, just outside the village, would be more appropriate.

Social Services Official, Susan Lefebvre and Health Official, Dr. Robert Boudreau, were both impressed with the exercise and suggested that the next exercise concentrate on other areas of the emergency plan.

In all, the exercise was a total success and the village of Morrisburg is more than just a little safer with such a plan and such dedicated individuals.

Seaway Valley Presbyterial meet

Long Sault U.C.W. welcomed members from Seaway Valley Presbyterial U.C.W. as they met on November 12. Muffins, coffee and tables of books and resources kept everyone busy until President Louise Shaw called the meeting to order with remarks on "What is Freedom?" "O Canada" was sung and the U.C.W. Purpose repeated. Erna Witherspoon welcomed all on behalf of the local U.C.W. while Rev. Janet Evans gave a welcome on behalf of their church. Dorthy Day told of the past history of the women's groups in the area.

Worship was conducted by Flo Burnett and Pam Owen of the Kemptville U.C.W. Louise sang "Here I am, Lord" accompanied by Joan McEwan. The program was taken from Betty Turcott's new book, "There is a Season", which is a great resource for any topic.

Enrichment time, under the topic of Communications was presented by Peg Campbell. Using the United Church resource, "Gifts for Leadership", discussion centered around some of the areas which might be looked at to help us improve our groups - program and resources, publicity, press releases, audio visuals, inclusive language, copyright, the importance of job descriptions and the passing on of information from one executive to the next. Many thanks to all the ladies who took part in the various skits.

Joan McEwan and Lois Johnson gave a marvellous book report. So many excellent books and resources had been sent from the Montreal Book Room, on Advent, Christmas, Communications, just to name a few topics. In free time the tables were busy.

Doris Ennis said grace and we all enjoyed home-made soup with our bag lunches, thanks to the ladies of the church. Donations were made to the Native Healing Fund.

After lunch, Shirley Nichol-Scott gave us an update on the work at the House of Lazarus. Volunteers are still needed. Again this year they are asking for toiletry items so that they may make up bags for the clients. Please don't wrap items. Bring them in plastic bags which may be recycled. Mitts, scarves and hats are needed also.

Reports, business and information followed.

The proposed budget was accepted. We were reminded that U.C.W.s should keep over into the new year, only enough funds to take care of expenses for the first quarter. Extra monies could be directed to funds such as the Mission and Service Fund or the Native Healing Fund.

Ina Poole told about the A B C quilt project for small children. If a group would be interested in knitting, please contact Ina. Murial Eastwood asked for our prayers for Zaire. Janice Reynolds mentioned that Global Ed-Med no longer takes pill bottles or bandages, We still collect plastic bread tabs and metal can tabs.

The yearly report forms were distributed. They need to be filled in and returned by Jan. 15. Remember to send to the secretary, Betty Martin, the name, address and phone number of your new president, if you are changing.

Funding for Life Membership pins may now be taken from general funds, as well as from a special collection. The registration forms for the national celebration of 35 years of U.C.W. to be held next year at McMaster University are now out. Get in touch with Louise if you are planning to go. We have only 40 spaces for our Conference.

Annual meeting - April 8, 1997- Ingleside.

Next Presbyterial meeting at Avonmore, Tuesday, February 12th, 1997. Snow date, Feb. 13th. Check with your Regional Representative and listen to CKBY.

It has been suggested that U.C.W.s could make a special offering of $35.00 in celebration of the 35 years of U.C.W. Mark your contribution "35th Anniversary Gift".

The U.C.W.s are encouraged to take one church service during the year with the 35th as the theme. Material for this may be found in the Exchange magazine.

Margaret Holmes of Winchester Springs gave the courtesies of the day.

The meeting closed with the benediction and "Go now in Peace". Happy holiday season! See you in February.

- Seaway Reports -

by Sarah-Jane Whittaker
Chieftain Seaway Reporter

Congratulations are in order to Seaway's Healthy Lifestyles Committee: Shannon Boyd, Adam Millard, Heidi Tibben, Lindsay Waddell, School Health Nurse Candace Smith, OPP Constable Al Lummiss, Substance Abuse Prevention Worker Serge Perrault, Miss Diane Schultz, Mrs. Sandy Decker, Mr. Irv Francis, Mrs. Leslie Birtch, Miss Sarah Lewis, Vice-Principal Claire Winchester and Mr. Scott Corden.

In recognition of their innovative work concerning health issues such as drug and alcohol use, Seaway District High School was chosen as the official launch site for Ontario's Drug Awareness Week of November 18-22, with the theme "You've got the Power". The purpose of the week is to make students aware of the choices, consequences and responsibilities that surround drug and alcohol use.

Seaway was host to many special events during the week. On Monday, our school held an assembly to kickstart the week. Dancers performed choreography to the week's theme song, "You've got the Power". Canadian High Jump Champion Leslie Estwick spoke to the student body about some of the difficulties she faced during her school career.

Tuesday featured the presentation of a video to students about drugs, alcohol and impaired driving. OSAID, Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, sponsored a mOck Cocktail contest - congratulations to Miss Kristine Flaherty and Mr. Scott Corden for submitting the winning entry.

The RCMP presented an information booth on Thursday, displaying a drug kit and Breathalyser, and providing pamphlets for interested students. On Friday, a device that simulates a vehicle collision, known as the "Seatbelt Convincer", was available for use, and a multi-media presentation was held to end the week.

Thanks to the Healthy Lifestyles Committee for their ongoing dedication to making Seaway drug-free - their work has resulted in this excellent achievement and exceptional opportunity.

Shop Canadian

Bring your pet to meet Santa

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mark Saturday on your calendar, November 30. This is the day when you can take your pet and meet Santa.

Rooney Feeds is hosting event. As a community effort to assist the SD&G SPCA, Cornwall Chapter (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), they will open their doors from 8am until noon. Bring your pet and Santa will oblige by holding him/her for a polaroid snapshot.

The cost to the per owners is $6.00 for the first picture and $3. for each additional photo taken.

What a unique Christmas gift...primp and pamper your pet, whether it be a kitten, puppy or elephant and bring them on down on Saturday morning. Santa was in town for a brief photo shoot to advertise for the Society and will drop in again on Saturday.

What a hoot! Bring out your pet so that Santa gets the list just right this year...



Santa and Gibby

Gibby the chinchilla came out to help Santa advertise the Pet picture with Santa day to be held this Saturday. The place is Rooney Feeds in Iroquois. Santa will arrive at 8 and stick around to meet your pet until noon, then he will be gone!

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Heart saver

Heart and stroke are the #1 cause of death for women in Canada. Almost as many women as men die from heart and stroke each year as men.

To find out more about preventative measures you are invited to view the tape "Heart Saver" available at no charge from:

Mustard's Variety, Iroquois; Radio Shack, Morrisburg. Copies have also been left at video stores in Winchester, Chesterville and South Mountain.

Know the warning signs and take appropriate action. Hear what Dr. Graham has to say on this important and informative message.

LOOKING BACK

39 Years ago:

The CGS Grenville made shipping history as she was the first to pass through the new Seaway Lock at Iroquois. Making her way through she resembled a toy ship in a bathtub. Captain Oscar Morphet of Prescott, Skipper of the Grenville noted, "Wait until they get those big 700-footers in here, then it'll be a tight fit." The first navigational structure to be completed in the 135-mile system of seven locks between Montreal and Prescott, the Iroquois Lock construction began in 1955.

Notice was on the front page of the **final meeting of the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club** for the year. Since it was to be the final meeting, not only for the year, but as well a farewell to the old quarters, it was suggested that some with affiliation to the structure, the old Music Hall, might want to attend.

The **first commencement exercises were held in the new IHS auditorium.** Among the grads were grade 13 honour graduates, Perry Stacey, Knox Thompson, Patricia Anderson, Shirley Murphy, Elaine Johnston, Edward Marcellus, Bonnie Smith and Sandra Smith.

Elections were in the wind, and the picture of **Lloyd C. Davis announced that he was once more acclaimed to office as Reeve of the Village of Iroquois,** as were councillors, Byron J. Saver, Harry A. Gilmer, John L. Fetterly and C.V. Ellis. In Matilda, Reeve, J. Orval Seeley was being opposed by Mahlon Zeron, while the three seats on council were being contested by, Orval Smyth, Harold Boyd, Ken Thorpe, Bruce Barkley and George Cooper.

25 Years ago:

An addition to the community opened for business as the **Iroquois Laundromat was ready to wash and dry.** Located in what was once the Iroquois Egg Grading Station, is still owned by O.R. Summers. Renovations had been completed to offer bright and cheery premises for the new business.

The **Iroquois Minor Hockey Association** was getting set for their annual bottle blitz in the village. The mothers on the committee were hosting a bake sale as well and all proceeds were to go to the operation of Minor Hockey in the village.

Snow fences were being put up in open spaces around the village. Access was left for snowmobilers so they could stay off the roadways where park land permitted their travel.

S.A. Thompson and Son were gearing up for the cold weather as well, with insulation and coal being loaded in a photo snapped at the firm's yard.

In the **advertising department,** Smith Dairy Ltd was offering egg nog delivered to your door or at local stores. Snowmobile boots were going for $9.95 for men's sizes, and winter coats for men and ladies were on the rack for $13.95 and $22.95 respectively at Saver's store in the plaza.

Wednesday evening was the date for the **card decks to come out as the Recreation Club hosted** card games at the Civic Centre. High lady for the week was Blanche McCaslin followed by Kay McGinn. High gent was Dale Hutt with Lorne Bouck grabbing second.

10 Years ago:

To forestall any possible difficulties with frost a modification took place in the mini-mall of the plaza in Iroquois. **An expansion joint was installed** to prevent movement of the slab so it cannot be transmitted to the adjoining building.

The Seaway Curling team from the High School advanced to the regional playdowns hosted by Pepsi. Members of the winning group were Tim Rosenquist, Gord Johnston, Scott Lane and Daryl Morrell.

The first snowfall of the season was on the ground and pictures showed the school children at IPS playing in it and a backhoe clearing snow from the plaza.

Matilda Recreation hosted a concert at Dixon's Hall with the **Family Brown entertaining a large crowd** who enjoyed their evening. After the show the band stayed to play while folks danced to the country tunes.

The **I.O.O.F., Connaught Lodge, Matilda donated $300.** to the Winchester Hospital. Raymond Smail presented the cheque to Anna Smail who accepted on behalf of the Hospital Board.

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Kraft Dinner
225 g pkg.
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Assorted varieties
398 ml tin
2/ .88

Coke, Sprite or Canada Dry
Assorted Varieties
24 x 355 ml tins unit cost 7.2¢ per 100 ml
5.99
750 ml Btl. + Deposit unit cost 9.2¢ per 100 ml
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Bathroom Tissue
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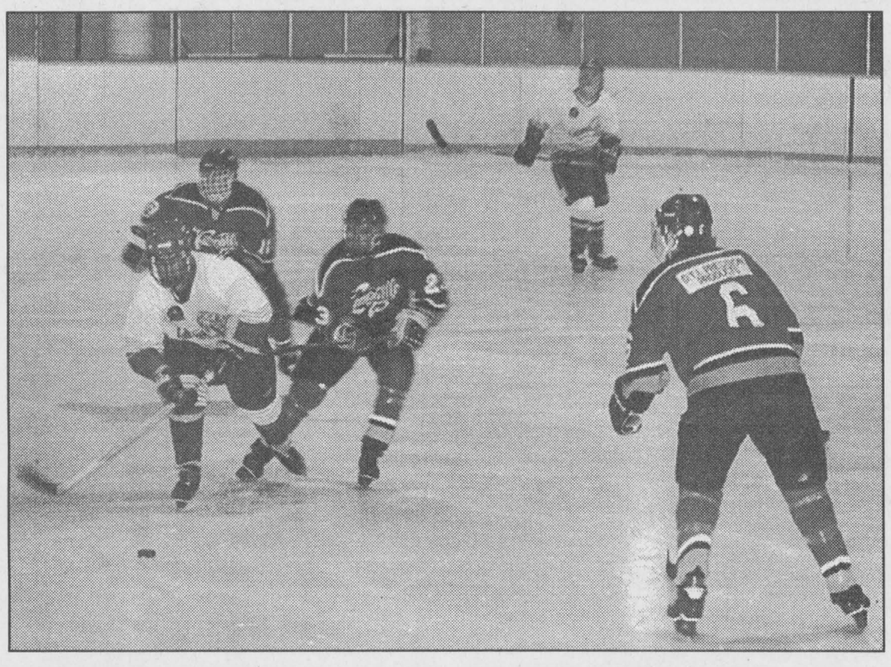
The Chieftain
Sports

- ✔*Senior girls do well at EOSSAA*
- ✔*Morrisburg Junior B Lions lose*
- ✔*Midgets suffer 4-2 loss to Kingston*

Lions host the Tikis this Friday



Lions lose again

Pictured above, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions hosted the Kemptville 73's at the Cow Palace last Friday night. Unfortunately for Lions fans, the home team did not win. Morrisburg's only goal in the 8-1 loss, came from winger Nick Dixon. *Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon*

Senior Spartans impress coach

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They didn't bring home any medals and they won't be representing Eastern Ontario at the provincials, but the Seaway senior Spartans girls basketball team did S.D. & G. proud last Thursday in Vankleek Hill.

Attending the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletics Association (EOSSAA) senior girls basketball tournament, Seaway played their best ball of the year.

Seeded fourth in the tournament, the Spartans were forced to meet the number one seeded St. Mary's in the opening game.

Earlier in the year Seaway lost an exhibition game against St. Mary's by 28 points.

Last Thursday's game could have went either way!

"We were up by 6 points at the half and we ended up losing by 4," said Seaway coach Irv Francis. "The girls played the best basketball I've seen them play all year."

With a loss to St. Mary's, the Spartans moved to the B side of the tournament with a match against the home-town team, Vankleek Hill, seeded number two in the tournament.

The Spartans fell behind 15 points, but the winning attitude they sported all year shone through and with a minute thirty left to play, they had closed the gap to 3 points.

"We had to start fouling them (Vankleek) to stop the clock and we ended up losing by 5," Francis said. At a tournament in Vankleek Hill earlier in the year Seaway had lost to the home-town team by 35 points.

With only 15 minutes to rest, Seaway entered the bronze medal game and came up short by two baskets.

A great day

Despite the losses, Francis was impressed with his squad and noted the positive attitude the girls carried with them throughout the day.

"We were only 4 or 5 points away from going to OFSSAA," noted the coach.

Tracey Irvine played her best basketball of the season and Francis commented that Megan Gilmer was once again a force to be reckoned with.

"Shanna Dawley and Jen Morrow were playing as well as I've ever seen them," added Francis.

Jen Banford also had a good day for the Spartans and the coach was positive there wasn't another guard at the tournament who could touch Banford's play.

About the only element of Jen's game that wasn't on was her ability to shoot three-pointers at will.

"She (Banford) was on a mission," the coach said. "On a normal day you can count on Jen to shoot at least 50 percent of her three pointers, but last Thursday they just wouldn't go in."



Winning Skaters *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Brittany Thompson and Kristen Phifer skated good enough on Sunday to carry home two trophies. Earning their silver place in the Bronze Similar Pairs event, they have a pile to smile about. Skating alone is tough, but co-ordinating with someone else on the ice is double the trouble. These young ladies from Iroquois showed they may well be destined for the Olympics. Congrats girls!

Morrisburg Jr. B. Lions drop pair on the weekend

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If the Morrisburg Junior B Lions continue to play the way they have been, then it's definitely going to be a short post season. That is of course if they actually make it to the post season.

A dismal performance Friday night saw the Mighty Lions reduced to SPCA kittens in an 8-1 loss to the Kemptville 73's.

Morrisburg's only goal of the game came at 8:35 of the first when Mike Heffron hit Nick Dixon with a perfect pass and Dixon rattled the mesh behind Jay Bullied in the Kemptville cage.

Morrisburg did however clean up in PIM category with 124. James Cooper led the way with 29 and close behind Cooper was Marc Brannen with 28.

Alexandria

In Alexandria on Sunday the performance was much improved as the Lions almost picked up a point for the tie.

The Lions led after one with goals from Cory McAllister (2) and Marc Brannen (1).

But a barrage of three unanswered counters in the second gave the Glens a 5-3 lead going into the final frame.

Nick Dixon picked up his first of the night at 17:40 of the third to bring the Lions to within one. A power-play goal, the assists went to Jeff Hyndman and Chris Proulx.

However, Morrisburg gave up a power-play goal at 7:52, finding themselves down by two once again.

With 1:35 left to play, and with the man advantage once again, Dixon and McAllister combined to set up Cooper for the team's 5th of the night.

The final score, Glens 6, Lions 5.

Around the League

The 73's continue to dominate with a record of 15-0-2, the best in the league. After hammering the Lions 8-1 Friday night, the 73's easily defeated Char Lan 6-2 on Sunday.

If the Lions are to have any chance at all of making the playoffs, they rest on the Winchester Hawks inability to win.

Winchester gave up games against Alexandria and Char Lan on the weekend.

In the Rideau Division, the Athens Aeros and the Gananoque Islanders are deadlocked at 27 points apiece.

Westport follows in third with 18 points and an 8-8-1 record.

Brockville continues to be the worst team in the league and losses to Westport and Athens, gives the Tikis a 1-18-0 record.

Midget Lions drop one

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Midget Lions dropped a 4-2 game to Kingston last Tuesday evening.

Morrisburg led the visitors 1-0 early in the first on a goal from Dave Trude, but Kingston capitalized on a power-play goal to tie the game.

Jeremy Adams regained the lead for Morrisburg, but once again the visitors answered with a power-play goal.

"They (Kingston) capitalized on every mistake we made," noted coach Jeremy Morrow. "We're still having trouble getting the puck out of our end cleanly," he surmised.

The Lions out-shot the competition, but a combination of good goaltending, and the Lions inability to get a man in front of the net for the screen, caused the loss.

Sunday in Prescott the Lions downed the South Grenville Rangers 1-0. The only goal of the game was scored by the Lions' Jamie Paradis.

Rene Croteau got the shut-out.

Novice B Lions on winning streak

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Kent Nugent led the way on the 17th of November as the Novice B Lions downed Smiths Falls 3-2. Nugent scored the game winning goal at 6:29 of the second period, and went on to add a natural hat-trick in the third to finish off the competition.

Two goals from David Patterson to start the night off gave the Lions 2-0 lead halfway through the second period, and from there it was all Nugent.

Nick Whelan led the team in assists with three, David Patterson Greg O'Neil and Brandon VanAllen contributed to the winning effort with two assists each and Kyle Weeger hit the score sheet assisting on Nugent's second of the night.

Brockville

Travelling to Brockville on the 19th of November, the Novice B Lions fell behind by one when Cameron Nevay beat Lions goalie Robert Bongers at 5:42 of the first.

But less than three minutes later, VanAllen and Whelan combined on a brilliant passing play to set-up team sharp-shooter Nugent, for the tying goal.

With :58 remaining in the opening frame, Whelan gave the Lions the go-ahead on a feed from VanAllen and Nugent.

The Lions added one more in the second with David Patterson scoring on a feed from Dillabough and O'Neil.

The Warriors managed to close the gap to one with a third period counter at 8:04, but that was as close as they would get.

NGS Braves

In an exhibition game on the 23rd of November the Lions defeated the Novice A NGS Braves 5-3.

Patterson picked up two goals and an assist. Single goals went to Whelan, VanAllen and Dillabough.

Morrisburg Invitational skate competition a success

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Competition Chairperson, Margaret Phifer of the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club was very pleased with the turn out on Sunday and the calibre of skaters representing their Clubs.

The seventh Annual Invitational Competition hosted by the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club saw 23 Clubs take part, including skaters from West Carleton, Edwardsburgh, March Kanata, Rideau, Minto, Gloucester, Glen Cairn, Cornwall, Nepean, Rideau Lakes, Richmond, Perth, Winchester, Township of Cornwall, Arnprior, Prescott, Cardinal, Brockville, Lanark, Alexandria and of course the Morrisburg gang.

Starting at 8am and running throughout the day, the ice was on fire as some pretty good talent was displayed.

Without the assistance of businesses in the area, these events could not be possible. Acting as a showcase of talent and an opportunity for the young skaters to test their ability as well as work as a confidence builder, they are important to the future of figure skating in this and every Club. Sponsors for this competition were: Ault Foods, the Morrisburg Bank of Montreal, Berry's Pet Foods, Biba, Coopers Sports & Trophies, C/S Brooks Caldwell, GFS Incorp.,Kraft Foods Ltd., Lever Pond's Inc., Odonto Corp. Ltd., OPP, Iroquois Royal Bank, Morrisburg's ScotiaBank, S&F Foodtown, Skater's Choice, Subway, Village Green, Tim Horton Donuts (Ingleside) and Whittekeer's Meat Market.

Gordon Brister was a member of the executive of the morrisburg Figure Skating Club. In 1990, he chaired the organizing committee for the inaugural Morrisburg Invitational Competition. He will always be remembered for his welcoming smile and the encouraging words he gave every skater as they took to the ice. Gord strongly believed that participating was the most important thing, more so than winning. In his memory, the Gordon Brister Memorial trophy is presented at each Invitational, annually to the Club having the most skaters participating in the competition. It is the hope of the Morrisburg Club that through this gesture, they can foster enjoyment for figure skating as a sport and at the same time keep the memory of Gordon's contributions to the Club and to figure skating alive.

The Gordon Brister Memorial trophy remains in the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club trophy case in the arena lobby. A keeper trophy goes home with the Club who has the best participation. This year it went with the March Kanata Club who had 19 skaters involved in the days' events.

Two young ladies who skate with the Morrisburg Club and call Iroquois home carried off some pretty nifty trophies for their efforts. Brittany Thompson and Kristen Phifer placed silver in the Bronze level Similar Pairs. Similar Pairs sees the two skaters on the ice at the same time. They try to skate the same thing at the same time...jumps should be together and spins and their leg work etc. Kristen is coached by Young Soon Benoit while Brittany 's coach is Allison Swerdfeger. The coaches have to get together and work with the girls together so they can co-ordinate their routine.

Another pair of skaters from the local Club, Crystal Cassell and Ashleigh St. John skated Silver Similar Pairs and placed silver as well.

Laurie Wilson of Morrisburg skated in the Preliminary Ladies Flight 6 and placed sixth in her field. Kristen Phifer placed fifth in Preliminary Ladies Flight I, and Brittany Thompson skated to a sixth place in Prelim Ladies Flight 7. These are all individual skates that show the person's ability alone on the ice. Well done everyone.

The rink was a buzz of activity as parents watched their skaters, siblings giggle and smile as the skater cuts from end to end, swirling and spinning, jumping and twirling. Carnations are purchased to be presented at the end of the routines and music drifts throughout the arena. Souvenir shirts are busily created and tickets are sold to raise funds. Snacks draw folks to the counter and excited skaters prepare for their turn on the ice.

Mothers check tapes and ensure that all is ready. Judges grab clipboards and make their way to their area and nerves show as youngsters head to the ice.

In a very few minutes it will be over...trophies awarded and smiles broadened. Congratulations will come from all corners and all those hours of practice will seem worthwhile.

Iroquois dart league

Nov. 22: The 10th week of darts and the teams are very close. We have 16 teams this year; a great bunch having lots of fun.

Standings: No Surrenders 64, C.D.'s 60, Double Outs 57 1/2, The Gems 56 1/2, Misfits 55, Jay Birds 54 1/2, 3 Guys & A Babe 54, Half Pints 51 1/2, Glen's Gals 49 1/2, Rod & Reel 49 1/2, Fab Four 46 1/2, Fly by Nites 42, Shaky Shooters 42, The Broadway Crescents 41 1/2, Untouchables 39, Duelling Darters 37.

High Scores: Deb Valiquette 140, 127, 121; Art Ault 138; Garnet Summers 134, 100; Joe McDonald 125; Bill Hutt 125, 107; Duane Kirker 125, 120; Joe Roberts 124; Bob Lacelle 114, 100; Trevor Easter 111, 100, 100, 100, 100; Debbie Hess 110; Carl Gibson 109; Sandra Taillefer 106; Ann Cameron 103; Linda Casselman 101; Walter Reid 100; Glen Adams 100, 100.

Finishes: Bill Hutt 5, Lloyd Greenough 4, Walter Reid 4, Trevor Easter 4, Glen Easter 4, Ron Strader 4, Steve Barkley 3, Rodney Francis 3, Earl Nesbitt 3, Jay Buckland 3, Dennis Burns 3, Duane Kirker 2, Nancy Kenney 2, Garnet Summers 2, Elizabeth Brooks 2, Carl Gibson 2, Pearl Roy 2, Craig Tucker 2, Kim Francis 2, Chris Thompson 2, Sharon Easter 2, Bill Simzer 2, Percy Roberts 2, Bonnie Gibson 1, Glen Adams 1, Ann Nesbitt 1, Gary Bradford 1, Joan Ault 1, Art Ault 1, Sue Pelehos 1, Deb Valiquette 1, Joyce Fader 1, Joe Roberts 1, Sandra Taillefer 1, Kim Carkner 1, Joe McDonald 1.

Groves nails two

A great defensive effort on the part of the whole team helped the Morrisburg Atom C Blues to a 3-0 win over South Grenville I. Scoring for Morrisburg was Nick Groves with a pair and David Adlington added a single to round off the scoring. Chris Osler marks his second shut-out of the season.

Cardinal dart league

The Kings and Queens are in first place in the Cardinal Mixed Dart League with 76 points. Jake Breakers are in second place with 74 points. The Disasters are in third place with 72 points.

High Scores in last week's action went to Wayne Bellinger, Joy Markell, Jenny Dupuis, Penny Fairfield, Mike Jollata and Mike Levere.

The high score for the women went to Michelle Walters with 159. The high score for the men went to Bob McDonald with 153.

The most games won for the women went to Michelle Walters with 22. The most games won for the men went to Mike Levere with 43.

The high 3-dart finish for the women went to Edna Barker with 82. The high 3-dart finish for the men went to Jake Summerfield with 101.

The most bull's-eyes were captured by Terri Yandeau and Delaine Potvin, with 6 apiece.

High scores for the month of November were recorded by Pat Wright, Mike Levere and Wayne Bellinger, all with 140.

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

A public service provided by the businesses listed here in co-operation with this paper.

Parent Finders Brockville, Adopted, Searching, Seeking Information - Join us. **Wed., Nov. 27 at BCI, Rm. 209, 7 p.m. Call 613-925-3383 for info.**

Brunch, Bake & Craft Sale, Sat., Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Friendship Group** of St. Andrews & St. James **Presbyterian Church, Cardinal,** annual **Christmas Bazaar, Crafts, Bake Sale & Luncheon, Sat., Nov. 30, Church Hall, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Lunch will be served chili or turkey soup, rolls, sweet breads, tea & coffee. Adults $3.50; children 12 and under $1.50; preschool free.

Santa will come to **Iroquois, Sun., Dec. 8.** Come out and enjoy **Breakfast with him, get your photo with him,** and let him know what's on your list this year.

The Living With Cancer Support Group's next meeting **Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.** at the **Williamsburg Senior Support Centre.** For further info call **652-4588**

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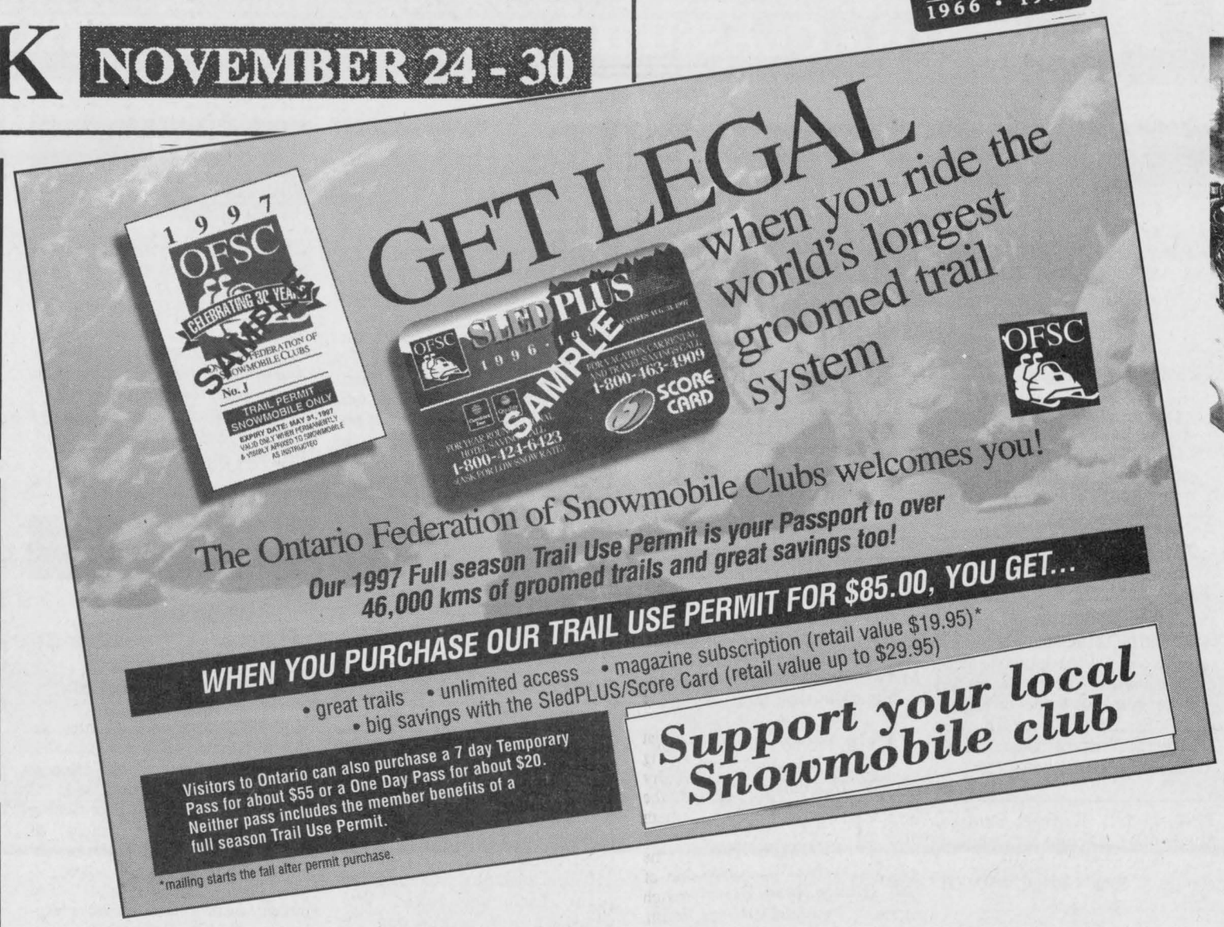

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OBITUARIES

Orean English

After an illness of two months, R. Orean English of RR 2, Iroquois at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital on November 21, 1996.

Born on October 13, 1919 in Matilda Township, he was 77 years of age. Orean was a farmer his entire life in the Township he called home. His schooling was gained in Matilda at SS#5 and Iroquois High School.

A member of the OFA and Iroquois United Church, Orean was a very quiet and unassuming gentleman. He and his father, Elmer played violin and belonged to the Sunday School Orchestra in the days when this was a part of the community worship.

Predeceased by his parents, Elmer English and Lulu Glover, he is survived by his loving wife; Florence Whittle, whom he wed on June 27, 1941 in Morrisburg. A brother, Arlie English of Iroquois and sister, Iris (Mrs. Harry Bryant) of Tavistock; an aunt, Lena Glover of Morrisburg, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and or the United Church in Iroquois were appreciated by the family. Service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois, on Saturday, November 23, 1996 with Rev., Eric Barr officiating. Interment followed at Iroquois Point Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lloyd and John McMillan, Harold Bueley, Don Tryon, Mike Ryan and Perry Robertson.

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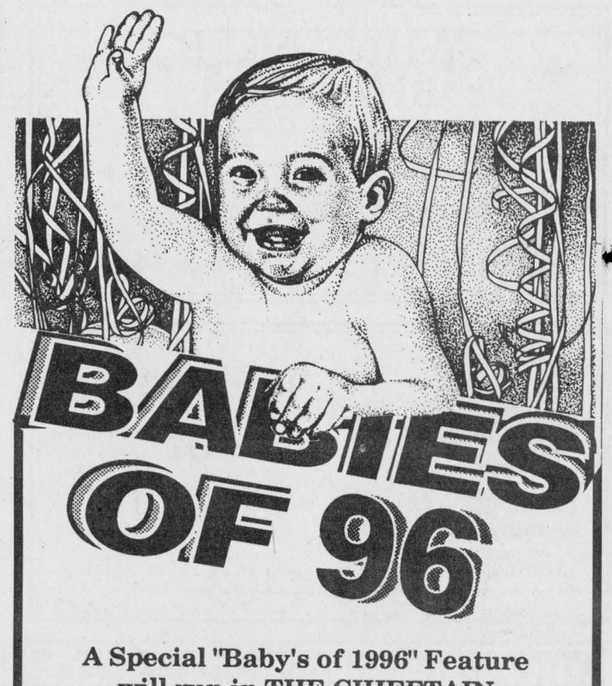
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St. John's Bazaar

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St. John's Anglican Church hosted their annual Fall Bazaar and boasted a resounding success. The bake table drew crowds and a gingerbread house which was raffled off was won by Pat Grey. Constructed by Jean Shaver, this was a candy masterpiece which sold $75 worth of tickets to help the ACW. Warm soup and a sandwich topped off with a delicious seasonal dessert brought some folks out on a cold day.

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If anyone out there is considering seeing Steven Seagal's latest piece of action genre movie making spam, *Glimmer Man* reconsider it. All of the qualities that normally redeem Seagal's films are missing in this one. The action and fight scenes so crucial to a martial arts movie are terrible. They have none of the art or mystery or even raw violent cunning that we saw in previous movies like 'Out for Justice, Marked for Death or *Under Seige*. *Under Seige*, Seagal's *Die Hard* clone, is arguably the best film, with little dialogue on Seagal's part and stars like Tommy Lee Jones, and Garry Busey to carry the show.

Seagal is suffering from a severe case of David Caradine syndrome. He's ballooned and wears ridiculous looking coats in an hopeless effort to conceal a burgeoning tummy. The camera has crept closer and closer to him in recent movies and now, just like the new *Kung Fu* series on HBO, you can't really see what Seagal is doing, and you have to wonder if his girth still allows him to do the complicated Aikido moves. He waves his hands, violently moves his shoulders and stunt men fly about. If they weren't such willing victims there might be some suspense.

Not even the herculean efforts of Dayman Wayans' brother, Keenan Ivory, who plays Seagal's partner-- they're both cops--can save this movie. He looks as embarrassed to be in 'Glimmer Man' as I am about the awful movie reviewing cliche I used in the previous sentence.

Summarising the plot is impossible it doesn't make any sense. Oddly enough the movie is predictable anyway. In one scene Wayans and Seagal watch the movie Casablanca and say 'It's a good movie'. It's too bad that the Casablanca watching scene wasn't two hours longer.

Instead of watching fat cat Seagal enlarge himself on the screen you could go to the Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners and watch *Harriet the Spy* starring Rosie O'Donnell. This family comedy follows the misadventures of a young girl who writes in her journal everything that happens to her and everything she finds out about. Trouble ensues when she loses the journal and her class finds it. They're more than a little angry to find out Harriet's journal contains some of their secrets.

Of course if you're in the mood for newer movies check out *Star Trek: Generations* or *Romeo and Juliet* at the Parkdale Cinemas in Brockville. These movies promise to be crowd pleasers.

Canadian country singing trio Farmer's Daughter will also be in Brockville, Saturday Nov 30th. Hailing from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba respectively singers ShaunaRae, Jake and Angela mix gospel, jazz and rhythm and blues influences with country music. They've toured internationally, appeared on radio and television and now they're at the Brockville Arts Centre. Call the box office at 342-7122 for tickets. The show starts at 8 p.m.

If you can't make the Saturday show, Farmer's Daughter appears in Kingston Dec. 1. The number for the box office there is 530-2-050.

Craft shows, craft shows and more craft shows. The Tri-county Christmas Craft Sale starts Nov. 29 and runs till Dec. 1 at the Cornwall Civic Complex. Admission is free. Doors are open Friday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church's fifth annual Christmas Craft sale starts Nov. 30th at the Fellowship Hall. The sale is open 8:30am-5 p.m.

The Tammy McCrae Band with Dusty King Junior plays the Finch Community Centre Nov. 30. The show starts at 9 p.m. and goes till 1 a.m. Admission is $5.

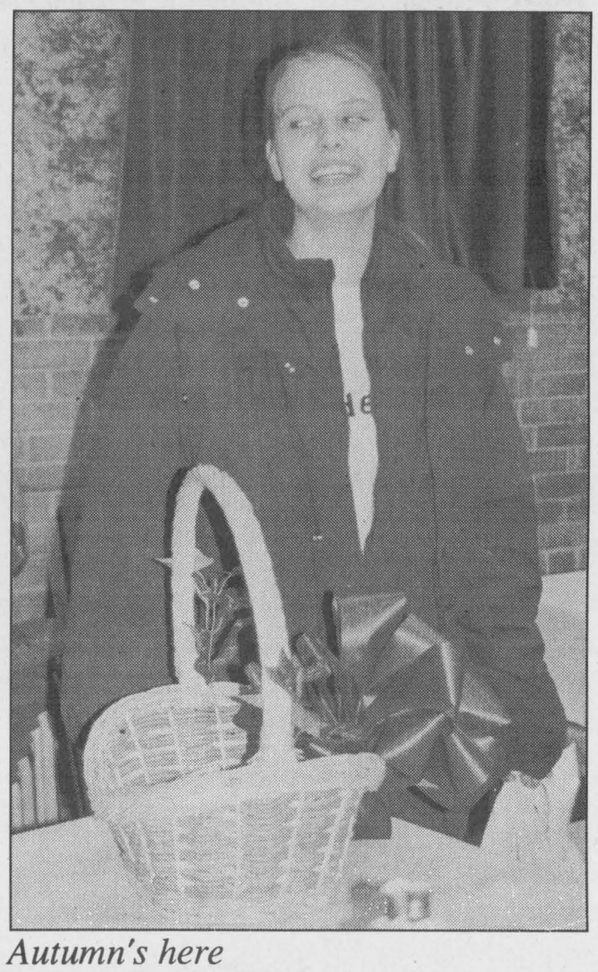
Don't forget Frank Mill's Celebration of Christmas concert. Tickets for the show are on sale for the Dec. 11th concert at Cornwall's Aultsville Hall.

Reserved seating tickets are $22.50 and are available from Music World at Cornwall Square. Call them at (613) 937-0424. The show will start at 8 p.m.

Tickets went on sale Mon., Nov. 18 for Ballet Jorgan's The Nutcracker performing at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Brockville Arts Centre Sun. Dec. 22. and the Grand Theatre in Kingston Mon. Dec. 23.

This updated version of the Nutcracker, by choreographer Bengt Jorgen, combines, pantomime, humor and acrobatic agility with the traditional Tchaikovsky score and graceful ballet.

Children 12 years old and younger can see the ballet for $15, tickets for adults cost $20. They're available at the Brockville Arts Centre box office and the Kingston Grand Theatre box office.



Autumn's here

Autumn Davidson (pictured above) was just one of the many Iroquois residents who took time to enjoy the Anglican Church Bazaar at the Iroquois Civic Centre, November 16th. The annual bazaar and lunch was once again a huge success.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Forthcoming Marriage



Jollota - Smith

Laurie, (daughter of *Bill and Lila Jollota*) and *Jamie* (son of *Ted and Connie Smith*) are engaged to be married December 7, 1996. An open reception will follow the ceremony at the Morrisburg Legion at 8:00 p.m. Family and friends welcome.

Bird Notes

by
E. G. AVERY

Winter has arrived and activity at the feeders has doubled. Some of the migrating birds are leaving it until the last moment to depart, giving us an unusual number of our summer residents still coming to the feeders; among these are a Great Blue Heron seen in the Swampview area last week, two Robins on our lawn just as we were off to the Chieftain with last week's list. Among the dozens of Sparrows we found a lone Red-winged Blackbird, and Irena viewers saw a large flock of mixed Blackbirds, and on the ground under the feeders a Mourning Dove and Junco.

We had our first Tree Sparrow pecking in the snow, with much tail-flipping, and the sunflower bell has finally attracted a Chickadee.

Snowy Owls are appearing already, the first reports coming from the Ottawa and Cornwall areas. When the big white Owls visit Iroquois they usually show up in the Boat House and Golf Club vicinities, and spots near the river. Their natural habitat is in the extreme far North, but when the food supply is low, they come down our way, even as far South as the international boundary.

CWL learn about Camp Trillium

On Monday evening, November 18th, Mr, Murray Ault was the guest speaker of the Morrisburg/ Iroquois Catholic Women's League. Following Mass celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Mr. Ault was introduced by Carol Richer. His topic - Trillium - A camp for children with cancer. Mr. Ault is a retired secondary school teacher. Prior to his retirement he was head of the history department at Rideau High School in Ottawa. He has been involved with Camp Trillium since its inscription, particularly with the day-camp program. In August of this year he was appointed to the Camp Trillium Board of Directors. Mr. Ault is the parent of a cancer survivor. This evening he dedicated his presentation to the St. Mary's/St. Cecilia's C.W.L.

Love and hope, especially hope, is something one has to have an awful lot of when dealing with having a child with cancer. With strong support from the Canadian Cancer Society (Ontario Division) Camp Trillium has given families touched by cancer, a new sense of hope and acceptance, which is vital to their continuing battle against cancer. Over 350 new cases of childhood cancer are diagnosed in Ontario each year. Camp Trillium opened its doors in 1984 in London, Ontario with 28 campers. In 1995 over 1,200 campers enjoyed the camp's various facilities.

The programs include winter weekend retreats, year-round youth group programs, pre-school groups and matching one-to-one support programs, as well as the residential summer program for Eastern, South Western and Central Ontario. For children with cancer, Camp Trillium is often the only place they can enjoy fun and friendships. Also a time to forget hospitals and treatments. Camp Trillium is open to all child cancer patients, their siblings and families. The camp does not receive any government funding and relies on donations, sponsors and benefactors. If you are interested in more information or sending a donation, you can write or call: Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre, 179 Sydenham Street, Suite 2, Kingston, Ontario K7K 3M1. Phone 613-542-1113.

Cathie Lortie thanked Mr. Ault for his presentation and following a short coffee break the regular meeting continued. Last month's minutes were read and the convenors gave their reports. Communications convenor Maggie Smith read the following article taken from the Life section of the Toronto Star newspaper - Monday, September 16th edition pertaining to the "Date-Rape" drug - Rohypnol. "A potent sedative dubbed the new "date-rape drug" has made its way to the strets of Toronto. Rohypnol, a sedative 10 times as strong as Valium. It's relatively low in price ($5 to $10 a tablet) and the fact that it's odorless and tasteless makes it one of the dangerous street drugs, in the U.S.A. experts say. It is manufactured abroad by the Swiss-based Hoffman-La Roche Inc. and is used in about 60 countries to combat severe insomnia or as a pre-surgery sedative. In small doses, it induces a euphoric, drunken feeling which peaks about two hours after taking the small pill and lasts up to eight hours. Taken with alcohol, the results can be life-threatening. Victims often have only hazy recollections of an attack. It breaks down quickly in the body, making it hard to detect. Rohypnol can lower the blood pressure, induce mild hallucinations and confusion. In some people it can bring on aggressive behaviour and it can become addictive. Withdrawal symptoms include headaches, muscle-pain, extreme anxiety and irritability. Rohypnol tablets are about the size of an aspirin. An abbreviation of the manufacturer's name Roche, is etched on one side with either a 1 or a 2 denoting the milligram dosage contained." After reading this communique Maggie Smith stressed to the ladies the importance of drug education for themselves and their families. At the end of the meeting President Debbie Byvelds reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas Dinner to be held at the Morrisburg Legion at 7 p.m. on December 2nd and also of the Family "Candlelight Service" sponsored by the C.W.L. to be held at St. Mary's Church on December 8th. The meeting ended with prayer led by Father Shea.

Solicitor General launches program

Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services Robert Runciman joined Chief Superintendent R.J. Eamer, OPP Eastern Region Commander, in a ceremony at the Gananoque OPP detachment recently to help launch a new fourteen-member traffic management team for the region.

"These teams have been pilot-tested in the last year as part of the OPP contribution to the government's Road Safety Plan," said Mr. Runciman. "The teams have proven their value and I am very pleased that the highways of Eastern Ontario will now have these special traffic management officers on patrol," he said.

"It is a proven fact that police presence on major highways has a positive effect on road user behaviour," said Chief Superintendent Eamer. "Our goal is to reduce the number of serious motor vehicle collisions in the region," he said.

The fourteen Traffic Management Officers (TMO's) will be based in detachments across the Region. The traffic management teams will supplement regular detachment patrols, which will continue. They will also work closely with Eastern Region RIDE units.

The OPP currently operates four traffic management units, two in the Greater Toronto region and one each in the Orillia-based Central and London-based Western Regions. These units operate on a full-time basis within the regions and focus on all hazardous moving violations with particular emphasis on criminal driving offences, speeding, following too closely and improper passing/unsafe lane changes.

The addition of the Eastern Region team will ensure that the OPP provides an enhanced presence on the King's Highways within the region, consistent with Ontario's Road Safety Plan, introduced last year.

Elementary OECTA teachers reject offer

The elementary teachers of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry unit have rejected the S.D. & G. Separate School Board's final offer by a vote of 98.8 percent.

The teachers have made it clear that items such as benefits and preparation time will not be taken away or altered. The vote is also a strong endorsement for full restoration of increments for experience purposes which younger teachers were deprived of during the Social Contract.

Chief negotiator Ray Barnes states, "We feel that the message of our resolve is loud and clear. We will be contacting the school board requesting further negotiation meetings within the week. Our desire is to have an agreement reached at the table and we hope this can occur in the near future."

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Dance certainly worked!

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The Nation Valley Snowmobile Club hosted a "Bring on the Snow" dance at Matilda Hall on Saturday evening, and guess what? It worked! Jim Wicks and Westburg Union were the featured band and had every pair of feet dancing into the night. The snow storm subsided before it was time to head for home. These boys took a time out to pose for our camera, good stuff fellows, thanks!

Bending the Bows provided great musical entertainment at Playhouse

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They played everything from Classical to Country with some Jazz, Blues and even a Tango tossed in.

When asked the difference between a "fiddle" and a "violin", they retorted it was about "$40. an hour!"

Those who braved the snow storm on Saturday evening to attend the first of three shows brought to Upper Canada Playhouse by the Winter Series Committee went home smiling. Bending the Bows was a delightful escapade into fiddling like was never heard in Morrisburg.

Featuring Eduard Minevich who was born in the former USSR, has been the concertmaster of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony since 1987, and his sidekick, Frank Leahy who was crowned Canadian National Fiddling Champion, it was a great way to spend a snowy few hours.

Eduard is much in demand as a soloist with orchestras, performing a mixture of Jazz, Gipsy and Classical in his pops shows, "From Jazz to Gipsy" and "Romancing the Violin."

Frank suffers no cultural shock when he slips from down home clogs, jigs and reels to contemporary Jazz, Swing, traditional Folk Music and Classical. Session fiddle player on "Prime Time Country", he has performed coast to coast in both Canada and the U.S.A.

Together these two provided some fine music mingled with comedic antics that had everyone laughing.

Taking to the stage in white tie and tails, Eduard began playing soothing tunes and then out of the audience came Frank in his floppy hat and country style duds. His toe tappin tunes had every foot stompin to the beat...he even step danced. Frank suggested that he had come to a "fiddle party" and was having trouble locating same.

Eduard offered that we were meeting Clint Eastwood and even when Frank protested that his vest was genuine Garth Brooks, nothing would do but that Frank sit down. Afterall it was Eduard's show? As Eduard played, Frank made faces to the audience, then when his turn came, Eduard feigned devastation at the sounds, and the reaction of those who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the fiddling. The two waged a comedic war as they serenaded ladies in the crowd, complete with red roses offered to entice those they played to. Local lady, Kitty Eamon was taken right up on stage as Frank did his best to show her he the better serenader. It was good fun and as the clapping and laughter showed, most enjoyable for all.

The second set had Frank in tails and Eduard in country garb...which was laughable in itself. They concluded by showing their friendship and played some tunes as a duet. Treated to such Tiger Rag, Tea for Two, Jalousie, Bach and Ed's Foxtrot, this was a unique musical journey.

The backup band played a different kind of Jazz while the fiddlers left the stage to change, "Pavan" was beautifully executed.

Returning in sports jackets and ties, the two fiddlers continued their antics and fine musical talent showed through it all. Country tunes such as "You were always on my Mind"... "Snowbird"... Tennessee Waltz" and "To All the Girls I've Loved Before" were well received by those attending.

The show ended with "Duelling Fiddles" after Frank had treated with Danny Boy and Eduard had played a Russian favourite of his. They took time after the show to sign autographs and visit with the Playhouse patrons. Music is a universal language and no matter what type these two played, it seemed like an old favourite. They are masterful on the strings and their interaction on the stage was fun to be a part of. If the next two shows in the series are this good they will not want to be missed!!

The Arrogant Worms come March 1, 1997 and promise fun and music that ranges from country to reggae, to bluegrass to gospel, folk to acoustic rock and overall funny antics sure to tickle your funny bone.

Tickets on sale Monday

Tickets go on sale Monday, Dec. 2, for a concert with the immensely popular John McDermott, performing in Pembroke, Nepean (3 shows), Cornwall, Brockville, Kingston (2 shows), Belleville, Lindsay and Peterborough, January 22 thru February 2nd.

Wherever he goes, John McDermott is met by smiles and standing ovations, as he enchants audiences with his beautiful tenor voice and sensitive renditions of favourite ballads, old and new. As the Chicago Sun Times says: "John McDermott is the real thing - a worthy heir to the famed Irish tenor John McCormack...a sound as pure and achingly beautiful as the ancient countryside."

As usual, McDermott will share the stage with many of his musical friends including long-time sidekick and phenomenal guitarist, Bill Bridges. Unlike the 1995 Christmas tour, this 1997 'swing' will primarily feature songs from the John McDermott recordings "Danny Boy", "Old Friends", and "Love Is A Voyage"...although, with the characteristically impromptu McDermott, anything can happen!

Reserved seating tickets are $22.50 (GST included; there is a box office surcharge in some centres); showtime 8 p.m.

Tour Includes:
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