The Parade of Lights lit up Winchester's streets last Friday evening.



Bruce Garlough is the new area director for the farm safety association. **17**

North Dundas Novice Demons claim Silver Stick banner. **B-1**

Don't forget Metcalfe's Santa Claus Parade is Saturday, Dec. 13 beginning at 1 pm.



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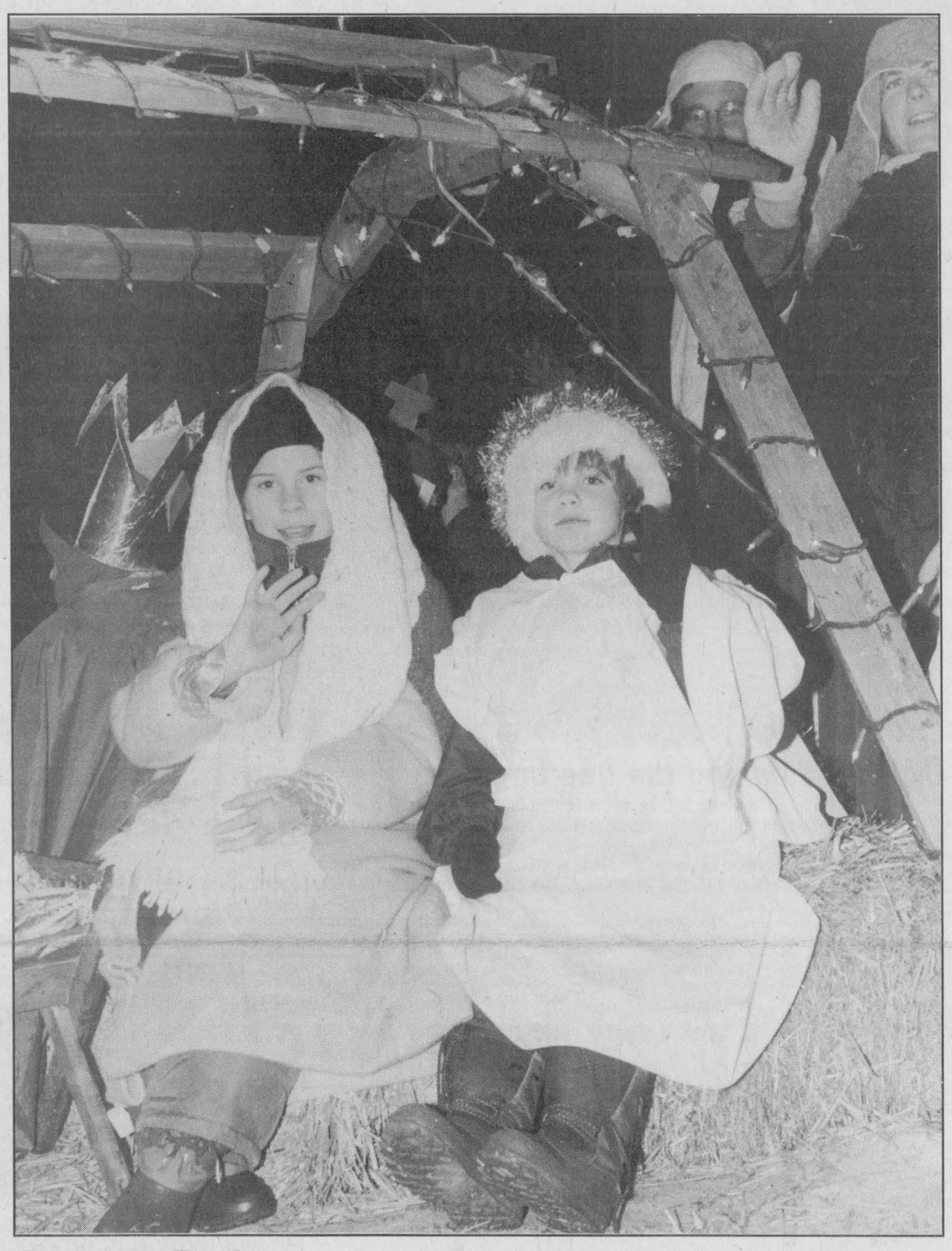

Peace on Earth

A pair of young shepherds wave to the many visitors along the parade route of Winchester's first annual Country Christmas Parade of Lights. The Friday evening event attracted over 10,000 people to the village and featured 65-70 brightly lit floats.

Press Photo — Fetterly

Winchester shines in parade spotlight

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester's population exploded as visitors and residents descended upon the village for eastern Ontario's first-ever "Country Christmas Parade of Lights".

A wildly successful Parade of Lights floated through the village at 7 pm on Friday night (Dec. 5). Crowd estimates ranged from 6,000 to 20,000 people.

Colorfully decorated, extravagantly built floats lit up the night. The crowds delighted with each passing float, ooh-ing and aah-ing and commenting on the creativity and beauty of each one.

"People were just amazed at the parade," parade organizer John Adams said later. "I know how to organize a parade, but I don't know how so much enthusiasm was raised over the parade. I guess that from the first parade meeting in September, the 15 people who attended left the meeting feeling very excited, and that excitement spread."

He added, "Now that we've done it once and it's been such a success, I can really see the numbers rising in both entries and people."

Before the parade, Santa Claus was kept busy visiting with children and handing out candy canes. The two dinners that were held before the parade were very successful. The Winchester Hawks hockey team's spaghetti dinner was sold out, having served 300 people, while the United Church Women's chili dinner was almost a sell-out, serving about 270 people.

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The man who changed tradition

WINCHESTER — The man behind the Parade of Lights was not Santa Claus, as it may have seemed on Friday night.

He was, in fact, John Adams, parade organizer.

On Friday night, while all eyes were on the festively lit parade floats, Adams blended into the background and allowed all the work and planning that he'd done over the past several months to take effect.

How many hours has he put into the planning of the parade? "I can't even guess," he said on Monday. "Probably more than necessary. There were a lot of 'what ifs', and we pretty much planned for the worst."

He added, "Next year I know I don't have to worry so much. The stuff that we need to work on for next year's parade is not what the spectators see. The product was good, but there is some behind-the-scenes work that has to be done."

Adams has been involved with the Winchester Santa Claus parade for about 20 years, and he's been the chairman for most of those years. And he's not about to quit now.

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WDMH presents strategic plan

WINCHESTER — A long-awaited meeting with the government's Health Services Restructuring Commission felt positive, said Joseline Sikorski, administrator of Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The commission met in Cornwall on Tues., Dec. 2, listening to presentations made by eastern Ontario hospital representatives.

"It felt very positive," Sikorski said later. "They gave us ample time to make our presentation, and they asked us questions. We left feeling very positive."

There were no suggestions or offers made by the commission that day, Sikorski said. "They just gave us time to make our presentations and they just listened."

In the fall, WDMH developed a strategic plan for the future of the hospital by holding open meetings with members of community groups. A group at the hospital also went through the data and developed a strategic plan with benchmarks, community needs and the region's health policy as references.

Part of the hospital's plan is to shift toward ambulatory (outpatient) care and bring more services such as tertiary care specialists (ie. urology, orthopedics and ophthalmology) to the community on a clinic basis.

"Now we just wait and see how it will get rolled out into the eastern Ontario region," Sikorski said.

New school board looks for user-friendly name

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

CORNWALL — The name "SD&G Prescott-Russell Leeds-Grenville and Lanark Public School Board #26" might be considered a bit long-winded for the newly amalgamated school board.

A new name for the board, said SD&G director of education and interim director James Dilamarter, will be forthcoming in the new year. There have been 20 suggestions for names for the new board. That number will be narrowed down to three or four at this week's meeting, and the new board will decide on a new name in the new year.

As for where the new board will be situated within the new board's vast boarders, Dilamarter offered this: "We have no idea."

An interim office will be set up in Perth for the time being. "But that shouldn't strike fear of change in the hearts of people within the board," he said. "It will only be temporary."

There has been a recommendation to the interim board that two regional offices and one smaller central office be set up in the district, Dilamarter said. "Any number of combinations of offices could exist," he added. "The board will be asked to offer pros and cons of all of the suggestions."

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South Mountain parade Saturday

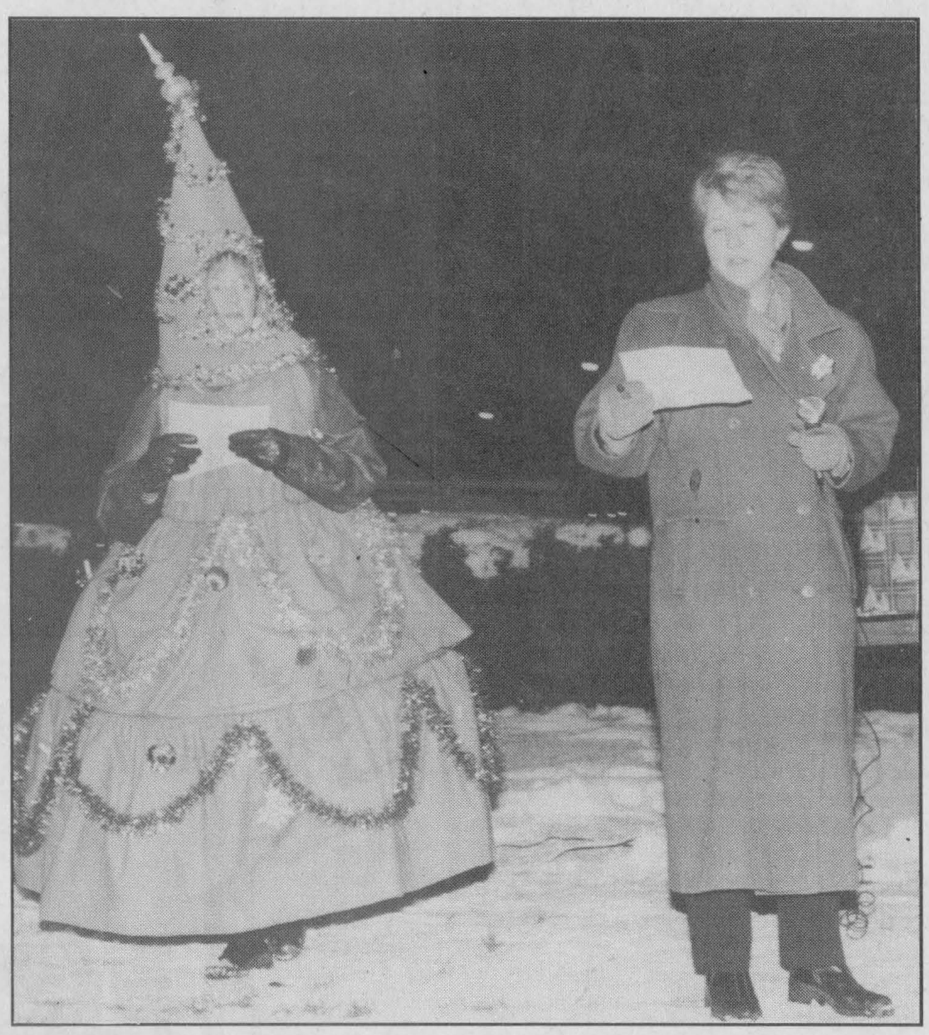
SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Santa Claus is headed for South Mountain and his ETA is Sat., Dec. 13 at 2 pm.

The Mountain Township Santa Claus Parade is ready and set to go for this Saturday in South Mountain.

Sponsored by South Mountain IOOF Lodge #428, Mountain Township and District Lions Club and Mountain Trail Blazers, the parade promises to be as good, or better, as in past years.

Following the parade, Santa Claus will be at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain to hand out candy and listen to Christmas wishes. Hot chocolate, coffee and tidbits will be served.

For inquiries or float entries, contact the Lions Club at 989-2550, IOOF at 989-2107 or Trail Blazers at 989-2838.



Left, Jean Holmes, dressed as a Christmas tree, and hospital administrator Joseline Sikorski prepare for the lighting of the tree. Press Photo — Culliton

Special delivery

$20,000 hand-delivered for WDMH wish fund

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — So far, almost $20,000 has been collected by the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Christmas Tree Campaign.

And, most remarkably, almost all of that money has been hand-delivered to the hospital, thanks to the postal strike that ended last week.

"We had counted almost $20,000 as of Friday afternoon," committee organizer Judy Lannin said. "The mail is moving now, and there is more coming in."

She added that, because the government has extended the date for income tax returns to Jan. 31, 1998 the deadline for donations will be extended to that date as well, so that tax receipts for donations can be claimed.

Nearly 200 people attended the official tree lighting ceremony in front of the hospital on Friday night before the start of the Parade of Lights. Donors had been invited to honor friends and loved ones by making a gift of money to the WDMH Christmas Wish Tree Campaign.

As a symbol of each donation, a light shines on the tree.

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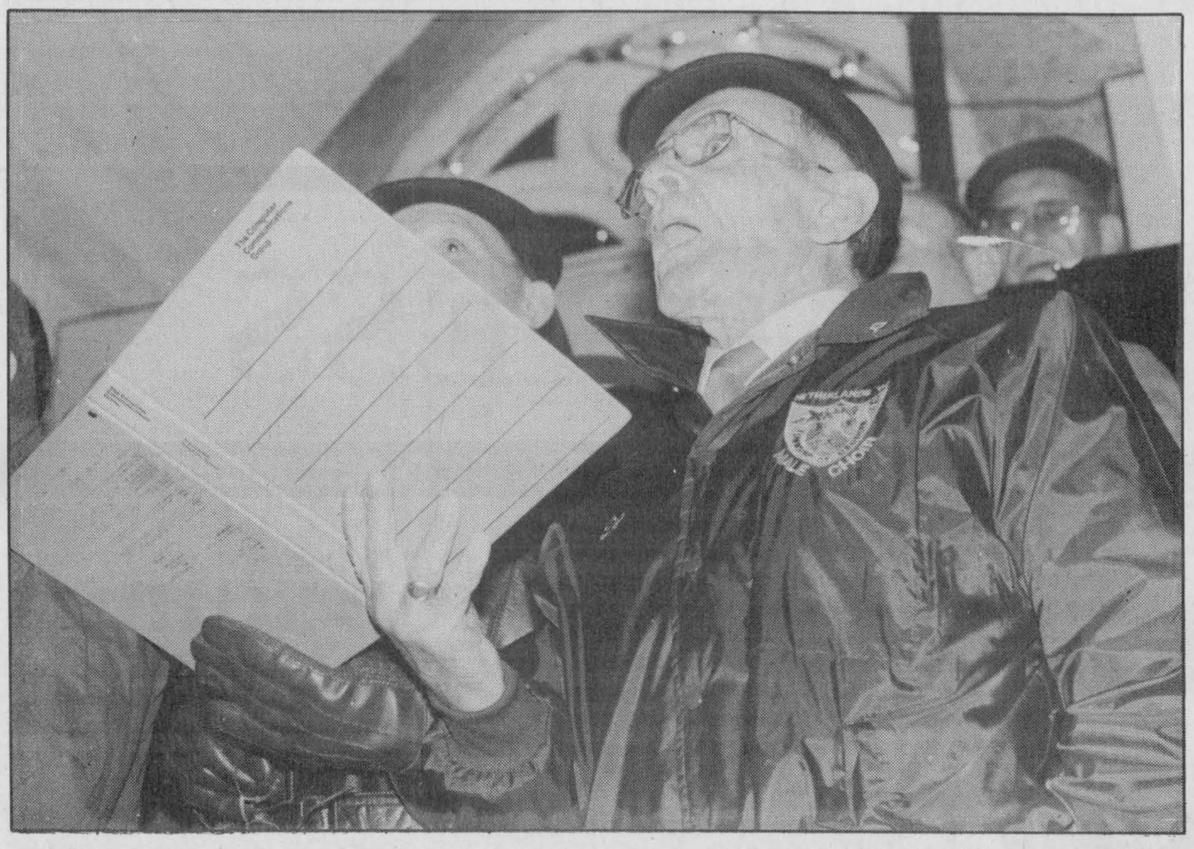

Sound of music

The Osgoode Township Male Choir performed in Winchester last Friday evening during the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's tree lighting ceremony for the Christmas Wish Tree campaign. They also performed before the Parade of Lights. Press Photo -- Brownlee

Dance benefits Greely teen

by Erika MacDonald

GREELY – A benefit dance on Nov. 22 raised $29,000 for the Jason McDonald trust fund.

It was a special evening because it was the first appearance by the beneficiary. According to Metcalfe resident and family friend Fred Zlepnig, it greatly improved Jason's motivation. More than 600 people attended the dance at the Greely Community Centre.

McDonald sustained a serious neck injury while practicing at a Gloucester hockey rink in late September. He has been in hospital and is now in a rehabilitation centre in Ottawa. The trust fund was set up at the Metcalfe Royal Bank and members of the fund's board have begun to host fundraisers to help the family financially.

Zlepnig donated a portion of his property to the McDonald family in November. He and wife Karen made the donation to the trust fund so that Jason and his family could live in a village setting.

"Jason could get around and friends could come see him," Zlepnig says.

Zlepnig has coached Jason for seven hockey seasons and over that time, members of the two families have become friends.

The McDonald's current home is between the villages of Vernon and Osgoode, and requires expensive renovations to accommodate Jason's needs. It is also far from his many friends, most of whom reside in Metcalfe.

Zlepnig felt that Jason would be more comfortable in a new home designed specifically for him and his family.

"Jason would be closer to the high school and the things he needs," explained Zlepnig.

Jason's first response to the suggested move to Metcalfe was "No way!" Then he was told where in Metcalfe he would be living. He reconsidered.

The Zlepnig's wrote a letter to the Township of Osgoode Nov. 27 requesting the land be rezoned so that building would be permitted. The lot is in front of "a designated arterial road which is contrary to the intent of the Official Plan," according to the Township's report on the request, dated Dec. 3. It was also requested that the associated fees be waived. The issue was on the committee of the whole agenda Dec. 9.

According to Zlepnig, Jason's "doing the best you could expect." He says Jason's situation is a short term problem and his desire to work and 'never give up' attitude is exactly what's necessary for a strong recovery. "Some would call it stubbornness, in other circumstances it might be," but the situation he is in, "it's a good attribute."

The Ottawa District Hockey and Canadian Hockey Associations have decided to help the fund. Tickets for a raffle will be sold by over 22,000 young hockey players from the area. Autographed 1998 men's and women's Olympic hockey sweaters are the grand prizes. The tickets will go on sale in January and the prizes awarded following the Olympics in Nagano, Japan. The board for Jason's trust fund hopes to raise $100,000 from this project.

The Metcalfe Jets alumni game is scheduled for Dec. 19 at the Metcalfe Community Centre.



Making the tree brighter

A cheque for $500 was presented to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Christmas Wish Tree Campaign on Friday night (Dec.5) at a tree lighting ceremony. Barry McMillan, right, representing the Riverside Snowmobile Club in Morrisburg, presented the cheque to Dr. Duane Justus of WDMH. The club chooses a cause to support each year. Press Photo — Culliton

Christmas pageant '97

INGLESIDE — St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Ingleside is pleased to announce that Dec. 21 is the date and 7:30 pm is the time for the fourth annual Christmas Pageant, "Christmas Pageant '97".

Every year St. Matthew's has added new dramatic music and lighting elements. This year is no exception. There is new music, more dialogue, new set elements and a couple of surprises.

Much to the children's delight, Sasha the donkey will again accompany Mary and Joseph to the inn door.

This year's production is directed by Jim Duck. Christine Hickey is director of music.

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Parade

Hot chocolate stands set up throughout the parade route by the Winchester Scouts and Guides sold about 750 cups of hot chocolate, raising $500 for youth programs in the village.

Parade entries ranged from well-lit farm implements to creatively built floats, as well as horses and a band.

Adams pointed out that, because this was the first year that such a parade has been held in Winchester, there will be some things that have to be re-worked for next year.

"We will have to re-visit the parade route big-time," he said. "It didn't work well with the doubling back (on St. Lawrence Street), But it's difficult because there is no way to get around and head back to the hydro yard. It would've worked better with 30 entries like in past years, but with 65 or 70, other arrangements will have to be made."

He countered, "But it worked well with the lights off. Maybe next year we can turn off the lights for the entire parade route."

Ontario Hydro workers Brian Koekkoek and Rob Horton turned the lights off before the parade and back on afterwards quite efficiently, Adams noted.

Other items to take care of for next year, Adams said, include bringing in more police for traffic control, portable toilets and garbage cans.

JUDGES OVERWHELMED

Everyone, it seemed, who watched the parade was impressed. The judges seemed to especially enjoy it, although the spectacular floats made their job difficult, one judge said.

Judge John Ross of Y105.3 radio in Ottawa has been judging the Winchester parade for 18 years. "It was awesome," he said. "I've never seen anything like it before. Judging was a real challenge this year because we weren't able to preview the floats in the daylight."

Winchester native Steve Craig of Light 101 radio in Smiths Falls found his second year of judging quite challenging. "I've never seen anything like it before," he said.

Press publisher Al Van Bridger, who has been judging the parade for about four years, said he was proud of his town as he watched the floats pass by. "I was kind of overwhelmed over the number of floats and the quality of them. It was wonderful to see people participating."

Van Bridger added, "If there were 65 floats, there should have been 65 prizes — they were all so wonderful."

Adams said that the video that was sent from Sunnyside, Washington, where the idea for the parade originated, helped with the creativity of the Winchester parade floats. "I believe we matched the Washington parade easily," he said proudly. "Having the video was worthwhile. We've made videos of our parade, and we're going to send a copy back to Washington to show them what we could do."

Videos will be on sale in the near future, Adams said.

"The parade was easy to handle," the organizer said. "The committee was terrific. Everything came together so well, I had nothing to do on Friday. The quality was there. And we couldn't have asked for better weather."

Parade committee member Joel Steele offered a crowd estimate on the high-end. "I would say there were close to 20,000," he said. "The population of Winchester is about 2,500, and that doubles for a normal parade. I would say the crowd was up to six times bigger than that.

"It was definitely one hell of a crowd."

Adams

"I'm looking forward to next year's parade," he said. "There are already new ideas brewing for the next Parade of Lights."

Not one to accept all of the credit, Adams pointed out that Joel Steele of "The Country Boy" in Winchester was the idea man behind the parade.

"Joel is great to work with. He has so many ideas. And the parade itself was really Joel's idea," he said.

Steele had noticed an article in a magazine featuring a Parade of Lights in Sunnyside, Washington, and brought it to Adams' attention.

"I wasn't really sure about the idea at first, but Joel knew how to present the idea and get me excited about it," Adams recalled.

"John Adams is the man who made it all happen," Steele told the Press. "He deserves a round of thanks. I just read about it in a book, but John took over and put it together."

In all, a tremendous committee (including Steele) helped to put the parade together, including Andre Johnson, Donna Proulx and John McIntosh — long-term committee members.

"It was wonderful, I loved doing the parade," Adams said. "It was great fun because people became really enthusiastic about the concept. It's great to work on a project when everyone involved is so excited about it."

School board

Ultimately, Dilamarter said, "it will all work out, and hopefully schools won't see any change."

The decision about where the offices are located within the new board perimeters will be made in regards to what makes sense, the interim director said.

"We will be as fair as we can in hiring and in office locations," he said. "But I don't want to venture a guess."

He said that the interim board will seek input from the community and will arrange meetings with people who wish to make presentations to the board.

"School Board #26 covers a large area, but it's made up of a collection of small communities who really care about their education system," he said.

The amalgamated school board takes over Jan. 1, 1998. Dilamarter said a decision on office location could be expected by March Break.

"Until then," he added, "District #26 school board will be centralized out of the Cornwall office. There will be a toll free number to call the board office, and we are working on networking the phones with the other board offices so that, if you call the board office in Cornwall, your call can be transferred to the office in Brockville."

Tree lighting

With each donation, Lannin said, the tree will shine a little bit brighter.

Dr. Duane Justus officially plugged in the Christmas tree, showing how bright the donations have made the tree. Alvin Runnalls started the countdown to the tree lighting. Reverend Laurie Taylor gave a blessing at the beginning of the ceremony, and the Osgoode Men's Choir sang Christmas carols following the lighting of the tree.

Hospital administrator Joseline Sikorski mentioned that the tree lighting ceremony and campaign marked the start of the hospital's 50th anniversary.

A beaver tail stand situated in downtown Winchester for the Parade of Lights to help raise money for WDMH did extremely well, Lannin said. Steve Estabrooks, who is affiliated with Beaver Tails Canada, was amazed at the amount of people in town, she said.

"He asked if he could come back again next year," Lannin said. "He doesn't know what his contribution will be to the hospital, but it will be a good donation. He didn't quite run out of beaver tails but he ran out of most of his toppings for the beaver tails."

She added, "He was surprised by the number of people who had never tried a beaver tail before."

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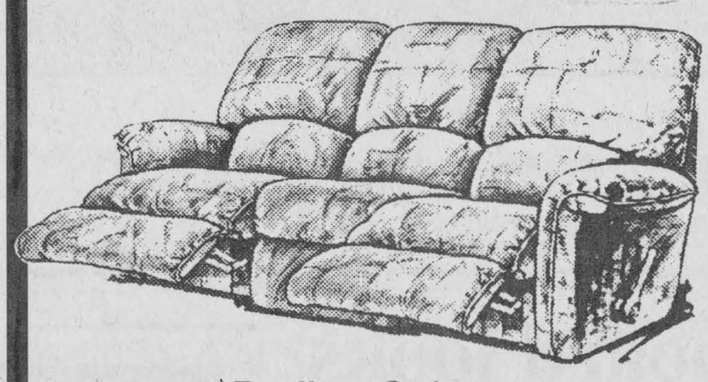

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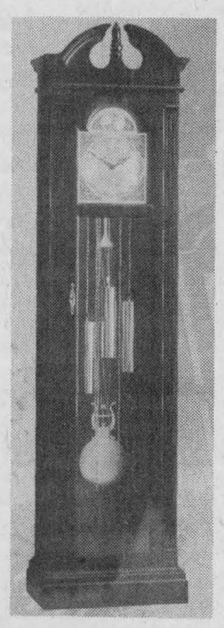

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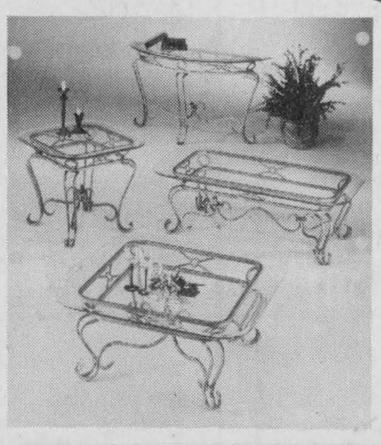

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Top horse drawn

Deesign Maker, Fawcett Communications and Cass Bridge Cheese House, along with Scott Barkley's horses placed first in the horse drawn category in the parade. Left, Ray Barkley, Kevin Fawcett, Rob Saunders, E.A. Oldford of Gale Real Estate (presenting the trophy), and Barb Barkley.



Boyd Chrysler trophy

The Boyd Chrysler trophy was won by Valley Produce of Winchester. Left, parade judge John Ross of Y105 radio, Jason Wagner of Valley Produce, Jeff Boyd of Boyd Chrysler (presenting the trophy), Steve Craig of Lite 101 in Smiths Falls, and parade judge Al Van Bridger, Winchester Press co-publisher.

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Cinderella wins

Ault's Cinderella float was the float winner of the Lannin Lumber Mart Trophy. Left, Ray Van Noy presents the trophy to Steve Johnston, Ryan Johnston, Lindsay Johnston and Bill Lennox.

Thieves target liquor store

IROQUOIS — This week Crimestoppers is asking for your help in solving a break, enter and theft.

Overnight between 8 pm on Thurs., Dec. 4 and 7:30 am on Fri., Dec. 5, unknown persons broke into the liquor store in the Iroquois Mall and stole a large quantity of liquor.

Approximate value of the theft was $8,000. Stolen liquor consisted of vodka, Bailey's Irish Cream, rye and rum.

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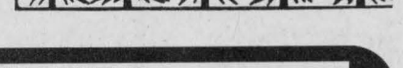
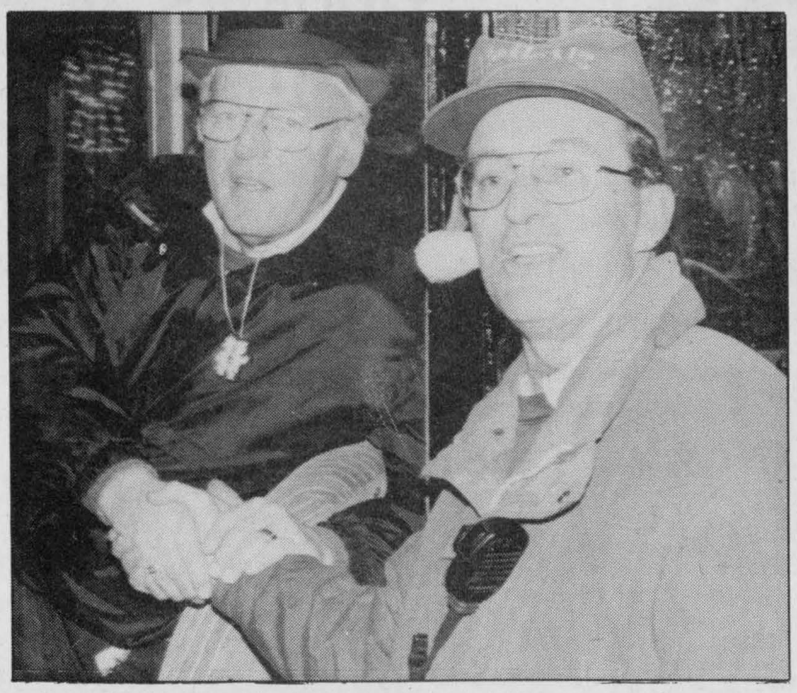




Farm implements

Joel Steele of the CountryBoy Shop was able to present a trophy to his own store as the CountryBoy's entry in the Parade of Lights was first place in the category sponsored by the same. Above, Joel Steele presents the CountryBoy Shop trophy to the CountryBoy crew and Cash Haven Farms atop the well-lit harvester — Pat Helmer, Dean Duke and Rhonda Steele.



Antique winner

Parade organizer John Adams presents the award for the antiques division to Don Snider, who drove a 1920 Ford in the Parade of Lights.

S. Dundas HQ makes move to Williamsburg

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The administrative offices of the newly formed South Dundas Township will be situated temporarily in Williamsburg at the municipal office.

The South Dundas municipal office was originally to have been placed in the administrative building in Morrisburg; however, because the provincial courthouse is also situated in the administrative building, there is not enough room for both.

"The courts will stay in Morrisburg because they are important to Morrisburg," South Dundas mayor-elect Johnny Whitteker said. "In January we have to pay for policing and if we move the courthouse to Cornwall everybody will have to travel to Cornwall, including police officers. We don't want to move them."

Whitteker explained that the municipal office's situation in Williamsburg will be temporary until it is decided where the courthouse will be moved or whether new facilities will be approved for the municipal offices.

"In January, we need to get the new computer system going, and we need a lot of room for that, so we have to use the Seniors Room in Williamsburg until other arrangements can be made," Whitteker said. "We have no idea how long that will be."

He added, "We don't want to interfere with the courts. For them to move, they would need more holding cells. They only have one holding cell now, but if they moved they would have to build about five of them."

The issue was on the agenda for the regular council meeting of Williamsburg Township that was held on Tuesday night (Dec. 9).

Correction

A photograph featuring a cheque presentation that appeared in last week's issue of the Press (Dec. 3, 1997) was for the Arthritis Society, not the Alzheimer's Society as was mistakenly reported.

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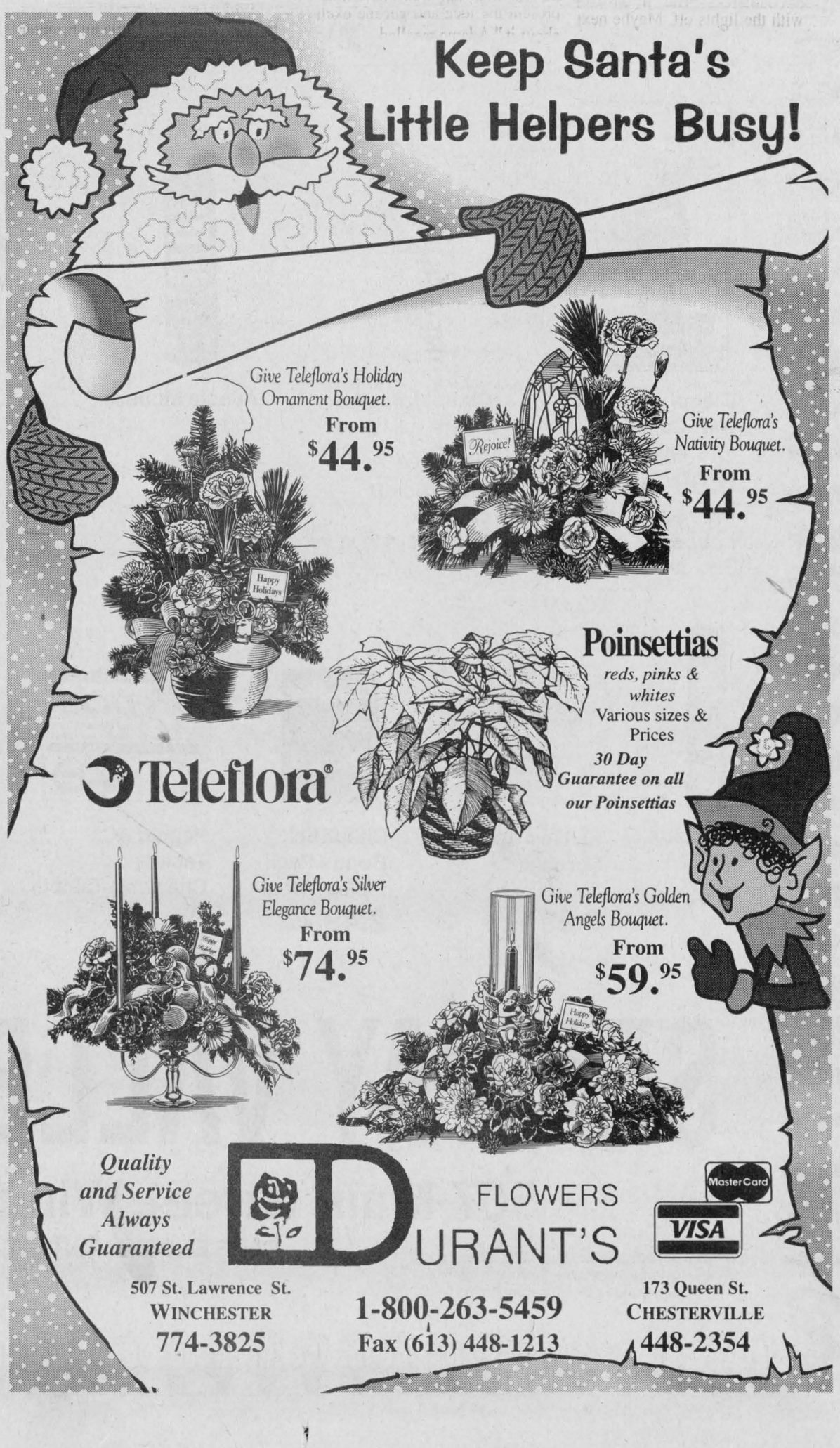

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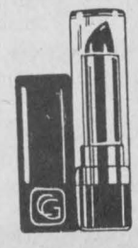

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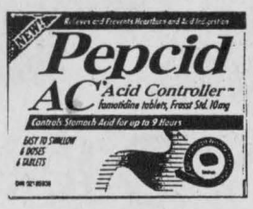

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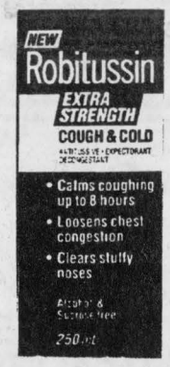

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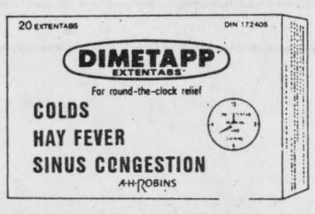

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EDITORIAL

What we need is a windmill

A $3-million windmill in honor of 7,200 Canadian soldiers who died liberating Holland in WWII is unable to find a home in Ottawa.

We would like to help the committee out; we would like to suggest that the windmill be erected in Winchester and/or North Dundas Township.

The entire situation of finding a site for the windmill is upsetting to both those who are attempting to place the seven-story construction in Ottawa, and those who are opposed to it.

Dubbed the "Friendship Windmill", the structure was to be financed with donations. A committee has already raised $145,000 and another $65,000 in pledges since 1994, but there is no place to put the windmill.

We are sure that arrangements could be made for the Friendship Windmill to be set up in the Winchester area.

Just think — after the first "Parade of Lights" last Friday night, Winchester proved to itself just how many people it can bring in with the right attraction and the right amount of advertising.

And with such a strong Dutch community here, what better memorial than a windmill?

With the Parade of Lights, we have demonstrated just how extraordinary the people of Winchester can be in getting behind a project it believes in.

On one night in December, thousands of people (estimates vary) converged on the village to hang out in town, watch the parade, visit businesses, eat at restaurants and, of course, spend money.

Imagine the possible business spin-offs upon bringing the windmill (and the tourists) to Winchester.

Just a short drive from the capital, tourists could head south on Hwy. 31, and other communities along the way would thank Winchester, as they would receive spin-offs of the tourist explosion, too.

Not to mention the employment opportunities, as tour guides would be needed, as well as people to maintain the windmill, and most of all — to count the money from the admission fees to see the windmill.

The problem in Ottawa is finding an appropriate site for the Friendship Windmill. Last year, a Mooney's Bay site was chosen, but just as the ground-breaking ceremonies were to begin a group of area residents pulled the plug.

But that wouldn't happen in Winchester or North Dundas.

There is certainly space here — the windmill could be placed in the Winchester 100 Club Community Park. Or, since a working windmill needs a water source, it could be located along the shores of the South Nation River.

Yes, what Winchester (or North Dundas) needs is a windmill. Now, if only a committee chairperson could be found. Perhaps the chair of the parade committee will be looking for a new project to balance out his year?

L.C.

This week in...

1947

Local girl, June Rowat was excited to learn that she would sing on national radio at the end of the month. She was to appear on the CBC national network's "Singing Stars of Tomorrow" program.

An editor's opinion reported that an estimated 32,000 war veterans attending Canadian universities would be in for some disappointment when they all started looking for jobs.

An ad by a local motorcoach company was charging $1.20 for a one-way ticket to Cornwall, $6.20 to North Bay, $1 to Ottawa and $3.25 Pembroke.

1957

A Mountain Township couple was celebrating a true senior citizens' milestone. John and Florence Cameron were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. Both were enjoying fairly good health and still maintain quite an active interest in their home township. He was 93 and she was 84.

Local municipal elections were held in Winchester Township. with only 50 per cent of the electors going to the polls to elect three councillors. Elected were Cecil MacNabb, Gerald Holmes and Garfield Baker.

Highway 43's dangerous "S" crossing over the CPR tracks, four miles east of Winchester claimed yet another victim. Emil Worm, 45, of Stratford was killed when a train slammed into his car during a snowstorm.

1967

A $2 million addition to the Iroquois High School was officially opened. The new addition included 14 classrooms, two laboratories, shops, occupational centres, a new library and the gymnasium was doubled in size. Attendance at the school was just over 500 with a staff of 40 teachers.

Winchester was gearing up for an appearance by Santa Claus. The jolly old elf and his reindeer were expected to land on the roof of the public school and be a part of the annual Christmas parade.

A deal had been inked between the village of Winchester and the Ontario Provincial Police for the rental of a section of the village office for the OPP's new headquarters. The rental fee was $1,800 per year.

1977

The word on everyone's lips was that the Winchester Santa Claus parade was the "best one in history." Thousands of people lined the streets to watch the biggest parade ever to hit the village's streets. It had 37 entries.

Nestle's was enjoying more than just one perk from coffee. The corporation was ordered to dump over $129,000 in excess profits generated from coffee and other beverage products. Savings weren't expected to be passed on to the consumer.

A weekend dump of 20 centimetres of snow may have delighted skiers and snowmobilers, but it caused a number of car accidents.

The Maple Ridge Sr. boys volleyball team was smiling as they nabbed both the Dundas and Tri-county championship.

The Winchester Hawks were basking in a little glory, as the club downed their arch rivals, the Jets 5-4 in a regular Jr. B league matchup.

1987

Despite the rumor mill, the OPP's top cop assured Winchester residents that its OPP detachment was here to stay. "I can assure you, there's been no initiative to close the Winchester detachment at this time," said Chief Supt. Dick Crawley.

Local residents were gearing up for Santa's return in the Winchester parade that was expected to draw 27 floats and see over 1,200 people line the streets.

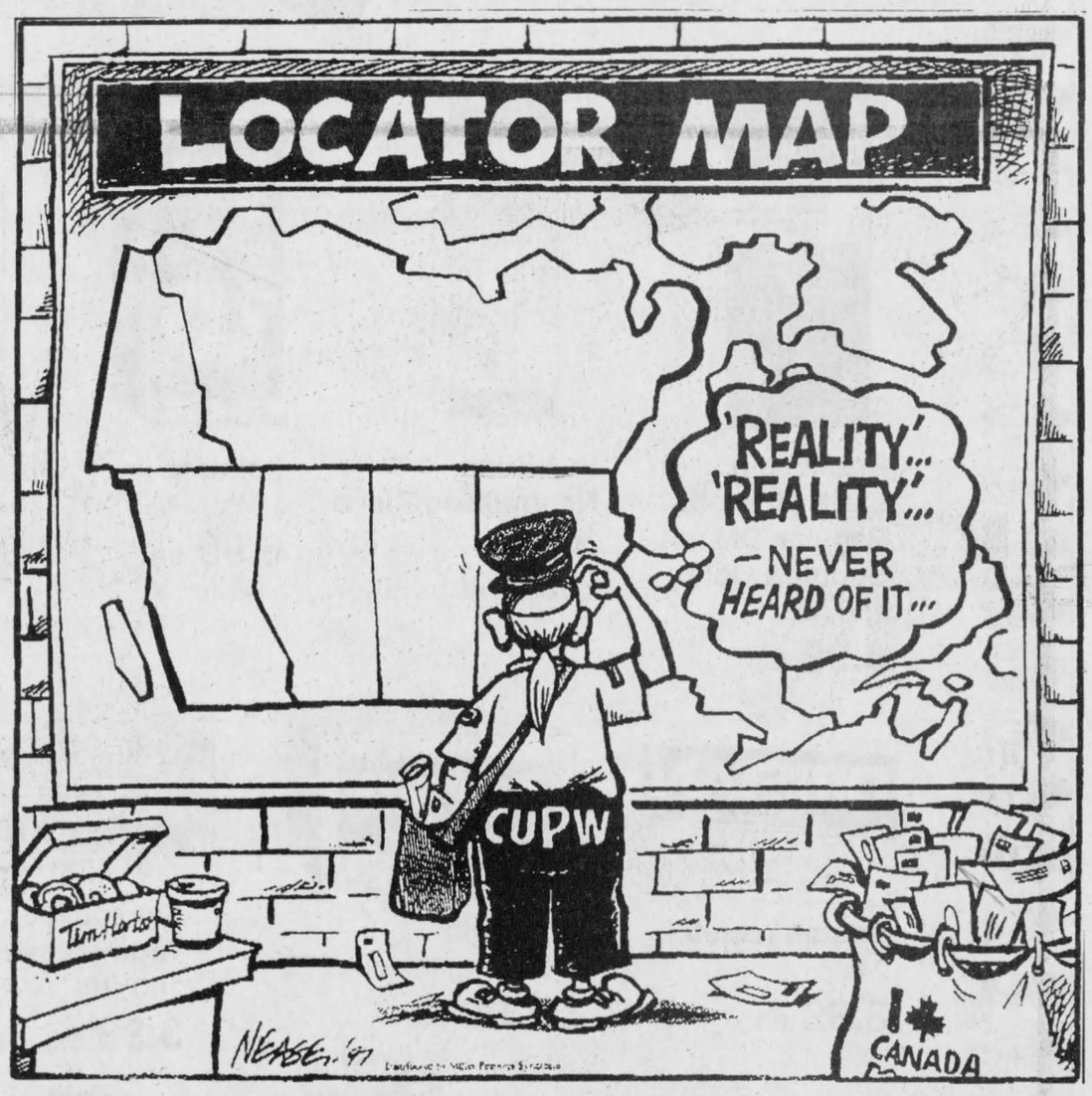
Students in SD&G who failed to get a chance to carry the Olympic torch in the national relay heralding the Calgary Olympics got a second shot at sharing the spirit. Organizers were expecting 650 students from the board to take part in the five-day torch relay.

Mother Nature was wreaking havoc on area motorists. Bad driving conditions were being blamed for a rash of accidents on area roads that sent at least four people to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

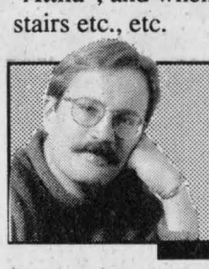
Ontario's 4-H program was facing a membership crisis despite efforts by rural organizers to meet the needs of the rural youth. Since the organization topped 25,000 members in 1976, membership had decreased by 30 per cent ten years later.

While Ottawa retailers were predicting a gloomy retail Christmas season, Winchester merchants were saying it was business as





Basement archaeology



Home Free

by Otte Rosenkrantz

This winter marks the fifth consecutive year my family and I have lived in the same place. After having never lived longer than two or three years in any one place, we suddenly find ourselves putting down roots.

So we've decided to celebrate by unpacking.

Not the everyday stuff which we put into use as soon as we arrived. No, I'm talking about that huge pile of boxes that has followed us around since we left university back in what our children refer to as "The Olden Days".

Back in "The Olden Days" — right after I finished scratching my Master's thesis into a piece of sheepskin with a hunk of charcoal — I packed everything I owned into liquor store boxes and carefully wrote my name on each one. Then the boxes followed me around for the next hundred years or so, mixing along the way with my wife's cardboard boxes, multiplying and producing a large number of smaller cardboard boxes along the way.

Back then I hated throwing away anything associated with school and learning, partly because it had all cost so much — which also explains why my parents hated to see me throw any of this stuff away — and partly because I had this sense that one day, I would need to look up something I had written about Attila the Hun in second year history. I envisioned sitting around the dinner table some Sunday evening, and having one of my children suddenly turn to me and ask: "Gee, Dad, I sure wish I knew who was leader of the Huns in 411 AD."

"Funny you should ask," I would be able to say, "Hang on a sec."

And then I would scoot downstairs, find the correct box, pull out my brilliant term paper, and quote extensively from it to a rapt audience.

Or, I thought, perhaps one day I'd be writing, say, a magazine column about how I have a whole bunch of unpacked boxes in my basement, and I would find that I needed to know how to spell "Attila", and when Attila lived, and I would be able to scoot downstairs etc., etc.

But of course, in all these years, I have never once had an occasion to open any of those old boxes. So finally the time came to bring up those boxes, and see what it was we thought was valuable enough to pay movers hundreds of dollars every few years to shift from house to house.

Here's some of what we found.

A box full of albums by The Monkees, Strawberry Alarm Clock and The Archies; several boxes of high school textbooks dating back to when the earth was still flat; two broken lava lamps; a bag of kitty litter; a toaster-oven (remember those? A kind of microwave oven without the microwave: too big to toast bread, too small to toast anything else, and people always got six when they married); several unfinished macrame wall-hangings and, of course, at least a thousand boxes of term papers.

We also located the lid to the Mr. Coffee machine we sold in a yard sale five years ago, a left-handed glove (the right hand of which I threw out in '86), and what I think is a bag of sandwiches I made sometime during the Nixon years.

The whole experience has been like being on a kind of archaeological expedition, sifting through the detritus of a lost culture, finding ancient tools (one-armed nutcrackers) and lost art forms (empty bottles of wine covered with multi-colored candle wax), and wondering what it all means.

Of course, it turned out that we couldn't bring ourselves to toss any of the stuff away. Some day the kids — or future students of "The Olden Days" — may want to know what our lives were like, and who Attila was. So in the interest of posterity, we've packed everything back up and labelled it all with our kids' names.

I know they'll thank us for it some day.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader shows two sides of murder

The Editor:

(re: "A Father's Love", Nov. 12, 1997) Yes, one is sympathetic — would we have the stamina to look after such a patient those many years, look at the suffering day-in, day-out? But then there is murder.

There is sympathy on both sides, but if we believe, we are all in God's hands.

I know myself that I can't bear to see an animal suffering, let alone a child, or an older person being abused (I am 77, myself).

It must have been a tough decision (for Latimer).

Then I look at the au pair — that girl who got off scott-free after the poor little baby died (suffering too). I was not there, but the jury found her guilty.

They mentioned a previous injury but never brought it up. I have to ask, as she was the only one there — did she cause that previous injury? The baby did not die then, but this time did from the shaking.

So one is charged with murder, another set free. One has to question justice from the day of OJ.

Loretta Emerson
Greely

Job well done on Parade, ND play

The Editor:

It seems to be human nature that often, perhaps too often, we confine our comments to the negative things that go on around us. To break with this pattern, I wish to call attention to two very positive occurrences I had the pleasure of attending in the past week.

One was the Parade of Lights held in Winchester last Friday evening. As has been so well publicized by the Winchester Press, this marked the first time that a Santa Claus parade had been held at night in the area.]

The success of the venture was evident in the appreciative comments among the people who thronged the streets of the town. The large number of brilliantly-lit floats attested to the ingenuity and effort of local residents in rising to the unique challenge and staging a truly memorable occasion.

The second event worthy of high praise, in my opinion, was the production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" by students and staff of North Dundas District High School. From the tremendously talented troupe of student actors who occupied the spotlight to the small army of supporting crew, band members and teachers who performed their magic offstage, the hard work and weeks of preparation resulted in a most impressive, delightful and entertaining evening.

To all those involved in these two wonderful community events, I am confident that I reflect the feelings of many area residents when I say thank you and congratulations on a job well done!

Barbara St. James
Mountain Township

Thank you from Guides and Scouts

The Editor:

The Guides and Scouts of Winchester sold more than 750 cups of hot chocolate at the highly successful Christmas Parade of Lights, raising $500 for the youth programs.

We would like to thank all the people who made it a big success: Matt Krisjanis and the arena and village employees who provided and delivered the tables; Nestles and Andy's Food Town who donated the ingredients.

Also, thanks to all the people who provided stations: Inez and Wallace Byers, Rev. Thurland Brown and the Wesleyan Church, Gale Real Estate and Michael Cumming, Andy's Food Town, Winchester Hardware, NorDun Seniors Centre, Michael and Irene Brown and the Anglican Church and Shirley and John Fawcett.

A special thanks to the hardworking parents, leaders and Guide and Scout members and to all the people who bought hot chocolate.

Wendy Dale,
Linda Foster,
Sharon Struthers-Trory

Teachers' pensions raise money issue

The Editor:

I was recently watching the Ontario Legislature's debate of Bill 160 on the parliamentary channel and the MPP for Scarborough West, Jim Brown, whose wife is a teacher, brought forward information about Ontario's education system that has received little public scrutiny.

Brown raised the issue of teachers' unions' complaints of underfunding of Ontario's education system and pointed out that Ontario teachers have "the richest, most lucrative pension plan in North America, a fund that owns a major share of Maple Leaf Gardens, 46 per cent of the Sun newspaper chain and a myriad of other investments".

Brown pointed out that, because of a deal arranged with NDP Premier Bob Rae, the government (read: hard-pressed taxpayers) was committed to paying $8 billion in tax dollars above its regular contribution, into the teachers' plan over the next 22 years. That means we, the taxpayers, are this year contributing $1.1 billion into a fund with a $1.8 billion surplus, projected to be a $8-10 billion surplus next year.

In other words, almost 10 per cent of the education budget of $14 billion goes into a very rich teacher pension fund! And teachers' unions have the gall to complain about an "underfunded" education system?

In his speech, Mr. Brown also mentioned that the Harris government has offered an additional contribution to the teachers' pension to encourage early retirement, create thousands of jobs for new, young teachers and save approximately $500 million, but apparently the unions want taxpayers to pay the whole shot.

I hope that, with all the rhetoric flying around about education under-funding, parents and others might asked teacher union reps how they can justify draining this kind of tax money out of the system while they moan about under-funding and at the same time have a huge, growing surplus in their pension fund.

It strikes me, with respect to the teachers' unions' approach to our education system, that honesty and the interests of students have taken a back seat to self-interest.

Donn M. Fowler, CD
Brockville

Parade of Lights "out of this world"

The Editor:

Friday evening I viewed, along with hundreds of people, the magnificent, out of this world "Parade of Lights".

I thought, as I watched this spectacular display, that I had been magically transported into Fairyland.

The colors, twinkling lights, silver trees and stars, the music, singing and floats were truly breathtaking.

I am a senior who has resided in Winchester and district for over 56 years, and when I saw this unique display of lights, I realized that this parade emphasized the true meaning of Christmas, when people all work together towards making the world a better place to live in.

A toast to the organizers, volunteers, pupils, businesses and all from far and wide who gave their time and effort to make this event a "first", one we'll never forget.

Season's Greetings to all!

A very proud viewer,
Isabel Baker
Winchester

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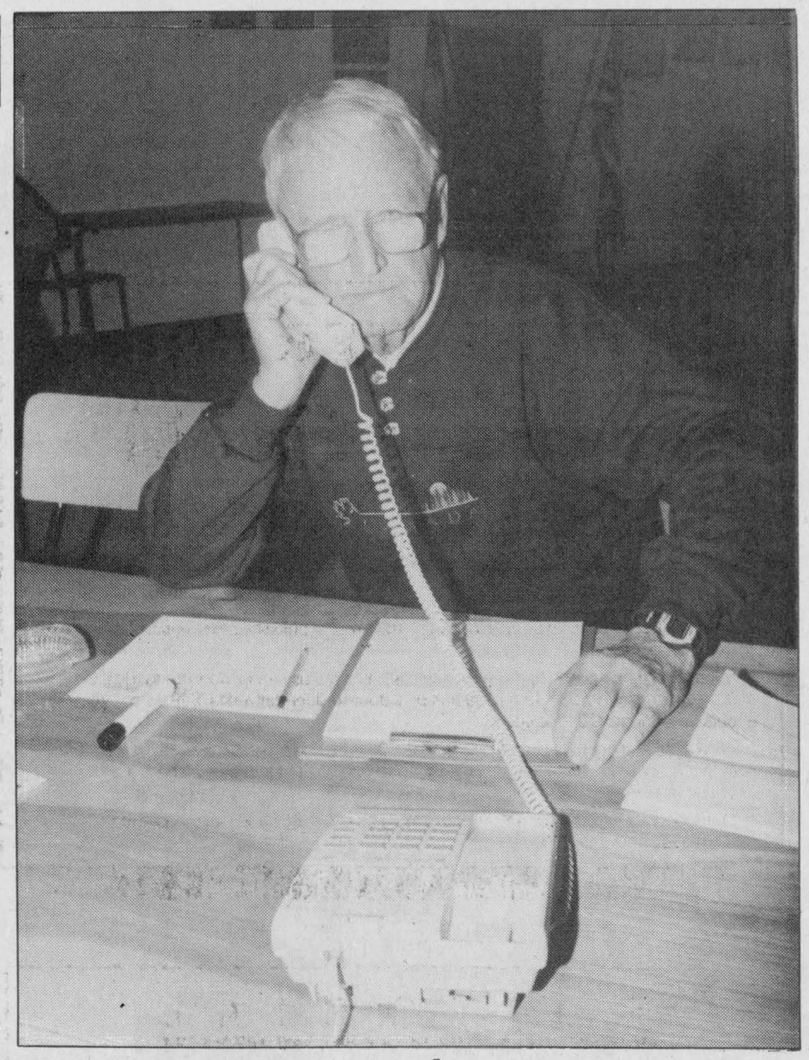

Festive phone work

Metcalfe Lion, Gerry Mullins, takes pledges during the Lions Club annual Christmas fundraising drive at the Lions Den Dec. 6. Region wide, the event raised over $60,000 to help needy families this holiday season. Press photo — Brownlee

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Watch Me Grow at WDMH

WINCHESTER — Parents of young children from the Winchester area will have access to a weekly "Watch Me Grow" program in their own community. The program begins Mon., Dec. 15 from 11 am until 2 pm.

Public Health nurses will be available to answer questions ranging from growth, developmental milestones and speech acquisition to breastfeeding and nutrition.

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital will host this program in collaboration with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

"Parents are directed to community health services according to their needs and requests," said Sandra Brannan, director of patient care services. "With the average hospital stay of two and a half days for maternity cases, this program will be a great way to provide parents with ongoing services when they get home."

Margaret Hendriks, program manager at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit added, "The Watch Me Grow program has been successful in other regions of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and in Prescott and Russell. We look forward to providing it here in Winchester. Working with the Winchester hospital will ensure continuity for the people who need information and resources to properly perform their role as parents. We can provide that and offer some much needed support and encouragement."

The Watch Me Grow program will start on Mon., Dec. 15 at the maternity department of WDMH, from 11 am until 2 pm. All parents of young children are welcome to drop in.

For more information about this program, call Margaret Hendriks at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 774-2739, or Sandra Brannan, Winchester District Memorial Hospital at 774-2422, extension 5251.

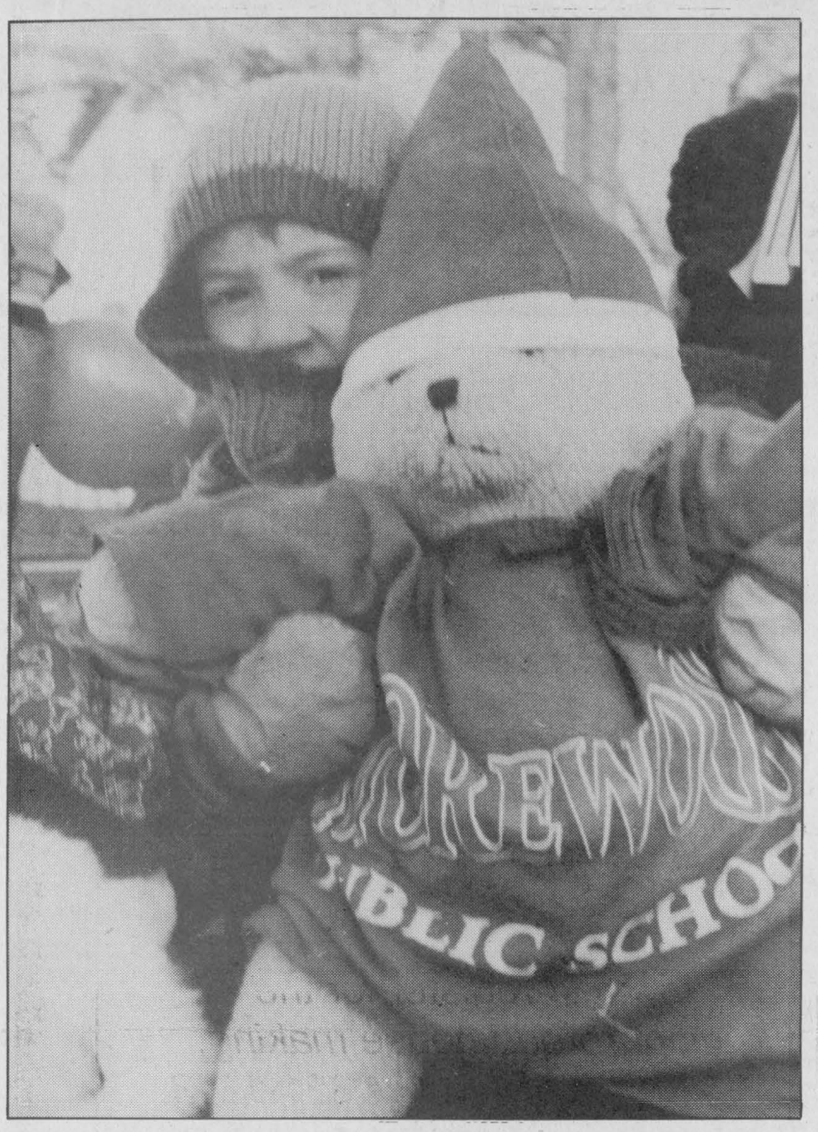
Seniors' euchre

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Township Seniors euchre was held on Wed., Dec. 3. The next euchre on Dec. 17 will be the final euchre until further notice.

The seniors were recently informed that the Seniors' Room is no longer available as of Dec. 18. It is to be used temporarily by the newly elected municipal personnel for offices, during renovations being made in the Morrisburg building.

Winners at Wednesday's euchre were as follows: ladies — Doreen Winters, Evelyn Swerdfeger, Helene Crump; gents — Ross Sommerville, Cecil Lee, Dwain Hess; door prize — Betty Barkley, Audrey Whitteker; draw — Basil Hollister, Ross Sommerville, Phyllis Scott (2), Sharon Munro, Helene Crump, Zeta Godard and Eva Jackson.



Ho Ho holding for Christmas

Mother Nature co-operated and Saint Nick made a safe landing in the village for the annual Santa Claus parade last Saturday. The event, which hit the streets around 1 pm, featured fire trucks and plenty of enthusiastic youngsters waiting in anticipation for the jolly old elf to come down the chimney. Trophies and prizes were presented to the winning parade entries. Everyone got into the spirit as the Christmas season was kicked off in Morewood. Press photos — Brownlee



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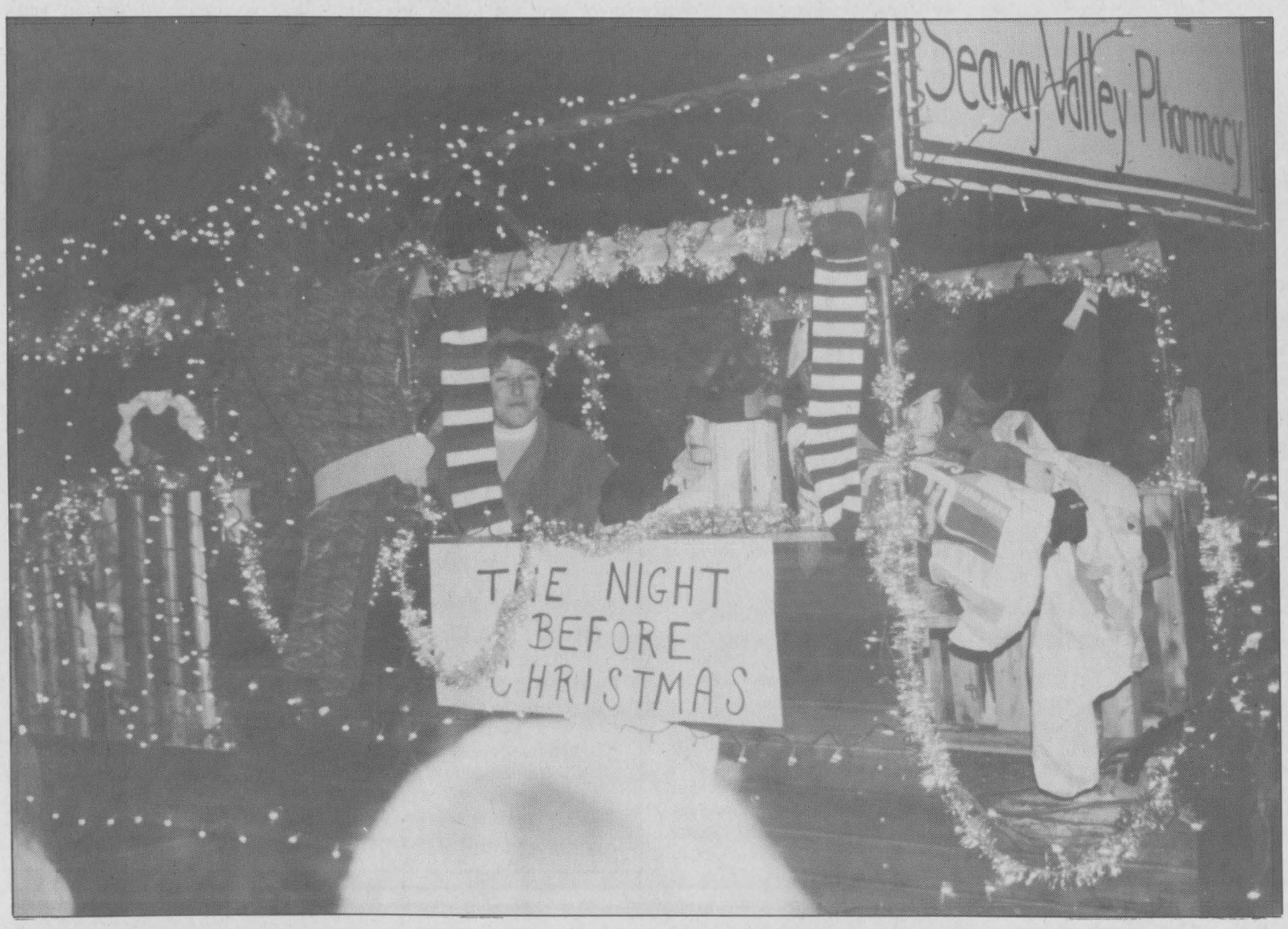
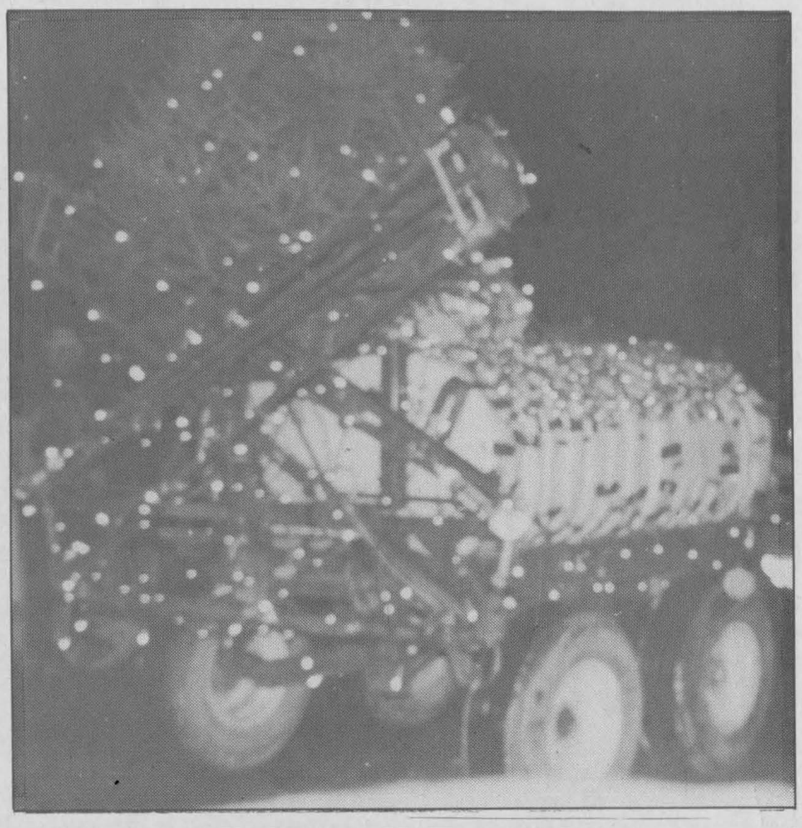
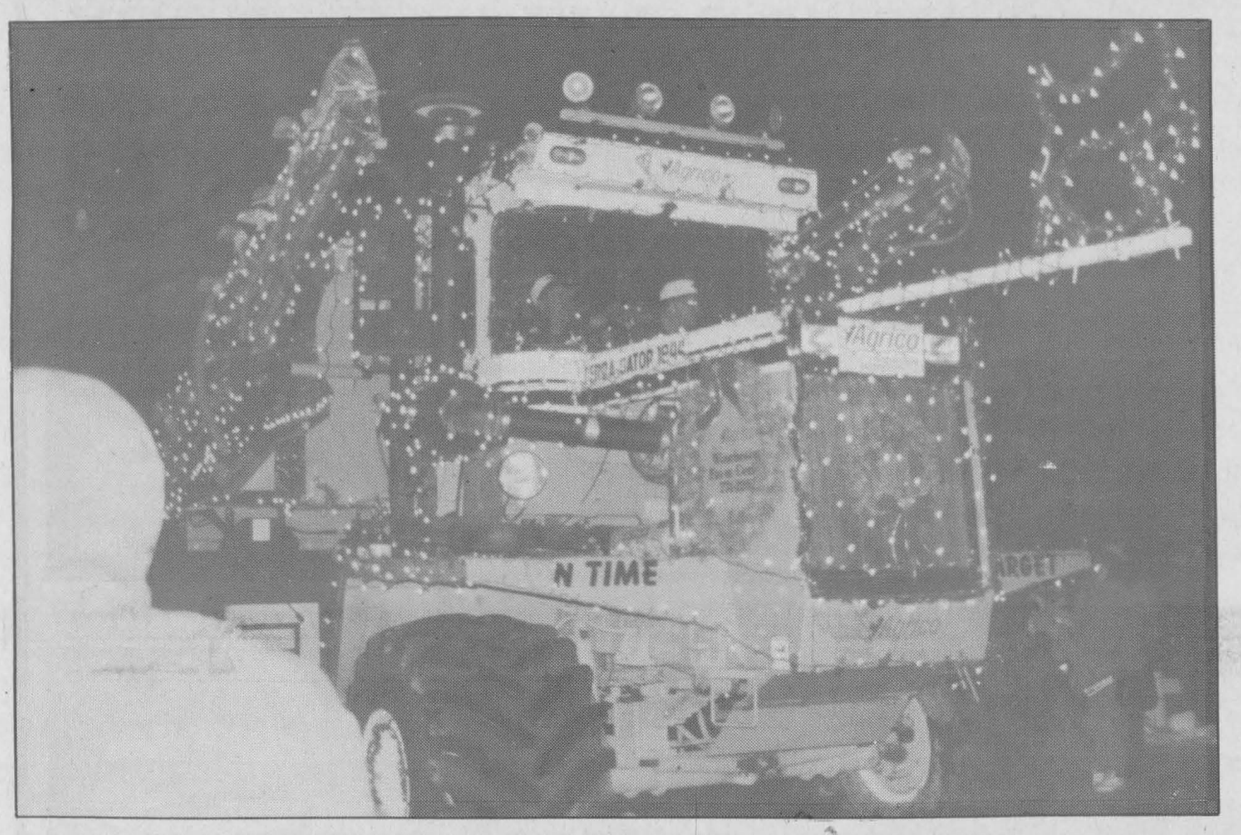
Winchester Parade of Lights sparkled





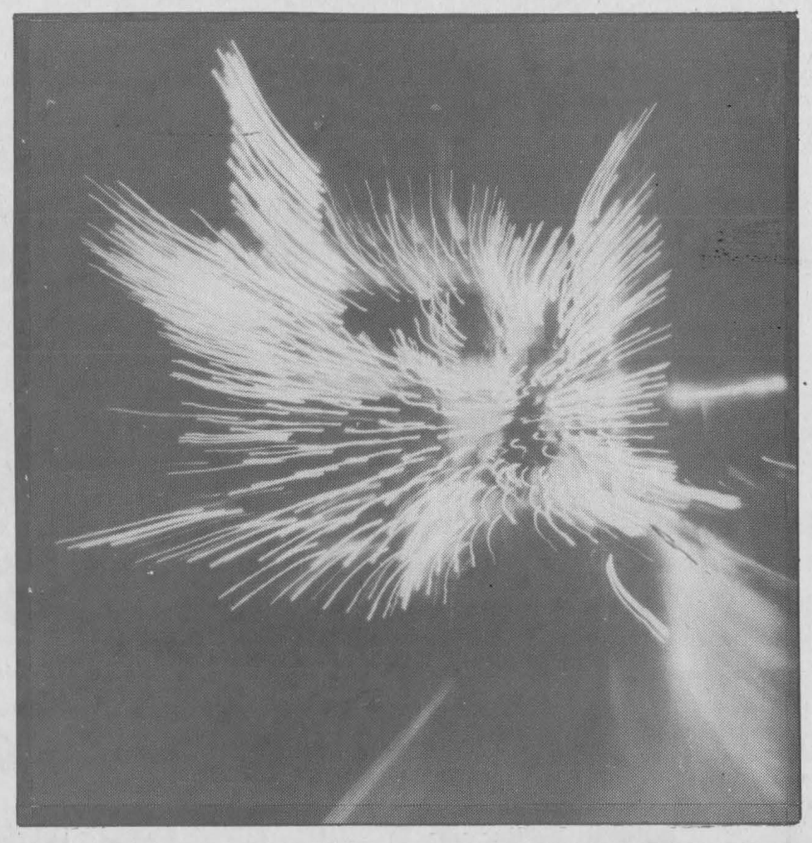


Bright lights

Taking part in Winchester's Parade of Lights Friday evening, clockwise from top left: the Seaway Valley Pharmacy's "Night before Christmas"; the Winchester Press entry in the farm implement class; Sharon Adams performs in Fawcett's bubble mobile; a special effects shot of a truck entry; the Lions Club float; the winning float in the horse-drawn category; Cinderella (Lindsay Johnston) and her carriage represented Parmalat; and Agrico's entry made a spectacular impact on parade-goers.
Press Photos — Brownlee and Holmes

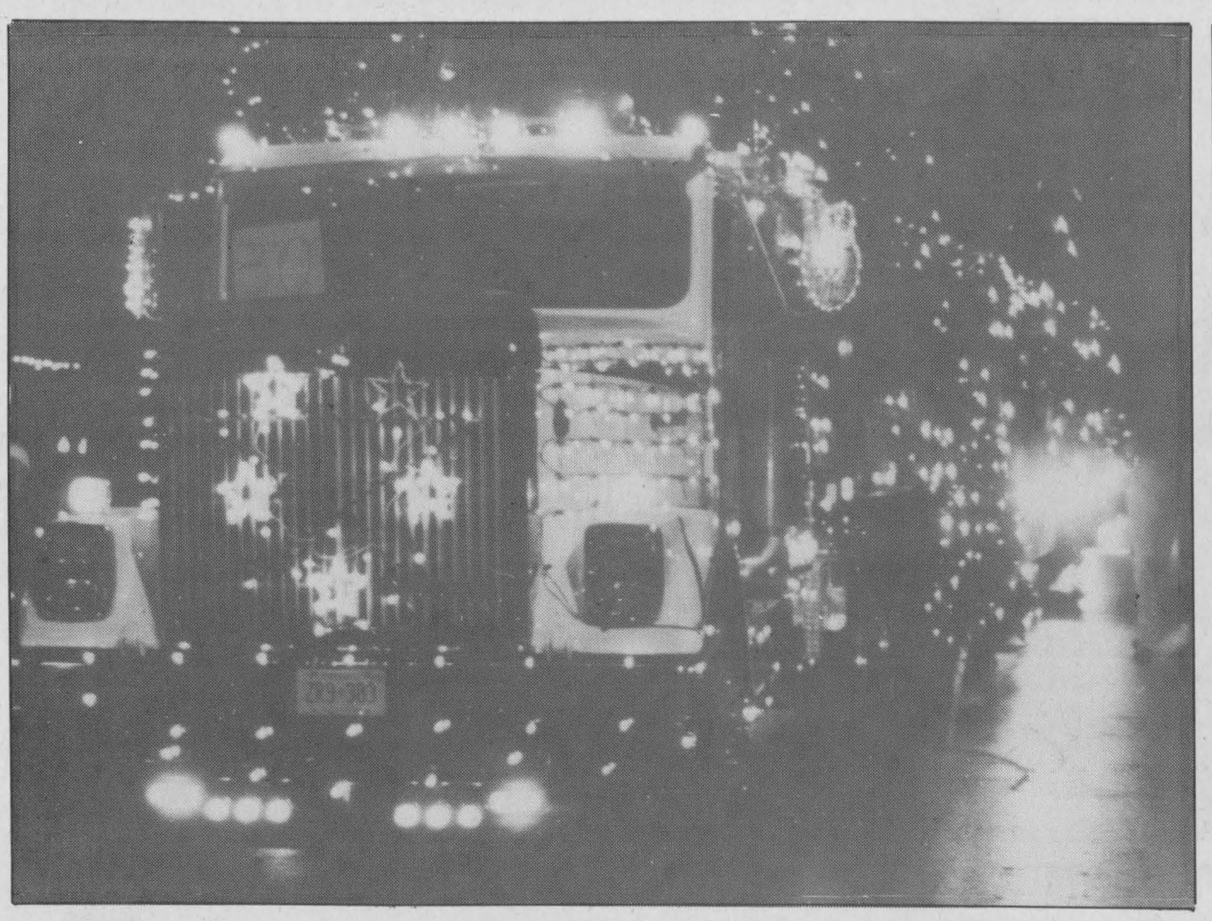














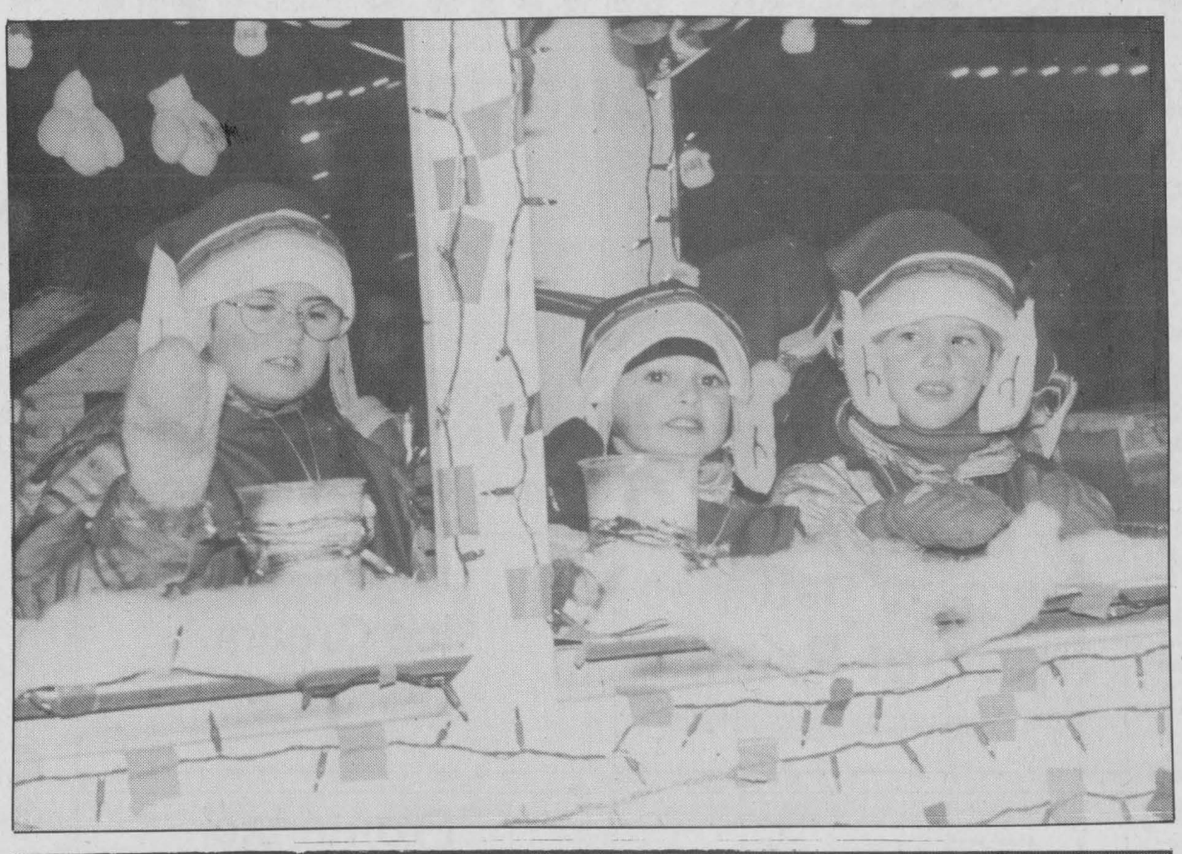
First night parade a brilliant success

Between 65 and 70 floats lit up the streets of Winchester last Friday night for the first annual Parade of Lights. Organizers, who are touting the parade as a huge success, estimate about 6,000 - 10,000 people attended the event. Pictured, clockwise from top left: Terry's Restoration recreated a Disneyland Christmas; a pair of angels wave to parade-goers; Rhonda Steele waves from atop the Country Boy harvester; Winchester Video presented "Men in Black"; a tiny angel smiles to the crowd; Roy Campbell (patient) and Betty Cooke (nurse) on the 100 Club float; a gingerbread house makes its way along the parade route; Santa's little elves peer out from the Andy's Food Town float; and Santa, chauffeured by Denzil Duke, waves to youngsters. Press Photos — Brownlee and Fetterly



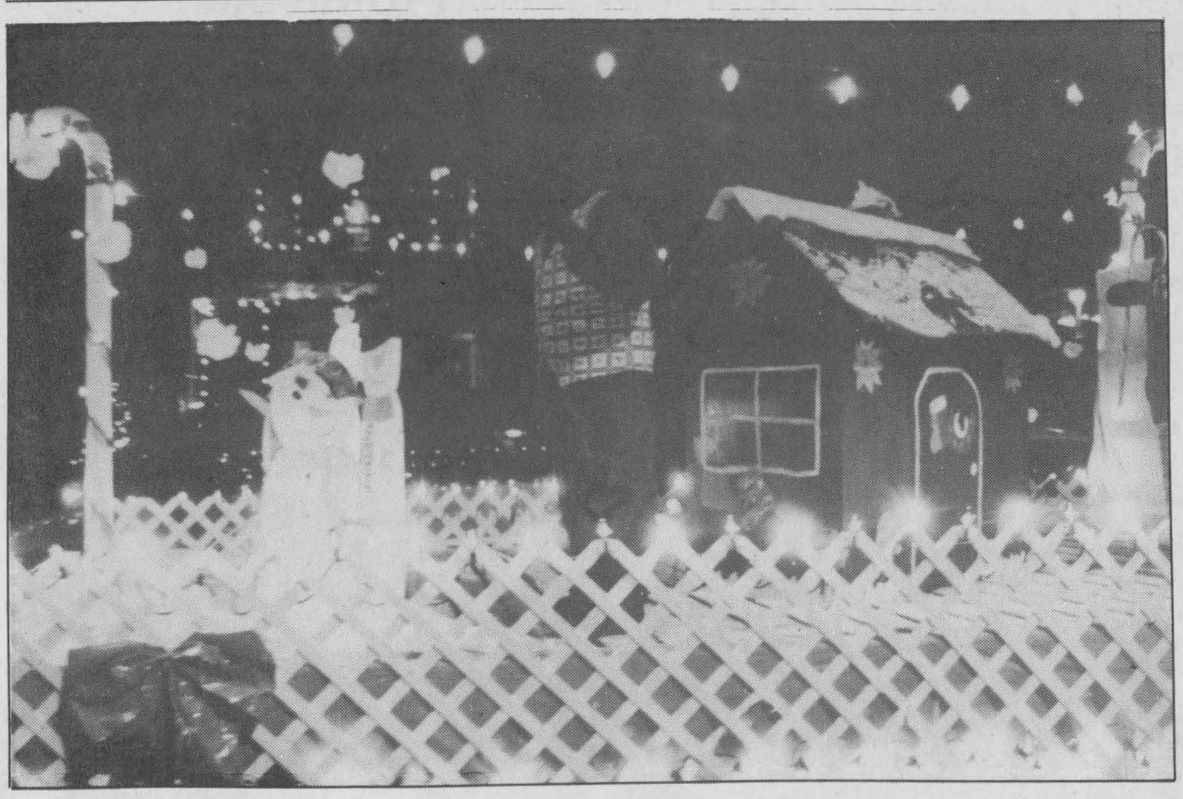












Police blotter

Armed robbery

LONG SAULT — Three men armed with handguns entered a business on County Road 15 in Cornwall Township on Fri., Dec. 5. According to police, the incident occurred around 2:15 pm. The suspects confronted the employee on duty and demanded cash.

They made away with a quantity of cash and cigarettes totalling approximately $100. The three fled in a 1987 Dodge Omni. At approximately 3:30 pm, Upper Canada OPP officers located and arrested all three suspects at the residence of one of the suspects in Williamsburg Township without incident. All firearms and stolen property were recovered.

There were no injuries in the incident.

Jeremy Cutler, 18, of Ingleside is charged with robbery, possession of a weapon and disguise with intent. Two young offenders, a 16-year-old and a 17-year-old, both from Osnabruck Township were also charged. Charges included robbery, possession of a weapon, disguise with intent, and pointing a firearm.

All three suspects were remanded into custody pending a bail hearing on Mon., Dec. 8 in Cornwall Court.

Motorists take heed

FINCH — OPP report that a 1984 Chrysler was stolen in the village of Finch on Fri., Dec. 5 at about 7:30 pm. The car had been left running while the victim was inside a store. The following day, the vehicle was recovered a short distance away in the parking lot of a nearby business. There was no damage. The driver's side window had been left open and the front seat was covered with snow from the snowfall from the previous night.

Police advise motorists to take heed of this example and shut their automobiles off when leaving the car, even if only for a minute or two.

Stolen Christmas decorations

CRYSLER — Police report that a Christmas decoration was stolen from a residence in Crysler on Dec. 6 sometime between midnight and 8 am. The item is described as a large Santa Claus of unknown value made from plywood and erected outside the home.

Break and enters

MATILDA TOWNSHIP -- Upper Canada OPP investigated a report of an attempted break and enter in Matilda Township on Dec. 1. During the early evening hours an attempt had been made to gain entry by damaging a door on the Cook Road residence. No theft was reported and damage as a result of this occurrence was estimated at $150.

On Dec. 2 police received a report of a break and enter which had occurred at the Winchester Township Landfill Site. Overnight an entry had been made into a building at this location, which resulted in the theft of tools and clothing items.

Police investigated another break and enter on Dec. 4. This one had taken place at a private residence in Mountain Township. During the day, a forced entry had been made into a garage located at the Dillabough Road residence and a 1994 Suzuki All-Terrain vehicle was taken. The vehicle was later recovered by police on the morning of Dec. 6 along the gas pipeline trail in the Hallville area.

Police responded to a report of a break and enter which had occurred at the LCBO in the village of Iroquois on Dec. 5. A forced entry had been made into the business and a quantity of liquor was taken from the store. The value of stolen property was estimated in excess of $8,000.

R.I.D.E. update

Over the past week members of the OPP conducted seven RIDE spot check programs in Dundas County. The spot check resulted in 528 vehicles being checked, four 12-hour driver's licence suspensions being issued, two charges being laid for offences under the liquor licence act, three charges being laid for offences under the highway traffic act, and 11 warnings being issued for traffic-related offences.

Independent of the weekly RIDE programs, four charges were laid for criminal offences related to drinking and driving, and two 90-day administrative driver's licence suspensions were issued.

Motor vehicle collisions

Over the past week, the OPP investigated 19 motor vehicle collisions in Dundas County. Car-deer collisions accounted for only three of last week's accidents.

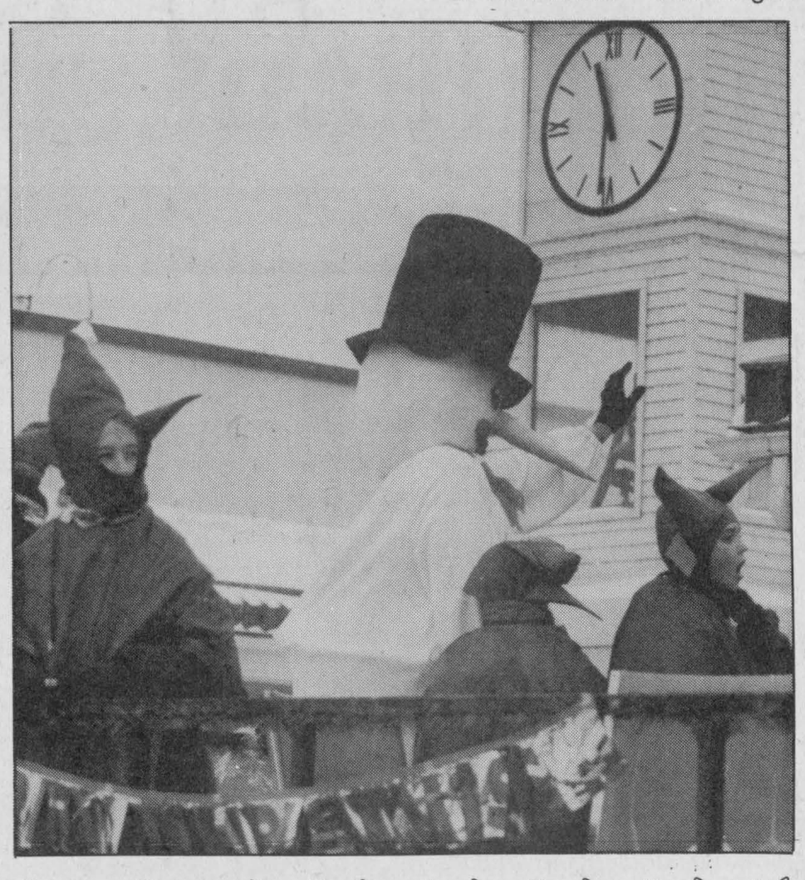


Santa visits Morrisburg

Old St. Nick took part in Morrisburg's third annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday (Dec. 6) morning. The jolly old gent rode at the end of the 30-float procession which featured two-marching bands. Top photo: Leo the Lion rode with members of the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association. Left, live Christmas tunes were provided. Right, Frosty the Snowman and his helpers tossed candy to the crowd.

Press Photos — Van Bridger





WDMH doctors in hockey action

MORRISBURG — Local fans will have the opportunity to see their favorite doctors in action, on the ice, this Sunday (Dec. 14) at the Morrisburg Arena.

The "Mighty Docs" hockey team will play the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's mostly female squad known as "Steve and the She Devils" in an exhibition game this Sunday evening (Dec. 14) at 7 pm.

Note: this is not a fundraising event. It is strictly for fun and entertainment.

Christmas break

WINCHESTER — The village will take a brief break over the holiday season. The municipal village will close Dec. 24 at noon until Dec. 29 at 8:30 am. The office will close Dec. 31 at 4:30 pm and re-open Jan. 2 at 8:30 am.

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Dilamarter appointed board's interim leader

CORNWALL — As the SD&G Board of Education heads into amalgamation in the new year, the members-elect of the new District School Board #26 have appointed an interim director.

SD&G Director of Education James Dilamarter was appointed interim director of the new board at the initial caucus meeting in November. Dilamarter is currently in his tenth year as the director of education with the board.

The District School Board #26 is made up of the amalgamated boards of SD&G Public School Board, Prescott-Russell, Leeds-Grenville and Lanark public boards, under Bill 104, the Fewer School Boards Act.

This appointment was arrived at through mutual consent. Dilamarter, in accepting the position, said that this decision by the board respected his requests completely. He indicated that he would be retiring at the end of his current contract (August 1999).

Dilamarter's stated intention was not to apply for the directorship of the new board but to seek a mutually satisfactory arrangement that would reflect his desire to serve the board in some worthwhile capacity and to support the needs of the board at this time. It is his belief that whoever assumes the directorship must accept a commitment that goes beyond the 1999 school year.

The new interim director's first responsibility will be to organize the process by which the new board will select its director of education. He will also be responsible for the overall administration of the new board until the new director assumes his responsibilities.

June Timmons, Interim Chair of the District School Board expressed her satisfaction with the decision and said that she believed this appointment will facilitate the director-selection process while allowing for the maintenance of service to the communities of the new board.

"All of the directors of education have been tremendously supportive in its work since the late spring. Each is bringing his talents to the task of making the new system a reality," she said. "Don Farrow, who has indicated his intention of retiring in August, has been an outstanding co-ordinator."

The selection process begins immediately with a view to having the director in place at the earliest possible time. This will allow a new organization structure to be prepared by that individual, in consultation with the board.

Several interim administrative appointments were made at the second pre-organization meeting of the members elect of District School Board #26 that was held Wed., Dec. 3. The appointments are to take effect Jan. 1, 1998.

"In making these appointments, the board is recognizing from the outset the complexities associated with the amalgamation process and is putting in place an interim structure which will lead to the smoothest transition possible," said June Timmons, interim chair.

For the purpose of administration in the short term, the board recognizes that it will need to operate four divisions comprised of the individual boards being amalgamated. These divisions will operate under the direction of District School Board #26 with each continuing to fulfil its mandate in the short term.

Current directors of education have been assigned responsibilities for divisional operations and have been named interim deputy directors of education as follows: Lanark Division — Gino Giannandrea; Leeds and Grenville Division — David Reid; Prescott/Russell and SD&G — Don Farrow.

Farrrow has been appointed as deputy director responsible for two divisions in recognition of the additional responsibilities that have been assigned to Dilamarter. While Dilamarter is occupied as interim director of the board, Farrow will assume responsibility for the day-to-day operations of both the Prescott/Russell and SD&G divisions.

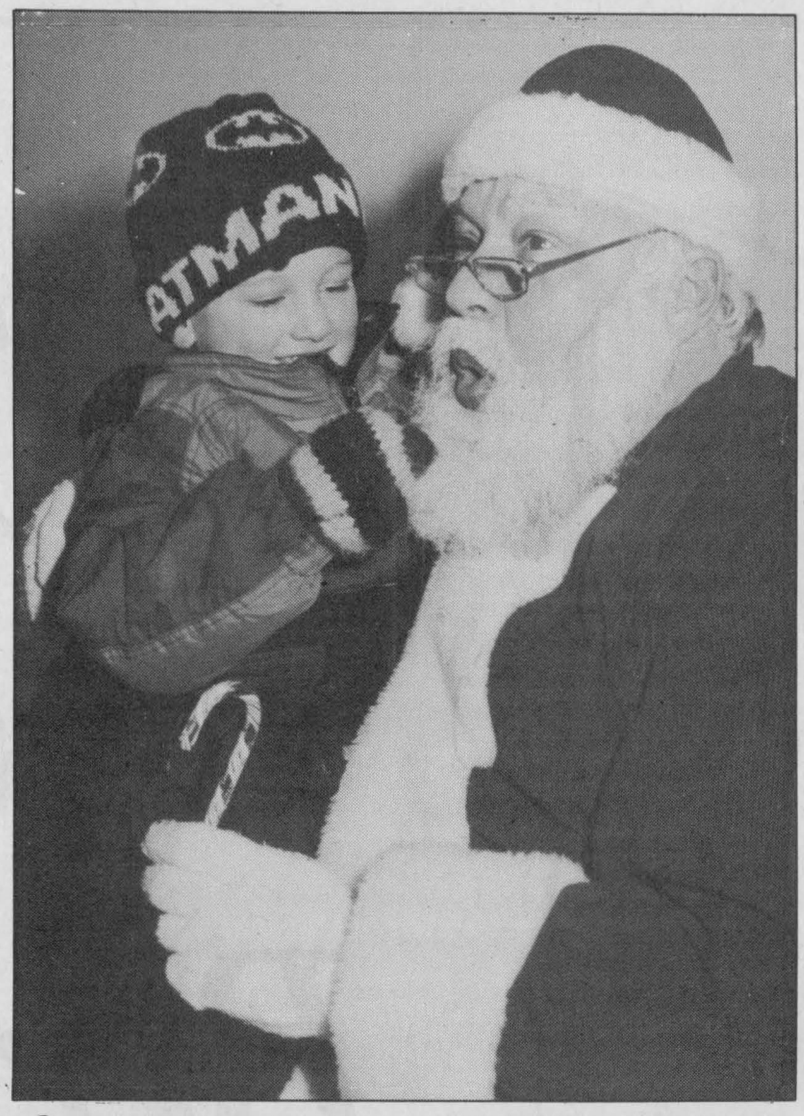
Dilamarter is now establishing an appropriate process for the selection of a permanent director of education following directions as approved by the board at its meeting. Dilamarter will be issuing communications to all educational stakeholders.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In accordance with direction contained in the Education Act, District School Board #26 has established a temporary head office. The head office will be located at the current offices of the Lanark County Board of Education at 15 Victoria Street in Perth.

The next meeting of the newly amalgamated school board will be its inaugural meeting and will be held at the temporary head office, beginning at 7 pm on Mon., Jan. 12, 1998. At this meeting the new District School Board will elect its first chair and vice-chair as well as attending to other organizational matters.

The inaugural meeting will be immediately followed by a regular meeting of District School Board #26.



Ouch!

This little tyke put Santa through his annual test while visiting with the old elf at the Winchester Legion Branch 108 on Friday night before the Parade of Lights. By the look on Santa's face he passed with flying colors. Press Photo -- Cooke Erwin

Deputy mayor named Thursday

WINCHESTER — The nine newly-elected politicians of North Dundas will vote in a deputy mayor here Thursday evening. The four candidates vying for the post aimed at making Mayor Claude Cousineau's job a little easier, will give a five-minute speech in the council chambers, starting at 7 pm. The meeting is open to the public.

Teen club hosts Christmas dinner

DIXON'S CORNERS — A Christmas dinner will be held by the young people and the teen club of the Community Christian Reform Church in Dixon's Corners.

The dinner is planned for Sat., Dec. 13 at Matilda Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm and dinner is at 7 pm.

The cost of the meal is $7.50 per person or $25 per family. Children under five eat free.

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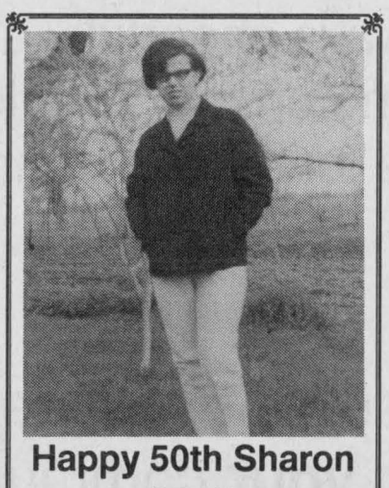
NDDHS NOTES
by Sam Cullen

Congratulations, Forum members! To all the actors, stage help, backstage people and others who put in countless hours of work — it was well worth it. I laughed, I laughed and then I laughed some more.

Last week not only marked the run of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" but also the beginning of our annual canned food drive.

Although you can't get a much better reason than helping those who are in need in your community, our student body has been given even more incentive to donate. Our school has, yet again, offered to cook breakfast for the student body if they collect over 5,000 cans, and for every two cans brought in, a student can get their name entered in a draw for free admission to our next school dance in the new year.

In the tradition of enhancing my readers with useless knowledge — a turtle's insides are not attached to its shell.



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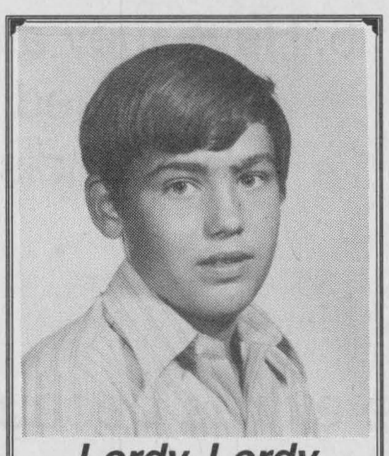

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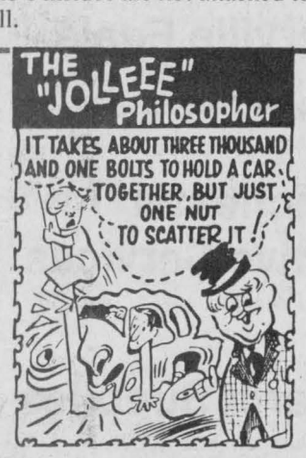

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Manotick OPP kept busy with break-ins, thefts

MANOTICK — During the week of Dec. 1 to 7 Manotick Detachment responded to 86 occurrences.

Police responded to 14 false alarms, 10 thefts, nine break and enters and five assaults. Police also investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents of which two involved personal injuries.

On Dec. 1 there was an attempted break and enter on River Road in Osgoode Township. At approximately 8:45 pm the homeowner noticed someone pulling his snowblower out of his driveway toward the road. The home owner scared off the culprit, who fled the scene.

On the evening of Dec. 1 police investigated two break and enters in Rideau Township. At about 8:30 pm a maroon, older model van with roof racks was seen in a laneway on the Fourth Line. The culprit(s) were unsuccessful in forcing open the back door of the residence and fled the scene.

A second break and enter occurred on Bankfield Road in Rideau Township. Electronic equipment was stolen from the residence. The incident occurred sometime after 6:30 pm.

On the morning of Dec. 3 police received a report of a stolen vehicle from Main Street in Osgoode. A white four-door, 1989 Mercury Topaz with Ontario marker 794TXV was stolen from a private lot.

Police received a number of reports of vehicles being broken into around the Metcalfe area on the morning of Dec. 4. A vehicle on Glen Street was broken into. Some change and a Novotel cell phone were stolen. Three vehicles had windows smashed while parked near a business on Victoria Street.

Police investigated two break and enters in Osgoode Village on the evening of Dec. 4. The first break and enter occurred on Marlene Crescent. The second occurred on Second Line. Electronic equipment and CDs were removed from the residence. The impression at the scene indicated a full-size cargo van was probably used. Two sets of footprints (size nine) were also observed in the snow.

On the same evening a motor home was broken into at a parking lot on Albert Street in Metcalfe. Entry was gained through a small window. Electronic equipment was stolen from the vehicle.

The next morning (Dec. 5) police received a report of three vehicles stolen from Osgoode Township. A white 1997 Dodge pick-up, extended cab was stolen from a laneway on Sunset Boulevard in Greely. This vehicle was later recovered on the side of the road at the intersection of Trebla Way and Parkway with its lights still on and running.

The second vehicle stolen was removed from a laneway on Lombardy Drive, Osgoode Village. Stolen was a blue 1993 Mazda pick-up. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys in the ignition. The pick-up was recovered behind the Red Dot where two youths fled the scene.

The two white males are described as being between 16-18 years of age. One was believed to be wearing a jacket similar to a Toronto Maple Leafs jacket, dark hair, narrow face and short.

Manotick police have seized two items belonging to the suspects: a green 12-speed Suteki bicycle and a long stocking-type toque with blue, black and purple strings. Anyone with information is asked to contact Manotick OPP at 692-2525.

The third vehicle stolen was from a residence on Mason Street in Greely. Stolen from the laneway overnight was a blue 1991 Plymouth Voyager. The van was recovered by the Ottawa OPP as a result of a fail to remain accident on the 417.

RWBN raises $650 for charity

MERRICKVILLE — For the third year in a row, members of the Rural Women's Business Network raised over $650 in goodwill donations for a Christmas offering at Naomi's Family Resource Centre in Winchester. The funds were raised during the RWBN annual Christmas dinner in Merrickville on Nov. 25.

On behalf of the RWBN, co-ordinators Lynn Mann and Marg Newsome extend a huge thank you to those attending the meeting and who donated door prizes, goods for the wish list box as well as cash donations. They also thank Goose and Gridiron owners Val and Joe Broeders and the staff. A fundraising raffle featured prizes from Julee's in Osgoode, books from the Ottawa Citizen and dinner for two from the Red Dot Cafe in Osgoode.

The next dinner meeting will be held on Feb. 24, 1998.

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

With the flurry of activities going on at the moment as Christmas rushes towards us, perhaps it is a good time to take a deep breath. There is a special musical event to celebrate the Christmas story on Sun., Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm. This will be held at Nationview Public School in South Mountain and will give you a chance to enjoy good music provided by local people. This event is sponsored by the United Churches of Hallville, Inkerman, Heckston and South Mountain and as part of the evening there will be both a joint adult and youth choir. Also in attendance will be the South Mountain Gospel Singers, Nancy Farley-Holmes, The Messengers, Marion Milnes and the Gal Pals accompanied by Steve Piticco. You'll also have a chance to join in some of your favorite carols. A lunch will follow and in lieu of an offering, everyone is invited to bring a non-perishable item for Lazarus House. (And since the bridge is now open in Inkerman, it is easy to reach South Mountain.)

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Dillabough

Yvonne Aimie "Evelyn" Dillabough of Chesterville died on Thurs., Dec. 4 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 85.

A homemaker, Mrs. Dillabough was born Sept. 2, 1912 in Winchester Township to the late Jean L'Abre and Flossie Larocque. She was predeceased by her husband, the late Arthur MacKenzie Dillabough.

Mrs. Dillabough will be lovingly remembered by her son Douglas (Marilyn) Dillabough of Aylmer, Quebec.

She was a dear aunt to Melvin (Eileen) Lobb of Dalkeith and Evelyn (Ovila) Baron of Vankleek Hill. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dillabough was predeceased by her sisters Isabel Lobb and Florence Lacombe, and her brothers John Lobb and Fred Lobb.

She was a member of Mission Side Pentecostal Church.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville on Mon., Dec. 8. Pastor Harold Morden officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wayne Dillabough, Carl Munro, Michael Sharkey, Ronnie Munro, Fred Lobb and Donald Carkner.

Donald Vernon Morrow

Donald Vernon Morrow of Williamsburg died on Tues., Dec. 2 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 65.

A foreman for South Nation Conservation Authority, Mr. Morrow was born in Kapuskasing, Ontario on Dec. 2, 1932 to Ruth Lark and the late Verdon Morrow.

Mr. Morrow was predeceased by his wife, the late Janice (Barkley) Morrow.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children Paul (Carol) Morrow of Iroquois, Patricia (Don) Middleton of Sharbot Lake, Shelley (Jeffrey) Pashak of Morewood, Carol Lee (Chris) Pemberton of Elma and Angela (Almon Whitteker) Morrow of Williamsburg, as well as nine grandchildren.

Mr. Morrow will also be missed by his sister Marilyn Clarke of Peterborough and brother Gerald Morrow of Hope, BC.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville on Dec. 5.

Reverend Martin Walsh officiated. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roy Steele, Rob Short, Yves Baker, Lloyd Whan, Ken Beattie and Pete Lake.



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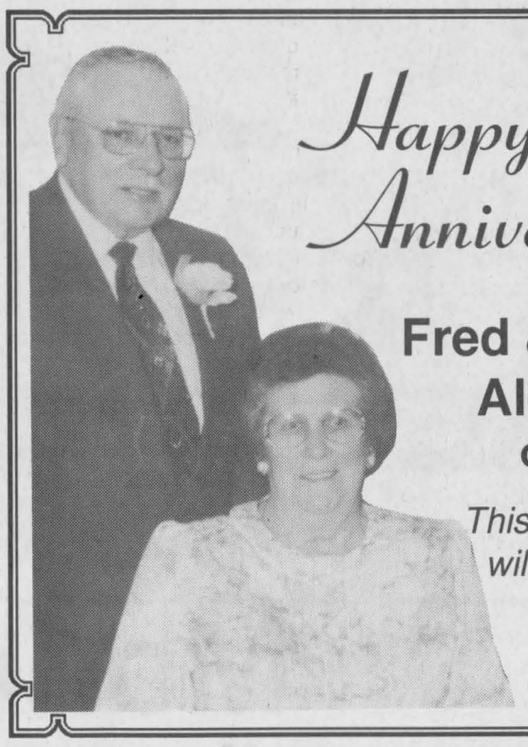

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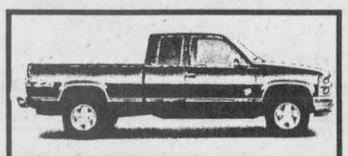

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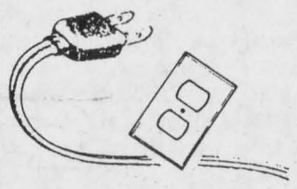

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Farm update

Harvest winds up, corn yields down

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — It's been a slow, drawn out season, but most of this year's corn crop is finally off.

"(The harvest) dragged on... I think most farmers are just happy it's over," said soil and crops advisor Gilles Quesnel.

"Corn is almost finished, less than five per cent of the crop remains in the field. Most of the corn left, is there because it still has very high moisture — about 30 - 35 per cent," said Quesnel.

The later harvested corn is also the poorer quality corn with lower yields. Some of the later corn only made number three or four grade and was probably planted late on the fields with heavier soils, he added.

Yields for the year's corn crop averaged about two-and-a-half to three tonnes per acre, compared to the three to four tonne per acre yields of last year.

HAY TIGHT

And while hay supplies are tight for this winter, Quesnel says most farmers should have enough. Dry, mild weather in October allowed some farmers to get a final cut of decent hay later than usual.

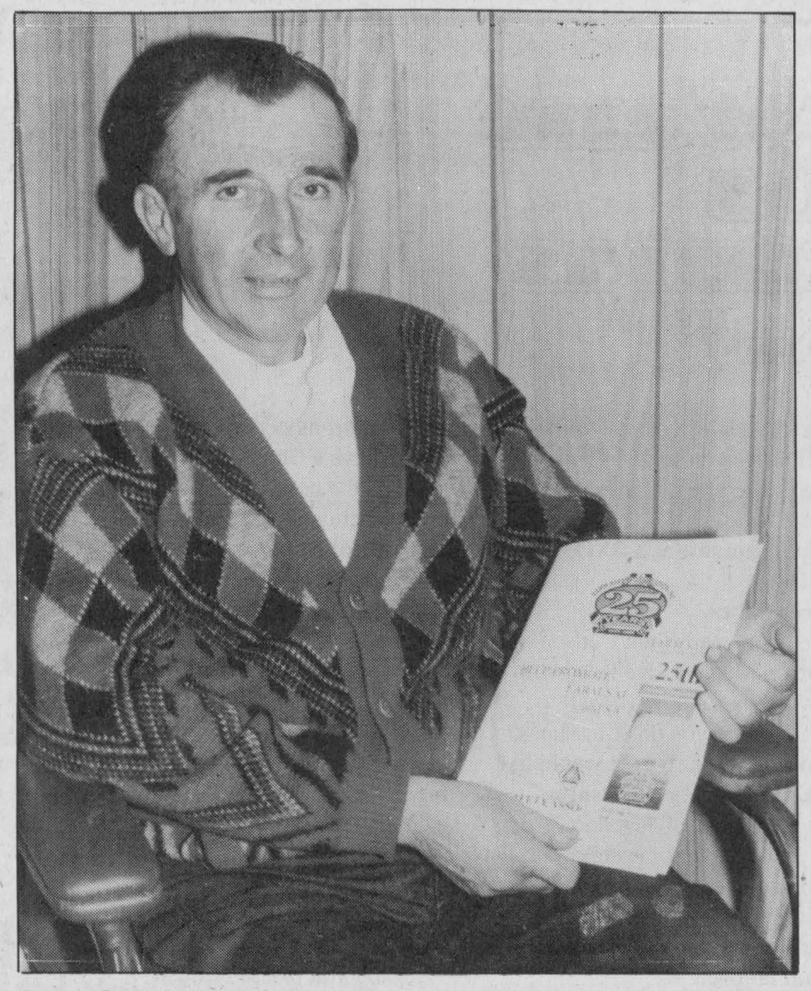
As well, the majority of fall tillage is complete thanks to the absence of frost. Quesnel predicts about 80 - 90 per cent of tillage is complete.

Forage insurance under review

GUELPH — Livestock producers may be interested in an upcoming review of the crop insurance plan for forage.

Agricorp's Crop Insurance Committee has established a sub-committee to review the plan. This sub-committee will be composed of representatives from Agricorp as well as groups representing forage growers in the province. These groups, namely Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Forage Council and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture are invited to put forth names of representatives to sit on the committee.

The committee will be mandated to define grower requirements; examine the experience of other jurisdictions and proposals; and to recommend future design and direction for the plan. After reviewing the current program and examining alternative forms of delivery, the sub-committee will make its final recommendation to Agricorp by Aug. 31, 1998.



Bruce Garlough of Williamsburg is the next area director for district VII of the farm safety association. Press Photo -- Fetterly

Garlough becomes new district FSA director

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WILLIAMSBURG — Williamsburg farmer Bruce Garlough was chosen as eastern Ontario's director to the Farm Safety Association during the 1997 Fall Area Meeting held Nov. 25 in Kemptville.

In March 1998, Garlough will be replacing outgoing director Kelvin Burnett who held the position for the past seven years. He will be responsible for Area VII which covers the counties of Dundas, Frontenac, Glengarry, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox and Addington, Ottawa-Carleton, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell and Stormont.

As director, Garlough will be responsible for keeping the county farm safety associations up-dated on current happenings at the provincial level. He will attend five provincial meetings a year in Guelph as well as attending annual meetings of the county associations.

And now that Garlough is no longer milking cows, he says he feels he should have more time to devote to the voluntary position. The family recently got out of the dairy business but still keeps young stock and grows crops.

While farm deaths in Ontario have declined since the 1980s, Garlough says he won't be satisfied until that figure reaches zero.

The Farm Safety Association studies the death and accident statistics to see where it needs to direct its promotions.

The fall area meetings, like the one held recently in Kemptville, give the county associations an opportunity to compare notes and share ideas, said

Garlough.

Events like the child farm safety day camp held two years ago in Dundas County, farm safety workshops for women, or the large signs erected along county roads to promote awareness about slow-moving vehicles are just some of the effective ideas borrowed from other counties.

"If a child who attended a farm safety workshop were to go home and remind mom or dad about a missing shield on the power-takeoff it might just save a life," said Garlough.

For further information on farm safety contact the Farm Safety Association Inc. at 340 Woodlawn Road West, Guelph, N1H 7K6; telephone: 519-823-5600 or 1-800-361-8855; fax: 519-823-8880; e-mail: info@fsai.on.ca.

4-H update

Chesterville club does healthy eating

by Laura Vingerhoeds

CHESTERVILLE — The first three meetings for Healthy Eating Around the Clock were held at the Chesterville Community Hall. The club is led by Florence Hoople and Ruth Szini.

We elected our officers as follows: Pam Morrow, president; Miranda Bouck, vice-president; Valerie Byvelds, secretary; Robin Lefebvre, treasurer; and Laura Vingerhoeds, press reporter. Our other club member is Emily Vingerhoeds.

During the three meetings we have made a number of recipes from the book such as oatmeal pancakes, carrot muffins, bird seed bars, minced spice cider, Orient Express chicken, and fruit dip which is our favorite.

Auction nets over $600 for 4-H

DIXONS CORNERS — The Dundas County 4-H Association raised more than $600 during an auction sale held Fri., Nov. 28 during the association's annual awards night at the Matilda Community Hall in Dixons Corners.

Hugh Fawcett and Wayne Hutt auctioned off a number of items donated by various 4-H clubs in the county.

SNC taking orders for spring planting

BERWICK — It's time to think about planting trees in the spring of 1998.

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CCA plans annual

BELLS CORNERS — The Carleton Cattlemen's Association is holding its annual meeting on Sat., Jan. 24 at the Best Western Hotel in Bells Corners.

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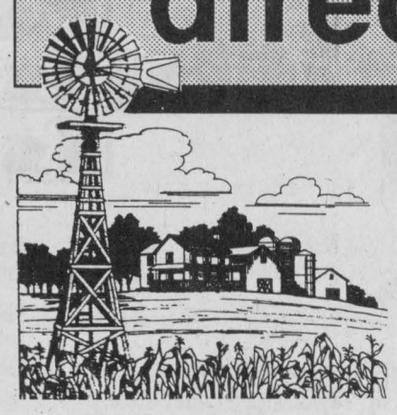
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Shandeigh

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa this is Brian Typhair sending you my Christmas list. I am 8 years old. What I would like for Christmas this year is a Motorsport Mega Blocks, a Hummer playset and a Spider-Carnage if you can. I know you have a lot of other kids to get for. I will be good and in bed early if I can get to sleep. There will be milk and cookies on the table for you.
Love, Brian
XOXOXO
P.S.: Say hi to Mrs. Claus.

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor. I've tried really hard to be good this year. I know you can see me from the North Pole. I hope that you've seen me be mommy's helper with my baby sister. I really would like a Batman action figure and a Batman car.
Taylor Scheepers

Hi Santa,
My name is Bradley. I'm Taylor's little brother. I have been especially good this year. I am looking forward to see you at playgroup. I would really like a Robin action figure and some farm animals.
Bradley Scheepers

It's me Santa, Kennedy
I am Taylor and Bradley's baby sister. I am only 1 year old so my brothers helped me think of some things I might like. Taylor suggested a John Deere tractor and Bradley thought I would like a Tonka truck. Mommy thinks a new baby and stroller would be more fun for me. I'm just learing to walk, so maybe by Christmas I can push my new baby around.
We can't wait to see you.
Love, Kennedy Scheepers

Dear Santa
Thank you for the presents last year. I am in Grade 1 now and have been good almost every day.
This year Santa I would like an Ariel Barbie and a Barbie bride dress to fit her.
I am leaving you lots of sugar for Rudolph and some cookies and chocolate milk for you.
Does Rudolph really have a red nose?
P.S. If you have a Baby Born I would like that too. (Don't tell mom I asked you for it, she said it was too expensive...)
Love, Taylor Shelp, XOXO

Dear Santa,
My name is Samantha Shelp. Thank you for the presents, I love Barbies!
I have been very good this year, I have to be, since I go to school now.
Santa I would like an Ariel Barbie this year and a Lite Brite.
Taylor is leaving all the food and drinks for you so I think I will leave you some bubble gum for you to chew. (I love gum too!)
Love Samantha, XOXO

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Sam Hudson. I live on Maple Ridge Road with my parents and two dogs.
How are you this Christmas? How are your elves? I would like a keyboard, a Power Ranger Robot and a walkie talkie.
I will leave some chocolate chip cookies - your favorites. I will give your reindeer some carrots.
Sam Hudson

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus. I would like a Nano, and a Date Ken doll, also a Barbie horse. I have been trying to be nice and well behaved. If I get any of these gifts for my birthday on the 21st, please take it off my list.
Tessa Lang

Dear Santa,
I would like Blossom Beauty Barbie; big brother Ken and brother Tommy. Also Glitz 'n' Glitter Jewellery Shop and Pet Paradise Shop. How are you Santa and Rudolph doing? I hope you are fine. Hope to see you soon.
Keeley Lynn Lang

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kristen and I am seven years old. Santa, how are the elves doing? I have been good. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth (I am missing my three front teeth.) Can I please have a Chosey Baby. I hope all the boys and girls everywhere get a gift.
Ho! Ho! Ho!
From Kristen Spruit

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is it cold in the North Pole? Could you please bring a book and some cars for Kaas, my two-year-old brother. Could you please bring a china doll for Amanda my twin sister.
Could you please bring a Barbie for Kristen my year-younger sister.
Could you please bring a special dog's treat for Teddy and Branigan, too.
Could you please bring a collector's plate for Shelley, my mommy.
Could you please bring a box of chocolates for Tony, my daddy.
Could you please try and have a present for all the boys and girls everywhere.
Could you say hello to Mrs. Claus.
From Ashley Spruit

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl. Please may I have Barbies, bracelets and nail polish. That's enough.
Love, Blythe Armstrong

Dear Santa,
Just three things: snowboard, Beastwars and Star Wars. Please do not forget my cat Nelly.
Merry Christmas.
Cameron Armstrong



Dream getaway

Dr. Charles Adamson (left) is the latest winner of the Holiday Getaway draw. He won a one week trip to Acapulco in April. The trip includes airfare and accommodations. The trip has a value of $1,478 and can be used for a trip to anywhere. He has one year to cash in the voucher. Above, Valerie Flowers presents the voucher to Adamson. The next draw will be held in January for a Via Rail trip to Montreal and two nights' accommodation. Press Photo — Culliton

Hy Shy Nigh Band meets

WINCHESTER — The Hy Shy Nigh Seniors Band celebrated their 24th year of enjoying the music under the leadership of Ruby B. Steele Lancaster.

The committee — Marion Renwick, Leila Helmer and Percy Armstrong — capably arranged a Christmas potluck dinner at noon on Mon., Dec. 8.

There were two members who said "Grace". They were Weldon Lancaster and Tom Prentice.

The welcome was given to members and visitors by Ruby B. Steele Lancaster. After the dinner the dishes were finished up and the band practised for a program to be staged Dec. 16 at the Dundas Manor.

Then the newly formed orchestra, under the leadership of John Black and Barbara McMahon, practised.

The report is everyone enjoyed the party.

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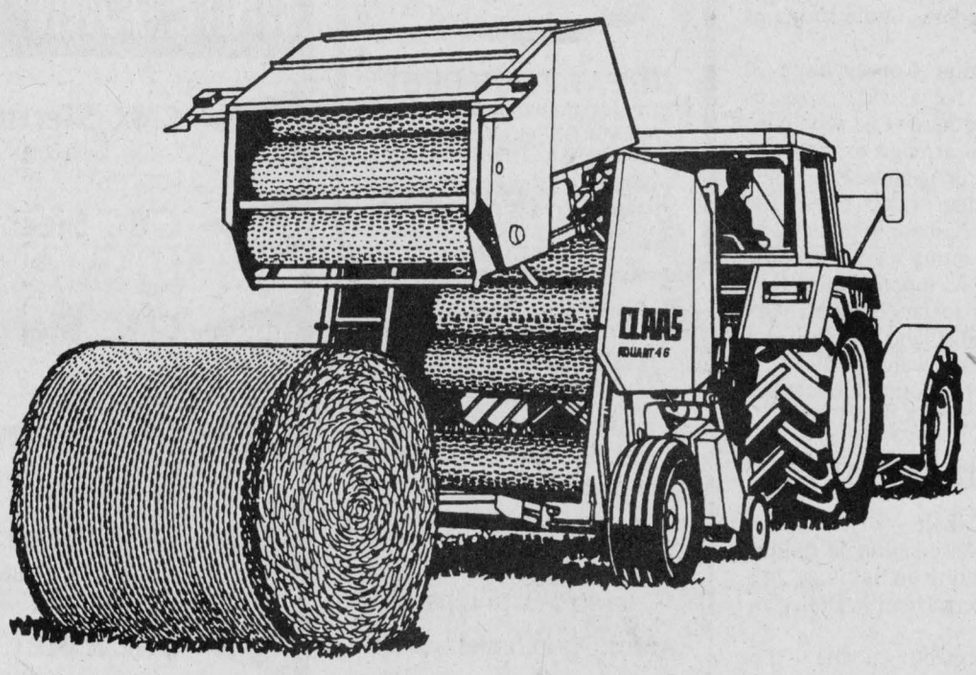

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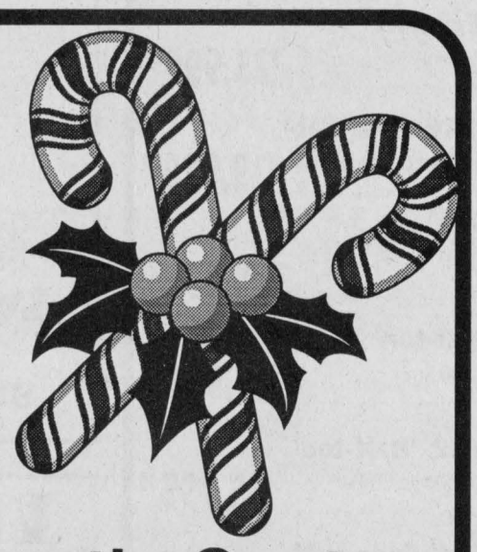

The Dundas Food Bank helps needy families throughout the year. The demand for non-perishable food items and gifts increases dramatically during the Christmas season.

The doctors and staff of the
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On December 16, 1997
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in exchange for donations.
New patients are also invited to book an appointment with Dr. Coke or Dr. Hardtke. New patients must book their appointments between **December 15 & 22, 1997.** OHIP will be charged for new patients as well as additional fees if x-rays are required. We appreciate you helping us to help others.
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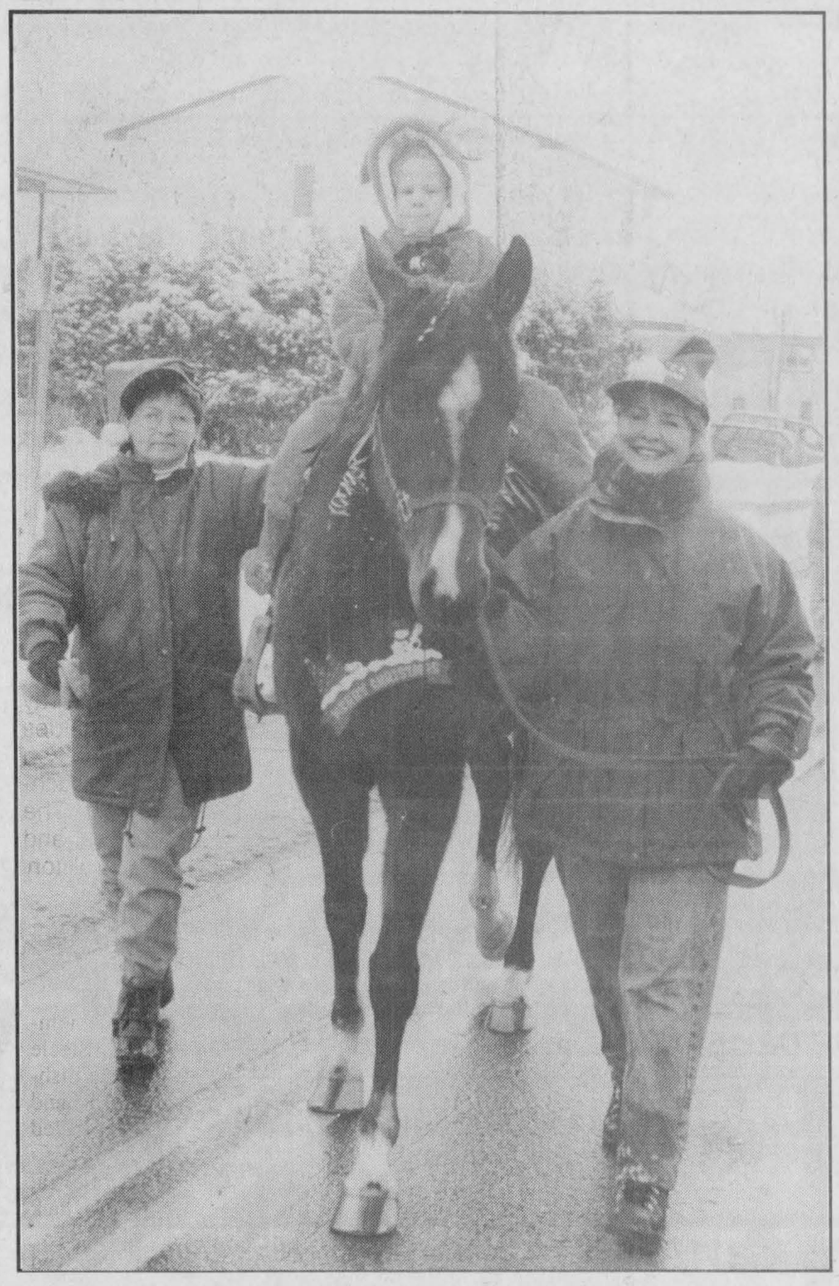

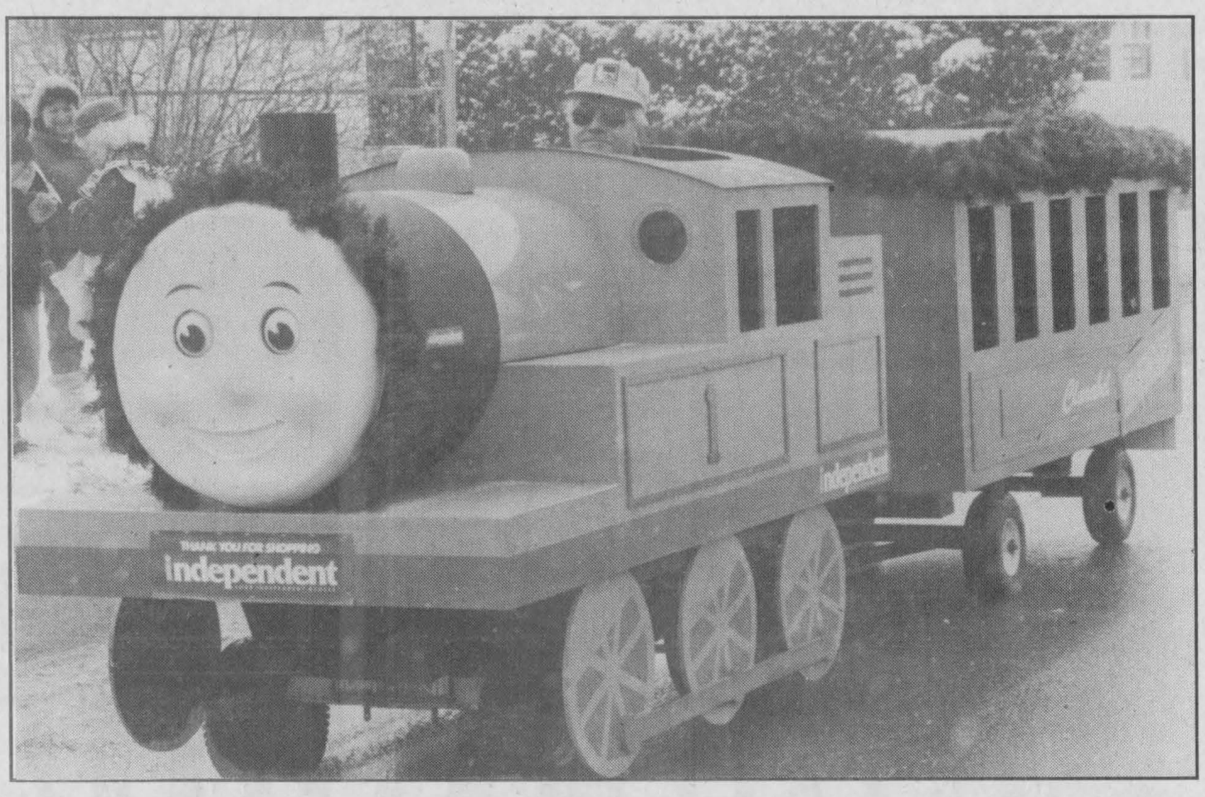



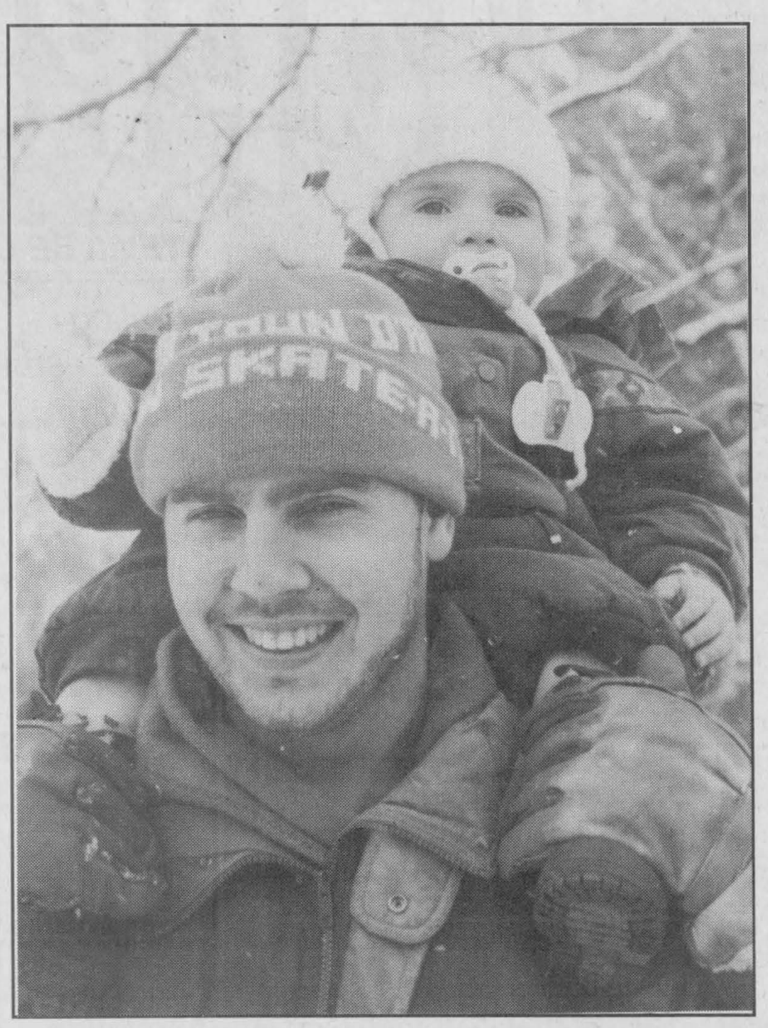

Osgoode village celebrates season

The village of Osgoode was injected with Christmas spirit Dec. 6 at Christmas in the Village celebrations. The action-packed day featured many events including sleigh rides, breakfast with Santa and a parade which boasted over 40 floats this year. Pictured above are some of the floats in the parade and Alexander Hughes and dad, Al, taking in the festivities and some floats in the parade.

Press photos — Brownlee

Correction

A story appearing on page 16 of the Dec. 3 issue of the Winchester Press "Four area co-ops hire new manager" inadvertently referred to the Corporation Agri-Est (East) as the Corporation Agri-West. The story should have read: The Board of directors from St-Isidore, St-Albert and Casselman co-operatives as well as the Corporation Agri-Est have hired a general manager to oversee the daily operations of all four businesses.



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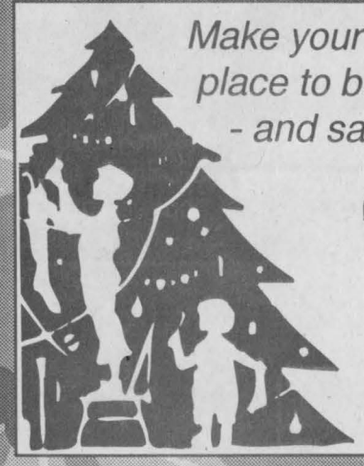

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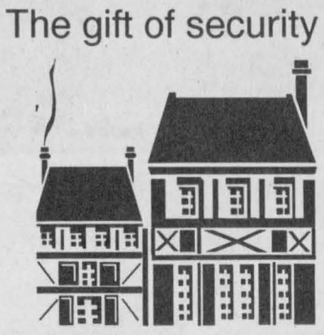

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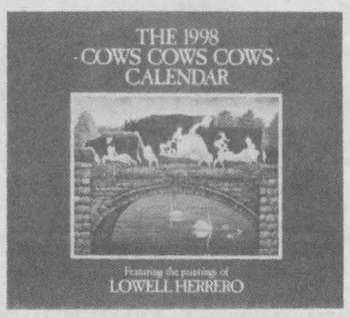

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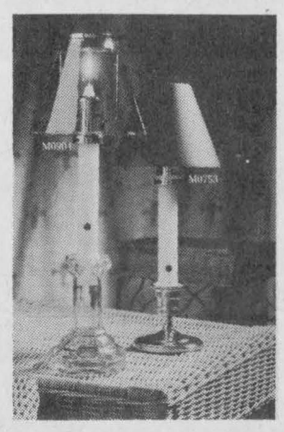

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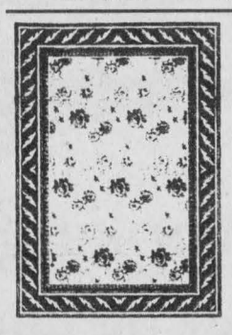

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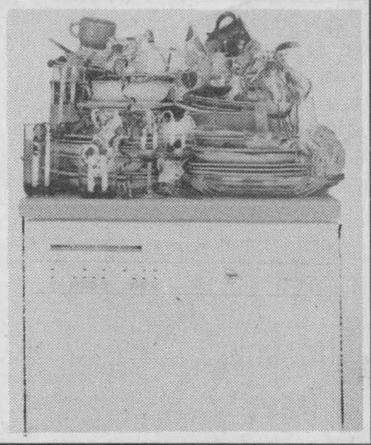

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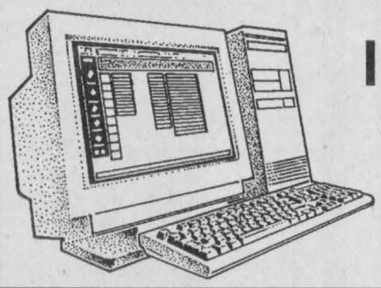

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