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For the last time

With their hands raised Matilda Township's last ever Council indicate their assent for a motion to dissolve the municipal government of Matilda Township. Pictured above are (l-r) Township Clerk Bill Horner, Reeve Charles Barkley, Councillor Bob Bennett, Councillor Norm Tinkler, Councillor Jim Locke and Councillor Bev Sabourin, who will represent Matilda in the new Township of South Dundas. *Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*

Historic meeting held as Township ceases to exist

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"All those in favour?"

Four hands rose and fell.

"Motion carried," said former Matilda Reeve Charles Barkely and with those brief words, Matilda Township ceased to be.

As a political entity anyway.

"As far as I'm concerned there will always be a Matilda; in fact if not in a structural way," Barkley said, summing up the feelings of many who had gathered for the final meeting of Matilda's Township Council.

It was a special meeting, held in the Matilda Community Hall in Dixon's Corners. Every former council member was invited to attend and many did. A party followed the meeting and Rev. Georgia Copeland made a speech on the history of the township.

For the first time in many years people smoked in the audience as council deliberated.

After dealing with two delegations, some correspondence, closing the township's accounts and handing signing authority over to new Township of South Dundas Clerk Bill Horner and Chief Administrative Officer Mike Waddell, a motion was made to dissolve the municipality.

"It's been an honour and privilege to serve the people of Matilda in different capacities on council. I don't know if it is significant or not to be the last reeve. Anyway, It's been an honour and a privilege to follow in the foot steps of some of you gathered here tonight and others who've gone before," Barkley rumbled sadly, his baritone voice weary and thick with the emotion of the moment. Each of the former councillors also said a few words.

Bob Bennet took time, after the motion to dissolve the township was passed, to reminisce about growing up in the township, living there, being involved with the building of the Community hall and agreed somewhat defiantly with an assertion that Barkley had made earlier that Matilda Township "was just as good as the others."

Norm Tinkler remembered that he and his wife thought they would only stay in Matilda for three to five years.

"It's getting closer to 30 years now. When my wife and I talk about going home to see the folks in Kingston, but when we are there our kids talk about going home to Matilda.

"I would have loved to have seen Matilda go on for ever," said Bev Sabourin, who will represent Matilda as a Ward of the new Municipality of South Dundas, but it was not to be she said. Sabourin said she would try to represent Matilda to the best of her ability on the new council.

But it was Jim Locke who was most eloquent when he was least eloquent. He choked back tears and said, "This a very sentimental time. I can't help but think of my grandfather and Mother," he closed his eyes tightly and said simply, "I can't say any more." Locke's Grandfather and Mother both served as Township clerks.

Barkley invited the council members of days gone by who were in the audience to say a few words also.

Former Reeve George Cooper spoke at length of the achievements that his council and others had made in the township. Inevitably his speech turned to the provincial government and what he said was an unnecessary exercise in restructuring.

"If a thing isn't broken, why fix it? We are taking away from our residents, our ratepayers the closest link to government. Their closest link to politicians. That's because they are not politicians they are people in the community who want to make a difference."

With only a few other small, joking comments from the audience, Matilda Council adjourned for the last time and councillors old and new settled into a farewell party.

The following is a transcript of the address given by Rev. Georgia Copeland on the occasion of the last meeting of Matilda Township:

This is a historic night in the life and the history of Dundas County-- and, in Particular, of Matilda Township. As I understand it-- tonight-- this Township ceases to be.

Having just lived in Matilda Township for one and a half years, I was thinking this morning about people who have lived in this township all of their lives-- 90, or 95 years-- and whose parents and grandparents lived here before them. How would it feel for them-- I thought-- and I realized that there's a tremendous amount of history all around us in this place.

That history goes back 200 years. Even then, we would have been in Matilda Township. Even before Upper Canada was Upper Canada , this was Matilda Township. When the Quebec Act was passed in 1774, Canada was only one province-- a province divided into two districts. We were part of the western district-- a district called, oddly enough, "Montreal"; and in 1788, this western district was divided into 4. Matilda became part of Lunenburg, the most easterly district of the westerly division.

Over the next 30 years, there were a number of line and division changes to mark the rapid development of Canada. But, in 1816, the boundaries of the Eastern District of Upper Canada became clearly drawn, and they were-- after that-- not to change. Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry were a fixture which has remained.

S.D.&G.-- I was talking with a friend who used to have summer work during university years building highways in S.D.&G. Clearly in keeping with the nature of their work, the fellas in the road gang used to call our United Counties SAND, DIRT and GRAVEL. Sort of appropriate, I thought!

Jimmy Locke loaned me this wonderful book from which I was able to do some cribbing for tonight-- *The Story of Dundas.* The preface of the book began with words which speak to us at this time: "The footprints of Time, like the sands of the seashore, wash out with the lapse of years." The foot prints of time wash out with the lapse of years. Things remain seemingly static for hundreds of years, but-- eventually-- they have to change.

Now, mind you, I wasn't able to read up on anything within recent memory, in this book. It was, in fact, written by J. Smyth Carter in Rowena -- and completed in 1904; and it was printed at the St. Lawrence News Publishing House in Iroquois in 1905. However, I did read that it was in 1787 that our highly fertile township was named Matilda-- in honor of the British Princess Royal-- Charlotte Augusta Matilda-- the eldest daughter of King George II. It is interesting and back patting stuff to realise that, in the settlement of the whole of S.D.&G., it was to Matilda Township that the first two patents for land were issued.

It was in 1850-- almost 148 years ago-- that the first township council was elected-- and they held their first meeting on January 21st of that year. Needless to say, Dec. 18, 1997 is also a date which will go down in the historical logs of this area, as the

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Christmas Spirit alive and well in Iroquois

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The spirit of the season is indeed alive and well in this community.

When faced with a circumstance, like a disabled vehicle or a fire, a stranded stranger, an accident or a hitchiker, it is always easier to drive on by and just put it out of your mind.

Some people just cannot pass by and not at least try to help. These folks are the ones who give of their time, voluntarily to such groups as the Community Watch Patrol. While most sleep, snuggled in their warm beds, the Watch personel are out patrolling to ensure the safety of our community. Foiling robbers and detering those who would consider taking the wrong path, the Patrol has proven its' worth. They learn a new caring and a desire to help, above and beyond the call.

Several folks were on their way out of town on the weekend for various reasons. A vehicle on the westbound traffic circle leading to Highway 401 was a blazing inferno. One traveller was headed northward, over the 401, when she decided that in the best interests of all, she would take time to stop at the nearest house and call the fire department.

Knocking on the door, she learned from the owner that in fact the local lads were on the way and the occupants were safely in her kitchen staying safe and warm. They were not hurt, but worried about their car and its' contents as well as their holiday after such a devastation.

It was noted that the lady and gentleman along with their daughter were distraught, and upon query suggested that their Christmas gifts were in the trunk and along with the lady's medication and important papers which he needed for his new job...Having seen the car, there was no doubt they would lose all these items to the fire...or would they?

A call to the CAA and there was little more they could accomplish. They did however explain to the OPP and the firemen about the items in the trunk.

After the smoke had cleared, the trunk was opened and there, smokey, but safe were the medication, the gifts and the papers! The Iroquois Fire Department had been able to contain the actual fire to the front of the vehicle and saved the valuables.

Taken to Long Sault by the OPP to wait assistance in reaching their destination, the family had undergone a traumatic experience but had survived and will celebrate Christmas, thanks to the caring of Iroquois and area people, the community watch (Lady who stopped is a part of this organization and as such has learned to care even more) and the fire fighters from the village. Coming together to care, the area folk pitched-in and did what was right.

Rumour has it that these same fire fighters left their Christmas celebrations with family at the fire hall to attend to 2 fire calls on Saturday evening...Merry Christmas and thanks for being there men!

Christmas tag winners

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Imagine the thrill of being a Christmas Surprise Winner.

Just think how nice it would be to have an extra gift for under your tree...FREE!!

The merchants of Iroquois ban together each year at this time to provide Tags in certain pre-Christmas issues of The Chieftain. Depositing these in draw boxes in each store in the participating businesses in the area. Shoppers had the chance to win something for under their tree this Christmas.

Santa himself, the jolly, old elf, dropped by the Iroquois Plaza on Friday, December 19 to make the draws in all the stores...winners include...

At Seaway Treasures.....Marie Simpson.

At Gilmer Pharmacy.....Howard Linnen.

At Little Rikkis.....Donald Bradford.

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Matilda Hall is in need of repairs

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Matilda Community Hall needs a number of improvements say the building's caretakers, but the township has opted for just the basics.

In a presentation to Council Leslie Disheau said the hall needs a new dishwasher, cutlery and dishes and to have its water system fixed and fire alarm system replaced.

However, township council decided only to fix the water and replace the alarms.

"Isn't it time to say let's have done with it? We've got a new heat pump in, we've replaced the emergency lights. Look I think we are leaving this building in decent condition for the new municipality to take it over," Councillor Jim Locke argued.

But Disheau and Councillor Bev Sabourin argued that the addition of an industrial dish washer would make the hall more marketable to the public for receptions and other events.

"A dishwasher could be a big asset to the hall. With one of those things you can have 200 dishes washed in about five minutes. Otherwise they're in here three hours after the event washing dishes," said Disheau.

"I've only had two calls about it in the past month, but the two calls I received about renting the hall, both of the callers, the first question out of their mouths was, 'Do you have a dishwasher?' and when I said no that ended the conversation."

"We don't know what the new municipality's plans for the hall will be," Locke prevailed. "Besides," he added, "Our ice maker had to be replaced after ten years just like our water heater is now-- why? Hard water. You put in a dish washer and you'll have to replace it too."

As for getting new dishes for the Hall, council was also hesitant.

"We're losing dishes," Disheau said. She told the council that in recent months eight glass serving bowls had gone missing, "and we haven't had that many functions.

She said the hall needs serving spoons and in particular a potato masher.

"You wouldn't believe how much flack we've gotten about not having a potato masher," says Disheau.

However the majority of council seemed to feel that people who rent the hall could be informed ahead of time that they would have to bring their own dishes.

"It's quite simple. If we keep buying dishes, we are going to keep losing them," said Reeve Charles Barkley.

Disheau suggested the Hall take a deposit on the dishes, but coun-

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Chieftain sends out holiday wish with a special reminder

We at the Chieftain would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a joyous New Year.

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We will be closed from Christmas Day, December 25 to December 28 as well as on New Year's, January 1, 1998. It will be business as usual December 29 and 30. On December 31 only the Chieftain Stationery store will be open until 4 p.m.

Don't miss our special New Year's Looking Back issue next week Dec. 30. As a reminder, the deadline for all advertising in the next issue is noon on Dec. 29.

The Chieftain's regular schedule resumes Monday, Jan. 5 with publication on Jan. 7, 1998.

Happy holidays from:

Mike Bailey,
Sharron Bolte,
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All the best in 1998.

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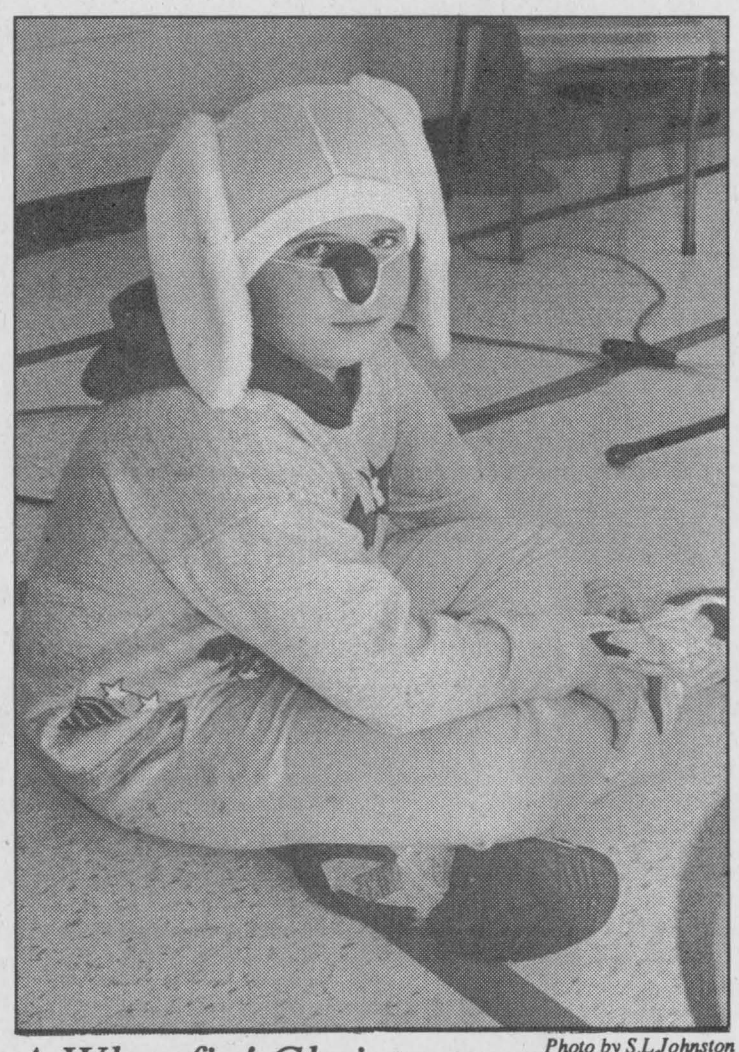

Photo by S.L.Johnston

A Whoofin' Christmas

This puppy dog was part of the concert presented at St. Cecilia's School last week to celebrate the season. A truly student oriented program, one entire play was written and performed by the class, and The Simpson's Christmas was pretty cool! The overall theme seemed to be that of "What Christmas Means"...and most agreed that it was about love, family and caring..

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Amid the hustle and bustle of what for many has turned into a commercial ideal of the true meaning of the season, we need to stop, step back and take a closer, in depth, hard look at what is happening. There is more to Christmas than the money and the gifts that seem to fill under the tree. The feeling is what counts. How do you get the Christmas feeling???

What is Christmas for you?

If you find yourself answering with things like a holiday, a rest, a wild and too busy time, you need to refocus. It is only these things if we let it be. We have the power to determine what it will be for us.

We need to remember, for we each know the true reason for the celebration that is Christmas. The love, the sharing, the fact that our Saviour was willing to forgive our sins and pardon us from our wrongdoing is to be cherished and nurtured on Christmas Day and all days throughout the year.

At this time we gather to be with those near and dear to us. We share the bounty we are blessed with, among our family and friends.

The healing process which can be best fostered through our very own ability to forgive.

This time of year often brings back memories of those we have lost to a better place. We must not forget them and this time, like no other allows us the opportunity to recall the fun, the laughter we shared, the good times when we were all together. We will no doubt meet again in another place, but for now we can cherish what times we had and ensure that the joy that has been will be again.

As carols are sung, and Christmas shows are watched, stories read and memories shared, we feel a closeness that cannot be matched. Traditions are continued as new ones are started. Baking smells waft throughout the house as turkey roasts and pies bake, the tree shimmers and youngsters stare as their imagination soars. Santa is caught on radar screens and voices quiver as the season carries them away to another locale.

The message of the first Christmas and the wee ones as they perform their pageants, the music and the cheerful greetings that meet each of us are to be savoured. The miles melt as travellers do their very best to be home for Christmas, no matter what obstacles lay in their path. It just has to be that we are all together for the celebrations.

The world is wild and hectic and crazy as we head towards the next millennium. This season allows time to rest and relax, to really enjoy the excitement and the enthusiasm that are a part of the season.

Look into the face of a child...filled with anticipation, enthusiasm and joy. Talk to a youngster and ask them about Santa. Santa is a personification of all we hold special, the spirit of giving which is alive and well in each of us, he lives in the hearts of all of us as we enjoy the pleasure giving rewards us with. A small child sits on Santa's knee and suggests that no matter what she gets for Christmas, she will be so very happy and pleased with what she has to play with. She knows it matters not what we receive, but what we give that makes us happiest.

Thinking of others takes little energy and time and yet means so much.Use yourChristmas to make a smile appear on a face lined by frowns and doubt, give help and confidence where they are sorely lacking and you will be the reaper of much more than you give.

Enjoy Christmas...and look to the New Year with renewal, hope and remember to arrive alive...drive safe and sober this holiday season. Someone cares and if you need a ride, know there is someone you can call. **S.L.J.**

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Unique business snuggled in local community

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"And to think it all began when Victor and Marcel peeked through the boards that covered the windows of the then abandoned structure, in an out-of-the-way place called Williamsburg, where is that anyway?

Thanks to the creativity, imagination, hard work and dedication to a dream they believed in, The Village Antiques and Tea Room and the Bed and Breakfast owned and operated by Victor Dupuis and Marcel Allard is a growing concern in the business community of Williamsburg.

Tucked along Highway 31 in the village enroute to the nation's capital, the little blue building is as unassuming as can be. Stepping across the threshold, into a magical world where the food is delicious, the service second to none, the atmosphere a Victorian wonderland and the antiques provide a visual delight as you are served your meal; it is almost unbelievable that you are actually in the quiet hamlet of Williamsburg...so transformed is the state of mind after shutting the door to the outside world. A calmness pervades the entire house, and a feeling of relaxation seeps into the very soul.

The blue cup of organic tea, or the aroma of coffee tickles the nostrils as conversation flows easily in this setting, it is nice to soak in the atmosphere and enjoy a delightful lunch or a romantic dinner.

Originally a harness maker's shop built circa 1860, the home has been completely renovated with the modern conveniences of the 90s while retaining the charm of yesteryear.

As the owners explain in their brochure, they do in fact invite everyone to discover this "oasis of charm and hospitality" and once you have partaken you will want to return again and again.

Purchasing the house in a run down state, the intent was to utilize the unique location as a store where antiques could be sold from. "It seemed to lend itself to the antique business," notes Victor. Two years of hard work under less than perfect conditions (there was no heat during the time the renos took pace and BBQ's were used to keep things from freezing, including the workers!)

Wanting to provide something more than an antique shoppe, customers were also provided with crumpets and tea while they browsed. It took no time until people were coming in asking for more and so desserts were added. Catering to a clientele who wanted an alternative to the fast food joints, Victor and Marcel began to design an eatery that would not infringe on those already established in the area, but still give people a choice.

Starting out with a simplistic menu, the only thing they insisted on was that "there would be no deep frying, ever!" In fact they do not even own such a piece of equipment.

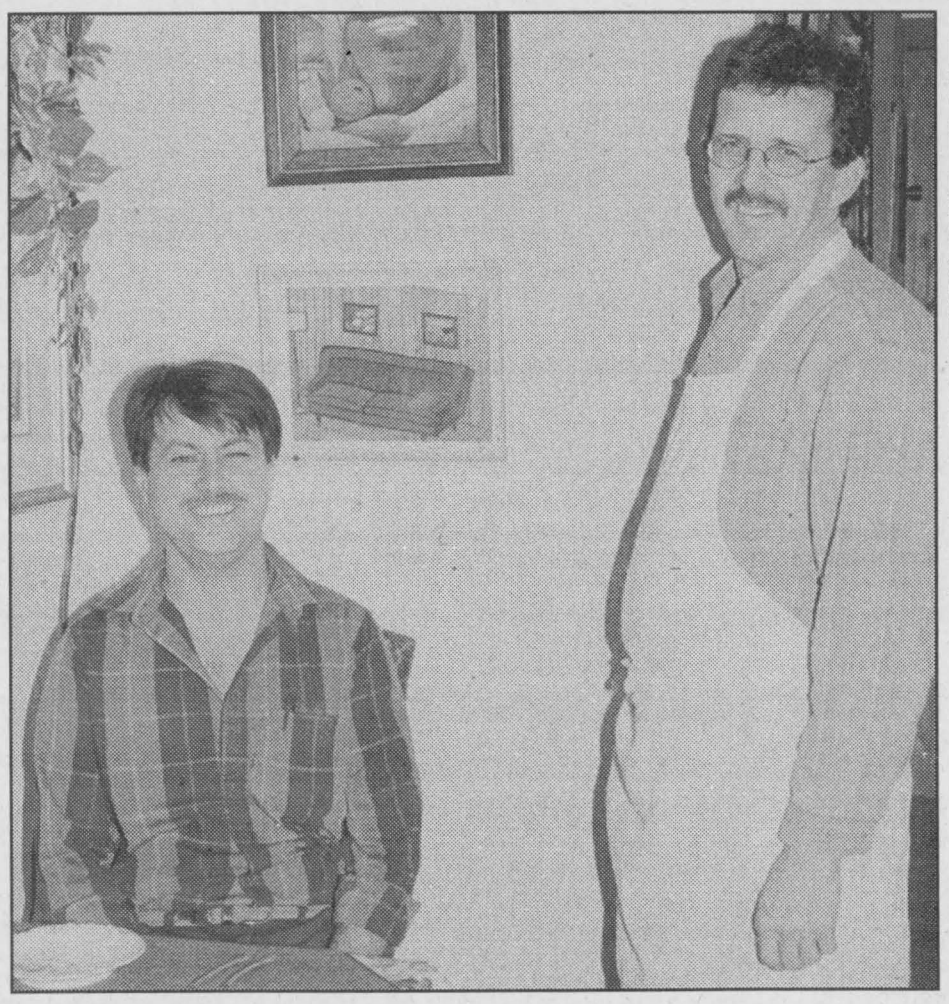
Both suggest that at first things were slow. Recalling how the bottom fell out of the antique market in the early 90s, they were not ready to give up and created something different when people asked where the antique shoppe had disappeared to.

"People did not come in large numbers at first and we questioned if we had made the right decision," notes Victor. So in 1995, after three years in the planning and refurbishing stages, a Bed and Breakfast was opened at the same location. In the first year of operation, the B/B joined with another B/B along he St.Lawrence (The Blue Heron) to provide a package deal to travellers. Providing dinners and a place to stay after taking in a play at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, visitors to the area were pleased and things went well for all concerned. "People from Montreal and Ottawa enjoyed this package...a five-course dinner, theatre and B&B accommodations, one price for all. Then the owners of the Blue Heron decided to sell out and head south, and so Victor and Marcel looked to expanding the restaurant fare yet again. "Marcel had been in the restaurant business previously, and tried to move on and Victor had operated a summer cafe in his home town near Georgian Bay, but, both found themselves immersed in a similar situation again in Williamsburg."

A short eight months ago a liquor license was added to the bill of fare.

Perhaps the secret to the success of this place is that the owners are constantly changing the look. "It keeps us enthusiastic and since the business is forever growing, it keeps us at a high energy level, which we can transfer to our clientele."

Their attitude is terrific, "We view our establishment as a treat for the senses; the **Please turn to page 3**



Victor and Marcel, your gracious hosts... *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

Count down to Merry Christmas

Just plain livin'

with Sandra Lee



Burrrrrr but it is cold as this is being written. The thermometer is even bundled against the deep freeze. Birds are shivering and the tiny mouse that darts across the lawn every once in a while has his longjohns on...it is COLD:

The big news at the ranch this week concerns the big guy. He was asked some time ago to help out at his school with the "spirit of giving"...this is his school's way of donating to the food bank. Canned goods are gathered and monetary donations are collected to assist the less fortunate at this special time of year. In order to add to the fun and create an atmosphere of competition among the various classes, to attain the highest plateau of giving, the students asked certain teachers to offer to have their heads shaved if a total of $2500. could be raised. The big guy is always up for a challenge and who would think in the short time frame allowed that the amount could be attained?

Well, as fate would have it, the students worked diligently and not only was the $2500 raised, but $1500 extra! So it was on Friday that the brown locks were to be clipped. One teacher missed the clipping due to illness while another backed out. The big guy had made an agreement and so held up his end. The hair had been left to grow, in the hopes that the person at the end of the clippers would be reasonable and just take an inch or so off. He had explained how he plays the organ at church and is required to do so numerous times over the holidays...once at the other church in the parish even, and had no desire to have the candle light bounce off his head. The Editor spent the day worrying, afterall, a couple of OAC students had warned him they would ensure he got a close shave!

When he arrived at the office, a Santa toque was on his head and the palpitations were loud in the old chest...he smiled and took off the toque. The sons have dubbed him Sgt. Slaughter from the front and Drew Carey from the back. He has old black rimmed glasses and when he puts them on he is almost Drew's double. It was a relief that the students had a barber do the cutting and he did in fact leave some hair, a tuft on the crown and enough on the rest that he does not shine out like a beacon. It is quickly washed and dries without much effort, so there is a bright side, and it is an extremely good cause. He has asked Santa to add a toque to his list this year since he is pretty chilly when he goes outside.

Hair seemed to be on the agenda this week as the first son had a haircut and dye job done on Friday and since there was concern for the big guy an appointment has been made for him in case he needed a mess repaired. This was not necessary and so the number two son took it and had his trimmed.

This had been a Christmas season of concerts and I have had the privilege of covering a number of them for the paper. IPS had two and Dixon's Corners had one, St. Cecilia's had one, and the High School always ushers in the season with music and song. The students all did an excellent job in all cases, and certainly surprised more than one audience member with their expertise on stage.

Thursday evening was the final Matilda Township Council meeting. Although I did not cover these (conflict of interest for me), I was invited to attend and remain after for a get-together of all previous council members, reeves and deputy-reeves. It was special for me having served two terms serving the people of the township I was born and raised in and being the first woman elected in Matilda. This evening was extra special as well since my Dad and I are both former councillors, and got to be in the pictures snapped to commemorate the occasion.

Hey, want a fun way to spend the last Saturday before Christmas? Well, take it from me, shopping is definitely NOT the thing to do. The big guy and I went alone to complete our lists, leaving the sons at home, and were expecting the worst...well, we could not have anticipated what we became a part of...first of all a parking lot filled to capacity. Trying hard to be patient, we drove slowly looking for a spot to park in. When a man was spotted walking with determination, we followed him to his vehicle, waited for him to back out and intended to slide into his vacant space. When, out of nowhere, from the opposite direction, comes a lady in a small car and slips into "my" spot, without so much as a blink of the eye or a look my way!

A place was located and the race was on, to grab the items we had come for and head home. Stops around town here and there, snagging the items we wanted and then we were on the highway enroute to the ranch. The rest of the evening was spent wrapping and sorting and checking things out. The sons were out doing some shopping of their **Please turn to page 3**

the bottom line

WISH US LUCK... BRIAN (ST. PIERRE) FETTERLY AND I ARE HEADED into a Senators game tonight with Robert Houze! Does anyone know what Houzey drives like... Are we taking a boat from the marina? Can I sit in the front... Are we there yet! Go-Sens-Go... I'm hungry! Bonk? How many more bridges? What time is it? We have to park where? (mcb)

WELL... THE BIG DAY HAS ALMOST ARRIVED! WITH ONLY A DAY AND a half of shopping left, I'm looking forward to seeing all of my male friends out and about the malls tomorrow. If you're not doing anything Wednesday, take a trip to the Cornwall Square... I'm telling you, it's like Old Home Week in Morrisburg (without the women)! (mcb)

JUST WANTED TO CONGRATULATE ROBBIE "BLADES OF STEEL" CASSELMAN on his first win as the Morrisburg Junior B Lions Commander and Chief... Blades of Steel was down by a couple after the first, but managed to get the boys on track for a 10-3 win over the visitors (check next week's Chieftain). Good luck in the New Year Robbie... We all hope to see you and the team in the post season! (mcb)

A HEARTY THANK YOU TO DALE AND THE GANG AT BECKERS IN Iroquois. Last week, as a special Santa treat, Beckers cooked up a delicious and yummy deep dish Pizza Hutt pie and delivered it to the office. It was a marvellous thought and appreciated by all.... Merry Christmas Beckers and once again... Thank you very much! (slj)

BARBIE WILL SPORT A NEW LOOK IN 1998 AS SHE WILL DEBUT A less graduated body. The toy maker, Mattel, will whittle her bust, thicken her waist and giver her more hip. She will also get a new face after 20 years since her last makeover, a smaller mouth, less makeup and straight dark hair with streaks! (slj)

THE STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY SCHOOL BOARD IS GOING TO LOSE one of the best music teachers to ever sit at a piano! Marian DeGray is going to retire in December. Mrs. DeGray, I want you to know that you have had a positive effect on many lives over the years... The gift of music, the gift you gave all of your students, is something of value that we will always carry with us. I know I speak for everyone you've ever taught... We will miss you... You're one of a kind! (mcb)

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Just Livin'

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own and so even their gifts could be done up without bother.

The college kid has been visiting with friends from the area home for the holidays. It is good to see them as they mature and grow and set out on the next leg of their life journey. We will have them over for a meal and a visit before they head back to university and college.

Open Houses are popular at this time of the year and we have been invited to a few. This is always a treat, seeing folks not talked at very often and it takes some of the stress out of the routine to take a step back and relax for a bit.

Santa stopped by The Chieftain the other day to give us each a candy cane and wish us a Merry Christmas. I was lucky enough to get a Santa hug too!

The youngsters and the big guy will get a tree as this effort goes to press. Tonight we will get the decorations on it and place the presents beneath it. The house will be strewn with green garlands of pine and ribbons of red. The city cuzzins are hosting the cuzzin Christmas, and this ole writer is happy they are. Thanks J and B, much appreciated from this end!!

The blaze of colour that shines through the darkness of night is something to see. Take a drive through the countryside, check out the towns and you will be glad you did. The ideas are terrific. A lot of places resembled entire villages of lights, gingerbread ideals and storybook fantasies.

As preparations for the Christmas dinner to be shared in Morrisburg are in place, and the annual Christmas Eve church service has the big guy practising. The college son and the big guy will perform prior to the service on Wednesday night. The drummer son and the husband on the organ will play "The Little Drummer Boy"...a nice touch to begin the service.

A special Santa will grace the top of the tree this year thanks to the neighbours back the way. They arrived the other evening with the little Ho-Ho in tow, hoping to see how he looked on the tree, but, since there was no tree, they will see him later. Thanks guys, he is perfect.

The city cuzzin kid who has been under the knife as it were to have those cursed wisdom teeth removed is mended and spent some hours on the slopes over the weekend. Glad to know the young still heal so rapidly.

We have shared some fun at the work place this season as we initiated a "secret Santa" deal where names were drawn and little, funny gifts were exchanged each day. The idea is that the person receiving does not know who the gift came from. Our problem is we are just too small and so everyone knew who was putting the present under the tiny tree, but it is still fun for us all. Some unique stuff can be found that is for sure!

As this goes to print, all seemes to be well in hand and we anticipate the rest coming up after the gifts are ripped into and the food is devoured. Doing something for others this year will certainly provide a warm feeling for us, and we will fit all the family type things in as well. As the families grow and the children age, they tend to head off in various directions and it becomes increasingly difficult to fit everyone into a perfect time slot so we can all be together, but we will see everyone over the holiday. Phone calls to those far off will give us a smile and as the snow we have ben promised begins to drift slowly to the ground, we will have no problems getting in the right mode.

As Christmas Day fast approaches we hope everyone is ready and can settle back and enjoy the holiday. The Swampview gang wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. Look to the year 1998 as a new beginning and put all the bad memories behind you. A fresh start will open new doors and provide energy and enthusiasm for each new day. Take care and stay smiling. Hope Santa is good to you and that you find happiness along the way to the end of the road.

Focus

continued from editorial page

eyes, ears, nose and palette are all considered. We amalgamate our service and atmosphere and it seems to work!"

Both acknowledge the obvious when they suggest that the local population is not sufficient to sustain the business and they must draw on the larger area for support.

The B&B has blossomed into a real going concern. "We were not expecting it to be so busy, but they seem to be catching on in this country and as long as we remain in a price range people can deal with, things will remain stable...and growing. Folks seem to enjoy the cosy atmosphere."

The second year that they will offer a New Years' Eve, nine course dinner, they are "sold out" and did not need to advertise.

Continually changing the menu, providing little touches that mean a lot (Linen napkins for example), the ever changing scenery on the walls and the themes that allow creativity to run wild in the entry, a Champagne Brunch will be offered in January, with quiche, stuffed french toast, sausages, bottomless coffee cup, croissants, tea biscuits, champagne or OJ, jams, cretan and fresh fruit cups...

For a meal that is definitely an experience, stop by, reserve a table for you favourite meal pal and plan to thoroughly enjoy your next meal in Williamsburg...



Ho ho ho

Santa and his helper, Chieftain Advertising Manager Sharron Bolte were touring Iroquois Friday, Dec. 19 a pulling names for the annual Tag Draw. Congratulations to the eight Tag Draw winners. *Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*



Angel Tree *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

There will be some 83 youngsters who will wear a smile on Christmas Day when they check out the gifts they receive. Thanks to the marvellous generosity of those who grabbed an angel from the Angel Tree in the Bank of Montreal in town and replaced it with a suitable gift for the age on the angel, there will be some new smiles on the block. Thanks Iroquois and area...well done indeed. The Tree awaits the pickup of gifts to be distributed to those in need.

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Matilda Women's Institute have their Christmas meal

The Matilda Women's Institute always holds the December meeting in a restaurant. This year however we chose the Iroquois Legion. The Ladies Auxiliary had the hall all decorated and festive looking. We recited Grace and then were served a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Beside our place settings were beautiful hand made gifts made by Mary Groniger. There were twenty-five people present including our special guest Anna Morin, a former member, plus our entertainment people, Leslie Barnhart and Brent Clapton.

When the meal ended our meeting began with the Institute Ode and Collect. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We were asked by the Matilda Hall Recreation Committee to again serve tea at the Winter Carnival January 14, 1998. We agreed. We are invited to attend the dress rehearsal at Dixon's Corners Public School on December 16. A bus will leave Iroquois Plaza at 9:30 am. The concert begins at 10 am. The meeting was then turned over to the committee. In Evelyn Whitteker's absence, Elsie Knight read a Christmas card from Evelyn wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. She is recovering from surgery and we wish her well. Elsie read a hilarious poem called, "Come Share the Bird" concerning a poor soul having to endure too many turkey leftovers in all shapes and sizes for days on end! We then thanked the kitchen staff for our delicious dinner. Leslie Barnhart sang some beautiful Christmas Carols some of which we joined in. A great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Jessie Geurkink read a verse from Helen Stiner Rice called "We've Come a long way since that First Christmas Day." Elsie thanked Jessie for all her help with the program, also Mary for the handmade gifts.

Door prizes were drawn by Anna Morin. The winners were Susan McMillen, Betty McGinn and Evelyn Coleman. Gifts were exchanged and admired. Elsie closed the meeting with a Christmas prayer. The President Pearl Roy wished everyone a merry Christmas and healthy happy New Year. We then joined hands and sang, "We wish you a Merry Christmas." Next regular meeting is February 9th, 1998. Happy Holidays.



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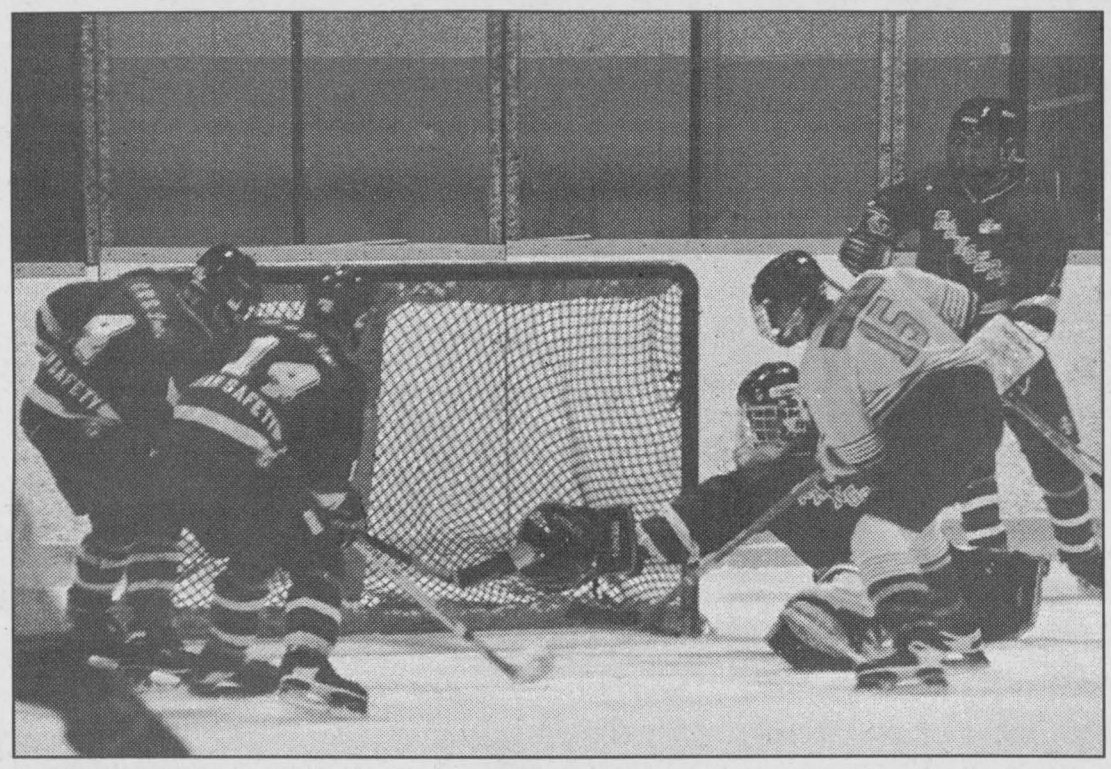


Millard seals the win...

Pictured above, South Grenville Rangers center (far left) Daniel Adams and defenceman Charles Stevens, watch as Morrisburg's Greg Millard beats goaltender Shayne Gowas with a wrist shot over the glove. Rangers winger (far right) Luke Hanson looks on. The Midget Lions defeated the visiting Rangers 8-6. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Lions roar in third period!

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They were down by a goal with less than half the third period to play, but they managed to come back, add three to capture an 8-6 victory.

Hosting the South Grenville Rangers last Tuesday night, the Morrisburg Midget Lions, according to Coach Jeremy Morrow, did not stick to any game plan, but did get the two points.

"We didn't play well," said Morrow, "but in the end they got the job done."

Working the puck deep, cycling and keeping a man high, a system the coach has been trying to instill in his charges, was not working against the Rangers. "They kept beating us to the puck," noted Morrow.

The game

The Rangers led 3-2 after the first with goals from Daniel Adams, Chris Jodoin and Derek Steenwyk. Morrisburg's counters came from Joel Adams and Brad Boivin.

Adams and Boivin led the attack for the Lions in the middle frame clawing out two goals. Joshua Tambash added another for the home team and at the end of two the score was tied 5-5.

When the Rangers hit at 10:23 of the third for a 6-5 lead, the Lions coaching staff did not look happy. However, a Tambash goal at 8:11 evened things up and Boivin scored the game winner less than two minutes later. Greg Millard insured the Lions win with his wrist shot that beat Shayne Gowas on the glove side.

Holidays

The Lions will not play another regular season game until the New Year, but Coach Morrow will still be holding practice and trying to set up an exhibition game or two.

Spartans win 2 of 3 games

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seaway High School's basketball court was thumping with hoop action last Friday as three Seaway boys teams faced down teams from L'Heritage and General Vanier High Schools.

The junior and midget boys came away from the day with two wins over L'Heritage, but the seniors did not fair so well.

The juniors won their game 63 to 14, while the midget Spartans won 30 to 16.

It was not so easy for the seniors.

In a hard-fought game that brought a number of referee calls protested by both teams, the senior Spartans displayed a lot of heart, talent and frustration.

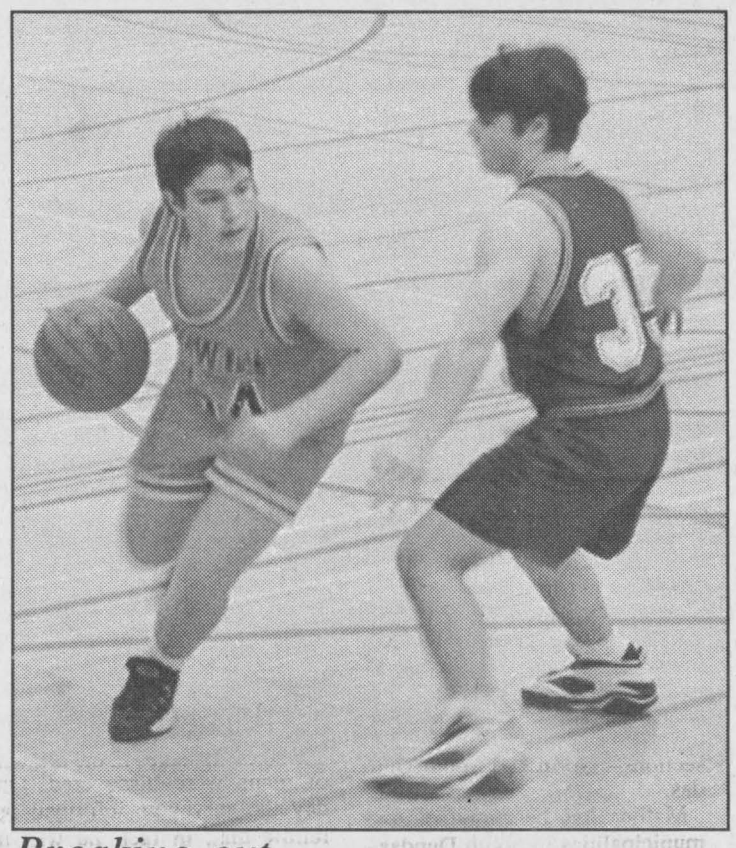
As the buzzer sounded at the end of the game General Vanier had 63 points to Seaway's 49.

After repeatedly trying and failing to get a final basket before the final grains slid from the hour glass, Derick Casselman smashed his fist against the basketball, launching it at his own bench.

One spectator termed it the most shocking display of bad temper she had observed, but there were others. Players throwing the ball away from the ref after a whistle being just one sign. In his defence Casselman played like a workhorse, using his size and skill to win his team 22 points.

In a archetypal example of the level of officiating a Seaway player jumped and batted away ball that had been thrown and was called for a foul on the shot.

It was a close game nonetheless with the first quarter showing a 11 to 11 score. The second quarter found Seaway with only a one point deficit at 24 to 23 for General Vanier. In the Top of the second half General Vanier began to pull away with 43 to Seaway's 36 points.



Breaking out

A Seaway Midget Spartan drives down court and around a L'Heritage player in a game Friday afternoon. Seaway District High School was the scene of all sorts of basketball action last week with junior and senior games also happening. The midgets won their game 30 to 18. *Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*

Minor Pee Wee AA Kings in the hunt for playoff spot

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg's Matt Dillabough, Robbie Waddell and Shawn Workman have been key contributors as the Rideau /St. Lawrence Minor PeeWee AA Kings have scratched and clawed their way into the eighth and final playoff position in the Ottawa District Minor Hockey League.

With Dillabough turning in some fine performances in the pipes lately, and "Ace" Workman playing steady defence, Waddell pulling the trigger around the opponents' net, the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association is well represented at this level.

Goalie Dillabough, in his first season with the Kings is quiet and rather laid back, according to Coach Ken Knapp, "But he is eager to learn." The shift to AA hockey is a big jump for a goalie, however, the hard working Dillabough is "coming around" to give the Kings some solid goaltending.

Waddell, one of the few, pure goal scorers on the Kings and leads the team in offence. "The shifty centre has speed and good hands,"says the coach as he adds, "He also listens to his coaches." Waddell has been a solid contributor to the team's powerplay unit, too.

Assistant Captain, Shawn Workman is one of the team leaders and plays a steady game on defence. "Ace is a steady, stay at home defenceman," says Coach Knapp. "He is one of our leaders, who listens well and is extremely coachable."

Coach Knapp is joined by assistant Coaches Al Johnson of Smiths Falls, Larry Crooke and Manager Kerneghan of Brockville.

Smiths Falls is well presented on the squad as well, with goalie, Joey Huddleston and winger, Bryan Johnson, Neil Baker, Eric Crooke, Lyle Drew and Phillip Kerneghan hail from the Brockville MHL with Bryan Knapp from Athens, Colin Bowie and Christopher Thompson from North Dundas along with Matt Bruneau, Jeff Coleman, Jimmy Rush and Matt Ward all from Kemptville rounding out the team.

Outouais, Kingston, Ottawa Valley and Cumberland have pulled away from the pack in recent weeks with District III, Ottawa Ice, Ottawa West, Kings, Kanata, Nepean, Seaway Valley and Gloucester in a dog fight for playoff spots.

The demanding schedule of the AA loop will have seen the Kings hit the ice more than 60 times for practices and games between Labour Day and Jan. 1, 1998. The Kings home rink is in Spencerville.

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Tough month for Novice C Lion team

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The month of December has been a hard fought month for the Novice C Lions as they went into the month with a 7 game unbeaten streak on the line. The Lions knew the next four games before the Christmas break were going to be tough as they had to face four tough opponents.

Westport was the first team to face off against the Lions on December 7 in Morrisburg. Andrew Tupper saw the start in the Lions net as the first period stayed dead-locked at 0. Jeff Eamon made his way into the Lions net for the second period and the Lions struck early with a nice pass play with Kurtis Corry scoring from Peter Toonders and Peter Coolican. Only seconds later, Andrew Cassell scored assisted by Josh Pepers and Curtis Collins for a 2-0 lead. The rest of the contest saw the tension tighten as the Lions were unable to cushion their lead and Westport found the mesh with three minutes remaining in the game, to close the margin to one goal. The Lions turned aside the westport final attacks in the dying minutes to preserve their 2-1 victory.

December 13th the Cs headed to Athens to face their #1 squad. This team had been tough on the Lions in the previous two matches this season, each team having a victory to their credit. Eamon took his place between the pipes first for the Lions and held the first period scoreless. The second period action heated up as Tupper saw duty and Athens found an opening to post a 1-0 lead. Morrisburg continued the pressure on Athens, but had no luck around the net. Into the third, the Lions goaltender kept their team in the game and time became the major factor as the clock was ticking the minutes away. With mere seconds left on the clock, the Lions pressed harder and circled all around the Athen's goal crease only until Josh pepers found a hole and put the puck into the bottom right corner to tie the game at the end in a 1-1 deadlock.

The next night, Morrisburg hosted North Dundas #3 and once again the Lions found themselves trailing at the end of the first 1-0. The second period the Lions started to find their legs getting some pressure around the ND net, but still were unable to score. Early in the third, the Lions were full steam ahead as Jarell Green scored assisted by Andrew Cassell and Curtis Collins. Peter Coolican then answered for the Lions from Corry and Toonders. Collican wasn't finished as he picked up a Toonders rebound and fired it into the net for his second of the game and a 3-1 Lions victory.

Game four was December 16 in Chesterville against North Dundas #2. This time the Lions were on the board first with a goal from Josh Pepers. ND came back and tied the game at one before the end of the first period. Only 50 seconds into the second period, the lions regained the lead as Peter Toonders found an opening and made good on his effort. But, again ND was not finished and they tied things up at 2, early in the third. At 5:17 of the third Coolican answered for the Lions from Toonders for the third Lions lead of the game. Josh Pepers then added to the lead from Cassell and Adrian Bongers as the teams momentum started to grow. The last goal of the game went to Morrisburg as Toonders found his second of the game assisted by Collican handing ND a 5-2 upset.

This team continues to play

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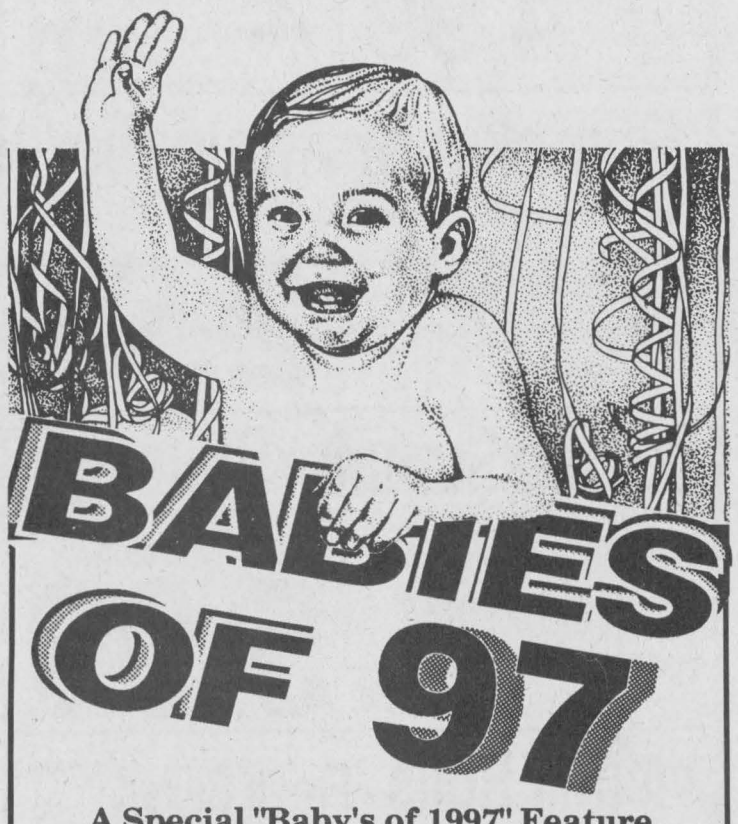

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'Tis the season

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Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon



FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Matilda

date of the last meeting of Township Council.

Now, for my sake-- not yours-- I'll reiterate what my instructor in Municipal politics-- Bob Bennet-- has taught me. The County of Dundas has, for a number of years been designated as two sections-- North and South Dundas.

Matilda has been one of four municipalities in South Dundas-- those being Williamsburg, Matilda, Morrisburg and Iroquois. Those four municipalities are, as of 1998, going to be one municipality: the municipality of South Dundas, which will have four wards-- each ward electing one councillor; the whole municipality electing one mayor. Matilda-Township-that-was rests on the shoulders of Bev Sabourin, and we're sure she'll do us proud.

As I thought about the changes in our lives, I thought of another story I heard recently-- the story of an old fella who lived out in Saskatchewan. He was living out there at a time when the 49th parallel was being checked out, and some mistakes in the drawing of maps were discovered. One day the surveyors informed our fellow that, in fact, he was no longer living in Saskatchewan. He was a resident of North Dakota, U.S. of A.

"My goodness, thank God for that," the old guy said. "I've been finding those Canadian winters really trying. I'll be glad not to have to live through them any more."

History progresses, and new things are coming. Tonight we give thanks for the past, and trust that the future will be good-- filled with the efforts and good service of the generations to come.

Hall

cil did not seem to want to explore this option.

According to Disheau the Hall's water softener has become saturated with iron and the iron has leached into the hot water tank.

She said it will cost about $3,000 to replace the hot water tank with a more modern two tank system. She also told council that allowing the urinals in the mens washroom to flush more often would alleviate the iron build-up in the water system.

The present fire alarm system was so underpowered, she said that it would not have enough energy to ring any of the alarms in the hall.

Winners

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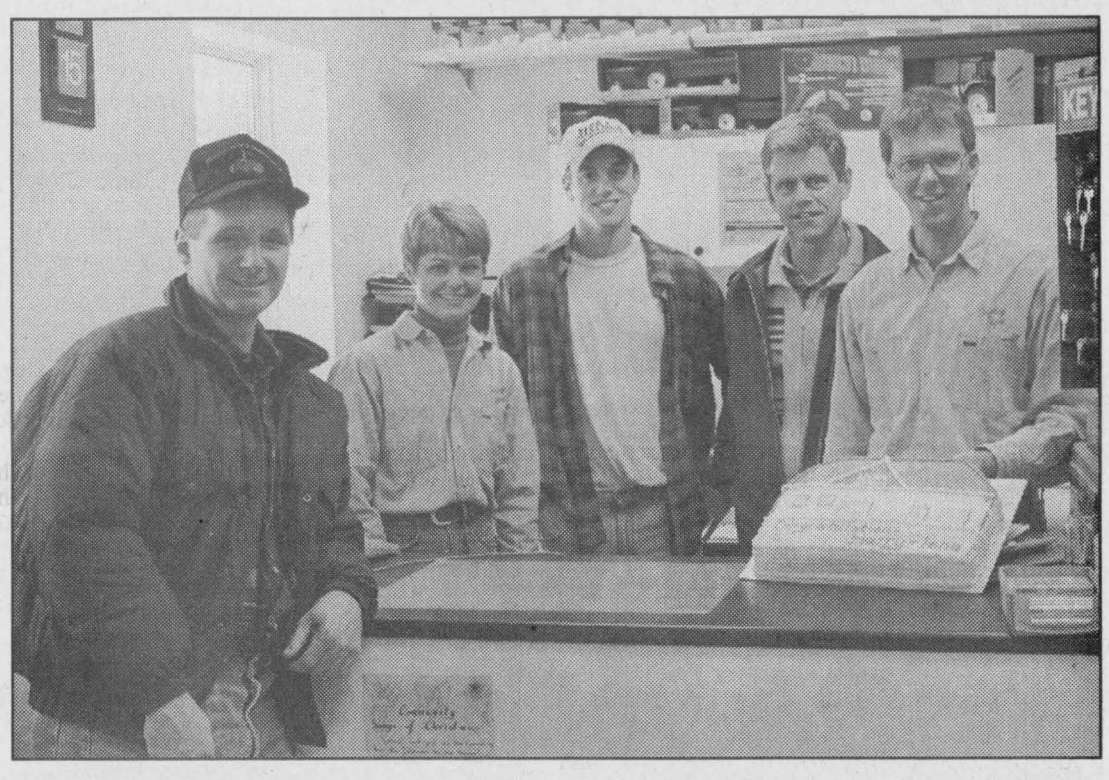
Congrats to all and have a Merry Christmas.



Open for business

H and I Country Supply held an open house last week to celebrate the opening of their new store and the demolition of their old one. Customer Ginus Joldersma and contractor Andy Vander Meulen (second from right) stopped in for coffee and a donuts and to wish Iena Vant Foort (owner), Rick Hess (employee) and Harry Vant Foort (owner) well.

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well says Coach Mike McManus and proves they can come back from a deficit or when under pressure. The coaching staff is proud of the way the players have been playing in the first half of the season and look forward to the second half. The Lions record thus far in UCMHL play is 10-1-3 out scoring their opponents 43-16. With continued hard work and team play, the team is looking forward to continued success in the second half. The coaching staff would like to thank each player and their families thus far this season and wish them a very Merry Christmas. The Chieftain wants to extend a hearty thanks as well for the dedication in sending us the results and stats each week, so we can present the games recap each issue!!



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Williamsburg Township:
Garbage: Tuesday, Dec. 23 & 30, Jan. 6, 13, etc.
Final Friday pick-up - Dec. 26
Recycling: Dec. 26, Jan. 6, Jan. 20, etc.

**Effective Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Tuesday & recycling every other Tuesday.

Morrisburg:
Garbage: Final Monday pick-up - Dec. 29
Final Friday pickup - Jan. 2
Recycling: Final Thursday pick-up - Dec. 18

**Effective Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Wednesday & recycling every other Wednesday.

Matilda Township:
Recycling: Final pickup week of - Dec. 22

**Effective Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Thursday & recycling every other Thursday

Iroquois:
Garbage: Final Monday pick-up - Dec. 29
Recycling: Final Monday pick-up - Dec. 22

**Effective Friday, Jan. 2, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Friday & recycling every other Friday beginning Jan. 9.

Every resident or business must have a Disposal Site Permit in order to be permitted access to the Dump Sites. These permits are available at the office.

For further information please call our office at 535-2673 or 1-800-265-0619.

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Card of Thanks

The Iroquois Fire Department would like to thank Allan Finlayson for donating a Christmas tree for their annual Christmas party. Also for their great hospitality.
Thanks Al.
I.F.D Members
D23-1tp

The family of the late Gerald Cornell wish to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who helped us while Gerry was a patient in the hospital and at the time of his death. A sincere thank you to those who remembered our family with cards, food and charitable donations, flowers and visitation. A special thank you is extended to Dr. Marston, the caregivers, ParaMed, nursing staff at Winchester and Iroquois, Rev. Byers, Pat Martin, Danny McLaughlin, David Lapier, the ACW, the Legion and the Masonic Brothers. We are so grateful to everyone who helped in any way. Your acts of kindness will be remembered.
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In Memoriams

WYLIE: In loving memory of our dear mother, Dora, who passed away December 27, 1990.
Seven years has passed since that sad day when the one we loved was called away.
Always loved and never forgotten.
From daughter Velma, Don & family.
D23-1tp

WYLIE: In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Dora Wylie, who passed away December 27, 1990.
She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate;
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget;
And so we think that where she is,
She must be watching yet.
Waiting 'til we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late,
Watching from heaven's window,
Leaning from heaven's gate.
Sadly missed and never forgotten,
Clancy, Eileen & families.
D23-1tp

WYLIE: In loving memory of my dear mother, Dora, who passed away December 27, 1990.
I who love you, sadly miss you,
As it dawns another year,
In my lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of you are ever near,
I miss you so in many ways,
I miss things you used to say,
And when old times I do recall,
Its then I miss you most of all.
It only takes a little space,
To write how much I miss you.
But it will take the rest of my life,
To forget the day I lost you.
Sadly missed and ever remembered by your daughter Deltra and son-in-law Stan.
D23-1tp

Death Notice

SQUIRES, Mary Elizabeth: Suddenly at Fairhaven Home for Seniors, Peterborough on Wednesday, December 17, 1997. Mary Squires, in her 82nd year, Beloved wife of John Squires. Dear mother of Bill Squires and his wife Anna of Pickering. Sister of Floyd and Edward Thompson and the late Lorne Thompson. Private family arrangements. Comstock Funeral Home, 356 Rubidge Street, Peterborough.
D23-1tp

Seasons Greetings

To my friends and neighours:
May God bless you at Christmas time and all through the year.
As we celebrate this special time, I want to wish you one and all happiness, love and health now and in the New Year.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Geraldine Millar
D23-1tp

To all our Relatives, Neighbours and Friends,
We would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hearts that are wise still seak Him. May the celebration of Christ's coming to earth bring joy to your heart and home this Christmas.
Len and Sue Roberts
D23-1tp

To our friends, neighbours and relatives in Iroquois,
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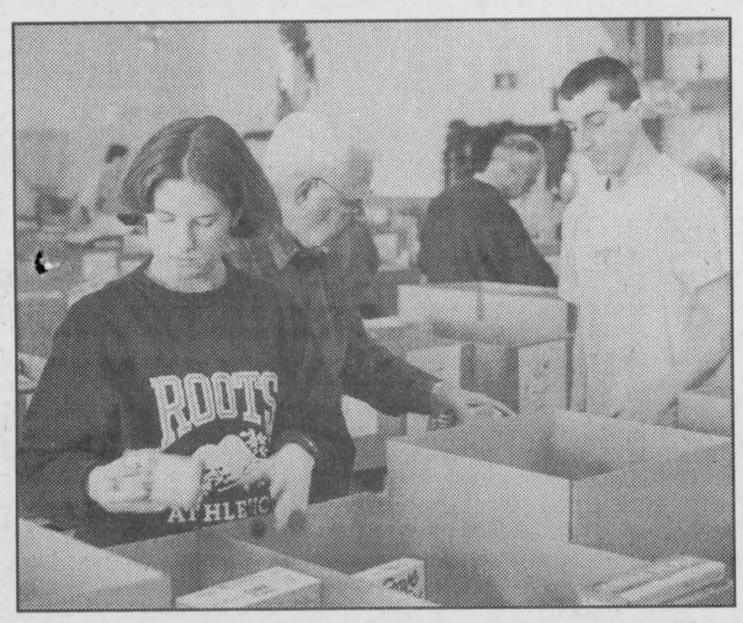

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Generosity in action

Volunteers Jill Francis, Hugh Jarvis and Hugh Porter help to sort food at the Morrisburg Legion which acted as the food depot for the South Dundas Christmas exchange Dec. 17. Organizers said there was even more food donated than last year.

Outlook Agrifood '98 Conference

by Alvin Runnalls
Special to the Chieftain

FARMING 2000

During the last couple of weeks a series of one day conferences, known as Outlook Agrifood '98, were held across the Prairies and in Ontario at Kitchener and Kemptville College. In Kemptville the afternoon sessions included supply management, biotechnology, comments by a processor representative, and an overview of what to expect from a potential emerging trading partners.

Kevin Grier of the George Morris Centre, an agricultural think-tank, led the session on supply management. While he admitted that supply management had been a resounding success responsible for a stable supply of high quality product at a reasonable price and prospering family farms he posed the following questions: How long will it last? What are our constraints? What are our prospects? How tough are we?

Grier says that the only answer that really matters will come from the producers themselves and their leadership. He commented that the egg industry was not really taking steps for the future, but can get away with it because it has a lower profile than dairy, chicken or turkey and there are fewer alternatives to eggs.

It was obvious from questions and comments that there was some disagreement and defensiveness from the audience about his thoughts. Grier mentioned that producers should be concerned about the cockiness of some agricultural leaders who think that the next round of trade negotiations will be nothing to worry about.

Murray McLaughlin spoke on biotechnology. McLaughlin had been involved for a number of years in Saskatchewan with the biotech sector before moving back to Ontario to take over the leadership of Ontario Agrifood Technologies (an organization with a mandate to promote the use of technology in Ontario agriculture).

McLaughlin pointed out that agriculture is extremely diversified, with $6 billion worth of farm-gate production that has a spin off of $34 billion. Even though primary agricultural producers are less than 2 per cent of the population, more than 20 per cent of jobs are in some way related to agriculture.

Agricultural products will be in greater demand in the future. For example soy oil is presently worth $45 billion worldwide; world demand in the near future is projected to grow to $70 billion. Forty per cent of grocery store items, in the future, could contain soya oil. Even at present, 200 grocery store items contain corn in some form.

As population and wealth grow there will be a bigger demand for farm production.

There are, however, problems. Arable land is becoming scarce, which coupled with the varieties of weather and worrisome pests is cause for concern.

This is where biotechnology comes in. McLaughlin pointed out that there are some risks in the biotech field. If Ontario farmers do not use it will they lose out to their competition? If they do use it what forms of resistance might appear? It is known that nature is very adaptable. Some farmers will buy anything based on hype. Farmers could loose markets because consumers naturally fear new products, sometimes with good reason.

There are other issues also that need attention. Regulations concerning safety have to be devised; public awareness has to be considered; proper research support is necessary; intellectual property rights will be a problem because 4 or 5 could be involved with one development.

McLaughlin listed some of the benefits of biotechnology research and development, such as improved production, healthier animals, improved quality and a more viable agricultural industry. In closing he stressed that development will be incremental rather than dramatic.

Richard Bailey, a lawyer from Kraft Canada, brought a processor point of view to the conference. He spoke enthusiastically of a potentially dynamic outlook if all the parties can pull together. He thinks that sometimes Canadians neglect their domestic market in the rush to build exports. Partners across the agricultural sector must focus on the consumer-- from gate to plate. An aligned supply chain must be developed along with a regulatory framework, according to Bailey.

"If we don't do it others will. If we want to trade with others, we must open our own borders," said Bailey. He raised some antagonism by saying that dairy farmers should use the present price increase in milk to increase their efficiency, that is, produce a cheaper product. The feeling in the audience was succinctly summed up by Brian Van Den Berg who asked, " Why should I pay my dentist $400 an hour and be happy with 15 cents for a glass of milk I produce?"

Jacques Pommerleau, of Canada Pork International, listed many emerging trading partners and talked about the possibilities and problems associated with them. Many countries have communications problems, lack of storage facilities and little money to purchase foreign goods. Canada is known for its quality bulk commodities, such as grain, but many countries are unaware of Canada's quality value added products. Many countries have a preferance for American products.

Bailey possed a question which remained unanswered: "How do we sell ourselves?"

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Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

The sound of music

The Seaway District High School Choir was in excellent form last Thursday evening as they entertained a crowd at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Morrisburg. Keep you ears open for more exciting entertainment coming soon to Cider's Pub.... And don't forget the New Year's Eve celebration!

Final farewell from Iroquois Council to be held on Monday

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A piece of history will draw to an end as the Iroquois Council meets on Monday, December 29, 1997 for the final time.

Being incorporated in 1857, the Village of Iroquois will become a part of the new township of South Dundas as of January 1, 1998.

The meeting is scheduled for 9am and will tie up loose ends like paying bills. Then the last Reeve of Iroquois, Peter Swank will make a presentation to the Village Staff.

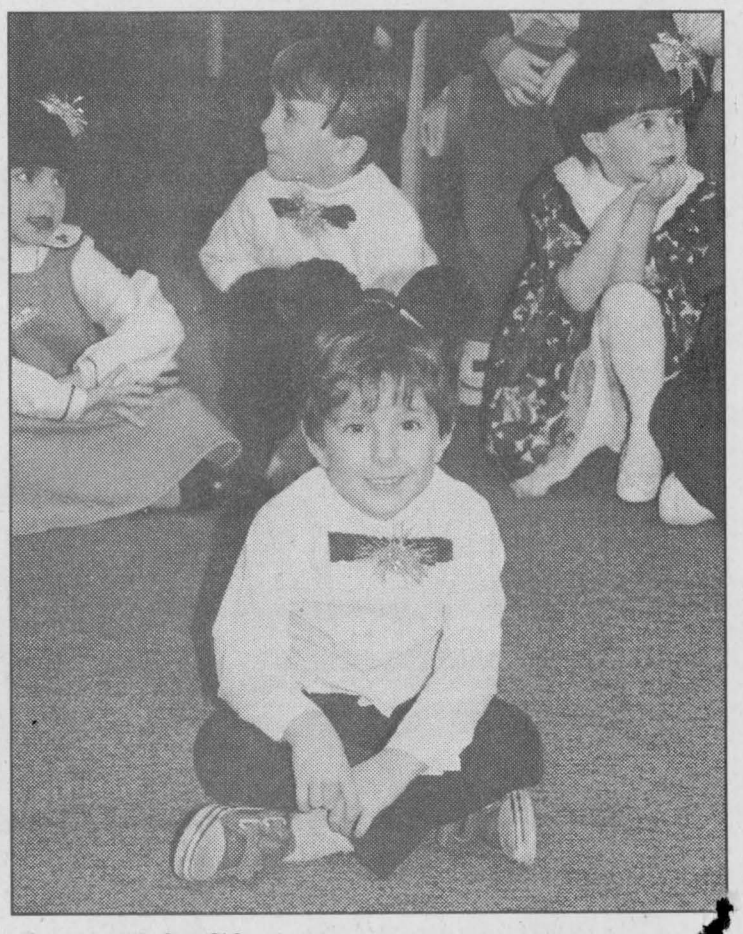
A social time, beginning at 10:30am, where members of the community will have a chance to talk things over among themselves as well as with the Council will follow. Coffee and doughnuts will allow some interaction and reminiscing. A light lunch will then begin at 12:30, all sponsored by the Anniversary Committee.

Members of the new Council for South Dundas township will be in attendance from 12:30 until 2pm. A great opportunity to meet and talk with the people who will lead us into the next step along the Amalgamation trail.

This historic event will provide an opportunity for the Iroquois Council to express their appreciation to the people who elected them. The support shown during the year as the Village celebrated their 140/40 Anniversary was terrific and now the Committee can thank everyone personally.

Every resident should have received a package from the Council inviting them to this celebration. On the back of the invitation is a Village of Iroquois Trivia Quiz Challenge. Try out your knowledge of your Village and bring it along to check your answers.

See you there on Monday!



An MPS Christmas

The Morrisburg Public School Christmas Concert was a resounding success last Wednesday evening. Proud parents, relatives and friends, filled the gymnasium to capacity for the show. Pictured above, Jr. Kindergarten student Mitchel Collins waits to hit the stage. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey*

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Bridge Winners

The winners of the December 17th bridge party were first Jim Campbell second, Dora Cook and third went to Helen Schuck.

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