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Farmers make their way to Ottawa

A convoy of tractors departed Winchester last Wednesday morning as farmers headed for a rally at Lansdowne Park. Approximately 5,000 farmers from all over the region converged on the Nation's Capital to make their voices heard, drive past Parliament Hill, and hear what federal politicians had to say. Stockwell Day was among the featured speakers to address the crowd on the Day of Action.

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Untimely Public Meeting on Group Home hears residents

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A group of Westwind Drive citizens gathered in the Morrisburg Legion last week to voice their opposition, to hear from experts, speak with the owners of the facility and express their concerns to their local councillors on the issue of a Group Home being established in their midst.

Bolstered in their endeavours, when they learned that Kids Kare Inc. had only a six month provisional license to operate the "Home," the people who live near the facility came armed with a battery of questions, prepared to demand answers.

The evening began with a letter being read by moderator, Bill Horner from Social Services in Cornwall, Ian McLean. In this correspondence he mentioned how 85 young people in our area are having to be housed in facilities far from their familiar turf. "Referring children to the city from our area often makes a difficult situation worse...having a home in the area fills a much needed void. We do not like to have to send the youngsters far from home, from what they know."

Then it was the citizens' turn and their spokesman, Ron Calvert stepped to the podium, folder in hand. He began by stating that those for whom he spoke were not opposed to homes for seniors or physically disadvantaged or mentally challenged persons, "But this Half-Way House or whatever it is called, is not what we bargained for when we bought a home on Westwinds Drive."

Questions were addressed to Jamie Koch or Don Osborne of Kids Kare Inc. and touched such areas as how many youth can be housed there? (Answer: seven). Is it a co-ed residence? (Answer: male only up to 14 years of age). Their origin...Answer: Mostly from SD&G, but can come from outside the area. They will attend the same schools as other Morrisburg children.

Kids Kare Inc. it was established is a long term facility, where children can stay until they reach the maximum age and then move to another program or go back to their families, whatever is suitable. The provisional license is issued to them by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and does not allow for an external review, although there will be a six month review and thereafter every 12 months when such things as health issues, fire, and safety of the residents. According to Lenore Jones from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, "If the Group Home meets municipal requirements as far as space dictates (which it does) then it satisfies the Ministry." The concerns of the community are not taken into consideration at any stage of the process.

Among the issues raised were vehicle traffic and parking and the hazards they present, colourful language used on the premises by the occupants, smoking, safety of young children on neighbouring properties, the possibility of violent occurrences, frequency of OPP being called, impression the facility leaves on the area and the residents.

Perhaps the main issue centred around the manner in which the Home was established. No one in the community was informed as to what was happening until after all the necessary licenses were in place, after it was too late to object, although it would have done no good anyway, citizens felt slighted and abused somewhat the way the entire process occurred. Some people were

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Cardinal Community Centre prepares to lighten bank account

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Funds that have piled up in the bank account of the board running Cardinal's Community Centre are being tapped to reimburse the municipality for two-year's worth of operating expenses at the arena.

The arena board operates the Centre as a going concern, taking in the revenue and paying out expenses, including the cost of municipal employees' labour and services, which is remitted back to the municipality on a yearly basis.

But because the former Village of Cardinal hadn't sent the board a bill for the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 seasons, the account had swelled to about $247,000, Councillor Dan McDonald told the last meeting of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Township.

However, the township has since billed the board almost $240,000 for the years in question — $150,000 of which was paid to the township about three weeks ago, with another installment of $50,000 planned for May. The balance would be paid this year.

The board, not the municipality, holds signing authority on the arena bank account.

"They're running the arena board as a business," explained Mayor David Dobbie. He added the board's account does not belong to the municipality and is separate from the village account in Cardinal. "There are two separate bank accounts in Cardinal, with separate signing authority."

The size of the arena fund casts a better light on the financial position of Cardinal coming into amalgamation because it represents a ready source of liquid cash owed to the municipality.

Cardinal reserves have been loaned $100,000 by taxpayers in the former Edwardsburgh, to cover expenses, because the Cardinal account was empty at the time of amalgamation. However, the amount now being paid by the arena board is more than double that figure.

Mayor Dobbie said the Tran-

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Morrisburg Institute wins Provincial Grant of $2.334M

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Ontario Minister of Economic Development and Trade handed a $2.334 million cheque to delighted union representatives at the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario in Morrisburg last week.

The money was awarded under the province's Strategic Skills program, which aims to fill a shortfall in the number of skilled trades workers in Ontario, a problem O.E.T.I.O. Director Gerry Hughes called one of "daunting demographics."

Due to an aging workforce, a diminishing supply of youth entering the crane and heavy equipment operator field, technological changes in cranes and heavy equipment and a growing economy, the industry predicts a substantial shortage of operators in the near future.

It takes three to six years of training for an individual to become a certified operating engineer. Owned by the International Union of Operating Engineers, the Morrisburg Institute churns out fully qualified crane and heavy equipment operators — 250 more of them per year be-

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Motion to freeze Municipal Office renovations in Spencerville withdrawn

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Councillor Peggy Taylor withdrew a motion to freeze possible renovations at the municipal office in Spencerville.

If passed, Taylor's motion, which was seconded by Dan McDonald, would have compelled council to freeze any renovations at either the Cardinal or Spencerville municipal building, for at least one year, while council ruled on each of the recommendations made by the Transition Board.

The motion would also have required financial audits and an examination of how the office's final location jived with the township's official plan.

Mayor David Dobbie somewhat reluctantly read out the motion, which Taylor had sprung on the new business section of the agenda.

But after a lukewarm response around the council table, she agreed to withdraw the motion and defer it until after tenders were received on possible renovations to the Spencerville office.

"We do have renovations on the building out for tender. Contractors have done a fair amount of work on that as of now," said Councillor Peter Martin. "I, for one, would like to see the prices to help make the decisions."

Both Councillor Bill Sloan and Councillor Marie Thompson voiced concern with linking the township's official plan. (The township actually has two official plans, one for Cardinal and one for Edwardsburgh).

"I don't think the O.P. has anything to do with the municipal hall renovations," said Thompson.

Taylor was assured the withdrawn motion could be reintroduced at a later date.

It was at least another reminder that the Transition Board's earlier decision to locate the office in Spencerville continues to stick in the craw of many Cardinal residents.

Mayor Dobbie also read a letter from Cardinal resident Edna Magee, which asserted her concerns with possible renovations in Spencerville, when Cardinal already had a new, wheel-chair accessible building.

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$2.3 million for OETIO

Evidence of shared interest among government, labour and industry. Left to right, Mike Gallagher (Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 793); Valerie Brennan (President, Amherst Crane Rentals, Ltd., Co-chair, Board of Directors, Training Trust Fund); Mike Quinn (Area Supervisor, IUOE, Local 793, Co-chair, Board of Directors, Training Trust Fund); Bob Runciman (Ontario Minister of Economic Development and Trade); Gerry Hughes (OETIO Director).

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Spring Time

Kani (9) and Kasey (12) Bennett couldn't wait to try their new scooters out. Sunday was a great day weatherwise, even if the calendar does not specify spring till yesterday. The girls were having fun and Mom even said she gave one a try! Way to go Kim!

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Prize patrol prowls

The Prize Patrol rolled into town on Saturday to bring smiles to shoppers' faces at S&F Foodland. From watches to binoculars, from grilles to radios, from gift certificates at Sears to a juicer, a good number went home winners. Things roll again in late April. We'll keep you up to date.

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Cribbage League play in the lounge this past Saturday, March 17 was quite lively with nineteen Crib enthusiasts entered. Wilf Summers topped the field with 1079 points while Harold Head grabbed second spot with 1073. Roger Coulter ended his long drought by pegging 1067 to claim third place, relegating Dennis Wright to the "Bridesmaid" chair. The skunks were abundant as the mild weather brought fifteen of them out. Duane Kirker nabbed a pair and Paul Claxton tickled the kitty three times. Paul informed us that his 928 total was his worst performance since he joined the League five years ago, but promised much better results at the Provincial Championships in Elliott Lake on March 31. With only a few weeks of regular League play left, Joe MacDonald still has a firm grip on first place with his average of 114.5, Paul Morrow, Ron Perrin and Wilf Summers all threaten with averages of 114.2 while Dennis Wright is still in the chase with 114.0.

At Euchre on March 13, there were twelve tables shuffling and at the end of the evening, Bill Devaul had first prize and Edith Baker followed with to snag second. The door prize went to Louise Crites.

Bridge resumed last evening, March 20.

For those who attended our St. Patrick's Day celebration, I can say that everyone had a good time, and those who missed it missed some great fun. The Branch was decorated nicely in the spirit of the Day, thanks again to Neil and Blair (They even thought of decorations for Sheila and Maddy!). There was plenty of Irish music and the food (Corned beef and cabbage) was excellent. I'd like to extend a hearty thanks to those who were so generous, those few valued members who travelled to Montreal to get the corned beef and then were so kind as to donate it to the Branch after cooking it for us as well!! It simply melted in your mouth, it was so good.

A Big Thanks to Jerry Henophy who was so kind as to donate one of the lovely quilts his late wife so lovingly created and quilted. All in all a great day of food, music and friendship thoroughly enjoyed.

Coming this week:
Monday is Bingo at Johnstown Hall. Tuesday has Euchre in the Main Hall at 7:30pm. Line Dancing takes over on Wednesday at 7:30 while Mixed League Darts are on Friday evening, 7:30. Saturday will have the Crib tables busy starting at 1pm sharp!

See you next week.



UPC codes please!

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Freda Tibben coordinates the Heinz Canada baby food CHEO fundraiser at S&F in Iroquois and Valu-Mart in Morrisburg. She collects 2,000 baby food labels a year, and CHEO receives 10 cents from each. However, it is very important that labels left in the CHEO deposit box include their attached UPC code. Without the code, CHEO won't get the dime, she says. The handful of labels she holds in the photo unfortunately came without the UPC codes.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson





"Sweet is the breath of morn, her rising sweet with charm of earliest birds."-John Milton (1608-1674), English Poet.

The long awaited day is here...the first day of spring. Ice huts have been dismantled from the ponds, walkers have begun their daily outings earlier, cats sun themselves next to the reflected heat from a garage door or perched on a cosy front step.

Time for a little R and R-to the birdwatcher, **robins and redwings**. Last week we mentioned the returning birds were late this year. I saw my first **robins**, three of them, on some bare grass under spruce trees at Iroquois Point on Thursday afternoon. **Red-winged blackbirds** are coming in a slow trickle and some are at the feeders. **Brown-headed cowbirds** are plentiful already. **Mourning doves** are calling non-stop, their mournful "who-who-who" call a pleasant if monotonous accompaniment to the twitterings of the house-finches. The breast of the dove turns a lovely soft pink in the spring. They are early nesters. House finches also nest early. A caller from Beach Avenue reported his **house finches** have returned to his garden after a long winter absence.

A visit to the old Iroquois compost heap turned up a **ruffed grouse**, which flushed from its hiding place in the woods. Soon we will hear the drumming of the grouse as they engage in courtship rituals.

A **turkey vulture**, vanguard of more to come from the south was seem circling high over Morrisburg on Wednesday. An immature **bald eagle** was observed by several people, sitting in an oak tree on the south side of Lakeshore Drive near Eric Johnston's property. We went to see it, but the bird had flown away.

Canada Geese are on the move. Another report from Lakeshore Drive where a resident reported about two dozen **geese** and 3 **cardinals**. Any day now we should hear the migration of geese begin.

A smaller flock of **gold finches** visited a garden at the west end of Church Avenue. They were feeding in a feeder on an apple tree along with a **cardinal**.

And a report came in of a **wild turkey** again in the Lakeshore Drive and County Road 2 area.

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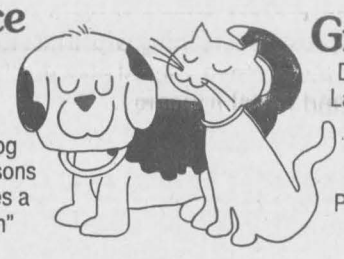

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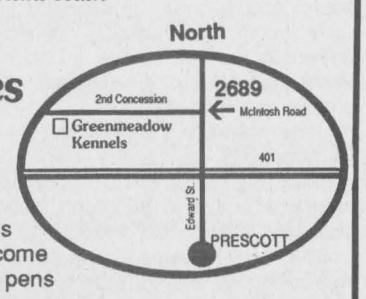

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Seven kids

Unwanted children are too often left bobbing within the flotsam and jetsam of so many broken or dysfunctional homes in our society. It's tragic.

So what's to be done with these young castoffs? No community in Canada is untouched by their existence, nor can any community shuck its responsibility in their regard. More than a few otherwise upstanding middle-class families on any typical small-town street are already well acquainted with the instability of a modern-day childhood, kids bouncing from mom's to dad's to grandma's and back again. And it isn't a stretch to say that the child whose more tragic circumstances lands him or her in the care of the C.A.S. might be the blood relative, distant or otherwise, of "respectable" folk living near you.

As residents of Westwinds Drive in Morrisburg have discovered, society's attempt to deal with the problem can strike equally close to home. And if society has any rightful burden, it is to ensure the raising of children who have no family of their own, in as normal an environment possible. Mr. Joe Average cannot ever expect guarantees that paying his fair share of taxes will be the end of his involvement in the process — that the government would then keep unwanted kids out of sight and out of mind within the walls of Oliver Twist-style orphanages. Not in this day and age. Instead, taxpayers should remember that there's always a chance of being compelled to do more for the greater social good — jury duty, for example. Bearing the "risk" that your new next-door neighbour could be involved with caring for the community's foster children might also be seen as another of those societal duties.

The source of contention on Westwinds — a so-called "group home" whose presence was hotly debated during a forum at the Morrisburg Legion last week — is licensed to house up to seven children, to a maximum age of 14. Group home is an unfortunate term in this situation because it raises hackles for those who might equate it, incorrectly, with "half-way house" and infer wrongdoing on the part of the occupants. But they are just kids who happen to be wards of the state through no fault of their own.

Now, no one's ever accused Morrisburg of always embracing its young, what with perennial complaints about those darn skateboarders down at the Plaza — but what a sad thing for kids who have already been shunted around, unwanted, to see a whole neighbourhood mobilized to send them packing, too.

Reflecting recently on the situation, South Dundas Mayor Johnny Whitteker said the neighbours might better have served the community by holding an event to welcome the group home occupants instead of meeting "to try and kick them out." Right on, Mr. Mayor.

Why the fuss over seven kids? Neighbourhoods used to be full of families that size — way back when everyone professed to care about widows and orphans.

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Renowned storyteller and broadcaster drops by for visit

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

She insists that she has had more than her share of breaks and will say that too many good things have happened to her. "I do know I could not have gotten this far without the help of a higher Being, it has been much more than a stroke of good luck that brought me to where I am today."

She loves to cook, (having owned upwards of 500 cook books, many of which have been donated to the church bazaar) not professing to be a gourmet of any kind, she does admit to being a good cook. "Nothing fancy, I especially like to do things with the first course of the meal," says an effervescent lady.

When we spoke with Mary Cook, on a Sunday evening, she had just completed serving and was cleaning up after a dinner party in her home. "I served stuffed pork loin with an onion sauce, I made bread dressing and improvised a lot along the way," laughs a very easy to visit with person. She confides that the guests and Wally are playing cards and she is busy in the kitchen. A bad time to call? "Not at all, I am free and will be awfully busy tomorrow, go ahead, ask away," she laughs as we get to the work. "I bore very easily. (She explains that she was set for a trip, had cleaned, done the laundry and all deadlines had been met as far as her writing assignments were concerned..."All I had to do was wait for the time to leave, I was going stark raving mad and so asked Wally to take me for a drive to fill the time. I can sit for an hour, but definitely not for a day!) and I am a very short sleeper; I may go to bed at 12 midnight and am up set to go by 4:30am.

Oh, did I mention, she writes as a compliment to this fascinating obsession with the culinary arts? Well she is the same Mary Cook: Author, Mother, Grandmother, Neighbour and Friend that many people feel they know intimately through her works.

A very spiritual person, Mary lives in Carleton Place and commutes to Ottawa to attend church every Sunday. Living in what was formerly the family cottage and is now her and her husband, Wally's permanent residence. "I finally woke up and realized it was nonsense to remain in that multi-roomed house (a 34-room mausoleum, of which we used 17 to 22 rooms) now that the family has grown and moved on. The cottage was a seasonal retreat for us for some 11 years and in the fall of 1988 became our prime residence." She adds, "Wally enjoys it more than I, I like more people around me and it was a culture shock of sorts for me to move from 22 rooms to 5. Perhaps I get more enjoyment in summer than winter here on the lake, but I am not fond of winter anyway!"

She never uses notes, nor does she bring along a prewritten script to follow to any of her speaking engagements. Mary Cook has been entertaining listeners for years with her memories of life as it was for a child of the Great Depression, weekly on the CBC. "I still broadcast out of Toronto the first Sunday of each month." She has been for the past 20 years and continues to be read weekly in EMC out of Smiths Falls as well as nine other newspapers and an Ottawa magazine publication.

It all began when a new publishing CEO in Ottawa approached Mary some years back. "He had heard my radio efforts and liked what he heard, felt they should be put to paper. I was not of the same opinion and so we spent several months "discussing" the issue. I wanted to produce a cookbook and in the end we both compromised, my first book was "A Collector's Stories and Recipes" and the rest as they say is history (or herstory!) this first effort was followed by "Time to Blow out the Lamp" a year later. She uses words like "fluke" when telling about her early works, but the fact that she is still working on the CBC and continues to delight her readers with stories and books, with speaking engagements that have her booked almost a year in advance, there is no doubt she has a certain magic. Her ability to meld humour with pathos coupled with her unique, warm and wonderful way with a story leads one to read and truly enjoy her written word.

"One for Sorrow, Two for Joy" came next capturing the bittersweet days of the 1930s. Taken from the perspective of a youngster growing up on a rural farm, where the Hanneman family shared with grace, good humour, and affection the struggle to keep afloat. The youngest of five children, including older sister, Audrey, three rambunctious brothers (Emerson, Earl and Everett) and two cousins from Montreal (Ronny and Terry) whose lives are so woven with the family they are like brothers, Mary is able to make the reader a part of the family as well. The close-knit Hannemans were poor in material items, but rich in those things that really matter-love and self-sufficiency. Living in the Ottawa Valley, they could have been your neighbours and her stories, combining fact and fiction are loved by old and young alike. "I amazed at the kind of people; from all walks of life, all age groups and all social stature who read my work," says Mary. She continues, "I appeal to all I guess because of the simplicity of my work. I tell it like it was, I am a very down to earth person and I write that way.

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Arie and Jannie Geurkink meet Mary Cook.
Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

End subsidies everywhere

As unpopular as it might be to say it in Dundas County, the national pundits have already dismissed last week's 'Day of Action' as two percent of the population blowing off a little steam — farmers' sound and fury on Wednesday, signifying nothing to the Chretien government by Thursday. While the federal government is rightly criticized for not having a national food policy, the question begs: What role should government and government subsidies ultimately play in any such policy?

The game of subsidy one-upmanship between the U.S. and the Europeans is undeniably a sore point for Canadian farmers, as this country has been left standing on the sidelines. Calls for subsidy equity with the Americans have been front and centre during the protests. But is that a realistic demand? Subsidy comparisons are troublesome because of the difference in currency value between the two countries. Is it entirely fair to take the subsidy given to the typical American farmer, in American dollars, convert that figure to Canadian dollars, and then compare it to the Canadian subsidy? It's a little reminiscent of a study performed by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, which found education spending in the province to be among the lowest in North American — when all figures were converted to one currency. That being said, current Canadian agricultural subsidies would still lag those of our southern neighbour if they were paid out in 100-cent dollars. However, the gap would be smaller than it is now, and still smaller than it would be if the dollar drops to 50 cents. All Canadians, not only farmers, must pay the premium that comes with having a floating currency based on the economic activity of only 30 million people.

One can't assume that boosting subsidies to American levels would buy happiness, either. Heavily subsidized American cash croppers, for example, are reportedly despondent with their lot in life right now. And have French farmers, those standard bearers of the E.U., ever been satisfied?

In the interests of balance, a few other things should at least be noted for the record during this farm income crisis:

- Hog and beef prices are presently strong, while feed costs are low because of the collapse in crop prices, which adds up to favourable conditions for those farmers;
- Industry insiders admit that corn growers could immediately sell this year's crop of corn on the futures market at a small profit, but some will risk waiting for the prices at harvest;
- The supply managed sectors in dairy, poultry and eggs continue to do well.

In the long term, ending all agricultural subsidies in the western countries, as was done in New Zealand, is the only viable solution to the crisis.

NZ

Hard to believe these are true occurrences...

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Spring has sprung! The first signs are evident: sunshine, birds singing in the morning, smiles erupting on faces, and ditches reappearing once again as their blanket of white melts away.

There are not too many this year who will be sad to see the snow melt and winter go back into hibernation for a few months. It seems to have been a L-o-n-g winter. The grass showing on the higher ground is a great sight and as the water starts to run in the creeks and the ice floats away, snow banks lower and the mud takes over...Yeah!! The temps are terrific and the sun warms more every day. Walkers are out, scooters, roller blades and bicycles are out in force as people can hardly wait for the warmer weather to get out on the tarmac. Snowmen fade into the earth and the rather dirty side of the season shows itself. Car washes are filled with anxious motorists who insist on keeping their cars and trucks clean. It is indeed spring, the signs are evident. People even show their pleasure, ever notice, they wear broad smiles as they suggest it IS a nice day!!

They say a change is as good as a rest. I sure hope this is true since the holiday that was supposed to be did not materialize. A call to the university kid was well worth the money. He was in the middle of Alumni Week and had numerous assignments to complete last week. He suggested that since his itinerary was full he would have no time to spend with us should we bother to venture westward. The plan originally called for a B and B where this one would not have to cook. Cosy and just like home, it seemed a great way to spend a couple of nights and catch some relaxation. We would take the son out to dinner and visit a bit then head home. Funny when I mentioned that he was bogged with work and social activities and had no time for the old folks, a friend explained how this was simply the beginning for such events in our lives.

Oh, well, we switched to Plan B which would have us in the nearer city checking out a movie, accomplish some shopping and eat out. This did not happen either! The college kid had a project that the prof wanted handed in, and it had to be printed at the press shop prior to being handed in. He left to get it done and then head back to attend a wake of a friend's granddad. As the big guy and the writer sat down, a call came from him, the little Tempo had quit and refused to start. Suggesting that help could be reached, a return call would give him the action to take in this situation. The car was in the school parking lot, and could remain there over night. Trouble was he could not wait an hour for us to drive in and another hour to get to the wake. He would borrow a car from a school chum. The folks would handle the Tempo situation. A call to the great aunt who resides in the city resulted in no help since her son takes care of her vehicle but unfortunately he left the city for the cottage during March Break. Then the phone rings again, the kid got the car going, and headed south on Woodroofe Avenue. But, our luck as it is, another stallout and this time no way it was going to go. Suggesting he push it off to the side of the road, out up the hood and hang tight for a minute til thoughts could be assembled. A call to brothers resulted in one being home and ready to assist, he would arrange for a tow truck to pick up the car and bring it out here. "Sounds like more than we could handle as far as repairing along the throughway." A call back to the kid informs us he has pushed the car out of the driving lane, and got a marvellous scare as drivers slow down for nothing, for no one...and I can understand they must be in a BIG hurry and have no time to show for someone in trouble! He felt he might be struck by a driver, wasn't and so walked back to the school. Directions were given the towdriver, licence plate and all (I am soo smart!!) and the son was headed to the wake in his bud's car. He would come home afterwards and we would follow him in to bring him home for the weekend. Sounded all right...he came home, we followed him. The car was not a Ford, but this guy was good enough to lend it, what the hey! As soon as we reached the first turn in the road, it was evident something was wrong with this car as well, no direction lights. They came on, but did not flash. Oh well, I could stay close and use mine to let people know what he was doing and there were not too many turns anyway and we had to get the boys' car back to him so he could go home. We make it to the 416 and head northward. All of a sudden his taillights dim and flicker and then go out. When we are alone on the highway for a bit I speed up to come even with him and see he has no headlights either. Using the Bronco lights we make it to the

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the bottom line

UPPER CANADA PLAYHOUSE IS EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO CHARitable organizations to take advantage of their Fundraising event. The Playhouse is donating two matinee prerformances of The Wild Guys on August 25 and September 1 to any non-profit charitable organizations from the area. Blocks of 25 tickets will be given to some 21 organizations which they can sell, keeping 100% of their sales for their fundraising efforts. A wonderful way for the Playhouse to give back to the community that has supported them for 18 years. The tickets are donated to the groups, who only have to sell them, and at $20 each the regular price they can make up to $500. An entertaining comedy for all. Call the Playhouse at 543-3713 for info and application forms for your group, tickets will be given on a first come-first served.

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SEAWAY DISTRICT SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL HOST A BAKE SALE TODAY, Wednesday, March 21 to raise funds for bursaries and track repairs. Grade 10 students are donating the goodies. The Valentine's Day Sale netted $240 thanks to all Grade 9 parents. The community is welcome to come in and purchase the treats between 11 and 11:30am then the sale will open to the general school population. Come early for best selection in this worthwhile cause.

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RUMOUR HAS IT THAT ALL LOCAL SNOWMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS CAN get their blood moving a bit faster than normal by checking out the new Yamaha Viper at the McIntosh Inn on Saturday between 10am and 6pm. This slick machine is reported to be something awesome, don't miss your opportunity to see it in the metal! The showing is courtesy of Thompson Yamaha Inc. in Brinston. See you there!!

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BANTAM HOCKEY PLAYERS WILL BE ON THE CARDINAL ICE SURFACE this weekend and Saturday at 3pm the official Opening Ceremony will take place. Some pretty good hockey will be played by these youngsters as the season comes to a close in the near future. A last blast on the ice will provide some energy and excitement for all to see.

THIS WEEK'S BOTTOM LINE: "The first rule of holes is when you are in one, stopdigging." (Psalm 40: 2,3)

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Livin'

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Hunt Club turn off. He pulls off and explains how the entire electric system shut down, except the engine was still chugging; "Just like mine did!" he says, "What will I do?" We drive to the school, it was not far and the street lights are bright. Fingers crossed that neither of us gets pulled over for anything and finally we are in the college parking lot, and none too soon, for the car quits. Going to tell his friend the news, the kid is rather despondent, feeling this has happened because it has to be his fault this is happening to any vehicle he drives on this day. Conjuring up the courage to tell his chum the news, he searches him out. A boost might do the trick, and we would gladly do so, but neither him nor us have cables. Ours are in the car since we were bringing that to the city to help the kid, until the wrecker idea became reality and so the cables were in the trunk. The young man has none and so goes to call his girlfriend to come for him, repeating to the kid, "These things happen, don't worry and do not blame yourself!" Well, at least our luck is consistent, the door closed behind the lad when he came out and must have automatically locked. The young men toss snowballs at a window of a room where they know someone is in residence. Always trying to stay on the side of caution, the old mother warns them to be careful and so they try another door and bingo they are in. A forgotten piece of work for the kid and the news from the girlfriend of the car owner is a negative response and so we will drive him home. After some twisting and turning, driving through a plaza parking lot and some other winding streets and he is home. Good byes all 'round and when he suggests that he will see the college kid the following day, the thought crosses the driver's mind that he may never see any of us again...we may drive around this area of Nepean forever! Who can recall how we actually got here? Once out of the circles, we are on Greenbank headed home. What an experience, the ninety degree angle turns, the rough surface and the darkness, it was great to hit Manotick. The college kid had pulled an all-nighter and so was beat, but hunger overtook and he saw a sign for pizza...we stop and after checking the menu, we order and the big guy visits with the pizzaman. The kid falls asleep and so we enjoy pizza after we get home. Home never looked quite so good! The drive northward along Woodroofe evidenced that the Tempo was gone, whether the towtruck driver had it or the police had towed it, we were unsure. We would not know until the next morning who actually had the car...too tired to care right at the moment.

The local towtruck operator had no trouble locating the Tempo and it was safely in our part of the woods. It was the alternator and would be ready asap. These things DO happen, and the little Tempo will live to drive another mile! Thanks to Dave, Brent and Mark!!!

The "holiday" was looking like it might be a waste, so the pantry was cleared, all items replaced and labels on every shelf now tell what is thereupon, at least for now. Ironing was accomplished, and some searching for paperwork that was tough to locate yet necessary. Time flies when you are facing a return to work, and so it did, and since the weekend was my responsibility, the break was extremely short, but there will be summer holidays coming and perhaps we can do better truly getting some R and R. What would life be without dreams??

There is good news in Mudville this week, a Team Canada hockey sweater came into my possession and it is signed by the entire Canadian Sledgehockey team!! Thanks Todd, I have wanted one for ever so long and it is even red!! The men will have one fan for sure when they play in the Salt Lake City Olympics, now if I can figure a way to attend the games...I also won a spacesaver radio as the Prize Patrol arrived in town at S&F Foodland on Saturday and I was there simply to snap a photo!! Dinner at the Barracks in Prescott to celebrate St. Patty's Day was terrific as usual. Lamb is seldom enjoyed and the Irish stew the other folks had looked wonderful and those decadent desserts, Wow!

In the win-win column a coworker was involved in a mishap but came through with only a few sore muscles, lucky indeed. As a joke we created a Swampview Emerg Kit for him, complete with candles and matches for warmth and light; a thermo blanket for warmth and shelter from the elements; candies and chocolate bars for energy; A mini-puzzle to do as he waits for help (He likes puzzles!), a flashlight to ward off darkness; a quarter to call for help (if a phone is nearby); a small knife to cut the seatbelt if it won't release and something to calm him after things settle down. A tin of jokes, but we hope it helped to relieve any tension left behind and we are really glad he was not hurt!!

A couple of gents we knew passed away last week and although attending a wake can be difficult, sometimes it is just more than we can endure. Hope people understand. It will be 8 years since a brother left us for a better place next week, and the pain remains yet. Memories flood back and time stands still.

Take care and keep smiling, summer comes next on the calendar!

The wisdom comes from Robert Bridges who said, "Man masters nature not by force, but by understanding."

Focus

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There is no need for anyone to check words in a dictionary when they read my books. I do not write with any flourish...what you see is what you get! I have a keen interest in people and a sense of adventure. I can speak to grade schoolers or seniors, I speak from the cuff and after getting a sense of my audience can relate to them in a way they understand. My writing is the same."

When asked what effort she sees as her best, she responded rather quietly and more soft spoken than previously..."I was most moved by my mother's story, "Another Place at the Table." It was a difficult labour for me. I experienced both joy and pain as I wrote it. It was hard for me, emotionally draining. I would write a chapter, cry a chapter. It opened a lot of memories for me. My mother made a tremendous sacrifice, both she and my dad for the rest of us. Their love and respect were evident daily and I felt it was a book that had to be written. From Ottawa to New York to a desolate farm in Renfrew County, my mother longed to escape, the man who would be my father providing the only sanctuary we could hope for"...This is a remarkable tribute by Mary to her Mother, Mable. Mable passed on Christmas morning 1971, Albert in 1981, Everett in 1990, and Earl in 1998. Audrey raised 17 children and lives in Ottawa, Emmerson is in Port Stanley. The original farm remains and still creates interest for folks.

Mary sites "One for Sorrow, Two for Joy" (1984) as one she still picks up and admits it still makes her laughs.

She laughs as we speak and she recalls how her family were and remain so very supportive of her endeavours. "They think it is wonderful that I have done so well. Audrey, my elder step-sister was always my mentor. She still corrects me, gives me advice and we often talk, when she will suggest, "Mind the Time" and another string of memories floods back to create another collection." Mary works out of her home office and likes the atmosphere. "As long as I meet my deadlines, I can stop watch the TV, look out the window or just daydream a bit, I am in charge of my own destiny. If you enjoy what you are doing, you have the best options available." Mother of three grown children and Grandmother to five youngsters, she continues to relate stories and they resonate from her heart. Her books (those not yet listed include, View from the West Hill, Liar-Liar Pants on Fire, the audiobook-Calendar: A Year in the Country and Christmas with Mary Cook-the proceeds of this last one go to Breast Cancer Research) are all Canadian best sellers and are sold across Canada and the US.

In the area, Mary spoke at a potluck lunch at Walker House in Prescott then signed copies of her books for fans at the Prescott Gift Lane on King Street. Noting that one of the mistakes of the last few decades has been the ..."deliberate attempt to separate the young from the aged"...they need oneanother.

Recipient of seven Actra awards, this is a special lady in her own write!

Meeting and greeting old friends from the Seaway, like Mayor Bob Lawn and a perennial favourite of everyone, Jean Casselman Wadds, Mary is like everyone's granny and conversing on the phone with her for this interview was like calling home. Thanks for sharing the memories, Mary.

FROM THE FRONT

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Council notes

Salt concerns

A public meeting dealing with an amendment to the former Edwardsburgh's official plan drew a sprinkling of Johnstown residents concerned about purging the document of references to possible salt contamination in the hamlet.

The present O.P. acknowledges the issue by designating minimum lot sizes because of "ongoing problems with salt contamination" and "the salt contamination problem."

However, the amended plan would be see those references expunged.

"I just hope we're not taking this out of the O.P. so council can say, 'It's not my problem," said one man, a Johnstown resident.

The Ministry of Transportation continues to store salt at the township-owned grain elevator in Johnstown, fingered by residents as the source of the problem.

When asked if the township believes salt storage might also be expanded to a site across the county road, Councillor Peter Martin said he wasn't aware of any plans for that.

Martin heads the township's planning committee and presided over Monday's amendment meeting.

As for the rationale behind the amendment, which comes after wells were tested last year, Martin commented: "The testing done in November came two to four years after the O.P. The recent testing wasn't done for purposes of planning, it was done for determining the liability of the M.T.O."

The liability issue is "not a planning matter," he remarked.

The amendment heads back to the planning committee on Wednesday night. Then it's back to council and on to the province for approval. Residents could also appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Fort to windmill path

The Friends of Windmill Point, near Prescott, hope to have folks walking a new path and turning the pages in a newly commissioned history book.

Rob Heuvel, representing the group, told council a book about the windmill, site of the famous Battle of the Windmill, is in the works by author Donald E. Graves.

"The book is fairly complete now," said Heuvel, who was looking for support in principle, although "monetary support would be great."

2,500 copies will be printed at a cost of $21,000 to the group. They are expected to sell for about $23 each, he said.

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SPORTS

~ *Atom "B" Lions Lose Squeaker*
~ *Novice "B" Tourney Greats*
~ *Atom House Season Ends*



Novice B Lions *Courtesy photo.*

In front are Drew Morrow, Josh Veltkamp, Nicholas Thomas, Lucas Stewart, Jay Keller and Michael Thurler. In the centre row are Lynn Thurler (Mgr.), Scott Summers, Spencer Peters, Daniel Stevens, Nicholas McCaslin, Drew Hutt, David Toonders. Back row includes Dan Keller (Coach), Bill Morrow (Asst. Coach), Mike Veltkamp (Asst. Coach/Trainer) and Mitch Hutt (Asst. Coach). This is a team to watch as they play some pretty good hockey.

Novice B Lions play well in tournament victories

On Thursday, March 6, the 2000-2001 Novice "B" Lions were invited to play an exhibition match in Cornwall. The Lions clawed and scratched their way to a 3-3 draw with the host Royals.

Michel Thurler rifled a bullet into the top of the cage for the first scoring-play with an assist going to David Toonders. Some good forechecking behind the Royals net produced the next Lions Goal. Toonders did the damage with Thurler and Nick Thomas picking up the helpers. Thurler added his second of the night scoring on a sharp angle from his right wing. The assist was provided by Thomas.

This game was a tuneup for the Cornwall Tournament held on Wednesday, March 14 at the Bob Turner Arena. Morrisburg faced the Casselman Predateur who were handed a 4-1 defeat by the big blue machine. After Casselman had opened the scoring in the second, a smart three-way passing play got things rolling for the Lions. Defenceman Drew Morrow fed Captain Jay Keller as he streaked down the left wing. Keller took the puck down into the corner and whipped a pass in front to Josh Veltkamp who one-timed it into the net. Drew Hutt had a fine game for the Lions as he finished the Predateur with back-to-back goals in the final frame. Hutt picked up a lose puck in the neutral zone then promptly carried it over the blueline and unloaded a crisp shot that eluded the netminder. Hutt's second an accurate shot from the top of the circle which slid into a lower corner of the cage. David Toonders assisted on the play. Nick McCaslin added the finishing touch for the Lions on a long shot which found the open net.

The Kingston City Cougars was the next competition for the Lions. They too went down as the Lions roared to victory 4-1. Scott Summers snuck in from the point to hammer the first one in with Keller picking up the lone assist on the counter. Michel Thurler followed this up by banging one in one his own with Veltkamp assisting. Veltkamp set up the next counter as well, this time it was Spencer Peters who was the recipient. Peters teed up a hard blast from the blueline that deflected into the top corner. The Cougars got one back in the third, but Veltkamp completed the 3-point game with a fine goal shortly thereafter. Josh skated in from the right side hurled one over the big goalie's arm to the roof of the cage.

The host team, the Cornwall Royals survived a wild overtime match with Orleans to earn a birth in the Championship game against the Lions. The hometown fans were to go home disappointed though as the Lions roared to a 4-2 victory. Captain Keller got it going in the first with the classic wraparound goal as he swooped around the Royals net. Cornwall tied things, but the Lions rallied to take the lead again early in the second. Daniel Stevens went into the Royals end on a break away. Stevens, after fanning on his shot, kept right on going and rammed it into the net, determination prevailed for sure! Cornwall again would get this one back, but an outstanding three on two rush produced a lead the blue team would not relinquish. Nick Thomas slid it over to Thurler who quickly gave it to David Toonders. Sharpshooting David found the hole between the goalie's pads and it trickled just over the line for the winner. Steven's added one more for good measure as he took advantage of a favourable bounce off the boards to slap it into the twine.

For the third game in a row, superior passing, solid defence and steady goaltending by Luc Stewart produced victory for the Lions. Every member of the squad figured in on the scoring for the tournament showing that this victory was every bit a team effort. This is the boy's second tournament victory in as many attempts and Coach Dan likes their chances in the two tournaments ahead if this strong team play continues. It should be noted that Coach Dan and Captain Jay were feeling much less then their usual on this day, but both put on a gritty display and were there for every shift of every game. Congratulations boys and good luck in Montreal.

Atom B Lions lose a close series in final overtime

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg and District Atom "B" Lions lost in the fourth and deciding game, in overtime last Thursday night in Cardinal to the South Grenville Rangers 3-2. The Rangers pulled the upset over the Lions in front of one of the biggest crowds at an Atom hockey playoff game yet. The Lions scored on the first shift of the game when Allan Waddell scored off a pass from Tyrell Keicks. The second period remained scoreless despite both teams hitting the crossbar and the goal posts. The Lions took a two-goal advantage early in the third when Waddell found the mesh a second time from Chris Tindal and Alex Whelan. Then, halfway through the final frame the Rangers, Michael Froom scored twice from the wide angle to tie the match at 2. Assisting on Froom's goals were Cody Hatche and Joel Haystead. The game went into overtime and it looked like another stalemate, when with 2:25 left Joel Haystead went five hole for the game winner and the Eastern Division Atom "B" Championship. Helping on the clincher were Froom and Harche. Both teams are to be congratulated for their fine efforts and display of sportsmanship throughout the series. To be victorious it took four tie games and an overtime period. In the four games played there were only nine penalties between the two teams...well done indeed!

Other action saw the Atom "B" Lions travel to Kanata to play in the 17th Annual Ronald McDonald House Hockey Tourney. The theme for the Tourney was "Kids helping Kids" with all proceeds going to the charity.

The Lions started play Friday morning facing the Cornwall Royals, crowning them 5-0. Going to work early, the Lions had Brandon Elliott bend the twine on a setup from Scott Douma. Elliott gave the Lions a two goal lead as he went in solo and scored unassisted last in the second frame. Halfway through the third, Pat Bongers made it 3-0 with help from Keicks. Elliott finished his hat trick unassisted with two minutes left in the game. Darren Baldwin rounded out the scoring on an unassisted blast from the point. Steve Baird and Ryan Swank shared the pipe duties and the shut out. Jane Moss was awarded the "Hustler" Medallion for her fine efforts.

That same afternoon the Lions played the Embrun Panthers to a one all draw. The Lions lacked the speed and zip they had displayed in the earlier game. The Panthers scored in the last minute of the first period followed by a scoreless second. The Lions did not knot this one until the clock showed :40 left in the final frame while on the powerplay with the goalie pulled and two extra attackers. Tindal saved the day on a pass from Douma. Alex Whelan earned the "Hustler" Award for the Lions second game.

The next morning the Atom "B"s regrouped and trimmed the North Bay West Ferris 5-1. The Lions roared with three unanswered goals in the first off the sticks of Colin Chesbro Elliott and Douma. Assisting on the first three were moss, Elliott and Ali Tait respectively. Elliott made it 4-0 late in the second on setup from Moss. North Bay spoiled the shut out with one minute left in the second to make it 4-1 for the Lions. Chris Tindal fed a pass to Elliott, who in turn added his third and final counter of the game. The "Hustler" Award went to Pat Bongers for the Lions.

After this game the two players to represent the Lions in the All Star game were chosen; Brandon Elliott and Scott Douma. For the Skills Competition on Sunday, Tyrell Keicks was in for the shooting and Darren Baldwin was the Lions' speed skater. The Lions then had to wait for the results of the embrun and North Bay game later that evening. Because the Embrun team won 5-2, the goal spread was one more than the Lions had attained, so the panthers advanced to the semi-finals.

The Atom "B" Lions would like to thank the fans who travelled to Cardinal for the final match of the season. Such support is welcome. The final game of the year will be in Embrun on the 31st of March for the Tournament of Champions.

Atom House Lions playoff run ends

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In a scrappy, "must win" game played in Morrisburg on Friday night, even the home ice advantage was not enough for the Lions. The Atom House Lions were eliminated in their playoff series by the South Grenville Rangers.

After a very even first frame, the Rangers drew first blood midway through the second period. They continued the pressure of the Lions and added to their lead 8 minutes into the third period.

Down 2-zip, and with less than 6 minutes left in the match, Stephanie Cochrane scored her first and most important goal of the year. John Derue, as he has consistently done all through the regular season, assisted on this important counter, along with Matthew Jamieson.

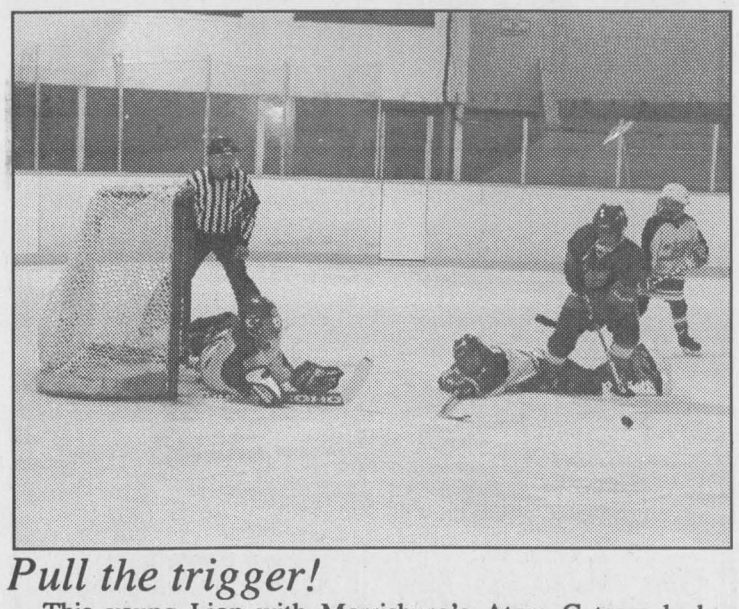
The entire Lions' team rallied behind Stephanie's goal, but could not beat the Rangers netminder. Facing a must win situation, Jordon Hawn was pulled from the Morrisburg pipes in order to put the extra attacker on the ice.

Morrisburg kept the Rangers on their heels in the final minutes of the game, but even with repeated shots on net they could not get the puck past the Rangers goalie. Sean McMillan had a couple of excellent opportunities due to his hard work but could not capitalize on any of them.

Playing with loads of emotion and determination, Hudson Cochrane, Jordon Cooke and Adam Bogle gave an excellent account of themselves giving that extra effort in a losing battle.

Jordon Hawn was solid in the pipes for the Lions averaging a very respectable 2.0 "goals against average" in the last 8 games behind the dependable defensive unite of Matt Jamieson, Brian Theoret and Derrick Patterson.

With this victory the Rangers advance to the final against the Champions from the west.



Pull the trigger!

This young Lion with Morrisburg's Atom C team had a golden opportunity to put one up and over the opposing team's goalie, but that last flick of the wrist never quite happened. Morrisburg scored anyway, moments later, to go ahead 2-1 during this game in last week's tournament.

Chieftain photo by S. L. Johnston



Novice C Action

Hosting their tourney was a terrific experience for the Novice C Lions. They played North Dundas Demons in their first match and sent them to defeat 4-0 on plays like this one we caught.

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Spring Tea Luncheon & Miscellanous Table will be held at the Knox Pres. Church, Iroquois on Saturday, March 24 from 11-2.

Ham & Bean Supper, Saturday, March 31 at St. Andrews Pres. Church, 2 sittings -- 4:30 pm & 6 pm. Advanced tickets call M. Gibson at 925-3582 or H. Wallace 925-4530.

Have you considered becoming a foster parent? If so and you would like more information please attend an evening session at the Children's Aid Society, 27 York Street, on March 28 at 7 pm. Call 1-800-267-2451 for more info.

Free Falun Dafa Workshop, Saturday, March, 31, 2001 from 2-5pm at the Health Care Auditorium, 555 King Street West, Prescott. Teaching Exercises with Meditation. Call 831-8694 for more info.

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Curling Team wins open in Ottawa

Congratulations to Larry Cooper, who skipped one of the Morrisburg entries in the 256-team City of Ottawa Bonspiel played at 17 rinks and WON the title in his section of the Open Division, defeating Pakenham in the final at the Hunt Club on Sunday night. Chris Barkley, Mahlon Locke and Rob Delegarde rounded out the winning team. The curlers in the Bonspiel were from the USA, Quebec and the Ottawa and Seaway Regions as well as other provincial locations such as the greater Toronto area. Ian McGillis, Craig Harriman, Robert Houze and Graham Houze also made it to the playoffs in their division, but were eliminated on Saturday. A 17-year old skip from Granite defeated the two-time champion from the RA Club for the overall title and the Grand Aggregate Trophy.

In the Senior division, John Lyon, Gerald Thompson, Steve Thompson and Bill Magee curled well in their first year of competition, finally being eliminated in a close match with a team from Navy. Lyon's first loss was to a Granite team that went on to win the senior's competition on Sunday night. Our other senior team was comprised of Don O'Brien, Karl Duncan, Bob Bedingfield, Wally MacDonald and Jack Dikland. They made the playoffs in their division with the team that eliminated them from play advancing to the quarter-finals.

A quartet of ladies from Morrisburg entered the Grandmothers' Bonspiel in Winchester last week. While a team from RCMP won the overall title, Alice Thompson, Cheryl Thompson, Margaret Reynolds and Betty Locke curled well against teams from Russell and Metcalfe. Margaret and Cheryl won individual prizes presented at the banquet the following day of curling. The Bonspiel featured strong foursomes from Eastern Ontario as well as some special features in the evening.

Because of the teams entered in the City of Ottawa Bonspiel, Morrisburg senior men were unable to field their teams for the McClennan Trophy competition in Cornwall.

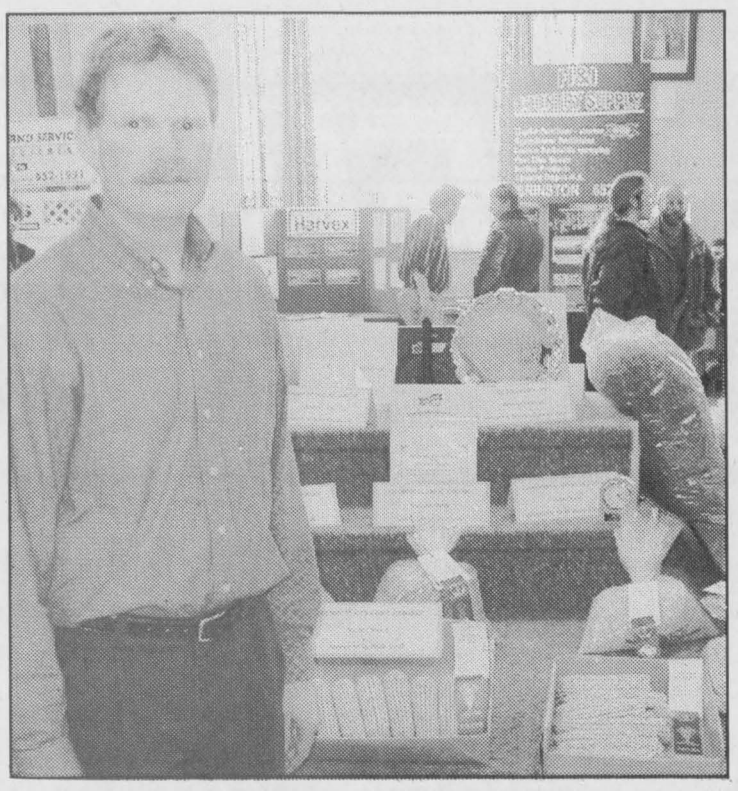
Winners of the Gerald Adams Memorial Trophy the second-last draw for senior men were Bob Bedingfield, George Cooper, Tony Toonders and Sam Casselman.

The Ontario Power Generation (Formerly Hydro) Bonspiel was held at the Club on Saturday. Larry Gallinger, one of the Club members was the organizer for the event and took some good-natured ribbing as his team including Wendy Casselman, Donna Alessio and Sean Boulerice finished in first place.

The Grumpy's Sports Bar Bonspiel ran on Sunday afternoon, with Dave Smith, the proprietor and organizer in charge. Many of the curlers are relatively new to the game, but are learning fast and had a good bonspiel. Always a pleasure to have these people at the curling club.

The main item on the agenda at the general meeting at the Morrisburg Club tonight, Wednesday, March 21 is the new roof. A good turnout is expected for the meeting to make a decision on this important project, for which members have been planning since the big ice storm.

Good curling!!



Dundas Seed & Forage Show

The Dundas Seed & Forage Show, and Farm Show, drew 30 exhibitors and 114 seed & forage entries to the Matilda Hall, Mar. 8. Organizer Steve Byvelds appears here in front of the show. Winners: Francis Henderson (Premier Exhibitor and Reserve Forage Exhibitor); Donilyn Farms (Reserve Premier Exhibitor and Premier Forage Exhibitor); Derek Merkley (Champion Forage Exhibit, and Champion Haylage Exhibit); Alvin Runnalls (Reserve Champion Forage Exhibit); Ian Mudde (Champion Shelled Corn and Champion Corn Silage); Norm Tinkler (Champion Ear Corn and Champion Whitebean Exhibit); Grahame Hardy (Champion Cereal Exhibit); Ron & Rose McKeen (Champion Soybean Exhibit); Grahame Hardy (Dundas Wheat Committee Award). *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

Prescott #1 remains on top in Interbranch Dart play

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Following a night of darts in Prescott last Thursday evening, Prescott #1 remains in first place with 204 points as they pull ahead of the field. Cardinal #2 sit in second with 179, followed by Prescott #3 who have 171 to their credit. Iroquois #7 have 160, Iroquois #5 have 153 and Iroquois #8 earned 141 thus far.

Winning three games or more this week were Jake Summerfield and Bob Juby who each came through with 6 victories, followed by David Haynes and Tom Beach who each won 5 games. Duane Kirker won 4 games and Joel Adams and Wayne Bellinger each won 3.

Highscorers included Wayne Bellinger who counted 140 and 134, David Haynes, Brad Baynham and Bernie Montroy each counted 140. Tom Beach came in with a 138, Duane Kirker had a 137 and a 127. Ross Polite showed 133, Kevin Laming earned a 125 as did Ron Bradford. Bob Juby and Doug Lapointe each came in with 121.

Soccer registration in Morrisburg this Friday

Soccer will be returning to Morrisburg this year with the introduction of a new youth program. Just in time for Spring training, Canadakicks, a local company, will be offering an 8-week soccer program beginning early in May.

Registration for the program will take place Friday, March 23, from 6 to 9pm at the Morrisburg Arena..

Canadakicks will be offering sessions for players in the Under 5 (Born '96-'97), Under 7 (born-'94-'95), Under 9 (born '92-'93) and Under 11 (born '90-'91)...There is the potential for League Play for players in the Under 13 (born '88-'89) and the Under 11 age groups.

Canadakicks is a locally based company that operates year round soccer programs including winter schools, camps and coaches education programs. For more information about these or any of the programs you might be interested in, contact their office at 613-925-2653 or toll free at 1-877-313-9333 or email at info@canadakicks.com.

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Helping Hands Seniors Club

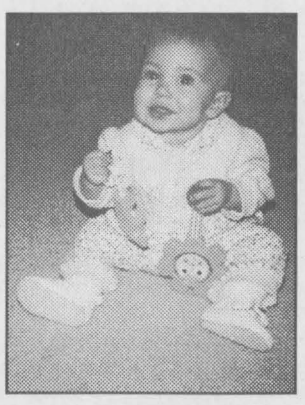
The Helping Hands Seniors Club met at Matilda Hall on Wednesday, March 14. President Joan Zandbergen welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by singing the Theme Song, followed by Scriptures and Prayer. Then a moment of silence was observed for a deceased member, Pearl Bureau.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved, with a Financial Report showing a balance of $817.22 on hand. There were six birthdays and three anniversaries acknowledged.

Upcoming trips were discussed and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lorne Strader gave readings (True Happiness is Becoming 65 and A Creed to Live By, as well as Unpaid Work is a Multi-Billion Dollar Business) and then favoured everyone with a quiz..."Did You Know?"

Ralph Bouwman said grace, followed by a delicious potluck lunch. After lunch Mr. Craig Smith of the Alzheimer Society presented slides and gave information about the early signs of the disease, the challenges the victims are faced with a those the family must endure. The meeting closed with the singing of O Canada and God Save the Queen.



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Year-End Tax Checklist

Contribute to an RESP
If you have a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) building funds for your children's education, be sure to contribute to it by year-end in order to qualify for a Canada Education Savings Grant.

"An RESP contribution of $2000 for each child, made by December 31, 2000, will be matched by a federal contribution of $400 per child," explains Wonfor.

Contribute to Your RRSP
Don't wait for the February rush – make your 2000 Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contribution before year-end.

"The sooner you make your RRSP contribution, the sooner it starts to compound, tax-free," says O'Hagan.

Age 69? Convert Your RRSP
If you celebrate your 69th birthday in 2000, you must convert your RRSP into retirement income by December 31, 2000.

"When converting your RRSP you can take a lump sum amount or buy a fixed-term annuity," says Wonfor. "You can also convert your RRSP into a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF)."

Sell Losing Investments
If you have investments with accrued losses, consider selling them before year-end to offset any capital gains realized during the year.

"Offsetting your gains will reduce your tax liability for the year," explains O'Hagan. "Just be careful about the sale date, because for tax purposes it is the 'settlement' date and not the 'trade' date that counts. Make sure that the settlement date occurs within the same taxation year as the capital gains you want to offset."

Pay Family Members
If family members work for your business, put them on the payroll and then pay them before year-end.

"Your income will be reduced and the taxes paid by your family members will likely be at a lower rate," says O'Hagan. "The salaries – which must be reasonable in relation to the services performed – also provide family members with earned income for RRSP contributions."

Buy Capital Assets
"If you own a business, consider buying capital assets, such as a vehicle or computer, by year-end," says Wonfor. "You will be entitled to claim depreciation on these assets a full year sooner than if you wait until January."

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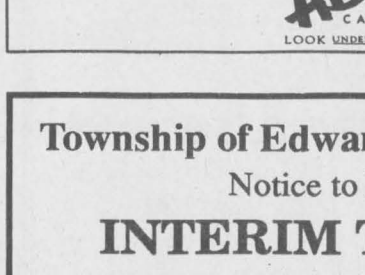

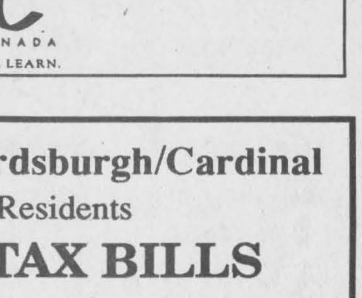

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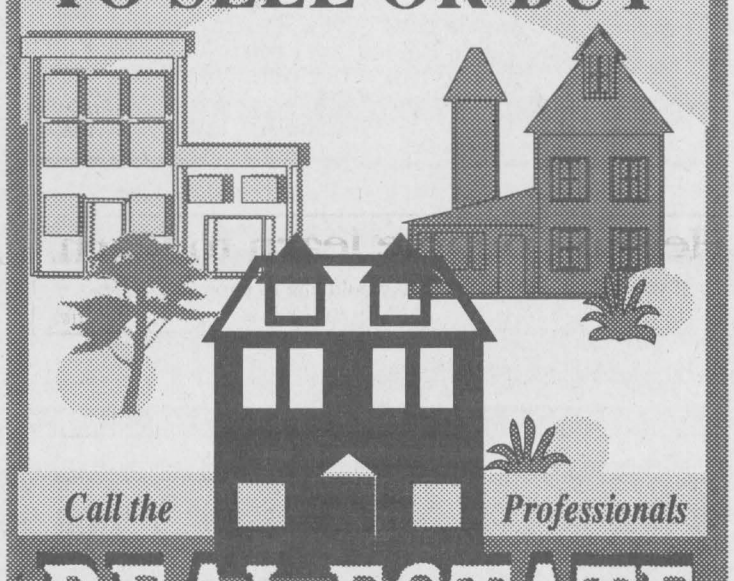

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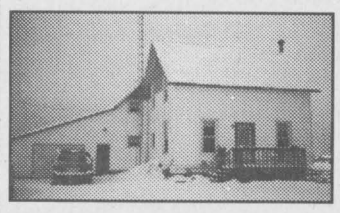

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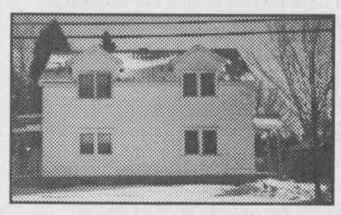

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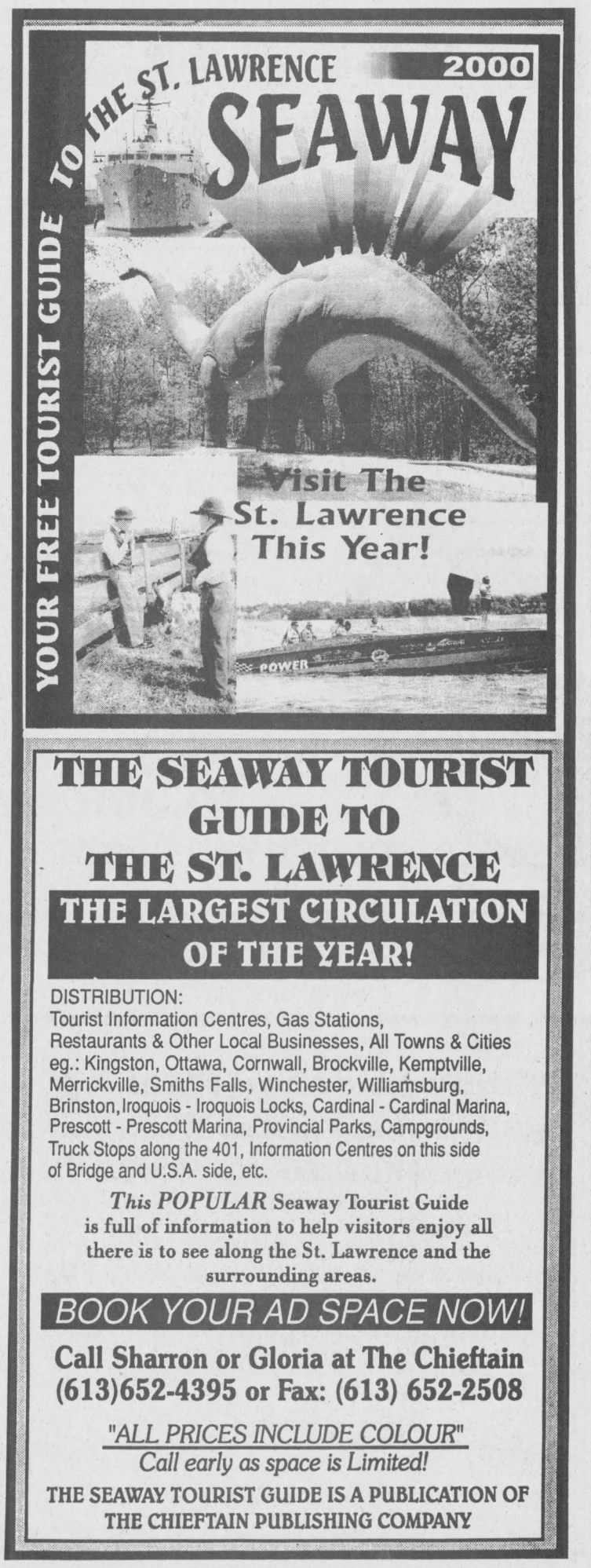

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On Friday, March 23, at 7:30pm, Spencerville United Church will host a concert of Gospel and Contemporary Christian music. In keeping with the season of lent, the theme will centre on Jesus...His life, death and resurrection. The evening is called, "Doug Warren and Friends," featuring the church's student minister and some of his musical friends, including The Rev Mark Arnill, Marc Beach, Catherine Oxenford Grant and Sara Warren Roberts. The Spencerville Roebuck Worship Team will also be on hand to lead the audience in an interactive section of song.

Doug Warren was in the music business for 16 years of his life, the last 11 of which being spent at the Pallister Hotel in Calgary as the featured pianist in the Rimrock Dining Room. During that time he cut two long play albums and made four excursions to Brussels and Antwerp to play in restaurants there. Doug is in his fifth year as the student minister at Roebuck and Spencerville United Churches.

The other featured performers are well-known in the area. Mark Amill will be singing his own compositions. Marc Beach will sing some of the well loved gospel tunes as will Catherine Oxenford Grant. Catherine will also be playing organ, accompanying some of Doug's piano work. Doug's niece, Sara Warren Roberts from Rochester will sing Contemporary Christian music as will the Worship Team. Of course, there will be lots of Doug Warren's piano stylings.

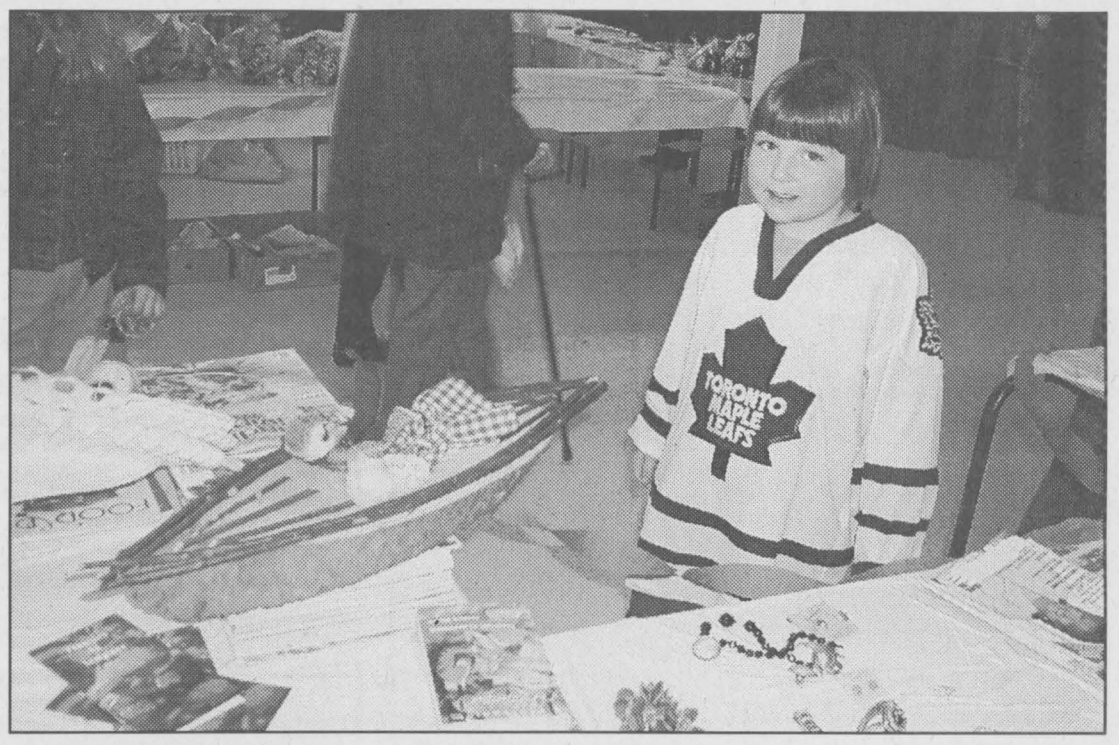
A free will offering will be received in aid of the annual outdoor service and refreshments will be served at the fellowship hour after the concert. Everyone is welcome. Come early for the best seats!



Courtesy photo.

Musical Evening

Doug Warren will bring a number of his friends to the Spencerville United Church on Friday evening. Enjoying some marvellous Christian Music will be the order of the evening. Local singer Marc Beach is among the performers. While Doug tickles the ivories, voices will echo in tune. See you there.



Toronto fan at bazaar

Vicki VanHoof turned six on Saturday. Here, she was checking out a crafty item for sale at the CWL Annual St. Patrick's Tea and Bazaar. She felt pretty special even before we snapped her photo. Always well attended, the weather helped bring the folks out to enjoy the items and luncheon.

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COMING EVENTS

DANCE
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Saturday, March 24
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IRELAND INFO MEETING
Join us for an information meeting on our upcoming escorted tour of
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March 29, 7 pm - 9 pm at
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Guest speakers from the Ottawa Heart Institute will update you on
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Information call Marianne at 652-4716.
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O'Grand time was had at the St. Patrick's Annual Tea & Bazaar

The Morrisburg and Iroquois Catholic Women's League Annual St. Patrick's Tea and Bazaar on Saturday was a wonderful success. Many great homemade, handmade and other items were available for purchase and a beautiful lunch and salad bar was ready to enjoy.

Thankfully the weather was terrific and enabled a great number of visitors to attend and be eligible to win many wonderful donated door prizes from local businesses.

The raffle ticket winners were: 1st prize of $300 to Maurice Durivage, 2nd of $150 to Sandra Barnhart and 3rd of a hamper of groceries to Janis Tindel. All donators and visitors are extended heartfelt thanks from the ladies for their part in making this activity not only enjoyable but a very good fundraiser for the charitable endeavours of the CWL.

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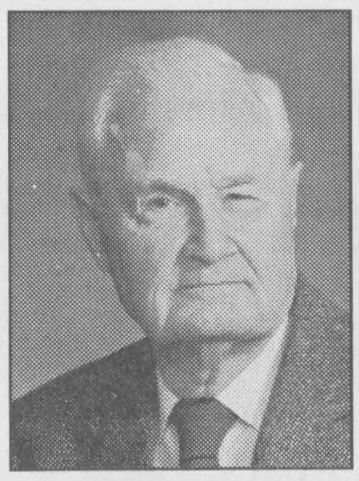
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.
Ramada Hotel, Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall
Election of Officers for 2001/02 Executive will take place at this meeting as well as the presentation of two proposed changes to the Constitution which were tabled as a Notice of Motion at last years' meeting.
Only members in good standing (those with their dues paid by March 29, 2001) **will be permitted to vote.**
For more information, please call 937-4866 or 932-2720.

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 105
Notice
John Morrison, the Provincial Service Officer, will be in Cardinal the week of **April 2, 2001.**
Anyone wishing to have an appointment with Mr. Morrison, please call 657-4592, Eleanor or Tom Beatson, Branch 105, Cardinal Veteran Service Officers.

OBITUARIES

Gordon Thom



Suddenly at home, in Morrisburg, Gordon Wagner Thom on Monday, March 12, 2001. Gordon had been in failing health for the past few months. Born in Morrisburg on July 5, 1915, Gordon was 85 years of age.

A native of the Morrisburg area, Gordon had worked in Montreal for 18 years. His career was interrupted when he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces serving in the Army from 1939 to 1047. Enlisting as a Private he completed his tour of duty with the rank of Major. On September 18, 1948 in Ottawa, he married a fine lady, Margaret Helen (Marnie nee McKay) Thom whom he leaves to mourn the loss. They shared and worked together for 52.5 years. Gordon returned to Morrisburg in 1951 and assumed the family business (Insurance) upon the deaths of his brothers.

Also surviving are three children, beloved by Gordon are Barbara (David) Gatehouse of Windsor, Eric (Megan) and Kathryn, all of Toronto. Loving grandfather of Marc and Ashlyn Pepin of Windsor and Kevin, Shannon and Ryan Thom all of Toronto. Gordon is also sadly missed by cousin Bob (Martha) Warne of Oakville.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Imogene Isobella Stuart and Walter Edwin Thom as well as brothers; Stuart, Herrington and Maxwell Thom, Gordon will be missed by everyone who came into contact with him. A self-employed Insurance and Real Estate Broker, Gordon was well known in the area. He was a gentle man who loved his home community with a passion and shared his talents, his worldly goods and capabilities in every and any way he could.

Reeve of Morrisburg from 1959 to 1961 through the Seaway development and its opening. He received the Queen HRH Elizabeth II when she visited Morrisburg at that time. He formed the local Chapters of the Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Bible Society, the CNIB and the Red Cross Society. He reformed the Morrisburg and District Horticultural Society and served as the Director on the Ontario Board of Ontario Horticultural Society for 18 years. He developed first Summer Playhouse series held in the Civic Building Auditorium. He served as Chairperson and as Speaker of the Committee of Morrisburg and District Canadian Club and was a Director for many years. He was a serving Elder of Knox Presbyterian Church and soloist and choir member.

Gordon was a recipient of the Canadian Government's Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Confederation for "significant contribution to fellow Canadians, to his community and to Canada."

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on March 14 and then to Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg where service was conducted by Reverend Mark Bourgon on March 15. Spring interment at St.Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Ingleside. Pallbearers were Eldon Horner, Dan Postma, Marc Currie, Grandson-Marc Pepin and Cousins Arthur and Jimmy Thom. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society were gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Clarence Carter

At Winchester Hospital on March 8, 2001, Clarence Carter of Iroquois. Born in Newfoundland in December 1905, Clarence was 95 years of age.

Clarence moved to the Iroquois area in 1952 from Montreal and worked for various Construction Companies throughout his lifetime.

Predeceased by his beloved wife Leila (nee Scott) whom he married in June 1932, and his parents, the late Herbert and Suzanne (nee Beckstead) Carter as well as a son, Jim; a brother Fred and a sister Gertrude, Clarence was a member of the Iroquois united Church.

Mourning the loss are a daughter, Jean (Jim) Haworth of Iroquois. Clarence is deeply missed by 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews and a brother-in-law, Clifford Scott of RR5, Spencerville.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and Mclaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where service was conducted by Rev. Dolly Dikens on March 10, 2001. Spring interment will follow at Iroquois Point Cemetery.

Olive Warren

Suddenly on Sunday, March 4, 2001, at Winchester Hospital, Olive Warren

Born and raised in Williamsburg Township, Olive Warren of Park Drive Villa, Williamsburg. She was 84 years of age.

At the age of 26 in 1942, Olive enlisted in the armed forces and served as a sergeant with the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division. Following the war the military presented her with the opportunity to go to school, so Olive studied fashion design at Letchford and then script writing and radio announcing at Ryerson. After graduating from Ryerson she worked for a brief period of time as a fashion buyer with Simpson's Department Store and then she took a job working as a radio announcer for a radio station. She only worked in radio for a short time before returning to Simpsons to work once again. She stayed there until a nervous breakdown forced her to find a different job. She accepted a position as office supervisor with the Avro Aircraft Company. She worked there for 4 years and then took a job working in accounts and admitting at the Sick Childrens' Hospital in Toronto. In 1966 she tried a government exam and won it, so went to work for Revenue Canada in income tax and collections. She eventually transferred from the Toronto office to Ottawa. She retired in 1980 after having worked a total of 14 years for Revenue Canada.

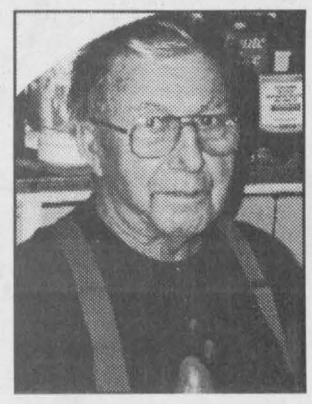
A resident at Park Lane Villa for the past 16 years, Olive was a member of the Williamsburg United Church. An active member of several groups including the Williamsburg Senior Citizens, Park Lane Villa Tenants Association, the Elma-Colquhoun United Church Women and the Seniors Advisory Committee for the Task Force on Elder Abuse. Olive was a very involved and helpful resident of the Park Drive Villa and she will be greatly missed by everyone because she was always willing to lend a helping hand with such activities as decorating the Villa for special occasions, doing volunteer work at the Support Centre, booking appointments for foot care, driving the senior's van, doing volunteer work for the Dundas County Hospice, helping with the Support Centre newsletter and doing just about anything that was presented to her. Olive was instrumental in establishing the Thursday Crafter's Group in 1985 which has been responsible for making beautiful quilts, decorations and other crafts that have been enjoyed by many people throughout the area.

She was predeceased by her parents, the late Omer and Jennie (Nee Ritchie) Warren.

Surviving the loss is a brother, Ritchie (Rena) of RR2, Ingleside. She was the dear aunt of Marilyn McConnell (Dennis Wylie) of Morrisburg, Wanda (Bob) Standring of RR2, Ingleside, Bonnie (Ron) Gillard of RR1, Morrisburg and Donald (Tammy) of Ottawa. Also sadly missed by great-nieces: Tollea, Terahlyn, Sierra, Treena, Ariel, Sarah and great-nephews; James, Sawyer and Karson.

Memorial donations to the Williamsburg United Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation were gratefully acknowledged by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted on Wednesday, March 7 by Rev. Sandy McPherson. Interment will be in the spring at St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Long Sault. Pallbearers were Dennis Wylie, Bob Standring, Ron Gillard and Donald Warren.

Bert Kennedy



Peacefully on Tuesday afternoon, March 13, 2001, James Albertus (Bert) Kennedy of South Mountain, age 79 years. Beloved husband of Violet Kennedy with whom he shared 55 loving years, he is also sadly missed by children: Carole (Don Reid), Anita (Baker), Corrine (Garry O'Reilly), Stephen (Daryl), David, Dale (Marie), Brian Cauvier, Laurie, Kim (Stephen Holmes) and Shawn. Loving grandfather of 30 and great-grandfather of 7, Bert spent 35 years of dedicated service to the United Counties of SD&G during his working years.

Predeceased by a son, Randy, a brother Merril and sisters; Violet, Gertie, Louella and Josie, Bert leaves one sister, Eva Banford of Brockville to mourn and will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Rested at the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain where service was held in the Chapel on Friday, March 16, 2001 with spring interment at South Gower Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family.

Roseann Montroy

Suddenly at the Ottawa General Hospital on Monday, March 5, 2001, Roseann Montroy of RR1, Morrisburg. Born in Winchester on October 16, 1953, she was 47 years of age.

Roseann worked at Beavers Dental before a shoulder injury in 1990 forced her to retire early. A lifetime area resident, she was a very dedicated member of the Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle where she served as Prayer Co-ordinator and leader of the Helping Hand. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed in the church as well as in the community.

Predeceased by her parents; Lyle and Grace (nee Tyo) Richmire, she leaves to mourn the loss her husband, John Montroy whom she married on June 25, 1976 in the Williamsburg United Church as well as a daughter, Laura (Steven) McCooeye of RR2, Williamsburg, two brothers; Rocky (Wanda) and Kevin (Jean) Richmire, all of Morrisburg. Sisters, Linda (Reg) Veley of RR1, Morrisburg and Rachel (Robert) Richardson of Morrisburg survive the loss as well. She was the much loved grandma of Mark and Michelle and will be dearly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg. Service was at the Morrisburg Pentecostal Church on Thursday, March 8, 2001 with Rev. Duncan Perry and John Spurrell officiating. Interment was at the New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Gerry Sypes, Cecil and Darren Tyo, Dave Runnalow, Chris Beckstead and Dale Shaver.

Ivan Dennison

After a short illness at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Cornwall on Thursday, March 8, 2001, Ivan Carl Dennison. Born in Aultsville on June 3, 1920, he was 80 years of age.

Ivan had resided in Cardinal and Riverside Heights previous to moving to Cornwall a year and a half ago.

A member of St. John United Church in Cardinal, Ivan was a Mason and enjoyed carpentry as a hobby.

Predeceased by his parents, the late George and Eliza (nee Winters) Dennison as well as his beloved wife, Lena (nee Barkley) whom he wed in 1970, Ivan was also predeceased by his first wife, Joyce (nee Thompson) whom he wed in February 1943 in Cardinal; a stepson, Steve Johnston, a sister Beatrice and two brothers, Garnet and Clifford.

Mourning the loss are a son, Richard (Betty) of Cornwall, a son, Wayne (Lorraine) Lamarche-Dennison also of Cornwall, as well as a stepdaughter, Linda Johnston of Cardinal, a brother Basil (Joan) of RR2, Ingleside and a sister-in-law, Mildred Dennison. Ivan is sadly missed by 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute were gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal where Rev. Arlyce Schiebout officiated on Sunday, March 11, 2001. Spring interment will follow at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston



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Never use bleach on your denture because it will discolor and weaken it.

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Setting up your wedding timetable

If you want to be married in a large, formal wedding, you will need at least three months and as much as a year to plan it.

A wedding held in the popular summer months may need to be booked a year ahead of time to ensure the church, banquet hall and caterer will be available.

In smaller centres, it is probably sufficient to start the planning six months before the wedding. If you want something specific don't be afraid to start even earlier.

The following checklist for brides will help make the wedding go smoothly.

Three to Six Months Before the Wedding

- Decide on the type of wedding and reception.
- Consult the clergyman or whoever will perform the ceremony to select the date and hour of your wedding.
- Determine the location of the reception. If it is not being held at a private home, reserve that location now.
- If the reception is to be catered, reserve the caterer now.
- Determine the number of guests.
- Choose attendants and ask them to serve.
- Make out your guest list and ask the groom and his family to send you theirs. Let them know how many guests they may invite.
- Order announcements and invitations.

Three Months Before

- Make an appointment, with your fiancee, for counselling with the clergyman and to discuss music, decorations and procedures during the ceremony.
- Order your gown and those of your attendants.
- Reserve a photographer.
- Hire the band or disk jockey for the reception.
- Select china, crystal and silver patterns.
- Select gifts for your bridesmaids and a gift for the groom if you intend to give him one.

Two Months Before

- Discuss your color scheme with your mother and the groom's mother so they can order their dresses.
- Hire limousines, if you want them, to transport the bridal party to the ceremony and from the ceremony to the reception.
- Notify your attendants about their fittings and accessories. If they are wearing matching shoes, arrange to have them dyed in one lot.
- Register your china, crystal and silver patterns. Let your mother and maid of honor know where you are registered so they can inform guests who inquire.
- Make the final plans for your reception - including menu, table arrangements and decorations.
- Order your wedding cake if it is not included in the catering.
- Make an appointment if you wish to have your hair done the day of the wedding.
- Prepare wedding invitations for mailing.
- Make accommodation arrangements for out of town attendants and obtain hotel information for out of town guests.
- With your fiancé, select wedding rings.
- Mail invitations four to six weeks before the wedding. (It is correct to verbally tell people when the wedding will be so they can make arrangements before you put the invitations in the mail.)

One Month Before

- Check with your fiancee to make sure he has the marriage licence.
- If you plan to display wedding gifts, begin setting up tables for them. You should also arrange temporary insurance for the gifts.
- Record all gifts and write the thank you cards as they arrive.
- Make a list of your honeymoon clothing and be sure it is cleaned and ready to pack. Check to make sure you have adequate luggage.
- Check on all accessories for your and your attendants.
- Make final arrangements with everyone you have hired for the wedding -- the florist, photographer, reception manager or caterer.
- Arrange for a bridesmaids' luncheon if you are giving one.
- Make arrangements for a place for your bridesmaids to dress.
- Plan the seating for the bridal table and parents' tables at your reception and make out place cards for them.
- Send your wedding announcement to the newspapers with a portrait of you and your fiancé.
- Notify your wedding party of the time of the rehearsal.

Two Weeks Before

- Confirm hotel or other accommodations arrangements for your bridal party.
- Confirm flower order and deliveries with florist.

One Week Before

- Pick up gifts for your attendants.
- Give final count of guests to reception manager or caterer.
- Ensure your wedding announcements are ready to mail following the wedding for those who were not invited.

Morning of the Wedding

- Have hair done.
- Make sure any orders not being delivered -- such as food or flowers -- are being picked up.

Two Hours Before

- Have your attendants arrive at your home -- or meet them at their hotel -- to dress and to assist you with any last minute details.

One Hour Before

- Apply makeup.
- Dress, being sure to cover your face so the makeup doesn't get on your gown.

30 Minutes Before

- Groom and best man arrive at place of ceremony.
- Background music starts.
- First guests arrive and are seated.
- You and your attendants go to the church or location of the wedding and wait in a private room.

15 Minutes Before

- Family members and honored guests arrive and are seated.
- Groom's parents arrive and are escorted to their seats.
- The bride's mother is escorted to her seat in the front row.
- The white carpet or aisle runner is rolled down the aisle.
- The bride's father takes his place with the bride.
- The attendants take their places in the proper order for the processional.
- At the time stated on the invitation, the music starts and the ushers lead the procession down the aisle.

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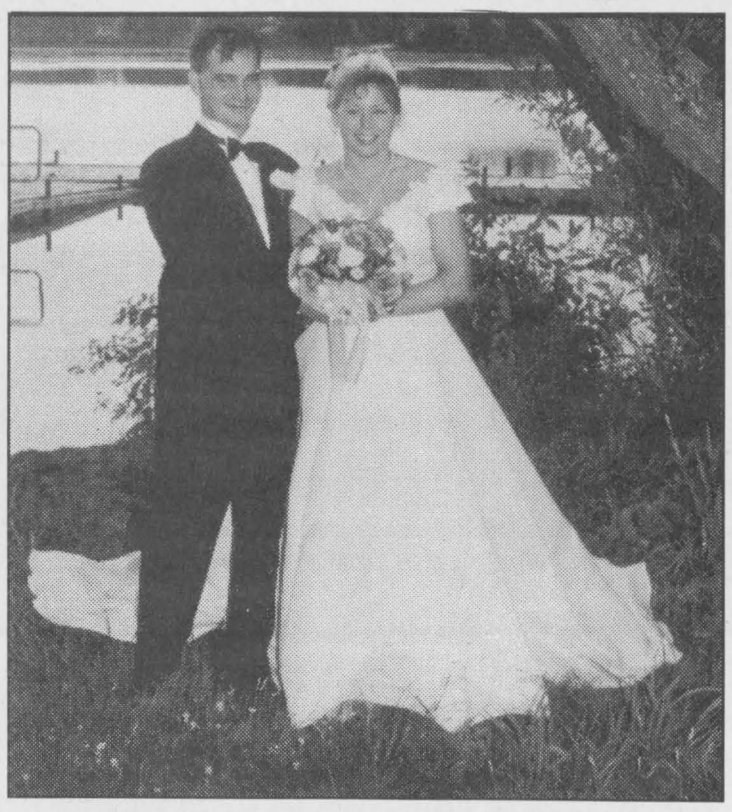

Outdoor settings provide pretty pictures.

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Entertaining your in-laws for the first time

by Roseanna Robinson
National Bridal Director

With so many grooms cooking, entertaining your in-laws for the first time will be a snap. For your first get together, remember the phrase KISS (Keep It Super Simple) and get everyone involved in the preparation. Over the years I have found that no matter when you entertain, your guests end up in the kitchen, so what I do now is make the kitchen the entertainment centre. My guests love it. We all gather and talk and laugh while we are stirring, mixing or slicing in the kitchen. What's so special is that we're all working on our meal together.

Here are some of the things your guests could do while you're all talking in the kitchen. If the salad is already made, you could have someone toss it and pour the salad dressing into one of your new creamers. This is just one of so many uses for your creamers, and I think they are much prettier than the salad dressing bottle on the table. By putting a saucer under the creamer you can make sure that no drip ends up on your new tablecloth.

Another guest might be taking the casserole you prepared in you Ocean Breeze casserole out of the oven while someone else is putting the warmed rolls into one of your round vegetable bowls you have lined with a bread cloth or coloured cloth napkin. While all this is going on, another guest could be filling the water goblets from the water pitcher; someone else might be making sure the salt, pepper and butter are on the table ready for everyone. Now isn't this a fun and relaxed way to entertain all your friends and relatives?

Remember the KISS principle and it will be fun, not stressful.

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How many place settings?

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One of the most often asked questions I get is, "How many place settings should I register for?"

I always say you should start with twelve five-piece place settings of your everyday dinnerware so you won't have to run the dishwasher so often. (A five-piece place setting consists of a dinner place, salad/dessert place, soup/cereal bowl, cup and saucer.) Next, count how many family members or friends could possibly be at your home together for a dinner. When I told this to a bride last week she said she had never realized that if she just invited her side of the family she would need ten place settings. When I asked about her groomOs side she laughed and said she could see why I recommend that you start with at least twelve place settings. She ended up registering for eighteen place settings of Naturewood so when the families got together, she would not have to borrow dinner plates from her Mother and would be able to serve everyone on her new Naturewood plates.

The same goes for the Naturewood acceessories. If you are planning to entertain large groups then I would suggest you register for 6-8 serving bowls, 2-3 platters, 2 sets of salt and peppers, 2 sets sugar and creamers, 2 butter dishes and 2 gravy boats. When entertaining, remember that for every 4-6 people you should have one set of salt and pepper, sugar and creamer, butter and gravy. We've all been to functions where a table of ten has been set with only one set of everything. Register for plenty of place settings and accessories so when you do host your first party, your family and friends will be impressed.

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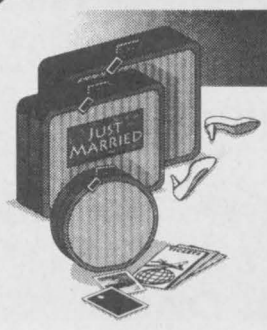

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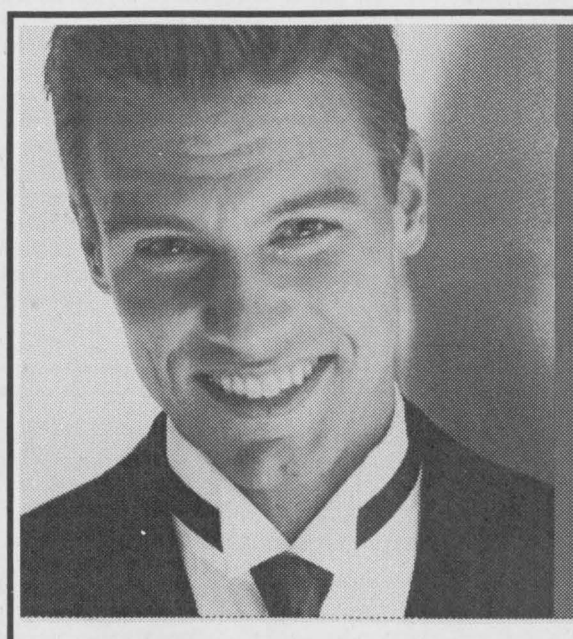

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Nationview Nugget

by Dana Kittle and Eric Duncan

It's hard to believe that the March Break is already over. It went by so quickly! Students returned to school on Monday.

From March 5 to 9, the Grade 7 and 8 students held another "Spirit Week." It consisted of days such as Backwards Day, and Career Day. Throughout the week, there was a lot of participation and the winning class (The one who showed the most participation) was 7 and 8F, Mr. McLenaghan's home room. On Friday along with Pyjama Day, we held our March Break Dance. The students enjoyed the dance and are looking forward to our upcoming dance in April as well as our Video Dance in May.

The Junior Co-Ed basketball team was originally scheduled to play March 6, but things were postponed until the 22nd, at Seaway High. Good luck to the team!

Until next time...



Nine years for the Nook

Last week, The Nook owner Evonne Delegarde (left) marked nine years of business at her current location in the Iroquois Plaza. Doris Trayner stopped by the popular Sears outlet that day.

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Cardinal

sition Board was not apprised of the amount owed by the arena. The debt recently came to light during the tenure of the new council.

Asked on Tuesday if he was surprised at the size of the account, Dobbie replied, "Council was more surprised that the bills hadn't been sent out."

Added the mayor, "But it's no fault of anybody, I'm sure. The municipalities have been busy," he said, noting the former village council had a full plate with the merger of its hydro utility and amalgamation itself.

McDonald said the board had traditionally met "once or twice" a year. It is now expected to produce quarterly reports.

"See if you can find a budget for last year," Dobbie said to the councillor. "We need to have a fairly accurate account of how much they spend."

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Township will resume annual billing of the arena board, Dobbie said. An invoice for the 2000-2001 season will go out by the end of this year.

Things will work as they did before the village forgot to levy the charges. "We've left the arena board separate," he said.

Members of the board include Councillor McDonald (chairperson), Sharon Last (secretary), Joe Scott, Ed Riddell, Walter Smail, Tom Owers, Dan McLaughlin and Bev Toupin.

Institute

cause of the latest cash infusion. It was among seven instititutions to recently receive funding under the $130 million program.

As students looked on, the event had a somewhat melancholy air as Runciman noted the event was his first in the portfolio since replacing the late Al Palladini.

The program is "one of the many wonderful legacies of his ministry," he said, as staff and students looked on.

Group Home

unsure of the exact designation, what the facility actually is for, it is not a correctional half-way house, but rather a shelter, a group home for young people who for some reason cannot live at home.

It was brought to the attention of the chairman that property values for their homes have gone down due to the residence being used as a group home. Planner for South Dundas, Don Lewis spoke to this stating that the Assessment Branch of the United Counties was adamant that this would not devalue the properties on Westwind Drive.

Mayor Whitteker spoke about group homes, "I have one located near me and so far have experienced no problems." He added that Council has nothing to do with assessment, "We set the mill rate that is all." He noted that he had personally visited the home and got answers to things that were bothering him. "We have to put ourselves in the place of these kids...in a strange community, old enough to listen to what the other kids say, how must they feel? It is not their fault they end up in this situation." He took exception to the term "underhanded" when pointed in his direction. "I did not know what was being established there and offered to hold this meeting as soon as possible to listen to concerns. We cannot do anything to get rid of the home, provincial laws put it there and they overrule us." He suggested that a bylaw is needed to establish conditions for group homes to come to South Dundas so this won't happen again. The Official Plan for the Counties is being rewritten and so Council wanted to wait until after this to work on theirs, save duplication etc.

Not all the people attending were against the home and various offered their support. "It is a sad day in any city, village or township when we become part of the problem and not the solution," noted one lady. Another offered, "I was a foster child and I know the baggage these youngsters come with, through no fault of their own." She added speaking directly to the Kids Kare Inc. gentlemen, "Next time speak to the people in the community before you move in."

One lady suggested that the community should embrace these kids, knock on the door, get to know them and involve them in our activities."

Some heated debates ensued on conversation that took place between Kids Kare Inc. personnel and residents on Westwinds and tempers flared to no avail.

Laird Weagant spoke then addressing the mayor, "Johnny, in terms of this issue, it would certainly have helped if the community had been talked to on this prior to its inception." A more positive acceptance of the home would help. I would be happier, these children need care, I'd like to see us convey love and a caring attitude towards them." Putting his money where his mouth is, he offered to become a Big Brother to any who need one. he continued suggesting a neighbourhood BBQ would go a long way towards helping the whole situation.

Kids Kare hopes to see the children in their care integrated into the community to be full and useful participants in the life of Westwinds and Morrisburg. "Our kids are supervised like any others, we want to see them play soccer, hockey, baseball. They will be gone to camp during the summer holidays for 4 weeks. I cannot guarantee you that your children do not need supervision because of our kids being nearby, but who could? asked Koch. Speaking to the audience as a whole he said, "There is a criteria the kids must live by, we set goals with them, there are no teens in our home, there are no drugs (only prescriptions like Ritalin), staff will maintain communications with the community. We want a secure, stable environment with role models they can look up to, they have goals to achieve, to strive for just like your children. The number of kids will not change although the faces might, as they may come and go as circumstances change We want to get them all back home or in Foster Care, it is not our intention to keep them indefinitely. They work on a points system for privileges and they know the expectations."

Finally, even the most boisterous among the citizens calmed down, saying, "I am not criticising the children, but the way this whole things was done!"

Billie Donaldson noted that her experience with youth over the years leads her to conclude they will fit in, if they are given the opportunity, if the community accepts them, they will do their part. "All young people use foul language and try smoking, they are no different from our children at the same stage," noted a gentleman.

The reduction of vehicles on the street and a more open communication between the residents and the Group Home will lead to a better understanding that will foster a relationship that will be enviable, everyone agreed.

One member of the crowd was overheard to say, "I am totally ashamed of some of these people and their attitude." Hopefully everyone went home with a new attitude.

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