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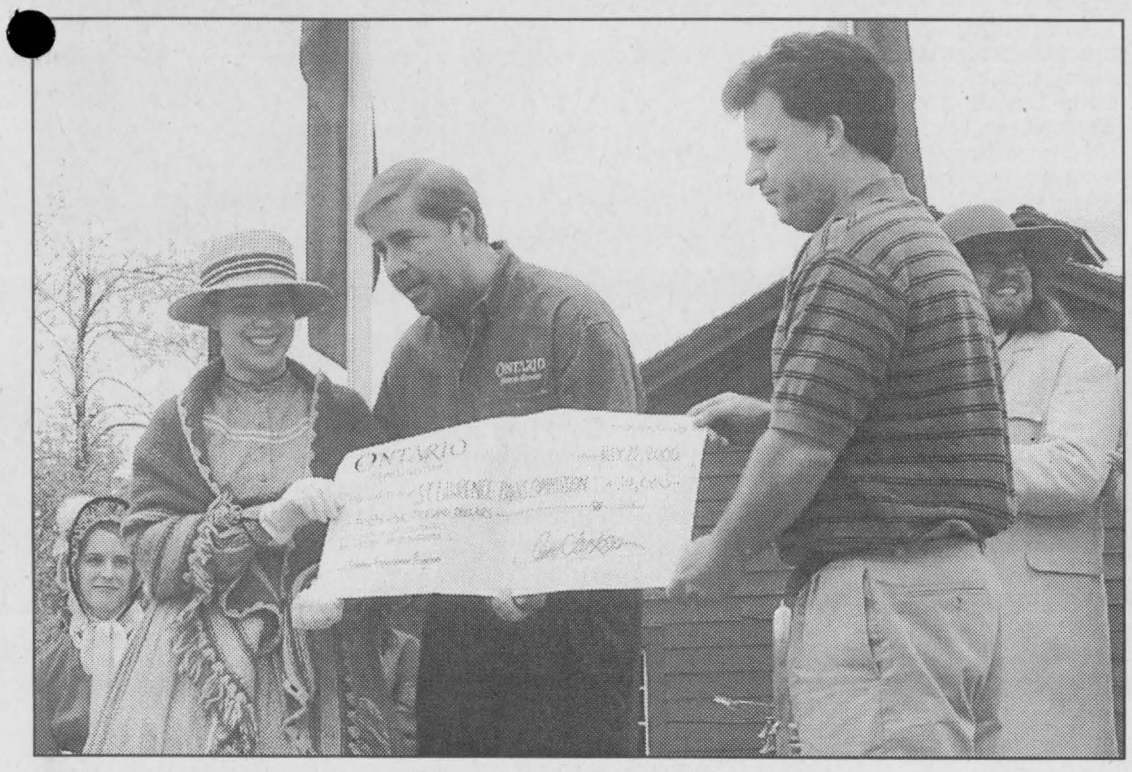

A BIG Cheque

Ontario's Tourism Minister Cam Jackson presents a cheque to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission for $34,000. Chair of the Commission, Gord Brown accepted it as did summer student Stephanie True who will be one of the recipients of the money. Stephanie works at Upper Canada Village this summer and the funding will help pay her wages. Tourism is a BIG business and nowhere is it more evident than in Eastern Ontario. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Bill 74 causing concern throughout profession

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"In the past 3-4 years we've made the Harris agenda in Education workable, but now, it is totally unmanageable," so say Teachers, Principals and School Boards across this province according to John McAllister.

CISD, The Storm, Radio 107.7-FM along the Seaway allowed The Chieftain to sit in on an interview for their regular "Focus" program. The issue presented was Bill 74, the Education Accountability Act and speaking to it was John McAllister, District Officer with the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation, and former staff member at Seaway High School.

Among the topics covered in this controversial piece of legislation are extra curricular activities, class size, the definition of instructional time and the fact that trustees of any school board who defy the legislation can and will be fined.

John spoke with CISD interviewer and teacher, Ian Hamilton. "extra-curricular activities do in fact happen now. I am unsure what Bill 74 will do to these. It seems strange that the government wants to make mandatory those things that have been voluntarily happening for numerous years. Why would they want to legislate what has been going on for years? What purpose could they possibly see in this?" He continued suggesting that when most of us think of extra-curricular activities, we think of sports and drama, but under Bill 74, so much more will be involved. Teachers' time will be divided between instructional and co-instructional time. The later can encompass anything else outside of instructional time... "We call it Bill 24-7, Anytime-Anyplace," and if people don't believe me, "It is in the Bill!!"

"Co-instructional includes, but is not limited to activities having to do with school related sports, arts, cultural items, physical educational items, pupil-teacher and parent-teacher interviews, staff meetings and any other school function." "Teachers have been doing these things for years without being legislated to do so...why is it necessary now?"

John explained that the Bill is seen to minimize the many things teachers do presently after school hours. "A labour of love now becomes forced labour."

Teachers spending more time at school with less time for family, fewer teachers teaching more students. "The students will be affected the most as a result of Bill 74," according to McAllister-,"Certainly extra-curricular activities have always been a big part of school life for students, there will be fewer an they will be accomplished with a lot less enthusiasm than before. Teachers workload will increase (we could lose 54-55 teachers across this board), the last two years proved this, teachers will not have time for everything and will burn out." he suggested that this is already becoming evident, "I see the burnout daily already. I taught for some 32 years, there will be no one staying in the profession that length of time any more."

Bill 74 states that "Principals shall operate in a framework assigning duties to teachers, permanent and temporary, on school days and on days during the school year that are not school days, during any part of any day during the school year, on school premises and elsewhere. It is the EXCLUSIVE function of the employer to determine how co-instructional activities will be provided and no matter relating to same shall be the subject of collective bargaining nor come within the jurisdiction of an arbitrator or arbitration board." In plain English the teacher will be at the beck and

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Tourism is a $6.1 Billion industry for Ontario

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Minister of Tourism, Cam Jackson was well received on Monday as he toured Upper Canada Village. Tourism is this province's fifth largest export industry generating $6.1 billion in foreign exchange revenue, according to the Minister.

"The government is working with the tourism industry to strengthen Ontario's competitiveness in the global marketplace as far as the tourism industry is concerned."

Spending a couple of hours in the Village that transcends time and takes visitors back to the late 1860s he joined the celebrations of Victoria Day.

Accompanied by Chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, as well as General Manager, Mike Paradis, various Commissioners who volunteer their time to ensure that things run smoothly (including local realter, Karen Gorrell), Village management personnel (Dave Dobbie),and Les Cruickshank among others the Minister stopped at various locations throughout the Village.

Speaking to a receptive crowd after the singing of God Save the Queen, the Minister asked for people to shout out where they were visiting from and got himself in some Geography difficulty. The person from the farthest locale would receive a backpack with the Ontario logo.

Visitors included people from California, Tunisia and Australia. The Minister presented the pack to a lady from Tunisia. A disappointed Aussie, Adrian Huggins suggested to this reporter that our Minister does not know his geography very well. The member of the International Police Association from Queensland was here visiting relatives from the Burlington area. "We met these cousins on the internet as we searched for Geneology information," said Huggins in his heavy accent and here we are winding up a wonderful holiday in your beautiful province. "You have such a marvellous place to call home, you should be proud of it!"

Jackson sported a red, fireman's jersey and took a turn helping the Village Fire Brigade work the hand pumper fire engine. Once the water was loaded into the pumper by bucketfuls, then muscle power pumped it through a hose to be sprayed as far as possible. Part of the fun celebrations in honour of the Queen, there were sack races and three-legged races for the youngsters and then a baseball game, 1860s style had everyone cheering.

The Brockville Rifles were in evidence, shooting a black powder salute in honour of her Majesty's birthday. Also on hand were a group of Village men ready to defend their community as militia members. They were being whipped into shape by a rather gruff Sgt.

The opening of the tourism

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Government announces funding for Summer Jobs

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Ontario Government is providing $34,000 to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission to support summer jobs for 17 young people in the area. Monday, the Honourable Cam Jackson, MPP and the first Ontario Minister responsible solely for Tourism presented Gord Brown, Chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and summer student Stephanie True with a giant cheque covering the amount promised. Ms. True is working at Upper Canada Village as an interpreter this summer and will benefit from the funding.

The official cheque presentation was a part of Ontario Tourism Week 2000 and was also a part of the celebrations at the Village honouring Queen Victoria's birthday on Monday, May 22.

"The Ontario Government is working to expand access to summer jobs for youth across the province. I am delighted this includes supporting opportunities for young people in the Morrisburg area to gain work experience and learn new skills in the tourism industry,"said Jackson. In total, the Ontario Government is providing $388,000 for 194 summer experience jobs throughout the province.

"Tourism is a major employer of young people and one of the largest seasonal employers of students," said Jackson. Of the 400,000 full time jobs across Ontario attributed to tourism, as many as 30,000 of them are created during the summer months.

The Minister was in the area as part of a 10-day, province-wide tour to celebrate Tourism Week.

As part of the recent provincial budget, the Ontario government announced an extra $50 million for tourism marketing over the next four years, in addition to an existing $120 million commitment. This funding will enable the government to market Ontario as a "world-class, must-see travel

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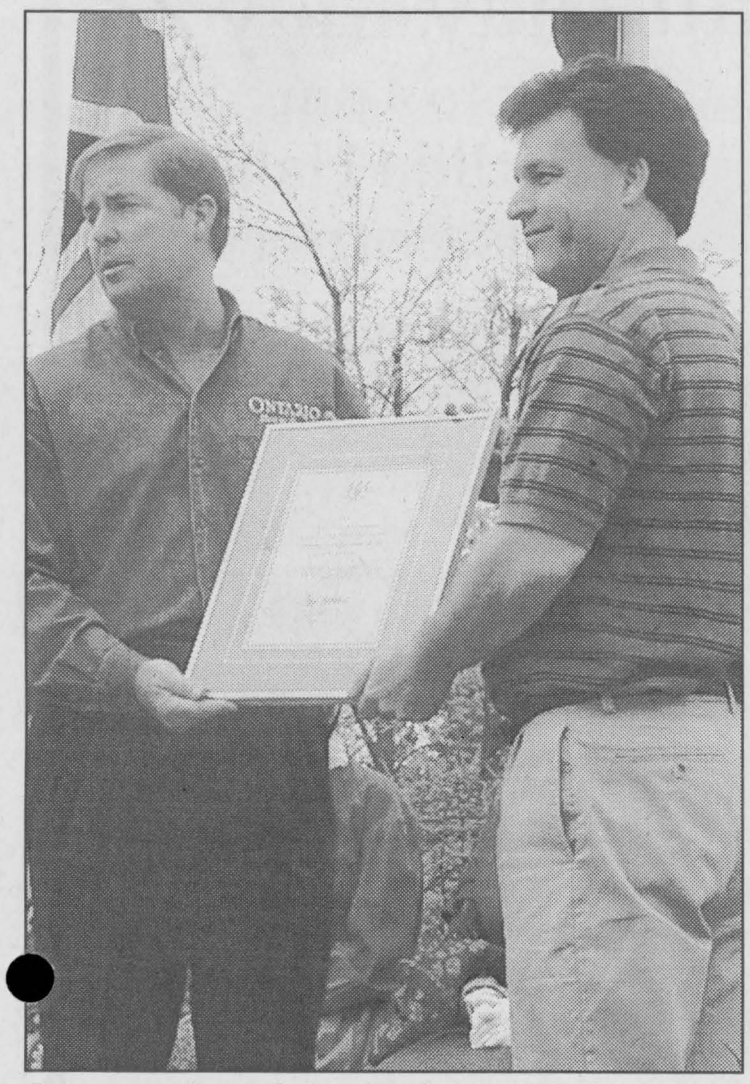


International Award

Upper Canada Village was honoured with a National/International top attraction. Minister of Tourism Cam Jackson presents a note of congratulations from the Premier of Ontario to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission Chair Gord Brown. A proud moment for the Village-Staff and Management, he acknowledged everyone's contribution to the win. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Hodgson Construction is general contractor on Morrisburg Arena job

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Council dumped two tenders it received for the general contractor's position on the Morrisburg Arena project, and instead negotiated a $255,000 deal with a local contractor.

The new contract is about $100,000 cheaper than the lowest bid received during the formal tendering process, Township Administrator Mike Waddell said.

One of the firms that tendered on the arena was Asco, the Hawkesbury-based firm that successfully bid on the renovations contract for the Morrisburg Civic Centre.

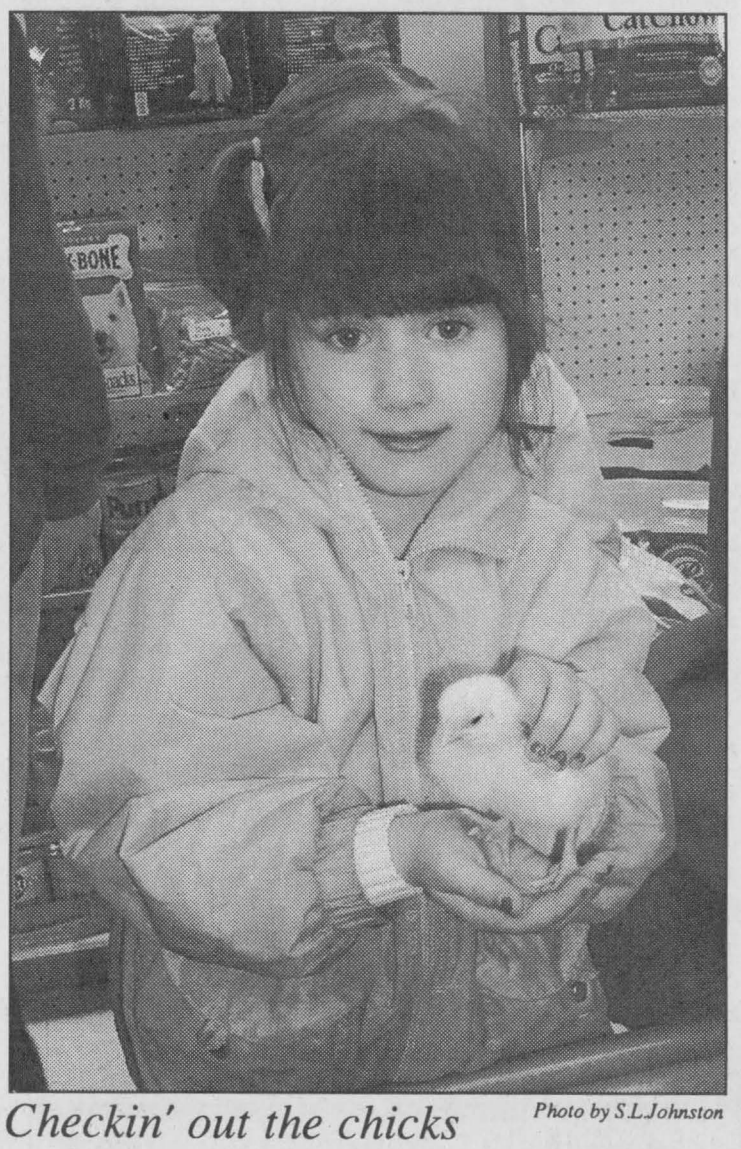
Township officials opened the arena tenders four weeks ago and saw that both of them were "more than we could justify," Waddell said.

Following a meeting with the mayor and a consultant, and a special council meeting on May1, Hartley Hodgson and another local contractor were invited to see if they could offer a better price.

The other contractor declined, and the $255,000 price, plus GST, was negotiated with Hartley Hodgson Construction.

A roof replacement contract, worth $292,000, was already awarded a few weeks ago, and work is quite obviously underway.

Meanwhile, at the Morrisburg Civic Centre, Asco crews have already torn out the auditorium as it is transformed into a police station.



Checkin' out the chicks *Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Emma is holding this baby chick carefully. She was at Rooney Feeds in Iroquois with her Senior Kindergarten class last Friday to check out the baby chicks. A sure sign of spring these yellow cuties had everyone pretty excited. Watching the faces of the youngsters was a treat in itself as they marvelled at the chicks.

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Campaign promotes literacy and continued learning

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The price of illiteracy can be very steep. In the case of one SD&G resident, it literally cost an arm.

According to Glen MacMillan of the SD&G Resource Centre For Injured and Disabled Workers, a man recently had his arm irretrievably severed at the shoulder by factory machinery because he couldn't read a warning sign.

MacMillan was among a coalition of community service representatives on hand for the kick-off to a literacy and life-long learning campaign in the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, as well as Prescott-Russell.

The campaign is called "A+B=$" and is meant to inform the public about free courses that are available to upgrade skills in reading, writing and math.

Thirty-five percent of the adult population in SD&G and P-R do not have a high school diploma and an estimated 48 percent are functionally illiterate. The A+B=$ Coalition wants to improve those statistics, thereby improving the quality of life in the region.

The example of the injured worker summed up the social, economic and health costs associated with illiteracy.

"Here's a wage earner who's lost his income," commented Ernie Schaefer, director of the Eastern Ontario Training Board, noting the financial side of the tragedy.

He said the loss of a job for an illiterate person is often the beginning of a "downward spiral" into poverty for that individual's family, which impacts the whole community.

It is estimated that illiteracy costs the Canadian economy $4 billion a year.

"We want to get the word out that learning pays off in so many ways: getting a job, helping children with homework, and reading information on health," said David Sherwood, a community development consultant.

Added Sherwood, "We would like to see Cornwall and Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry become a "learning leader" where reading the newspaper, going to the library, taking courses, using the internet and similar activities are considered normal."

A literate community also has a competitive advantage, he explained. Employers may look more favourably at relocating to this if they knew it had a higher rate of literacy. The A+B=$ Coalition plans to test a "certified literate community" program, modelled on a similar program in Georgia.

Once certified according to the basic standard, a community or municipality could advertise that fact as part of its economic development strategy.

The importance of literacy and continued learning in a world focused so much on information technology was also stressed.

Students in adult training programs are treated with respect, as grownups, noted Diane Coombs, a coordinator with T.R. Léger schools.

Locally, those interested in free courses in reading writing and math can call T.R. Léger's Morrisburg and Winchester campuses at 543-2375 and 774-0222, respectively.

The literacy initiative is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training and the National Literacy Secretariat (NLS).



Literacy campaign launch

(l-r) Janet Allingham, a public health nurse with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Diane Coombs, LBS Coordinator East with the T.R. Léger, David Sherwood, and Karen Gilmore-Thomson, community organizer with the Centre de sante communautaire de l'Estrie in Crysler, were among the social agency representatives on hand for the campaign kick-off by the A+B=$ Literacy and Economic Development Coalition. Other partners included the Tri-County Literacy Council, the SD&G Resource Centre for Injured and Disabled Workers, the Eastern Ontario Training Board, Ontario Works, and the Ministry of Community and Social Services. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen.*



Benson gets into trees

Casco donated two maples to Benson Public School last week, with a third coming from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources "Trees for Tomorrow" Ice Storm program. The school's Environmental Club planted the trees with the help of Casco, teacher and parent volunteers. Shown: (front) Erica MacDonald; Kelsey McNab; (back) Jessica Carriere; Rhonda Elliott; Justin Perry; Jo-Ann Doxey and Jessica Riddell. May is Earth Month. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

FROM THE FRONT

Tourism

season at Upper Canada Village got off to a great start on the first long weekend of the season.

The Minister presented Chairman Gord with a congratulatory plaque from the Prime Minister. Recognized as the number one attraction nationally and internationally, the Village will promote the idea that they are indeed tops. Brown picked up the actual award in Vancouver earlier, but was more than pleased to share it today with everyone at the Village, staff and management as well a those visiting the site.

Jackson noted, "This award underlines the important contribution of the nearly half a million people who work in Ontario's tourism industry, which is a key engine in the province's economy."

Summer Jobs

destination."

The theme of Ontario Tourism Week 2000 is "All the Best Right Here," said Jackson. "Ontarians can take advantage of a diversity of world class experiences and attractions right here at home."

Another $10.1 million in new funding was allocated in the Provincial budget for tourism development, including $8.33 million to renew and maintain tourism agencies and attractions. Also a new $300 million, five-year SuperBuild Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships Initiative was announced to rebuild and enhance publically owned local sports, recreation, cultural and tourism facilities throughout the province.

Bill 74

call of the Principal 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, holidays included from September 1 to June 30 and the teacher will have no recourse other than to agree to the demands of the Principal, with no means of appeal." John adds, "Would the President of Nortel do such a thing to his employers?"

Class size means that any one specific teacher is not guaranteed a class size of 21, but rather the average class size across the Board will be 21.

"Trustees who go against the Bill have been warned by the government...there will be consequences: a $5000 fine for starters. (This being the full amount of their honorarium- thus one word against the Bill and they work free). This is very punitive against the teachers and the trustees and demonstrates a loss of control by local government, what use will the trustees serve if the province is going to dictate to them? The Board will become just an empty shell. Governed by Toronto, we could well be lost. The concept of responsible government will be destroyed."

"I think if trustees were to stand up now and make their feelings known on this issue, take a stand, be vocal on it they could not get into trouble, afterall it is not law yet," says McAllister.

Last week teachers in Upper Canada District School Board jurisdiction voted on the Bill and although numbers have not yet been tallied, there are individual school numbers that show teachers are not at all in favour of Bill 74. Large majorities voted against the Bill. "This is not the union bosses telling the teachers how to vote, they made this decision on their own."

"The system seems to be working fine as it is presently in Upper Canada District, two Ontario Boards are having problems, one of them the Minister's Janet Echers home riding Board, and so we all face these punitive measures?" Teachers are working harder than ever today with little time for interests outside of school. They require a university degree, teacher training and accreditation from the College of Teachers in order to seek employ.

Some are concerned with the teacher testing that is being forced upon them as well by this government. The Federation is concerned. The very future of the profession is being undermined. I am afraid...a lot of young people will think twice before getting involved and so many are finding it more than they can handle.

Many are seriously contemplating leaving the profession entirely while others are searching in other locales for teaching jobs. Who will teach our students?

Bill 74 is to become law on May 31 or June 1, with no public hearings at all. Contact your local MPP, your school, your trustee...learn about the Bill 74 implications and be informed, it is afterall the future of your children that is being toyed with here. A Public Information Meeting is being hosted at Seaway High on Bill 74, Monday, May 29 at 7pm in the Library. MPPs, School Council, Trustees and Teachers as well as parents and students have been invited to attend.

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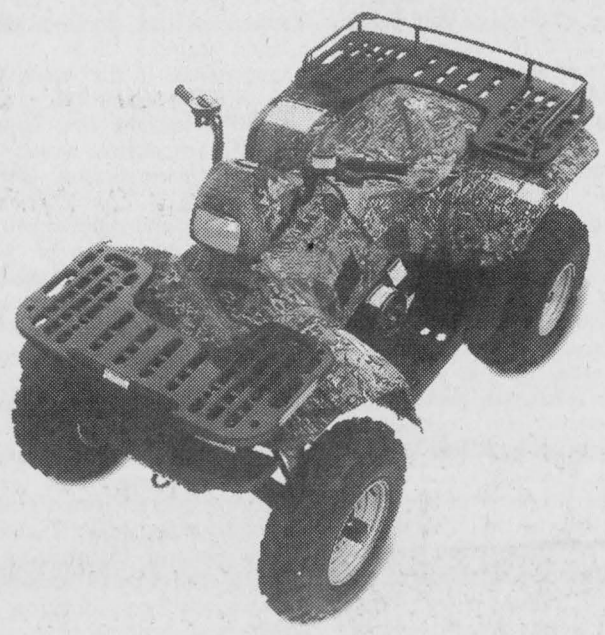

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter by Dar

As the activities dwindle down for a summer break my newsletter will be somewhat shorter but then the first thing you know its September and all activities will be resuming. At Euchre on May 6th there were twelve tables being actively played. Sharon Munroe managed to get the first prize for the evening followed by Marla Seeley who grabbed second and the door prize went to Keitha McConnell. As the warm weather increases, the skunks are making more of an appearance as they were attracted to Joan Murphy, Tom Mills, Elsie Bron and Bessie Locke.

At Bridge (being played the same evening), there were five tables being played and the winners were Rick and Judy Darling.

The Provincial Service Officer, Percy Price will be at our Branch, 370 the week of June 7th, should anyone wish to have an appointment with him for any reason, please contact Willis Douglas at 652-4087. The Zone Golf Tournament will be held at the Morrisburg Golf Course on June 3rd. There has been a list on the bulletin board at the Branch for anyone to sign up for this event, if you have not done so and want to, get your name added soon.

Congratulations goes to Donnie Ferguson of Morrisburg who will be the President of the Morrisburg Legion for the next two years.

On May 28th the Appreciation Dinner for the Volunteers will be taking place at the Branch followed by entertainment.

Activities this coming week include:

Mon...Bingo at Johnstown Hall at 1pm.
Tues...Euchre at 7:30 and Bridge at 7pm.
Wed...Line Dancing.
Fri...Fun Darts
Sat...Private Party
Sun...Appreciation Dinner for our Volunteers.

Take care and see you next week!!



Iroquois Legion Honoured

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Joyce Murphy and Duane Kirker of the Iroquois Legion, Branch 370 accepted a plaque of appreciation from Margaret Reynolds for the work the Branch does each year for Heart and Stroke. pins for years of service and accalades for a job well done in Dundas County were bestowed on those who came out. The local Legion donates to the Foundation each year.



Long Service Appreciation

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Dundas Chapter acknowledged their volunteers who give each year so freely of themselves. Marion Smollett of Iroquois was recognized for twenty years of dedication to the charity. Past President and Chair of the Person to Person Campaign, Dorothy Houze presented her with a heart mug and heartfelt appreciation for her years of service.

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Midway excitement

Brendan is five and his sister Caitlin is four. They were not entirely sure that this plane ride was going to be as much fun as it seemed from the ground. The midway was in Morrisburg on the weekend and youngsters of all ages were having a ball. The reporter even won a furry puppy for tossing darts at balloons.

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This week, Crime Stoppers is highlighting break-ins. Local police agencies advise us that this area is consistently plagued with break-ins of both residential and commercial properties.

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Trouble Brewing

The Tories have done it again. They provide funding for school jobs for our young people and then turn around and bash the teachers yet again.

What does Mr.Harris and his government have against the teachers of this province? Afterall, he was a teacher once. Was he stung so badly by the system that he feels the need for revenge?

Teachers are a necessary comodity in our learning process. Our children need teachers and they need darn good ones if they are to compete in the world economy of tomorrow. They need the very best we can provide. We should be trying to help the teachers to enable them to impart knowledge to those who will be dealing with things in the not too distant future.

This Bill 74 empowers the government and the principals, takes the power and responsibility out of the hands of our elected trustees making them nothing more than puppets for the government. They have been threatened like cabinet members are when a bill is about to receive final reading. They have no choice but to shut up and do as they are told.

Teachers should be spending their time teaching students, not worrying about their jobs, about burn out and about being stripped of their human rights. Young people who dream of being teachers should have the opportunity to go that route and be what they want to be. First and second year teachers need the chance to become the best they can be, to be confident in their ability and able to teach what they know to the students they have. They do not need added pressures and certainly do not deserve to be brow beaten into submission. Find out what Bill 74 will mean to you...and your children.

There is no rush Mr. Harris, lets's slow down and see what changes are really necessary before we have no staff left in a system that has become a shambles. We need to take a close look at what is wrong, why and what can be done to rectify it, without alienating the people who make it work. We need a system that turns out scholars who can compete on the world market.

S.L.J.

Consider the options

Now that SD&G Counties Council has formally invited the City of Cornwall to discuss and study the possible benefits of amalgamating into one big happy municipality, any and every hypothetical scenario needs to be weighed in comparison. For Dundas County representatives, it means they should approach this with the attitude that everything's on the table, including the formation of a separate single-tier government here in Dundas.

And as long as we've been freed to think outside the box, Dundas politicians might also consider holding their own fact-finding meeting — with a special invitation to counties council members in Leeds and Grenville. Perhaps a new Three United Counties of Leeds, Grenville and Dundas could provide a good alternative to throwing our hat in with Cornwall.

The door's been opened to this kind of speculation because, let's face it, amalgamating with Cornwall isn't necessarily the most attractive option for Dundas. Actually, any move to single-tier government, whether or not it includes the city, will be very unpopular because it means the elimination of township governments. Despite that, a single-tier Dundas County seems more palatable than throwing all three counties together into a single level of government with Cornwall.

What is Cornwall to the folks around here? A place to shop, once in a while, holding your breath (literally) as you whip down Brookdale to make that strategic hit at the mall. Then it's back out to the 401 and home again. Could somebody in Iroquois or Winchester or Brinston honestly say they feel, to steal a phrase, "an imagined sense of community" with Cornwall? By contrast, I would suggest that somebody in Manotick or Stittsville, for example, is more likely to have that sort of sense about the new Ottawa because of the preceding history with the upper tier, the Region of Ottawa-Carleton.

At least the ROC always had a face: Bob Chiarelli, Peter Clark and Andy Haydon, for example. But SD&G's upper tier is rather faceless and utilitarian — nothing to warm the people on the idea of having it take responsibility for everything, much less in partnership with Cornwall. Who's the Counties Warden this week, anyway?

And by a quirk of history, SD&G Counties Council doesn't even meet inside the boundaries of SD&G — pretty well symbolizing the aloofness with which the upper tier is held by the electorate.

Back to this imagined sense of community business. One quarter of the population in Cornwall has French as its mother tongue, and the city comes with a bit of a different cultural sense to it than, say, Brockville — or rural Dundas County. The provision of bilingual services could become a thorny issue for the politicians who dare tread down the path of Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry-Cornwall, or whatever they might call it.

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Celebrations 1860's style



God Save The Queen!

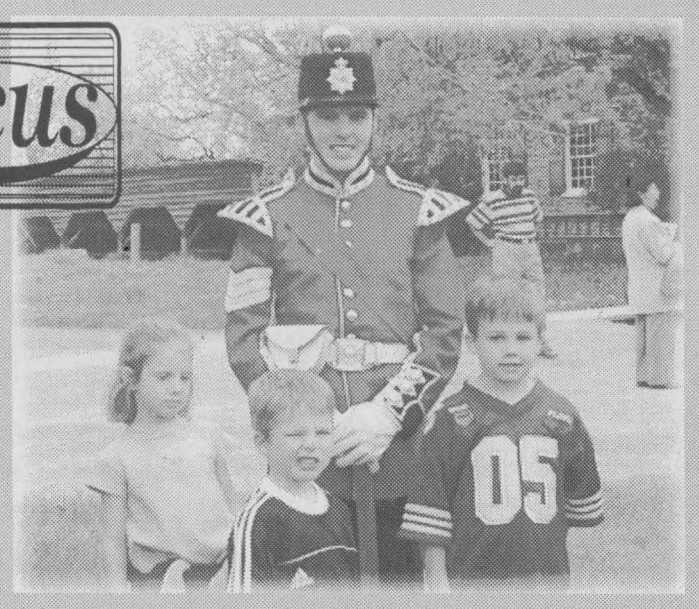


Left - Right quick march!

Focus



A 12-gun salute to her majesty



Tourists and the Sgt. Major



Fire Brigade ready to work



The birthday cake

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Mosquitoes & grass doing well at the Ranch



A formidable adversary.

The bright dandelions seemed to almost smile in their defiance.

It stood like a naughty child, growing by inches even as we faced off. The sky was overcast and the promise of rain hung heavily above. Weeds were a rampant part of the scene. Dandelions were doing exceptionally well and the Creeping Charlie had a foothold. The mean green machine stood idly by, no help here...(the mower belt so desperately needed was shipped to Iroquois Falls in error!!) as the little blue Ford choked and gagged into life after a very long winter. The soft tires were pumped with life giving air and gasoline filled the tank. The oil was changed and all seemed ready. Lucky we have a backup. We struck into the east lawn first as the big guy began walking the patch closest to the ranch and around the trees and shrubs. The grass had become a jungle nearly a foot deep in places. But, the little Ford and the writer were up to the challenge as we waded in, engine revving and mower blades cutting. Just like the tortoise, slow and steady does the trick. The lawn had a few allies in those pesky mosquitoes who must surely be filled as this is written...they sucked enough of my rich, red blood to hold them for a long time. The bites swelled and itched and there were so many of them!!! The Calamine Lotion helps but I look like a mosquito war zone!

Then, all too soon, the time rolled around for a photo assignment at Upper Canada Village and the second son took over the tractor. The first born had been fortunate enough to grab the swing shift and having worked 3-11 turned around and started his 8-4 shift the very next morning, holiday Monday for most.

The photo opportunity was fun, as the Minister of Tourism was on hand and a tourist from Australia was interviewed, some Japanese children noted as cute as could be and unable to say any more in English than "Hello" and "Thank You"...they bowed so respectfully and were a delightful study in Asian culture.

This old reporter shook hands with the Minister, exchanged business cards with him, visited with CJOH's Joanne Schnurr and helped a fellow reporter...a great afternoon.

Upon arrival home, the lawn was looking good. The little Ford was sitting in back, hood up and there was a Kubota and a larger Ford doing the mowing. The grandmother had come to the rescue of Swampview before the grass took over. The arrival of her fleet of mowers was welcome for sure. She and the second son were mowing with her tractors. Starting the little Ford, yours truly joined the mower brigade and in no time we had the yard chopped down to size. The smell of the freshly mown grass was great and brought back memories of the days when we used to bale hay. It is such a marvellous odour.

Accomplishing the mowing meant that the lawn was ready to be raked, so when it rained the cut grass did not kill spots on the lawn. It is a B-I-G lawn when you have to rake it. The number two son continued to help and the big guy bagged the piles of clippings. These were delivered to a garden around the corner as well as being piled for composting in the back yard...a mountain of grass clippings is quite impressive too! This would be the first time the fleet from across the way ever came to our rescue, ours is not a family who shares equipment and so we have always had to deal with these items in the best way we could figure. In fact the writer had decided to approach some lawn mowing contractors once the holiday was over to see if they could clip our grass to a reasonable length while we wait for the belt to arrive. Paying the family for their assistance makes more sense and we appreciate the gesture more than we can say...seems they are mellowing over there!! This is so true when we woke Tuesday to rain drops pitterpattering on the roof.

Dinner out on the weekend was a treat. This has become a ritual with friends each month as we enjoy the atmosphere and food at the Stockade Barracks in Prescott. They had a monthly special and we have gotten into the pleasant habit of trying each one. This time the writer braved the menu and tried alligator as an appetizer. It was rather bland but the cajun sauce on it spiced the taste buds. You must answer to opportunity when it knocks, for it may not tap again. I can say I have eaten 'gator!! The banana in rum sauce was delicious.

Saturday night was the big guy and the writer's turn for Night Patrol in the Village. All was set to head out, the call to the OPP had been made and then pain struck with a vengeance, across

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the bottom line

MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE IN LEEDS COUNTY successfully took part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on May 6, 2000, raising $2,850 so far. Assistance from high school and college students as well as contributions from local businesses helped make the day a success. Donations to this worthy cause can be made throughout the year.

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EXPECT TO SEE MORE OF THE OPP ON THE WATER THIS SUMMER and on the snowmobile trails this winter. Solicitor General David Tsubouchi announced last week an additional $2 million a year to the OPP's waterways and snow-trail patrol budget. The Solicitor General said that 56 people lost their lives in 39 boating incidents in OPP jurisdictions last year. Almost 86 percent of these individuals were not wearing personal flotation devices and 20 percent involved alcohol.

FAY MCCURDY IS THE LUCKY WINNER IN THE CISD MOTHER'S DAY contest. Fay's name was entered by her daughter, Laurie — an employee at Asselin Real Estate in Iroquois. Her prize consisted of a fifty dollar gift certificate at Stage West Restaurant in Mountain, a bouquet of flowers from the Village Green in Morrisburg and two free movie rentals from Mustard's Variety in Iroquois. CISD, South Dundas's and east Grenville's local community radio station, thanks those who took part.

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AN AUCTION OF DONATED ITEMS, ORGANIZED BY THE NORTH Dundas Township Cultural/Heritage Centre Committee, raised $6,600 toward the old town hall renovation project in Winchester. About $78,000 has so far been raised to turn the building into a community arts and heritage display centre.

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Livin'

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the chest and up the neck into the face. The face throbbed and movement caused even more agony. As usual, fear was able to gain a stranglehold and the pain was doubled. Tense and worried about what could be doing this, a call went to the local hospital and we were enroute north instead of out patrolling. The lady at the desk was quite nice despite the late hour. The nurse who attended to things like temperature and blood pressure etc. did not have terrific people skills, and perhaps would rather we had not bothered her on this evening. The doctor who we saw was unfamiliar to us and he too could stand to work on his bedside manner as well. He was rough and gruff. He twisted and pulled at an already extremely sore neck and face. Both the big guy and the writer reminded him that the Sojgrens makes the face tender at the best of time, and this was definitely not one of those times. He diagnosed it as a muscles spasm in the chest and neck and more sinus infection in the face. Perhaps the first bout was not fully eradicated with the meds. Anyway, anxious to get out of there, some pain killers were given along with a couple of prescriptions that would be filled the following morning and we were on the way home.

Saturday had afforded the opportunity to snap photos at the Village and just in case of rain, I took advantage of the chance to snap away. The celebrations for the Queen's birthday were good, as the overcast sky kept shadows at bay. Meeting friends who had used their season passes was a nice way to work through an assignment and we enjoyed some chit chat as I went about getting the scoop on the opening weekend.

It is difficult to believe that next week we will start the month of June. The pool waits to be opened, the weather is just not co-operating and since it is pretty chilly yet we will get it it opened this weekend we hope, just in case.

Son number two got the new Bond movie and we watched it the other evening, it is pretty good as would be expected, we are huge fans at Swampview.

The number one son is lonesome this week as his girlfriend has gone on a school trip to Kapuskasing. He works all week with only one day off, so won't have too much time to ponder the situation.

A hug and a smooch were shared with an elderly gent who has become a favourite visitor at the workplace last week as he celebrated a birthday and was happy we did not forget...we try.

Take care this week and enjoy the short workweek. Stay happy despite the rain and think about what Waldo Ralph Emerson said, "What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."



Horse Pull in South Mountain

The South Mountain Township Agricultural Society hosted a horse pull at the fairgrounds last Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of people enjoyed the great weather and marvelled at the strength of the magnificent horses. Here, a pair easily drags almost 5,000 pounds for a good pull.

Chieftain Photo - P.H.Nicol

LETTERS

Raising a Flag on Bill 74

Dear Editor,

When we hear of human rights violations against a person or a group of people, we automatically assume this is taking place in a country far from Canada. It should be of interest to learn that the provincial legislature of Ontario will soon vote on a little publicized piece of legislation...Bill 74, the Education Accountability Act 2000. This bill will effectively remove from Ontario high school teachers most of the labour freedoms that are taken for granted by workers in industrialized countries.

The Canadian Labour Congress has condemned this latest piece of legislation, referring to it as the "Teacher Indentured Servitude Act." This legislation removes the right of teachers to negotiate hours of work and overrides their rights to bargain collectively. Teachers in Ontario have always been able to negotiate workload. This bill puts no limitations on the number of hours a teacher should work a week, or even a day, while school is in session. Essentially, the bill requires that there be fewer teachers working longer hours, teaching more students.

But, there is more. Up to now, extra-curricular activities have been voluntary for teachers. But, this bill says School Boards will decide what activities will be provided and principals and vice-principals will assign staff to carry them out. Principals can arbitrarily force some teachers to work longer hours, evenings and weekends.

The power of democratically elected school boards is eroded from both above and below. With this bill, the Minister has the right to override rights negotiated into the collective agreement as well as decisions made by school trustees. Not only does it allow the Minister of Education to micro-manage the educational system as never before, it also provides her with unprecedented powers which are not subject to review by arbitrators, tribunals or courts.

Good will and enthusiasm cannot be legislated. This law has the potential for causing friction between teachers and management. It could lead to teachers, who do excellent work in class, being disciplined for refusing to carry out extra-curricular activities as assigned. In addition to everything else, this decision is neither grievable nor arbitratable.

If the Harris Government is allowed to proceed with this legislation, which effectively forces teachers to do unpaid, compulsory overtime, it will not be too long before other governments will feel free to bring in similar legislation covering public or private sector workers all across the country.

Many readers will feel that teachers are a bunch of lazy, overpaid whiners and it is time the Harris government put them in their place. Remember this..."the working conditions of Ontario teachers are the learning conditions of your children and grandchildren." This whole issue comes down to the simple fact of fewer teachers teaching more students in fewer classrooms...in other works, more cuts to education. It's really about extra-curricular activities. Teachers have always given their time freely to help with sports teams, dances, yearbooks and a wealth of additional activities. Extra-Curricular (or co-instructional activities as the government calls them) when legislated, are no longer fun times. They become part of the school day, perhaps compulsory for each student, as well as for teachers. This raises all sorts of questions about funding for materials, extra busing, participation, part-time student jobs and even marks for these activities.

The purpose of this letter is simply to raise a flag. Look at the legislation. Ask questions. Talk to your trustee, your co-workers. Consider how it will affect your student, your family and perhaps your own workplace in the future. Remember, if denying rights guaranteed by the constitution works for the government, can private industry be far behind?

Yours truly,
Jim Millard.

Bill 74 suspension of private rights

Dear Editor,

I used to feel that speaking out was empowering. I used to look in the mirror and think, "You are an empowered woman of the nineties." When I look in the mirror today, I see the face of someone who has taken one too many punches in the chin. I am one of the hundreds of thousands of teachers in Ontario who have been subjected to the on-going assault by the Tory regime.

Due to ever changing policy and cut backs, I have been in four schools in three years. I have had to travel over a hundred kilometres twice a day for a semester to teach at one school. (No I don't live in a northern district. I work for the Upper Canada District School Board). I taught seven out of eight last year and was subsequently made redundant from that school when cuts were made to my program. This year I am teaching in a school I enjoy, but due to the government's on-going filibuster, I am still unaware as to whether or not I have a job at this school next September. The board can't staff until the government firms up their numbers. To make matters worse, the barrage of mandated activities and threats for non-compliance are disheartening.

Bill 74 is little more than suspension of private rights. I ask your readership to consider how they would feel if the government walked into their place of employment and told them that they would have to be on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays and to make matters more insulting, they would not get paid. How would they feel if they had to give up their family time because the government promises that they will lose their jobs and possibly be fined up to $5000 for choosing to go to their child's Christmas Pageant instead of supervising some after supper or weekend activity?

The policy that will be put in place that they call "accountability" is little more than legalizing stalking. Bacteria have more privacy! I agree that if curriculum guidelines are not being met, then a teacher should be investigated. However, the very idea that s.230.0(1) of the Bill indicates the Minister need only be of the "opinion" that non-compliance has occurred to be able to direct the board to do anything "she considers advisable", is a tavestry. In what other area of the law, can a person be subjected to conviction and punitive measures without proof? Clearly, Bill 74 has "illegal" written all over it!! I cannot believe that the provincial government's team of lawyers rolled over and succumbed to the Tories' pressure to actually write up a bill which removes my civil rights!?

As a member of a larger collective, I have grave reservations over the flagrant disregard that the Tory government has for that which is the core of our justice system: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Charter guarantees the right to organize, to bargain collectively and to have both the employer and employee bargain in good faith. Clearly, the fact that the government is prepared to create laws, which diminish the rights of teachers to bargain for their working conditions, is a blatant slap in the face of ALL Canadians. Perhaps the rest of Ontario's unions should question if they're next! To add insult to injury, Mike Harris has thumbed his nose at our international partners as well. The International Labour Organization, of which Canada is a member, documents in the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, its support of the principle that all members have an obligation to respect, to promote and to realize in good faith the principles concerning the fundamental rights namely, the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining and the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour.

I am appalled. I am tired. I am battered. I am thinking of resigning, not because I dislike teaching, not because I am beaten, but because empowerment comes from making "my own decisions about my own life." I hope the Conservative MPPs who do not support this bill will also be empowered enough to vote "NO" or to just stay home on the day of the vote.

Sincerely,
K.A. Lalonde.

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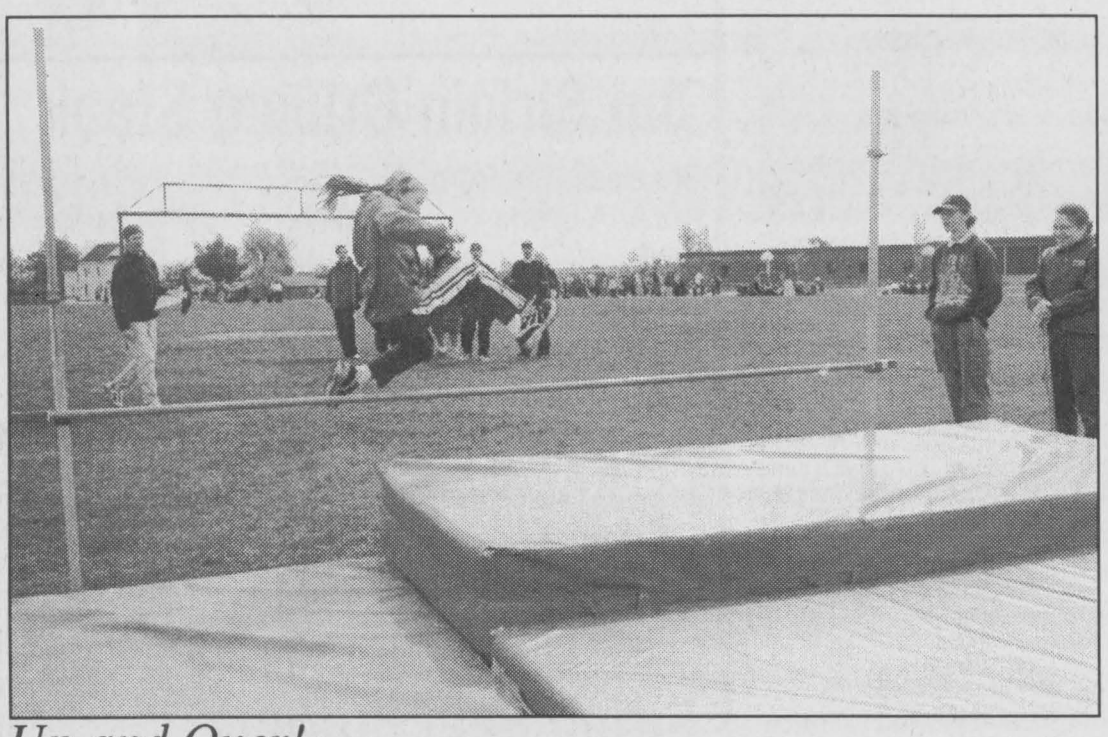


Up and Over!

Melissa Flinn shows her winning form as she clears the high jump and earns her way to the next level of competition. IPS held their Track and Field day last week even though the weather was not too cooperative. Events like this test strength and form as well as ability. Races were popular as was the ball toss and the tougher running jumps. Melissa did very well in all her events. Congrats to all who move on to Prescott today. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

EOSSAA Track and Field 2000 hosted by Seaway at Grenville Christian College

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Athletes are a very special breed. They train and their dedication to their sport is often overwhelming. When these athletes are young people it is even more awesome. Paying homage to the determination of athletes from Seaway who always put forth 100% effort, to make themselves and their school proud is a big part of the job of the weekly newspaper.

As Seaway Principal Larry Poirier stated after EOSSAA results were in, "It is not so important that you win, but rather how you play the game, and all Seaway athletes did their very best, that is all we ask of our teams and athletes" It should be noted that athletes from Seaway have a wonderful reputation at all events they attend, they are respectful and courteous even in defeat.

This week we salute all who qualified and tomorrow will be in Kingston representing Seaway. No matter where they place in their events, we will be proud of their accomplishments. When you consider that the difference between first and fourth in a long distance running event is a mere few hundreds of a minute, even at the high school level, you can begin to appreciate the work these young people do.

Taking into account the fact that Seaway athletes crossed the finish line first in the "A" school category at the SD&G Track Meet last week, the individual efforts speak for themselves.

Coaches and staff members, Mark Lewis and Irv Fancis put in a pile of hours after school ensuring that things were ready for the Meet, "Running lines, checking things out, making certain all was as good as could be before the events began, they worked hard getting set," said Poirier.

Topping the individual list of accomplishments is Bryce Piticco who was displeased with his efforts in the Junior Men's Discus Throw coming out in sixth place overall with a toss of 34.48m. The farthest throw was 41.02m. Perhaps there is some psychic action involved because when it was time for the Junior Men's Shot Put, his speciality, he was in fine form, determined to stand in victory lane...and with a toss of 15.52m he grabbed his gold. Second place measured 13.63m showing how well Bryce did.

Another gold came home around the neck of Kelly Verhoeven who raced the 400m Midget race. Crossing the finish line :01.0 ahead of the second place racer, she completed the race in 1:01.5. She also entered the Midget Womens 300M Int. Hurdles and came in a close third spot. Her time was 52.6, while first crossed in 50.3 and the second place gal did it in 51.9 Kelly grabbed a sixth in the 80M High Hurdles to complete her day of competition. In a field of sixteen racers this was not a bad finish at all.

Katherine Adams battled an injury (pulled leg muscles) to compete last week as she had qualified for the EOSSAA finals. As the athletes say, "She sucked it up and competed no matter. Racing in the 400M Senior Women she finished in sixth with a time of 1:06.58. The winning time was 1:02.85.

Laura Baker came in a respectable sixth in the Senior Women's Triple Jump, no easy task at the best of times. This is a tough event and her 9.28m jump was pretty fair compared to the 10.56m that won the class. She earned a 12th spot (3.87m) in the Long Jump as well, a bit over a metre behind the winner (4.82m).

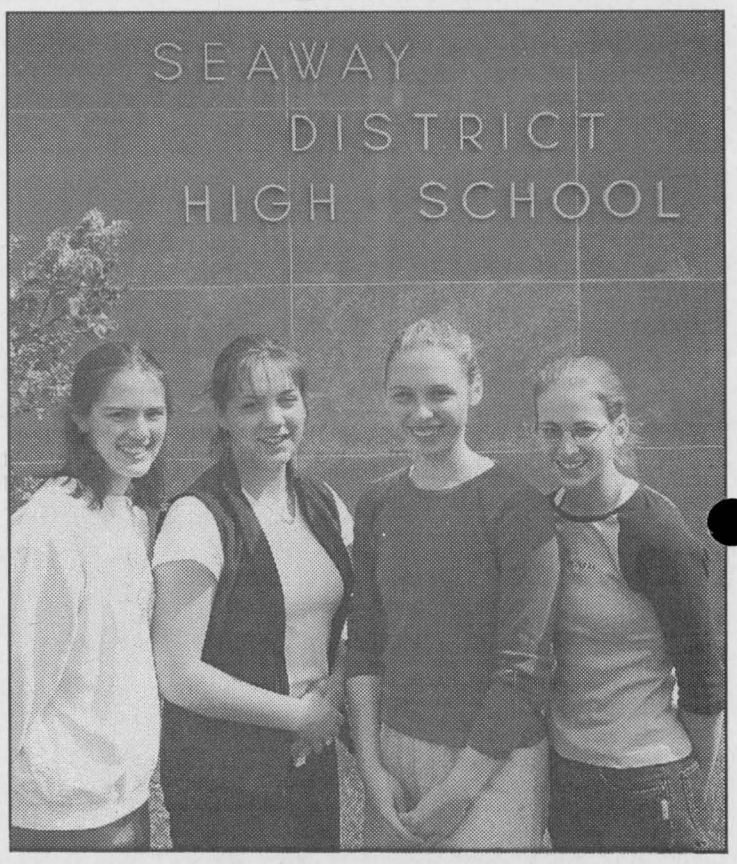
Ellen Blatch entered the 100m Senior High Hurdles and earned a fifth spot with a clocked time of 18.90.

Kristen Keyes also runs the Hurdles and in the 300M Int. Midget category earned a sixth.

Others who travelled west and did their best, included, Tony Barkley in the triple jump Junior Men a 13th place. Tim Cowan, a 13th in the 400 m Midget Men. Billy DeJong earned a 7th spot in the Senior Men High Jump and 14th in the Triple Jump. Amber DeVries placed 16th in Junior Women Shot Put. Jennifer Dillabaugh beat her teammate by one spot grabbing 12th in this event. Jeff Madge was 12th in the 400M Midget and 17th in the 800M run. Kevin Martin ran the 400M Senior Men's race in 56.03 to grab 8th spot. First runner did it in 52.71. Glen Mellan tossed the Discus 31.26m for a 9th place standing. Bryan Verhoeven placed 19th in the Junior Discus throw.

All coaches seemed pleased with the results. Head Coach is Irv Francis who concentrates on short track athletes. Don Lewis looks after the long distance runners. Dave McDonald coordinates the people in the field events. Mary Lewis handles the jumps with help from Mike Toshack. Mark Lewis works wherever coaching assistance is needed.

Qualifiers advance to the Regional Finals scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at Queen's University in Kingston.



On to Regionals *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

These Seaway athletes are headed to the Eastern Regionals track meet in Kingston this Thursday, after solid performances at EOSSAA last week: (l-r) Ellen Blatch; Laura Baker; Katherine Adams; and Kelly Verhoeven. Not shown: Bryce Piticco and Kristen Keyes.

Iroquois Public School athletes qualify for Track Meet at South Grenville

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They ran, jumped and tossed.

They came bundled against the weather as Mother Nature threw a wrench into the works and blew up a chill wind. IPS hosted their own Track and Field events to determine who would move to the next level of competition which is happening today in Prescott.

The top three in each category earned a ribbon and will compete against those winners from other schools within the Upper Canada District Board. This will be a real test of their ability as they face runners and jumpers from across the area.

Competing with the purple and yellow honour at stake will be the following students who earned their way. Carley Lawlor won three firsts in the 6yr old class, in the 60m, 100m and 400m races. Lacey McCaslin grabbed three seconds (60m, 200m and 400m) and a third.(100m) Katie McCurdy ran to three thirds. (60m, 200m and 400m) Virginia St. Louis was second in the 100m.

In the 7-year old races, Amber Ault was 2nd in the 60m, 1st in the 100 and 200m races. Teagan Mills was first in the 60m and Rebecca Ault was 1st in the 400m. She was 2nd in the 100 & 200m runs and 3rd in the 60m. Kelsey Hall came 3rd in the 100m and Reagan Hall grabbed a pair of 3rds in the 200&400m. Kierra Bellinger was 2nd in the 400m.

Jasmine Comfort was tops in the 8-year old 60m run, 2nd in the 100m, 200m & 400m. Courtney McDermid snagged 2nd in the 60m, 1st in the 100m and 3rd in the 400m. Samantha Wilson was 3rd in the 60m, 100m & 200m runs. Maisie Menges ran for 1st in the 200m & 400m.

The 9-year olds saw Brittany Elliott win five of six races she entered. She won the 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, & 1500m and was 2nd in the 200m. Courtney Thompson won the 200m, and was 2nd in the 60m. Courtney Hall was 3rd in the 400m, Taylore Mattice was 2nd. Melissa McLeod earned 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 200m. Erinn Fader was 3rd in the 100m as Hayley Carr was in the 60m.

Chelsey Schell wore hot runners in the 10-year old class, as she won the 60m and the 400m and was 2nd in the 100m and 200m. Melissa Kennedy was 1st in the 100m, 200m and 2nd in the 60m while Cassandra Comfort was gold in the 800m and Natasha Cameron was in the 1500m. She was also 2nd in the 800m and 3rd in the 400m. Kristen Phifer was 3rd in the 60m,100m, 200m and 2nd in the 400m. Courtney Keicks ran to 2nd place in the 1500m and Megan Fawcett was 3rd.

Melissa Flinn was top 11-year old as she raced to victory in the 100m, 400m and 800m earned 3rd in the 200m. Shannon Harper won the 200m, was 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 800m. Marlaina McQuaig was 3rd in the 100m and 2nd in the 200m. Katie Corden came across 2nd in the 400m.

Tasha Corneau won the 12-year 100m and 400m runs. Meaghan Cleasby took top spot in the 200m. She was 2nd in the 100m. Mindy Markell grabbed a pair of 3rds in the 100& 200m runs and a 2nd in the 400m. Candace Henry was 2nd in the 200m and 3rd in the 400m.

Stacey Henry took two first places in the 100 & 200m. Megan Petersen had a 3rd place in the 100m, a 2nd in the 200m and three firsts in the 400, 800 and 1500m races. Britteny Horricks was 2nd in the 100m and Jill Link was 3rd in the 200m.

Terri Sypes was first in the 100 and 200m runs. Adrienne Leroy was 2nd in the 100m and Kate Edwards was 3rd. Amber Vaughan was 1st in the 1500m.

The High Jump is a favourite event as the winners were; Kelsey Hall (7yrs), Katie Guse (8yrs), Erinn Fader and Brittany Elliott tied (9yrs), Kristen Phifer (10 yrs), Melissa Flinn (11 yrs) and Mindy Markell and Candace Henry tied in the 12 yrs. jump. Britteny Horricks (13 yrs) and Terri Sypes (14 yrs) rounded out the filed of winners. Seconds went to Kierra Bellinger, Maisie Menges, Courtney Thompson, Chelsey Schell, Tasha Corneau, Martha Whittle and Adrienne Leroy. Third spots were won by Taegan Mills and Kristina Swank who tied. Elyse Fournier and Michelle Murphy also tied, Hilary Prowse, Jenna Shay, Caitlin Vandodewaard, Ellen Fader, then a 3-way tie was effected among; Kathleen McKendry, Meagan Peterson and Leah Summers. Then Caitlin Markell was 3rd in the 14 year old event.

The Long Jump requires strength. Winners in the various age groups were Teagan Mills, Courtney McDermid, Erinn Fader, Kristen Phifer, Melissa Flinn, Michelle McMillan, Britteny Horricks and Kate Edwards. Second places went to Reagan Hall, Maisie Menges, Courtney Thompson, Courtney Keicks, Caitlin Vandodewaard, Ellen Fader, Leah Summers and Adrienne Leroy. Third spots were won by Sloane Jarvis, Katie Guse, Brittany Elliott, Chelsey Schell, Katie Corden, Tasha Corneau, Jenny Cummings and Christine Thompson.

Triple Jump starts at 10 year olds and the victor was Chelsey Schell. Melissa Kennedy and Jenna Shay rounded out the class. Shannon Harper, Jessica Kirker and Melissa Flinn were the top 11 year olds. Candace Henry, Ellen Fader and Mindy Markell were top 12 year olds, Jill Link, Jenny Cummings and Leah Summers took the 13 year old honours. Adrienne Leroy, Terri Sypes and Caitlin Markell were the 14 year old winners.

The ball toss seems easy, but is not, just ask any of the winners. Katie McCurdy, Virginia St. Louis, Lacey McCaslin, Taegan Mills, Rebecca Ault and Victoria Howard, Michelle Murphy, Sarah Speer and Jasmine Comfort. Erinn Fader, Courtney Thompson, Brittany Elliott. Chelsey Schell, Kristen Phifer and Meagan Fawcett. Jessie Kirker, Katie Corden and Caitlin Vandodewaard. Michelle McMillan, Ellen Fader and Tracey Jones. Lynsey Whaley, Brittany Horricks and Martha Whittle, Adrienne Leroy, Christine Thompson and Hope Weegar were those who will advance to teh next level.

Next week the male winners will be right here. Congrats to all.

Cornwall Speedway opens

Danny O'Brien started the 2000 DIRT racing season at Cornwall Motor Speedway, the same way he finished it ... on top. The Kingston, Ontario, native won the first of two 20-lap features for the Modifieds.

The 1999 Cornwall track champion started the first feature outside row one beside Brian McDonald. O'Brien quickly took over 1st when he jumped ahead of McDonald coming out of turn one right off the green. The driver of the 17D never looked back.

McDonald, from Cornwall, had to fend off a tight field of veteran drivers behind him to finish 2nd. Gatineau, Quebec's Peter Mantha came in right behind McDonald's 151 car to finish 3rd. Dave "the Slip" Heaslip, from Smiths Falls, Ontario, came in 4th with "The Little Hammer" Stephane Lafrance, from Brockville, Ontario, rounding out the top 5.

It was a photo finish for the 2nd 20-lap feature for the Modifieds with Heaslip on the low-side of Kevin Fetterly out of turn four to take the checkered flag. A frustrated Fetterly finished 2nd, a nose out of 1st, while Joel Doiron fought off several drivers to hold on to 3rd. Next came McDonald, and then O'Brien.

Late Model class: Marc Therrien, 1st; Ladouceur, 2nd; Darryl Steele, 3rd; Stephane Lebrun, 4th, just ahead of Cliff Merpaw.

Duke stock: Richard Charbonneau, 1st; Stephane Phillipe, 2nd; and Todd Raabe, 3rd.

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Yard Sale & Bake Sale will be held at the Pittston Church on Saturday, May 27, rain or shine, 9 am to 1 pm.

Iroquois United Church presents "White Church Remembrance" on Sunday, May 28th at 10:30 am. Guest Speaker: Carlton (Mike) McInnis. Lunch after.

Matilda W.I. next meeting, June 12, 2000 at 7:30-Brinston Memorial Hall. Guest Speaker - Karen Henderson will speak about her trip to the Ukraine and the needs of Cherynobl kids. To assist them, please bring good clean used clothing or new toilettries. Also members bring a gift item for the gift basket raffle.

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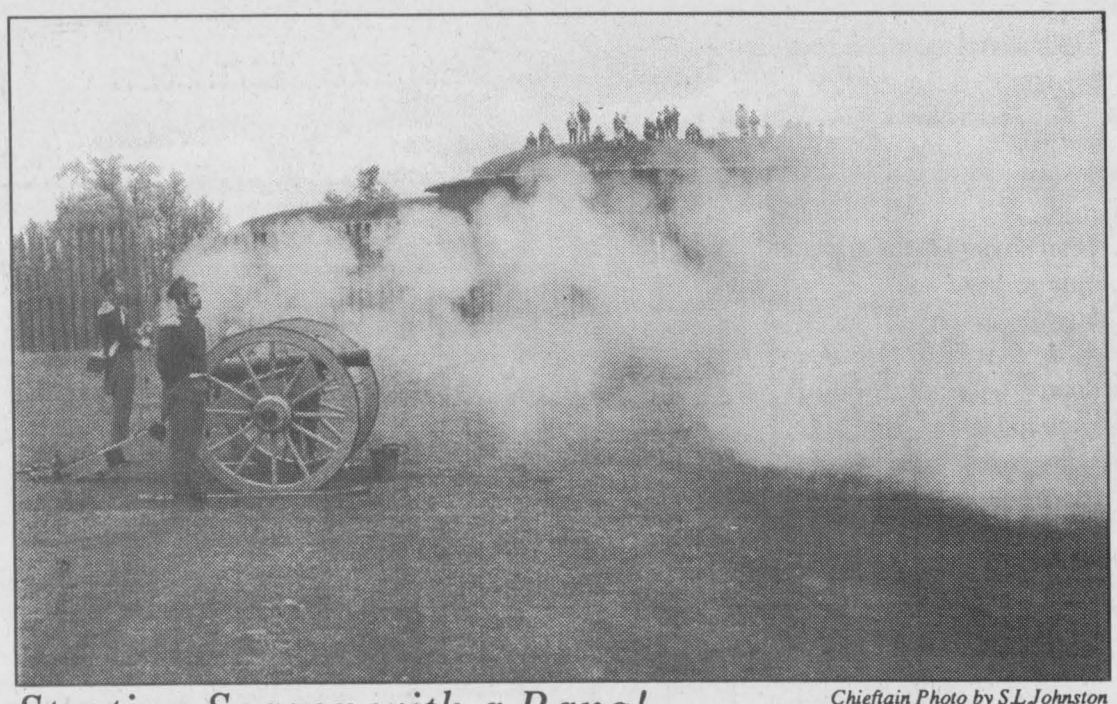

Starting Season with a Bang!

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Scott Kelso and Graeme Stewart will work at Fort Wellington in Prescott all summer long. Here they fire the 6-pound cannon to herald the kick-off of the Fort's tourist season and the beginning of Harbour Days in the Fort Town. A successful event there was a good crowd gathered to see the Fort, enjoy the cooking lessons over an open fire and check out the handcrafted bateau. A wealth of history comes alive once more in Prescott for the year 2000.

Library plugs in to rural needs

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Stepping beyond the usual paperbacks and hardcovers, the SD&G County Library is branching out into new realms of information and hoping to fill a void left by the closure of OMAFRA field offices.

In the coming months the Library will begin providing up-to-date agricultural information as well as access to distance education services via service counters at its 20 branches. A rural coordinator has been hired for one year to oversee the project, including the creation of a cyberspace address for all that information — a web page to be called the "SDG Agri-Portal."

With its multiple outlets across the United Counties, the Library is well placed to distribute agricultural information to rural residents, County Librarian Leanne Clendening explained during a Cornwall press conference on May 5. She announced the Library had received a $50,000 grant from the federal Canadian Rural Partnership Project to make it happen.

"More than a year ago Yves Lavictoire, of OMAFRA, and I sat in his Avonmore office looking at how we could partner the knowledge of OMAFRA with the community based information dissemination role of the public library."

Out of that discussion eventually came the successful grant application and this month's announcement that the project, dubbed "SDGAccess II," is going ahead.

Brenda Kemerer of Alexandria, hired under an HRDC grant to a 52-week contract, assumes the role as rural co-ordinator. Lately, Kemerer's been surfing for information and links to put on the new SDG Agri-Portal site, which she said is still "a couple months away" from going online.

The Library is no stranger to the internet. Each of its 20 locations has had at least one public access terminal under Industry Canada's Community Access Program for the past couple of years. The web portal will take the Library's role a step further.

"We want to be the eyes through which SD&G residents search for local information on the internet," Clendening remarked.

Local internet service provider Glen-net Communications, of Cornwall, is among the partners in the new SDGAccess II program, along with Human Resources and Development Canada, EDINFO and both tiers of local government in SD&G.

Prescott-Russell MPP Jean-Marc Lalonde offered his congratulations to Clendening and Kemerer, praising the new initiative as way to bridge the information gap for rural residents.



County Library's new member

Leanne Clendening, SD&G County Librarian, right, poses with Brenda Kemerer, who's been added to the Library's staff for the next year. As "Rural Coordinator" she'll be setting up a new agricultural/rural information portal on the World Wide Web.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

LETTERS

Moral decision is needed

Dear Editor,

As an educator, I feel a strong sense of duty to inform your readers on the Harris governments latest attack on education...Bill 74.

Bill 74 will force teachers to provide extra-curricular activities which were previously done on a voluntary basis. Most of your readers know that teachers already work willingly and enthusiastically to ensure that their students participate in sports and other school activities such as yearbook, drama and other clubs...some of these activities take place on weekends. A study done by Statistics Canada/Human Resources Development Canada identified teachers as the employee group in Canada with the greatest average amount of overtime hours and almost all of it unpaid. Other studies have assessed the work week of the average teacher in Canada at be between 45 and 55 hours. The Harris Government would like to increase this workload!

Secondly, the Harris government would like to increase the average instructional time from 6.0 to 6.67 classes per year. What this means is that by increasing a teacher's workload, the government can lay off teachers and save money at the same time. In the Upper Canada School Board alone, the 840 high school classroom teachers can be cut by 10% for a loss of 84 teaching positions. This would also lead to an increase in the student/teacher ratio to 21.1 students per teacher. This ratio is quite high compare to the ratio in America of 16.2 and the ratio in New York Sate of 14.2. The European ratio is even lower with Austria having 8.9 students per teacher and Italy having 10.2 students per teacher. Nobody wins when teachers are taken out of the classroom.

With Bill 74 the government has absolute power over education. More specifically, it takes away our right to negotiate the conditions of our contract, and it removes our labour freedom. It also has the right to discipline the Upper Canada School Board and its employees for non-compliance of the above regulations. In a country such as ours, this sort of dictatorship is clearly wrong.

Bill 74 also interferes with out right or fair treatment at work, which is recognized by Canada in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights to Work. This international law declares a) freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargain and b) the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour. As a Canadian citizen, I feel the need to defend these rights and as a second year teacher I feel quite fearful of what the Harris government is trying to do to our public education system and to my future.

I do not believe Bill 74, nor do I support it. I ask your readers to ask themselves how they would feel if their rights were taken away and how they would feel if they were being told to spend more time away from their families. It is quite ironic that if Bill 74 passes, teachers will be seeing more of their students than their own children and spouses.

I would ask your readers to contact their local politicians and to ask questions about this Bill and to show their displeasure with it. The people made a moral decision when they voted for this government. Please, in turn, ask your readers to ask their politicians to make a moral decision when they vote on Bill 74. I urge everyone to show their support for the future of Public Education.

Sincerely,
Julie Pollock,
Seaway DHS.

Why is Harris doing this?

Dear Editor,

If your readers have the interest and patience to endure one more letter regarding the Conservative Government's Bill 74, the Education Accountability Act 2000, please allow me to express my shock and dismay from a slightly different perspective.

Teachers are truly confused about the reasons for the continuing attacks by the government on their commitment, credibility and work ethic. One of the reasons about which we have speculated is that Mike Harris simply believes that teachers do not work hard enough or long enough; that being in the classroom 1250 minutes per week,(about 4 hours a day) is all we do.

Let me ask you a few quick, related questions if I may...

When you watch Max Keeping on the CJOH evening news, do you assume that he arrived at the studio at 6pm and leaves at 7pm, thus working one hour per day?

Do you assume that because your church minister conducts a one-hour service on Sunday morning, that he is only working one hour per week?

Do Bob and Bill on The Bear (106.9FM) work only from 5:30-am to 9:30am each day?

And those lucky diary farmers...all they have to do is milk those cute cows twice a day, quickly too, because of all their modern equipment. That's about 3 hours of work a day.

Of course the above assumptions are ridiculous! Hours of preparation and dozens of job-related tasks are performed daily by all the people in the above examples. Teaching belongs in this list.

Surely we as a population, are intelligent and mature enough to look beyond just what we see and hear, to think more deeply about what these jobs involve, to not put down other jobs and workers because we feel that, "I work harder than they do."

During the continuing debate and discussion re: Bill 74, I ask you to keep an open mind, an inquiring mind and to ask yourself, as we are asking ourselves, "Why is Mike Harris doing this?" I wish I knew the answer.

Sincerely,
Jane McAllister,
Teacher.

Thank You for tickets

Dear Chieftain,

Thank you for the Circus ticket I won in the colouring contest. I like the lady who spun the hoop of fire. And the dogs and clowns were funny, very funny. I took my family with me. I am 6.

From
Alison Harbers,
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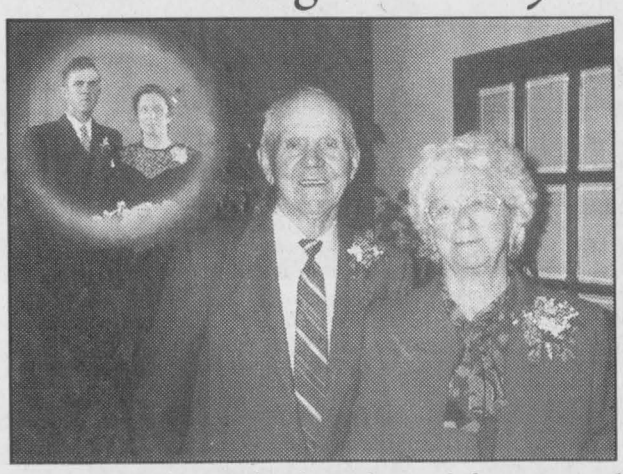

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DINERS CLUBS	~ Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of each week	$ 4.50
EXERCISE CLASS	~ Tuesdays at 11:00 am (off for summer)	$ 3.00
FOOT CARE	~ Wednesday, June 14 & 21	$ 12.00
MEALS on WHEELS	~ Monday, Wednesday, Friday of each week - extras can be ordered for other days	$ 3.75
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Garage Sale, #28 Church Street, Iroquois, Saturday, May 27 from 8:30 am - 1 p.m.
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GIANT 2 Family Yard Sale, Saturday, June 3 from 8 am - 1 pm at #11318 Lakeshore Drive, between Iroquois and Morrisburg.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 3
10:00 A.M.
To settle the Estate of Brock Barkley, the following will be sold by public auction
Truck & Riding Lawn mower: 1989 GMC Sierra 1500 SL half ton truck, V6, automatic, 57,000 km; Mastercraft 12 ½ hp riding lawn mower, 38" cut, new in 1998.
Farm Related Items: International 80 combine; Otaco rubber tired wagon, One furrow walking plow; Cockshutt three furrow trail plow on rubber; Scuffler Trail cultivator; Drag discs; Drag harrows; Two horse drawn Cockshutt corn planters, Massey Harris seed drill; Semi-mounted hay mower - 7' cut; Hay loader; Grain auger; Two fanning mills; Horse related items such as harness, collars, hames, etcetera; International cream separator; Milk cans 8 & 30 gallon; Milking stool; Beam scales; Wooden wheelbarrow; Oil pails; License plates; Cast iron seat; Bamboo poles; Weed sprayer; Corn sheller; Scythe; Pole pruner; Forks & shovels; Axes & sledges; Circular saw; Log chains; Block & tackles; Rope Drive belts; Apple boxes; Bushel baskets; Apple ladders; Assorted lumber; Quantity of hard maple firewood; Tin; Old windows; Truck racks; Page wire; 5 hp rotor tiller; Gas cans; Assorted hand tools; Skill saw; Bench grinder; Many other small items.
Antiques & Household Effects: Drop front writing desk; Stacking bookcase c/w glass doors; Victorian rocker; Wooden extension table; Numerous wooden chairs; Cane back rocker; China cabinet; Wooden tables & stands; Bottom of old cupboard; Fainting couch; Various washstands, some with towel bar; Bedroom suite including bed, chest of drawers, dressing table & stool; Wooden beds; Dressers & mirrors; Lamps; Pictures; Strong boxes; Cigarette tins; Books; Magazine rack; Suitcases; Trunk; Storage box; Clothes rack; Mop & brooms; Wash tubs; Gaby mini wringer washer; Advertising tins; Pots & pans; Assorted dishes; Findlay Oval cook stove; Admiral refrigerator; GE stove; Wringer washer; Maytag dryer; Two freezers; Small wood stove; Television; Bed-chesterfield.
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Proprietor: The Estate of Brock Barkley
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-Auctioneer-
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Auctions

FARM AUCTION
for Rivermead Holsteins, Gordon and Marguerite Dodge. Travel south of Hwy, 401 at Exit 730 on Shanly Road to Cardinal, then west on County Road 2 to Farm # 810
MONDAY, MAY 29
10:00 A.M.

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For further info, call (613)-657-3346.
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OBITUARIES

Michael Heafey

At the Ottawa General Hospital on May 17, 2000, Michael Heafey of RR4 Spencerville. Born on December 28, 1928 in Finch, he was 71 years of age.

An operator at Best Foods in Cardinal he resided in the Cardinal area most of this life.

A member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and Dugan's Whitetail Hunt Club and the Cardinal Fish and Game CLub, Michael was predeceased by his parents, the late, Thomas and Sarah (nee Lazette) Heafey as well as a brother, Harold and four sisters; Kay, Molly, Joanie and Elizabeth.

Mourning the loss are his beloved wife, Eva Dugan whom he wed at the Rectory in Cardinal on November 10, 1951. Also surviving the loss are a son, Mike Junior of Cardinal; and daughters-Sharon (Garrie McDonald) of Greely, and Brenda (Scott Brown) of RR4, Spencerville. Michael is sadly missed by 6 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Sisters; Trudi (Stan Bernaski) of Cardinal and Bertha (Leoland O'Mara) of Prescott are saddened by their loss.

Michael loved spending time with family and especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed his hobbies; fishing, hunting and gardening as well.

Memorial donations to the Lung Association or Sacred Heart Church were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal. Service was at Sacred Heart Church in Cardinal with Father Bill Powell officiating on Saturday, May 20 at 11am. Pallbearers were Mark Heafey, George McDonald, John Dugan Jr., Kevin Van Camp, Alvin Deline and Bob Campbett.

Sandy Murphy

At home in Cardinal, with her loving family at her side, Sandra Joan (Sandy) Murphy on Friday, May 12, 2000. Born on May 2, 1934, she was 64 years old.

Predeceased by her parents, James Muir and Hazel Merkley, as well as her husband, Terry Murphy and a sister, Mary Elizabeth Toupin. She will be sadly missed by sons: Rick (Corrine) Sayeau, Bobby (Nikki) Sayeau and Jamie (Kelly) Murphy all of Cardinal. Daughters who will miss her are Dianne (Mike) Sayeau of Cardinal, Barbara (Andy) Sontag of Niagara Falls and Angie Fahrngruber of Cardinal. A step-son, Kenny (Bonnie) Murphy of Cardinal and a brother, Mel Muir of Smiths Falls will feel the void her loss creates. Sixteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren as well as a special friend, Marlene Moore of Cardinal will miss Sandy.

She spent most of her time with her grandchildren or volunteering at the Legion in Cardinal. She worked as a labourer at Best Foods in Cardinal and had resided in Smiths Falls prior to coming to Cardinal.

Memorial donations to the Cancer Society were gratefully acknowledged by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal on Monday, May 15 where Rev. Jack Urquhart officiated at the service. Interment followed at St. John's Cemetery in Cardinal. pallbearers were Bill and Danny Dodge, Ben Allard, Jeff Payne, Frank McIntyre and Kevin Laming.

Auctions

Household Auction
Thursday, May 25
6:00 P.M.
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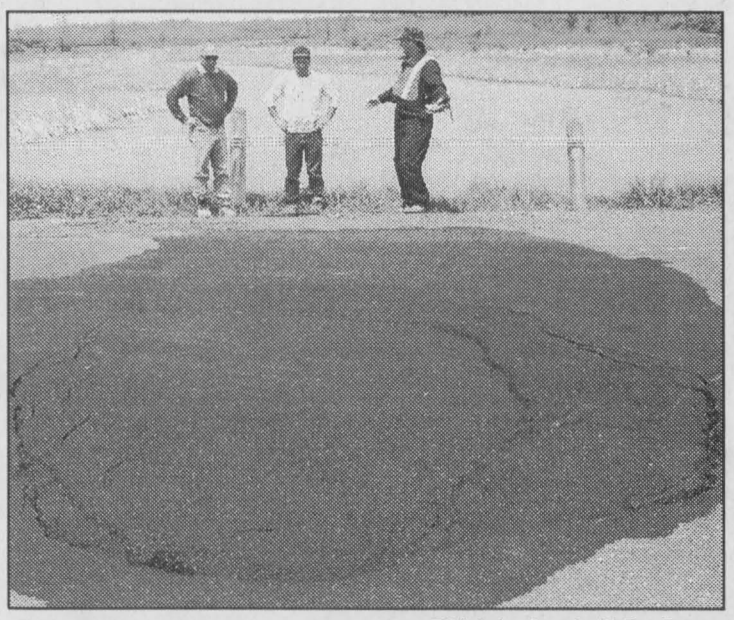

Giant pothole

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SD&G County Engineer Don McDonald and Fawcett brothers Brent and Barry take a gander at the mighty pothole that opened up on County Road Two, near the juncture with Lakeshore Drive, last week. A collapsing culvert was blamed for the damage, which closed the road to traffic for most of Friday while a temporary fix was put in place. The counties will end up spending $75,000 to $150,000 by the time the damage is permanently repaired several weeks from now, McDonald said.

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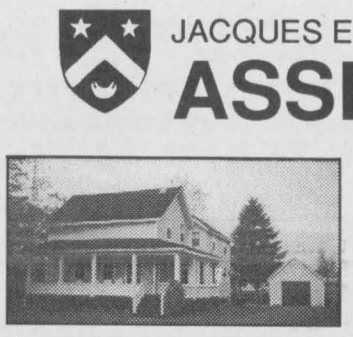

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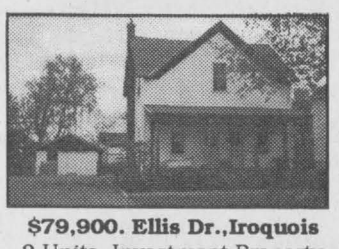

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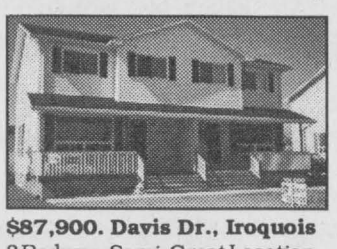

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Notice to Property Owners to Destroy Weeds

All property owners in the **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville** are required under the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23, to destroy any noxious weeds and weed seeds growing on their land by **June 2nd, 2000**, and throughout the season.

After June 2nd, 2000, the **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville** Weed Inspector may enter upon the said lands and may cause any noxious weeds discovered to be destroyed, charging the cost against the land, as set out in the Act.

Ragweed, the principal cause of hayfever, requires special and continous attention. Other noxious weeds included: thistles, poison ivy and wild carrot.

The act applies only to designated noxious weeds and cannot be used to control property standards or appearances. Dandelions, burdock, goldenrod, purple loosestrife and uncut grass are not considered noxious under the Weed Control Act.

Anyone having information on specific locations of noxious weeds flourishing within the **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville** should contact the Weed Control Office at 342-3840 Ext. 300.

Your co-operation is earnestly requested.

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Leeds & Grenville Weed Inspector
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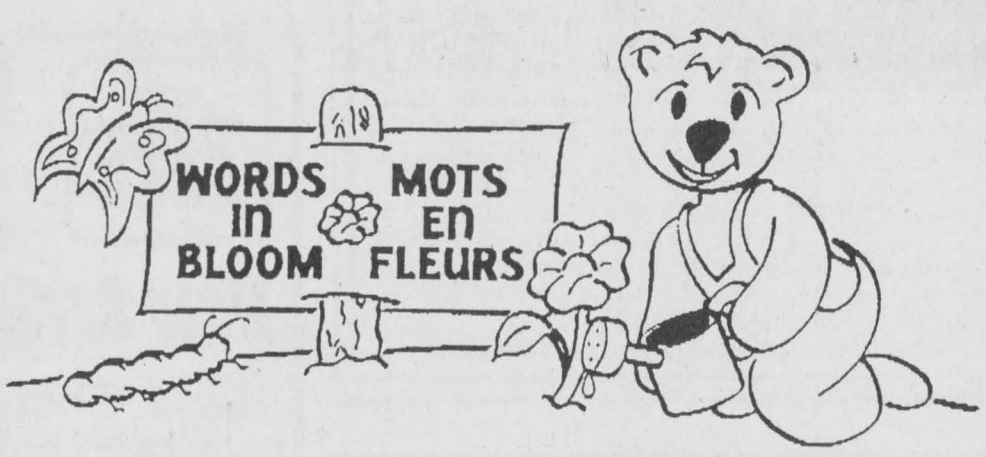

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Lions donate to Playhouse

John Lyon presents a cheque to Michael Bianchin Artistic Producer of the Upper Canada Playhouse on behalf of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club. The $3600 is appreciated by the Playhouse as Board Chair, Don Smith looks on. Also in the photo is Amy Holmes who was in the most recent Lions Play hosted at the Playhouse. Sabrina Bliss who designed the program for the play was there too.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Matilda W.J. visits Brokor Greenhouses

On May 8, 2000, 13 members and 2 guests travelled to Hyndman Road to visit Brokor Greenhouses Barnyard Boutique. We were greeted by Koran Manneck and her mother, Debbie Brown who invited us to tour the greenhouses and feel free to ask questions which we did...many questions and Koran was a wealth of information. It was very difficult to choose from such a variety of thriving healthy plants. The vibrant colours and unique varieties were awesome!

After making our decisions we headed to Barnyard Boutique for our meeting. It actually is a barn, given a second life as a craft shop which also sells St. Albert cheese and curd as well as ice cream. Our business meeting was in the barn floor, set up with tables and chairs. It was rustically decorated with baskets of flowers and candles.

Freda Mellan gave us details of the WI summer trip. It will be from July 19-22. A well rounded trip ranging from a boat cruise, theatre, Farmers market and a visit to FWIO Headquarters in Guelph. The $379 fee includes entertainment, meals and rooms. Our own trip to Ottawa in early July will include a visit to Rideau Hall, shopping and a stop at Rideau Carleton Raceway possibly for lunch. Details later.

At our June 12th meeting, we are looking forward to having Karen Henderson talk to us about her trip to Chernobyl, showing us slides and hearing about her personal experience in the Ukraine devastated a few years ago by a nuclear accident. To aid people of that country we will be collecting any clean, used clothing or shoes. Anyone wishing to donate or hear bout Karen's experienced in the Ukraine are welcome to come Monday night, June 12th at Brinston Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

Members please remember to bring your contribution for our gift basket raffle. Tickets are available from our members as well as at our Plant, Bake and Yard Sale Saturday, June 3 at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners from 8am until 2pm. Dixon's Corners Public School will be there also with a BBQ, so drop by for lunch and pick up a dessert at our bake table. It is a go rain or shine. With the conclusion of our meeting we were served tea, coffee and a variety of cheeses and crackers as well as treated to an ice cream cone of our choice!

Susan McMillen convenor thanked Koran and Debbie for their hospitality and presented them with a token of our appreciation.

Royal Canadian Legion Br.105, Cardinal

NOTICE

Percy Price, the Provincial Service Officer, will be in Cardinal the week of **June 5th.**

*Anyone wishing to have an appointment with Mr. Price, please call **before May 29th, 657-4592, Eleanor or Tom Beatson,** Branch 105, Cardinal Veteran Service Officers.*

COMING EVENTS

THE HAIR STUDIO
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Specials: $2.00 Off Perms
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A19-tfnx

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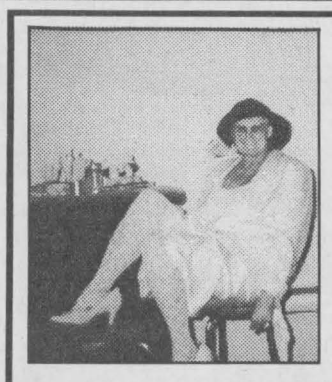

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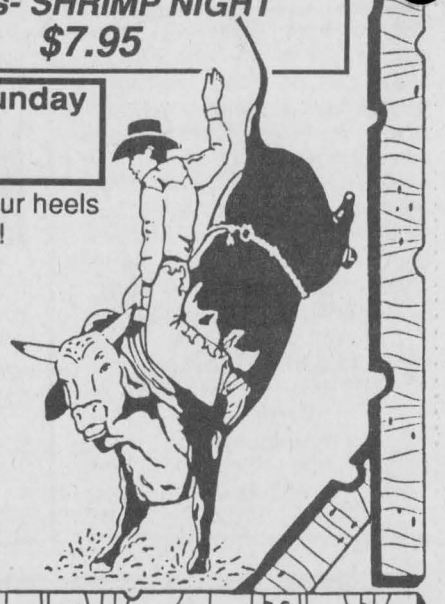

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