Maple Leaf Oldtimers in Morrisburg on weekend

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The advertisers of the charity game had done a terrific job, afterall, Santa Claus himself arrived to take in the game between the Toronto NHL "Orion" Maple Leafs and the Morrisburg and District Lions Club.

Their hair was thinner and lighter in colour, but they still had the moves that made them famous. The Toronto NHL Oldtimers took to the ice in Morrisburg on Saturday night and the fans who gathered to see them were not disappointed.

The skating was not as fast as may remembered it to be, but it was smooth. The slowing down was replaced with exact timing and passes that seldom missed their mark. Even kidding around these former stars were great to watch.

There was a certain amount of fooling around as a teeny, tiny net was placed inside the regular one to make scoring a tad more difficult, as a penalty shot by Morrisburg's own Dale Lewis was thwarted with sticks pushed across the ice into his path by the Leaf players and as the honourary referee, "Clear the Track, Eddie Shack" handed out penalties to Leaf players who"looked too good!" Did you notice the spurs on Eddie's skates? His cowboy hat and assortment of whistles had the fans involved from the drop of the puck until the buzzer sounded to signal the end of the game.

The Leaf players made some pretty slick plays and the puck was nailed home for the counters with an ease that belied their age. The experience shone through and the execution of plays showed they remembered very well how the game is played.

Whether breaking away down the ice or manoeuvring through the entire opposition, the Oldtimers were like a finely tuned machine on the ice surface. As some of the audience noted, "It was just awesome to watch those guys play!"

Fans began to gather at the rink as the Leafs took to the ice for their warm-up. Excitement grew as plans started to fall into place. The carpet came out to centre ice and the teams lined up to face one another on the bluelines. Eddie Shack skated to centre ice where he was joined by Wayne Domanko (Winchester and District Hospital), Barry Elliot (Morrisburg Minor Hockey), Tom Elliot (O.D.M.H.A. President), Vaughn McKinney (Chief Referee-ODMHA), Larry Schnurr (Village of Morrisburg), and Rowdy Gillard (Williamsburg Township). They were joined by the man behind hockey in Morrisburg, who for over 60 years has dedicated his energy and talent to the system in the Village. In 1933, he began as a goalie...he was 8 years old. He has been a hockey player, a coach and a team owner. In 1967, he started the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions, a team and name which remains to this day. The first sweater worn by the squad was the Morrisburg Lion. He has his name on the Gill Cup seven times, as a player, coach or owner. As an owner, he has had his name engraved on the Gill Cup six times, two separate occasions and three consecutive years. Known as "a man of his word," he sealed many deals over the phone or with nothing more than a hand shake. Everyone welcomed, "Mr. Hockey" in Morrisburg, John Rice. Ron Casselman presented a plaque commemorating his years of hard work for the benefit of others in the community. Hand shakes all around and then John dropped the puck to signal the start of the game.

Kelly Verhoeven and Kyle Wagner carried the Canadian Maple Leaf and the American Stars and Stripes to where they were hoisted in style as the anthems of each country were played. As the PA system boomed out the theme song to "Hockey Night in Canada" (thanks to the sound man, Kyle Gervais) the crowd grew more enthusiastic. Then things were moving and some pretty great hockey was demonstrated.

Three, 20-minute straight time periods were played, and at the end of the first flood, Freightrain Frankie (Frankie Beaulne, a Morrisburg die-hard Toronto fan) got the chance of a lifetime, to shoot on the Toronto goalie, Peter McDuffe. Frankie wears Wendal Clarks' number (17) on his jersey and did a fine job deeking McDuffe as he beat the NHLer in the pipes. Frankie also shot home for a hattrick on the evening. After the penalty shot, he was a regular in the Toronto lineup and found his mark three times. The hats came out onto the ice and the cheers for the local fellow filled

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Village of Morrisburg will sell land to IPCF Properties Incorporated

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Only a few chairs remained vacant at last Monday evening's Morrisburg council meeting. The packed house at council was due to the passing of by laws to close part of Plaza Drive and sell land to IPCF Properties Incorporated.

"This is the first week of this council's sixth year and outside of the other night, this is the largest crowd we've ever had," commented Reeve McGregor before officially calling the meeting to order.

Following the preliminary business the reeve addressed the issue of the sale of land to IPCF Properties Incorporated and asked those present if there were any questions.

The sale of land at the west end of the mall in Morrisburg will allow the owners of Wheeler's Valu-Mart to extend their store an additional 30 feet west.

Morrisburg resident Roger Coligan was the first to speak and asked council what would happen to the Fifth Street entrance to the mall.

"There's a lot of traffic on that corner," said Mr. Coligan. "Will the entrance be moved west?"

"It will be moved more to the east," answered the reeve. "We can't move it from the east to the west because it would create a bottle neck (at the corner of Fifth Street and Ottawa Street)." The reeve noted that the entrance will be moved more to the east, but will also be widened slightly at the west as well.

Mr. Coligan seemed satisfied with the entrance issue and moved on to parking.

"There's six or seven parking spaces beside the store, and there's another 10 or 12 to the west, will you be replacing those parking spaces?" Coligan questioned.

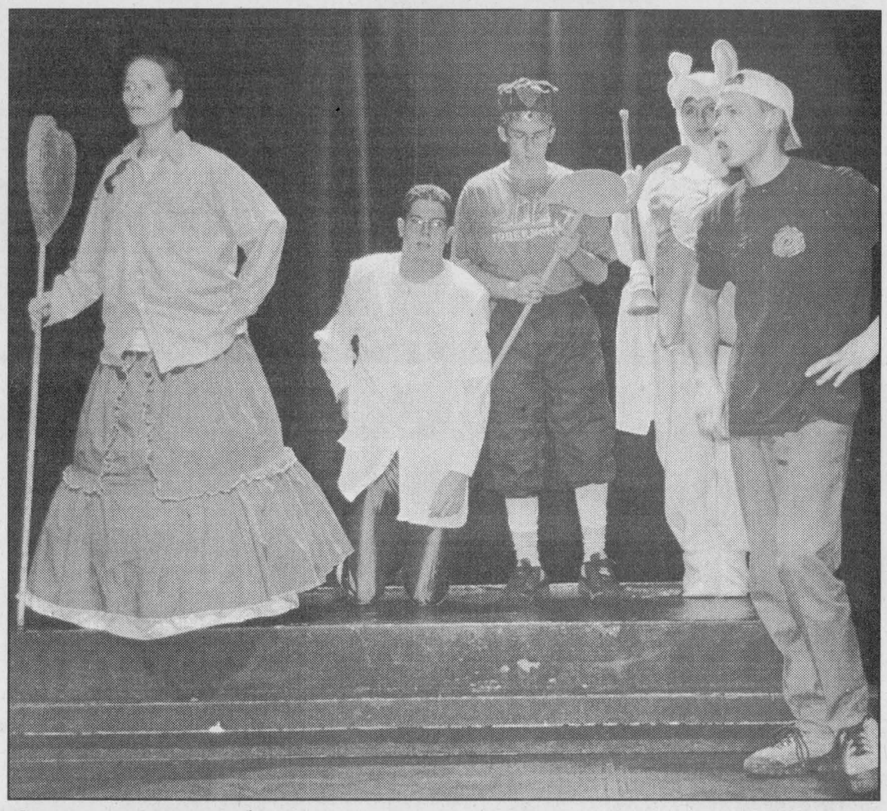
Producing a map of the proposed changes to the mall the reeve told those present that there will be an additional two lines of parking added at the west end of the mall and parking will extend to the north west corner of the mall parking lot.

"I personally am in favour of the expansion of this store," stated Morrisburg businessman Roy Brister. "With the economy the way it is, we have to do everything we can to enhance Morrisburg."

"Ditto," added Tom Morrow, also in attendance at the meeting.

The property is being sold to IPCF Properties Incorporated at an undisclosed price under market value, but the reeve explained that all of the parkinglot renovations are being done to the village's specifications.

"When you see small business and retail drying up and you have a company like National Grocers willing to spend money, you have to take advantage of it," added Mr. Morrow.



One to remember

The Seaway District High School production of *Alice in Wonderland* will go down in the Seaway history books as one to remember. Natalie Patterson who starred as Alice, did a wonderful job in the lead role. Please read all about this super performance in S.L.J.'s story below.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Lucky Friday the 13th is this week

This Friday, December 13th will be a lucky day for three people. Upper Canada Playhouse will be drawing the winning tickets on their Lumina van, the lovely handmade quilt and the beautiful wood carving.

The draw will take place after the opening night of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol.*

If you have not yet purchased your ticket so you too can be included among those who have a chance to win one of the three items being raffled.... There is still time.

Tickets are on sale at the Playhouse until intermission of *A Christmas Carol* on the evening of the 13th.

The show will run December 13, 14, 20, 21, at 8 pm and December 22 at 2 pm. Call the box office at 543-3713 for tickets.

This is one Christmas play that you and the whole family will undoubtedly not want to miss. Charlie Marsden stars as Ebenezer Scrooge!

Edwardsburgh rates increase

by Steve Coleman
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It may be below the provincial average, but Edwardsburgh Township will still pay 22 per cent more for insurance next year.

Dec. 2, council approved $62,-887.80 to insure itself for '97. The '96 bill rang in at $51,332.40, including the provincial sales tax.

The coverage also takes in the $2,700 in contents at the seldom-used OPP substation at the Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Spencerville.

The room has been used every month or two for meetings since it opened for business in 1992. Council complained about the fact it's paying the telephone and insurance bills and rarely see a police car parked out front.

While Reeve David Dobbie questioned the value of the extra room they're giving the Prescott OPP detachment, Const. Steve Tavares -- Spencerville's community services officer -- said it doesn't have a computer like the substations in Cardinal and Merrickville. An officer needs to tie into the computer network as a part of the job.

"It's hard for an officer to just go in and, literally, sit by the phone," Tavares said. "I have to spend a lot of my time in Prescott. We're so short staffed, I have to have access (to a computer)."

Most of the township's insurance increase for the next 12 months comes from liability coverage. The amount payed, just in case something goes wrong and the township gets sued, climbs 40 per cent.

Other coverage for items like property and buildings are rising two per cent.

Double-digit increases for tax bills are nothing new for Ontario municipalities. Last year's rates in Edwardsburgh went up 30 per cent.

A survey of other municipalities with a maximum population of 5,000 says rates are running anywhere from $15,000-$120,000. Most are being charged anywhere from $62,000-$63,000 before the provincial sales tax is added in.

The last time Edwardsburgh's population was counted, the number of residents was set at 4,566.

There are only two insurance

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Seaway drama classes present Alice in Wonderland

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Numerous full houses of youngsters enjoyed the rendition of Alice in Wonderland that the Grade 12 and OAC Drama classes presented last week at Upper Canada Playhouse.

Each year the senior drama students round out their semester with a major production. The last several years they have been fortunate to have the offer of the Playhouse as a venue. This gives them a real sense of theatre. They actually get to utilize the various aspects of a theatre, the lighting, the sound equipment and the personnel who operate same for the actual Playhouse shows. Immediate feed back is the best critic possible.

Natalie Patterson was Alice and she did a terrific job...but then everyone was just perfect. The White Rabbit (Rhonda Kuz) was silly enough and continued to confuse not only Alice but everyone with the ramblings and trivial items that popped up. Alice had lines sprinkled with wonder: "I hardly know who I am...I'm not myself you see." She was on numerous occasions and by more than one told to "Keep your temper" and this became increasingly difficult for her as the play progressed. She could not recall poems and songs which were very familiar to her. No explanation was given for these problems, but they added to the atmosphere.

As Alice travelled, "Only trying to go home from where she came" she was not truly pleased with her situation. "You are old Father William" reoccurs yet in the minds of those who saw the performance.

Vicki Zandbergen was a terrific Cook, her costume (The students created their own costumes, with guidance from director and teacher, Miss Wendy Gibb) was delightful and the blacked out tooth in front was marvellous. Her love of pepper was evident.

Julie Breuer was a pretty caterpillar who Alice met in Wonderland and her sparkly outfit was a hit with the youngsters. The day this reporter was in attendance, many Kindergarten age students attended and the expression on their faces showed how much they enjoyed the show.

As in every Alice show ever, she met the Mock Turtle who told her that she (Erin Henry) was once a real turtle and went to school where a Tortoise taught her, and further expounded upon the fact that "There is too much sense in this world." The Frog aka Kristine McGann was fun.

Tweddle Dee and Tweddle Dum played by Jennifer Morrow and Anneliese Bartlett were comedic relief throughout the play..."If it were so it might be, if it were so, it would be and if it isn't, it ain't.-..that's logic. "No how; Contrary wise" I'm sure!

The story of the Carpenter and the Walrus eating the oysters on the beach filled in some space and the picture that came out as a backdrop was well done.

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Corner claims two

When two pickups collide, the result is not pleasant. No one was seriously hurt in this mishap late last week at the intersection of Highway 2 and Carman Road. The two trucks took the full brunt of the crash. Before the Police arrived on the scene, motorists had stopped to ass ist the victims and even handled traffic control until the OPP arrived. This corner has claimed more than one vehicle.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Noble Villeneuve at local banquet

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food Noble Villeneuve reiterated that no municipality would be forced into amalgamation despite messages to the contrary from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

"It's not going to be forced on the municipalities however they will have to look at the financial situation and say alright where can we save public funds, reduce duplication eliminate duplication eliminate services that can possibly be better supplied by the private sector with less dollars," said Villeneuve after speaking at the Dundas Cattleman's Association banquet, Saturday night, in Winchester.

"Every private enterprise has had to do better with less over the past number of years, but governments are just now coming to that reality," the minister said.

When asked if it was realistic for a small municipality such as Winchester or Iroquois to make the necessary cuts, Villeneuve responded: "There always will be limits to finances it's just a matter of trying to do better with less. Sharing equipment, sharing personnel, reducing red tape, reducing duplication. Because, sometimes when you have people in positions empires tend to build up. So it's just a matter of having to do better with less because we just cannot continue to increase taxes to our public. They just won't stand for it."

Villeneuve also responded to recent criticism by Cornwall MPP John Cleary. Cleary disputed Villeneuve's comment to the Ontario legislature that his government had brought in $35 million in new money to his ministry. Villeneuve made the comment while responding to a question from an NDP member of the legislature. Cleary said documents show the ministry of agriculture's budget was cut back from $480 million to $421 million.

"Mr. Cleary doesn't talk

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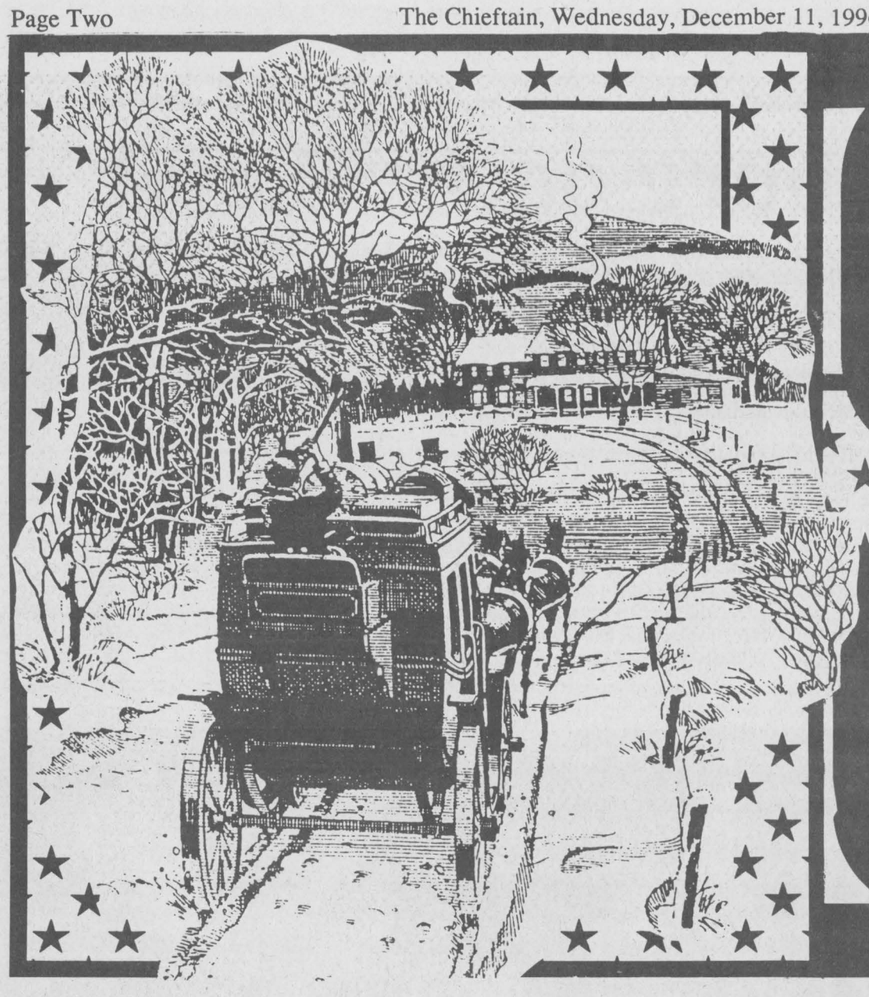
this week

Christmas shopping
Check out pages 2 and 3 to see what specials Cardinal merchants are offering you this season.

Local entertainer
Please turn to page four and focus on local entertainer Todd Nolan.

Lions win two!
The Morrisburg Junior B Lions have a two game winning streak going! Skate over to page six and catch all the hockey action.

Bah humbug!
Scrooge is coming and you can find out all about it in this week's entertainment section. Please turn to page 10.



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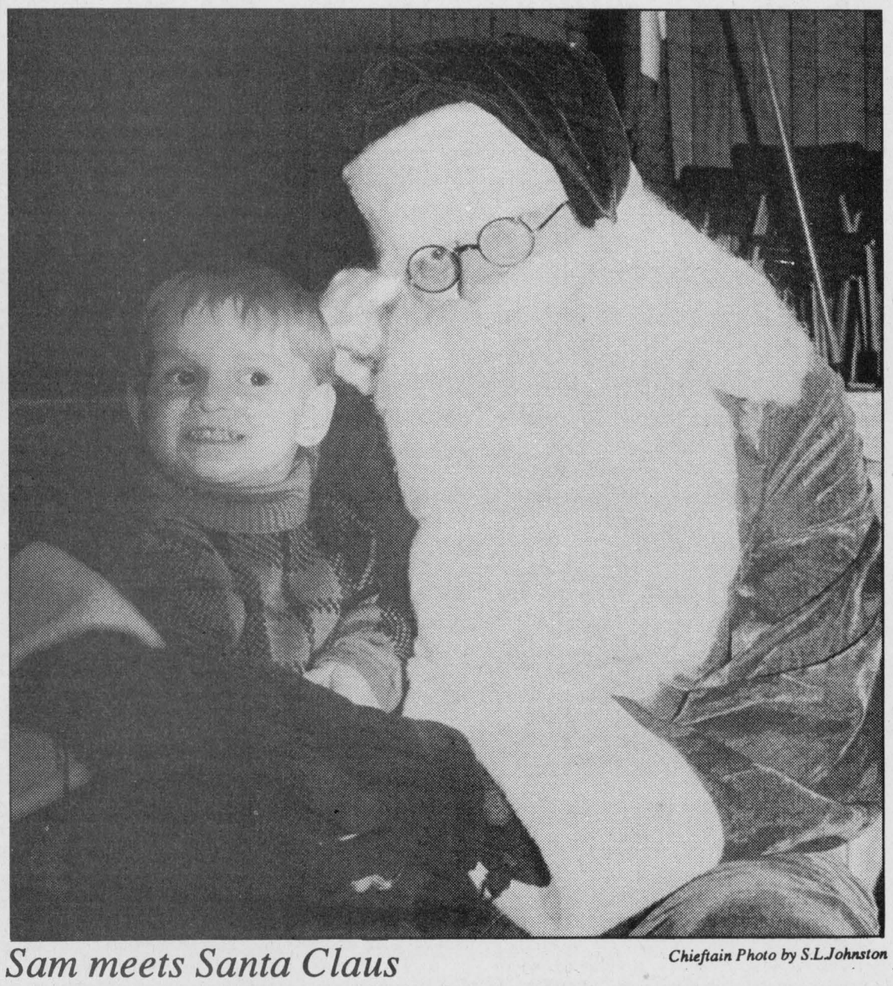

Sam meets Santa Claus

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Oldtimers

the arena.

Referees and Linesmen for the game, who assisted Shack were Chris Krug, a six year ref (level III) and Sean Boulerice, a seven year veteran with the OHL who has worked 3 years at the American level and refereed in the Canada-Sweden series.

Team ambassadors (Stick boys) for the game were, Jordon McNairn (Lions) and Evan Tait (Toronto).

Toronto had Peter McDuffe (01) in the goal. A 10-year pro, who spent 9 years with the NHL and one in the WHA; Peter played for St. Louis, New York Rangers, Kansas City and Detroit. A smooth skating defenceman, Mike Pelyk (03) was with Toronto for 9 seasons and spent 4 in the WHA. Bob Lorimer (04) has to his credit 3 Stanley Cups; this all-star defenceman played with the Islanders, Colorado and New Jersey during his 10 years as an NHLer. Dick Redmond (05) averaged better than 10 goals a season as a defenceman over a 13-year NHL career. While he played for six NHL teams he is best remembered for his great years with the Chicago Blackhawks. A rugged defenceman, Jim Dorey (07) played with the Leafs, then moved to the Rangers squad and finished his career in the WHA. Jack Valliquette (08) has to his credit over 200 goals as he played for Toronto and Colorado during a six year career. When he lost his hair (a wig!) and handed his glasses to Shack when he disputed a call which sent him to the penalty box, the shine from his head literally lit up the arena! Andy Bathgate(09) a former Captain with the Rangers, he was winner of the NHL Most Valuable Player Award, League Scoring Champ, Stanley Cup Winner, four time All Star and Member of the Hockey Hall of Fame. The hair is white, but the smile broad and the plays pretty sharp. Andy has not lost his prowess on the ice. Keith McCreary (10) is a 16-year veteran with Montreal, Pittsburg and Atlanta. A former Captain of the Flames and Pittsburg, he is able to manoeuvre with excellence from one end of the rink to the other. Walt McKechnie (12) was a member of Team Canada in 1972...played 16 NHL seasons with 6 teams recording over 600 points. A most amiable man, his hockey excellence was evident. Speaking to him after the game, he noted, "It is a lot of fun, we enjoy doing it." Bob Attwell (14) scored the overtime goal to win the Memorial Cup with the Peterborough Petes in 1980. A member of the Colorado Rockies, he also played 8 years in Europe. Glen Sharpley (16) had his NHL career cut short due to injury. His six seasons were spent with Minnesota and Chicago. John Miszuk (20) played defence with Minnesota, Philly, Vancouver and Calgary of the WHA. Eddie Shack(23) always a popular player when he would streak down the ice like a locomotive clearing the opponents as he went played with New York, Boston, L.A., Buffalo and Pittsburgh. He was best known locally when he played for the Leafs.

In the pipes for the Lions was Lenny Beckstead(01) who was on the winning Midget A team in 89/90. His alternate was Bryan Verhoeven who plays Peewee level in Morrisburg. (This was a thrill of a lifetime for this young man! and he did an admirable job too) Tom Dixons (22) is an old timer hockey player, a Director of minor hockey, Past President of the UCMHL and played defence. Kent Holder (03), a past member of the Midget Team helped out on defence. Number 04 was Kevin Casselman, centre, who is a Past Coach of the Junior "B" Lions, past Junior "B" player and a Past President of Morrisburg Minor Hockey. John Van De Kamp,(05) who played left wing is a Lion who plays Old Timer Hockey. Brad Boivin (08), was at right wing, and presently referees in the Minor system and plays Midget A. Brian Shaver (09) played Midget A in Morrisburg and now skates in the Old Timers league. Marc Gervais (10) is also a member of the Lions Club, a past Coach for the Novice players. Corey Blackburn (12) is a Junior "B" player who moved up from Midget. Wally Baker (13) is a Lions Old Timer and Coaches Peewee C. Gary O'Neil is a Past President of the Lions who plays old Timer Hockey. Chuck Irvin (15) is a PP of the Lions Club, A past Junior "B" player and past Coach of the Peewee level in the minor system. Greg Pollard (16) is an Assistant Coach of the Junior "B" team, was the video coach with the Cornwall Aces the past 2 years, and is an Instructor with the Huron Hockey School as is Rick Lalonde (17) (Rocky Redliner, 1-way Lalonde). Chris Proulx (18) moved from Midget to Junior "B" this year. Gary Beckstead (19) is a past Junior "B" teammember who played on the winning Gill Cup squad and was drafted by the Peterborough Petes,he is a Novice coach in Morrisburg. Doug Proulx (20) played in the Cornwall system. Derek Proulx (21) is a hard working forward who played Bantam AA hockey. Dale Lewis (06) coached the Midget team to the Championship in 89\90, a Past President of Morrisburg Hockey, Past Referee in Chief for the District and for Morrisburg, and Trainer with the Junior "B" Lions, as well as the spearhead behind this very game. Bruce St. John was trainer for the team, Doug McNairn coached the guys and Ron Casselman handled management duties.

Jack Valliquette got the score board lit as he nailed the first one in for the Leafs. McKechnie put the second one home for Toronto, and McDuffe was even able to score from his crease...a very impressive shot high in the rafters that slid into the Morrisburg net. Bob Attwell and Bob Lorimer each found their mark as did Andy Bathgate who shot true for two goals and Keith McCreary who made one more count.

Morrisburg was not too shabby either as scores were totalled from Kevin, Garry O'Neil, two came off of Chuck's stick and singles went to Greg, Wally, Corey and Gary Beckstead. The final read 13-9 for the Leafs, thanks in part to Frankie's hat trick.

The Initiation players were on the ice showing how rapidly they have come along with their skating ability and their skills. These youngsters are the youngest and many come out having not yet tried to skate let alone played hockey. They did a terrific job and their coaches deserve a hearty pat on the back for a job well done, these are the stars of tomorrow; what they learn here and now will shape their hockey lives. They are our players of the future.

The Leaf Oldtimers signed autographs for the youngsters and not so young, spoke to everyone and commented on how much fun they have doing these charity games. The crowd went home smiling and glad to have been a part of this event.

Edwardsburgh

companies in Ontario that will cover municipalities, Dobbie said.

While Edwardsburgh has traditionally gone with Mantha Real Estate and Insurance Inc., Frank Cowan Insurance -- the second of the two -- said in '95 that their rates wouldn't be any better than the township's present coverage.

"It's the best deal we can get," he said. "Municipalities have to carry insurance. Two years ago our rates went up 30 per cent and we didn't have a claim. It's the way insurance works. You have to pay for other municipalities."

Courts have been awarding million-dollar settlements for law suits in recent months. While a municipality may only be found five per cent responsible for an accident, it gets stuck paying the entire bill if the person responsible for the rest isn't insured.

Villeneuve

about the $15 million Grow Ontario program we have now in place plus the 20 plus million dollars of rebates that we are giving on sales tax to capital improvements. I mean he's simply looking at a budget that, yes there's been a reduction in budget, but what's happened is we've amalgamated the University of Guelph with the college campuses of Ridgetown, Kemptville and Alfred so I have not heard farmers complaining. They've all been very supportive," said Villeneuve.

"Cleary doesn't talk about the $3 million we've pumped into the ethanol plant in his riding. In the city of Cornwall and in the riding of Cornwall the Pine Tree Project $6 million which is just now completed, $3 million to the ethanol project, $7 million to the court house. We've spent about a million bucks a month. These are not promises these are cold hard dollars. If he's not happy with that let him tell me," Villeneuve continued.

However in an interview with the Cornwall Standard Freeholder Cleary did talk about the Grow Ontario Program and the tax rebates saying they were at best "recycled money," and at worst money taken from other farm programs and services.

At the banquet, Villeneuve boasted that his ministry's new partnership with the University of Guelph put Ontario at the leading edge of the agriculture industry. A key link to research had been forged with the amalgamation of the ministry's Education, Research and Lab division and the university.

"I can't overstate the relevance of effective, important and relative research," said Villeneuve, citing new innovations in biotechnology, industrial hemp growing and ethanol production.

Villeneuve also announced that his government would begin drafting legislation that would protect farmers from nuisance complaints. He said that some environmental regulations should be changed and a review board set up to assess innovative farming practices that might cause complaints.

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Holiday shouldn't be hard

It is that time of the year again.

The holiday season seemingly starts earlier each year and brings along with it excitement, travel, shopping, company at home, dining out, and children arriving home from school.

It also brings late nights, rich foods, social drinking, more fat, protein and calories than our bodies need.

Say "Hello" to the most stressful time of the year and it's often unwelcomed consequences.

In order to survive, there are a few hints that might assist each of us in handling these complications of the season.

Christmas will arrive every year, we cannot stop it. The best we can do is learn to deal effectively with what it tosses our way.

Number one on most lists would be to pace yourself; do not dress, speed, eat, or race for the yellow light. Planning and pacing will get you there on time. Avoid weekend or last minute shopping...Start early.

Holiday feasting can have a lighter side to it. By choosing low fat alternatives and replacing whipped cream with a delicious mixture of 1/3 cup of whipping cream, 1/4 cup of low fat plain yogurt, 1/2 tsp of vanilla and 2 tbsp of low-calorie sweetener, things will be easier to digest.

Sleep is important all year long, but vital at this time of year. Rest and health are intrinsically linked. While not everyone needs the same amount of rest, it is notable that changes in your sleep patterns can trigger headaches or even migraines. Too much or not enough sleep can signal trouble. Illness can also interfere with sleep. If chest pain awakens you in the night, talk to your doctor, it may well be heartburn. In such a case, prevention can help; raise the head of your bed, avoid food or drink before bedtime or the use of long acting acid controllers may help your discomfort. When the pain does not respond to these measures, a more serious problem may be evident. If discomfort or pain occurs at rest or during sleep, during exertion or upon exposure to cold temperatures you may well have a medical condition. Do not be a turkey, see your doctor.

If pain accompanies food intake, especially after caffeine containing food and drinks, alcoholic beverages, spicy or fatty food, it could mean heartburn. It could help to loosen clothing; avoid lying down right after eating, and or try not to exert yourself right after a meal....but when all fails, avoid the abuse of antacids during this season as well. Their action is short lived and most of them contain sodium. For most people the newer, longer acting acid controllers which can prevent the symptoms altogether when taken about one hour before a meal. They also can relieve heartburn after a meal. Their biggest advantage over the antacids is that they can control acid production nearly all day or all night. They contain no sodium. If unsure, ask your pharmacist or your doctor.

Studies have shown that laughter and a sense of humour ward of aches and pains, so wear a smile and work at allowing yourself to laugh. Those who can laugh with others as well as at oneself are indeed the happiest people at any time of

As with your health, the best protection is always prevention. Burglarproof your house, especially if you plan to be away during the holidays. Install dead bolt locks, make your home visible, reinforce patio doors with a locking metal rod, count on an answering machine or service, and ask a friend to pick up your mail.

Start with the basics when you prepare for the season. Get the tree and start decorating. Lighting up your corner of the world will brighten more than just your day or night. The festive look inside and out helps everyones' mood.

Remember that the gift; in fact the thought is what is important (the Little Drummer Boy had no gift for the new born Jesus but his music). Choose something from the heart. The price tag is not what counts. Family and love shared are what the season is about. Do not allow yourself to become sidetracked. The glitz and the glitter are all around us, we need to temper it with our own traditions and beliefs.

A trip to Brockville will provide each with the true meaning of Christmas as the Centennial Standard Church re-creates the story of Christmas. Over 400 people take part in this masterpiece which depicts the Biblical history from Adam and Eve to the birth of Christ. Whether refreshing your memory or instilling in your children the real story of Christmas, we are fortunate to have this in our area.

Slow down, enjoy the season with your loved ones. Merry season to all and to all a cheery time.

S.L.J.

Ontario and Rome

Most Ontario municipalities are being forced to discuss the A-word -- like it or not.

Amalgamation.

It is part of the Tories' Common Sense Revolution and part of the Mike Harris' latest version of the 3Rs -- reduce, revamp, represent.

Mike Harris wants to cut the number of municipalities in the province from 800 to 400 in the next two years, revamping the political makeup of the province for better representation.

Good idea, too short a time frame.

There is no disputing that there is a need to combine certain Ontario municipalities, but there are many unanswered questions surrounding Harris' plan.

No one knows the effects of amalgamation.

The impetus for such a plan is savings. But how much?

No one knows.

Will amalgamation result in more money in taxpayers' pockets?

Probably not.

But Harris is determined to let municipalities paint Ontario's new municipal landscape the next couple of years, or else the Tories will do it themselves -- a rush job.

Making one new mega-municipality out of two, three or four smaller ones is a lot harder than it looks.

It takes communication and consensus.

Municipalities are now bestowed the responsibility of devising their own future. But what if a couple don't agree on certain boundaries? Does any municipality want to sign its death warrant?

If a consensus can't be found, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs -- some bureaucrat in Toronto -- will make the decision.

Now that municipalities know that amalgamation will be a fact of life, Harris should back off and let boundaries and new municipalities shape themselves, even if it takes five years.

What does the province and the provincial government have to lose?

Harris should remember that Rome was not built in a day. The political landscape of Ontario can't be either.

J.B.

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Local guitar player Todd Nolan was born to play country music

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

Todd Nolan used to go to bed with his guitar-- when he was seven. Anyone who heard him perform at the Country Hideaway Nov. 24th would believe it. Nolan with ex-bandmate Steve Pittico (of *South Mountain* fame) and *Five Man Electrical Band* alumnus Tedd Gerow rocked the Cardinal venue with zippy, rollicking, country tunes.

It was country music, real country music, not the kind of citified, MTV, might-as-well-be-rock-and-roll music that has become so popular lately. Yet, strangely enough, Pittico and Nolan were able to fit in enough guitar licks, trills, solos and slides to keep even a Stevie Ray Vaughn fan happy. But that isn't too surprising considering the pedigree of talent that was on stage.

Nolan was literally born to play country. His mother Pauline was inducted into Ottawa Valley Country Music Hall of Fame on Sepember 29th for her work as a performer and songwriter.

One of the first songs Todd sings, *You can't steal the memories*, was written by Pauline. Sitting in the audience, Mrs. Nolan's eyes only leave her son to relay tidbits of background information. She beams with pride-- and perhaps with a touch of mischievious glee like when she talks about him going to bed with his guitar.

"Did you know Todd was on T.V. when he was seven? Yes he was. He was on CHOV in Pembroke with me and the *Jamboree Five* " says Mrs. Nolan as her son's voice reverberates through the Hideaway.

Nolan looks at home on stage and his mother says it isn't any accident. Todd grew up on stage she says. She says that for some people getting on stage and performing is tough, but not for her son.

"You know young children they don't care what other people think they just act out on stage whatever. That's what Todd did, he just followed what everyone else did on stage and now he's used to it."

Pittico won the Dutch Country International Instrumentalist Award twice, beating other nominated guitarists like Ricky Skaggs and *Dire Straits* guitarists Mark Knopfler and Paul Franklin twice.

"We can't let Steve have anymore coffee, or he'll be too fast for us," Nolan jokes, and then relates how once, in Holland, at the Ferelia music festival, Pittico almost hit light speed with his picking after drinking several espressos and eating some Dutch chocolates.

Pittico has also received recognition at home winning the Canadian Country Music Association's Best Instrumentalist Award from 1990-1992 before it was retired, as well as their Best Guitarist Award from 1990-1994. But trying to talk to the guys about it is like pulling teeth. It took a call to Pittico's wife Lori Leporte-Pittico to find out about *all* of the awards.

"Yeah it was pretty cool to look at the list of all the players that were nominated (for the Dutch award)," says Leporte-Pittico. "When Todd was with us we (*South Mountain*) won the Rising Star Award. That was from the Canadian Country Music Association," she says. She laughs when she hears how Nolan and Steve Pittico only spoke vaguely about awards and recognition.

"They're pretty modest guys, they don't like to talk about that sort of thing too much," she says.

Steve Pittico let Nolan do most of the talking, indicating that it was Nolan's day. Nolan is on the come back trail with a new band called *Rolling Thunder*, having left *South Mountain* in 1992.

He left the band, he says, for "personal reasons" although he says he didn't have a problem with anyone in the band. "No, we're all still friends. It was just a personal situation," says Nolan.

Nolan says he wasn't used to the politics involved in the music business and so when he joined South Mountain in 1989 and experienced its meteoric rise to fame he says he wasn't ready for the myriad pressures of managers, record companies and industry expectatations.

"It was the political side of the music business I wasn't ready for. You know with the award we won-- *South Mountain* was a fairly established band already, we'd played with a lot of big names. I was fairly established I knew a lot of key people. Our fiddler Donny Reed had played with Dwight Yokum and some other people. It was like all the cards were in the right place, you know," says Nolan.

"I'm ready to take another stab at it. I'm just looking to find a musical direction I want to go in and I think I've found it. I think the market is ready for a more traditional sound again. It's just a matter of seeing if anyone in the recording end sees it that way."

He shakes his head when Gerow and Pittico relate that a local country music station won't play George Jones' music because it doesn't qualify as "young country".

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Steve Pittico and Todd Nolan strum up a storm at the Country Hideaway

Swampview gets Christmas spirit

Just plain livin'
with Sandra Lee



The weather makes it most difficult to believe that Christmas is only fourteen days away. As a matter of fact, just before this was typed, I was driving in my car and wore my sun glasses. Old Mr. Sun was shining through the clouds and making things seem more like spring than winter. Anyway, you can believe and know that the season is well upon us and we shall celebrate Christmas very soon.

This past week, this old writer realized that if Santa was to stop at Swampview some gifts best be purchased. Time is running out and the work schedule is packed, so there was nothing to do but take advantage of every spare moment and accomplish something. The Scouts had sold Christmas cheese packages like always and they had to be tallied and ordered, so everyone received theirs in time for the big day. Arrangements had to be made to pick them up and late orders dealt with. All seems to be under control as this is being written.

Then too the weekend that was to be free was worked to help a co-worker who had a wedding to attend. Go,go,go and then it struck, some hours between assignments would allow time to get some shopping done. Son number two and the writer booted to the city and dashed here and there and grabbed some pertinent items and then raced home again to cover yet another event for the weekly effort.

Saturday evening saw the Toronto Maple Leaf shirt come out and off to the old timers game in Morrisburg with plans to get some autographs, snap some pictures for the paper and talk at some former NHL stars. Anticipation had been high to meet Norm Ullman, but he was unable to come; not to fear, Andy Bathgate and Walt McKechnie were there and showed that they have not lost their skill. Some pretty smooth moves on the ice and some fancy stick handling and memories flooded back to a time when some greats played the game. Oh, yes, they did autograph my jersey and Clear the Track Eddie Shack also wrote on it for this fan...talking with players of this calibre was cool and I appreciated that I got to attend.

Earlier in the day I was able to meet and greet not only Santa Claus but the Missus as well. They had dropped by the Walter Baker Centre in Cardinal and were enjoying a cuppa with some of their young friends. A right jolly pair indeed!

Sunday saw the gang at Swampview up and at'em early. The Scout troop was hosting Santa and we had to get things ready. Before long the smell of sausages sizzling, eggs cooking and pancakes being flipped on the griddle could be witnessed. The old fellow did arrive and although he complained of the cold weather, he had treat bags for all the children and as they timidly ventured forth to tell Santa what they want for Christmas, some even got their pictures taken. Among the celebrities who came out to support the Scouts and to visit with Santa were the Reeve and his lovely wife,numerous clergy from the Village, the President of the local Lions Club (Iroquois/Matilda) and a good number of youngins who brought along their folks and grandparents. We even had some great-grandparents out to try the fare. Face painting saw numerous children go home with Christmas trees on their faces, Santa and his sleigh, and even the reindeer and candy canes. Thanks to Ryan and Sherri for the lovely art work, to everyone who came out, and to all who lent a hand in the kitchen, much appreciated!!! The draw for the beautiful Christmas scene (ceramic) donated to the troop by Cedarcreek Crafts was won by Connie Brown, congrats!!

A quick run to the Bird Sanctuary to check out the wreath making that the Friends of the Sanctuary were hosting left us feeling more in the spirit of the season as well. Some talented folk down there.

The High School has done it again; Alice in Wonderland was terrific. Great job everyone!

The new to us pick up is in the yard. We will licence it and insure it and then decide who will drive it. The oldest car will be retired before it falls apart or ends up in the junk yard, probably. The payments start next month and so in hardly any time we will own more than the bank!

The neighbour lady was showing us her Christmas gift early. It is gorgeous, especially since the writer like sapphires so much. The diamonds add a nice touch too. It won't fit these old gnarled fingers, but looks great on her hand...enjoy.

This mild, wet weather, damp and slippery is rough on the joints. The pain becomes tough to take at times, and a good cry does not really help, but seems to appease the mind to a point. For some unexplainable reason the rib cage is causing some discomfort lately, and hopefully it will pass soon, real soon. The sinuses are plugged and the glasses are a pain in the ****, but we carry on.

Sunday did not give us the time for church, (sorry we missed the sermon on dust, Bill) so we attended the Ecumenical service at Knox Presbyterian. It was an Advent service that saw many from the community take part. The big guy and the writer enjoyed it, there really isn't much difference in denominations. The social time after was pleasant and the cider tasted so good.

Both sons are busy writing tests and getting things set for the end of the workload, although they will have some reading and essays to keep them out of trouble during the holiday season. We hope to get to the nation's capital for some R and R over the vacation as well...time will tell.

Plans for Christmas are trying to get finalized. The annual cuzzin Christmas is to be the 23rd, unless something happens. The big guy's staff do not have a bash at this time of year, they have a turn around party late in January when the semester changes. These are missed by the spouses, since this was one time we got to see folks not seen often enough and also gave a reason to stop by friends homes. It is fun to check out their decorations and all.

The gang who are preparing for A Christmas Carol are working diligently and seem like a big happy family. This should be a

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the bottom line

MS. GIBB AND THE SEAWAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLASS finished up their production of *Alice in Wonderland* last week. The sold-out performances were outstanding as always. Congratulations guys and girls, you did a wonderful job. (mcb)

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SO I TAKE THE GIRLFRIEND TO CORNWALL SUNDAY TO DO SOME Christmas shopping and the first place we stop is the new Canadian Tire store. She picked up a gift for grampa and I was looking for a snake light for dad (he knows he's getting it so it's *ok*). Anyway, I asked the parts guy where I could find the thing and he says *"well.... maybe it's with the rest of the lights!"* Needless to say, I endured this sarcasm and took my business elsewhere! (mcb)

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A NUMBER OF GIFTS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE ANGEL TREE IN THE BANK OF Montreal and there will definitely be a lot of happy children on Christmas morning. Thank you everybody. Just a brief reminder, all of the gifts have to be under the tree by closing on the 17th of December. (mcb)

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT TO DO THIS WEEKEND, THEN YOU MIGHT WANT to check out Prescott. The Seaway city west of Iroquois will hold a downtown Christmas party this Saturday with all kinds of wonderful shopping specials. Santa will also be in town and there will be events for the whole family. (mcb)

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THE SEAWAY VALLEY SINGERS WILL BE PERFORMING CAROL CANTATA by David Ouchterlony and other Christmas music as well. The concert takes place Sunday, December 15, at 2:30 pm at the Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg. Tickets are $7 and are available at the door or at Pier 31, Berrys Pet Foods or Seaway Treasures. (mcb)

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IF YOU ENJOYED THE STAR WARS MOVIES, THEN YOU MUST STOP BY Great Shakes. Ray has *Shadows of the Empire* the new Nintendo 64 game and it is absolutely out-of-this-world! Oh ya... if you're not lucky enough to own one of these really cool systems, he has four you can rent. (mcb)

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Just Livin'

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good one, get your ticket today so you are not disappointed.

The snowplows are at the ready waiting for snow. The snowmachines paw at the garage door in anticipation of layers of the fluff, and yet it cannot seem to snow. The telly shows pictures of other places where snowfall has broken trees and caused all kinds of misery, and still we wait. A white Christmas is so much better than a green one.

We learned of the passing of a friend today and we are saddened by the news. Our prayers are with the Strader family.

This past week was not too good at work since the camera refused to work properly. Numerous shots were not exposed and could not be used. This is enough to make one quite angry. Spending the time and effort to go to an event and then not having the snaps turn out is disheartening. The flash will be checked and the sync between the camera and same delved into. Better results are forthcoming.

The hour wares on and the list remains long of things yet to accomplish. Thus, I will sign off for another week. Take care of yourselves and stay happy. Get that shopping list under control for Christmas giving, snag a turkey, get out grandmas recipe and decorate the tree, the time is short.

This week's wisdom comes from our native people who suggest that we all ensure our future, "When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."

Focus

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"That's not right," says Nolan who played a few of Jones' songs in his set, "I mean you don't see that kind of attitude in Rock and Roll. They may be in to new music, but they still play the Rolling Stones."

"I'm going to demo some stuff and send it out and if there's satisfactory response I'll go the independent route. It's hard to find a record deal for the sake of keeping the product a reasonable price," says Nolan.

He says record companies often don't push Canadian acts as much as they should and when they do the artist often has to decide between having a reasonably priced product and making money.

Before music producers in Nashville brought Nolan, Pittico and others together to form *South Mountain*, Nolan was pretty much a solo act, cutting his own albums and performing with the *Todd Nolan Band*. Lately when he's not been doing shows with *Rolling Thunder* he's been doing shows like the one at the Country Hideaway, exploring the music.

"I play a lot with female vocalists, it's nice to do something a little different. They tend to sing in really weird keys like C sharp," says Gerow during a break between sets. Gerow says he doesn't get to play to live audiences much anymore, having moved to the production end of the music business.

Gerow plays keybords, he came in with a Korg and a Yamaha. He eyes the rack of sequencing equipment lining the back of the stage. The rack of black boxes with blinking lights is standing in for a bass player and drummer.

"Todd's got a lot of nice equipment."

"I find the MIDI (Musical Digital Interface) world very interesting," says Nolan who originally played all of the bass and drum tracks that make up his electronic back up band.

The trio collect themselves and go back up on stage for the next set.

Todd, Pittico and Gerow kick back and have a good time. A small, intimate setting, the Country Hideaway is perfectly suited to the trio's purpose: have some fun with the music. Warm, dim light reflects through cold beer, loud music and Nolan's voice over top belting out lyrics. It's a scene escaped from a movie and yet one in which everyone looks perfectly at home.

- Seaway Reports -

by Sarah-Jane Whittaker
Chieftain Seaway Reporter

For several years, Seaway's Grade Twelve and OAC Drama students have been performing outstanding works at Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg. Last week's production of Alice in Wonderland, written by Lewis Carrol and adapted by Charlotte Chorpening, was not an exception.

Weeks of preparation were required to bring Alice's adventure to life. An original set was designed by Erin Henry, while the drama class painted and constructed all of the props. Upper Canada Playhouse allowed the use of their facilities, including the lights, which Mr. Thomas Bailey arranged professionally. Miss Wendy Gibb, the Director was so active in all aspects of the production that she injured her ankle in an attempt to adjust the curtains.

Over 1000 students from elementary schools, both local and distant attended five sold out matinees and delighted to the extraordinary creatures of Wonderland, adeptly played by Seaway students. Amy Riddick was delightfully evil as the Red Queen, Rhonda Kuz was perfectly confusing as the White Rabbit and Adam Millard was wonderfully insane as the Mad Hatter. Young and old alike filled the house for the sole evening performance on Thursday and were engrossed as Alice, played by Natalie Patterson participated in the now infamous tea party, croquet game and royal trial.

Congratulations to Miss Gibb and her students for an outstanding production.

Seaway Valley Singers

On Sunday afternoon, 15 December, at 2:30, the Seaway Valley Singers will present their annual Christmas Concert at the Lakeshore Drive United Church.

The main presentation in this year's concert will be a work by Canadian composer David Ouchterlony. His Carol Cantata was written in 1974. It consists of eight original carols written in the style of various countries around the world, which together represent a heritage of Christmas music to be found in Canada.

The second part of the program will consist of a selection of carols and seasonal music to be sung in part by the audience and which will include "Jingle Bells", The Twelve Days of Christmas", "Ding Dong Merrily on High", and many others.

Tickets for the concert can be bought from Choir members, at the door, or at Pier 31, Berrys Pet Food, or Seaway Treasures. Price is $7.00.

Come and enjoy your community choir in this great annual event.



Happy 95th

Aggie Casselman celebrated her 95th birthday on the weekend. Many friends and family came out to help her and she has four new plaques to place on her wall acknowledging the fact. Speaking to her, she told this reporter she does not have an ache or a pain, how fortunate!! Many more Aggie... *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Check out Christmas from the Heart this Sat. in Morrisburg

It is not a craft show! It is not an afternoon tea! It is much, much more. Check out our Christmas from the Heart at Morrisburg Civic Centre on Saturday, December 14 from 1:30 to 4:00. Admission to this event sponsored by the Dundas County Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario is $5.00 per person, children twelve and under admitted free.

See a glorious exhibit of trees decorated by local residents, displaying different themes and talents. Enjoy a heart-healthy afternoon tea and gain some tips on nutritious treats for the Christmas season. Check out your health status- have your blood pressure taken. Do you require a transplant? The Horticultural Society will feature a variety of houseplants for sale.

As a result of a very generous donation of time and talent by Gail Brooks of South Mountain and our local quilters, the Chapter is raffling a beautiful quilt. Second prize is an elegant quilt rack made and donated by Philip Dea of Splinters Custom Woodworking. Third prize is a Christmas tablecloth. If you haven't purchased tickets, this will be your last opportunity as draws will be made at 4:00 p.m. on December 14. Local residents have donated very attractive and interesting items for door prizes for the afternoon.

You will enjoy watching local crafters demonstrate their skills in silk ribbon stitchery, decorating naturally for Christmas, making wreaths from your old Christmas trees, in stained glass, and many more. And for the children there will be face painting.

All proceeds from this event are to aid research and raise awareness for Women, Heart Disease, and Stroke. Join us for an interesting afternoon and support a good cause.

LOOKING BACK

32 Years ago:

Over 400 members of Local 14080, District 50, United Mine Workers of America **walked off their jobs this week** when negotiations between **the Union and Caldwell Linen Mills Ltd.** broke off. The Post ran a letter which had been sent to all employees stating the offer made by Caldwell.

26 Years ago:

A very large number turned out for the **Grand Opening of the new wing of the Iroquois Legion** as well as to commemorate the **25th Anniversary of the Branch.** Guest speaker, Arthur H. Adams, Past President of Provincial Command of the Royal Canadian Legion cut the ribbon to officially open the Legion Hall. Branch 370 President, Ray Delégarde and Building Chairman, Willis Douglas flanked him as he snipped it.

Helen Smith led the polls in the Village as Councillors were elected for a two year term. James Styles, Jack Fetterly and Jack Saver would sit with her. **Reeve Ken Kirkby was acclaimed.**

Mahlon Zeron was acclaimed in Matilda Township as Reeve and he would have **George**

20 Years ago:

Matilda Township had received an LIP grant from the government and the council was debating how to best use it, since it was earmarked for the Memorial Hall in Brinston. The building had outlived its usefulness (Constructed in 1936 and remodeled in 1967) and something had to be done. Whether a new structure would be built or the present one refurbished was not decided and would be tabled again.

Morrisburg was honouring their retiring Deputy-Reeve, Edwin Jones. A career in politics at the local level spanning some 34 years, he was presented with a plaque for his dedication to the Village. **Also recognized was Councillor, Fred Hill** who was to leave politics at the end of the year. Among his accomplishments were alterations to the arena to bring it up to standard. (Saving the Village over $20,000 by handling much of the work with the Village crew).

Santa came to Iroquois and the Village celebrated with a parade. Photos show everyone participating bundled well against the cold. Santa handed out treats in the plaza to youngsters. **The Legion presented a trophy for the "Best on Parade" and Lee Shaver and Sons, Alouette Sales and Service took top honours,** followed by S&F Markets. The winning entry was Santa's Workshop while the runner-up was Santa stuck in a chimney. Among those taking part were the Royal Bank, Caldwells, The Lions Club, Aquarius Hair Styling and youngsters from the area.

10 Years ago:

Students from Iroquois Public School, **grade 8 were painting up a storm** in the plaza as they worked their artistic magic on the business windows. Seasonal and colourful they added a great touch to the shopping centre.



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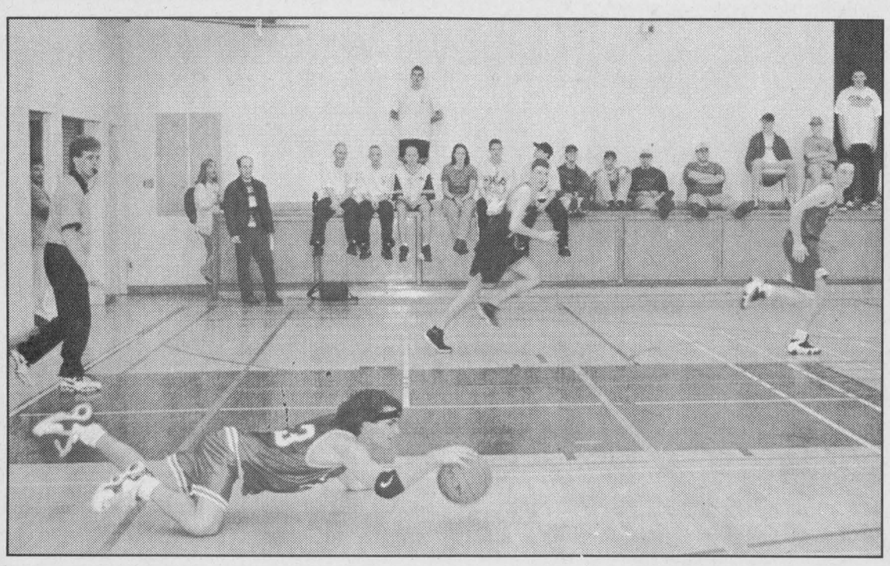
Lions host the Hawks this Sunday



Seaway wins three!

The Seaway Spartans started off the season in the win column. All three Seaway teams were victorious last Thursday as they hosted the Rothwell/Osnabruck Lancers. Pictured above, Matt Ware (Rothwell/Osnabruck) managed to keep a close eye on the ball! *Chieftain photo by M..C. Bailey.*

Seaway Spartans pick up three wins last Thursday

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Seaway Spartans slam-dunked the competition last Thursday afternoon as they hosted the Rothwell/Osnabruck Lancers in the opening of the boys basketball season.

Seaway got out the broom to sweep the Lancers in all three games. "It was an exciting way to start the season," said coach Irv Francis of the opening midget game.

The game went into over-time and Seaway came out on top 47-39.

Dave Vandermeer led the midget attack with 16 points over the course of the game, 12 of which came in the last quarter.

"Dave is the only midget kid I've ever seen who can dunk the ball," added Francis. "He goes right over the rim. When we went to over-time we told the boys, give it to Dave!"

The coach was also impressed with Adam Bruer. Bruer accumulated 8 points in the game and was a force to be reckoned with around the net.

"Richard Groniger had 5 points and turned in an excellent game," said Francis.

Juniors

Brandon Cassell led the attack for the junior Spartans as they downed the Lancers 48-34. Cassell recorded 9 points in the win for Seaway.

"We've been practising the fast-break and Brandon's anticipation is just unbelievable," praised Francis.

Contributing 8 points a piece, Francis was pleased with the performance of Randy Spear, Jason Byvelds and Dwayne Vandermulen.

"Dwayne is one of the most underrated players in junior basketball," said the coach. "He's really deceptive in what he does, you never know where he's going to be."

The coach was also pleased with Derrick Swank and Trent Byvelds. "These guys are going to be a force to be reckoned with."

"This is by far the nicest group of boys I've had in the last 25 years of coaching," said Francis. "There isn't one that isn't an absolutely solid kid."

Seniors

Derrick "Air" Casselman was unstoppable last Thursday afternoon picking up 22 points as the senior Spartans easily demolished the Lancers 64-46.

"Scott (coach Corden) and I believe this team is better than last year's and we should finish in first," said coach Francis.

The coach was especially impressed with the play of John Derouchie, Hugh Porter and Nathan Kiar. Together the three combined for over 20 points.

Newcomer, and still junior age, Travis Thompson also put in an impressive game for the senior Spartans. "He's an exceptional point guard," said Francis of Thompson.

Yesterday

Yesterday the Spartans played host to the Tagwi Warriors. Scores were not available at press time. Coach Francis was however interested in what would happen in the senior game.

"We were going to match Troy Stelmack with Derrick (Casselman) but he's sick so we'll have to see what happens."

Groves and Byvelds lead Atom team to win

The Morrisburg Atom C Blue Lions came up with a big win last week as they handed the Winchester team their first loss of the season.

Morrisburg hit the score board first when Mark Byvelds rocked a shot past the Winchester goalie to give the Lions a 1-0 lead.

Winchester however, managed to come back and tie the game with a goal from Tim Johnson.

Late in the dying minutes of the second period, Nick Groves secured the game for the Lions when he drove one past the Winchester netman.

Both the Morrisburg goalie and the Winchester goalie came up with some big saves in the third period to keep the score at 2-1.

Lions extend unbeaten streak

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions extended their unbeaten streak to two games last Sunday afternoon in Westport. Unfortunately for the Lions, the St. Lawrence Division's fourth place team, the Winchester Hawks 7-12-3, also picked up two wins this weekend to remain four points ahead in the standings.

Hosting the South Grenville Rangers last Friday night, the Lions drove 8 past Ryan McDonald to earn their first two points of the weekend.

Nick Dixon opened the scoring for Morrisburg less than two minutes into the opening frame. Dixon's goal tied the game at one.

At 12:20 Jason Santamore set up James Cooper to give the Lions the go ahead counter, but the Rangers answered at 8:57 when Chris Stranburg beat Terry Gilmour in the Morrisburg net.

Stranburg did it again for the visitors approximately four minutes later to give South Grenville a one goal edge.

However, with six seconds left in the first period, Lions captain, Jeff Hyndman, flashed a pass to Wayne Disotell who buried it to tie the game at three.

The Rangers regained the lead four minutes into the second period, but Hyndman's goal at 11:26 knotted the score once again.

An unanswered goal from James Cooper gave the Lions a 5-4 lead to end the middle frame.

Cory McAllister picked up his first of the night at 13:28 of the third to increase the Lions lead to two, and Nick Dixon added his second of the night to give Morrisburg a 7-4 lead.

Hyndman set up the Lions last goal, scored by James Barnes, and the Rangers managed to slip one more past Gilmour to make it an 8-5 final.

Westport

Back-to-back wins have been a rare occurrence for the Lions this year, but that is exactly what they accomplished this past weekend.

Morrisburg scored four unanswered third period goals to steal a victory from the Westport Rideaus.

The Lions blew a two goal lead at the end of the first period, but managed to come back and tie the game before it went to the second.

Wayne Disotell and Ryan Warner scored within fifteen seconds of one another to give Morrisburg a 2-0 lead at 9:05 of the first. Assists went to James Cooper, Nick Dixon and Cory Blackburn.

However, the Rideaus came back with three in a row to take the lead from Morrisburg.

With :41 remaining in the opening period, Chris Proulx hammered a shot past Al Costello in the Westport net to tie the game at three.

Westport came back to regain the lead at 14:29 of the second when Aaron Lewis set up Trevor Chaffe, but Morrisburg answered with a goal from Nick Dixon to keep the game tied at four.

Troy Sayeau was outstanding in the third for the Lions, shutting out the opposition, while his teammates drilled four past Costello at the other end.

Cory McAllister started off the third period barrage when he capitalized on a pass from Rob Darling.

Five minutes later Jason Santamore hit the score board when he beat Costello to give Morrisburg a 6-4 lead. James Cooper and Wayne Disotell picked up the assists.

Ryan Warner added his second of the night at 8:04 with the assist going to Cooper and with twenty-eight seconds left to play Cooper scored a short-handed goal to give Morrisburg the 8-4 win.

Around the League

The Kemptville 73's, who continue to dominate in Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey action recorded wins against the Alexandria Glens (10-2) and the Athens Aeros (3-1).

Sitting in second place in the St. Lawrence Division, the Char Lan Rebels lost to Aeros in a 6-5 shoot-out. In the Rebels second game of the weekend they defeated Gananoque 5-3.

The Brockville Tikis 1-22-0 lost their only weekend match 5-0 to the Alexandria Glens.



Lions win

Pictured above, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions hosted the South Grenville Rangers last Friday evening. Morrisburg exacted a little revenge on the Rangers, beating them 8-5. On Sunday, the team picked up another win on the road in Westport. This Sunday the Lions will host the Hawks at 2:15 pm. *Chieftain photo by S.L Johnston.*

Coach Morrow wasn't ready to hit the panic button

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg Midget Coach Jeremy Morrow wasn't ready to push the panic button, but he was a little worried with the way his Lions were starting to slip.

"We were starting to slide in the wrong direction," said Morrow of how his team was performing. "But the boys finished the Silver Stick with a solid game and it carried over."

The Lions lost their first two games of the Silver Stick tournament last Saturday and Morrow felt they could have played a great deal better.

"We could have won our first two games but we didn't play well at all. But the boys did play well in the last game (a 2-1) over-time loss)."

The team-play the Lions showed in their final game of the tournament carried over into their league game against Kemptville last Sunday night.

Morrisburg won 5-2.

Jeremy Adams had two goals and Dave Trude, Rob Murphy and Jason Crawford, contributed singles.

The coach was also extremely impressed with the play of team captain John Casselman and Matt Dejong.

"John and Matt took some cheap shots in Kemptville and neither one of them retaliated," said the coach. As a result of the intelligent play, the Lions managed to capitalize on one of their power-play opportunities.

The midgets still hold first place in the division with an 8-13-2 record.

Next Monday night the Lions begin a home and home series with the Winchester Hawks. Game time in Morrisburg on Tuesday night is set for 8 pm.

Friday night darts

Dec. 6: This is the 12th week of darts and teams are very close. Next week is our Christmas Party. We are having a hayride, supper and dance. Oh yes, also Santa comes. Sorry, I missed Craig Tucker's 180 score last week.

Standings: C.D.s 75 1/2, No Surrenders 74, 3 Guys & a Babe 70, Double Outs 69 1/2, The Gems 69, Jay Birds 68 1/2, Half Pints 66, Misfits 61 1/2, Fab Four 58 1/2, Glen's Gals 58, Rod & Reel 55 1/2, Shaky Shooters 52 1/2, Fly by Nites 49 1/2, Untouchables 46 1/2, The Broadway Crescents 43 1/2, Duelling Darters 42.

High Scores: Leo Merkley 125; Bill Hutt 125; Duane Kirker 121; Chris Thompson 120, 100, Pearl Roy 119; Bonnie Gibson 117; Glen Easter 116; June Reid 116; Carl Gibson 115; Barb Merkley 110; Sam Strader 108; Michelle Liddy-Brooks 108; Nancy Kenney 107; Joyce Fader 102; Garnet Summers 101, 101; Jean Greenough 100; Debbie Shaver 100; Richard Deschamp 100; Pat Thompson 100; Trevor Easter 100; Linda Casselman 100.

Finishes: Duane Kirker 6, Glen Easter 6, Trevor Easter 6, Bill Hutt 4, Walter Reid 4, Craig Tucker 4, Barb Merkley 3, Earl Nesbitt 3, Bill Simzer 3, Jean Greenough 2, Steve Barkley 2, Bonnie Gibson 2, Rodney Francis 2, Jaime Adams 2, Garnet Summers 2, Leo Merkley 2, Linda Casselman 2, Carl Gibson 2, Reg Farmer 2, Elizabeth Brooks 1, Lloyd Greenough 1, June Reid 1, Jay Buckland 1, Debbie Shaver 1, Art Ault 1, Pearl Roy 1, Joe Roberts 1, Ann Nesbitt 1, Jim Carkner 1, Michelle Liddy-Brooks 1, Joe McDonald 1, Sue Pelehos 1, Ed Shaver 1, Carroll Summers 1, Danny Daye 1, Ann Cameron 1, Joyce Murphy 1, Lil Roberts 1, Nikki Easter 1.

Minor hockey draw

Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey Association held their fund-raising draw December 2 at the Morrisburg Arena.

Ken Pilon won $25; Cindy Derue won a bath sheet; Sandra Magee, Jill Murphy and Lauren Harriman won $50; M. Beckstead won a $50 gift certificate from Biba; Connie Kerkhof won 6 green fees from Cedar Glen; Tom Adlington won 8 green fees from the Iroquois Golf Course; Jim Saunders won 2 hockey nets; Ron Dumais won freezer ready beef; Ottawa Senators tickets were won by Pat Foley, Chuck Barkley, Laura Baker, Tyler Mills, Tyrell Keicks; Mary Lewis won a Canadiens hockey night; Steve Baker won a $300 gift certificate from Home Hardware/-Impact Sports; James Brown won a 21" Panasonic TV; Claire Delage won a golf club package; Blake Ferguson won an air conditioner.

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Char Lan	22	15	05	02	111	71	33
Alexandria	22	11	07	04	87	90	28
Winchester	22	07	12	03	92	117	19
Morrisburg	**22**	**06**	**14**	**02**	**89**	**141**	**15**

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Gananoque	22	13	08	01	129	70	29
Athens	22	12	07	03	98	77	29
Westport	21	08	12	01	92	102	18
S. Grenville	22	04	18	00	62	121	08
Brockville	23	01	22	00	62	145	03

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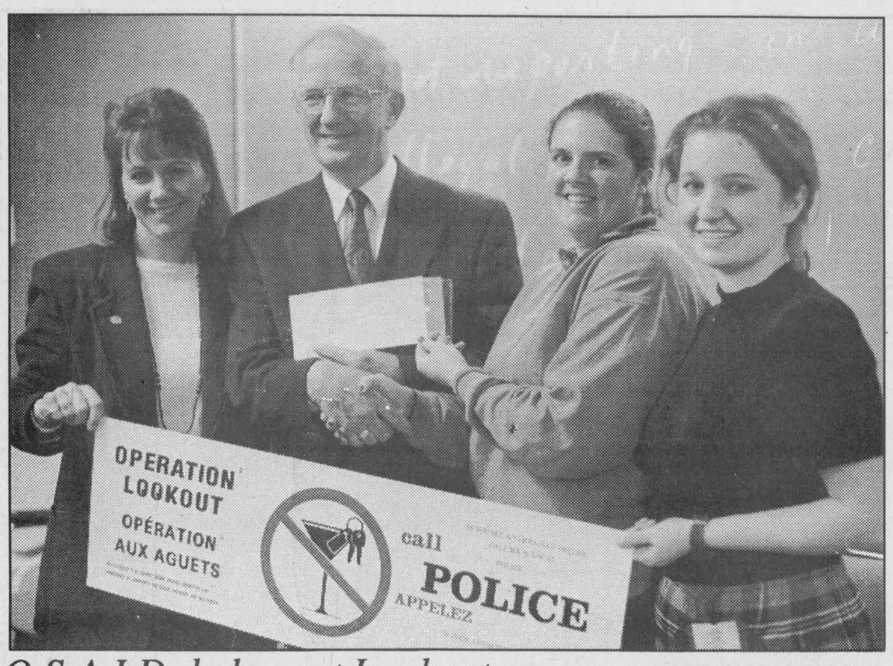


O.S.A.I.D. helps out Lookout

Chieftain photo by Sean McKibbon

Sharon Villeneuve, keynote speaker at the Operation Lookout launch, and John Graham, Operation Lookout chairperson receive a $100 cheque from South Grenville District High School's Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (O.S.A.I.D.) chapter. Presenting the cheque are the Chairperson and Treasurer of the S.G.D.H.S. chapter Nicky Merkley and Sarah Gibson.

Operation Lookout kicked off last week

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"I think you should go to the Cornwall General Hospital. There's no rush," that was how a police officer tried to tell Sharon Villeneuve her son, Daniel, was dead. Villeneuve related her tragedy to more than sixty people attending the official Grenville County launch of Operation Lookout, Dec. 4th. Operation Lookout is a program to get the public to report dangerous and possibly impaired drivers to the police.

Speaking in a conference room at Dupont's Maitland plant, Villeneuve told her story to underscore the importance of the program.

Villeneuve's son died in a car accident when he was 17 years old. Daniel's blood alcohol was .77 below the legal limit for his height and weight. Nevertheless, the police told Sharon Villeneuve that her son had been driving incredibly fast. The Buick Lesabre smashed into a tree, snapping the top of the tree off. The tree rammed inside the car and the gas tank was punctured. A fire started, but was extinguished by witnesses who were part of a volunteer fire department. But it was to no avail. All three of the car's occupants were dead.

"The shock lasts for about a year and a half," said Villeneuve who described how doctors took her to a room with a stainless steel wall, pulled open a drawer in the wall and showed her Daniel's body.

"I kissed him on the cheek... it was stone cold."

Villeneuve said she felt anger after her son's death and wanted to assign blame. She said she had blamed bars, where patrons are regularly served to excess even though it was illegal. Villeneuve said she had also blamed the legal system where impaired drivers were often acquitted on technicalities. She said that as a parent she had blamed herself.

She said ultimately the effects of the accident would never go away. Every time her daughter would go out in a car on a date she felt fear, she said.

"The stress of the lawsuit against us has meant that my husband and I don't live together any more," said Villeneuve.

Police say Operation Lookout is designed to make potential impaired drivers so paranoid about being caught they won't get into the car in the first place. They say it also offers a practical and potentially life saving solution if someone does decide to drive under the influence.

"People are always saying where's a cop when you need one. Well, give them a call. Tell them about it. Go to a pay phone. Cell phones are popular these days. Give them a call. All of them can't be as many places as John Q. Public," said John Graham, chairman of Operation Lookout.

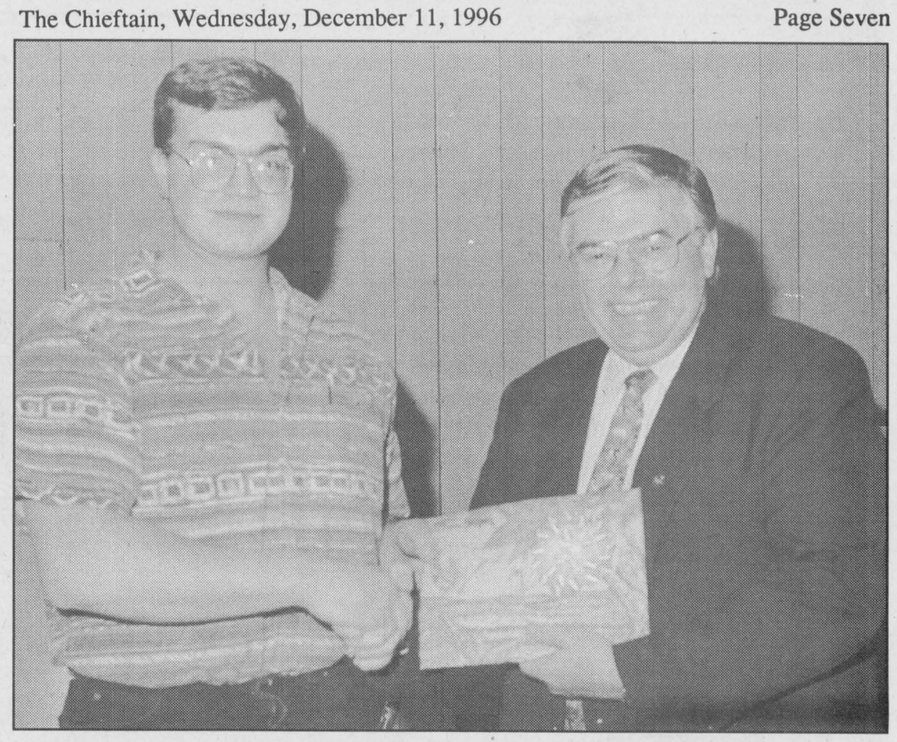
Graham said that since Operation Lookout's start in Grenville six months ago, the program has spent no money, thanks in a large part to help from Dupont. He said that when he first began approaching local businesses for support their first question was to ask how much money Graham wanted. But Graham said he had asked instead for companies to tell their employees about the program.

"Think about all the drivers in a company like Kriska or Dupont. Think of all the drivers who could be extra eyes on the road for the police," said Graham.

Graham said that later in the campaign Operation Lookout will try to mount a bumper sticker campaign as well as posting signs to raise awareness.

While in some areas Operation Lookout has special hotline numbers, people here in Grenville will only have to dial 911 and ask for police if they see an impaired driver.

"Remember if you don't report an illegal act, you might be condoning it," said Graham.



Villeneuve speaks

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M.P.P. Noble Villeneuve was the guest speaker at the Dundas Cattleman's Association banquet in Winchester last Saturday evening. Noble Villeneuve is pictured above with Eric Vandenbrock. Villeneuve responded to criticism by Cornwall M.P.P. John Cleary.

Morrisburg council listens to amalgamation concerns Thursday

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Just under 50 people attended Morrisburg's public meeting on amalgamation last Thursday night. No decisions on whether or not council will endorse the proposed amalgamation of South Dundas were made.

Each council member was given a few minutes to address the crowd and give their opinions of the proposed amalgamation. Following the brief speeches, Reeve McGregor outlined the history of amalgamation to date.

Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink thought the proposed amalgamation was a lose-lose situation for the village, and Councillor Schnurr suggested a tomb stone with the village's life span, 1860 to 1996, be erected at the village limits.

The public was given a chance to voice their opinions on the proposed amalgamation and most were against it.

A former resident of the Montreal area told those in attendance that after amalgamation in that area, taxes quadrupled.

Morrisburg resident Susan Shaw was quite adamant in suggesting that a one tier government be looked at, which would do away with the county level of government.

An impromptu vote was called for by the reeve at the end of the meeting and well over half of those in attendance voted to oppose amalgamation.

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by
E. G. AVERY

The first touch of Winter has disappeared and the lawns are "as green as grass" again. A snowman which was carefully created on a neighbouring lawn when there was plenty of white stuff, has melted away to a tiny patch, and would you believe it, our Sparrows have been enjoying a splash in the bird-bath, December notwithstanding.

Attendance at the feeder has been down, but it will not take long for Wintry weather to return, and food for the birds will not be available in fields and roadsides. Then the suet balls and feeding stations will be popular again.

Bird watchers who live in the country have all the usual Winter residents, Blue Jays, Chickadees, a few Finches, Nuthatches and just a few Tree Sparrows, according to one report from Irena, and from another, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers enjoying the suet.

A huge flock of Geese was seen heading south-east, and a few Gulls are still here.

Two tall trees on Victoria St. are a playground for one of our favourite non-birds, a big Black Squirrel; he races to the top of one tree, "flies" to the next one, then down to the ground where he has a snack of seeds which have fallen from a swinging feeder.

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Card of Thanks

BARKLEY: We are greatly moved by the manifestation of affection, love, and esteem shown us on the occasion of the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. To all our dear family, relatives and friends who so generously bestowed upon us so many gifts, cards of good wishes and kind words, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wish all, our blessings and good wishes for a Merry Christmas.
Theresa Barkley & Lloyd Barkley
D11-1tp

COMMUNITY WATCH: The Community Watch would like to thank the following businesses for their support during the winter months: Chieftain, Bank of Montreal, Asselin Real Estate, Great Shakes, Ross Video, Food Town, Iroquois Enterprises, Dundas Bus Lines, Biba, Little Rikki's, Stinson Gas Bar, Beaupre Jewellers, Doug Byers Furniture, Tommy's Complete Care, Royal Canadian Legion, Iroquois, Fetterly's Garage, Rooney Feeds, Thompson's HomeCare, Swank Construction, Gilmer Pharmacy, Seaway Treasures, Beckers, Craig Packaging, C.S. Brooks, Uptown Girls. We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep all your doors locked at all times. Don't let anyone spoil your holidays. If you think the Community Watch is working, with your help it will work even better. Please call 652-4422.
D11-1tx

LAPIER: We would like to express sincere thanks to the nurses and staff on the third floor at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for the excellent care given to our mother and a special thank you to Dr. Marston. We also wish to thank family, friends and everyone who sent cards, flowers, donations and food. This is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.
Acil Lapier and family
D11-1tx

Thanks to St. Jude.
S.T.
D11-1tp

VANDERPOEL: We would like to thank all our family and friends who either called, sent cards and food while our Ben spent nine weeks at Children's Hospital. Our Ben is finally home and we still are receiving unforgettable kindness. Thank you ever so much for all the support.
Peter & Karen VanderPoel and family
D11-1tp

Births

IT'S A BOY!!
SANGER: Glenda Richardson and Jeff Sanger are pleased to announce the safe arrival of our son Nathaniel Lawrence David Glen on December 8, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. weighing 4 lbs. Proud grandparents are Violet and Glen Richardson and Gloria McDonald and David Sanger. Many thanks to the paramedics from the St. Lawrence Ambulance Service, Morrisburg, who delivered our son at home and the nurses and staff at Winchester Hospital. We would also like to thank the nurses and staff at C.H.E.O. for taking good care of our baby Nathaniel now. Thanks to all family and friends who visited.
D11-1tx

UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY

NOTICE OF MEETING

The first meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, for the final year of the current term of office, will be held at the **County Buildings, 20 Pitt Street, Cornwall, Ontario commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16, 1996.**

R.J. Lapointe
Co-ordinator
Clerk-Treasurer

In Memoriams

EASTER - In memory of our father, grandfather, and father-in-law, Kenneth Lorne Easter, who passed away December 5, 1994.
Such charm as his will never be found,
Uniqueness was his style.
Such courage and strength we've rarely seen,
Ever showing in his smile.
But his was just not strength and style,
No, his was something more,
For he was as deep as the sea afar,
With a love that spread ashore.
And though he's gone, his journey begun,
We feel him near us still.
We feel the warmth of his friendship close,
The warmth that was our DAD.
Sadly missed and always remembered: Corallee (Billy), Tony (Susan), Gary (Joyce), Trevor (Sharron), Clair "Jake" (Hazel), Grandchildren: Troy, Glen, Nikki, Tracy, Trudy, Michael, Nadine, Katelyn, William and Richard
D11-1tc

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear friend, Percy, who passed away Dec. 15th, 1988.
Today is remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed, we will never forget;
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.
Always in our hearts, Alton, Shirley, Tim and Cindy Cassidy
D11-1tp

WHITTEKER - In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Ross, who passed away Dec. 12, 1991.
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OBITUARIES

Irwin Casselman

Thomas Irwin Casselman, at Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester on Monday, December 2, 1996, after an illness of 8 years.

Irwin was born in Winchester Springs, July 25, 1909, which made him 87 at the time of his passing.

A carpenter by trade, he had lived in Iroquois before moving to the Manor. A member of the Iroquois United Church, he also was a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge.

Predeceased by his parents; Rufus Casselman and Bertha Hanson, as well as his beloved wife, Olive Barkley whom he lost in January 1996, he had married her on November 15, 1933 and will be sadly missed. Also predeceasing their brother were, Bert and sisters, Jean Morrow and Leila Merkley.

Mourning the loss are sons; David (Thelma) of Dixon's Corners, Lyle (Linda) of Cambridge, Gordon and Glendon (Donna) all of Morrisburg. A brother, Basil Casselman of Winchester Springs and a sister, Olive Whitteker of Winchester also are left to mourn. Ten grandchildren 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild also are saddened by his passing.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. Service was conducted by Rev. Eric Barr at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Thursday, December 5. Pallbearers were all grandsons; Allan, Rob, Joseph and Paul Casselman. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery.

Bruce Keeler

Suddenly at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, Bruce Keeler at age 68 years on December 5, 1996.

Born in Matilda Township on January 28, 1928, Bruce had lived his entire life in the Iroquois-Morrisburg areas, except for a time when he was a Superintendent in an Ottawa apartment complex before retiring. He was a farm labourer during his lifetime in this area as well.

Predeceased by his parents, James and Eva (Sipes) Keeler, a son; Kenneth, a brother; Clinton and sisters; Leona, Flossie and Sarah Markell, he will be remembered in the area.

Mourning their loss are stepsons; Gordon White of Brinston, Steven (Sue) White of Brinston and Paul (Karen) White of RR2, Brinston. A daughter, Brenda Markell of RR2, Brinston; stepdaughters, Lynn (Stewart) Markell of RR2, Brinston, Carol (Herb) Markell of RR2, Brinston, Marnie White of Brinston also feel the sadness. Brothers, Stanley and Bucky (Linda) both of Prescott and Forrest of Dunbar, a sister, Eva (Mrs. Raymond Dallaire) of Prescott, 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews survive as well.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. Service was conducted by the Rev. F.E.A. MacPherson at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Saturday, December 7, 1996. Pallbearers were, Randy, Brent and Eli Markell, David Beatson, Harry Brown and John Tuttle. Interment followed at Sprucehaven Cemetery, Brinston.

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DWI

Dundas - During the past week in Dundas County there were 2 criminal code drinking and driving charges laid, 1 - 90 day drivers licence suspension issued, and 1 - 12 hour suspension issued.

Snowblower stolen

Chesterville - On the 3rd of December, OPP investigated the theft of a snowblower from a residence in the village of Chesterville. Overnight a red Toro snowblower was taken from a laneway at the residence. This property has not been recovered.

Tools taken

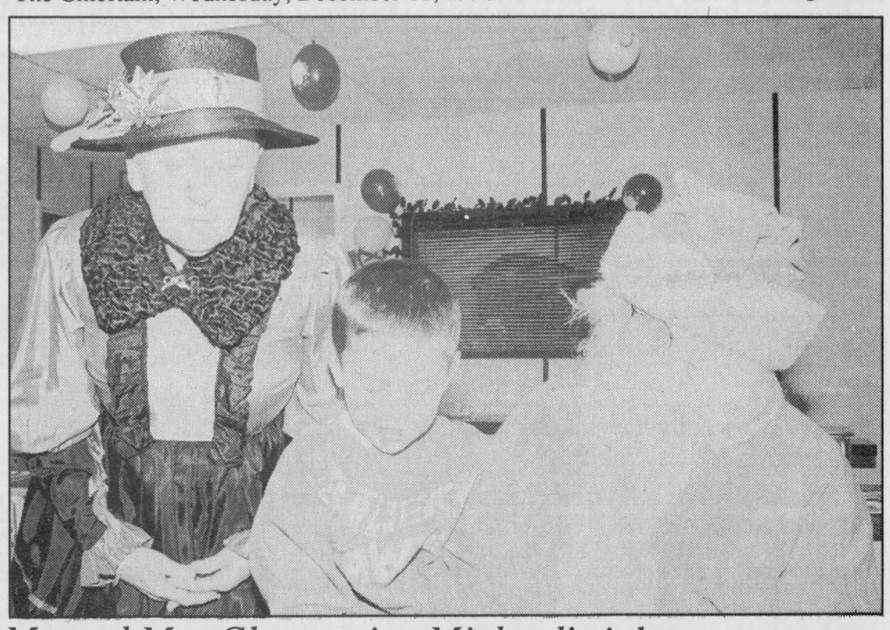
Williamsburg Twp. - On December 7th, OPP responded to a report of theft from a vehicle parked along Pidgeon Island Road in Williamsburg Township. Overnight the cap had been stolen off the involved pick up truck and tools were taken from the truck. These items have not been recovered.

Polaris missing

Morewood - December 8th, Police investigated the theft of a snowmobile from the Village of Morewood. Overnight a 1996 Polaris XLT Special 600 snowmobile was taken from a residence in the village. The vehicle has not been recovered.

Vehicle recovered

Winchester - OPP recovered a vehicle which had been reported stolen from the Ottawa Carleton area on the 7th of December. A 1985 Buick Skylark was found along the Marionville Road in Winchester Township with extensive interior damage.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus enjoy Michael's joke

Mr. Santa Claus brought the missus along to breakfast in Cardinal. Hosted by the Walter Baker Youth Group a good crowd came to meet the big fellow in the red suit. Michael Allen was among those who jumped on Santa's lap and told him what to leave under their tree. Michael wants underwater Lego. Missus Claus seemed to enjoy herself as well. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Cardinal in the festive mood

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Walter Baker Youth Group hosted a breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning. The sizzle of bacon and the popping of juice lids led the way into the Centre.

The pancakes and syrup, sausages and bacon really hit the spot first thing in the morning. The juice was fresh and the coffee just right.

Slowly youngsters dragged their folks inside to peek around the door-well and see if indeed the jolly old elf had arrived.

Numerous had come prepared with their list to advise Santa of what they hope to find under their tree this Christmas. Santa had brought the Missus along with him and together they shared a terrific breakfast and encouraged the children to choose a candy cane from the delightfully decorated tree. They were not all easily persuaded to sit on Santa's knee, but those who did were not disappointed. Santa made note of their requests and promised to do his best on December 24th.

The Cardinal Lions Club served up a tasty breakfast on Sunday so after church, folks could slide into the new Lions Den (the former council chambers) on Walter Street and check things out. The price was right and the food just great. The company was fun and the visiting like old times.

As we go to press the judging of the decorated homes in the Village of Cardinal is taking place. The word did get out and the entire Village seems to be dressed in Christmas splendour. Up for grabs is some $750 in prizes in the annual Colour Me Christmas contest which is sponsored by the Cardinal Business Association. Residents of the Village and the surrounding area were eligible to enter the contest and a drive around after dark proves that the spirit is alive and well. Prizes will be awarded at the legion on December 16. The best dressed residence will get $250. in gift certificates, second place grabs $150. while third place is worth $75. There will be some $25. certificates handed out as well to 11 homes who receive Honourable Mention.

Dead branches uproot Mountain council meeting

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Dead branches from trees in South Mountain's park fell into a resident's yard prompting a letter to be written to the township, Mountain Council heard, Dec. 2.

Council heard that the South Mountain Recreation committee would not pay for the cutting of the trees.

Deputy Reeve Don Johnston said he thought the funds for the work should come from the Township, but Roads Superintendent Barry Scott suggested an alternative that might not cost any money.

"There are people who will come and cut the trees for the wood and then they'll take it away and sell it," said Scott. He said he had already had someone like this to cut a dead elm tree along a roadside.

Reeve Estelle Rose said that she understood the wood was quite rotten and she doubted the trees in question would be suitable for sale.

In other business, Council voted in favor of a resolution supporting bill C-302 which would establish an official pledge of allegiance to the Canadian flag.

Mountain Township has a new part time employee, Scott reported. Alex Forbes is to be working on an on-call basis for the township.

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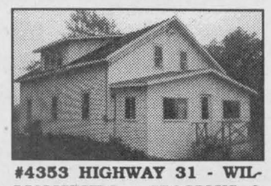

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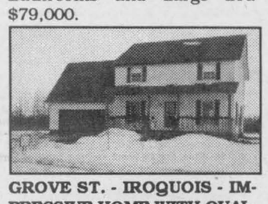

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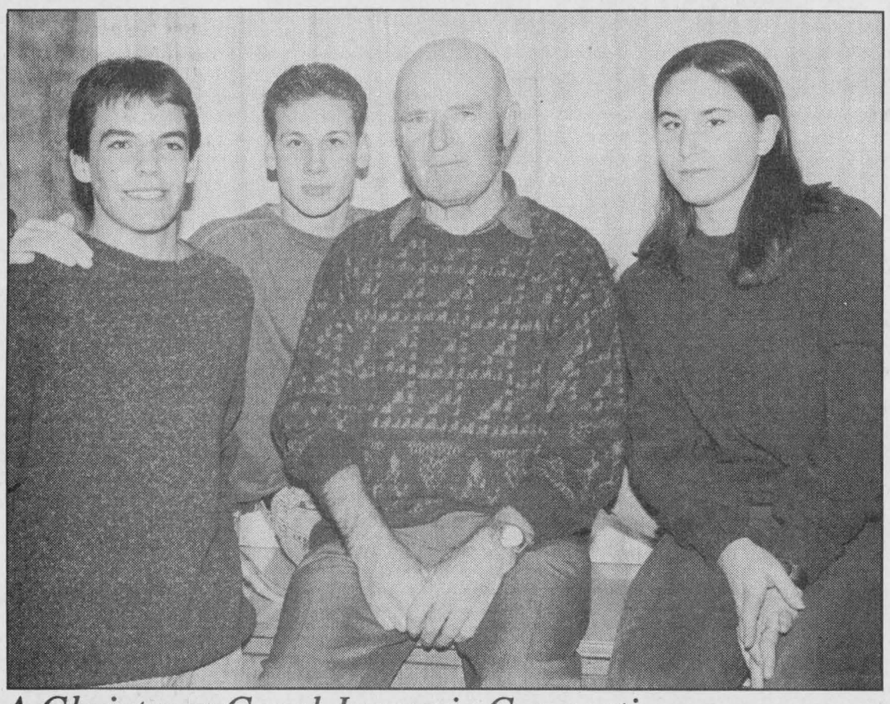
A Christmas Carol



A Christmas Carol-Iroquois Connection

Adam Millard, Trevor Riopelle, Charles Marsden and Julie Breuer are involved in the amateur production being staged at Upper Canada Playhouse this weekend. No strangers to the stage these local folks all have some experience acting whether at school or in Lions Club presentations. Charles is Ebenezer Scrooge, while Trevor plays a younger Scrooge with hair! Adam is the Undertaker and Julie, Fezziwigs' daughter. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

A Christmas Carol coming to UCP

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Marley was dead;to begin with. There was no doubt whatever about that..." and so begins the tale that is now a Christmas tradition. This year the season will be ushered in this year in style as the Charles Dickens novel, A Christmas Carol will come to life at Upper Canada Playhouse. A unique experience for those involved as well as for those who will come to see. Local folks from Morrisburg and Iroquois as well as farther afield are working on a community effort that promises to be the first of its kind, but definitely not the last.

It is no surprise that our own, Iroquois' Charles Marsden is playing the lead, Ebenezer Scrooge. That in itself will be enough of a draw for some folks to want to see this performance.

The Iroquois and area connection has among its members, along with Charles; Adam Millard who will become Scrooge's nephew, Fred and takes on the part of the Undertaker (a part vacated by Ryan Johnston due to school commitments), Julie Breuer is Clovia, daughter of the Fezziwigs, and Trevor Riopelle who dons the facade of two in the play as well,he will be the young adult-Mr. Scrooge as well as another young man.

Attending a rehearsal, this reporter was lucky to see some of the hilarity that goes into something of this magnitude. As Charlie noted, "After six weeks of rehearsal things are starting to come together."

An opportunity to see what goes into a play is a unique experience and a most interesting one. With a cast of almost 40 people...some of whom have no experience on the stage, it would seem like an arduous task to help them create their characters and allow them to evolve.

The behind the scene people have their work cut out for them as well, and the special effects should be wonderful. Those handling the details like props, costumes, publicity and the sets are busy as beavers.

The first time such an adventure has been started upon, this looks like it will be fun for all.

The General Manager of Upper Canada Playhouse, Rachel Winkfield has high expectations for the production. When she arrived to take up her new position, she noted that the winter months at the Playhouse left the facility underutilized. The Winter Series and the performances by the local high school were all that were scheduled. The Playhouse should be involved in community theatre and the people of the area need to get something going, according to Rachel. She feels this Christmas Carol may be what is needed to kick start an amateur group.

Her husband, Greggson is enthusiastic about how things are starting to come together. A professional director, Greggson has upwards of a dozen young people and some 28 or 30 adults under his guidance. Numerous people are taking on more than one role. The time which it takes to bring this to completion weeded out some who would like to have been a part of such an undertaking. Those who have been able to give the play the time and want to cultivate their talent are working hard. Like a big happy family they seem to work well together, and appear to be having fun.

The Seaway Valley Singers, under the direction of Michael Goodwin are a part of the production too. Such a large undertaking, everyone has their hands full, but the laughter and the camradery that glistens during rehearsal demonstrates that it is a great deal of fun too.

Familiar names appear on stage as the act progresses, Esther Noon is Mrs. Cratchett, while Rev. Don Smith is her trod upon (by his employer, Scrooge) husband, Bob. Tiny Tim, the Cratchett's crippled son, who will speak the infamous line, "God bless us... every one," is to be portrayed by a young man who did it in Seaway High's show a few years ago, of the Carol, Nick Whelan. (seems that talent on stage runs in the family, Charlie is his grandfather!)

The chains worn by the dead apparition of Marley, Scrooge's dead partner are terrific...the role of Scrooge is challenging for Charlie and he says, "When I grow up I think I want to act!" Not to worry, you have made it Charles!!

Adam spoke to this reporter briefly between scenes and suggested that this is a long and strange trip, but will be an asset to him as he pursues a career in the field of drama. He, Trevor and Julie have been working on this play and Alice for their school production simultaneously...a tough act to follow!!

Everyone agrees this show is a lot of hard work, both in front of the curtain and behind it, but feel it will be well worth what it takes.

Tickets are going fast. Get yours by calling the Playhouse today. Shows are December 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8pm. A matinee will be held on Sunday, December 22 at 2pm. A fund raiser for the Playhouse, this should be a grand way to ring in the season. No matter why Scrooge says, "And Christmas is a humbug"...we all know better!

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Santa and the Scouts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Santa came to Iroquois on Sunday and a good number of youngsters came to greet him, eat and let him know just what they hope to find under their tree.

The 1st Iroquois Scout Troop wound up their fund raising for 1996 by hosting the jolly old elf. Although the weatherman did not co-operate, there was no snow, a pick up truck did the trick. Santa stopped at the civic centre and grabbed two Scouts, Drew Henry and Alexis McQuigge to travel around town with him as he waved and suggested that youngins come on over to the civic centre for breakfast.

When he arrived at the centre there were some special folks waiting for him. Among those waiting patiently for him to drop in were the Mini Miss and Mini Gent of Iroquois' own Summer Festival '96; Andres Menges and Crystal Cooper.

The Scouts served over 300 breakfasts of scrambled eggs or pancakes, sausages, toast with jam or peanut butter, OJ, coffee and tea. As the syrup poured the laughter rose above the seasonal music that set the atmosphere. The tree glistened, as the fans whirled and the decorations gave a festive feeling to all.

The Reeve and his wife came out after church and he was sure not to miss the opportunity to speak to Santa. What he asked for we are not sure! (Rumour has it that a new sewage system might be on his list).

The President of the Lions Club and his wife also enjoyed a filling repast. He would not get his face painted although there were many who took advantage of the free service offered by the Scouts. Thanks to Sherri and Ryan (RTT in Cubs) for their assistance here. Some great trees, decorations and all, reindeer and Santa, candy canes and holly went home with gals and guys.

The crowning touch of the day for one lucky resident was the draw for the Christmas Village which had been donated to the Troop by Cedarcreek crafts. The winner was Connie Brown of Iroquois.

For Santa, the big highlight after some of the sweetest and most delightful children sat on his lap (some for the first time) was the huge pancake which Scouters Shawn and Wendy created for him...he could not devour it all!!

Each youngster went home with a treat bag compliments of the Summer Festival Committee, and a smile large as life.

The Scouts want to thank everyone who came out to support them. All proceeds go into the CJ'97 fund, so everyone can attend the Jamboree in July.

Inside an Hour

'Tis the season and everyone it seems it whooping it up. The Lions Christmas party Sat. Dec 14, at the Iroquois Civic Centre is just one example.

Theatre lovers can check out Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21 and 22 at the Upper Canada Playhouse. Tickets are $10 each. For more info call 543-3713.

Timothy Christian School choir performs its Christmas Cantata, The First Noel, Dec 19 at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg for free. They'll also be at Park Lane Senior Citizens home Dec. 11 at 1 pm.

Country fans should be at the Country Hideaway Fri. and Sat. 9:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. to catch Border Town.

Children can meet Santa at the Cardinal Legion Dec. 14 from 1-4 p.m.

There will be a no charge curling clinic Sat. Dec 28, from 9am-4pm at the Morrisburg Curling Club. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and snacks will be available. Call Sydney Schnurr at 543-4182, or Jack Dikland at 543-2455 for more details.

The Morrisburg Golf Club will hold a wine and cheese party. They'll be singing Christmas carols and having a great time Dec. 12 at 7pm.

"Christmas from the Heart" happens at the Morrisburg civic centre Dec. 14 at 1:30 pm. Admission to the party is $5 for adults. Children 12 and under get in for free. Proceeds go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Dundas County Chapter to aid research for women's heart disease and stroke.

The Seaway Valley Singers Christmas concert is Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. The concert will feature a Carol Cantata by David Ouchterlony and other Christmas music at Lakeshore Drive United Church, 19 Lakeshore Drive. Refreshments are to follow. The $7 tickets are available from members or at the door also at Pier 31, Berry's Pet Food and Seaway Treasures.

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Scouts host Santa

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Santa was in Iroquois and the Scouts brought him to delight the youngsters. Iroquois' own Mini Miss, Crystal Cooper and Mini Gent, Andres Menges were on hand to welcome him. Scouts, Stacey Cassell and Brandon Burrell stopped serving to pose for this shot. They all enjoyed a hearty breakfast with the big guy in the red suit and then he was off to prepare for Christmas.

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MORRISBURG
SDRC fees drop

Morrisburg's share of South Dundas Recreation Council (SDRC) subsidies will drop by almost half in 1997. Reeve McGregor praised the SDRC for their management skills. However, Councillor Jack Notman pointed out that recreation user fees have increased and recreation organizations have done a great deal of fund-raising on their own.

MORRISBURG
Parade a success

Chair of the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association (BIA) Earl Baker, dubbed the 2nd Annual Santa Claus Parade a great success. Baker was extremely pleased with the whole day and gave credit to the many volunteers and different organizations for working together for the betterment of the village.

MORRISBURG
Show some respect

Village Councillor Jack Notman urged snowmobilers to show a little respect when travelling through the village. According to the councillor, who is in charge of the village property portfolio, some residents have asked if he could prevent snowmobilers from using private property. Notman admitted there wasn't really anything he could do, but did ask that snowmobilers use a little common sense and heed others property.

PRESCOTT
Christmas party

Don't miss the Downtown Christmas Party in Prescott, Saturday December 14th from 9 am to 5 pm. Cornwall Siberian Husky Dog Show will kick things off at 10 am. The whole family will enjoy free hay rides at the Clock Tower from noon to 2 pm and kids can have their picture taken with Santa at his workshop - FREE.

MORRISBURG
Study finished

The study of industrial land and how it is being used in South Dundas has been completed. Mr. Belamy from the South Dundas Economic Development Commission presented the findings at the last Morrisburg council meeting.

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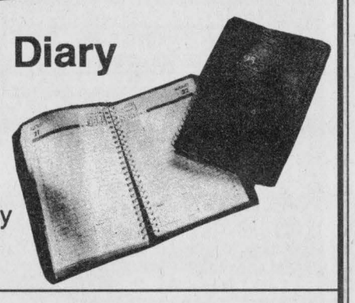

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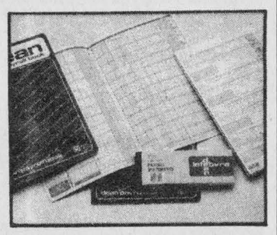

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FROM THE FRONT

Alice

Meeting the March Hare (Trevor Riopelle) was a unique experience for Alice and then the insane antics of the Mad Hatter (Most aptly portrayed by Adam Millard) along with the Hare and the Doormouse (Ingrid Wemerman) had things in an uproar. The infamous tea party was a wild and crazy time. "Say what you mean...I mean what I say"...are they the same? That is like saying, "I see what I eat and I eat what I see..." Moving when they want another cup of tea, topsy turvey and upside down silliness, laughing at things not usually found funny and the B-I-G teapot into which the Doormouse was deposited was neat!!

The manner in which characters came onto the stage from the rear was very effective and added to the silliness.

Perhaps the biggest hit with the youngsters was the Gryphon. The part was taken by Alan Leightizer and with his height and baritone voice, he was made for it. Those wondering what a Gryphon is; he is a fabulous animal with the body and legs of a lion, the wings and beak of an eagle and with listening ears makes a perfect chaperon. Alan was very colourful with his feathers made of stretchy paper and his yellow suit, everyone liked him!

The croquet match and the trial scene were included. The Red Queen (Amy Riddick), sufficiently evil and the King of Hearts (Camille Parent) were royally ready to suggest that everyone who displeased them should lose their heads, "Off with his/her head" was a favourite refrain. The Knave of Hearts (Jim Donaldson) kept his knickers intact during the performance on this afternoon, and if he indeed did eat the Queen's tarts he was not going to admit it. The Jabberwakey was mentioned and although the accused heard that, "The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts all on a summer day; the Knave of Hearts, he stole some tarts and took them quite away," he admitted no foul play.

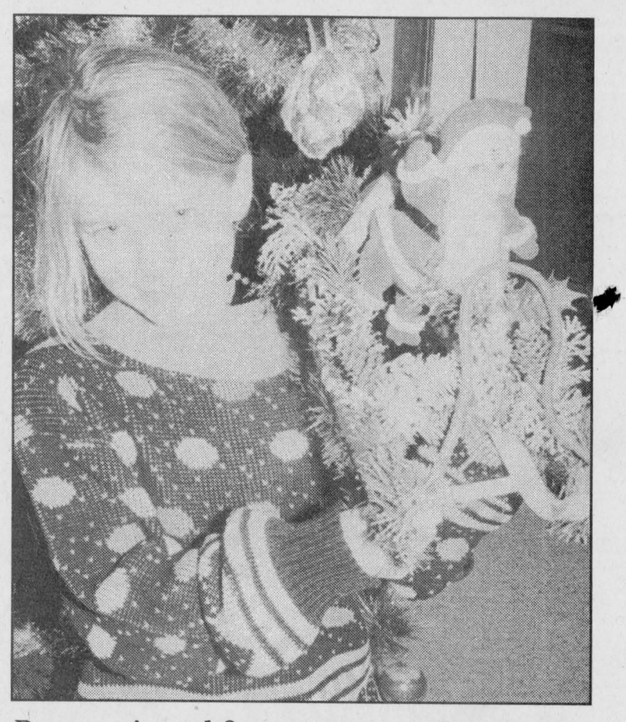
Alex Liddy made a dark and foreboding Executioner, who seemed to eat too much, Rechelle Croteau and Gina Martel were the Ace of Diamonds and the Two of Spades respectively and the cards were expected since they were an integral part of the play.

The star had to be (excuse me everyone!!) Charms the cat who played herself. This was his stage debut and he proved it was no fluff off the belly to be on the stage!

The Stage Manager and Accountant for the run of Alice was Jeff Schnurr, ably assisted by Ebony Sager and Collin Fitzgerald. Adam and Trevor handled the sound and Irene Berghuis was the prompter. Sheri Adamson worked out the programme pamphlet, Patrick Vaughan worked the VCR and Sam Stime created the Carpenter and the Walrus picture.

No show goes on without a pile of backstage effort from people who deserve recognition but fail to get it. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes, and the folks who assisted in any capacity were noted and thanked.

This was another good one. If there was a criticism it was that the action was too rapid at times for the youngsters to follow, but they caught up and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Thanks to the Seaway students for their wonderful Christmas gift to the elementary students and the adults who came out to see a performance.



Pretty nice eh?

This young lady took part in the wreath making session offered at the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary on Sunday. The Friends of the Sanctuary sponsored the workshop and those who came out were impressed with their final products. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Garbage a messy issue at Morrisburg council meeting

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Karen Gorrell told Morrisburg council that the back of the mall in that village was a disgrace.

Ms. Gorrell raised the issue of garbage at the regular meeting of Morrisburg council last Monday evening.

"Is there any way to come up with a better way to deal with the garbage?" questioned Gorrell. "The doors (on the garbage bins at the back of the mall) are always open with garbage half way out in the parking lot and it's a disgrace."

"Other than sending everyone on a two week training course I don't know what we could do," answered Reeve McGregor.

According to the reeve, some merchants in the mall are not using the garbage bins properly and even though village foreman Keith Robinson has spoken to these people, they refuse to comply and break down the cardboard boxes before they are put in the bins.

"As far as I know we're the only village who supplies garbage containers and they don't use them properly," said the reeve.

Earl Baker, chair of the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association (BIA) told council that the BIA has spoken to some of the business owners in question and still nothing had changed.

Roy Brister, owner of Brister Insurance told council that at his office in Prescott, "If we don't put out our garbage properly, we get a bill in the mail."

Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink thought that Morrisburg would eventually have to look at fines for this type of behaviour.

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