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Ault Foods sells fluid milk section

Winchester plant won't be affected: VP

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Ault Foods Ltd. has sold its milk business to Quebec's Agropur.

Last week Ault's announced the sale of its Ontario fluid milk, refrigerated and cultured products business to Agropur, a farmer-owned co-operative in Granby, Quebec for a reported $145 million cash.

The net proceeds of the sale are estimated to be about $115 million.

"Our evaluation of Ault Foods from an economic value-added perspective, reinforced that the sale would improve the long-term value of the company by allowing us to focus on our core business — the cheese and butter products group," explained President and CEO of Ault Foods, Graham Freeman, in a press release.

The sale does not, however, affect the Winchester plant, which primarily produces butter and cheese products.

"It's (Winchester) not affected because it's part of our core business especially since we're now focusing on cheese and butter," explained Ault Foods Ltd. Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Pamela Kempthorne.

Agropur's purchase includes four Ault milk processing plants and about 10 other Ontario-based operations which are primarily distribution centres, as well as about 900 employees.

Agropur will also have the right to use Ault's licensed and owned brands for yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, dips, juices and non-dairy beverages which include Sealtest, Lactantia, Purfiltre, Royal Oak and Copper Cliff.

The deal is expected to close early next month.

Agropur, which is based out of Granby, Quebec, is owned by 4,600 dairy farmers,

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Sleddin' through town

Dog sled rides were by far the most popular event at the first annual Timothy Christian School Carnival in Williamsburg, held Saturday, Feb. 8. Other events at the carnival were snow sculpting, cross-country races and an outdoor barbecue.

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Amalgamation proposal accepted

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

CORNWALL — SD&Gs municipalities will drop from 20 to six as of January 1, 1998.

At last Friday's County Council meeting, the 37-member council voted 43-3 in favor of accepting the proposal. Some municipalities receive more than one vote depending on their size.

"I'm not going to say it's going to be any better but we have to make it work," said Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker, following the vote.

Prior to the vote, Chesterville Reeve Jim Cook asked council to exclude his village from the proposal. The motion was seconded by Chesterville Deputy Reeve Shirley Coons, however, the motion was struck down 40-6.

Chesterville is one of four municipalities which will become the Township of North Dundas. The Village of Winchester, Winchester Township and Mountain Township are the other three.

The proposal also calls for the number of county council members to drop from 37 to 12.

The proposal now goes to Ontario's Municipal and Housing Minister Al Leech for approval.

OMB repeals township bylaw, dust settles on dirt bike track

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

ELMA — The dust has finally settled over Elma's dirt bike track.

After two days of listening to evidence, Ontario Municipal Board Chair C. Millar, repealed Williamsburg Township bylaw 8-96 which governs the racing of motorcycles and the holding of motorcycle races within the township.

"We're very happy with the results," added Concerned Citizens Group (CCG) spokesperson Jim Girard. "The township planner report agreed with our report, therefore, they had no case."

"We all stuck together and we haven't swayed from our convictions from the beginning," he said.

The CCG's main concerns surrounding the dirt bike track had to do with the dust created by the races as well as excessive noise.

Prior to the hearing, the township filed a motion requesting the appeal be dismissed due to improper filing procedures by the CCG.

Millar dismissed the motion, citing the appeal was properly filed.

According to Williamsburg Township Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Mike Waddell, a letter from the CCG objecting to the dirt bike track was received by council on May 7, 1996, the last day to file an objection to the bylaw.

However, Waddell said he never forwarded the letter to the OMB because he did not feel it was a formal objection to the bylaw due to the way it was written.

"It was presented to council as an information item (at the following council meeting on May 14)," added Waddell. "We did not feel it was a letter of objection. Just a letter of comment."

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Winter carnival a success despite lower attendance

WINCHESTER — Attendance was down from last year but those who came to celebrate winter at the Winchester Carnival had tons of fun.

Less than a month ago, local volunteers banded together in hopes of saving the annual winterfest.

"If they (the community) do intend to keep the carnival they have to support the carnival by being physically there," added Winchester Village Recreation Director Matt Krisjanis. "I would like to thank all of the donators, supporters and contributors. They were all very community oriented."

The Winchester Boys Scouts and the Winchester Girl Guides were also on hand serving up barbecued hot dogs and hot chocolate.

Although there were numerous children taking part in the various activities, Krisjanis said there were fewer adults than expected.

"Generally the activities were well attended. But I was a bit disappointed with some of the adult attendance," he said.

Among some of the most popular events was the Winchester Figure Skating Club's show *Music of the Night*, the remote car races and the tobogganing contest.

The following are some award winners:

Remote car races, six-year-olds: Michael Hoople; seven to 10-year-olds: Kyle Pelkey; 11 to 14-year-olds: Michael Zubatcuk.

The track was designed and run by Michael and Nicholas Zubatuck and Adam Laporte.

Snow sculptures: Greg and Melissa Van Dellan; Patricia Gannon and the Steele and Suffel family.

Mystery locations contest: Marina Porteous (1st); Chelsea Klein-Swormink (2nd); Doreen Simpson (3rd).

Toboggan contest: farthest, Derek Barbe (9); slowest, Tanya Stoate (11); smallest sled, Justin Allen-Fawcett (6); youngest, Tabatha Thompson (3); oldest, Mark Thompson; best backwards and silliest rides, Patricia Gannon (12) and Robbie Paquette (13); worst ride: Robbie Steele (11) and Johnny Suffel (8); longest ride without a rider, Jacob Carr (6).

Most on a sled: Allan Dumolin, Matthew Thompson, Shawna Suffel, Tanya Stoate, Robbie Paquette, Kyle Fawcett, Joey Paquette, Patricia Gannon, Derek Barbe, Rob Steele, Brad Steele, Darren Steele and Johnny Suffel.

No plea entered

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

MORRISBURG — Court has been adjourned for the young offender charged with impaired driving causing death in connection with an October 24, 1996 double fatality.

The young offender, who cannot be identified under the provisions of the Young Offenders Act, appeared in Morrisburg provincial court yesterday (Feb. 11) to enter a plea. However, he will now have to wait until mid-March to do so because the Crown Attorney's investigation is still ongoing.

"We're waiting for full disclosure of the Crown's case (before entering a plea)," explained the young offender's lawyer Michael Eddelson.

At about 8 am on October 24, a Chevy Cavalier driven by Jennifer Schaus, 18, of Embrun collided with a Chevy pick-up truck driven by the 17-year-old male from Russell. Schaus and her passenger Christian Carson, 17, of Casselman, were killed instantly.

The youth is facing charges of impaired driving causing death and dangerous driving causing death.

Clean-up crews contain unleaded gas pipeline leak

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

VERNON — A ruptured gas line has been contained.

At about 10 pm Monday night (Feb. 10) the Osgoode Township Fire Department was notified of a ruptured unleaded gas pipeline on Bruce Presley's property which is located on 9th Line near County Road 4, east of Vernon.

"It's fairly well contained because there's a trench, so it's contained in the hole," explained Osgoode Township Fire Hall Office Administrator Janet Steele.

The cause of the ruptured 12-inch Ottawa pipeline had not yet been determined at press time.

Since Monday night, the Osgoode Fire Department, the Manotick OPP, Trans Northern Pipelines and the Ministry of Energy and Environment have had the property sealed off.

It was initially estimated that the volume of the leak was about 11,000 litres. However, an anonymous report from Toronto stated the leak is actually over 100,000 litres.



Workers from Trans Northern Pipelines along with the Osgoode Township Fire Department vacuum up some of the spilt gas during Tuesday morning's clean-up efforts. The leak had been contained in a trench on another part of the property but every precaution possible was being taken by the clean-up crews.
Press Photo - Dillich

Few patients billed for beds

Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Chronic care patients occupying an acute care bed at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital now have to pay for the bed.

The patients will pay the same rate, $40.29 daily or $1,225.62 monthly, as those in a long-term care facility.

On January 1st, the Ministry of Health authorized Ontario hospitals to charge chronic care patients (patients requiring long-term care) while they wait for a bed in either a chronic care hospital or a long-term care facility.

"This just makes things fair," said Ministry of Health media spokesperson Lily Weedon. "It was unfair to those in a nursing home who were getting the same care while the hospital patients were not paying the same rate."

In the past, patients who occupied a regular hospital bed while waiting for a chronic care bed were not charged. However, patients in chronic care hospitals or units were charged but paid only half the cost than those in nursing homes who

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Opening night

Winchester recreation director Matt Krisjanis, village reeve Larry Gray and carnival committee member Bonnie Castle (right) performed the official ribbon cutting as the 1997 Winchester Winter carnival kicked off Friday night at the Winchester main corner parkette. Several carnival mascots were on hand to witness the event.

Press Photo -- Dillich

Seminar teaches women to cope

Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Learning to cope with stress in a healthy, productive manner is a continual battle.

The Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation is trying to help women deal with stress before it becomes serious and causes health problems.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation will present an information evening for women this Monday (Feb. 17), on learning to defuse stress. The evening is entitled, *The ultimate balancing act, managing your life and your health.*

Keynote speaker, Jane Brownrigg of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, will discuss "How not to be the everything woman".

"Historically, heart disease was thought of as a man's disease," Brownrigg said. "Studies show that 41 per cent of women will die from heart disease and stroke compared to 38 per cent of men.

"Typically women will take care of everyone else first before themselves and (studies show) that adult females exercise less than men."

Brownrigg added that a recent survey by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario indicated only 14 per cent of women in the province are aware that heart disease and stroke is the number one cause of death among women.

Brownrigg, a registered nurse and co-ordinator of programs at the Heart Institute, will discuss the risk factors associated with stress and offer some practical suggestions to reduce everyday stress levels.

"I want to challenge preconceived notions about stress and look at risk factors vis a vis a woman's reactions," she said. "I'd also like to make people more aware of nutritional guidelines."

Winchester's Lauree Laing, a member of the Dundas County Players Theatre Group, will perform a skit, called *Lady of Leisure*, at the information session.

"It's a five to 10 minute skit, that is hopefully amusing, about stress and how it affects both women who work outside of the home and those who stay at home," Laing explained.

The Masters of Ceremonies for the evening will be Joan Larocque of the Dundas Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The information session will be held at Nationview Public School at 7 pm. Approximately 90 women are expected to attend. The general public is also invited. For more information contact Janet at 774-5491.



All stressed out?

The Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation is presenting an information session for women this Monday (Feb. 17) on how to defuse stress. (Left) event chairman Kathy Johnston and Janet Levere, a member of the organizing committee. Press Photo — Wolfe

Neighbors oppose seniors home

by Derek Puddicombe

MANOTICK STATION — Some residents neighboring the development of a proposed retirement home one and a half miles south of Manotick Station are outraged.

Osgoode Township developers Tony and Joe Princiotta want to build a 150-room seniors home on 12 acres of land. However, some residents told council at the January 28 public meeting, they are opposed to the project.

About 25 people appeared before council and township planner Karyn Ostasfichuk to voice their concerns.

Residents object to the potential visual intrusion of light, increased traffic, cooking odors, water contamination, the size of the development, destruction of natural beauty and the possibility of drying up neighboring wells.

One resident indicated she asked what would happen if the retirement home was built and went bankrupt.

"In 20 years I don't want to see a halfway house or a reform school there," said Sylvia McGowan, who resides beside the site.

Others asked what backup residents had if the development drained their water supply and said if council gave the go-ahead to the project, she would hold council responsible if her well went dry.

"Council is here to protect residents from this type of development," said one resident.

Joe Princiotta answered some of the concerns residents had about the project.

He said traffic would probably increase by about 100 vehicles a day but as far as he is aware, there are already about 1,000 cars and trucks travelling the road daily.

He said hyrogeology tests are also still being done.

Princiotta also told council that a feasibility study done on the project indicates there is a need for a seniors' home in the area.

"If people have this attitude, where can we build senior residence like this one?" said Princiotta.

He also said that he told people before they started to build on the property his family owns near the site that they had plans to build a retirement home in the vicinity.

To go ahead with the development, Princiotta needs a zoning change and council's approval. The site is currently zoned as country estates.

The South Nation River Conservation Authority indicated to the township that it thinks the site can accommodate the proposed development but wants confirmation the tile bed is large enough to accommodate flow from each of the residences.

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Last December Ault's sold its ice cream division to Nestle Canada for $221 million.

WDMH

were receiving the same type of care.

Weedon explained the hospitals will keep the revenue and use the money for in-patient care. She added that some patients are exempt from paying the fee, including those who are receiving family benefits or social assistance, patients with incomes below a certain level, and those under 18 years of age.

Roy Glassford, acting president and CEO of the WDMH, said since the hospital introduced the new charges on February 1, only a few patients have had to pay. He is uncertain the new income will add significantly to the hospital's revenue.

Glassford explained the hospital has been encouraging the government to implement the new fee for the past few years.

"We've been fighting for this for three to five years since all the funding reductions and the real bed crunch," Glassford said.

Individual physicians will make the final decision if their patient requires chronic care.

Dirt bikes

"I never considered the letter an appeal. The board (OMB) is very specific on what constitutes an objection... and in my opinion none of that was done," explained Waddell.

Williamsburg Township lawyer Eldon Horner echoed Waddell's statement.

"It was a letter designed to say they were unhappy with what council did and to do it differently next time," said Horner.

According to Bert Loucks, co-author of the letter signed by the residents, he spoke to Waddell two weeks prior to the closing date of the bylaw regarding the appeal process.

"He (Waddell) said it would be a very costly measure. A letter would have to be sent to the OMB. There was a fee and lawyers would be involved," he added. "At that point I was very discouraged. He told me I didn't have a snowball's chance in hell (of winning). I interpreted that as there was no use in appealing."

Karla Marshall, a resident who signed the letter written by Loucks, said Waddell also discouraged her from filing an objection.

"He said it would be very expensive and very discouraging. He said my chances of an appeal being heard by the board were very limited," added Marshall. "Mr. Waddell told me if I was to appeal I would be taking on the Township of Williamsburg and I would be doing it by myself."

The township is unsure as to what it will do next regarding the dirt bike track. However, at this point the Adams' are still able to use it for recreational purposes.

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Mountain Township's Denis Grignon and Nancy Payne have been awarded a $4,800 grant to develop their CBC radio series, *Minivan World*, for television. Press Photo — Wolfe

Satirists hop on mini-van to make television inroads

Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Mountain Township's *Minivan Man and Woman*, Denis Grignon and Nancy Payne, may soon be regular television features.

Grignon, a professional stand-up comic and *Winchester Press* columnist, and his wife Payne, a former CBC radio producer, were recently awarded a $4,800 grant to develop their CBC Radio series, *Minivan World*, for television.

The money came from the BBS-CJOH-TV Development Fund which supports Ottawa area artists through financial grants. CJOH has rights to the series for the first six months at which time Grignon and Payne will try to sell their product to other stations, including the new Comedy Channel which airs next September.

"It's a natural progression," said Grignon. "We have scripts that we know will work. It would be nice in time to have the proprietary that Mr. Bean has."

An Ottawa producer, who is familiar with Grignon's work, has expressed an interest in working with the couple to promote *Minivan World* on television.

Grignon, 32, and Payne, 29, are now creating a series of brief vignettes for television, similar to what currently airs every third Saturday on CBC Radio's *Definitely Not the Opera*.

Minivan World is a two to four minute satirical skit of prototypical minivan car owners. Grignon plays Andrew Taylor and Payne is Debbie Wilson-Taylor. They live in the suburbs with their children Zachary and Brianna.

Each skit touches on a specific issue such as planning a birthday party for their children, discussing the dangers of Halloween with the youngsters, or debating various religious ideologies.

"We can do so much with it for television," said Payne. "We can cut to the image versus describing it on the radio. We'll try to make it as slick as possible."

Both Grignon and Payne are optimistic *Minivan World* will do well on television, after the success they had performing it on stage last year at the Manotick Fringe Festival.

"It was the sleeper hit of the Fringe," Grignon said. "We know it works in front of an audience."

In their private lives, Grignon and Payne are complete opposites of their stereotypical minivan characters. They have never owned a minivan nor do they ever want to.

"I hate minivans for personal use," said Grignon, who owns a pick-up truck and motorcycle.

Grignon and Payne live outside of Vernon on 55 acres of land. They have a dog named Junior, three cats, chickens and a couple of ducks.

Ball park tagged with reeve's name

WILLIAMSBURG — Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker will be immortalized forever.

The Williamsburg ball park is to be officially named J.C. Whitteker Park, after long-time reeve Johnny Whitteker.

"I wish they would have waited until I retired or died," added Whitteker." But it's quite an honor to have a recreation facility named after you although there were others who have worked on it too."

According to Williamsburg Township Clerk/Administrator-Treasurer Mike Waddell, council was approached by various community groups who wanted to commemorate the township's 175th anniversary by honoring Whitteker for his 43 years of service to the community.

"Normally they're done posthumously but they decided to do it before that as they wanted a dedication at the 175th," noted Waddell.

The official dedication is expected to take place during this year's Harvest Fest celebrations.

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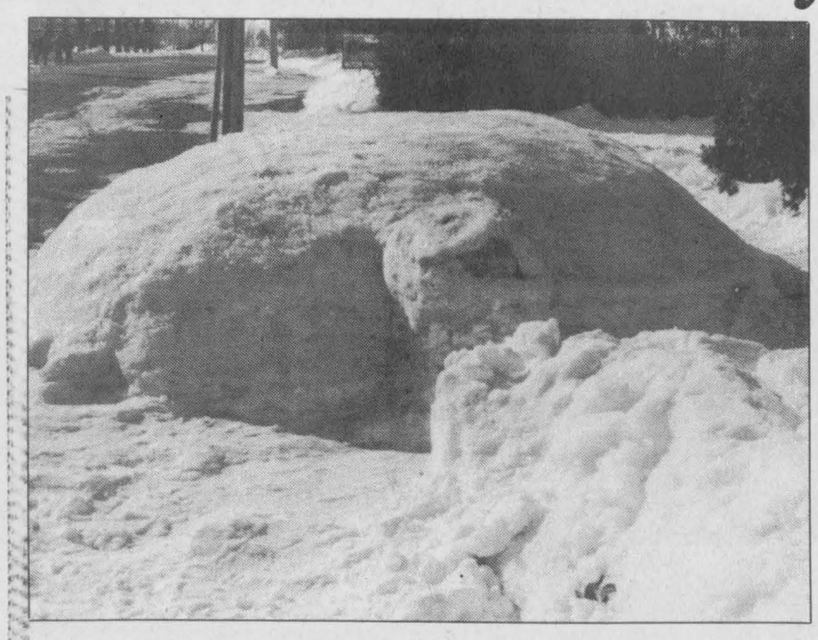

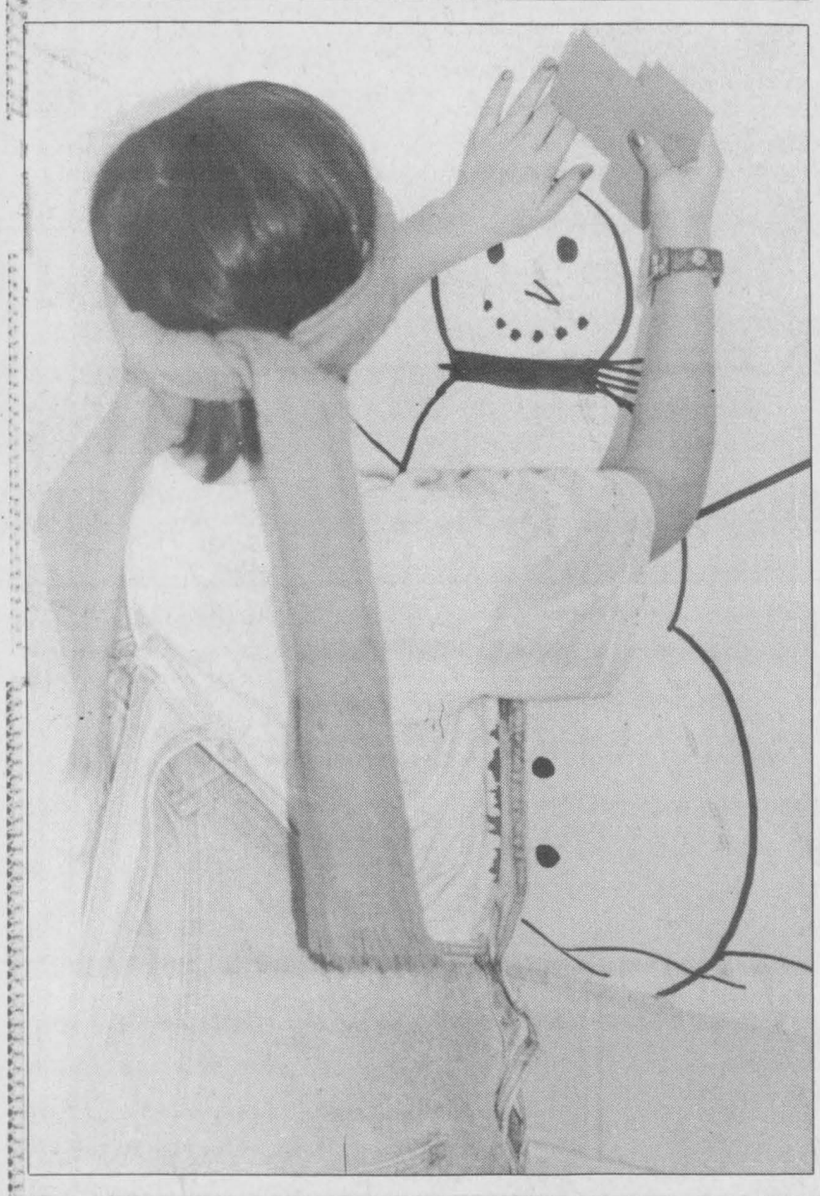



Wacky winter carny

Facing extinction, the Winchester Winter Carnival was reborn and fashioned into a three-day event by a committee of concerned volunteers. Special events included the Winchester Figure Skating Club's ice show, "Music of the Night", and the Winchester Curling Club's Funspiel. The carnival's outdoor activities were washed in brilliant sunshine. Clockwise: Kids boogie down in the community centre; Robert Chartrand had some decent hang time while snowboarding at the community park hill; Carolyn Lacelle zips down the park's hill; Brenna Wright gets close during a game of pin the hat on the snowman; the Gannon family got in the carnival spirit with their giant green turtle.
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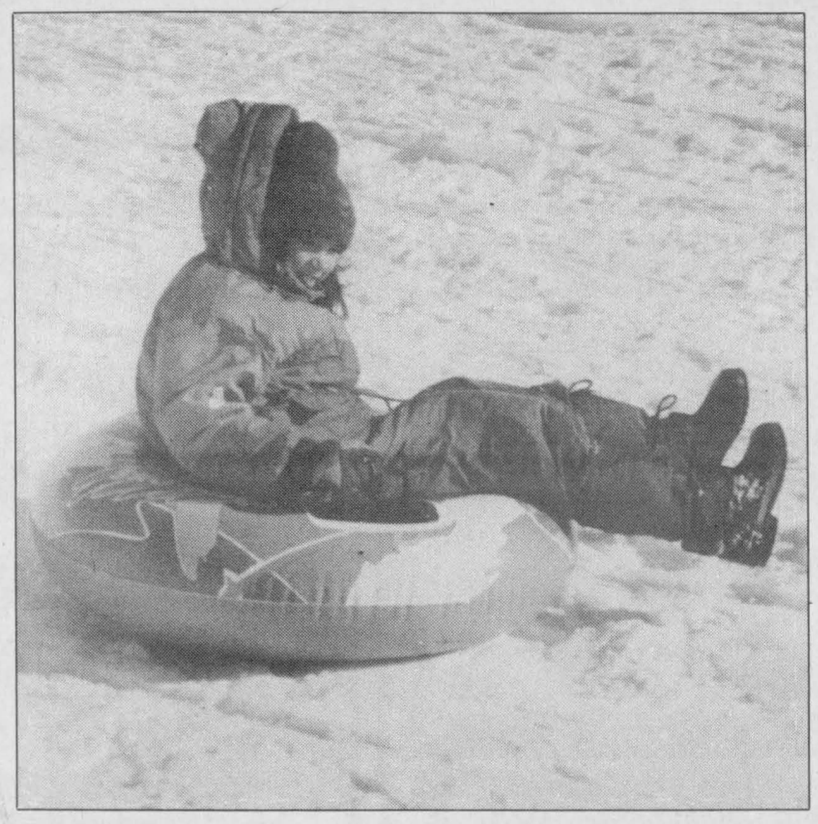



Contant CEO of new agency

CORNWALL — The Community Care Access Centre for the Eastern Counties (CCAC) recently announced the appointment of Jocelyne Contant as Chief Executive Officer of the new agency.

On April 1, the CCAC will be taking responsibility for all long-term care services currently provided by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit through the Home Care Program and by the Victorian Order of Nurses through the Eastern Counties Placement Co-ordination Service.

Prior to her appointment as Chief Executive Officer for the CCAC, Contant was Executive Director for the District Health Council of Eastern Ontario. Contant previously worked at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital as the vice- president and director of patient care services.

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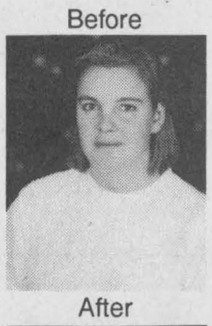

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Dundas group began canvass in mid-1960s

A small group of dedicated volunteers organized the first canvass for the Ontario Heart Foundation in the mid-1960s.

The focus was on Winchester and the surrounding area. By 1968, the group had organized themselves into a chapter structure and had elected Betty Allen of Hallville as the first president.

As the foundation grew, the new chapter expanded their campaign into the rest of the county by utilizing student manpower from the two area high schools — Seaway District High School and North Dundas District High School.

During those years, revenue continued to increase at a slow but steady pace and the first initiatives in education which included pamphlet distribution, film viewings and speaker's presentations, were begun.

In 1983, the Dundas County Chapter was formally recognized as a chartered chapter of the foundation and Betty Allen was presented with the charter at a ceremony in Toronto. Allen continued to serve as president of the chapter until 1985, when she was presented with a plaque for her 18 years of service to the foundation.

The charter was re-issued to the chapter in 1985 shortly after the foundation's 1984 name change to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

In the mid-1980s, major changes were afoot within the foundation. Firstly, chapters became more responsible and accountable for set revenue goals and secondly, greater emphasis was placed on educational programming.

In order to support these new directives it was essential that a more comprehensive chapter structure be formulated. As a result, each chapter was now required to have seven mandated positions in place at each annual meeting in order to retain their chartered chapter status.

In 1986, Allan Sharkey of Chesterville became the new president and began implementation of the new strategies. The chapter developed considerably during the next three years and began the major move to adult canvassers. It was also during Sharkey's term that the Heart to Heart program was started.

In 1989, Mary Steele assumed the presidency and again the chapter flourished and continued to grow. The board grew from the seven original positions to a group of 14 members including a vice-president, chairperson of human resources, chairperson of Jump Rope for Heart, and some branch representatives as well as members-at-large.

The first formed education committee also began to hold regular meetings and to offer more formal programs such as brainstorming seminars and CPR courses.

Police blotter

Alcohol related charges

WINCHESTER — During the past week, police officers in Dundas County laid four charges in relation to Criminal Code drinking and driving offenses and issued two 90-day licence suspensions. As a result of liquor seizures, two charges were laid under the Liquor Licence Act.

Home invasion

MANOTICK — A red and gray Ford pick-up with two men in it approached a Pierces Road home on February 7. One of the suspects rang the door bell several times and when there was no answer, a side door was forced open.

Police believe the family dog may have scared them since they fled the scene.

The occupant of the house who was afraid to answer the door, went to an upstairs window and watched the suspects. She immediately called the police and gave a description of the vehicle.

Later that day, between 2:30 pm and 5 pm, stereo equipment was taken from a Pollack Road home.

Stolen stereo equipment

MANOTICK — A Gallagher Road residence was entered on February 3. A Sony TV, Panasonic VCR and a JVC CD player were among the stolen items.

The following day a van bench was found on Hanneth Road near Donnelly Drive. It is possible that a van was involved in this crime.

Missing firearms

WINCHESTER TOWNWSHIP — On February 7, the OPP attended the scene of a break and enter in the northern portion of Winchester Township.

During the day a forced entry had been made through a front door of a private residence. Home entertainment items, musical instruments and firearms were taken.

Vandalized mailboxes

RIDEAU TOWNSHIP — Last week at least six mailboxes in the same area of Rideau Township were damaged. Anyone with information concerning this may call Crime Stoppers at 233-TIPS.

Snowmobiling complaints

MANOTICK — There was a complaint involving snowmobiles on February 6. Apparently there are still some operators who do not stay on the trails. These people should be reminded that if they do not have permission to be on someone else's property, they should stay off it.

Heroic children

MANOTICK — Two children who attend Manotick Public School should be commended following their discovery of a handgun on their way to school one morning.

On February 7, while the children were walking to school, they found a small handgun on Bridge Street which was frozen in a piece of ice. The children left it where it was and told the principal when they arrived at school.

An adult went to the scene with the children, retrieved the loaded B.B. gun and turned it into the OPP office.

Searching for illegal weapons

CORNWALL — This week Crime Stoppers is highlighting illegal weapons.

If you have information on persons in possession of illegal weapons, such as sawed-off rifles and shotguns, unregistered handguns and assault-style weapons, call Crime Stoppers and help get these guns off our streets.

Some of these weapons are being used in violent crimes such as robberies and drive-by shootings.

Call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477.

Young offenders

MANOTICK — Three youths broke into a Pine Street residence on February 5. When the homeowner returned at 6:15 pm the thieves fled in a gray van. A licence number was obtained and given to police.

Within a short period of time, the vehicle was stopped by the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police. The youths ran away and were not apprehended, however, all of the property was recovered.

Sexual Health Week emphasizes open dialogue on sexuality issues

WINCHESTER — The theme of this year's *Sexual Health Week*, from February 9-15, is "Youth Speak, Let's Listen".

A new newsletter, *Take Five*, is available from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. The newsletter contains valuable information about sexuality for youth and parents.

The newsletter is a collaboration between public health professionals in six Eastern Ontario regional health units. It is for youth service providers such as health and social service providers, teachers, parents, church and recreation leaders. Its purpose is to raise community awareness of sexuality issues, foster healthy sexuality lifestyle and promote available resources.

Sexual Health Week provides an opportunity for parents and youth to talk about sexuality issues. If you would like a copy of the "Youth Speak: Let's Listen" kit for youth and parents, or a free subscription to *Take Five*, contact the Aids-Sexual Health Line at 1-800- 267-0852.



Candace Smith, a member of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's sexual health team, displays a new newsletter, *Take Five*, which aims to raise community awareness on sexuality issues. Press Photo — Wolfe

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EDITORIAL

Tories do something right

When Ontario Premier Mike Harris and his Conservative government does something right, it deserves credit.

The provincial government recently decided to allow hospitals to charge chronic care patients a reasonable rate for occupying acute care beds.

Previously, patients who occupied an expensive and increasingly rare regular hospital bed while waiting for a bed in a long-term care facility were not charged a cent while patients in chronic care facilities were charged only half the cost of those in nursing homes. This did not make common or economic sense.

The new price policy benefits individual hospitals by generating desperately-needed income and establishes an equal financial footing between people in a long-term care facilities and those receiving similar care in much more expensive provincial hospitals.

Chronic care patients being treated in a hospital will now pay the same rate - $40.29 a day or $1,225.62 a month - as those in a long-term care facility.

The introduction of this policy is clearly a sensible, positive step as the new health care system in Ontario evolves. In light of the recent shake-up and major cutbacks in the system, medical care professionals may be seeing the proverbial light at the end of the fiscal tunnel. The additional fees will certainly alleviate provincial hospital budgets severely strained by federal cuts to health care.

Although Winchester District Memorial Hospital officials are unsure how significantly the new income from chronic care patients will bolster the hospital's revenue, there is agreement it will help to reduce the $711,000 deficit in funding the hospital confronts in March due to recent cutbacks.

Although the Harris Government's 'mega-revolution' is certainly open for criticism because of the speed in which it has occurred, it should always be remembered that the federal government has been trying to resolve its vast financial problems by downloading them onto the provincial governments and taxpayers. Faced with its own growing accumulated and annual deficits, the Ontario government promised in its election campaign to 'bite the bullet' and work towards a balanced budget using a 'common sense' approach.

Although this new policy of reasonable and equitable costs for nursing, chronic and acute care patients may be only a small fiscal measure when weighed against the billions of dollars involved in the provincial health care system, it does make good economic sense.

The government deserves congratulations from the taxpayers as it tries to wean us from a 'Cadillac' health care system to a more affordable 'Ford' that still covers all the bases. One small reasonable step at a time and the job will get done eventually.

S.W.

This week in...

1947

The three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Casselman — James 5, Donna 3, and their baby Ronald — were burned to death when fire destroyed their farm home halfway between Morewood and Chesterville. The fire was believed to have started from an overheated stove-pipe. The bodies of the three small children were recovered from the ashes of the house after the fire had burned out.

The Winchester Intermediates were trounced by the Maxville Millionaires 11-3 in a Central Ottawa Valley League game. Maxville moved into second place in the league standings.

Yolanda and the Thief, starring Fred Astaire and Lucille Brewer, was playing at the Picadilly Theatre in Williamsburg.

1957

One hundred and seventy-five cars, including many of the world's sleekest sports and light cars, were to sweep through Winchester in the International Canadian Winter Rally — North America's toughest test of winter driving. Europe's faned Monte Carlo and Alpine rallies were vying for honors in a grueling 1,300 mile test of driving skill and endurance and automobile performance.

Frank Dunlop was appointed deputy chief of the Winchester fire department. Harvey MacIntosh and Stuart Corry were appointed officers in charge in the absence of chief Dunlop.

Bill Sherwood's hat trick backed by a solid team effort gave the Winchester Juniors a convincing 6-2 verdict over Morrisburg in the first game of the best-of-five semi-final round of the Central Ottawa Valley Junior Hockey League.

Diana McMillan of Elma and Denny Millward were declared best girl and boy speller in Williamsburg Township at the spelling bee held at the Williamsburg IOOF Hall. They were to represent their township in the Dundas County final to be held at the Winchester Public School.

1967

The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association awarded the 1966 County Farmer of the Year Certificate to Malcolm MacGregor, a dairy farmer from Morewood. The certificate recognized three criteria: demonstrated ability as a good farmer; demonstrated ability to give leadership and assist others; and demonstrated concern for the general welfare of farmers.

John Patrick Barrett, a 40-year-old Chesterville man, was struck by a car near the northern limits of Chesterville at the junction of County Road 7 and Highway 43.

1977

Officials from Canada Manpower and Social Services met with Winchester village council to discuss the possibility of locating a sub-office for Canada Manpower. Representatives from Manpower and SD&G Social Services informed council that a sub-office for Winchester was a distinct possibility. People from the area had to travel to Cornwall or Prescott for information.

Declining enrolment was forcing the closure of Williamsburg Public School. It appeared certain the school would close it not then, probably within a few years. The number of pupils attending elementary schools in SD&G had declined from 9,020 in 1969 to 7,365 in 1975.

Danny MacDonald of Vernon was killed instantly and Roger Gibeault of Chesterville died four hours later at the Ottawa Civic Hospital as the result of a car accident near Morewood. The MacDonald vehicle was eastbound when it collided with a westbound tractor which was driven by Royer Cayer, who was pulling a snowblower.

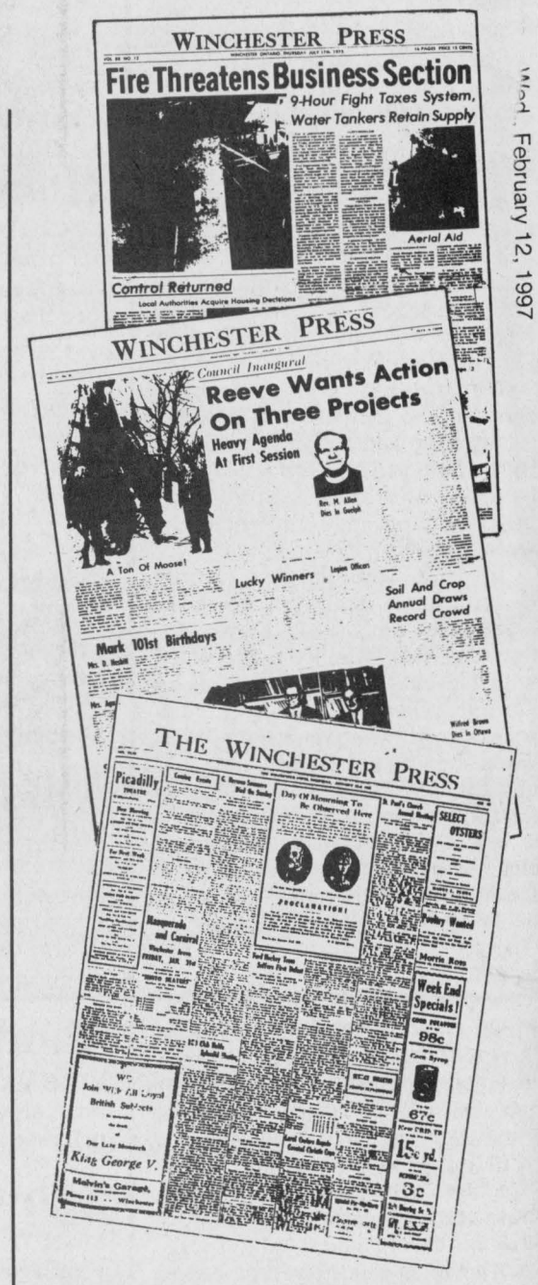
Coach Erwin Duncan decided to suspend five Hawks for not attending a hockey game in Spencerville. The players were Dan McMartin, veteran defenceman; Mike Armstrong, most improved player of 1976; defenceman Dave Richards; forward Mike Rochon and forward-defenceman Bruce Eadie.

1987

A proposed switch to semestering had left parents and teachers at North Dundas District High School upset. The proposal involved switching from a rotating nine-class schedule to two semesters. Periods were to be one hour in length but in-class instructional time per course was to drop from 110 hours to 92 hours, which parents and teachers did not agree with.

A 6-1 victory over the home town Beavers in Clarence Creek capped a productive three-game weekend for the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League's Winchester Hawks. The three-game string brought the team's record under new coach Bill Murphy to six, five and two, and within four games of the 500 mark for the Alex English Division competition.

Phyliss McIntosh and her rink of Stella MacGregor, Gail Van Noy and Eileen McEwen earned 27 points and the Fetterly trophy at the Winchester Curling Club.



Mid. February 12, 1997



Travelling along life's highway



Home Free

by Otte Rosenkrantz

I had lunch with my friend Steve the other day and in the course of our conversation, he said something that gave me a real jolt.

Have you ever had that experience of having somebody say something to you that makes you stop and think closely about what you heard? It is quite something. It is the kind of experience that can change your life if you let it.

But before I tell you what Steve said, let me tell you a little about him.

Steve is a traveller. He is a traveller in the sense that he treks all over the world, but more importantly, he is a traveller in the sense that he views his life as a journey. Steve approaches his life with all the sensibilities of a seasoned traveller — he sees his life as an adventure.

My friend works in a fairly regular kind of job earning a fairly average kind of wage, but he saves what he earns with the frugality of a monk until he has enough to pay for a ticket to some place in the world he wants to visit.

When he gets to where he is going, he doesn't stay in hotels and eat in tourist restaurants. He makes connections with local people who share their homes and their food with him and take him to visit sites not known to tourists and travel agencies.

Over the years he has learned to get along in half a dozen languages and he has seen some amazing things. He has slept out under the stars in Belize, hiked half-forgotten Navaho trails, and climbed the ruins of the Inca empire.

There are few places from Argentina to Churchill, Manitoba, where Steve doesn't have a friend and can't find a place to stay.

He likes to talk to other travellers and he likes to meet new people in the places he visits because he believes that one of the best ways to hold the world together is through friendship.

His apartment is very small and contains the evidence of his travels. Folk art, pottery, photographs and small figurines have washed up on the furniture and walls of the place where he lives like so much driftwood along the shores of a lake.

But as far as Steve is concerned, being a traveller doesn't mean that you always have to be heading off some place far away. Everywhere he goes, whether to work or for a walk along the river, Steve goes there as a traveller, always trying to see and learn something new and meet new people, to experience his journey through life as something unique and wonderful.

What he said to me that really made me stop and think came after I had told him that I was a little envious of his lifestyle and that I wish I could do more travelling myself.

"You know," he said, "one of the things that a lot of the First Nations people all over the Americas have in common is a belief in the magic of words. They are very careful about what they say because they believe that once the words have been spoken, the words will begin to work their magic. So the first part of any journey, or the beginning to any experience, is to speak the words of your wish. Once you have spoken, your journey has already started."

And then he said, "Have a good trip."

(Otte Rosenkrantz of London, Ontario, is a columnist journalist, author, corporate communications consultant, bonsai grower, vegetable gardener, stay-at-home father to his young son and daughter and a sympathetic observer of the human condition.)



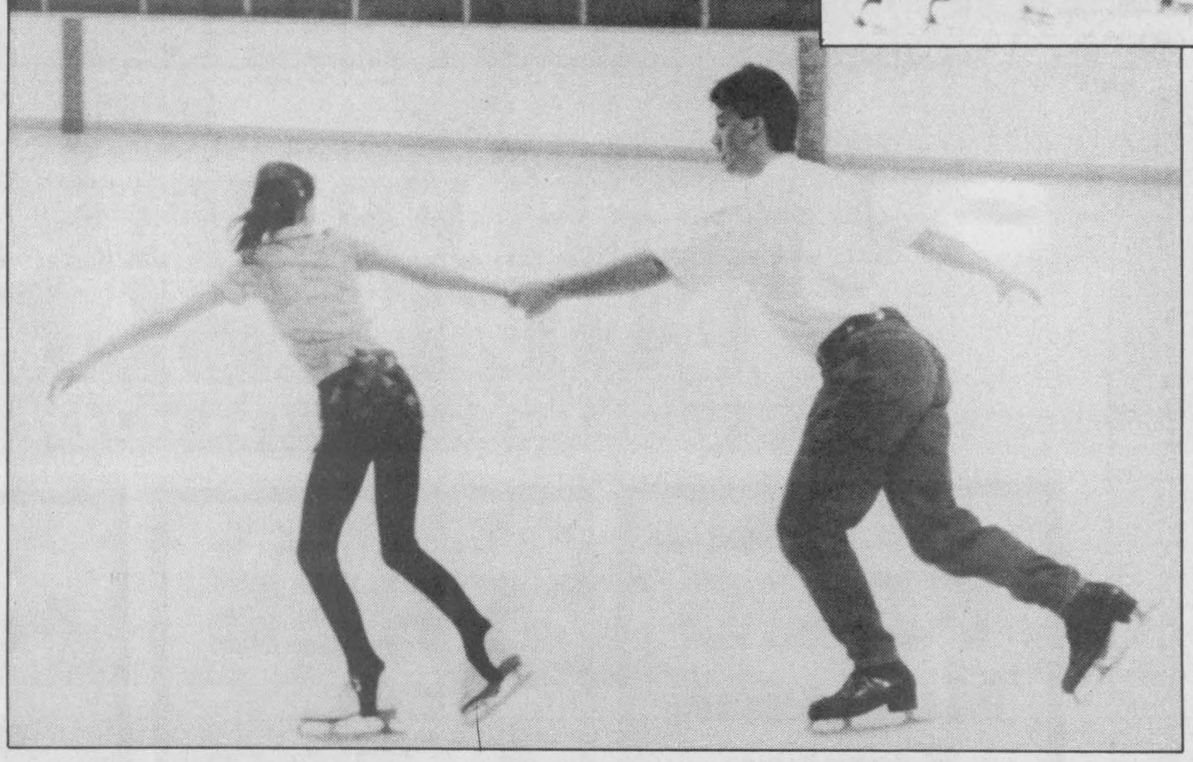


Music of the Night

Clockwise: Amy Baker leads a senior precision line during the *Macarena* while the youngsters were *Counting Sheep*. The junior skaters created a perfect precision line during *Phantom of the Opera* and a *Day O* circle. Jennifer Larmour and Jeff Levac showed off their skills during a *Pretty Woman* duet.









Skating club performs to packed arena

WINCHESTER — It was standing-room only at the annual Winchester Figure Skating Club show.

Over 320 people packed the arena as 86 skaters took to the ice last Sunday afternoon in *Music of the Night*.

"The show's main purpose is to allow our senior skaters to perform on a non-competitive level. It allows our young skaters to shine for their moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas," added Winchester Figure Skating Club's vice-president Dawn Erickson. "We are very proud of our club's members and the show was certainly an example of their love and dedication to the sport of skating."

The story began with a little girl being put to bed by her mother and what follows are vignettes of what happens during the night when most children are fast asleep.

A special highlight to the afternoon's performance was a piece by the club's professional coaches — Jeff Levac, Tara Hickman and Carol Dowdell.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hats off

The Editor:
Tough policies require tough decisions. Hats off to Williamsburg Township for the courage, conviction and resolve required in creating the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

The policy provides education to user groups of municipally-owned facilities, ensures property supervision and operation of Special Occasion Permit events and encourages and reinforces responsible moderate drinking practices.

Perhaps more importantly, the policy provides a clear, positive example for our young people.

Winchester OPP Constable Al Lummiss has been quoted as saying "...(this policy) is a step in the right direction."

We echo his comments and applaud Williamsburg Township for taking that all-important step.

Dr. Robert Bourdeau
Medical Officer of Health

Coast Guard cuts

The Editor:
About two years ago the federal Liberal government announced a significant cutback to the Canadian Coast Guard in an effort to control the ever increasing debt.

The Coast Guard was suggested to raise more of its own funds. A few poorly attended public meetings in major cities informed an almost disinterested Canadian public on plans that would see a Canadian Coast Guard that had once predominantly serviced ocean coastlines and a few Great Lakes, take responsibility for recreational boating from coast to coast.

It was suggested a fee of $20-$25 be charged every three years for boats already registered (those 10 hp motors and over). If kayaks, canoes and smaller boats are registered this fee will be marginally lowered.

It was suggested that to justify the registration of canoes and kayaks, a skeptical Canadian public will have to be sold on the idea that registration of boats is a safety issue.

Recreational boating is not a safety issue. In 1993, eight people died in boating accidents in Ontario, over half of which involved alcohol or non use of personal flotation devices.

The laws we currently have on recreational boating are not being enforced, but as with gun laws our governments keep making more.

If the federal government was really concerned about the safety of Canadians, they would not have closed lighthouses on both coasts or removed navigational aids on the Great Lakes.

Boat registration and mandatory proficiency are not safety issues. Like the E.I. program that took $3.95 billion more from Ontario than it put back in during 1995, boat registration is just another user fee used as a cash cow by a federal Liberal government that tells us they don't raise taxes.

The Canadian Coast Guard spent $30 million public dollars last summer to raise the sunken Irving Whale oil barge. A great many boats will have to be registered to subsidize one of the richest families in the world that repossessed that barge.

Registration is not scheduled to commence until 1998... after the next election.

Glen Runions

P.S. Even the provincial government recognizes money can be made by user fees charged on outdoor cards to rescue people like those recently stranded on Lake Simcoe.

R-O reunion

The Editor:
As a former student and/or associate of Rothwell-Osnabruck, please accept this announcement as a personal invitation to attend a fun-filled weekend reunion.

Make your summer plans now to join former colleagues and teachers from July 4 to 6, 1997.

Also be sure to extend this invitation to other former R-O students within your area.

For more information contact Tom Green at 613-537- 2454 or Bunny Warner at 613-537-2748.

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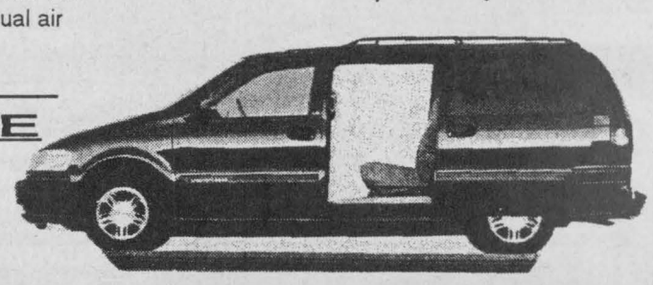

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ITR holding first auditions for spring comedy production

Garnet Quail
Press Staff Reporter

OSGOODE — ITR, Osgoode's Isle in the River Review theatre group is set to start auditions for the spring production, *'See How They Run'*.

As is the custom with ITR shows, this will be a comedy with show dates planned for May 2, 3 and 4 and May 8, 9 and 10. But, before the actual staging of the show, auditions and weeks of rehearsals must take place.

Those auditions are scheduled to begin this Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 am to 1 pm, Sunday, Feb. 16 from 1to 4 pm, Thursday, Feb. 20 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm and Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 am to 1 pm. Six males and three females are required for the cast and all auditions will take place at the ITR hall on Blanchfield Rd.

The play is set in post World War II England in a vicarage. A young American actress marries an English vicar. Soon thereafter an AWOL American GI friend of the actress and an escaped communist spy show up at the vicarage and are soon decked out in clergyman's garb. Stir in a visiting uncle who just happens to be a bishop, the vicar himself and before long you have no less than four 'gentlemen of the cloth' chasing each other about. Add a cheeky Cockney maid and a frigid old spinster to the mix and there has to be some laughs.

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Pianists invited to special recital

CHESTERVILLE — Nine local pianists have recently been invited to perform in Ottawa at the annual *First Class Honors Recital* of the Ontario registered Music Teachers Association. They are all students of registered music teacher John Hutchinson, co-director of The Village Music Academy in Winchester-Chesterville.

The annual *First Class Honors Recital* was created to recognize the outstanding results piano students have achieved on the piano as well as on their theory exams throughout the preceding year.

"This is the showcase of the best talent that we have and has been held annually for at least the past 30 years," said Greg Hartley, a co-ordinator of the event.

Over 90 students from 40 Ottawa area registered music teachers will be attending the event which takes place on March 2 at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm at the First Unitarian Church, 30 Cleary Ave. in Ottawa.

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NDDHS NOTES
by
Daniel Sahl



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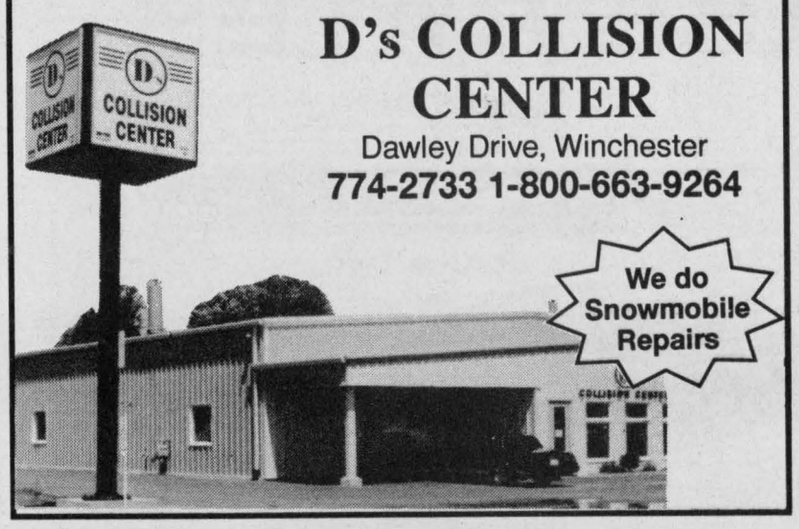

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METCALFE — Municipal councils have quite a lot on their plates right now but, in the meantime, the libraries in Osgoode Township are continuing with business as usual.

For those who perhaps haven't been in the libraries for a while, the branches are in Greely, Metcalfe, Osgoode and Vernon and we try to give good service in a friendly atmosphere while getting the books and magazines of particular interest to those in each area.

Osgoode Twp. library beat
by Shirley Mills

We usually have some books for sale, many of which are donated which we can't use or already have. At the moment, Osgoode has 40 boxes of donated books which are for sale.

Basically, we have similar collections. These include both adult and children's fiction and non- fiction, audio tapes, some videos, magazines, large print books and reference volumes.

However, you might find more science fiction books in Vernon and Greely, Canadian or hard cover mysteries in Osgoode while Metcalfe has a wide selection of paperback fiction. You might find some categories in each of the branches but with subtle differences.

As an example, in non-fiction, we all have books on money management but one would carry those by Brian Costello while another has Gordon Pape's RRSPs, or those by Price Waterhouse. And we all have *The Wealthy Barber* which has been on the best seller list for six or seven years.

The non-fiction section covers some fascinating ideas, from craft projects to hockey and gardening books offering hope that the cold weather will eventually pass.

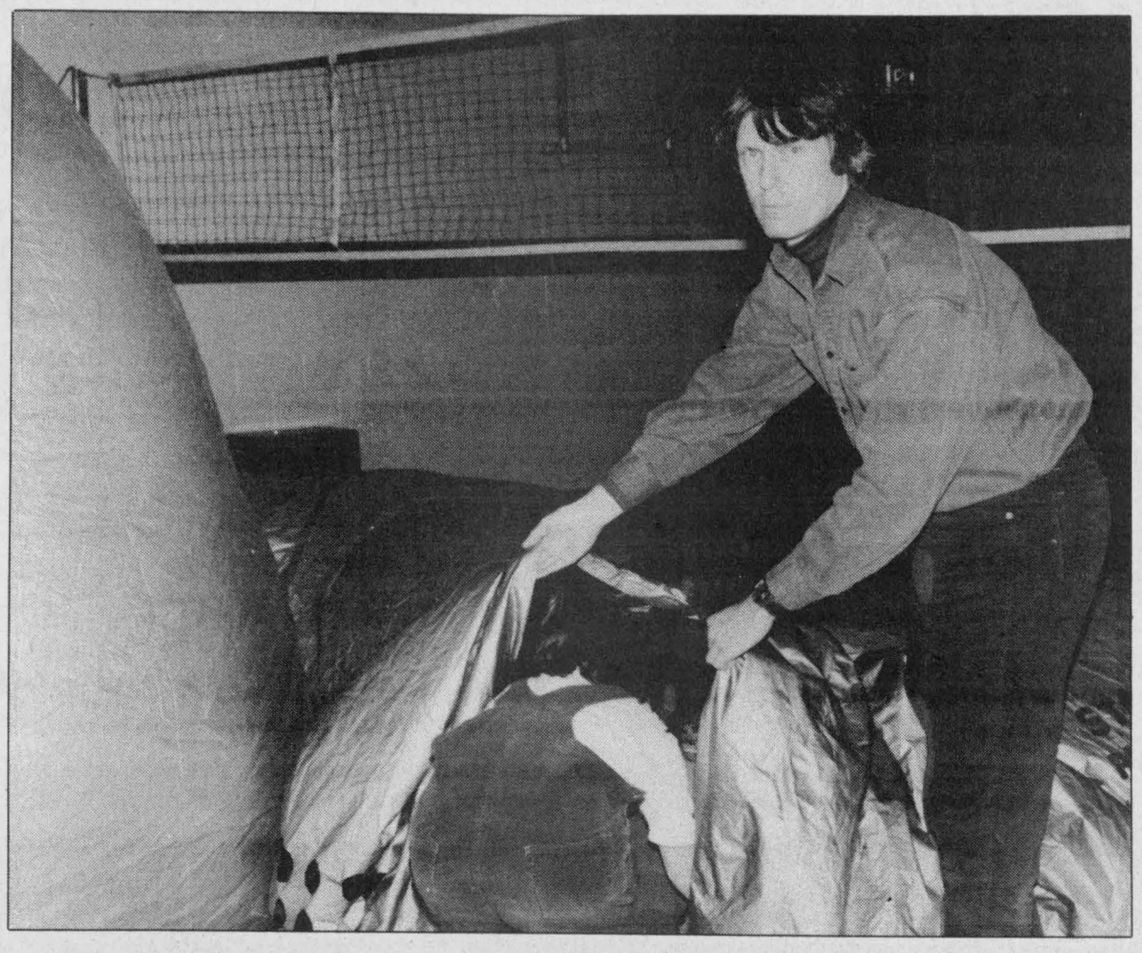
The children use a great deal of non-fiction material too for school assignments, with *National Geographics* filling the gaps, especially when the whole class is doing a project on whales.

We try to keep up to date, not always easy with politics or royalty, but Fergie's story is at Metcalfe and Vernon.

Have you seen children's books lately? We still have the older classics like *The Secret Garden* but with newer books the print is good, the illustrations superb and the content geared to a child's interest.

These are your libraries and we run them as best we can within the budget constraints. We could use your help though.

Metcalfe has need of a photocopier, the previous one died of old age, so if you know of any business which is updating its equipment, it would be appreciated if you could think of the libraries.



Learning in a bubble

Russell's Glenn LeDrew taught Inkerman Public School students about astronomy on Monday (Feb. 10) using a portable planetarium. The children sat inside an inflatable dome and were shown images of stars invisible to the naked eye as well as a comet, Hyakutake, from Arizona and the skies of Australia.

Press Photo — Wolfe

Bridal show February 27

MORRISBURG — Planning a wedding? Plan to attend the 3rd annual Seaway Bridal Showcase on Thurs., Feb. 27 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Operating Engineers Training Institute.

It's the only event in the area which showcases every aspect you'll need to make your wedding day perfect.

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Admission is free and there will be door prizes and a hot and cold buffet available.

The Operating Engineers Institute is located east of Morrisburg on the south side of Highway 2.

For more information please call Sharron Bolte or Wendy Leslie at the Chieftain at 652-4395 or 652-4576 or fax them at 652-2508.

Institute celebrates centennial

WINCHESTER — Over 15,000 women are expected to gather in homes and community halls across Ontario on Wed., Feb. 19 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute.

An agenda for these branch meetings was designed by a committee from the Eastern area of Ontario to celebrate the impressive history of the Women's Institute.

On Feb. 19, 1897, 101 women and one man, Erland Lee met at Squires Hall in Stoney Creek. The outcome of the meeting was the organization of the first branch of the Women's Institute in the world. The Women's Institute grew steadily across Canada, and today offers women the vehicle and the environment to make decisions which will improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, their communities and the world.

Throughout the past 100 years, not only has the institute developed the personal growth of its members, but it has also been instrumental in initiating government legislation to protect the environment and the citizens of Canada.

Survival of the organization for 100 years can be attributed to its very simple goal to fulfill its members' needs. Despite constant changes through the decades, the Women's Institute throughout the world continues to adapt to meet the new challenges.

The members of the Women's Institutes in your neighborhood would be very pleased to have visitors participate in this special celebration on Wed., Feb. 19. Please contact a branch near you for more information.

The Metcalfe Branch has organized a special program and will be pleased to have visitors attend. It will take place Feb. 19 at 7 pm in the Council Chamber of Osgoode Township Townhall in Metcalfe. For information contact Marie-Louise Cooper at 821-1597.

For Winchester and surrounding area contact Vivian Fawcett at 774-0731; In Osgoode Township call: Greely/Manotick Station at 821-2942; Kars, 826- 2920; Kenmore, 821-3287; Metcalfe, 821-1597; or Vernon, 821-1822.



Petersen–Benoit

Shelley and Dave Petersen would like to announce their wedding day, which took place in Barbados on January 15, 1997. We wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our parents, family and friends for being part of our special day, and all who helped us in our tropical celebration on February 1, 1997. Thank you so very much.

UCW orders bible stories

by Norma Wylie

WINCHESTER — Orma Earl welcomed the United Church ladies to the February 10 meeting in the Library Room at the church at 7:30 pm.

Gloria Armstrong and Norma Wylie conducted the worship service by reading a poem *"Starting Anew"* using the theme *Belonging*. Scripture reading was Deuteronomy 7:7-11 closing with prayer.

The various reports were read and approved. Thirteen Bible Story books were ordered for the confirmands. Our UCW plaque is to be updated.

Five ladies attended the Presbyterial at Avonmore United Church on Feb. 11. A date to remember is Fri., March 7 at 2 pm for the World Day of Prayer at the Anglican church.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.



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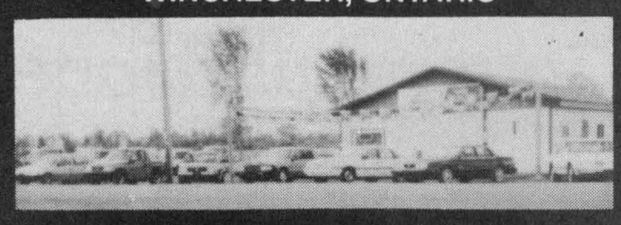

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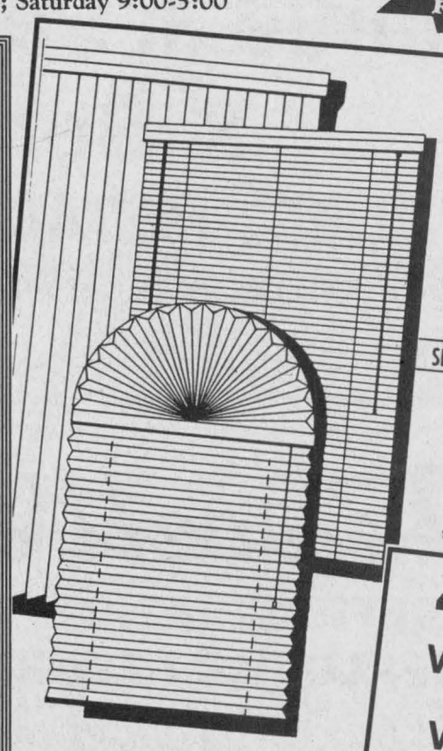

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Farm update

DFA donates to Hastings farmers' war chest

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Dundas County's director to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is reminding farmers to be vigilant where changes to municipal bylaws are concerned.

The warning comes from Alvin Runnalls following a move by the Hastings County Federation of Agriculture to fight an amendment to Sydney Township's official plan.

In the amendment, Sydney Township, which is in the Belleville area, has designated wide buffer strips (300 feet) on both sides of waterways, as environmentally sensitive land.

According to Runnalls this amendment to Sydney's official plan could place serious restrictions on farming practices in the area, and he's afraid it could set a precedent for farmers across the province.

"This seriously impacts on viable farmland... down the road even more restrictions (on farming practices) could be implemented. It's difficult for farmers to compete when their operations are restricted," he added.

Approximately 71 farming operations along waterways in Sydney Township are affected, he added.

The Hastings Federation of Agriculture has already spent over $60,000 contesting the bylaw, however Runnalls said it will be difficult to get the municipality to change its decision.

In support of the Hastings County farmers, the Dundas County Federation is donating $1,000 to the Hastings County Federation to assist with the expenses incurred in fighting the amendment. Other county federations have also made donations.

Runnalls also believes the OFA should look at a plan enabling them to move in and help when a case like the Hastings County situation occurs.

"We don't want (Hastings farmers) thinking we're abandoning them... down the road we (Dundas) could need help with a similar situation."

Four receive honorary pins

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

MORRISBURG — Four former presidents of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) were honored during the federation's annual meeting and banquet held Friday, Jan. 31 at the Operating Engineers Training Institute in Morrisburg.

Dan Harkin, Alvin Runnalls, John Mellan and out- going president Gordon Garlough were recognized during the evening with past-president pins.

Members also took the opportunity to elect their new executive. It includes: president, Corry Martens; vice-president, Greg VandenBosch; secretary/treasurer, Marilyn Johnson; and past- president, Gordon Garlough.

The township co-ordinators are: Carole McDermott, Matilda; Leo Loughlin, Mountain; Andrew Geertsma, Williamsburg; and Alida Scheepers, Winchester.

Approximately 150 county members attended the meeting.



New executive

The Dundas Federation of Agriculture's new executive includes seated: Marilyn Johnson, secretary/treasurer; Corry Martens, president; Gordon Garlough, past-president; and in the back pictured with director Alvin Runnalls (second from left) are township co-ordinators: Alida Scheepers, Winchester; Leo Loughlin, Mountain; Andrew Geertsma, Williamsburg and Carole McDermott, Matilda. Absent: Greg VandenBosch, vice-president.

Press Photo — Fetterly

Water quality expert outlines SNC programs

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — South Nation Conservation (SNC) water quality technician Leslie Vanclief outlined the organization's conservation programs to members of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture last week.

"It's been 50 years and we're (South Nation Conservation) still offering conservation advice," Vanclief told farmers attending the Dundas Federation of Agriculture's monthly meeting last Wednesday in Winchester.

The South Nation Conservation is an advisory office originally set up to control flooding along the Nation River. Today, its main focus is to improve the river's water quality. A number of water quality improvement project grants are available to help.

Grants are available for construction of livestock access restriction, manure storage facilities, milkhouse washwater disposal and septic systems. Only those projects which significantly affect water quality will be considered for funding, explained Vanclief.

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Besides water quality improvement programs, SNC also offers tree planting services for windbreaks, stream banks and idle land.

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Under the idle land program, SNC will reforest land with a minimum of one acre in size which is no longer in agricultural production. It aims to improve property value and provide habitat for wildlife.

To qualify for SNC assistance, the land must be within the South Nation River watershed.

For information or to apply for assistance contact the SNC office at 613-984-2949.

More changes coming for Ontario dairymen

TORONTO — Canada's victory over the U.S. in a challenge over tariffs provides stability for the dairy industry until 2001, but the next few years will still continue to see significant and rapid change, says Dairy Farmers of Ontario Chair, John Core.

"More of the action will shift to the regional and national level from the provincial arena," Core said.

"This will require not only a dramatic attitude shift among the dairy producer organizations in this country but also a recognization by provincial governments that ours is a national industry," he added.

In his address to more than 600 people attending DFO's 31st annual meeting, Core outlined another year of rapid change as the dairy industry responds both to external pressures and to opportunities in the Canadian market.

There are serious concerns about the trade situation after 2001. "Before dairy tariffs could be reduced further, it will be absolutely necessary that all forms of subsidies to dairy producers in other countries, particularly in the United States, be reduced and ultimately eliminated".

"The United States at the end of their current farm bill will still be spending three times the relative amount that Canada is spending on agriculture. There will not be a level playing field unless agriculture subsidies are eliminated," he added.

Core also outlined challenges for the move towards operating Canada's dairy industry more at regional and national levels. He said farmers, processors and governments must find solutions that are free of old provincial orientations.

"It means we must find mutual solutions rather than what is best for our individual farm or processing company," Core said.

Core described in some detail the changes put in place which now mean that dairy farmers in the six provinces from Manitoba to Prince Edward Island share milk revenues from sales in their combined markets.

A number of other elements of the six-province agreement will fall into place in the coming year. Transportation pooling and the participation of Ontario in the interprovincial quota exchange will begin, Core said.

Other issues Core touched on in his annual address included the success of an increased level of spending on promotion and decisions to increase investment in research.

4-H update

Fifth meeting for On Your Own Club

by Laure Bossel

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The fifth meeting of the On Your Own 4-H club was held on Sun., Feb. 9 at the home of Sandra Weagant.

Our president Paula Weagant opened the meeting and our secretary took roll call. We were asked to bring something to hem and sew a button on. It was a fun and educational experience. We all worked hard and learned a lot.

We would like to thank Sandra Weagant for the great snack at the end of the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Sun., Feb. 16 at 1 pm.

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Love at first sight leads to wedded bliss

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A chance encounter has led to wedded bliss.

On December 11, 1996 Ruby Steele and Weldon Lancaster, both 82, were married following a whirlwind six-month courtship.

After the deaths of their spouses, neither one of them planned on remarrying.

"It was the end of the world. There was nothing to live for," said Steele of how she felt following the death of her husband Vin, three years ago."

"Your life was gone," concurred Lancaster who lost his second wife a few years ago.

However, Steele and Lancaster's friends and families felt each had a great deal to live for and persuaded the two to begin dating.

Although Steele and Lancaster lived down the road from each other for most of their married lives, the two had never met each other until they were set up on a blind date last June.

"A friend who knew me, knew him and thought we should be together," explained Steele.

According to Steele, their first encounter did not go as smoothly as expected because Lancaster arrived at 6:30 pm instead of 8 pm.

"I couldn't wait until 8 o'clock, (because I was so excited)" noted Lancaster.

However, when the two met in the hallway of the Beachcroft that night they knew it was love at first sight.

From that day forward, the couple has been inseparable.

"If I wasn't plowing or baling I'd be here," he said.

In mid-September Lancaster popped the question.

"We were sitting on the chesterfield and he said 'will you marry me?' And I said 'yes' with lots of hugs and kisses," said Steele.

The couple originally planned to get married this spring but they moved up the date because they did not see the need to wait any longer than they had to.

"We decided why wait until spring? At our ages we live day to day," she explained.

So on December 11, 1996 close friends and family witnessed the two taking their vows in the common room of the Beachcroft.

"They hoped somebody would get married in the common room. We made history because we were the first to do it," noted Steele.

Close to 200 people celebrated with the couple at the reception.

"If anyone told me a year ago I was going to be married, I would have said they were cracked in the head," she said.

Although Steele and Lancaster decided to once again take the proverbial plunge, it was not a decision they took lightly.

"We talked and talked (every time we were together). What's the point of starting a relationship if you're not compatible," added Steele. "We both have a great depth in faith and we believe that He brought us together and will keep us together."

According to Lancaster, it was the wish of his former wife that he marry again if given the opportunity.

"She said to the kids 'don't be cross if your daddy picks up another lady after the funeral because he needs someone to take care of him'," he said.

However, Steele's decision to remarry was more complicated.

"Vin never freed me and that made the decision tough. The second marriage is one you want to get into and never want to get out of," she said.

Steele and Lancaster were married for 60 and 44 years respectively prior to their union and both agree the key to a long and successful marriage is communication.

"If you don't like something I do, let's talk it out. But let's never go to bed with something between us. Life is too short to be at loggerheads with one another," said Lancaster.

The couple now resides in an apartment at the Beachcroft, where they first met. They will be travelling to California this spring for their honeymoon.



First Valentine's Day

Weldon Lancaster and Ruby Steele will be celebrating their first Valentine's Day this Friday. The two were married in the Beachcroft common room in December following a six-month whirl-wind romance last year.

Marijuana growers utilize hydroponics

CORNWALL — Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers in co- operation with the law enforcement agencies throughout Eastern Ontario are seeking the public's help in locating and reporting marijuana being grown indoors.

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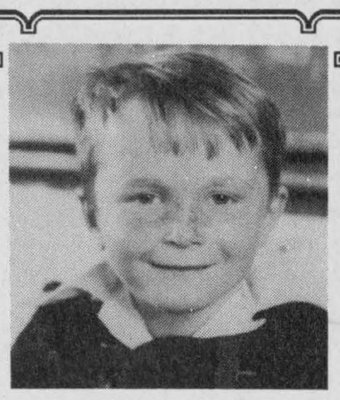

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Seniors give from the heart

by Marjorie Baker

MOUNTAIN — On January 29, the Mountain Township seniors held their meeting at the Mountain Hall with 69 in attendance.

It was opened with *O Canada,* followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer gave a report as did Irene Crowder for the kitchen staff.

A thank-you letter was read from the Lions Club and some new members were welcomed.

The group decided to donate $100 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Muriel Stanley.

Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged and grace was sung followed by a potluck dinner, jokes, poems and bingo.

A euchre is scheduled for February 17.

The next meeting will be held on February 26 with South Mountain in charge.

Williamsburg seniors meet

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — On January 21, the Williamsburg Township Seniors' Group meeting was held in the municipal building.

There were 22 members in attendance.

President Ed Thompson opened the meeting with *O Canada* and a welcome to all as well as best wishes to all of the sick and bereaved members.

Correspondence consisted of an appeal from the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The group decided to donate $100.

Olin Smith reported to the WCA meeting that he recently attended and he was appointed to act as a representative from this group.

The program consisted of a reading "Why country women age fast" by Peggy Thompson as well as some humorous readings and jokes by Dwain Hess.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing cards.



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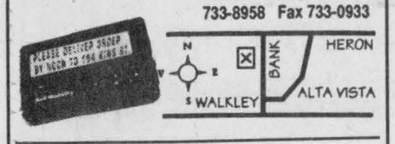

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