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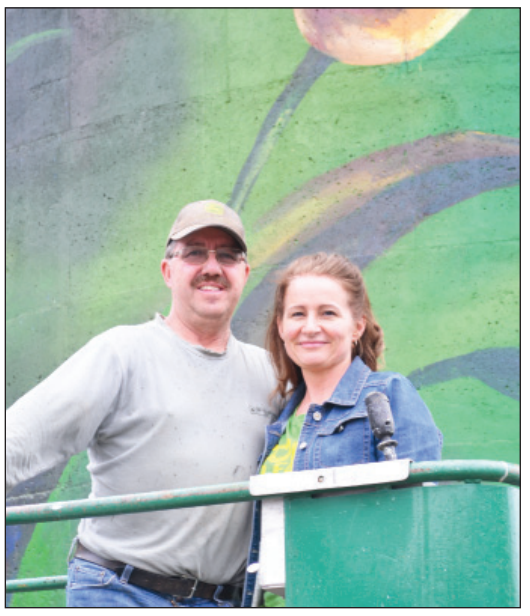
Local silo gets pop of colour for Canada's 150th



Michel Dignard and Jeannette Mongeon's silo, located between Vars and Embrun on St. Guillaume Road, was chosen as one of five silos across Eastern Ontario to be part of Canada's POPSILOS project, celebrating the country's 150th anniversary.





Dignard (left) and Mongeon used the opportunity to have cattails painted as one of the images on the silo, raising awareness about the water cleansing abilities they have for the environment.

Press Photos – Gosselin

by Alicia K. Gosselin

EMBRUN

Drivers travelling on St. Guillaume Road between Vars and Embrun should slow down to notice the pop of colour covering the silo at Michel Dignard and Jeannette Mongeon's 1,000-acre farm.

The larger-than-life mural was hand-painted by artists Lacey Jane and Layla Folkmann 100 feet in the air late last month as part of Canada's POPSILOS project, celebrating the country's 150th anniversary.

POPSILOS is the brainchild of Jennifer Larocque, an artist and curator who grew up in Prescott-Russell, attracting Canada's top mural/graffiti artists and partnering them with local farmers to paint murals on farm silos in Eastern Ontario.

The project combines art and agri-food tourism in a circuit that leads to five silos in the Prescott-Russell countryside – including stops in Vankleek Hill, Casselman, and St-Albert – where visitors can discover local produce and other products.

According to Mongeon, the farm's silo was chosen as an ideal spot for the masterpiece as it sits near Highway 417 and sees about 7,000 travellers passing by every day.

"We are strong advocates for agriculture, and this was an amazing opportunity to share our passion, and reach out to an audience beyond what we could ever imagine," said Mongeon. "It's pairing urban with rural, and is an element of ag education that we need more of."

Throughout the past month, visitors from all over the region have been passing through, and stopping by to chat with the local farmers about the significance of the images painted on the silo.

The decision on which images would be portrayed on the silo was a collaboration between Larocque and the landowners themselves – a young girl to represent youth and women of the future in agriculture, an eagle to represent the Algonquin First Nations, sunshine to represent unity, and cattails to represent responsibility for the environment.

But it was the image of cattails most near and dear to the hearts of Mongeon and Dignard, who are proud and active members of the local chapter of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Farm Management Canada, and several ag advisory committees.

"Cattails represent responsibility for the land – everyone's responsibility," said Mongeon. "It doesn't just fall on farmers' shoulders. Cattails represent an opportunity for everyone to make a difference. They naturally cleanse water pollution, which most people know nothing about."

According to Clean Technica, an international movement to protect the environment, the lowly cattail is emerging as the weapon of choice against water contamination, and perhaps even global warming.

Phosphorus removal is just the tip of the water pollution iceberg that could be solved by cattails. Cattails have been associated with remediating sites contaminated with arsenic, pharmaceuticals, and even explosives. As for a role in the global warming picture, planting cattails could help prevent excess methane emissions from degraded wetlands.

"Isn't it amazing?" posed Mongeon. "The city doesn't have the technology to take antibiotics out of the water, but cattails can do it naturally. Cattails clean the water of everything. I believe the government should help farmers set up [wetlands with cattails], because it helps the environment too. Even people who have ditches – don't try to have the perfect lawn, because everyone has a responsibility for the environment. We want to raise that awareness."

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Hill 70 and the battle forgotten by so many

by Matthew Uhrig

MOUNTAIN

It was May 1922 when a community meeting was held at Foster's Hall.

Though a typical gathering place of the day, the intent of this session was simple – purchase a 22-acre parcel of land then owned by Mountain farmer Charles Robinson.

The collective wanted to develop a park, one that today stands as Mountain Memorial Park. After years of hard work, with both time and energy given up, the commemorative site was officially opened in November 1925.

Aside from the playground, a single light was also erected to serve as a lasting memorial to those killed during the First World War's Battle of Hill 70.



To this day, local history regarding the original memorial is scarce. Its reason for creation not truly known, though guesses have been made through the years.

The memorial may have been added to honour Private Harry Carson, born in Mountain and killed at Hill 70, or perhaps to pay tribute to all those members of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highlanders who were involved.

No matter, the battle was a major offensive in August 1917 that turned into a nightmare of rain, mud, and misery. It's also a military offensive largely overlooked.



That could be because it took place between engagements at Vimy Ridge in April of that year, or Passchendaele, which stretched from June to November.

It was mission accomplished for the Canadians at Hill 70, however.

Although, the "forgotten battle," as it has become known, left of thousands soldiers dead at the site in Lens, France.

During a 2010 ceremony at the Mountain memorial, Don Johnston, a member of the area's Lions Club, was vocally supportive of the village monument. (Johnston's late wife, Eunice, is also honoured at the park with a memorial stone, which notes her passion for the Hill 70 memorial redevelopment.)

"To this very day, very few people know about it… Killed were some mothers' sons… Lest we forget, but sometimes we do, and shame on us. It's not entirely clear why people decided to honour the battle, but we will remember those who served," he said.

It was the Lions Club who that year set out to refurbish the long-ago established memorial. The plan wasn't without controversy, as historians were fearful of desecration of what had been placed long before them.



Today, the site is complete with a headstone monument, as well as two story-boards explaining the military engagement. Also left intact is the mounted machine gun, which was part of the initial memorial, and the commemorative stone added during a ceremony in October 2009.

The updated Hill 70 monument was also on the receiving end of substantial funding, with $38,933 being allotted by the Ministry of Veterans Affairs, while the local community helped to generate more than $30,000 for the initiative. Meanwhile, both the Township of North Dundas and the Lions Club received a combined $5,000 from the federal government's Community Engagement Partnership Fund to offset costs of the 2010 rededication ceremony, which featured a visit from then veterans affairs minister Steven Blaney.

Until this April, Mountain's Hill 70 marker was the only known one in existence. Governor General David Johnston presided over the official opening of a new monument in France, placed at the site where the corps began its advance to capture Hill 70.

No matter, the Lions Club is prepping its own 100th anniversary celebration of the military engagement. The event is set for Sun., Aug. 27 from 2 to 4 pm at the Mountain-based memorial.

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On the road to Confederation

Union Jacks, Maple Leafs, and gunpowder

by Kimberley Baldwin McInnis

Look down the road and across the fields. Is that a shadow? A voice in the wind? Or a wisp of a memory?

Beneath the acres of tilled land rest the bones of some of our first settlers. Their fruits of toil: the family farm, homes and outbuildings are long gone. Family cemeteries also lost to progress, the annals of time. These were the people who cut the early inroads, carving a life out of a literal wilderness – the people who made a nation; the people who helped build Canada.

Despite this, as the result of modern transportation routes, it's evolving into a road sign on the way to somewhere else, this area, as an early British settlement predating actual Confederation by a good 83 years, has logged up a great deal of history in its day.

Originally in the thick of things, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) can claim some very solid foundation work for what is now one of the greatest nations of the world.

In and around 1784, the United Empire Loyalists, some 107,000 people, were uprooted from their well-established lives in the wake of the American Revolution. Due to their loyalty to the British crown, they were perceived as traitors to the new Republic of the United States and on pain of imprisonment, beatings, or hanging had their worldly possessions confiscated. Humiliated in defeat, they found themselves destitute on ships or on foot seeking refuge in Canada, England and Jamaica. Some 7,500 initially made their way to the St. Lawrence River "Front" and as far west as the Bay of Quinte.

In preparation of the refugee influx in 1783 the King's surveyor Patrick McNulty and his chain gangs were dispatched to the mosquito infested forests and swamps of the St. Lawrence Valley and Lake Ontario regions. Land allotments were mapped leaving room for villages along the way.

Those early surveys in the county of Dundas specifically saw the creation of the front townships of Williamsburg (accompanying village of Morrisburg), Matilda (Iroquois), and the "Back" townships of Winchester and Mountain. Soldier settlement was established first by the drawing of lots along the river's edge as insurance against further aggression from the south. Officers were situated on corner concession lots for the purposes of mustering.

Sir John Johnson's Kings Royal Regiment of New York, largely drawn from the Mohawk Valley, were German in descent and Lutheran in faith and were planted in west Stormont and Dundas. The Scott's regiments primarily of Roman Catholic faith received land in Glengarry closer to the Quebec border as a buffer with the French.

Life for the Loyalists in the newly formed townships was one of abject poverty. That first winter was spent surviving in tents. Having already struggled with the harsh requirements of their grants – clearing land and keeping a certain number of livestock while employing government issue implements (How bad could they have been?) – after four years the British sniffed at the cost of their upkeep and in gratitude for their allegiance saw fit to abandon them.

Abruptly, all Loyalist overseas aid to the colony was cut. During that same year – the so-called "Hungry Year" – the wheat crops failed due to a wet summer and a pest invasion of the Hessian fly. Riddled with disease in relation to and due to starvation they sometimes in desperation also died from eating poisonous plants.

Many decades later Winston Churchill referred to the Loyalists as "these proud folk rewarded with the unremunerative, but honourable title of United Empire Loyalist."

Fast forward to the early morning of the 11th of November 1813 when 1,229 defenders – a combination of British Regulars shipped from Kingston then marched from Prescott; Quebec Voltigeurs; Native Warriors; and local Militia comprised largely of the offspring of the Loyalists – commanded by Joseph Wanton Morrison, were taking up positions behind rail fences and in an ash bush along the river east of Morrisburg in preparation for a confrontation with American James Wilkinson.

A flotilla of 300 ships and 4,000 American soldiers had slowly made their way down the river from Sackets Harbour. Their eventual destination was Montreal, but had made land the previous day due to their pilots refusing to run the rapids downriver.

The War of 1812-1814 was a war of American expansionism in retaliation to a number of festering matters since 1776, and the British Navy's (cash strapped from the Napoleonic wars) commandeering of American sailors and ships to restock their own dwindling resources.

War Hawk U.S. President James Madison saw the opportunity to attack an undefended (seemingly an ongoing theme) Canadian border. Skirmishes had occurred up river prior to the main invasion. With a home field advantage, in just hours the threat had been quashed. In retreat, American Dragoons swam their horses across the icy river and the Canadians were rowing the abandoned American wounded back to the U.S. shore.

The Battle of Crysler's Farm would go into the history books as the "Battle that Saved Canada." The American public would go on to sing an anthem written during a war they had lost.

Post-war would now see the "Back" townships of Mountain and Winchester opened up in earnest. Parcels were granted for war service though most were largely Loyalist coming of age land grants as families expanded. A daunting proposition of starting over as the area was forest covered, and few roads had been cut under its canopy.

In the wake of the American Civil War (1861-1865), Canadian officials watched nervously fearing that the Union army's next target would be an invasion. In Parliament, Prime Minister John A. Macdonald desperately tried to hammer home the importance of a confederated country.

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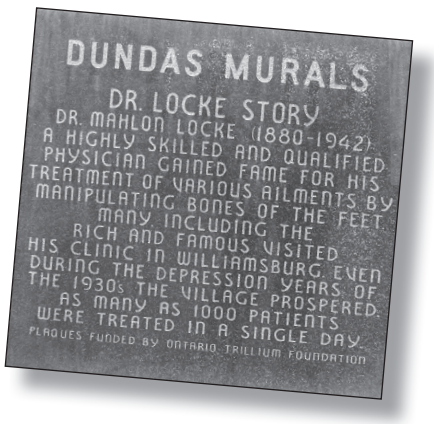



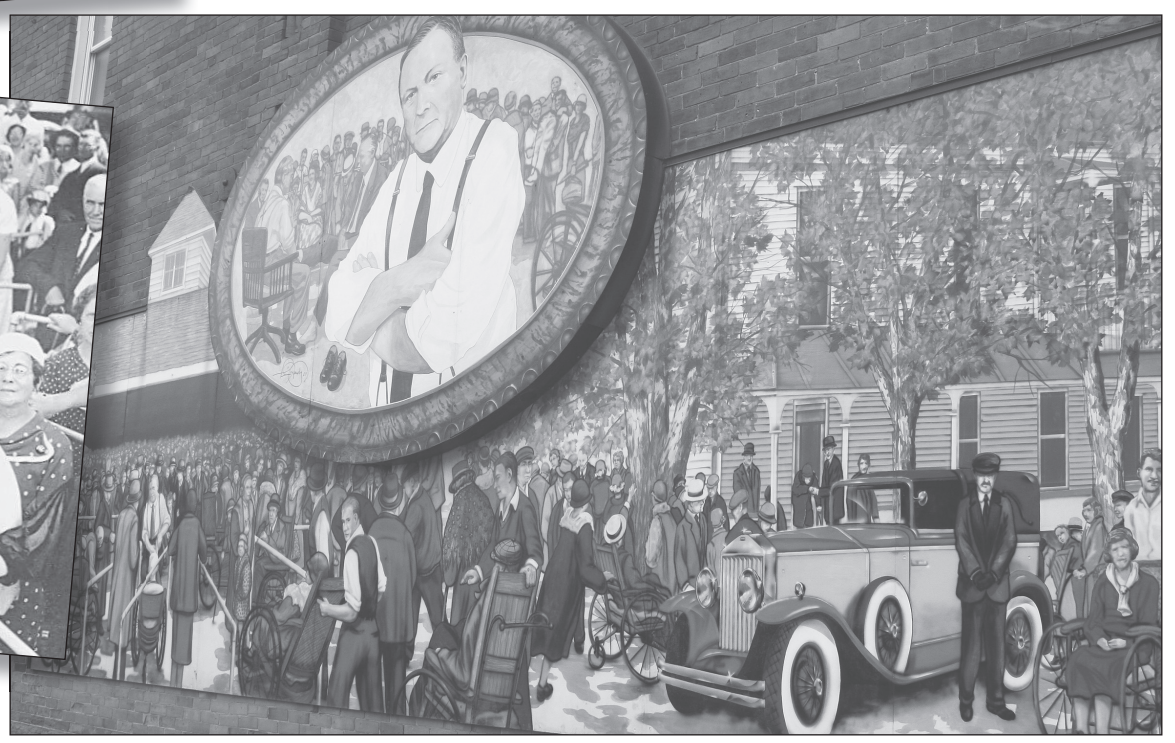

Locke's treatments were a sight to see, and hundreds of people descended on Williamsburg daily to get a look at the doctor's hands at work.

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During the Civil War, whole units of Irish Catholics, members of the Fenian Brotherhood, had been raised and ensconced in the midst of the Union regiments. These were not the blundering buffoons of the Hunters Lodges that had attempted an invasion in 1838 (the Battle of the Windmill at Prescott). These were trained, battle hardened soldiers. An organized group bent on regaining Ireland from British rule. Their plan was to put pressure on British authorities by attacking British installations. President Andrew Johnson initially turned a blind eye to their activities, and from 1866 to 1871 raids were launched by the Brotherhood targetting British custom houses and forts in New Brunswick and the Niagara Region.

Their presence fuelled the fire of the ever present dissension between the swollen Irish Protestant and Catholic communities on both sides of the border post Irish Potato Famine.

A large contingent had gathered at Malone in early June of 1866. Their target? Cornwall. Johnson put a stop (eventually) to the aggression on the 6th of June. Ulysses S. Grant was dispatched to Ogdensburg to oversee the situation and the disbanding of the Brotherhood there.

In 1866 a young lawyer by the name of Grover Cleveland successfully defended a number of Fenians – free of charge.

Sir John A's attempts for a united country came at last in 1867, and not a moment too soon. In September of 1867, six American war ships were anchored in Victoria Harbour.

During the sitting of the Mackenzie Bowell government (1894-1896), Member of Parliament for Dundas, Homer Hugo Ross, requested that a memorial to the Battle of Crysler's Farm be raised. It was erected on the battlefield site, along the roadside of the old Kings #2 Highway where it ran along the St. Lawrence's edge on the farm of Abram Van Allen.

Unveiled in 1895, to cheering crowds reported to be in the number of 6,000, it honoured the sacrifices made in the War of 1812-1814. Its flanking cannons pointing across the river to a country wallowing in a major depression, its President was Grover Cleveland.

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Keyes connection to Dundas predates Confederation

by Matthew Uhrig

HULBERT

For the Keyes family, it's their sesquicentennial project.

On Irish Headline Road, where the north end of Dundas County meets its southern neighbours, the family name is a familiar one.

The Keyes' arrival predates Canada's Confederation by three decades, harkening back to 1830 when family patriarch John Keyes landed in Matilda Township, having emigrated from County Fermanagh in Ireland.

It was a time when land deeds were being awarded for development of vast swathes of what before that was Canadian wilderness.

Loyalists had succeeded in pushing back the American offensive some years earlier, most significantly during the Battle of Crysler's Farm. The reward for saving eastern Canada was the opportunity to create new communities, and further development to the north of St. Lawrence River.

Keyes struggled as many did in their new homes, though by 1846 he had taken registered ownership of 100 acres of property. Yet, harsh conditions would follow, as land was cleared, and farmland and roads were created, all without the modern luxuries afforded to today's producers.

"Keyes literally blazed a trail on this road... Cutting the forests, and building homes," Brian Keyes said.

One hundred and eighty-seven years on, the family remains a constant of the road.

To celebrate, siblings Dale, Dean and Brian Keyes, and their sister, Barbara Verhey, have planned one of the largest reunions in the family's history.

Keyes' from throughout North America are to set descend on the Irish Headline Road farm, today home to Dean and his wife, Anne, on Sat., July 15. (A second day, Sun., July 16, has been set aside to allow those travelling in for the reunion to tour the National Capital Region and take in some Canada 150 festivities.)

It is a coming together on the grandest of scales as the elder Keyes had five children, all of whom eventually grew up and resettled in new areas.

Tracking down the lineage has been no easy feat, though the Internet has made searching considerably more efficient and one family member, Stuart Keyes of Lethbridge, Alta., has worked just as mightily as the four Dundas County Keyes to track down cousins and other relations.

"It has been a life mission for [Stuart], and he's done a fantastic job," Brian said.

The Keyes family can also take credit for the name of the road that is home to the family farm, thanks to a project conducted by the former Matilda and Mountain townships in the 1990s.

"Our family has deep roots, and [we] are proud of the family and community history," Dale Keyes said. "Irish Headline Road is what it would become, and it's fortuitous that the name was selected… Even when it was the 8th Concession, Irish Headline is what the locals called it."

It was Irish immigrants that settled the area, so the name stuck, he added.

While Dean and Anne called the family homestead theirs today, Dale lives just next door, and Barbara is to the west in Kemptville. Brian's career took him to Central Ontario some time ago, but he hasn't forgotten where he came from.

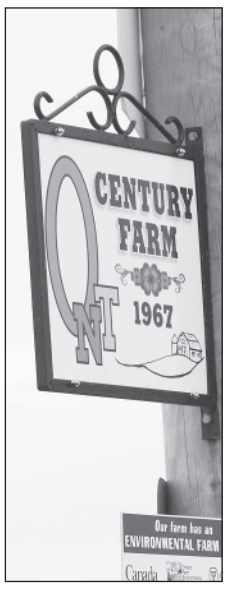
"There is certainly an amount of fulfillment when thinking about how long our family has been here," he said.

Added Dale: "I take a lot of pride in our family, and the family name. To be able to still be here, and to be prosperous, it's amazing."

The Keyes kids are no doubt doing their great-grandfather proud.

"It's a dream to me to have this happening… To see so many family members we never have before; what a trip," Verhey said.





Dean (left), Dale and Brian Keyes, and their sister, Barbara Verhey, are celebrating 187 years since their great-grandfather, John Keyes, arrived in Matilda Township from County Fermanagh in Ireland.



The Keyes kids will celebrate by the hosting the largest reunion in family history Sat., July 15 at the homestead on Irish Headline Road near Hulbert. Press Photos – Uhrig

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Osgoode artist embodies Canada150 through sculpture

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Osgoode artist Gary Briggs has a unique talent that few in the region can master – casting bronze sculptures from start to finish.

His most recent masterpiece stands about nine-feet-tall, and embodies Canada's 150th anniversary through patriotic details and local memorabilia.

The sculpture pays tribute to the country's birthday by incorporating several layers of beavers, Canada's national symbol, maple leaves, snowy accessories, and fragments of worn-out hockey sticks from various local arenas as the base.

According to Briggs, the sculpture was on display at Kingsbrae Gardens in New Brunswick for nearly two years – becoming a personal favourite of many visitors – and eventually was published on one of the facility's most popular post cards.

However, it wasn't until recently that he re-purposed the figure as a tribute to the 150th.

Briggs has been retired from his agriculture career for a few years now, allowing him to spend as much time as he wants in the custom-built studio behind his rural home.

He said his career, which began on a farm in Saskatchewan and ended at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, has always influenced his artwork.

His studio is littered with the many tools needed to complete a bronze sculpture, from special welders to small chisels, to a $5,000 oven that melts his bronze bars.

Canadian Artist's Corner
Q&A with Gary Briggs



Briggs said his is one of the best-equipped studios in the area, because many bronze artists don't actually cast the bronze themselves. Instead they concentrate on creating the wax molds and coating them in ceramics to ready them for casting.

At that stage, most artists will send the work away to be cast and finished. Briggs does it all himself.

The *Winchester Press* caught up with this Canadian-born artist to see what inspired him, how he got into bronze casting, and whether or not he thought his work was a dying art.

Q: How did you come up with the idea for the Canada150 sculpture?

A: "I wanted to create a fun piece. I've always felt that the beaver is highly underrated as an object of art, despite the fact that it's a Canadian symbol. I refreshed an existing sculpture, which artists do all the time, to embody our country's birthday. I wanted to liven the beavers up a little, have them doing something they don't normally do. What's more Canadian than beavers eating maple leaves, standing on a log made of hockey sticks? That was as Canadian as I could come up with."

Q: Casting bronze metal seems like a niche craft – why did you start?

A: "I've always been creative, and used to create a lot of woodcarvings. It wasn't until I met my mentor, Bruce Garner [a nationally acclaimed bronze caster, with 70 international commissions to his name] that I began my venture, and learning from the best. When he wasn't an artist, Bruce was a property manager for the house that my wife and I rented when we first came to Ottawa. He phoned me one day, and asked, 'Do you know anything about electricity?' I said I did, and he asked me if I could help him wire a lamp. I thought it was an odd request – I didn't really know the guy. So I went over, and he was building replica lamps for the Governor General's residence. They were these ornate, rod iron lamps. He had permission to restore some of them. They weren't put together yet, so I helped him do it all that day. When he asked what he owed me for my time, I told him, I don't need money, but how about a lesson in bronze casting? I had always wanted to learn that. The next time he was casting bronze, I came over to help out, and that became a regular thing. Bruce coached me on how to do my own waxwork, how to build my own furnaces – he was really generous with his time. After a period of time, I was doing my own castings. Eventually, I did about a five-year apprenticeship with him, and the training was a lot more formal."

Q: What was the best piece of advice you got from Bruce Garner?

A: "After three years of my apprenticeship, I finally had the courage to ask Bruce what he thought about my work. The critique that he gave me at that time changed my entire art career. It was about putting movement and life into your art, not just creating something that's static. That's what stuck with me and drove me to my limits. To have an amazing sculpture, the subject has to be doing impossible things to convey that sense of life and movement. Until then, my sculptures had always been static. And Bruce's sculptures were always leaping or flying or balancing. That's the type of art that piques interest."

Q: Do you think that casting bronze is a dying art?

A: "I think so. In a city the size of Ottawa, there are about three or four of us casting bronze sculptures from the creative start to the technical finish. Part of the reason it's a dying art is you need a lot of technical knowledge to be able to do it. Also, it used to be that people would have pieces of art in their house. And now, you might have art, but it's usually a painting. There's not much market for stuff like this. But I don't really do it for the money, clearly – it's definitely my hobby."



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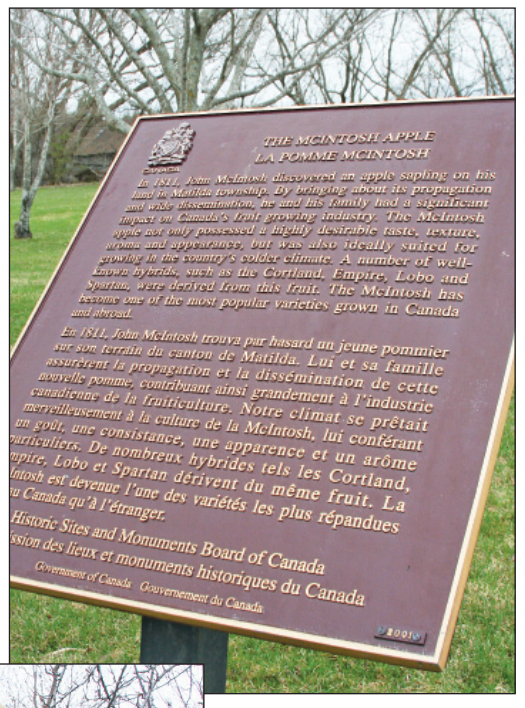



McIntosh's name is synonymous in the region, and two plaques have been placed in separate locations in Dundela in his honour. There's also a mural documenting the farmer's discovery on his property.

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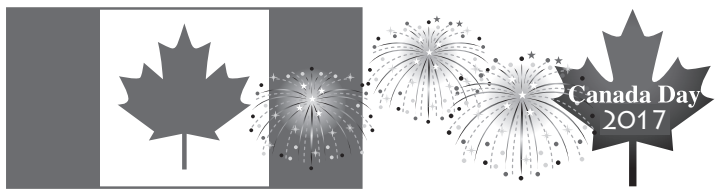

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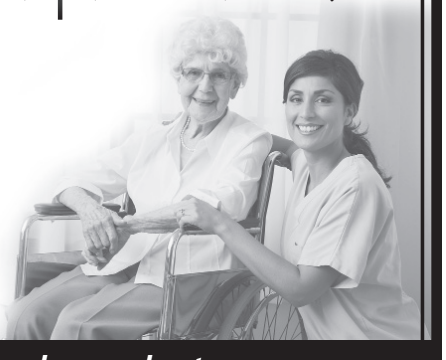
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CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

8:30-11 am	Canada Day Community Breakfast (hosted by the Russell Legion at 24 Legion Lane, Russell). Donations graciously accepted on site.
10:30 am	Canada Day parade including children bicycles. Starting at St. Thomas High School travelling to the fairgrounds. Contact Connie Johnson 613-445-3587.
12 pm	Volleyball Registration at 12:00 noon on site. Teams of 6 (at least 2 female players per team).
12-10:30 pm	Beer Garden
12-2:30 pm	Entertainment ***Charlie The Kid***
12-4 pm	Russell Scouts Barbecue
12-5 pm	Kids' Games and Activities – ***Rynestone Magic Family Entertainment,*** Free Popcorn, Corn Box, Inflatable Bouncers, Face Painting, Canada Day Photobooth
1 pm	National Anthem and Cutting of the Canada Day Cake
1-2 pm	***The Keepers Animal Show***
2 pm	Volleyball Tournament - You must be registered to play
2-3 pm	***Dr. Kaboom Kids' Show***
2-5 pm	Russell Fire Department Giant Water Sprinkler
3 pm	Tug-Of- War, call Chris 613-445-4199 to register your team (5 people)
3:45-4:45 pm	***Rynestone Magic Show***
6-8:30 pm	Entertainment by ***Odd Man Out***
8:30-10:30 pm	Entertainment by ***Charlie The Kid***
10 pm (dusk)	National Anthem and FIREWORKS at Russell High School. Donations graciously accepted on site.

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NORTH GRENVILLE

CANADA 150

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CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

8-10 am	Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion ($5 per person)
10:30 am	Flag Raising Ceremony hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion
11 am	Hardstones Refreshment Tent Opens, other food vendors and Legion open
11 am-12 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***British Invasion*** (1960's British)
11-11:30 am	Kids Bike/Wagon/Stroller Parade (Family Zone)
11 am-7:30 pm	***Illusionist Kevin Smith*** Strolling Magic Tricks (Family Zone)
11am-4 pm	Organized Kids Games & Activities (Family Zone)
11 am-3 pm	North Grenville Fire Service Obstacle Course (Family Zone)
11 am-4 pm	North Grenville Curling Club Street Curling (Family Zone)
11 am-2 pm	Frank's Soccer Training Academy Fun Clinic (Family Zone)
11 am-4 pm	Dill Flower Studios Face Painting (Family Zone)
11 am-10 pm	Country Side Henna Temporary Tattoos (Family Zone)
11 am-3 pm	Kids Inflatables (Family Zone)
11 am-2 pm	Big Sky Ranch Petting Zoo (Family Zone)
11:30 am-12:15 pm	***Illusionist Kevin Smith*** Performance (Family Zone)
12:05 pm-12:45 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Carny Corbett*** (Eclectic Rock)
12:15 pm-12:35 pm	Heure du conte (Family Zone)
12:30 pm-1:30 pm	Free Public Swim at the Kemptville Pool
12:50 pm-1:50 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Moore & McGregor*** (Folk/Celtic Acoustic)
1-2 pm	Paws4Fun Dog Agility Show (Family Zone)
1-3 pm	Bingo at the Royal Canadian Legion
1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Games for children (10 and under) at the Royal Canadian Legion
1:45 pm-2:45 pm	Free Family Swim at the Kemptville Pool
1:55 pm-2:55 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***The K-Town Trio*** (Easy Listening/Folk)
3-3:45 pm	***Celtic Rathscallions*** Performance (Family Zone)
3-4 pm	Free Public Swim at the Kemptville Pool
3-4 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Rosewood*** (Easy Listening/Folk)
4-5 pm	Rotary Canada Day Parade (Watch from Prescott Street)
5-6 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Happy Crap*** (Celtic/Folk)
5:30-5:50 pm	English Story Time (Family Zone)
6-6:45 pm	***Illusionist Kevin Smith*** Performance (Family Zone)
6:05-7:05 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Miserable Cooks*** (Progressive Country/Rock)
6:45-7:30 pm	***The Junkyard Symphony*** (Family Zone)
7:10-8:10 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Phlat Black & Blue*** (Classic Rock/Originals)
7:30-9:30 pm	FREE Family Glow in the Dark Dance - sponsored by Jansen Law and Armstrong Psychological Services (Armoury)
8:15-9:15pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***Age of Wisdom*** (Classic Rock)
9:20-10 pm	Sharon Hicks Insurance Stage: ***FTRSL*** (Future Pop/R&B)
10 pm	**FIREWORKS** in Riverside Park!

CANADA DAY 2017
MORRISBURG

CANADA 150

THE GREAT MORRISBURG CANADIAN TRIVIA CONTEST, Friday, June 30, Morrisburg Curling Club. Registration starts at 6 pm, contest starts at 7 pm. $10 per person, form a team of eight or come as an individual. Register online at morrisburgtrivia@gmail.com.

CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

12-6 pm	***Old Car and Machinery Exhibition***
12 pm	***Bicycle Decorating Contest for Ages 10 and Under***
12-5 pm	Lions BBQ
12-6 pm	Lobster Dinner
12-6 pm	Petting Zoo, Historical Display and Carnival
12:30	Registration for Bingo begins, games start at 1 pm
1 pm	Judging begins for the Dessert Pie Contest
1 pm	Music starts and goes until the fireworks
2 pm	Opening Ceremonies
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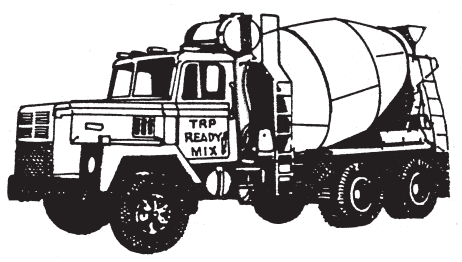

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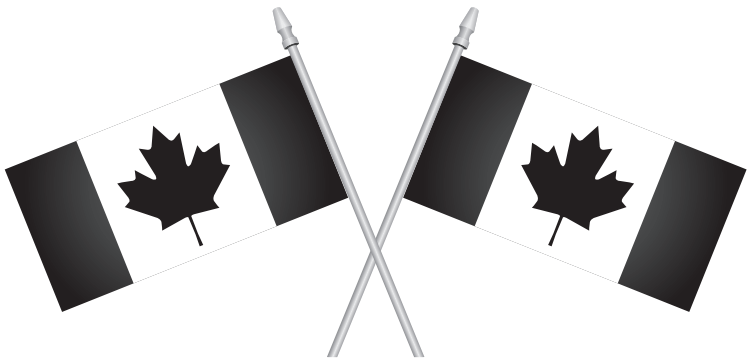
OSGOODE

The Osgoode Village Community Association Canada Day Committee has been busy planning what it hopes will be a fantastic Canada Day celebration. There will be many activities for the entire family to enjoy, including a dog agility show, children's activities, fireworks and more. Come spend the day amongst your family, friends and neighbours.

CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

2-5 pm	Free Children's Activities
2-6 pm	BBQ by *Just A Few Catering*, proceeds to the 2951 Army Cadets Vimy Trip Fund
2-10 pm	Live entertainment - ***Yaki*** performs two shows, 2:15 pm and 3:30 pm, with ***The Gallaghers*** providing afternoon entertainment, followed by ***Scott Kelly and the Dynamics*** from 6-10 pm
4:30-5 pm	Foodland Bicycle Decorating Contest judging for great prizes at St. Paul's Anglican Church, register at Foodland
5 pm	Parade departs from Osgoode Main Street at Nixon Drive - floats should gather at the corner of Nixon and Main Street at 4:30 pm
6-8:30 pm	Amazing Race Osgoode, sign up in pairs throughout the day, official starts at 6:30 pm - Travel the village collecting souvenirs and visiting spots of significance, bicycles may be used. Prizes for the top winners.
10 pm	***FIREWORKS***



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IROQUOIS

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CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

11:30-4 pm	Lions' Food & Beverage Canteen
Noon-3 pm	Loonies for Lions
Noon-4 pm	Air Rides
Noon-9 pm	Music and Entertainment, featuring ***Cory Coons*** from 7-9 pm
3-7 pm	Chicken BBQ with all the trimmings, $15 - great new time for evening dining. Takeout delivery available, call 613-340-5979.
3:30 pm	Lawn Chair Bingo - Reusable card 10 games for $20, on sale at the Point until 3:30 pm; 9 games 50/50 prize with $20 min. each; jackpot full card $200 prize

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OYA's Canadian Village program brought out several Syrian refugees – some youth themselves – to share their experiences with local teens during one of the evenings. There was also Syrian cooking that was enjoyed by participants.

OYA's 'Canadian Village' breaks cultural barriers

OSGOODE

The Osgoode Youth Association (OYA) Centre engaged local teens in celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary through the creation of a program called "Canadian Village," that ran for six weeks from April to May.

The program was designed to inspire a deeper understanding about the people, places and events that shape local communities across the country.

This initiative was made possible by the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, a collaboration between the Community Foundation of Ottawa and the Government of Canada.

Canadian Village hosts encouraged youth participation in hands-on and participatory workshops sharing food, music, culture, art, and history of Maritime Life (week one), Indigenous Canadians (week two), French Canadians (week three), New Refugees (week four), West Coast Canada (week five), and a special segment on learning about and creating Canadian art (week six).

The goal of Canadian Village was to expose youth to Canadian culture and to give them a "full view" of Canada.

"It was an amazing way to allow the youth to travel Canada without leaving home," said Nicole McKerracher, executive director of OYA. "The village offered the opportunity for a glimpse into all of the wonderful things, and diverse people and cultures that make up Canada."



Youth from Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) – a non-profit organization dedicated to helping youth from Canada's north achieve their potential – came out to the OYA Centre on another occasion to teach local teens about Inuit culture.

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Winchester's Sweet Corner Park was blooming this spring thanks to the village's Downtown Revitalization Committee and Lannin Home Building Centre. Countless tulip bulbs were donated by the store, and committee members planted them throughout the park, and at other spots in the village. The flowers were an added feature to a downtown space that holds much significance in Winchester, as the park sits on land that was once home to Aaron Sweet and Company's "The Big Store." The business served the community for years before it was destroyed by fire. Sweet, meanwhile, was an instrumental figure in the area, and was named Winchester's first-ever reeve when the village was incorporated in 1888.

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The handmade quilt comes with a stiched-in marker noting its creation by the Park Lane Quilters.



Quilting for Canada

For the Park Lane Quilters, many of them intimately familiar with the heady days and weeks leading up to the 1967 celebration of Canada's centennial, six months of labour culminated in honouring a true piece of the country – the maple leaf. Piecing started in late 2016, and the grand unveiling came in April 2017. The quilt is likely familiar to anyone who has caught a production at Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg this season as it has been hung there for auction. Showcasing the "Maple Leaf Parade" are quilters Sheila Crowder (left), Lucie Durivage, Muriel Cossaboom, Margaret Rutley, Helen Casselman, Elaine Sipes, Twylla Whitteker, and Betty Dillabough.

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June 28, 2017

What Makes You Proud to be CANADIAN?



Eric Duncan
Township of North Dundas Mayor

"I'm most proud to be Canadian when I think of our universal health care system, and all of the active volunteers and service clubs we have in our country. Canadians support each other and help those in need – that's what makes Canada so great in my mind."



Rachel Geertsema
Grade 2

"I love living in Canada because we have so much nature, and each province has its own flower. My favourite is buttercups."



Dan Pettigrew
Owner of Winchester Foodland

"I'm proud of all the freedom and opportunities we are afforded in this country – it's amazing what we are capable of as Canadians."



Valerie Wilkie
WDMH volunteer

"I'm proud that in Canada, you can meet someone from every culture, background, race, and belief. I also love that we have an international reputation for having great values – and you can tell when you're travelling that everyone loves Canadians!"



Naomi Thick
Clinical manager for in-patient care at WDMH

"I'm proud of our country's diversity. It makes us stronger as Canadians to all be from different backgrounds – none of us are cookie-cutter images of each other, and that's pretty special."



Anthony Vogrig
Winchester resident

"I love that people are known for being friendly and patriotic in Canada. I'm also proud of our hockey teams – go Sens go!"



Nathan Vanderveen
Grade 1

"I'm proud because I get to learn everyday and make friends with nice people."



Siena Dean
Grade 7

"I love that I can live in a free country, and have the right to choose my faith and beliefs. I can decide to be a Christian without any consequences."



Brandon Daye
Grade 4

"I'm proud to be Canadian because we can live to know God with glowing hearts, and be free."



Evonne Delegarde
Municipality of South Dundas Mayor

"Canadians are known to be kind, passionate, forgiving and caring. During my travels, I have been proud to share stories and experiences of our country and close-knit community. My parents emigrated from The Netherlands to a land of freedom and opportunity. As first-generation Canadian children, my siblings and I received quality education, which led to a variety of successful career paths and choices. In turn, our children have the good fortune to follow their dreams. Thank you Canada!"



Kreg Raistrick
North Dundas firefighter, Co-owner at Winchester Print

"I've always thought of Canada as the greatest country in the world. My grandpa came over from England to start a new life in this country, and I know it's brought so many opportunities. We can fish, hunt, and get a driver's license…there's so many choices we have."



Roman Inderbitzin
Branch manager at Winchester Green Tech Ag and Turf

"I'm proud of the freedom that we have in this country. I was born in Switzerland, which was a great country too, but it was very expensive to live. There was a lot more opportunities for my family in Canada, as my parents wanted to farm. This is definitely my home, and I'm happy that I can raise my family in a place where they can realize all their dreams."

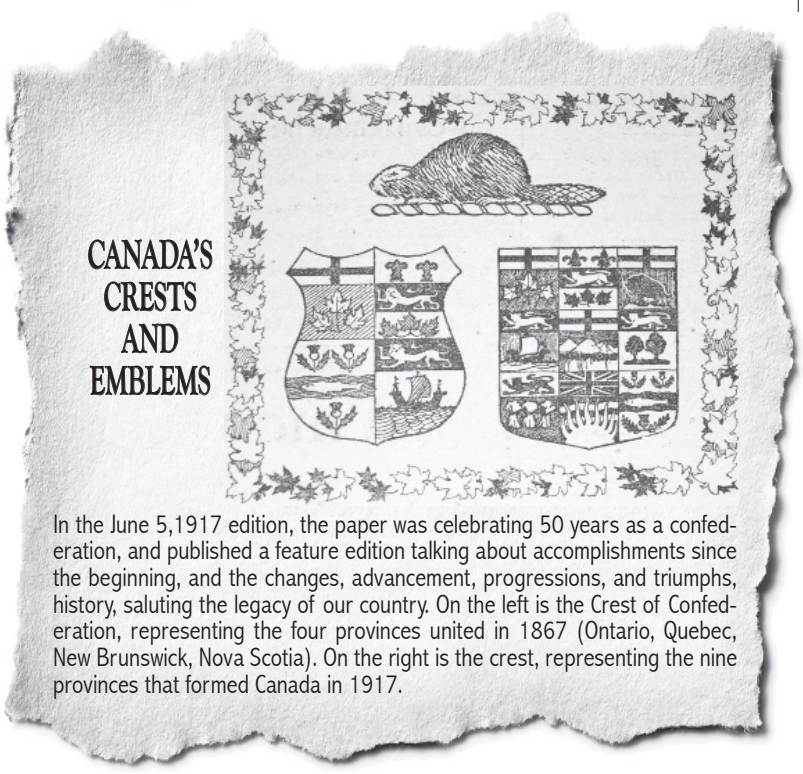
The story so far

As the country gets set to celebrate 150 years since Canada's Confederation, the *Winchester Press*, too, is celebrating decades of trust among its valued readers. Launched in 1888, the *Press* has been there through the reign of Queen Victoria, from Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald to Justin Trudeau today. This paper has been witness to a wealth of happenings in and around Dundas County. Take a trip through the years, and see how our reporters have documented this history.

1910s

August 8, 1918

Just as the good people of Winchester were preparing for their evening meal on Sunday last, they were somewhat startled by a buzzing noise coming from above, and almost as if by magic, the streets were crowded with people gazing heavenward to see the cause of all the noise. They had not long to wait for there soon came to view a large airplane... It was the first visit of an airplane to Winchester, and there are hundreds of people here who had never seen one. Soon there were between five and six hundred people there to see.



In the June 5,1917 edition, the paper was celebrating 50 years as a confederation, and published a feature edition talking about accomplishments since the beginning, and the changes, advancement, progressions, and triumphs, history, saluting the legacy of our country. On the left is the Crest of Confederation, representing the four provinces united in 1867 (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia). On the right is the crest, representing the nine provinces that formed Canada in 1917.

November 7, 1918

The report was received this afternoon that Germany has surrendered unconditionally. Great celebrations in Montreal, Toronto, and other cities.

August 7, 1919

Mr. Wesley Patterson showed the *Press* this week an old snuff box that is over 100 years old. It was brought out to Canada over 105 years ago, and no doubt was in the possession of its owner many years before that.

October 9, 1919

Many Americans are moving to Canada, with 38,222 settlers crossing the border in the last eight months. Immigration from the United States to Canada for the first eight months of 1919 shows an increase of 7,079 as compared with the figures of the same period last year.

November 6, 1919

The sugar shortage in Canada promises to become more acute, owing to non-arrival of raw sugar, consequent on the longshoremen's strike at New York. The Canadian Trade Commission has taken a firm stand against further export of sugar, and also advises that as a temporary measure, the demand for sugar for domestic use should be met by the refiners before the manufacturers of products containing sugar are supplied.

December 4, 1919

The election of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines of Ontario, is being protested. A petition to unseat Mr. Ferguson was filed in the Supreme Court on Sunday. The petition makes the usual charges, and in addition, says that every illegal and corrupt act, short of force, was exerted in the Grenville election.

December 11, 1919

The meeting that was advertised to be held here under the auspices of the Board of Agriculture on Friday afternoon last was a failure. There was plenty of good speakers, and they were brim full of good progressive ideas, but there was no audience. If you ask the *Press*, the *Press* would say it was not properly advertised.

1920s

February 5, 1920

Four cars and the caboose of an eastbound Grand Trunk freight train left the rails early Sunday morning near Iroquois Station. The accident was caused by the dropping of a break beam, the first car going across both tracks and the others being derailed. There was quite a lot of damage done to the track, but the cars escaped injury as did also the crew of the train.

March 18, 1920

During the past month, there has been pronounced development of the Made-in-Canada movement. Scores of cities, towns, and villages throughout Canada have endorsed the principle of purchasing public supplies in Canada, which is nice to see.

April 15, 1920

There was quite a little commotion about the Hotel Winchester last Thursday morning when about 15 wagons loaded with farm machinery pulled up in front and the farmers flocked about as though they were out to welcome the U.F.O. Premier. The commotion was caused by a large delivery here.

April 22, 1920

Cornwall town council have passed bylaws prohibiting the posting of bills on poles within the corporation. Nothing is uglier than to see bills posted on every pole along the street, except it is to see paper along the sides of the street. If a bylaw can prohibit or fine those who carelessly throw newspaper, wrapping paper, envelopes, etc. on the sidewalk and street it would be even better.

May 27, 1920

Editorial note "It is admitted by all who have authority to speak on the matter that the conditions of modern civilization make for longevity. A medical man who writes for the newspaper, some time ago made a statement that there never had been an authenticated case of a centenarian. Hundreds of centenarians have died since then and almost daily others are announced. The mortality from accidents incidental to our modes of transport and other modern conditions is high, but even with this mortality rate in large civic centres, is remarkably low."

• *more from the 1920s on next page*

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1920s

July 1, 1920

A very serious accident occurred at the quarry just south of Winchester on Tuesday, when Jasper Bowman, a returned soldier who served four years overseas, and who has for the past 10 years lived with Mr. ad Mrs. Hogaboam near Cass Bridge, had several ribs on his left side broken and received severe bruises as a result of the quarry blasts.

September 16, 1920

Last summer a farmer living east of town had much difficulty in getting a hired man to stay on the job. Man after man would start, but after working just a few days would quit. Finally he put up a notice and tacked it at his front gate, with the result that he got a man who stayed with him until the freeze-up. The notice read as follows: 'Hired girl is good looker; piano music every evening; pie three times a day; three spoons of sugar with every cup of coffee; hammock, feather beds, or leather couches at your option; free use of automobile. Rising hour at 9 am; three hours rest at noon, quit work at 5 pm. The boss tends to the horses, milks the cows, and feeds the pigs.' What a deal.

October 14, 1920

At the Field Day athletic sports competition for the high schools of Dundas for the Meikle Cup, held at Morrisburg yesterday, Morrisburg High School won the cup by two points over Winchester, with Iroquois third. The sports were witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. There were about 50 from Winchester present.

December 16, 1920

Motorists have learned to beat winter at his own game and no longer fear his cold blasts or road-blocking storms. On the bitterest days they ride in the comfort, disregarding zero temperature or raging blizzards. Only the most faint-hearted store their cars away till spring – the red-blooded motorists use them day in and day out, straight through the coldest weather. The increased winter use of automobiles is largely due to the extended use of closed cars – coupes, sedans, limousines, and improvised closed-in tops – and to the almost universal effort to remove snow and ice from the highways and city streets. Nowadays the closed car is sweeping into favour.

April 3, 1924

The *Press* is indebted to Mr. Thomas Stoodly, and we suppose to Mrs. Stoodly, for a quart of new maple syrup. It is that kind of syrup that one often hears about but seldom tastes. The kind that the more you eat, the more you want, and when used on the old-fashioned pancakes, makes the whole universe look better and life worth living. We want the Stoodlys to please accept the editor's thanks, and we want them to know that it is just such a little kind remembrance that helps us think less ill of delinquent subscribers.

August 28, 1924

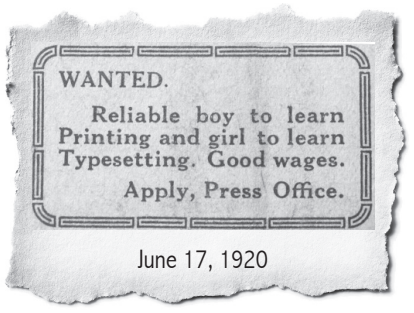
The management of the Winchester Fall Fair in following their policy of making the Winchester Fair one of the best in Eastern Ontario, have left no stone unturned to secure the best attractions possible among the many features is the Arlie Marks, who has always proved a great favourite with the dramatic loving people of Winchester and the surrounding country.

October 30, 1924

Every outbuilding on Mr. George Morris' farm, a mile and a half north of the village of Metcalfe, was completely destroyed by fire with their contents Monday evening, causing a loss of $8,000 and only partially covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze is unknown, but it is thought to have started on the floor of one of the barns near the stables.



March 25, 1926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December 11, 1924

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April 16, 1925

Mr. Ansil Robertson, Cass Bridge, presented the *Press* with two eggs that would in substance make up a dozen ordinary eggs, one measuring 8x7 inches. Mr. Robertson says his hens are not any special breed, but a cross between the best Barred Rocks and white Leghorn, and for laying qualities they cannot be excelled. We believe him if he gets many like those eggs left at this office.

May 14, 1925

In connection with the fire that destroyed the Morrisburg Collegiate Institute, Mr. Whitteker, optician, who visits Winchester once a month, gave the *Press* some interesting, as well as startling particulars that are as yet unknown to the general public. It appears that about two weeks before the fire, the caretaker, on opening the school in the morning, found everything in confusion. Books and papers were taken from desks and scattered all over the floor, chairs were piled on top of desks, and tables upside down. Chalk was thrown on the floor and one blackboard was written with some words that Mr. Whitteker could not remember exactly, but was a warning, and the word 'Beware.' The message was signed 'K.K.K.'

November 5, 1925

The boys and girls were out in full force on Halloween night and had a lot of fun. The younger portion behaved themselves well. There were, however, some 'grown-ups' who carried their fun a little too far when they began to destroy property, tear up steps, and do other damage that did not add to their sport and put owners to a lot of unnecessary expense. The corner where the silent policeman stands looked like a city junk shop on Sunday morning with wagons, old cans, barrels, automobiles and sleighs piled up together. Everyone likes to see the young folk have a good time and most people are willing to help them have it, but the wanton destruction of property is carrying fun too far.

June 24, 1926

An interesting barn-raising took place on the farm of Alex Porteous of Mountain, when the latest design was put up. A splendid crowd of young men gathered to help with the heavy frame, and great many of the young ladies of the community came to help with the feast which came afterward. It is interesting to note that this barn was framed and raised by Mr. Roger Brisebois, who is now nearing the fourscore years of life.

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1930s



June 12, 1930
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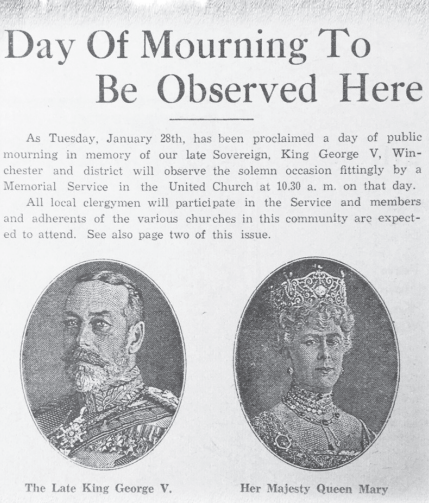
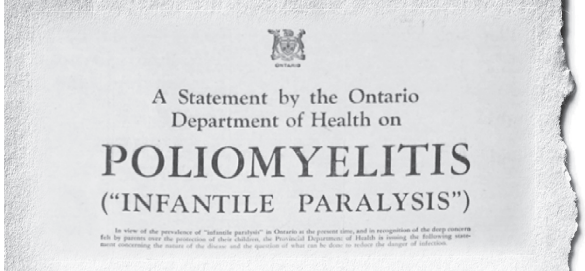

Day Of Mourning To Be Observed Here

As Tuesday, January 28th, has been proclaimed a day of public mourning in memory of our late Sovereign, King George V, Winchester and district will observe the solemn occasion fittingly by a Memorial Service in the United Church at 10.30 a. m. on that day.

All local clergymen will participate in the Service and members and adherents of the various churches in this community are expected to attend. See also page two of this issue.

The Late King George V. Her Majesty Queen Mary

January 23, 1936
The death of beloved King George V was observed with a Day of Mourning in Canada. Business were closed and labour ceased wherever possible to observe the day of the late king's funeral.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September 2, 1937
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December 10, 1936
Even before his official coronation, King Edward VIII shocked the world by abdicating the throne. Profound silence reigned as the world listened to the official statement of abdication, which was validated by the British Parliament.



June 29, 1933
Cars were becoming more and more popular in the thirties and traffic accidents and deaths and injuries were alarmingly frequent. The provincial government advertised regularly to remind citizens of the dangers of both driving and drivers.



May 14, 1930
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May 19, 1939
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1940s

January 25, 1940

Scarlet Fever appears to be spreading in this district – three new cases having been reported this week. Although the nature of the epidemic is regarded as mild, there has already been one death as a result of complications which developed from the disease.

April 18, 1940

Under the new Board of Health organized by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, two nurses are being stationed in Dundas County, one at Morrisburg, Miss Marjorie A. Rutherford, who will work in Williamsburg and Matilda Townships, and the other at Winchester, Miss Ora Lefler, whose district will be Mountain and Winchester

The directors of Central Canada exhibition have decided to cancel the Ottawa Fair this year owing to the buildings and grounds being used for troop training purposes.

May 16, 1940

As announced by the Minister of Finance, the Foreign Exchange Acquisition Order, 1940, has been enacted by Order-in-Council under the authority of the *War Measures Act*. Unless exempted by the Order, every resident of Canada who, on May 1st, 1940, has any foreign currency in his possession, ownership or control, whether in Canada or outside Canada, is required forthwith to sell such foreign currency to an Authorized Dealer for payment in Canadian dollars.

June 13, 1940

Reeve T.O. Keyes informed the *Press* this week that a system for collecting garbage has been inaugurated by the Council. The collector will start his duties this Friday. This is the first time that Winchester has had a public garbage collecting service and local citizens should not hesitate to take advantage of it.

September 26, 1940

At 7 am next Tuesday, October 1st, Winchester's new telephone system will be placed in service. For a brief period before the "zero hour," operators will ask callers to hang up and call again after seven o'clock, when they will no longer turn the crank attachment to signal the operator, but will merely lift their receivers, and the flashing of a small lamp on the new switchboard will inform the operator that a subscriber wishes to make a call.

November 7, 1940

Construction work on a new building to house the plant of the Ault Creamery Limited has been started. The new building will be annexed to the new Cold Storage Plant, which was erected last fall.

February 6, 1941

According to local physicians, there are about 400 cases of measles in this district. While the majority of the cases are of the German type, many of the patients are suffering from an attack of the real, old-fashioned Red measles.

February 20, 1941

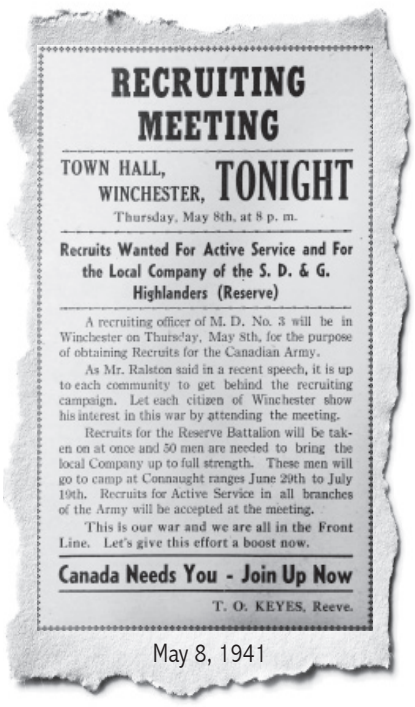
At a public meeting held in the Town Hall last night, Reeve T.O. Keyes announced that a local canvass for Pledges to purchase War Savings Certificates regularly would be made on Friday of this week. Every home in Winchester will be visited and citizens are urged to support the campaign and lend as much money each month as they possibly can for war purposes.

March 27, 1941

A meeting was held in the local Legion Club Rooms to organize a committee to canvass Winchester and District for funds for the Canadian War Charities, which embraces the YMCA, YWCA, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, IODE, and the Canadian Legion. The local objective has been set at $1,000.

April 3, 1941

Three railwaymen were killed and six other men injured early Monday night in a spectacular collision between a freight train and a passenger train on the CPR line at Inkerman, five miles west of Winchester. It was the worst railway disaster to occur in this district in many years.



RECRUITING MEETING

TOWN HALL, WINCHESTER, TONIGHT

Thursday, May 8th, at 8 p. m.

Recruits Wanted For Active Service and For the Local Company of the S. D. & G. Highlanders (Reserve)

A recruiting officer of M. D. No. 3 will be in Winchester on Thursday, May 8th, for the purpose of obtaining Recruits for the Canadian Army.

As Mr. Ralston said in a recent speech, it is up to each community to get behind the recruiting campaign. Let each citizen of Winchester show his interest in this war by attending the meeting.

Recruits for the Reserve Battalion will be taken on at once and 50 men are needed to bring the local Company up to full strength. These men will go to camp at Connaught ranges June 20th to July 19th. Recruits for Active Service in all branches of the Army will be accepted at the meeting.

This is our war and we are all in the Front Line. Let's give this effort a boost now.

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T. O. KEYES, Reeve.

May 8, 1941

July 3, 1941

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, Reeve T.O. Keyes will read from the Town Hall steps a Proclamation issued by the National Defence Headquarters. This proclamation regarding a "Call to Arms," is of national importance and it is expedient that as many local citizens as possible be present in front of the town hall this afternoon when the reading ceremony takes place.

August 14, 1941

Fire, believed to have started from a spark from a tractor at the local MF Beach Company, resulted in $100,000 damage. More than 600,000 feet of lumber, the house and the barn were destroyed.

December 4, 1941

The War Savings Committee announced that over $2,000 has been pledged for the month of December. The local quota is $2,000 in War Savings Certificates each month.

December 11, 1941

Like a bolt from the blue, Japan struck hard at United States possessions in the Pacific Ocean on Sunday, and also attacked British outposts in China. These barbarian acts brought forth declarations of war on Japan by both Britain and the United States, as well as several other nations, and the battle of the Pacific rages on.

January 29, 1942

Sugar rationing is now in effect throughout Canada – it became a law on Monday. Under the new regulations each person is allowed three-quarters of a pound of sugar per week. Housewives may purchase a two weeks' supply at one time.

February 12, 1942

Rev. E.C. Lacey, pastor of Williamsburg United Church, paid a glowing tribute to the life of the late Dr. M.W. Locke, world famous physician, at his funeral service, which was held on Monday afternoon. Messages of sympathy were received from points the world over.

March 12, 1942

"Fill her up" will become an unfamiliar phrase when gasoline rationing goes into effect in Canada on April first.

August 6, 1942

By a vote of 158 for, and 54 against, the House of Commons at Ottawa on Tuesday night gave second reading to Mackenzie King's bill to amend the Mobilization Act by deleting section 3 and removing the legal obstacle to conscription for overseas service.

July 9, 1942

The rationing of tea and coffee became effective throughout Canada on Monday, when a ration of one ounce of tea or coffee per person, per week, was announced by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It is now necessary to buy your tea or coffee by coupons, in the same manner as you procure your sugar.

March 18, 1943

It has been intimated to the *Press* that the local medical doctors are desirous of establishing a small hospital in Winchester, especially for confinement cases which cannot be properly attended to at a private home, and for critical cases of illness.

July 8, 1943

The date of the next Red Cross Blood Clinic to be held in Winchester, will be Thurs., Aug. 5, and for this visit of the clinic 100 blood donors are wanted. Blood serum is urgently needed as our army is facing, in the near future, its baptism of blood.

September 9, 1943

The biggest news of the week was flashed over the air-waves yesterday noon in a special news broadcast, when the Allied Command in Italy announced that Italy had surrendered unconditionally and had ceased hostilities against the allied armies.

December 9, 1943

An epidemic of the flu is raging in this district at the present time. There is hardly a home in Winchester in which some member of the family has not been attacked. The malady is similar to the one that prevailed during 1918, when so many people died as a result of influenza. So far no local deaths have been reported.

July 27, 1944

The sympathy of this district goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Boyd, of Vernon, who received word on Thursday last that their second son, Tpr. Kendon Boyd, had been killed in action, while serving in Normandy with the Canadian Armoured Corps. Less than a week previous, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd had been notified that their eldest son, Lieut. Nairn Boyd, had paid the supreme sacrifice during a tank battle in France. These two boys were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd's only sons.

January 4, 1945

Five local brothers are wearing the King's uniform. The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Marquette, of town, are all on active service with Canada's Armed Forces. Tpr. Clifford R. Marquette, L. Cpl. Joseph G. Marquette, and Cpl. George Marquette are in Italy. Pte. Cecil Marquette is serving in Holland, while Q.M. Sgt. Willis Marquette is at present stationed at Halifax.

January 11, 1945

On Monday next, members of the local Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will launch an appeal for funds to build a new Legion Memorial Hall. The location of the new hall will be on Caleb Street.

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1940s

May 10, 1945

The greatest war in the history of the world ended on Monday with the unconditional surrender of Germany. The announcement was made from Allied Supreme Headquarters at Paris, France, about 10 o'clock Monday morning. Winchester and district citizens went all out in celebrating the war's end. They did not wait until the official announcement on Tuesday, but staged their celebration on Monday afternoon and evening – and it was a celebration – the most colourful seen here since "Old Home Week."

In solemn and sincere memory we record the names of the following boys from this town and district who are numbered among the countless thousands of war heroes who will not return home: Sgt. Gunner Gordon Wilson, Sgt.-Observer Clifford Carkner, Sgt. D. F. Evans, Flying Officer Jas. Clarke, Lieut. G.D. (Bud) Utman, Lieut. Nairn Boyd, Tpr. Kenneth Boyd, Lieut. Edward Annable, Lieut. Carl Barriger, Pilot Officer Earl Empey, F.O. Jack Johnston, F.O. Bruce Ogilvie, Pte. David Craig, Tpr. Dwight Durant, Sgt. L.H. Thompson, Gdsmn. Freddie Holmes, Gnr. F.F. Woods, Pte. Robert Armstrong, Sgt. H.C. Empey, Sgt. Gunner Roy Kennedy, Tpr. Allan Clarke.

August 16, 1945

At 7 o'clock last night (Tuesday) President Truman, of the United States, and Prime Minister Atlee, of Great Britain, announced to the world that Japan had accepted the Allied Peace Terms and that hostilities in the Far East had come to an end. Last night, when the news of Japan's surrender became known, the local church bells were rung, auto horns were tooted and the siren on the fire-trucks sounded. Boys, with tin cans tied on behind their bicycles, paraded the streets and in a short time the streets were crowded with celebrants. Prime Minister Mackenzie King has proclaimed today, Wednesday, a public holiday.

October 11, 1945

In the worst accident in the history of Chesterville village, six persons were killed instantly early last Saturday morning, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a speeding freight train on the C.P.R. level crossing, situated on the northern outskirts of the village. The dead are: Howard Beckstead, Herbert Irving, Omer Groulx, Earl Ouderkirk, Gwendolyn Irving, and Pauline Seguin.

June 27, 1946

As a prelude to the district canvass for the Memorial Hospital Fund, which is to be launched during the week July 2nd to 6th, in Chesterville Village, Winchester and Mountain Townships, the north part of Williamsburg and Matilda Townships and the southern part of Osgoode Township, a canvass was conducted in Winchester Village on Friday and Saturday of last week. This resulted in nearly $30,000 being pledged by the citizens of Winchester.



Pictured above is the first patient to be admitted to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, which was opened for patients on Monday. He is Master Glendon Loucks, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks, of Russell. He was admitted to the hospital on Sunday evening and underwent a tonsillectomy early Monday morning. The nurse at his bedside is Miss Dorothy Marquis.

December 9, 1948

March 6, 1947

A record snow storm hit the district on Saturday and Sunday. It is estimated that over two feet of snow fell during the weekend and some of the drifts on the highways were from four to six feet high.

April 3, 1947

Lloyd Laporte and his Inkerman Rockets have finally achieved what Junior Hockey Teams in the Ottawa District have been aiming at for several years – winning the Ottawa and District Hockey Association Championship.

April 24, 1947

A lively debate took place at Monday's session of the Municipal Council when Daylight Saving Time came up for discussion. After much discussion weighing the pros and cons, it was moved that Daylight Saving Time be adopted in Winchester from April 27th to Sept. 28, 1947.

October 9, 1947

The site of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital was the centre of attraction on Saturday afternoon last, when the Ontario Minister of Health, the Hon. Rusell T. Kelley, officiated at the "Laying of the Corner Stone" of the building which is now under construction. An estimated 2,000 area residents were in attendance.

April 8, 1948

The Inkerman Rockets have concluded their hockey activities, after a most successful season, during which time they captured the Citizen Shield and then went on to eliminate the Ottawa City Champions and annex the title of Ottawa and District Hockey Champions. They were eliminated from further participation in the Memorial Cup Play-Downs when they lost the fourth game of their series with Halifax.

September 23, 1948

The local Hydro Commission has been notified that unless Winchester Hydro Consumers use less electricity, the power will have to be cut off entirely for certain periods each day. Every consumer in Winchester must cut down on the amount of electricity being used – and that applies to everyone.

October 14, 1948

Word has been received here of the safe arrival of the hockey-playing Duncan twins in England, after a rather rough Atlantic crossing. Edwin and Erwin enjoyed the trip and report that they are having a wonderful time. The twins, who have been stars on the Inkerman Rockets for the past few years, have signed up to play with teams in the English League.

Unable to keep within its quota of 4125 Kt. hours per day, Winchester is having power cuts at three intervals each day. First power cut is from 8 to 9 am; the second from 12:30 to 2 pm, and the third from 7 to 8:30 pm, the latter not being enjoyed by too many citizens.

December 9, 1948

It took nearly four years to organize, finance and erect the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, but it was an effort well worthwhile and a project that the citizens of Dundas County, Osgoode Township and Russell may justly feel proud of. The official opening took place yesterday afternoon and an estimated crowd of over 3,000 people inspected the building.

April 7, 1949

The Inkerman Rockets have been eliminated by the Montreal Junior Royals, and have come to the end of the trail as far as Memorial Cup competition is concerned.

June 16, 1949

Over 600 people attended the formal opening of the new "Winchester" Motion Picture Theatre on Thursday evening last, and all were agreed that it was a decided asset to this village.

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March 23, 1950

Lloyd Laporte's Inkerman Rockets have done it again! For the fourth consecutive year they have captured the Ottawa and District Junior A Hockey Championship. No other team has achieved that record.

June 22, 1950

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Canadian Tire Corporation Store and Garage at Williamsburg, owned and operated by Mr. Pat Henophy, early Monday evening.

September 21, 1950

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council, it was decided to proceed at once with the construction of new sewers to serve new homes now being erected.

January 4, 1951

Fire, which broke out about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning at Hotel Winchester, forced the 15 occupants of the building to make their exit via fire escapes, clad only in their night clothes. Damage is estimated at $15,000.

August 9, 1951

Pte. Fred A. Lobb of the Royal Canadian Regiment, a World War II veteran and soon to be a veteran of the Korean War, has been wounded and will return to Canada sometime within the next week. Pte. Lobb is the first soldier from this district to receive injuries in the Korean theatre.

January 3, 1952

Winchester will have a Junior hockey team of its own this year. The newly organized club has been entered in a northern league in Carleton County with teams from Metcalfe, Richmond, Manotick.

February 7, 1952

The King is dead! The British Commonwealth of Nations was plunged into deep mourning on Wednesday, when news of the British Monarch's death was flashed around the world. King George VI died during his sleep early Wednesday morning at Sandringham, England, the place where he was born. He was 56 years old and had ruled the empire for the past 15 years.

February 5, 1953

The Winchester Glamourettes hockey team trounced Mille Roches 11-0. Believing that hockey is not necessarily a man's game, the Winchester femmes, put on quite a show to completely outplay their opponents. Pauline Timmins, Mabel McIntosh and Vivian Duncan led the Winchester crew with a pair of goals each.

October 15, 1953

Construction of Osgoode Township's new $135,000 High School at Metcalfe, Ontario is expected to get under way sometime next month.

February 18, 1954

With all side roads and highways blocked by snow drifts ranging from two to fifteen feet in height, everything was at a standstill in Winchester and district yesterday. As a result of the severest snow storm to hit this district since 1937.

September 2, 1954

In keeping with the general overall picture reported in Ontario, the



May 1953

maternity ward at Winchester District Memorial Hospital has been a busy place the past two months. According to the records, 56 babies were born at the local hospital in August of this year, constituting an all-time high record.

September 9, 1954

The greatest number of pupils ever to enrol on opening day was recorded on Tuesday of this week when 195 youngsters registered for classes at Winchester Public School. Filling the six-classroom institution to near capacity, the six-member staff was kept busy.

November 11, 1954

The Winchester Legion's New Cenotaph was dedicated at an impressive Remembrance Service on Sunday last. Wreaths were placed at the cenotaph in memory of local and district boys who paid the supreme sacrifice in two World Wars.

May 26, 1955

The Ontario Cheese Producers' Association's new huge cheese storage and refrigeration plant at Winchester is nearing completion. Located just across the tracks from the C.P.R. station house, the new plant is expected to be formally opened sometime in August.

June 23, 1955

Morewood's new Public School was officially opened Friday night. It is a modern one-storey, two-classroom, red brick building nestled in the north-east corner of the village.

September 8, 1955

It was back to school for 408 Winchester Public and High School pupils on Tuesday. And for the second time in as many years first day figures at the primary building exceeded the total at the secondary institution. Principal Harry Potter revealed that 208 pupils had signed in at the Public School to create an all-time record, and jam pack every classroom. At Winchester High attendance is back on upswing with 100 boys and 100 girls registered on opening day.

March 15, 1956

At a meeting of the Brockville Presbytery, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church here, last Wednesday, the members decided that there is no place for women in the ministry. They voted "no" to a two-part question, which read: "Are you in favour of ordination of women to the ministry? Are you in favour of ordination of women to the ruling eldership?" The vote was 19-0 with one abstainer.

April 12, 1956

The Provincial Department of Health has notified the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Health Unit that a supply of Poliomyelitis Vaccine will shortly be distributed to local health authorities. The local Unit expects to receive sufficient to give one dose to all Public and Separate school children who did not receive two doses last year. Later, the Unit hopes to give these children a second dose, and a third to those who received two last year.

July 5, 1956

Nearly 1,000 Winchester and district citizens took advantage of the St. Lawrence Tuberculosis Association's free chest X-ray clinic here last week. At Williamsburg another 325 people were given the chest X-ray.

September 20, 1956

Winchester's official population figure stands at 1,332, according to the latest census. Actual population today is probably well over 1,350, compared to the 1,201 people who lived here when the last census was taken in 1951.

March 7, 1957

The urgent need for expansion at the District Memorial Hospital was voiced by W.C. MacDonald, chairman of the property committee, at the annual meeting held Tuesday night. Mr. MacDonald said that expansion in the way of more beds at the hospital was inevitable whether it was two, five or ten years from now.

March 14, 1957

Winchester and district citizens, particularly businessmen, will not be pleased to learn that the Canadian Pacific Railway will cut train service to this village late next month. Trains 29 and 30 would be discontinued starting April 28th.

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May 9, 1957

By a unanimous resolution of Council, Winchester village will do everything possible to install a complete water system in this village, it was revealed Monday night at the May session of Council. The resolution is probably the most important one Council has made in recent years.

May 23, 1957

Painters applied the finishing touches to the store-front canopy at the new Iroquois Shopping Centre only a few days before the official opening. The structure was built to accommodate the business section of old Iroquois. The Iroquois Shopping Centre is the first such centre opened in connection with Ontario Hydro's Rehabilitation Program to relocate some 6,500 people from the area affected by the St. Lawrence Power Project.

July 11, 1957

Police today are stepping up their search for the person who brutally murdered a 22-year-old housewife at her farm home near Chesterville sometime Tuesday evening. The victim is Mrs. Robert McLaughlin, mother of two small children, who lived with her husband about two miles north-east of Chesterville, just off the Morewood road.

August 1, 1957

Contrary to rumours, no arrests have been made in the Chesterville murder case as yet. It is more than three weeks since the badly beaten body of Mrs. Robert McLaughlin was discovered by her husband in the backyard of their home.

October 10, 1957

More than 140 students are absent from Winchester's two schools today. And they are not playing hookey, they're home sick with Asiatic Flu which really hit Winchester with a smash on the weekend. Doctors report that the flu in this area has now reached the epidemic stage and that it will have to take its course before there is any alleviation of the situation.

November 21, 1957

Extensive damage to the second storey of Doughty Motors Limited was caused by Winchester's worst fire in more than 10 years. The fire, believed to have started in a second storey paint shop, caused an estimated $50,000 damage to the Ford-Edsel garage.

January 23, 1958

Andrew Kenney of South Mountain, will not soon forget the daring bank robbery at the Bank of Nova Scotia in his home town on Monday night. Bank Manager Ivan Keays believes that Mr. Kenney's curiosity probably saved the Bank and safety deposit box holders a much greater loss. Mr. Kenney "got in the way" of the five thugs and was given a severe pistol whipping about the face.

February 20, 1958

Morrisburg's 30-year-old arena is today a mass of twisted metal and crushed timber following its collapse to the ground early Monday evening. A combination of age, snow on the roof and high winds is believed to have caused the rink to fall. Miraculously, no one was injured.

April 17, 1958

Confronted with an emergent problem of patient accommodation at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Board of Directors at a meeting last week decided to make plans to expand the 34-bed institution. Most common number heard in the way of expansion is 50 beds. This would bring the total number of beds at the hospital to 84.

May 1, 1958

Fred M. Cass, 44-year-old Winchester lawyer and MLA for Grenville-Dundas, is the new Minister of Highways for the Province of Ontario. His appointment was announced Thursday by Ontario Premier Leslie M. Frost.

June 26, 1958

Plans are set along the front for Inundation Week which starts July 1st and winds up July 4th. More than 150,000 people are expected to flock to the St. Lawrence during this time to see the waters come up to form a huge lake.

September 25, 1958

Plans are rapidly nearing completion for the International Plowing Match which gets underway October 7 and continues through Oct. 10. The big tented city layout is near Crysler.

December 4, 1958

Inkerman's new three-room Public School is now open for classes to the 86 pupils attending school in that community.

April 30, 1959

It was a historic day for Canada last Saturday as the $450,000,000 St. Lawrence Seaway was officially opened to traffic. The Humberdoc was the first ship to go east through the Seaway.

July 2, 1959

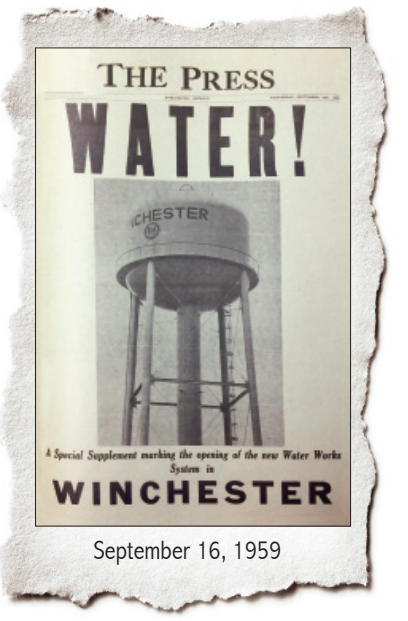
Despite the weatherman who smothered the St. Lawrence front with a blanket of fog and delayed the arrival of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Highness Prince Philip, Eastern Ontario's welcome to the Royal couple on Saturday was colourful, exciting and warm. The Royal couple were greeted by thousands of loyal well wishers who turned out to the various St. Lawrence towns on the royal itinerary.

September 24, 1959

Winchester citizens are this week using the facilities of a modern water system for the first time in the 72-year history of the village. Ceremonies marking both the official and actual opening of the $275,000 water system were held last Wednesday afternoon near the 125-foot water tower, just east of the Community Centre.

November 19, 1959

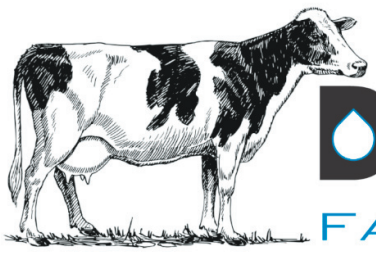
Hospital, Housing and Highways Departments are pacing the construction boom in Winchester this fall. With roughly $1,000,000 in contracts, the current "boom" is probably the biggest of its kind this town has ever experienced. Add to this the completion of the new $300,000 water system and the advent of a new $700,000 high school nearby, and a fairly accurate view of the general construction era can be visualized.



September 16, 1959

December 10, 1959

Last Saturday, much to the delight of 2,000 youngsters and at least another two or three thousand adults, Santa Claus arrived by helicopter to take part in the biggest Santa Claus parade and best arranged Santa Claus visit Winchester has ever sponsored.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1960s

January 14, 1960

Chesterville is well on the way to solving its water problems. With four wells drilled, and two of them classified as "no good," it now seems that the village has a proven water supply, at least 150 gallons per minute, from the No. 3 well.

February 4, 1960

Winchester Juniors have won the Central Ottawa Valley-St. Lawrence Junior Hockey League. They clinched the title by defeating Merrickville 11-3.

March 31, 1960

Canadian Pacific Railway Company has announced, officially, that Trains 35 and 36 are headed for the last roundup.

April 14, 1960

One of the worst Nation river floods in the past 15 years has started to subside. Last week it reached its peak with the water covering a half mile section of Highway 31. Late last week, the water reached a depth of two feet on the highway and traffic was detoured through Chesterville. The subsiding waters comes as a relief to Dutch immigrant farmer Peter Meerakker, whose 25 head of Holstein cattle stood in water ranging from two inches to two and a half feet for the better part of four days.

May 26, 1960

Eight branches of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Zone G3, Canadian Legion, met at Chesterville last Wednesday. Conducting the afternoon meeting were Mrs. W.J. Greenaway, provincial officer from Deep River; Mrs. Eileen MacMillan, president of Chesterville Branch; and Mrs. Helen Coons, Winchester Commander of Zone G3.

May 26, 1960

Thieves escaped with more than $700 early last Friday morning after breaking into three Winchester business places. Victims of the triple robbery which has spurred all Winchester business places to double the lock, were Hylo Eggs, Freeland's Egg Grading Station and Fennell Feed Company.

June 9, 1960

One of the buyers at the all-time record National Holstein Sale held recently at Oakville, Ontario, was Hugh Blaine of Mountain who purchased Mount Blow Alla Inspiration, bred by Master Breeder Norman Paul and Sons of Almonte.

June 9, 1960

Over $145 was netted at a Rummage Sale held by the members of the Vernon Women's Institute last Thursday in the auditorium of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Savage, as president, thanked all who helped make the sale a success, and hoped another one could be held in the fall.

June 30, 1960

More than 1,500 Winchester and district people attended an "Open House" for the new south wing of Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The $700,000 hospital extension is expected to be officially opened next October.



June 2, 1960

July 21, 1960

Marie Hoy, fleet Mountain District High School student, who has made quite a name for herself in the Canadian sports world, added more laurels to her crown recently when she captured five victories to help the St. Lambert Athletic Club to the Quebec provincial crown. Marie placed first in Juvenile girls' javelin and discus throws, broad jump, 80-metre hurdles, and high jump. She also placed second in another event.

October 27, 1960

Winchester's new Masonic Hall is moving ahead on schedule and it is expected the outside walls and roof will be completed this year.

November 24, 1960

Hog Cholera, an acute infectious disease of swine caused by a virus, has necessitated the killing of 83 pigs at the farm of Allison Fawcett, south-west of Winchester. The outbreak is believed to be the first in the history of Dundas County.

March 16, 1961

Ontario's new three per cent retail sales tax, effective September 1st, will hit at just about everything passing over the counter of the neighbourhood variety store. Retailers are to collect the tax for the treasury.

September 14, 1961

Mrs. Jean Casselman, member of parliament for Grenville-Dundas, has been named a member of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly meeting, opening in New York on September 19. The announcement was made by Prime Minister Diefenbaker last week.

September 28, 1961

A gala program will highlight the opening of the Prescott-Iroquois stretch of Highway 401 on September 29. When the 14-mile section opens, Highway 401 will be open to traffic from just west of Cornwall to Highway 38 west of Kingston.

September 28, 1961

Pride of the Vernon community is the new $45,000 public school building which was recently completed in time for opening day earlier this month. The school enrolment presently stands at 55.

April 11, 1963

While Lester Pearson's Liberals were winning their 128 seats across the country Mrs. Jean Casselman was chalking up an impressive win for the Progressive Conservative party in Grenville-Dundas. And Tory Winchester was reassuring its stand of being the bulwark of Conservatism in the riding. With more than 83 per cent of Winchester's 875 eligible voters going to the polls on Monday, Mrs. Casselman was again the popular choice in this town, gaining almost a four to one ratio in the voting.

August 29, 1963

Final touches are being made to North Dundas District High School in preparation for the opening day next Tuesday. Principal of the new $1,500.000 school Roy Wilson said that approximately 600 students are expected to check in on Tuesday.

November 7, 1963

December 15, 1963 marks a milestone in Winchester telephone history. At exactly 2:01 am local and long distance service will widen tremendously. Immediately the subscribers will be able to dial local calls without the aid of an operator.

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1960s

March 26, 1964

Knox Presbyterian Church in Winchester Springs was completely destroyed by fire late Sunday evening. Minutes after the adjournment of the first of a series of Holy Week services to be held in Winchester Springs and Williamsburg, flames were seen to be filtering out of the south-west corner of the 84-year-old frame building.

October 29, 1964

As the golden key turned in the lock Miss Bernadette Legris officially opened the Harvey S. Dillabough Staff Residence. The latest addition to the ever expanding facilities of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital was made possible by funds bequeathed by the late Mr. Dillabough.

July 8, 1965

In its role as the major representation of all farm interests in the county, Dundas Federation of Agriculture has petitioned provincial and federal members for assistance as a result of the severe drought conditions in the area.

October 28, 1965

In a last ditch attempt to salvage minor hockey for the youngsters of the village, the executive of the Winchester Minor Hockey organization is requesting that anyone willing to help with the organization register his or her name with the secretary before November 21.

November 11, 1965

Canadian voters in Monday's federal election rebuffed Prime Minister Lester Pearson in his effort to obtain a majority government. Mr. Pearson faces the opening of the 27th session of the House with a minority. True blue Winchester sent Conservative Mrs. Jean Wadds on her way to victory with a resounding Tory vote.

January 6, 1966

A milestone in the history of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital has been reached with notification of provisional accreditation for the institution. The District Memorial Hospital has been striving for the goal of accreditation for several years.

July 7, 1966

"A dream come true; wonderful; a tremendous asset; splendid; a fabulous Centennial project!" All these glowing terms and more were used July 1 and hence to describe Winchester's newly opened Centennial Swimming Pool.

January 5, 1967

Centennial year 1967 received a tumultuous welcome in Winchester at the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve. All around the village the heightened holiday spirit was evident. The skies over the village were aglow with an exciting fireworks display, church bells were ringing, carillons playing, and at the traditional parties the greetings were happy and loud for a wonderful 1967.

April 6, 1967

Gala party highlight of the 1967 Centennial year in Winchester, the Centennial Ball, will be held next Wednesday evening in the Public School auditorium. Fair ladies and their escorts dressed in period costume from hundred years to the present will dance away the too short hours from nine p.m. Wednesday. Accommodation at the Ball is limited to two hundred couples and tickets are still available at retail stores in Winchester.

April 13, 1967

Chesterville's Fire Hall will be the official headquarters for the town's "Centennial Old Home Weekend." Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27 are the dates, and it is expected literally hundreds of former residents will return to their old home town to renew old acquaintances and at the same time join in the Centennial Celebrations.

May 4, 1967

Expo 67, expected to cost one billion dollars by the time it closes its gates on the most fantastic show the world has ever seen, is the grandest Centennial project of them all. The world and universal exposition has been acclaimed by every critical eye to behold it and in its first days of operation acclaimed by over two million visitors who have marvelled within its gates.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reoch were perfectly attired at the Centennial Ball. An authentic century-old wedding dress and the period attire of the gentleman was selected as best of the ball.

April 13, 1967

May 25, 1967

A super special parade extravaganza was the highlight of Winchester's Centennial Celebrations on Saturday. More than ten thousand people lined lower town streets. The wending presentation was composed of more than thirty entries and took more than an hour and a half to pass any given point.

June 29, 1967

Winchester and district residents get an extra special opportunity this weekend to celebrate Canada's 100th birthday. In a weekend long to be remembered, the area is looking forward with great anticipation to seeing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness Prince Philip on Sunday afternoon. The royal couple will be passing through Winchester in a police-escorted motorcade enroute from Ottawa to Cornwall where they will board the royal yacht Britannia on their way to Expo 67.

July 6, 1967

It was a great day at South Mountain on Saturday. Record crowds turned out in favourable weather to the annual Dominion Day race meet and program. This year the enthusiasm ran even higher as the big day picked up a Centennial touch with the fans in a gala mood as they celebrated the biggest holiday ever – Canada's 100th birthday.

September 14, 1967

Three fires last Sunday, one in the town and the others at Morewood, caused some $400,000 in damage. The well known furniture store on Church Street, Winchester, owned by Vice and Craig Limited, was completely gutted. The estimated loss was between $75,000 and $100,000. In Morewood, the Dutch Sash and Door factory was also struck by fire that caused an estimated $300,000 damage. Early Sunday night, a hog barn on the farm of Walter Mattice, just west of Morewood, took fire. Fortunately no injury or loss of life was suffered in any of these conflagrations.

March 7, 1968

Susan Boyd, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Boyd, Winchester and a Grade 11 student at North Dundas District High School, won the Zone 10 competition of the Ontario School Trustees and Municipal Councillors' Association Public Speaking Contest. Susan's topic was "The Works of Walt Disney." By virtue of her win, Susan earned the right to compete in the Ontario finals in Toronto.

June 6, 1968

Some 500 people gathered on the hospital grounds for the official opening of the new $1,300,000 Harvey S. Dillabough wing of Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

January 30, 1969

Winchester Station, a familiar landmark since 1885, is doomed to be sacrificed in the interests of progress. Trains will still pass through Winchester, some will stop briefly - but not at the familiar station. The new express office will be east of the highway.

February 27, 1969

The Morrisburg Combines, an Intermediate 'A' team, defeated Czechoslovakia on Friday and the United States on Saturday to win the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hockey Tournament at Lake Placid.

May 1, 1969

Over 500 walkers raised nearly $9,000 at the Winchester Lions Club fundraiser last Saturday. The majority of the funds are earmarked for the Community Centre Fund.

June 5, 1969

Thirty freight cars, 25 of them loaded, were derailed near Morrisburg last Thursday, but fortunately no one was injured.

July 10, 1969

"Closing the church ends the story of VanCamp," says Mrs. Nelson Bellinger as she gazed across the churchyard where gravestones date back to the early 1800's. Mrs. Bellinger was referring to the closing of the United Church and she recalled that once the little hamlet of VanCamp, four miles west of Winchester, had a saw mill, shingle mill, store, post office, school, church and a community spirit second to none.

July 24, 1969

Next Monday, July 28th, is "$64,000 Blitz Day" in Winchester and district. On that day public spirited citizens in Mountain and Winchester Townships in addition to those residing in the village, will be asked to voluntarily make up the difference in the monies needed to build the new District Community Centre.

August 28, 1969

S.G.K. Ault, president of Ault Milk Products Limited, informed the *Winchester Press* this week that his plant has just completed arrangements with the Ontario Development Corporation making it possible to undertake a $1,000,000 expansion program. Work is to start immediately.

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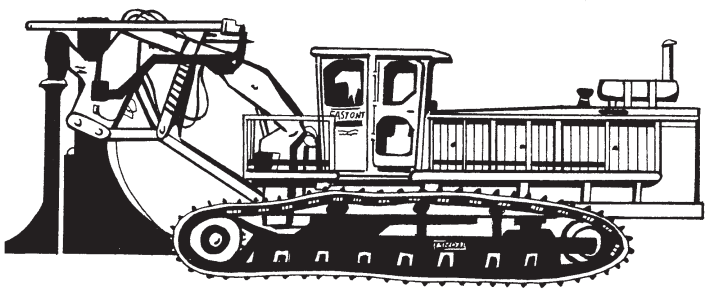

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1970s

1970

The first year of the decade promised a rosy future for the area as local businesses and facilities expanded: Ault Foods purchased Nestle's milk quota, thus becoming the firm with the largest milk quota in the country; Berry's announced plans for a fertilizer plant in Winchester; plans for the bypass around Winchester were announced; a $450,000 microwave tower was built east of Williamsburg; a $900,000 addition for Osgoode Township High School was announced; and tender's were called for the village's sewer system.

While 1970 was the start of many things, it was also the end of many others. The grand old lady of Dufferin Street, the Community Centre, was torn down after an illustrious 41-year history. By the time the structure was demolished, plans were well underway for a new rink, and by year's end a debenture for construction of the new arena was approved.

It was also the year that Fred Cass announced he was retiring from provincial politics, after a career that saw him head several ministries, as well as serve a term as speaker of the Legislature.

This was also the year the Winchester CPR station was sold, and in Mountain Township the high school held its final graduation exercises. In politics, Williamsburg and Osgoode voters said "yes" to liquor, and G.H. Reynolds returned as Winchester's reeve.

1971

The year started off with a first for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitteker – their daughter, Angela, was the first child born in 1971 in the United Counties. It was also the year of the big snowfall, and many older buildings caved in under the weight of more than 13 feet of snow.

Following the record snowfall, heavy floods closed Highway 31 and the MTC said "never again" as work started on a new Cass Bridge, and the roadway was built up above the high watermark.

The biggest event of the winter was the fire that destroyed the Metcalfe Community Centre in late January. The fire was a double blow to the area since Winchester was also playing out of the arena while the town's new rink was being built.

It was marked the first provincial election of the decade, and the first in almost 15 years that Fred Cass didn't run in Dundas County. Don Irvine, who defeated Liberal candidate Andy MacKenzie, replaced him. Across the province, the Tories, under Bill Davis, were voted into power.

In Winchester, the sewer contract was awarded, while the arena held the limelight for most of the year. The Lions Club pledged $20,000 for the project, while Ault Foods employees donated $4,700 to the fund.

1972

Events for the year started on a high note, as a survey predicted northern Dundas' population could grow dramatically by the end of the century. The report predicted Winchester's population could double by 1981, and would certainly top 2,000 by the end of the decade.

While it was a good year for the village, it was a bad one for farmers as the heaviest rains in 60 years flooded out crops in July. This led to $750,000 in crop insurance being paid out.

Farmers weren't the only ones to receive money as the hospital benefitted from a $24,000 bequest, and the blood donor clinics continued to be popular as 222 gave blood in August.

It was a volatile year in politics, as the first federal election of the decade was held. While the Liberals were reduced to a minority government, thanks in part to the defeat of Gordon Blair in Grenville-Carleton, Lucien Lamoureux held onto his seat as an independent in Stormont-Dundas.

It was also the year of a hydro strike, a major train derailment near Morrisburg, the Metcalfe Jets won the Citizen Shield, Ault Foods was named world champion cheesemaker, and Walter Shadbolt replaced the retiring Garnet Reynolds as reeve of Winchester.

1973

The trend of out with the old, in with the new, continued this year as the new post office was opened, the Melvin Motors building was demolished and the renovated Maple Ridge Senior Public School opened.

It was a funny year for weather, as the winter was one of the warmest on record, with a groundhog sighted in January, while in May a twister struck near Chesterville.

One of many disastrous fires, this time in Winchester's business district, gutted the pharmacy building. But, within 30 hours of the $250,000 blaze, the drugstore was reopened just down the street in temporary quarters.

The business community of the area continued to grow in 1973, with Fawcett's Organ Studios and the Winchester Sports Shop both opening. At the same time, some business people retired, including Mrs. Brown and postmaster Steve Corry. It was also the year of the rise of the Big Bird – Larry Robinson had his first of many great years with the Montreal Canadiens.

Other notable events included a "yes" vote for liquor in Winchester Township, calling of tenders for the Highway 31 overpass, the village Lions Club donated a Zamboni to the arena, and both the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and Metcalfe Fair had record-breaking years.

1974

The year started off with a disastrous barn fire at Fawcett's, and was followed by a $2.5 million train derailment near Kemptville.

However, the news wasn't all bad as Ault Foods announced a $3.5 million expansion, the new Lannin Lumber Mart opened, a $32,000 pumper was purchased for the Winchester Fire Department, and work started on rebuilding the drug store.

Local people entered the limelight as Sam Ault was named chairman of the National Dairy Council, and Don Irvine was appointed minister of housing.

It was a warm summer, and the temperatures held steady to help the Metcalfe Fair set new records. Ahead of that, however, Mother Nature fooled many people in March when rain in the first few days of the month made many feel winter was over. Those assumptions were too hastily made, as a late season storm dumped 13 inches.

The year also saw the opening of the Highway 31 bypass around Winchester, and an omen for things to come as attendance started to drop at area schools.

1975

About the only good news at the start of the year was the acclamation of Johnny Whitteker as warden of the United Counties. In March, Winchester's deputy-reeve, Keith Marquette, resigned and was replaced by Frank Brown.

In April, gale force winds caused extensive damage in the area, while a $200,000 fire destroyed Carkner's dairy barn. Also, the Winchester Lions announced they would buy the old Lannin lumber building on Mill Street.

In May, the Metcalfe Dental Centre opened, while the old chimney at Lannin's yard was destroyed. June saw the opening of the Winchester Air Park, while in July the Bank of Montreal opened in temporary quarters following the fire at the old hotel.

August had a hot spell that set records as temperatures hit 112 F, but that didn't stop provincial politicians who were campaigning. When the ballots were counted in September, Osie Villeneuve and Don Irvine were winners in their redistributed ridings.

Hydro rates continued to climb in 1975 (20 per cent), while the town's library underwent another expansion. December saw the sale of Summers Bakery after 54 years in one family.

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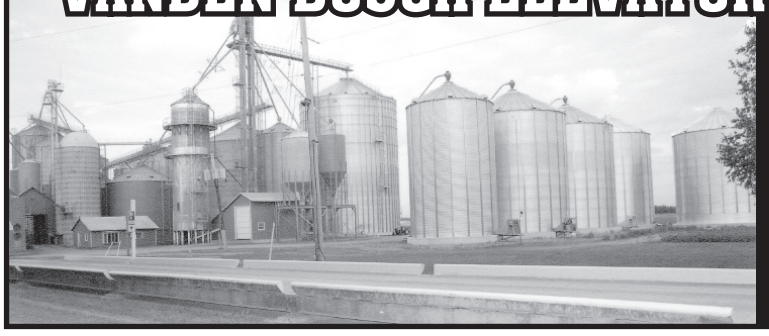

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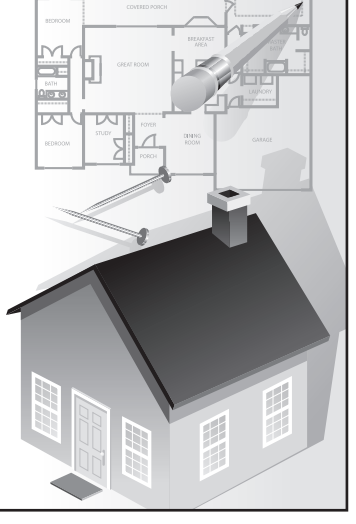



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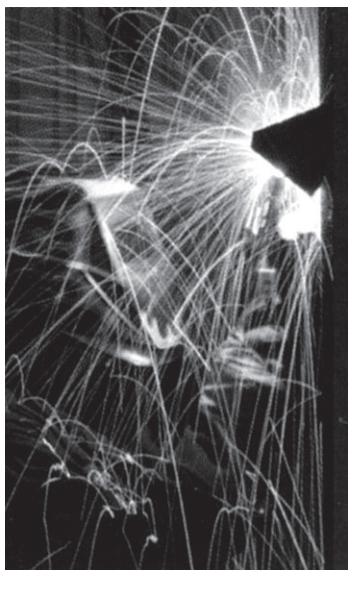

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1970s

1976

The year of the Olympics and the American Bicentennial was also the Queen's Silver Jubilee, and the biggest event of the year was her visit to Upper Canada Village in July.

It was also the end of "Winchester the good," as town residents voted in favour of "yes" for liquor. Meanwhile, February marked the start of the village's senior citizen housing project, the collapse of the bridge in South Mountain and a bomb scare at Osgoode Township High School.

Spring floods were the worst in 35 years, and the old adage about lightning was proved wrong as the Creelman home was destroyed in a fire. June was a hard month for area fire departments as three barns were levelled in fires. The first phase of the arena expansion was also approved.

It was also another year for municipal elections, as Larry Gray replaced Walter Shadbolt as Winchester's reeve, and Delbert Link defeated Cecil MacNabb for the reeve's chair in Winchester Township.

1977

A provincial election highlighted 1977 with MPP Osie Villeneuve being challenged by Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker. It was a colourful campaign as the two veterans battled it out, and in the end the riding remained blue as Villeneuve was returned to office.

It was an active year on many levels, with a liquor store being opened in the village, the *Winchester Press* expanding to two plants, a contract awarded for the Chesterville Dam, the start of channelization work on the South Nation River, and town council giving the official go-ahead for the new municipal building.

Ken Carter made headlines with his promises to jump the St. Lawrence River. While Carter didn't jump, a CP train did – off its tracks and Highway 43 was blocked while the train was put back on the rails.

One of the biggest stories of the year was the high school teachers' strike in March and April, while another was the AIB's decision ordering Nestlé's to roll back prices.

This was also the year Julie Holmes set several indoor track records, Doug Angus opened a new garage, and smoking privileges were tightened at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

1978

It was a good year for farm dealers as they showed their faith in the area's economy by expanding their operations. No less than four – Weagant's, Therkelsen's, Edsel Byers and Winchester Feed and Rental – opened new buildings.

The year started off with Ewart Simms being named warden, and in February talk of an industrial park on the CPR line came up at Winchester council. March saw the announcement of four potential sites for a power plant on the St. Lawrence River, while Dundas Manor opened in April. That was also a good month for the Winchester Curling Club, as it received a Wintario grant to help out with its renovations.

In May, the town held its OMB hearing for its official plan, while poor roads in Russell raised milk shipper protests. June was a month for government promises, as the province noted work on the South Nation would start within weeks, while the federal and provincial governments teamed up to announce the hybrid poplar agreement.

The Prince of Wales Theatre also opened, and in July the OMB approved the new town hall and work started almost immediately. Winchester was the hub of sky diving in August as the air park hosted the national finals, with guest appearances by Chinese competitors.

In the fall, Royden Manor closed, Violet Wilson retired as the town's librarian, and South Nation Conservation called tenders for the first segment of channel work on the South Nation River. As well, the first all-metric building in Canada – South Mountain's post office – opened. November also saw the board of education's firing of Phil Westbrook upheld, and Osgoode Township received a fourth fire station as a Christmas present.

1979

In January, Nationview Public School students returned to the classroom after the school had been gutted by fire in December, while Osgoode councillors welcomed township residents to their renovated municipal hall.

In March, the Hallville Consolidated School was gutted in a fire, and Osgoode residents argued over a proposed explosives plant in the township.

Most news in the spring dealt with the May 22 election, when the Clark Conservatives won enough seats to form a minority government. Locally, Ed Lumley Denis Ethier and Walter Baker – all incumbents – were returned to office.

In the fall, municipal news made the headlines as Williamsburg residents learned it may cost $785,000 to cure their sewage problems, and Winchester, Mountain and Winchester Township solved their fire coverage dispute. In November, the Eastern Breeders sale set a record $207,075 total and Ault Foods announced a $400,000 warehouse expansion.

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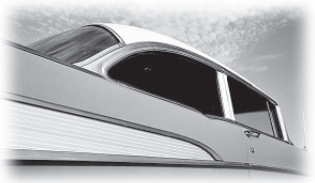
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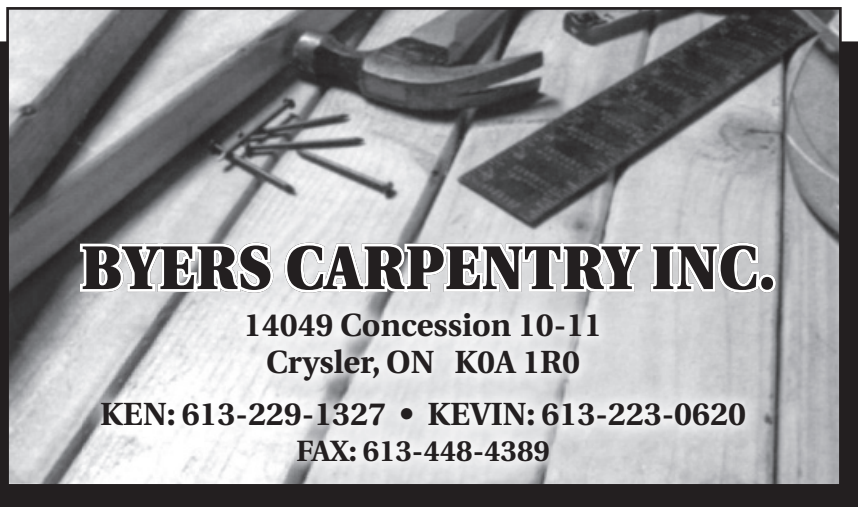
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January 1980

Hallville United Church kicked off its Centennial year, while the Metcalfe Lions celebrated its 20th charter anniversary.

Dundas Manor became the 10th nursing home in the province to receive accreditation and Winchester District Memorial Hospital received a 7.8 per cent grant increase from the provincial government

Winchester village hydro rates were expected to increase by 14.1 per cent.



Sportscaster Ron Harrison (left) and colourman Jeff Conn (right) brought there Ottawa Valley Junior B Hockey Hook-Up to Winchester Friday night and broadcasted the entire Hawks-Morrisburg Lions game to their Eastern Ontario Audience.

October 30, 1980

March 1980

After postponing strike action a second time, teachers voted in favour of the latest board contract, which would increase the average teacher's salary to $29,250 for 1980-81.

Greely Pentecostal Church and Harmony Community Church were dedicated February.

Warm weather started the sap running at the Crysler Park sugar bush, and forced early flooding of the South Nation River.

April 1980

April meant bad news for taxpayers: United Counties residents faced an average tax hike of 23 per cent, while school taxes rose 7.2 per cent.

Women for the Survival of Agriculture began to make plans for their national farm women's conference, and local farmers were given permission to shoot geese that were gorging themselves on spring crops.

Ken Ault, former president of Aults Creamery Ltd., and a director of Ault Foods Ltd., died at the age of 71.

May 1980

Township councils were able to halt their own rising costs, only to have the United Counties and school board budgets force tax hikes. Williamsburg, Mountain and Winchester Village residents were all placed in the same no-win situation.

Mountain Township turned down a request for a volunteer fire department in Hallville.

In Osgoode Township, Reeve Al Bouwers broke a tie vote on council approving an official plan amendment allowing the storage and distribution of explosives in the area.

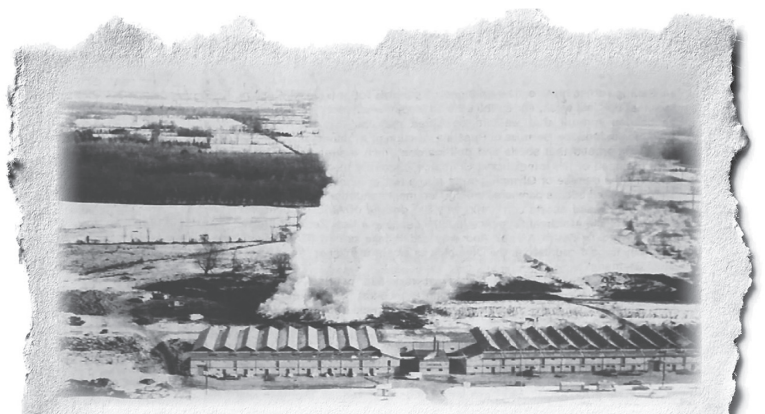
July 1980

The month opened with Canada Day celebrations in South Mountain, and continued with Vernon Pioneer Days, the first annual Boundary Bluegrass and Country Festival in Morewood, and the best-ever Seaway Valley Tractor Puller's Association annual pull in Metcalfe.

In Winchester, 200 parachutists dropped into the air park to try out for the national team. At the hospital, Marg Tullis retired after 27 years as the head nurse in O.R.

August 1980

Pilot Wayne Como was tragically killed when his plane crashed while he was attempting a backward loop at the Hallville Rink Association's annual chicken barbecue.



Last Wednesday's fire of 80,000 bales of hay and straw at the Continental Mushroom Plant near Metcalfe was still smouldering two days later when this picture was taken. The huge clouds of smoke were so thick that they could be seen up to 10 miles away.

January 10, 1980



Queen Street in Crysler was more like a pond than a thoroughfare last Thursday as the South Nation River overflowed its banks, and inundated low-lying parts of the village, forcing many residents (like these three) to take to boats to get in and out of their homes. Ice jams at St. Albert and Highway 417, coupled with last Wednesday's heavy rains, were blamed for the sudden rise in the levee of the river. Many residents said the flood was the worst in 20 years, surpassing even the levels of 1976.

April 7, 1982

Williamsburg Volunteer Firemen's drive for mechanical extraction equipment was complete with the delivery of the Jaws of Life.

September 1980

Edsel Byers Farm Equipment dealership was completely gutted by an early morning blaze that kept local fire departments battling three hours, and totalled $600,000 in estimated damage.

Harold Lannin, highly successful and widely known local businessman and a former farmer of the year, died suddenly while attending the Renfrew Fair. He was 68.

March 26, 1981

Five Iroquois volunteer firemen were killed last Thursday evening when the van they were travelling in collided with a train. A sixth fireman, Philip Thompson, is in stable condition in the Civic Hospital. The dead are John Mason, 42, Allen Holmes, 35, Randy Thompson, 32, Dennis Fisher, 34, and Omer "Joe" Billings, 33.

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March 10, 1982

A substantial increase in the cost of newsprint, printing, and production, along with the new postal rates effective April 1, 1982, have necessitated an increase in single copies and mail subscriptions for the *Winchester Press*. Effective April 1, single copies at newsstands and stores will be 35 cents each and mail subscriptions will be $15 a year within a 40-mile radius of Winchester and $17 per year outside the 40-mile zone. Subscriptions in the United States will be $30 a year as of April 1.

May 26, 1982

Fire raged through the barn of Keith and Orvil Guy, RR4 Winchester, last Thursday morning, levelling the structure, destroying two silos and claiming the lives of 22 head of cattle.

July 14, 1982

Residents were given a rude awakening in Mountain Saturday morning as 24 Canadian Pacific cars from an 81-car train derailed near the village shortly after 7 am.

April 27, 1983

Pending approval by the elementary panel of SD&G Board of Education, Maple Ridge Public School students will have late French Immersion in the next school year.

June 15, 1983

If You Love This Planet, a National Film Board documentary that touched off an explosion of controversy when the Untied States Justice Department branded it as propaganda, drew another round of debate on the nuclear arms issue when it was presented at Maple Ridge Public School on June 12.

September 28, 1983

Flags at municipal buildings across Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry counties were flying at half-mast this week for longtime MPP Osie Villeneuve, who died in Toronto Sunday evening. He was 77.

November 9, 1983

A severe milk shortage and an outdated residual milk are being blamed for a layoff at Ault Foods that has sent 30 workers into the street with more expected to follow.



The legendary Maurice "The Rocket" Richard (left) met a local political legend in Williamsburg Township, Reeve Johhny Whitteker (right) in Morrisburg Saturday night prior to an exhibition hockey game between Whitteker's Oldtimers and the Montreal Canadiens Oldtimers.

January 22, 1981

May 16, 1984

The glow of a new contract at Nestle Canada Ltd. in Chesterville has quickly disappeared with the announcement that 227 of the plant's 230 employees will be laid off for at least three years

October 3, 1984

Thousands greet Queen Elizabeth as the monarch returns to Loyalist Country. They shook in the cold as they crushed against nylon rope barriers at Crysler Park Marina to see Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

January 30, 1985

Winchester is beginning centennial plans. The village should be well prepared when it celebrates 100 years of incorporation in 1988.

November 1985

Winchester OPP say they suspect arson in two area blazes Halloween night.

February 19, 1986

Merchants have amassed a total of 36 signatures in support of a proposal to create a Business Improvement Area in Winchester.

July 30, 1986

Area residents should have cable television "by Grey Cup time," a representative of CANCOM Satellite Network Services told village council Monday night.

January 28, 1987

An official ribbon cutting ceremony and an open house will mark the opening of Naomi's Centre for Victims of Family Violence here on Feb. 2.

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June 13, 1990

Dr. Howard Justus was honoured for 62 years of service at a banquet in his honor. The banquet was also a fundraiser for WDMH and the Chesterville fairboard, and included many presentations and tributes to Justus' accomplishments as a village doctor. He was revered as a pioneer who helped build the hospital in Winchester, and received plaques from all levels of government and was credited for delivering about ninety per cent of Chesterville's population.

July 18, 1990

A blaze of unknown origin ripped through Winchester Equipment Rental Ltd., razing the barn which housed machinery and welding supplies and causing upwards of $250,000 in damages. The fire broke out sudddenly as employees of Leo Tessier worked just yards away from the metal-roofed storage building. According to witnesses, flames shot up "out of nowhere", aided by strong winds, engulfing the roof and interior within minutes.

December 24, 1990

Morewood Industries' bankruptcy trustee, Ernst & Young, announced that an agreement in principal had been reached to sell the modular home builder as a going concern to a group of Morewood employees. Seven managerial level employees, including executive vice-president David Poupore, bought all the assets with the intention of continuing the modular home division. Plans were being made to seek an operator for the kitchen and window divisions. The deal was made possible with assistance from the Eastern Ontario Development Corporation and was especially good news for the many laid-off employees who faced an uncertain winter.

September 11, 1991

Four Main Street businesses were leveled and one firefighter was taken to hospital after a late-night blaze. The fire claimed the Shear Country Hair Salon, MT Advertising and Sports, the Michelle Gallery and an electrical contracting service. Chesterville fire chief Ross Casselman put the loss at $250,000, but the building's owner, Erik Thompson, estimated his losses at $400,000. The building was one of Chesterville's oldest, originally built in 1867, and served as Winchester Township's Hall before incorporation in 1890.

November 13, 1991

A search for water had explosive results when well drillers hit a gas pocket in a field belonging to Ault Foods Ltd. A local water supply firm was test drilling a well for Ault Foods when workers struck natural gas 114 metres below the surface. The drilling machine was quickly engulfed in flames, causing operator Stephen Miller to make a hasty escape. He suffered mild burns to his face and hands, but two other men were uninjured.

February 26, 1992

An estimated 40,000 farmers from across the country and the United States marched on Parliament Hill in a massive rally to pressure government negotiators into rejecting the proposed GATT deal. The high degree of solidarity amongst farmers was due to worries about the end of the supply management system and the future of the family farm.

September 2, 1992

Firefighters from Williamsburg and Iroquois Fire Departments were unable to save the former church that housed the Matilda Resource Centre in Dundela. The building, built in 1881, was engulfed in flames by the time firemen arrived, with damages estimated at $50,000, and young children were the suspected vandals.

August 25, 1993

James Wise was sentenced to four years in prison for the sabotage of a Bell Canada tower near Williamsburg in 1987. The sentence came two months after a verdict of guilty of mischief over $1,000. The 50-year-old man was to serve his sentence at Kingston Penitentiary. The tower fell after five of its guy wires were cut with an oxy-acetylene cutting torch. A decision regarding an appeal was pending.

September 8, 1993

Nine local Progressive Conservative candidates met with Prime Minister Kim Campbell for a 15-minute audience aimed at boosting morale and personally introducing the candidates to their leader.

February 23, 1994

Two people were injured in a spectacular seven-car pileup in heavy fog on Hwy. 43 east of Chesterville. A car stopped behind a school bus that was taking on passengers when it was hit from behind by another, touching off a chain of accidents. The school bus was not touched. Peter Thompson of Berwick, driver of the first vehicle, acted quickly to pull an unconscious Isabelle Lalonde of Finch from her burning car. She was later treated for minor injuries and released from hospital. The accident raised questions as to whether school buses should have been operating in such a thick fog.

April 20, 1994

Arson was suspected in the blaze that destroyed Andy's Groceries on Main Street in Winchester in the early morning. A crew of 19 volunteers battled the blaze all night until 3 pm, when it was brought under control. The concrete and metal structure of the building was the reason the fire did not spread out of control, but toxic smoke from burning detergents, plastics and solvents was a concern. Owner Andy Hamel says he will be back in business within weeks.

April 27, 1994

An Inkerman resident was charged with last week's brutal murder of a Kemptville area man, Willis Arcand, 66. Christopher Sipes, 25, was arrested for second-degree murder and appeared briefly in court in Cornwall pending a bail hearing. Police had sought help from the public in solving the crime, and a tip led to the arrest.

October 5, 1994

In rural communities, the speed at which a patient can be transported to larger care facilities can sometimes make the difference between life and death. This month that delicate balance received a helping hand when Winchester District Memorial Hospital opened its new helipad. With the Ministry of Health underwriting the $58,000 cost of the new west-side helipad, the transportation of patients to larger care centres becomes possible 24 hours a day with landing lights for night service. Users of the service range from premature babies to trauma cases and regular patient transports.

January 25, 1995

OPP officers were still on the scene Tuesday after the battered body of 85-year-old Kenneth Hutt was discovered in his apartment at 513 St. Lawrence Street last Saturday morning. Two adults and a juvenile are in custody.

January 25, 1995

Alistair E. Deighton, 50, of RR2 Chesterville, has been remanded for a 30-day assessment at the Royal Ottawa Hospital to determine if he is fit to stand trial for first-degree murder in the Jan. 30 shooting death of his son, Alistair Deighton Jr.

April 26, 1995

Firefighters believe a thunderbolt hit the steeple of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in South Mountain early last Wednesday morning. The 115-year-old church was completely destroyed by fire.

June 14, 1995

As he has since 1983, MPP for SDG and East Grenville Noble Villeneuve retained his seat as the local representative in Queen's Park during last Thursday's provincial election.

January 31, 1996

The third time evidently was the charm for Jimmy Wise. Last week, his third trial for a charge of toppling a $2.3 million communications tower was stayed by Justice James Chadwick, who decided that trying Wise again for the offence would violate principals of fundamental justice.

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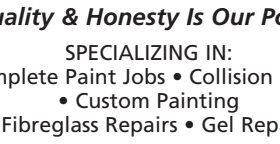
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March 6, 1996

It's definite. All operations of Winchester Cheese will be transferred to Black Diamond, a larger cheese processing and packaging factory in Belleville. As many as 145 people will be put out of work.

May 28, 1997

Amalgamation has been given the official okay by the province. The 21 municipalities within SD&G will be amalgamated into seven as of January 1, 1998 and the number of councilors will drop from 103 to 34. Throughout Ontario a total of 166 municipalities are being streamlined into 55 and the number of councillors is being slashed from 875 to 375.

August 20, 1997

A record number of volleyball and horseshoe players took advantage of the sunshine last Saturday and lent their support to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Goldie Van Allen. Williamsburg's third annual Volley for Cancer raised $12,282 for cancer research.

October 29, 1997

Public school teachers braved the snow and rain Monday morning as they hit the picket lines across Ontario after weeks of strike threats. The 126,000 teachers are protesting Bill 160 which calls for changes to the public education system in Ontario, including taking $1 billion out of education.

November 12, 1997

Monday's municipal election was the biggest historical event to date for North Dundas, but the man who will lead the virgin municipality into a new millennium is used to breaking new ground. Claude Cousineau edged Winchester Village Reeve, Dr. Larry Gary by a mere 189 votes in the race to become the township's first Mayor.

January 14, 1998

No one has yet affixed a price tag to the damage and the relief efforts of the worst ice storm in the history of the country, but Ontario Premier Mike Harris vowed that the province will kick in its fair share. Latest estimates have the total financial impact nearing the $1 billion mark.

January 14, 1998

There might not be any light at the end of the tunnel for many Ontario Hydro customers, but it's being wired as quickly as possible. That's the latest word from Hydro officials as they take heat from many area politicians about the lack of communication. As of noon Tuesday, 26,000 of Ontario Hydro's 45,000 Winchester area customers were in the dark.

January 21, 1998

In the past week Ontario Hydro has been charging ahead, working around the clock to power up thousands of customer. As of yesterday however, 6,300 (30 per cent) of customers in the Winchester area were still without electricity.


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Harris pledges financial support

Ontario Hydro charging ahead with rebuilding

January 14, 1998

April 28, 1999

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to officially open the Natunola plant in Winchester.

December 8, 1999

The Winchester OMAFRA field office will close some time in the next six months, along with the other 28 field offices in Ontario. The closings, which were announced Dec. 2, came as a surprise to some, although many people predicted the closings following a $5.2 million cut to this year's OMAFRA budget.



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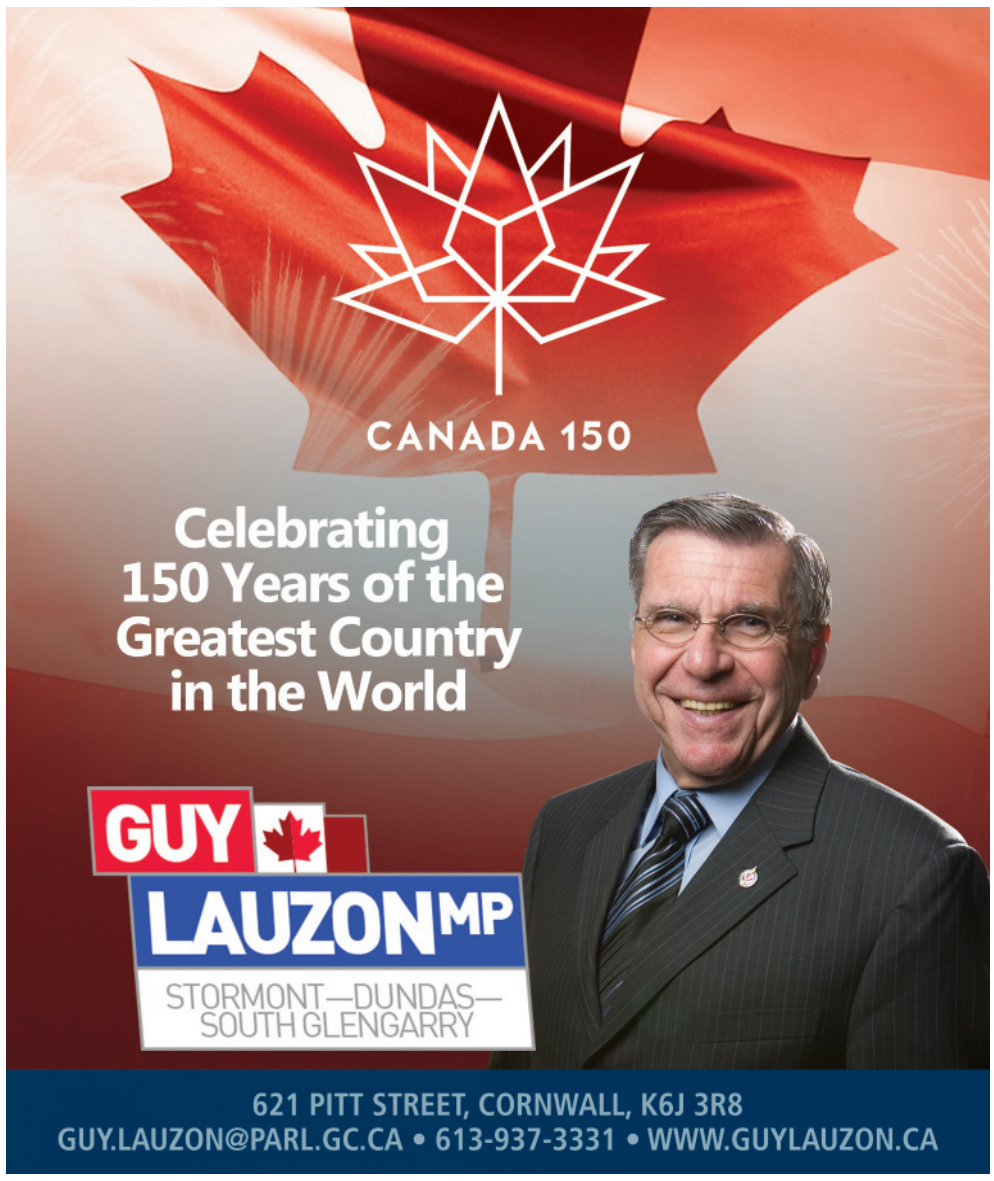

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