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South Street bill angers township

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — The Village of Chesterville wants $48,000 from Winchester Township.

The request stems from last summer's road improvements done to Chesterville's South Street, which acts as a boundary road for the two municipalities.

"We rebuilt South Street in conjunction with Riverside Drive and my council wants to know if they're (Winchester Township) prepared to pay some of the cost," explained Village of Chesterville Reeve Jim Cook.

According to Cook, the village initially received infrastructure funds for work on Riverside Drive. However, following the completion of that project there was enough money left over for South Street which needed new storm sewers, a new base and curbs.

"It had to be done because we had done a band-aid job about 10 years ago," noted Cook.

The members of Winchester Township council do not argue they are responsible half the costs of work done to the shared road, however, they question the way in which the village requested the funds.

"It would have been nice if they would have come to council and said this is what we're doing. For them to come to us and hand us a bill, it's not right," noted Winchester Township Councillor John Douma.

"I don't think they would take too kindly if we spent Chesterville's dollars. It's just not done," said Winchester Township Councillor Martin Schoones.

However, according to Cook the proper procedures were followed.

"We're not billing them. We talked to Claude (Cousineau, Winchester Township's reeve) and he said give us the figures and I'll talk about it with council," explained Cook.

Cook said Cousineau received the figures but failed to respond.

"Every time we do capital projects the two municipalities get together to discuss it and then we proceed," added Cousineau. "There is not one shred of correspondence (regarding South Street) anywhere."

The village is requesting the township pay $48,000, which is half of the total cost of the project.

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Chilly rehearsal

Senior skater Amy Baker, right, helped Gillian Erickson pull on a pair of mittens while Ainsley Glassford protested the early hour of Saturday morning's dress rehearsal. All three members of the Winchester Figure Skating Club will take part in this Sunday afternoon's (Feb. 9) show "Music of the Night". The production features 86 skaters and 20 numbers including a solo by the club's pros. Show time at the Winchester and District Arena is 2 pm.

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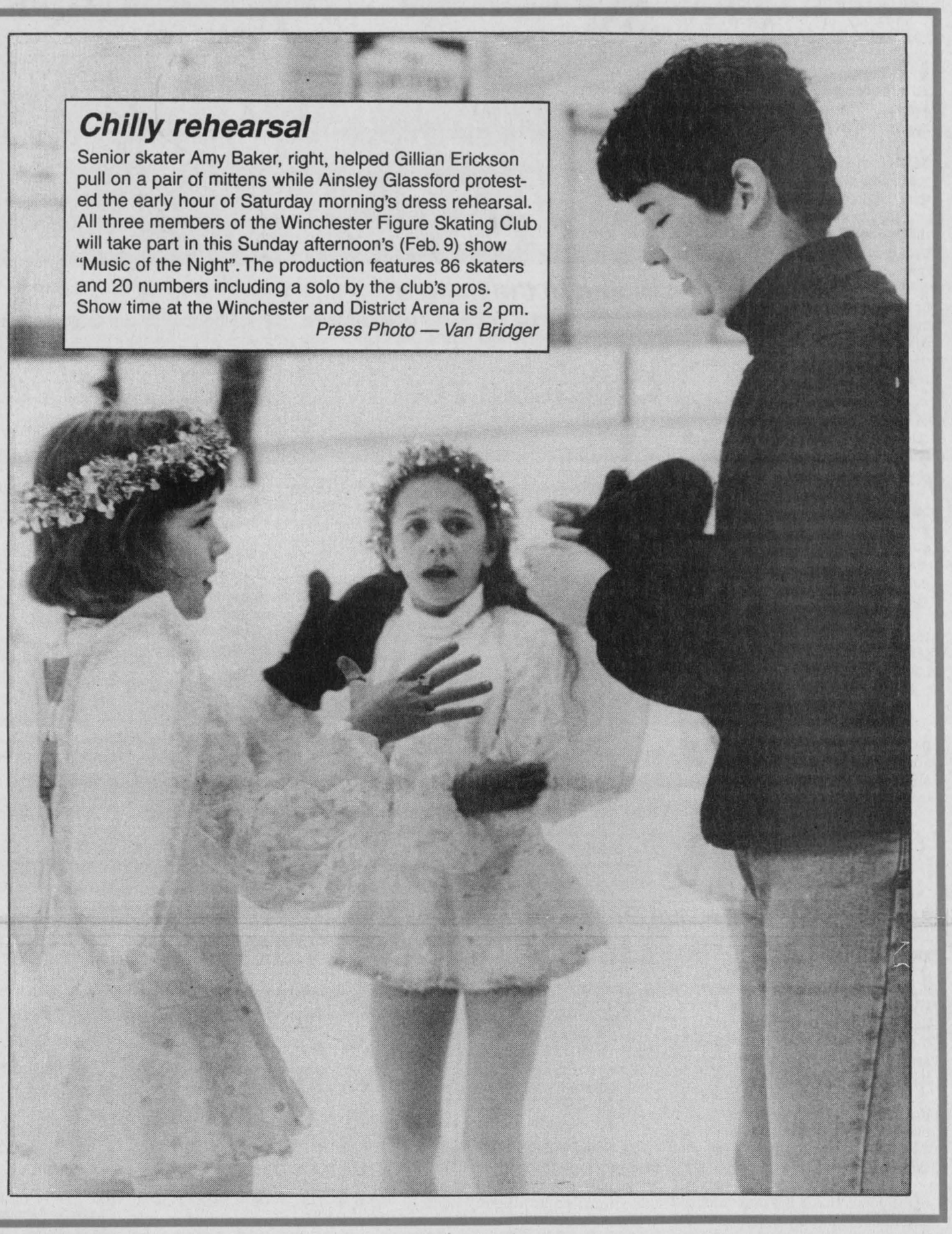

Man dies in snowmobile accident

MORRISBURG — A Morrisburg man is dead following a snowmobile accident on January 27.

William Marcellus, 22, of Morrisburg was killed when the snowmobile he was driving struck a tree in a field west of the Flagg Road in Matilda Township. Marcellus was not wearing a helmet and was not on a trail.

"It may have saved him if he had the helmet," said Upper Canada OPP Constable Joel Doiron.

The blowing and drifting snow may have also been a contributing factor in the accident, said Doiron.

Marcellus went out for a ride with a friend sometime Monday night when he failed to return. At about 9:30 pm on Tuesday a missing persons report was filed by his family. Marcellus was found at about 11 pm by the OPP said Doiron.

Ault's and village discuss sharing sewage system

Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Ault Foods may be tapping into the village's sewage system.

The Village of Winchester and Ault Foods Limited recently met to discuss the possibility of Ault's sharing a waste water treatment facility discharge line to the South Nation River.

"I definitely feel it's a win-win situation," said Village of Winchester Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Bonnie Dingwall.

The meeting came about as a result of Ault's needing an emergency bypass line for process water to the village's sewer.

Ault's has requested permission to connect a wet well overflow line to the village sanitary sewer. Currently, all process water is collected and treated on Ault's property.

"The village provided Ault's with all of the studies and the date and now they need to get back to us," said Dingwall.

According to Dingwall, the village has already completed the first two phases of the Class Environmental Assessment study which evaluated the village's own interests.

In order to proceed, Ault's must now provide the village with background information such as lagoon studies, assimilation studies, an evaluation on the potential water quality impact to the South Nation River from a combined discharge, as well as an outline of their overall strategy.

According to Rob Edwards, manager of environmental affairs for Ault Foods Limited, the bypass would be used for no more than eight hours at a time and the discharge would not exceed 400 gallons per minute.

"The fact that they came to the meeting was positive," noted Dingwall.

Winchester carnival kicks off Friday

WINCHESTER — Celebrate the sights, sounds and wonderment of winter at this year's Winchester Winter Carnival.

This year's carnival kicks off in the parkette this Friday night at 6:30 pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony by village reeve Larry Gray. There will also be a teen dance at the arena on Friday night.

Things get going on Saturday morning with a minor hockey tournament. Throughout the day there will be outdoor games at Winchester Public School as well as at the arena; a euchre party at the Lions Hall; remote car races at the arena. The day is capped off by a Jr "B" hockey game between Winchester and Alexandria.

A breakfast will be served up by the firemen on Sunday morning followed by more outdoor fun for the kids. The Winchester Figure Skating Club will perform their annual show at 2 pm. An air band contest will be held at 3 pm followed by a dinner in the arena hall.

A snow sculpting contest, a curling funspiel as well as a mystery location contest will go on all weekend.

Basketball court finishing touch to rink renovation

INKERMAN — The $75,000 Inkerman rink project is finally complete, after four years of extensive planning.

Project co-ordinator Richard Christie told Mountain Township council Monday (Feb. 3) that expenses were approximately $9,000 more than originally anticipated.

However, all the bills incurred during the project have been paid except a $12,000 loan from Mountain Township, he added.

Inkerman Recreation Association Treasurer Kevin Bowie said it will repay the township $4,000 a year for three years.

"We may pay the township faster if we can but we want to finish the project with a basketball court," Bowie said.

The estimated income from the rink for 1997 is $10,400, said Bowie. Operating expenses are expected to be $3,300.

The Recreation Association plans to raise money for the rink this year through dances, Nevada ticket sales, a bike-a-thon and other events.

"Thus we would be $7,100 ahead but our capital expenditures (including a basketball court, treating the pavement and buying folding tables) will be $5,200."

WELL USED

According to Bowie, skaters from around the region are using the rink, including children and parents from Winchester, Chesterville, Heckston and Williamsburg. There have been 50 skaters on the ice at one time.

"It's been going well between the hockey players and the skaters," Bowie said. "If we ask the (hockey) kids to get off and let others skate for 30 minutes, the players are really good about it."

Christie added he was pleased the project was finally complete.

"It was a very enjoyable time and I found it a good experience," he said. "We all think it was a top rate project in the end."

Inkerman opens Lloyd LaPorte Recreation Centre



The newly dedicated Lloyd LaPorte Recreation Centre was officially opened on Sun., Feb. 2 during the Inkerman Winter Carnival. Pictured cutting the ribbon are: Scott Hamilton, John Adams Lloyd LaPorte, Jim Collins and Kevin Bowie. *Press Photo — Fetterly*

INKERMAN — Inkerman's winter carnival kicked off on Sunday, Feb. 2 with the official opening of the newly named Lloyd LaPorte Recreation Centre.

The recreation centre was named in honor of Lloyd LaPorte, who coached and managed the now-famous Inkerman Rockets during the 1940s and '50s.

LaPorte was on hand for the ceremonies, cutting the ribbon to officially open the centre. He told the crowd, which included former Inkerman Rockets players, that he was honored to have the centre named after him.

The ceremonies also included Marleen Fawcett singing "O Canada" as well as congratulations from Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose.

The weather co-operated for the carnival and turnout for the afternoon's activities was excellent, said organizer Kim Williams.

Williams said she was pleased how smoothly the event went, considering organizers only had three weeks to put it all together.

Besides the opening of the recreation centre, the day also featured a pancake breakfast, a spaghetti supper at the Inkerman United Church and activities for the everyone.

A broomball game, which pitted Inkerman against Hallville was played during the morning and competitions and skating were held throughout the afternoon.

Competitions included skating races, waiter/waitress races, log curling, log sawing, plank races, nail driving, a fish pond, three- legged races and more.

Workfare waiting on provincial approval

Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL — By mid-March, welfare recipients in SD&G may have to work for their cheques.

The executive committee of counties council is expected to approve a business plan in March. The plan will then be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval.

Last summer, the provincial government selected SD&G as one of 20 sites for its pilot project, *Ontario Works*. Nine of the 20 sites were approved for start-up this year.

Approximately 1,100 residents in SD&G will be required to work a maximum of 70 hours per month for their welfare cheques.

Each work placement will last a maximum of six months and will not occupy any job that was a paid position within the last two years.

"A lot of people on social assistance are looking forward to being employable and using their skills," said Carmen Cousineau, supervisor of *Ontario Works* for the Cornwall region.

"This should increase the quality of life (of the participants). They may read to residents, go out for walks with seniors from nursing homes ... it should be a win-win situation."

The Conservative government recently decided workers will only be placed in non-profit agencies. The government had originally wanted to place clients in both private and public agencies, but opposition from various unions stalled that plan.

Cousineau said local churches, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and several other charitable organizations have expressed an interest in being part of *Ontario Works*.

More than 23,000 welfare recipients across the province will participate in *Ontario Works*. The disabled, the elderly and parents with children under three are exempt from the program.



Piping in the haggis

Piper John Yourt of Winchester piped in the haggis at the Township of Osgoode Care Centre. in celebration of Robbie Burns Day on Fri., Jan. 24

Osgoode receives accident-free bonus

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — Osgoode Township was compensated recently for its accident-free status.

The Ontario Worker's Compensation Board sent a $1,762.56 cheque to the township December 30 for the township's exemplary work record for 1995.

Osgoode received the refund under the board's New Experimental Experience Rating (NEER) program. The rebate is measured by calculating each employers expected accident claim costs and compares them with employers in similar rate groups across the province.

At the end of the year a refund is distributed to employers with a good record. The program will also impose a surcharge for employers with higher than average claims.

Frank Stanley, co-chair of the township's Joint Health and Safety Committee, and the township's foreman, says fewer accidents and less lost time will lead to lower WCB assessment costs and will create the possibility of an annual fund.

"We have had excellent results with the program," said Stanley.

Stanley says one way the township battles against injury to employees is having routine inspections done on its vehicles and equipment.

"We have daily inspections on our vehicles," said Stanley who also said he's adamant about equipment not leaving the works department yard if it does not appear safe.

The committee consists of eight township representatives — two each from the works, fire, recreation and administrative departments — equally split between management and employees.

To keep injured employees on the job, the township has introduced a modified work program.

If an injury is not serious enough to warrant hospitalization or a home stay, the township will accommodate the employee by providing them with less responsibility.

"If an employee has an eye injury the doctor may recommend the employee not drive," said Stanley. "So we might have the person work in the garage doing light duty."

Kevin Grace, head of finance for the committee and the township's drainage superintendent, says the group is beneficial because it brings any accidents to their attention.

"We can then look at why did the accident occur and how can we improve?... Just by its (the committees) existence it will lead to increased safety in the workplace."

The township adopted the program in 1995 as recommended by the WCB.

"It also gets the employee back to work quicker," said Stanley.

Gayline closes due to funding

CORNWALL — As of Feb. 3, *Gayline*, the peer support line for gays and lesbians in SD&G, was shut down to a lack of operating funds.

The organizers and volunteers of *Gayline* are convinced of the importance of the service and are hopeful that one day enough funds will be available to establish such a service in Cornwall.

In the meantime, work continues on the development of a cost-free public education program which will address the necessity of raising awareness in schools.

It is estimated that 10-20 per cent of the population is gay or lesbian and due to homophobic societal attitudes and institutions, many deal with harassment, violence and rejection in their lives.

Heart theme at carnival

METCALFE — *Fun for the Heart* is the theme of this year's Metcalfe Winter Carnival, which runs from Thurs., Feb 13 to Sun., Feb 16.

The carnival kicks off on Thursday with a euchre tournament at the Metcalfe Community Centre Hall from 8 pm to 10 pm.

On Friday, the Metcalfe Jets Jr. B hockey play-offs start at 8:15 pm while the Super Teeny Bopper Dance runs from 7 pm to 10 pm.

There will be a pancake breakfast on Saturday from 7:30 am to 10:30 am, followed by an all-day minor hockey tournament and curling bonspiel. *Carnival on Ice* races will take place at night from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. At 8:15 pm, the Metcalfe Town League All Stars will challenge the Osgoode Outlaws which will be followed by a dance.

On Sunday, there will be town league hockey from 10 am to 1 pm. The carnival parade will take place from 1 pm to 1:30 pm and the Metcalfe Figure Skating Club will perform *A Trip Down Memory Lane* at 2:30 pm. The carnival wraps up with a supper from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and musical entertainment from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Police blotter

Missing items

MANOTICK — Sometime between 10:30 am and 3:30 pm on January 27, a Hilltop Road home in Manotick was broken into. A black 'American Tourist' suitcase was taken along with two VCRs, a CD player and about 100 CDs.

Stolen trucks

RIDEAU TOWNSHIP — During the early morning hours of January 30, two Toyota trucks were stolen from the Carsonby area in Rideau Township. One vehicle, taken from a driveway on Regional Road 73 was recovered because the thief was not able to drive out of a ditch.

Snowmobile tidbits

OSGOODE — A 1996 Arctic Cat snowmobile VIN: 9650726 was taken from the parking lot of an Osgoode restaurant on February 1 between 4:30 pm and 5:45 pm.

Last week OPP officers investigated two snowmobile complaints from residents living in Greely and Metcalfe.

Snowmobilers are reminded that there are speed limits which must be obeyed. On a highway where the speed limit for motor vehicles is 50 km/h or less, the maximum speed for a snowmobile is 20 km/h. Upon conviction the fine for this offence is $105.

Domestic disturbance

NORTH GOWER — Police responded to a disturbance at a North Gower home on February 2. As a result two men were arrested for possession of a narcotic for the purposes of trafficking. Both men will appear in court on March 6.

Impaired drivers

RIDEAU TOWNSHIP — During the evening of February 2, police received information of a possible impaired driver who had driven into a snowbank on Lockhead Road in Rideau Township.

When the officers arrived, the suspect fled on foot. He was apprehended a short distance from the scene and transported to the Manotick detachment where he provided breath samples.

The person is to appear in court on February 20 to face charges of impaired driving, operating a motor vehicle with over the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, dangerous driving and assaulting a peace officer.

Last week two other drivers were processed for drinking and driving related offences. All three individuals had their drivers' licences suspended for 90 days.

Slow moving vehicles

MANOTICK — The law concerning slow moving vehicle signs was revised and came into effect on December 1.

Now all vehicles such as horse-drawn carriages and road construction equipment must display a slow moving vehicle sign if it cannot keep up a speed of more than 40 km/h. Bicycles, mopeds and disabled vehicles being towed do not need to display this signage.

People whose religious beliefs do not permit them to use the sign on a horse-drawn vehicle are exempt from this.

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Township

However, according to Cousineau the village has to pay only one third of their half due to infrastructure funding, which he says is not fair.

"Had we been informed and able to budget for it we would have only paid $16,000," added Schoones. "We should write a letter stating that had we been properly informed we could have received the proper funding but at this time it wasn't budgeted for and we can't afford it."

"I understand their concern and I appreciate they haven't budgeted for this and I too would want to be reasonably sure the numbers were valid," added Cook. "I think this has been blown out of proportion and I'd like us to just relax and talk to one another."

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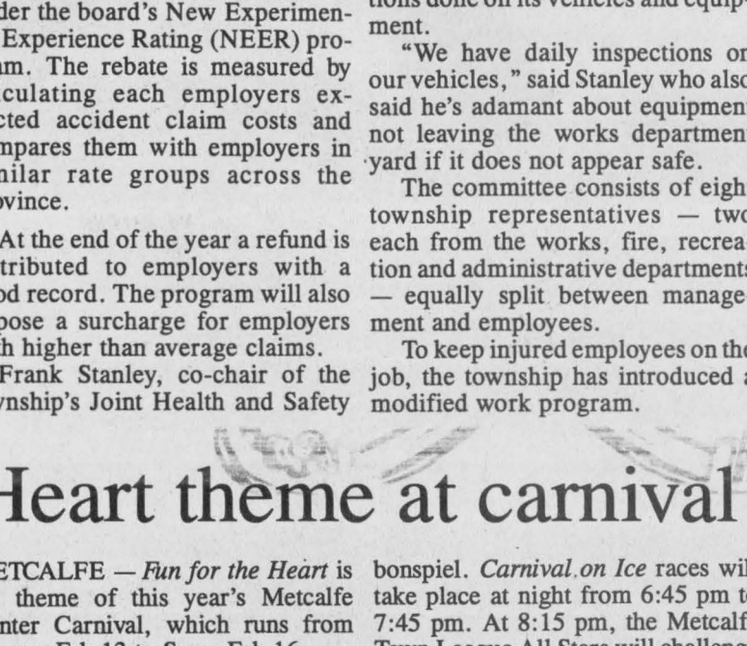

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The play's the thing

WINCHESTER — For the first time in its history, St. Lawrence College in Cornwall is offering a script and play writing course through its Continuing Education program.

The course will be taught by two Winchester-area broadcasters and performers.

Both Nancy Payne and Denis Grignon have earned an excellent reputation for their work with CBC Radio in Ottawa — Grignon as a reporter and documentary producer and Payne as a senior producer with the morning show.

But it's their comic sketch writing and performing that brought them a national profile.

Minivan World, a satirical look at baby boom angst, is now in its second successful season on CBC Radio's *Definitely Not The Opera*.

Last summer, the writing team developed the radio sketches into a stage play. Critics called *Minivan World-Parked* "cleverly entertaining." It became the hit of the Manotick Fringe Festival, outdrawing more established productions.

The pair has since been awarded a grant to help develop the sketches into a television series.

Collaborating with a partner was a big change for Grignon, a 10-year veteran of the professional standup comedy circuit.

"I was so used to writing on my own for so many years... it really is a joy when you find someone you click with."

For Payne, writing comedy sketches was a natural evolution.

"Writing for magazines and radio is interesting... but play writing is a great creative buzz," she said.

The course will allow Grignon and Payne to pass on this training and experience in a very creative and imaginative way.

"The students will definitely have fun in our class and they will learn... but they'll never watch another sitcom or drama the same way again."

The course is scheduled to start on Tues., Feb. 4 and run each Tuesday until May 13.

Curtain rises for children

KEMPTVILLE — Show Biz for Kidz is pleased to announce its ninth season in Kemptville.

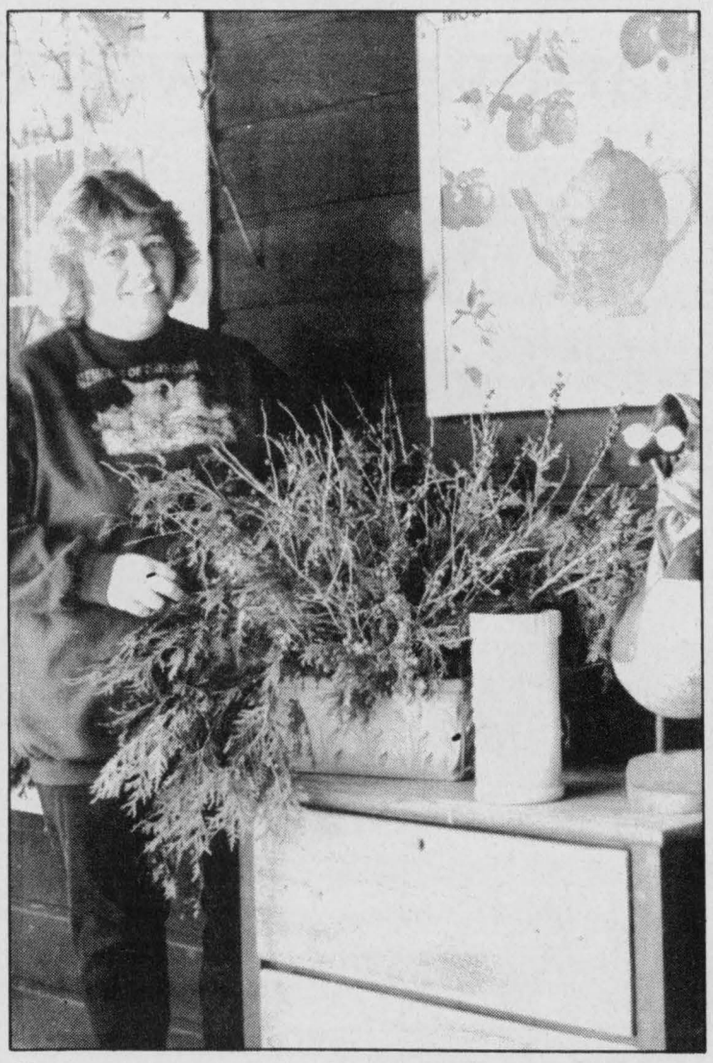
This year the group opens with *Join Hands Puppeteers* on Sun., Feb. 9. Margaret and Matthew Romain have been performing across Ontario since 1980. They bring to Kemptville their story *Puffin Travels* and tell it through live music and colorful puppets. Show time is at 2 pm at the Leeds and Grenville District High School.

On Sat., March 1 at 4 pm the curtain rises on *Judy and David*. This musical twosome promises to have the audience 100 per cent involved in their song and music. Come prepared to hear some old favorites and to learn some new ones.

Circus Delights is a one-man show of magic and circus type entertainment which will fill the afternoon of Sun., April 6. The 2 pm, show will keep the audience on the edge of their seats with fire eating and Canada's largest disappearing bunny.

Last of all, on Sat. May 10 at 4 pm the *Stylamanders* take to the stage. This energetic duo of Mark Kersy and Paul Gibson mix themes such as self-esteem, safety, learning and literacy in their silly and fun songs.

Tickets are available for sale as a series for all four shows for $70 (four or more family members) or $20 for a single.



Mountain's Anne Lyon has recently re-opened her Mountain Retreat House. The retreat house is a quiet place where people can spend time relaxing alone or with others.

Lyon opens home as pastoral retreat

Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — In our hectic lives, few people find time to relax.

Mountain's Anne Lyon has opened her three-storey cedar home to people in need of a quiet place to rest

Nestled on 24 acres of wooded land, Lyon's *Mountain Retreat House* has attracted a wide variety of people — ministerial groups, women's groups who have met for teas and discussion, and people grieving the loss of a loved one.

"It is mostly a quiet time where you can have space away and pray and share with others," Lyon explained.

Having worked as the co-ordinator of pastoral care at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital for nine years, Lyon realized there was a strong need for people to take time out for themselves.

"We get ourselves so busy and (in some cases) burn out and it takes a long time to get over," Lyon said. "Resting can be one of the healing steps."

Lyon explained that historically, a retreat has been used by people who need a temporary vacation to those in search of a religious experience.

"You don't have to know how to take a retreat," she said. "You just come and do whatever you are comfortable with."

Lyon opened her retreat house in April 1994 but closed a year and a half later when she lost two close family members. She re-opened last June.

"I needed quiet time and a lot of scripture to help me and I phoned many people for prayer. I discovered from experiencing my own losses I could help other people," she explained.

Lyon's house is surrounded by bush with walking trails, a large pond, birds, deer, and a garden with wild flowers.

"My kids had so much fun playing in the bush and pond and now that they are gone, it is nice to enjoy the house with other people."

One of the rooms in her six-bedroom house is a recording studio for people who wish to sing or record a song.

Lyon charges $10 a day to stay at her house or $25 a night. She serves lunch which includes homemade soup, bread and dessert.

For more information on the *Mountain Retreat House*, contact Anne Lyon at 989-2725 or 794-9657.

Missing person

WINCHESTER — The OPP would like to speak to the driver of a vehicle that drove a male from an accident on Highway 31 involving a van which rolled over just south of Baker Road on January 22.

This person was driven to Irven's Gas Bar in Winchester.

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World Heritage recruiting reps

TORONTO — *World Heritage*, a non-profit international student exchange organization, is recruiting volunteers to be local representatives and counselors for international high school students.

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Anyone interested in co-ordinating the exchange program with the community and schools contact Natalie May at 1-800-888-9040.



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Nomination meeting to be held in Cornwall

CORNWALL — On January 13 the first meeting of the new Stormont-Dundas Federal Progressive Conservative Association was held in Cornwall.

The nomination meeting to determine the next federal PC candidate will be held on Fri., Feb. 21 in Cornwall. Further details will be given.

All persons wishing to stand for nomination as federal candidate must file in writing a Consent to Nomination with the president or secretary of the association on or before February 7.

All persons wishing to vote at the nomination meeting must be members of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada on or before February 7.

The following are the eligibility requirements to vote at the nomination meeting:

— individuals who are paid up members of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada in accordance with section five of The New Constitution of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, April 1995.

Section 5.1 states: "every person who is a citizen or permanent resident of Canada; has attained the age of 14; and actively supports the aims and principles of the party is eligible for membership in the party through a constituency association in the constituency in which that person maintains a principal residence... (section 5.2) be required to be a member for at least 14 days prior to exercising a vote for candidate nomination."

Or individuals who have renewed their membership by the time the nomination meeting is called to order:

— upon presentation of a valid national membership document (a National Membership Card — plastic or paper, or a current federal riding membership card) and

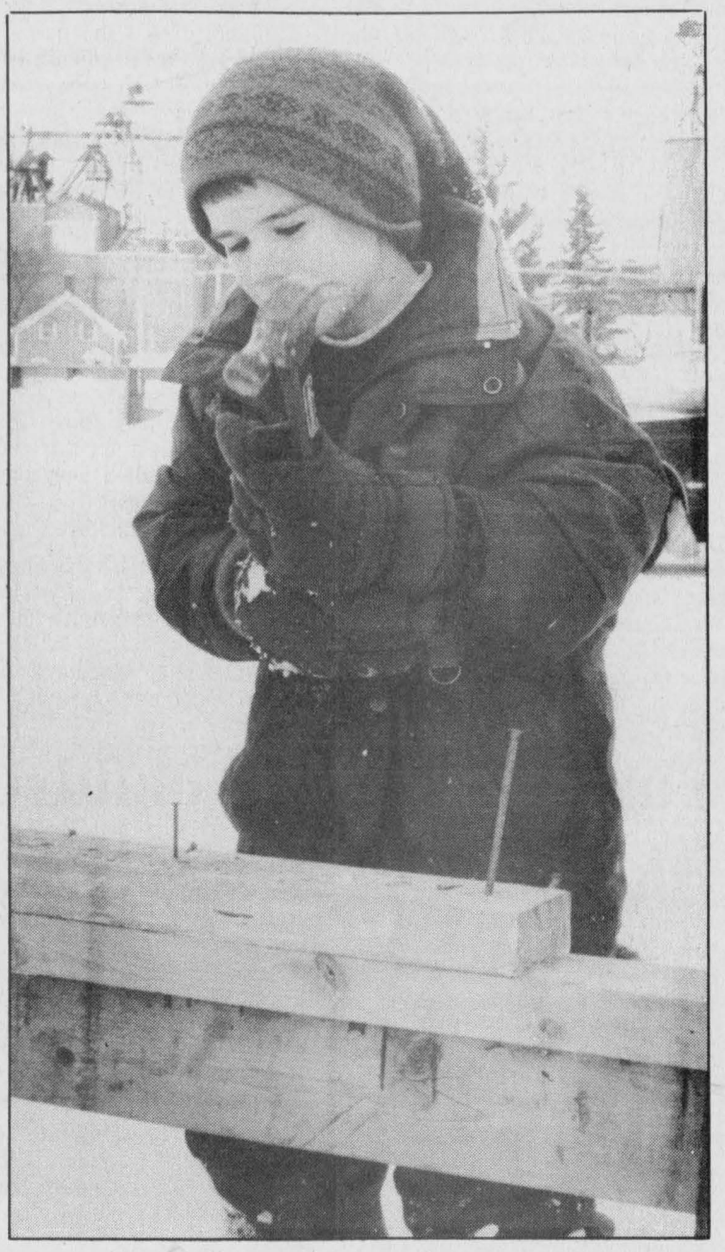
— by paying the prescribed fee of $10 and — by presentation of two pieces of ID, one of which must display an address.

For membership/candidacy information contact Leslie Ault, c/o Ault & Ault, 522 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario, K0C 2K0, 613-774-2670 or Dorothy Joubert, secretary, 212 Seventh Street West, Cornwall, Ontario, K6J 2Y4, 613-933-0211.

Inkerman carnival crowds enjoy winter scene







Winter follies

This pair of horses attracted quite a crowd (top left) on Sunday during the Inkerman Winter Carnival. The pair, along with their owner Roy Sherrer, offered sleigh rides to carnival-goers throughout the afternoon. Dave Lillico tired his hand at a game of nail driving (above), one of the many family activities provided. These young ladies were just two of the competitors taking part in the cross-cut sawing competition.
Press Photos — Fetterly

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Thankfully, there is help available for people who want to improve their reading and writing abilities, from the Dundas Community Learning Centre. In 1997, the DCLC is looking forward to what is already promising to be its most successful year.

DCLC relies on volunteers to work one on one with students who want to improve their level of literacy. There are currently 17 tutors matched with students, a record number for the Learning Centre. More than a third of the people who attended a workshop in late 1996 on becoming tutors have been paired up with learners.

Word of the Learning Centre's work is spreading across the county.

"There's been so much publicity about literacy that the stigma is starting to disappear," says chairperson Linda Foster. "Everybody is upgrading their skills now, so it's getting easier for people to come forward."

In a rural area it takes a lot of courage to ask for help, since there's a better chance the student will know the people involved. At the Learning Centre every possible step is taken to ensure the student's name and any other information stay private.

The student meets with the student-tutor co- ordinator, who assesses his or her reading and writing abilities. He or she is then matched with a tutor who lives in the area, and who fits the student's description of the person he or she would like to work with. Tutors must sign a pledge agreeing to keep information about their students confidential.

Then the sometimes painstaking, but always rewarding process of learning to read and write is under way, with weekly meetings of one to three hours. By giving students the personal attention and repetition they didn't get in school, tutors can make a big difference in someone's life.

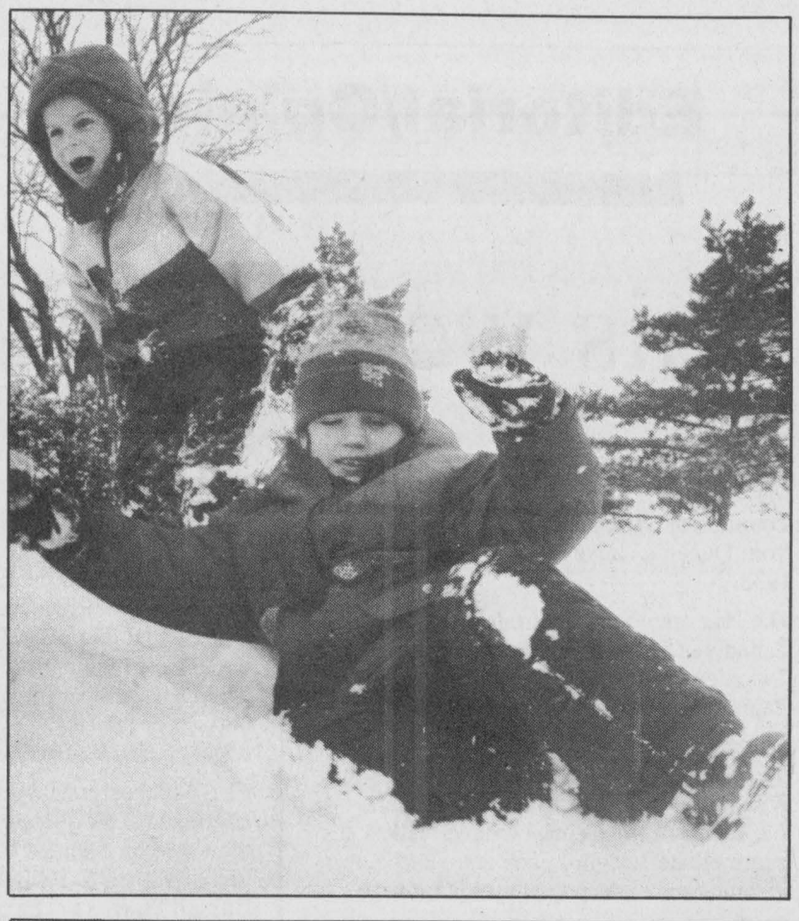
"I get as much satisfaction out of it as my student," says Shirley Fawcett, who has been a tutor with the Learning Centre for five years. "You really see the benefits when somebody gets a second chance at learning."

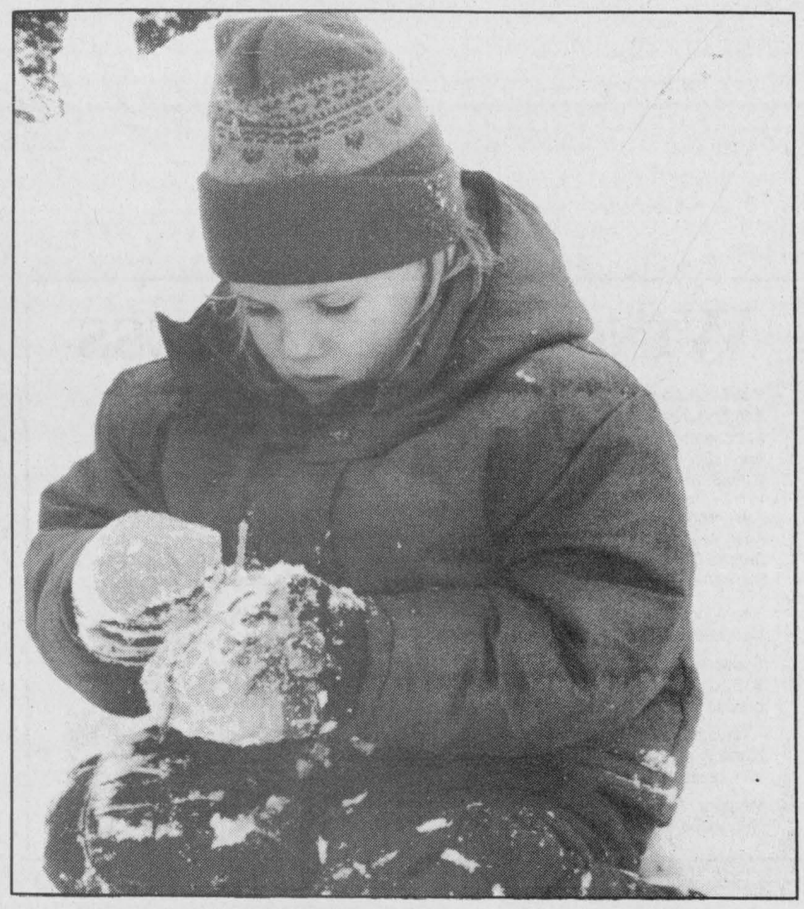
The differences aren't restricted to better reading skills, either. Tutors often report improved self-esteem and confidence in their students. Perhaps most importantly, students realize they're not alone — they discover that others have faced the same problems and overcome them, bettering their lives in the process.

As busy as the Learning Centre expects to be in 1997, however, new students are always welcome — in fact, they're eagerly encouraged to call 774-4357 and leave a message. The Learning Centre's office is in the Lannin Building at 457 Main Street East in Winchester.

So if you know someone who has trouble reading and writing, let them know that friendly, non- judgmental, and above all, confidential help is available. One phone call to the centre is all it takes to unlock so many of life's pleasures and banish so many of its fears.

Fore more information, contact Linda Foster, chairperson of the Dundas Community Learning Centre at 774-2881.







It's snow much fun

Youngsters had fun playing on huge mounds of snow (photo above) which were pushed aside to make room for the Morewood Winter Carnival held Jan. 30, 31 and Feb 1, 2. Kids attending the Morewood Winter Carnival spent some time trying to find pieces of colored yard hidden in a pile of snow. This youngster appears to have garnered a mitt full (above right). The Morewood tug-of-war provided carny-goers with plenty of action.
Press Photos — Fetterly

Cancer support meetings planned

ALEXANDRIA — There will be a meeting of the Community Cancer Support Network on Tues., Feb. 18 at Glengarry District High School at 7:30 pm.

For more information contact Lise at 347-3513.

The next meeting of the Cornwall Community Cancer Support Network will be on Thurs., Feb. 20 at 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus building, 205 Second Street East.

For more information contact Lois at 932-5346.

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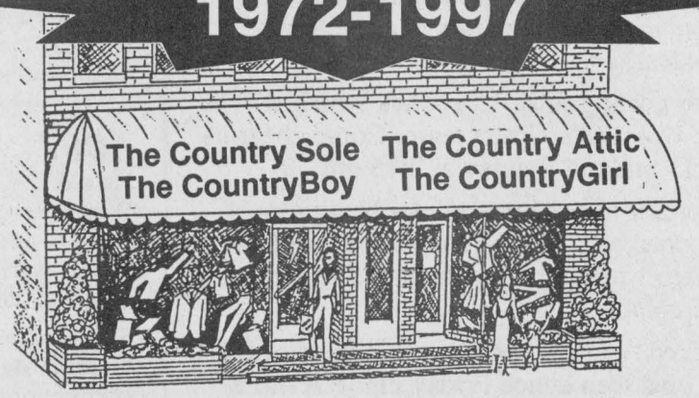

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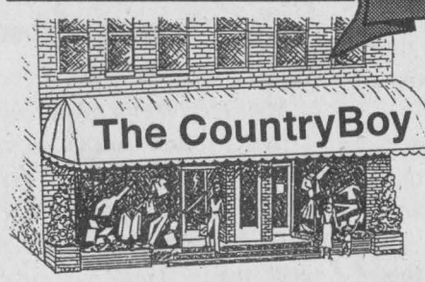

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EDITORIAL

Celebrate winter

Every year Canadian communities, big and small, get this idea in their heads that winter should be something worthy of elaborate celebrations.

What is there to celebrate? Last time I looked in the card section of the pharmacy I didn't see one saying "Congratulations on getting frost-bitten fingers and toes while celebrating winter!"

Even the two rodents — Punxsutawney Phil and Wiarton Willie who are dedicated to predicting how much more of this wonderful season we can be expected to revel in, or forced to endure — spend the entire season in hibernation. And have you ever noticed how quick their annual appearances are?

In all honesty folks, I think winter carnivals, especially in communities like Winchester, are great. They give kids of all ages a chance to frolic in the snow with reckless abandon, create one-of-a-kind snow sculptures and just have some plain old fashioned fun.

This year Winchester's very own tried and true annual winter carnival was close to becoming a distant memory and something not to be experienced by the youngest of the village.

However, some fine local folks rallied together and came up with three days of winter celebration.

Some of this year's highlights include a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the parkette by none other than our very own village reeve Larry Gray; a mystery location contest; three days of games in the great outdoors as well as a snow sculpting contest.

The ever-popular curling funspiel is back which will be highlighted by the *Winchester Press* team. Come cheer us on on Friday at 8:15 pm and Sunday at 2:15 pm.

For those who prefer to celebrate winter by sipping a hot cup of tea or cocoa by a roaring fire, there will lots to do indoors. Although I'm sad to say the arena is not yet equipped with a fireplace.

For the young Fred Astaires and Ginger Rogers of the village, there will be a teen dance Friday night. A more subdued event — a euchre party, will be held on Saturday as will remote car races.

Sunday is not to be outdone, as it kicks off with a fireman's breakfast (yum yum) more fun in the great outdoors as well as a splentabulous show by the Winchester Figure Skating Club.

Also on Sunday, local Alanis and Smashing Pumpkins wanna-bees will get their chance to strut their stuff during the air band contest.

Now if you can't find something to do during these three days, you have lost your Canadian spirit.

S.D.

This week in...

1947

Dr. C.R. Marcellus, an Iroquois physician, was appointed Coroner for the United Counties of SD&G. Marcellus graduated from Queen's University in Kingston in 1938.

The Inkerman Rockets trounced the Ottawa Canadiens 8-2 in an exhibition game. The Canadiens were the leading team in the Capital's Junior "A" League. More than 800 fans witnessed the contest.

By defeating the Maxville Millionaires 9-6, Winchester tied with Maxville for the leadership of the Central Ottawa Valley Intermediate League. Each team had accumulated eight points up to that time.

Pardon My Past, starring Fred MacMurray and Marguerite Chapman, was playing at the town hall movie theatre in Winchester.

Men's heavy work shirts sold for $1.49 at Keyes' Cash Store. Men's overalls were $2.50.

1957

Edgar Craig of Winchester was elected president of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society. Craig, a director of the popular Metcalfe Fair for the past 20 years, succeeded E. Stuart Whyte. Craig was well-known in the district as a Holstein breeder and was the owner of the Bridgelea Farm.

The Winchester branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society netted $853.65 in its 1956 canvass for funds. The amount included donations of In Memoriams totalling $93.00.

Competing with 14 contestants from eight schools, Edna Dixon, a 13-year-old pupil from S.S. No. 22 and Eldon Holmes, 13, from the Mulloy School, spelled their way to the top at the Mountain Township final round spelling bee held at the South Mountain Public School.

John Little was elected president of the Russell Agricultural Society. He succeeded Asa Sullivan. H.W. Hamilton was elected secretary for the 24th year.

In an effort to maintain hospital rates to patients, the Board of Directors of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital adopted a policy of asking the municipalities using its services to subsidize the hospital finances on a basis of the utilization of patient days by the various municipalities.

1967

Harold Roy Francis, a well-known Winchester farmer, died suddenly as a result of a farm accident. In his 51st year, he was working on his farm where he was born and raised when the tragedy occurred.

Scott Argue was elected President of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society. He took over from retiring president Stan Hicks.

Mrs. Helen Lewis was elected president of St. George's Anglican Church. The vice president was Mrs. Norman Robinson.

1977

The Winchester hospital announced it would have a library with texts and journals specifically relating to Geriatric and Chronic Nursing Care. In addition, the hospital was to establish an Educational Bursary of $800 each year for a three-year period to allow a number of nurses to learn more about geriatric and chronic nursing care.

Tammy Stoker, 16, was chosen Carnival Queen at Greely's Winter Carnival and was also named Miss Congeniality by her fellow classmates at Osgoode Township High School.

Halloween pranks in the Williamsburg-Dunbar and Williamstown areas cost the United Counties $3,000 in 1967. However, the cost of repairs to highway signs damaged October 31 was only a small portion of the total $3,591,000 spent on county roads in 1976.

The Winchester Midget Mustangs continued their quest for a play-off berth in the Carleton-Dundas Minor Hockey League with a narrow 2-1 win over the visiting Russell Warriors. The game was Winchester's third straight victory.

1987

Officials at Ault Foods Ltd. expected to know if production at the cheese plant would be resumed following a fire in an outdoor transformer station. The cause of fire, which completely shut down production at the plant, was unknown.

Organizers of the Winchester Carnival predicted about $5,000 was generated over the five day event and expected most of the money raised would go towards buying a portable stage for the following year's celebrations.

Negotiations between the SD&G Board of Education and its secondary school teachers were to end in a strike unless both sides agreed to help solve each other's problems. Major points of disagreement in the negotiations included staffing arrangements, workload, and issues related to salary and benefits.

A youth was in Ontario Provincial Police custody after a handgun was fired at Osgoode Township High School. The youth was charged with pointing a weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, and



possession of a restricted weapon. The gun was a .32 calibre Browning handgun. The gun was discharged outside the school building and a quantity of ammunition and a substance believed to be a drug were confiscated from the young offender.

Veteran defenceman Don Bissonette scored on a third period powerplay with 4:47 left on the clock to lift the Metcalfe Jets to a 6-4 Alex English Division victory over the visiting Winchester Hawks.

Nationview's team, skipped by Lorne Casselman, emerged from a field of 60 teams to capture the third annual Winchester Winter Carnival Bonspiel championship.



I finally tie the knot, get the gig and the last nacho

I got the gig. Let me explain. By a 'gig', I am referring to the successful end to a lengthy, cautious and labored wait.

I'm not quite sure if Webster or Oxford defines 'gig' but if they did I'm sure it would include something like: job, starring role, pinnacle of success, fancy word that comedians like to use.

And one you 'get the gig', you can rest calmly, bask in the fruits of your labor and go back to eating big bags of Doritos and watching bad TV.

The gig I recently got is marriage.

Last week, Nancy and I finally did the deed, tied the knot, got hitched and many other expressions rooted in tradition and fortune cookies.

By getting this gig, I can now, officially, rid myself of all those task and burdens single guys struggle with for the sole purpose of becoming unsingle.

Officially, I no longer have to be dragged onto a dance floor with a woman I'm trying to impress, pretend I enjoy the song being played and wonder if the club's dress code prohibits construction boots. I no longer have to do this. I got the gig.

If I don't feel like shaving one day, I don't have to. I got the gig.

If my socks don't match, no problem. I got the gig.

I can now eat the last nacho on the plate, no longer paranoid that the woman across the table will think I'm a selfish, uncouth glutton and never date me again. If you walk into the kitchen of any restaurant, you can discover how many single people there are by counting the platters with a single nacho.

Indeed, Nancy and I can now, officially, challenge each other for the last nacho.

Rural Roots
by Denis Grignon



ME: Hey, leggo my nacho.

HER: Yours? You've already eaten your weight in cornchips, cheese and salsa. This is my nacho.

ME: Hey, c'mon. I've earned this. I got married!

HER: Okay. You can have this nacho. If we go dancing this weekend.

ME: Never mind. I'll just lick the pan when you're through.

Ours was an A-typical wedding, I'm sure. Very small, took place on a Friday and was devoid of big paper hearts, rolled up cake, $9,000 a plate meals with 14 forks, too-tight cummerbunds and all those other things that keep boxy banquet halls in the black.

That my sister Gisele was my best, ahem, man, would most certainly send the editors of bridal magazines into tailspins.

I won't dare bore you with details of our wedding, but I will say that it took place in a very pleasant, intimate setting in Merrickville that rhymes with, um, Sam Jakes.

But it was the wedding that Nancy and I had decided on months ago, right around the time we realized we were all of a sudden fighting for the last nacho.

The news came as a pleasant surprise to many who know us — not its inevitability but our covert methods leading up to it. (Read: they can't believe I managed to keep my huge yap closed for so long.)

The perks too, have been plentiful. A big thanks to people like Kevin and Val and Bill and Sharon for the dinners in our honor. If only they knew part of the truth Nancy and I got each other's gig.

We knew it would bring free food.

And it wouldn't include nachos.

(Denis Grignon is a CBC Radio broadcaster and professional standup comic living in Mountain Township who promises he will never bore friends with wedding photos).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Headline misleading

The Editor:
The headline and accompanying lead story in the Jan. 22 *Press* regarding planned amalgamation was a total contradiction of each other and an untruth of what appears to be taking place.

The headline established beyond a doubt that amalgamation by itself will in fact, 'cost taxpayers big bucks'. Yet your story then shows comparisons for a $3,000 assessed piece of property for all four municipalities with present figures versus amalgamated figures versus non- amalgamated figures.

In all four municipalities, the amount of tax for non-amalgamation is quite a bit higher than that of amalgamation taxes.

Let's be truthful. The cause of higher municipal taxes is in fact the downloading of responsibility for some services from the province to the local governments and not amalgamation.

Sure the initial costs to amalgamate the four local municipalities might incur some front-end amounts but there is absolutely no way one government to oversee the entire North Dundas region can be more expensive than that of four separate controllers of our tax dollars.

I, for one, am totally in support of amalgamation. Sure some very difficult decisions will have to be made but let someone have the courage to make them and to make this combining of services work to our advantage. After all it's only our money at stake.

Perhaps, in closing, it would be beneficial to have someone report on the reduction we will realize in our provincial taxes with the downloading of services. Then and only then will we as individuals be able to assess whether we favor or disagree with amalgamation.

Owen Shortt

OMB to decide fate of track

The Editor:
The controversy surrounding the dirt bike tack near Elma is about to draw to a close.

On Monday, February 10 at noon, an Ontario Municipal Board hearing is scheduled to start at the Township of Williamsburg's municipal office.

The OMB will decide the fate of bylaw # 7-96, which Williamsburg Township passed on April 9, 1996.

This bylaw makes it possible to have an "off road motorcycle riding facility" on any rural zoned land, the only requirement being a minimum of four hectares (10 acres). A dirt bike race track was running in contravention of our zoning bylaw (23/80) on the property of Dale and Susan Adams. And to make this use 'legal' for this site, bylaw seven was prepared.

This past month has been a busy one as expert witnesses have been subpoenaed from OMAFRA and the Ministry of Environment and Energy.

The excellent planning report prepared by Calvin Pol has firmly demonstrated the many inconsistencies in this bylaw. It contravenes our own Official Plan and is not consistent with the Provincial Set of Policy Statements. Two other planners have confirmed this.

The site that this bylaw was prepared for will be shown to be unsuitable for such an invasive, incompatible land use.

We appreciate the financial and moral support given by the Dundas Federation of Agriculture and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in their quest to protect 'prime' agricultural land and a farmer's right to farm.

We also appreciate the many forms of support given to us by those in the community. We are committed to seeing this through and all these people have made it possible.

Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Karen Girard
for the Williamsburg Township Concerned Citizens Group

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

No matter what any groundhog predicts, most of us hope spring won't be long in arriving. And it is on the horizon, or at least Easter is. Pancake Tuesday which leads into Lent is on Tues., Feb. 11. To celebrate, South Mountain United Church is holding a pancake supper, Valentine sweets and a cut flower sale. This will be held in the church hall that day from 4:30 to 7 pm. with the cost of $4 per person. This event seems to cover all the bases and sounds enjoyable.

When my children were growing up I seemed to be forever washing clothes. I never knew if this made us the cleanest or dirtiest family around. I feel the same way about my winter driving. I don't care for it but does this make me a good or poor driver? I must admit I am cautious. I slow down when driving through a blizzard, never pass when I can't see where the road becomes ditch, give intersections great respect and don't drag race from stop signs. I realize this frustrates some other drivers but I don't think my back bumper is the safest place to travel.

Speaker discusses breast cancer

WINCHESTER — President Eileen Robinson opened the meeting of the Winchester Women's Institute with the poem, "Do you belong?". The poem addressed the variety of people who make up any organization and encouraged them to be active members.

A vegetarian roll call followed the *Ode and Collect* and one visitor was introduced. Several get well cards and gifts had been sent out to ill members last month.

Information was presented about the program for the Women's Institute Centennial to be held in Hamilton in June. The secretary has application forms and a bus tour has been organized.

The Women's Institute's local celebration will take place when all branches in Dundas have been invited by the Chesterville Branch to a luncheon and program in the Legion Hall on Wed., Feb. 19.



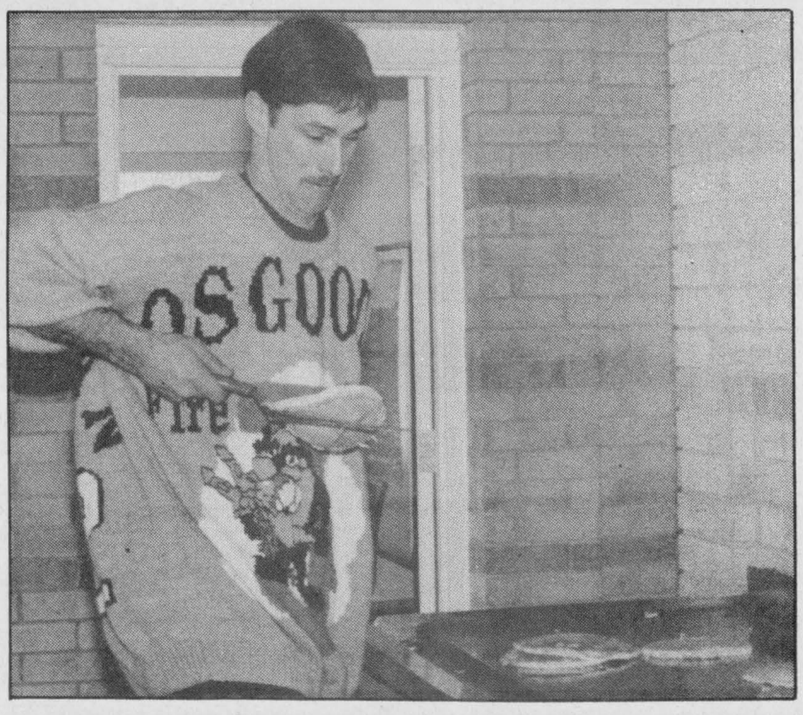
Best decorated house

Lisa Forrester of Mason Street in Greely won $100 for decorating her house in the "Aloha Hawaii" Greely Winter Carnival theme. She had a surf board and spinning wheel on her lawn and engraved the letters "Greely Winter Carnival" in the snow bank.
Press Photo — Wolfe

Greely warms up to carnival

GREELY — Whisky was in the house but not in the tropical drink she was sipping while clad in a bathing suit on her front yard lawn chair.

Lisa Forrester Greely then gingerly waled across the snow and boarded her wind surfer as if soaking up the Hawaiian heat. In reality she was taking part in the 36th annual Greely Winter Carnival.



Osgoode Township firefighter Cory Kroes flips a pancake at the Greely Winter Carnival Pancake Breakfast last Sat. (Feb. 1). The fire department served 250 people pancakes and sausages.

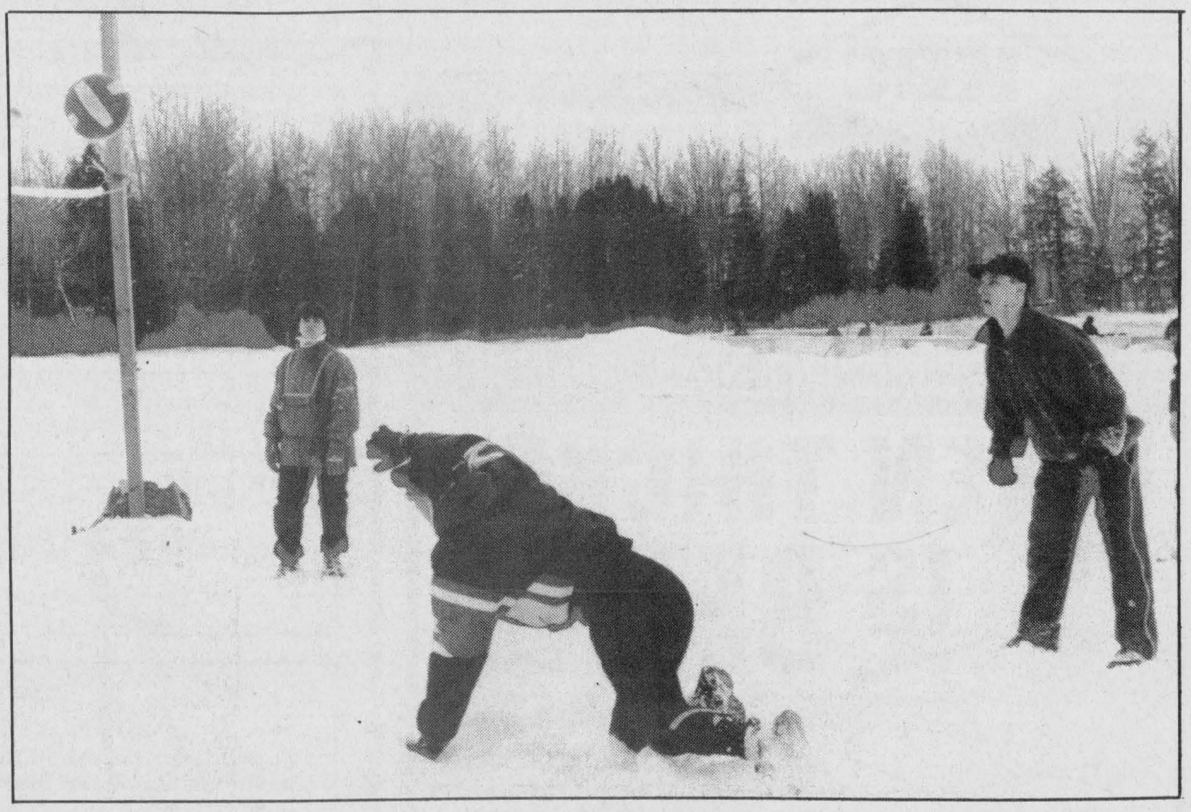
Forrester, who describes herself as a retired hair stylist and current Algonquin College student, was seeking the top prize of $100 for putting together the best at-home decorations featuring a Hawaiian theme.

Whisky, the Forresters' pet beagle, surveyed the scene while Lisa, 23, explained "this is what struggling students do."

"It's also the kind of thing we used to do when the kids were small," said her mother Carmene, a veteran participant and behind the scenes volunteer with the carnival.

"We've got Greely blood," she said while standing beside the Hawaiian-style front yard featuring a bespectacled teddy bear bathing, other summer paraphernalia, plus a roulette wheel, pancake box and bingo cards, to represent some of the carnival events.

Snow volleyball, the Lions Sunday brunch, sleigh rides, a casino night and the Saturday pancake breakfast were among the other events at this year's carnival.



A small group of hardy men and women competed in a volleyball contest outdoors.

RRSP deductions

by Jeff Jackson, CGA of the Winchester BDO office

WINCHESTER — Do you wait until tax season each year to get a refund for your RRSP contributions? Now, with your employer's help, you can benefit immediately.

If your employer deducts RRSP contributions from your pay cheque and makes them directly to the RRSP, you'll notice the tax break right away.

As long as your employer transfers the payment directly to your RRSP (this includes group or individual plans) he doesn't have to withhold income tax on that part of your salary. Sometimes this makes a huge difference. Here's how it works.

Suppose you receive an annual bonus of $10,000 in December, on which you'd have to pay tax of 50 per cent. If your employer deducted income tax from your bonus, you'd receive $5,000. To contribute the whole bonus to your RRSP, you'd have to borrow the other $5,000 and wait for your tax refund to pay off the loan. Now your employer can contribute the entire bonus to your RRSP, without holding back any income tax.

A couple of conditions still apply. Contributions to your RRSP can't exceed the limit set by Revenue Canada on your annual Notice of Assessment. And you'll still have to pay Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance Premiums on your bonus, unless you've already paid the maximum premiums for the year.

SEVERANCE PACKAGES

In this era of downsizing, perhaps you face a job loss.

If you receive a severance package, you may be able to roll a large portion into your RRSP without paying tax up front. How much? For every year you worked before 1996, you can roll $2,000 into your RRSP. For each year you worked before 1989 you may be able to add $1,500 more. If your employer transfers these amounts directly into your RRSP, it won't be necessary to withhold tax.

There's more. If you haven't contributed the total you're allowed to your RRSP for the year, you may want to add more from your severance package.

Now your employer can make this type of contribution directly to your RRSP without deducting income tax. With less tax coming off the top, there's more money available to put in your RRSP.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

When you make RRSP contributions yourself, you still have to go by the old rules. This means you need written permission from Revenue Canada authorizing your employer to reduce income tax deducted from your pay cheque.

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by Dr. Graham Jacques
Medical Advisor for Dundas County Chapter, Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation

Day after day, I sit in my office and hand out good advice to all my patients. It's not hard to do. The hard part is living up to that advice, as I found out last year. It's one thing to give or even get good advice, it's entirely something else to live with that advice.

I'm still not very good at it, but I am getting better. The most difficult part about it is changing one's attitude.

So where do we begin? First, let's start with real high risk stuff. Smoking. All else pales in comparison to this. Is it hard? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

Most people quit on their own, either cold turkey or with various over-the-counter aids. Other enlist the aid of their doctor or a local health unit. However you do it, it is possible, but requires a mental attitude change to consider yourself as an ex-smoker.

Why ex-smoker rather than non-smoker? A non-smoker has never smoked long enough to be addicted. An ex-smoker has smoked long enough to be addicted (about three months of regular smoking).

What does quitting do? It puts the addiction to sleep, but cannot get rid of it (nothing can!). Any time you pick up a cigarette and take a puff, you begin to wake that addiction. Whether you've quit for three days, three months, three years or 30 years, play it safe, don't wake it up, don't take that puff!

Next let's consider diet. That's a tough one — you can't quit eating entirely! But you would be surprised at what you can do.

First, don't try and change everything at once. Do that and you are guaranteed to feel deprived. Next, enlist the help of your partner. You probably both need to change and you can't do it alone.

So where do you begin? The average North American diet is far too high in fats — so let's start there. First, stop cooking with large amounts of fat. Stop eating deep fried foods, such as french fries, battered foods, donuts etc. Replace them with foods prepared without fat such as baked potatoes, broiled fish, muffins etc. Don't replace that fat with butter or margarine! Do this until you feel comfortable with it.

Next, stop spreading your bread with margarine or butter (try replacing one teaspoon butter/margarine with a half a teaspoon of light mayonnaise if you really have to have something). Now you are beginning to lose your taste for fats!

The next step is to cut down on your meat intake. Unless a large part of your life is dedicated to physical labor, you can cut your meat/fish/poultry/cheese daily intake to no more than four ounces (120 grams). When you've done this, you will have decreased your daily fat intake to 25 to 30 per cent of your total caloric intake.

Finally let's talk about dealing with stress — another highly modifiable risk factor. What can be done to reduce stress?

First, learn to identify those things you can change and work to change them. Second, accept those things you can't change and let them be. Third, realize that time changes all things, whether you want it or not.

Take time out for yourself. But make it quality time. Learning to relax is an art, but can be easily accomplished. Here are a few suggestions. Arrange an appointment with yourself, at a time when you are unlikely to be interrupted. Choose a relaxing record or make your own tape of relaxing music or sounds. Lie down, close your eyes and listen. Don't try to organize your thoughts, just let them flow. Don't try to accomplish any specific task, but you may well be surprised at how much faster you can get things done when you get back to work.

Taking a walk is also a very useful way of reducing stress — both for you and your dog. Again, just let your thoughts flow without organizing them. Take time to observe the world around you. You will be surprised at how many answers to your problems are in the most unlikely places.

Look at the TV only when you really want to. Turn it off at all other times. Learn to concentrate on the task at hand. Let yourself be distracted only by matters more important than that with which you are dealing directly.

These are some ways in which you can cut your risk of heart disease and stroke. Talk to your doctor about other risks you might have, such as family history, high blood pressure, diabetes and raised cholesterol. The risk factors that I have discussed are entirely under your control. Good luck!



A makeover?...

Erica Kelly of Cardinal had her face painted by Kimberly Dings of Chesterville on Saturday. The painting fun was part of Chesterville's Snowflake Carnival 1997 held Jan. 30 - Feb. 2.

Snowmobile thefts still a problem

WINCHESTER — Over the past few years, the incidents of snowmobile thefts has been a continual problem during the winter months.

The recent theft in Mountain Township brings the total number of thefts to six for Dundas County with these being concentrated in the northern half of both Winchester and Mountain Townships.

In two of these cases, the snowmobiles had been left on their trailers which were also taken. It has also been noted that while the keys had been removed from a snowmobile this did not prevent it from being started and stolen.

Owners should be aware that extra precautions maybe necessary and to consider parking/storing their snowmobiles in a secure area or building to help reduce the opportunity for theft.

Share night in Cornwall

CORNWALL — The Cornwall and Area chapter of the Bereaved Families of Ontario will hold their monthly *Support and Share Night* on Wed., Feb. 12 in the library at C.C.V.S., 437 Sydney Street, Cornwall from 7-9 pm.

The theme will be "Facing Anniversaries". For more information contact 1-613-936-1455.

Correction

In last week's edition of the *Press* it was incorrectly stated that the Jensen family was seeking compensation for their land from Hiram Matchett. The Jensens were actually seeking payment from Osgoode Township.



Garnet Rogers at Playhouse this Saturday

MORRISBURG — A professional singer/songwriter by necessity, spends much of his life on the road and Garnet Rogers is no exception.

Many performers jump on a plane, they often travel on a tour bus or at least have a driver, but Rogers chooses to drive alone in his trusty Volvo.

"Driving never bothers me. I figure I've driven one million kilometres in the lat 13 years. And I do a lot of songwriting in the car too," he said.

The scuttlebutt was that Rogers refused to fly since the tragic death of his brother Stan in 1983.

"Well, actually it's not that. I'm travelling with eight guitars, you see and..." There's a moment of silence as he reflects on all of the crushed musical instrument stories he's heard over the years.

However, mentioning guitars soon has Rogers off and running again.

"I'm on a guitar collecting binge now. I see it as my retirement fund," he chuckles. "My guitar used to be my baby, but these days it's firewood. Guitars have no sentimental value. But it does give me something to do on the road. Now I'm forever poking around pawn shops and music stores. I guess I've bought or sold around 30 guitars in the last year."

Rogers' enthusiasm for guitars is legend and his reputation as a phenomenal instrumentalist has soared over the years.

At one time, Rogers tested audience reaction by attributing his own songs to obscure writers but these days his extraordinary talents are widely recognized through Canada and the United States.

His music, like the man himself, is literate, passionate, highly sensitive and with a deep purpose. Rogers sings about people who are not obvious heroes and of the small victories of everyday.

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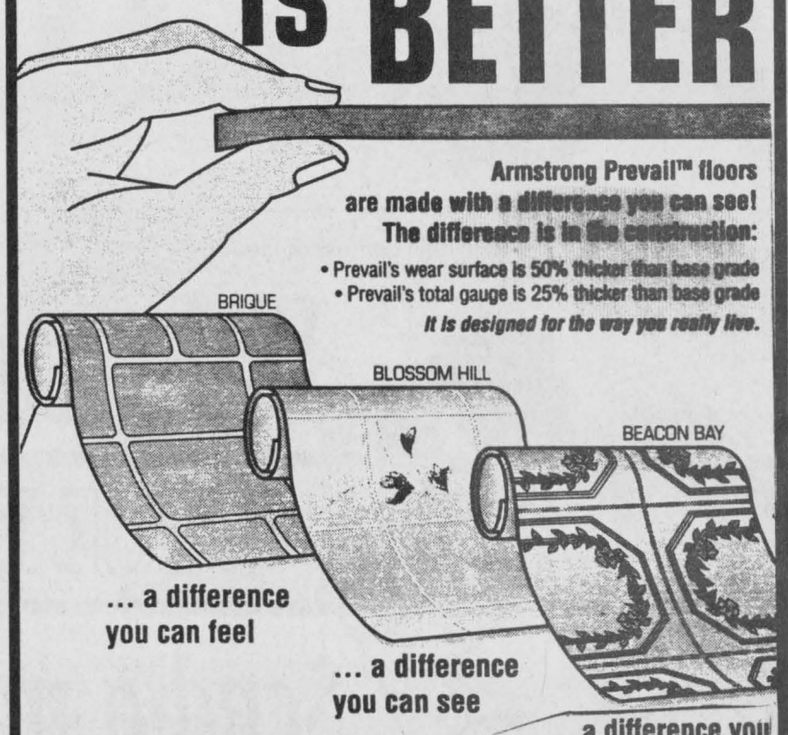

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Exams should be abolished

MAPLE RIDGE — Well, they're finally over — exams, those monstrous cumulative evaluations are no more.

I don't like exams, I've never liked exams and I have very little doubt that almost every student in the school has the same mutual feeling.

To me, an exam serves very little purpose. Essentially its only function is to see how well a student can cram months of information into his or her brain in a few short weeks.



NDDHS NOTES
by
Daniel Sahl

Naturally, it goes without saying that if it were left up to me, these inhumanities would be abolished. Unfortunately (and I'm sure this will come as no surprise) neither I, nor any other suffering student, has even a microscopic amount of influence when it comes to changing this practice.

So, in the hope that the answer will satisfy me instead, I ask this one question: what is the purpose of an exam anyway? To solve this perplexing puzzle, I went directly to the authorities on the subject... my friends. They basically replied (using many colorful adjectives I cannot reprint) that teachers enjoyed making our lives stressful and miserable.

Although this answer seemed reasonable (after all, hadn't we been making their lives stressful and miserable for the past five months?) I still needed a more professional response. For this, I turned to the teachers themselves.

According to them, the reason we take exams is so that we can practice for our post-secondary education. Yes, it seems that universities and colleges evaluate students almost solely on their midterms and finals.

This is a scary fact. Think about it. You've spent thousands of dollars to take a course and it all comes down to a few crucial hours. Personally, I don't know what I'm going to do when I face this prospect. I mean, I've been known to start crying during measly little high school exams. I may go into hysterics during university.

Now, I can moan and groan about exams until I'm blue in the face but it still won't matter. I'll be writing these things for at least five more years.

As a result, I've come up with a few handy ways I feel will help me survive the rest of my examination days. These include lottery tickets, voodoo charm dolls, lava lamps, stimulants such as coffee and chocolate, many years of intense psychotherapy, lots of my parent's money and dumb luck. Heck, I might even consider studying.

Factory B&E

CORNWALL — Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a break, enter and theft from a factory located on Prospect Road in Morrisburg.

Sometime overnight on January 23, unknown suspects broke into the business by a rear door. Once inside they stole 800 pounds of dross ingots and 1,000 pounds of zinc ingots. The total value of the stolen metals is $950.

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The Toronto Dominion Bank and Scotiabank, Chesterville branches made generous donations to Snowarama held on Sunday. Pictured during the cheque presentation are left to right: Mike Schafer (The Bear), Earl McBean (Scotiabank), Ab Carr, Eldon Moss (TD Bank), and Trapper Biggs (The Bear).

Press Photo — Fetterly

More than $6,000 raised at Snowarama

CHESTERVILLE — Lots of snow, ideal weather and perfect conditions made for a very successful Chesterville Snowarama'97 on Sunday.

Approximately $6,200 was raised for physically disabled children in the area from the rally. Of that figure, two large donations were received from the Toronto Dominion Bank ($1,200) and Scotiabank ($1,000), both in Chesterville.

"We (organizers) were very pleased (with this year's Snowarama). The weather was perfect and there was lots of snow," said Betty Vanden Bosch, President elect of the Rotary Club of Chesterville, who co-sponsored the event with the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association.

About 41 snowmobilers drove the nearly 100 km course. Among those participating were Mike Schafer and Trapper Biggs of "The Bear" radio station in Ottawa.

The trails were in great shape, thanks to the hard work of local snowmobile club members, who put a lot of hard work into preparation, added Vanden Bosch.

For the past two years, the rally was not held due to a lack of snow and poor conditions. However, approxmately $7,900 in pledges was collected for Easter Seals.

The Easter Seals "Tammy" Kayleigh Boyd, and last year's "Timmy" Scott MacLellan were on hand for the finish of the rally. Chesterville's Karen Edgerton brought in the most pledges.

Since its inception in 1975, Snowarama has raised over $12 million for the more than 8,100 children with physical disabilities in Ontario.

News briefs
FROM MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP

Residents to pay for drain

MOUNTAIN — At a special meeting January 17, Mountain Township council and 16 township residents agreed maintenance would start the following week on the Eight Concession Drain.

Maintenance would be done on a per hour basis from Lot 19, Concession 8 to the top end of the drain at Highway 43. The residents were to share the cost of the maintenance.

Drainage superintendent Richard Sharkey explained increased rainfalls this year have complicated drainage. He said that cattails surround the Eighth Concession drain and the roots extend below grade level.

Resident Stan Mooers advised council that he removed his request for maintenance work on the drain. Reeve Estella Rose had received two requests for maintenance on the drain, one from Mooers, which was withdrawn before the meeting.

Council won't pay for dog

MOUNTAIN — Council will not pay for Garnet and Joyce Edgerton's veterinarian bill following an attack on their dog by two stray dogs.

Their 14-year-old terrier mix died of shock the day after the attack. The vet's bill was $65.

Deputy Reeve Don Johnston and councillor Wray Holmes said paying the bill "would set a dangerous precedent."

Land severance

MOUNTAIN — Frank and Verna Salter applied for a severance of vacant land north of the Baldwin Road.

The Salters plan to sell the 27-acres to a local farmer. The Baldwin Road is a seasonal road which is maintained only in the summer.

Council passed a motion that it did not object to the severance.

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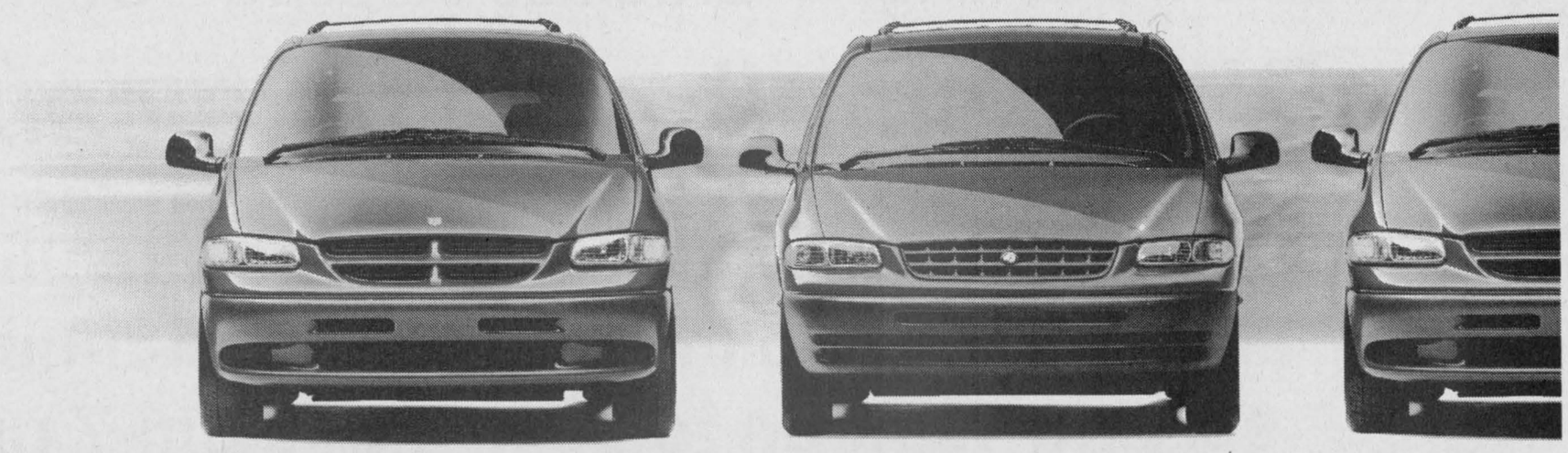

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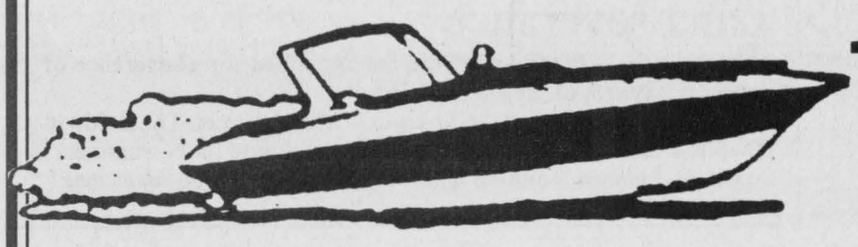

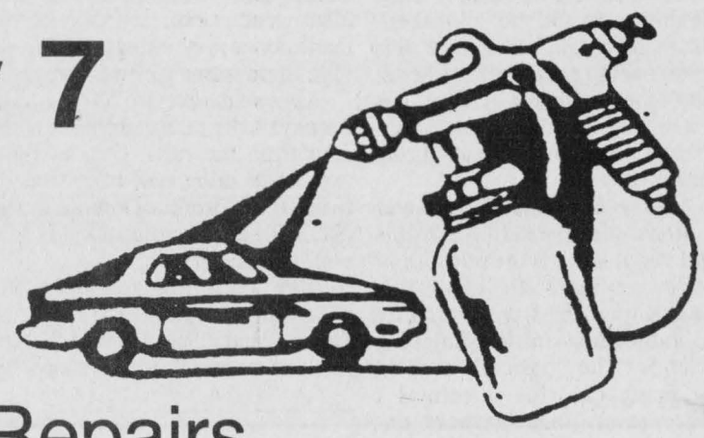

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Farm update

Studies justify narrow-row crops

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

KEMPTVILLE — Twin and narrow row cropping for corn is sparking a lot of interest with farmers, says David Acres of Acres Tillage and Planting Systems in Winchester.

"Farmers are interested in the performance of narrow-row corn, but haven't seen the data necessary to answer their questions and convince them to make the move to narrower row corn," Acres told a large crowd attending Crops Day on January 23 at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology.

Acres cited a recent survey conducted in the corn belt which indicated that 87 per cent of the producers surveyed wanted more information on corn rows narrower than 30 inches.

According to Acres, of the farmers surveyed, 59 per cent plant 30 inch rows, while 29 per cent go with 36-38 inch rows and 12 percent plant 7.5 - 24 inch rows.

"Corn yields increase as row spacing decreases because narrower row crops catch more sunshine and convert it to dry matter. This 'decentralization' also helps root growth and nutrient uptake," he said.

A four-year study completed at the Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology showed yield increases of 6.3 per cent when rows were narrowed from 38 to 30 inches; 6.1 per cent when narrowed from 30 - 20 inches (35,000 - 37,000 pp.), and 12 per cent when changed from 30 to 15 inch rows (38,000 - 40,000 pp.) Three-year studies at the universities of Michigan and Minnesota showed similar results.

While narrower row crops can increase yield, Acres says it's important to establish whether the yields are enough to justify the expense of new equipment.

In order to justify the added expenses, profits must also be increased. Profits can either be increased by cutting existing expenses and maintaining revenue or by increasing revenue and maintaining expenses. "This means increasing yields," he said.

If existing yields are marginal, one way to increase them is to eliminate a number of yield- limiting factors, Acres explained.

Farmers should look at eliminating compaction; removing all debris out of the plant-grow zone; maintaining calcium, magnesium and soil pH levels; establishing a written "systems" approach to soil and crop goals; and using a yield monitor to help manage the field the following year.

"These items alone will guarantee a positive crop yield response to your fertility and herbicide program — your largest variable expense," he said.

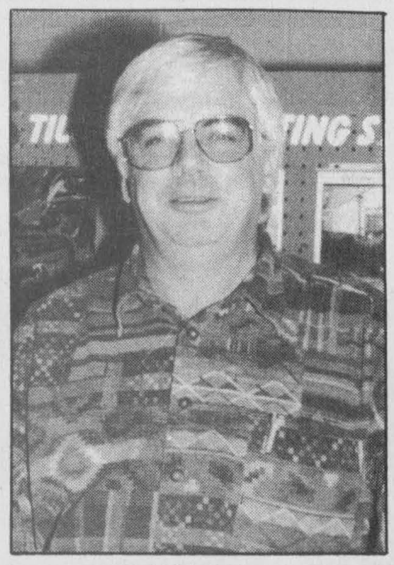
While it's difficult to establish an exact cost of changing over machinery for narrow row cropping, Acres presented estimates of the cost to convert existing machinery or purchase new.

Farmers should also consider the added fertilizer and seed costs, he added.

TWINNING

Before farmers start making any major investments on new equipment for narrow-row corn, Acres suggested trying 30-inch twin row corn and beans on a field-trial basis.

Twinning is easy to try with an existing planter. All that's required is



David Acres

to offset the planter drawbar enough to double-plant a second row seven or eight inches from the first pass. This second pass would cause some degree of yield-limiting wheel compaction but it allows the farmer to see the results of narrow row corn on his/her land, he explained.

As well, this method doesn't require any corn head modifications and allows the farmer to establish a "good management" strategy for narrow row cropping, Acres said.

"On-farm testing is still the best way to identify the top hybrids for your farm. A 'real' twin row planting system can be set up at a later date with existing planter modifications or by purchasing a new planter."

Fusarium problem severe in last year's crops

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

KEMPTVILLE — 1996 was one of the worst years in the past century for fusarium in wheat. But researchers at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology hope to have the problem licked before another devastating outbreak occurs.

"Fusarium in wheat caused major losses to (Ontario) producers in 1996... The central part of Ontario was most severely affected, Eastern Ontario and the southwest corner of the province were least affected. In fact, fusarium is one of the biggest problems in wheat production," KCAT lecturer and researcher Garry Hoekstra told a large crowd attending Crops Day last Thursday at the college.

According to Hoekstra, the climatic conditions of the summer of 1996 were nearly perfect for the serious outbreak of fusarium which occurred. Fusarium is a disease in cereal crops, usually wheat, which causes shrunken kernels, early death of the plant and increased toxins in the grain.

"Temperatures in the 25-30 degrees Celsius range, coupled with high humidity and susceptible wheat varieties promotes the spread of the disease... Without these weather conditions, you don't usually have a huge fusarium problem," explained Hoekstra.

As well, wheat planted after corn also promotes the spread of fusarium because corn trash harbors the disease. White wheat is often more susceptible to the disease than Red wheat, he added.

When fusarium-infected wheat is harvested, the kernels are often shrunken and unfilled, resulting in lower bushel weights. However, the real problem with fusarium is not the lack of yields it creates, but rather the build-up of toxins which occur in the grain.

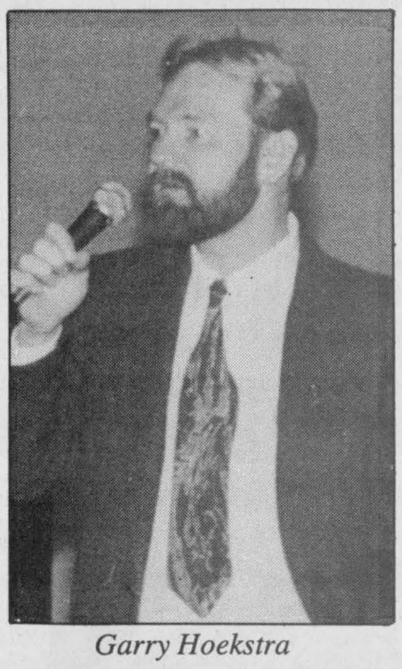
"Fusarium infection causes the production of a toxin called DON, which makes wheat unsuitable for human consumption. Severely infected wheat has to be used for the less lucrative feed market — if such markets can be found," said Hoekstra.

Government regulations allow only two parts per million of DON before wheat can no longer be used for human consumption.

And a feed-grade wheat means a reduced price at the elevator, he added.

WORKING ON SOLUTIONS

Researchers at KCAT are looking at a number of solutions to the



Garry Hoekstra

fusarium problem, said Hoekstra.

One of the most obvious solutions is to avoid planting wheat after corn. The fusarium problem can be lessened when wheat follows soybeans or forages.

Another option is to grow wheat varieties that are the least susceptible to fusarium. However, there are no varieties totally resistant to the disease.

Research has also indicated a reduction in the incidence of fusarium when conservation tillage is used, although more tillage trials still need to be performed to determine the best tillage method for wheat, he explained.

And if toxin levels are low to moderate, levels could be reduced even further in the grain sample, by increasing the fan speed when harvesting, Hoekstra suggested.

"The yield penalty for putting the fan speed at the maximum is about one-and-a-half bushels per acre of good grain, which might still be better than the alternative of having your wheat down- graded when it reaches the elevator," he said.

However if infection is severe, increasing fan speed doesn't seem to help. Also do not delay harvesting the crop, he added.

KCAT researchers maintain test plots of wheat at the college's research station just south of Winchester, where they continue to look not only at the solutions outlined by Hoekstra at Crops Day, but also at various other management techniques.

Crops Day was held January 23 at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology's W.B. George Centre as part of Farmers' Week and Trade Fair.

Agri notes

Junior Farmers pick executive

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The Dundas County Junior Farmers installed their executive for the upcoming year at the annual meeting held Sat., Jan. 25 at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain.

The new executive includes: president, Graham Duke; vice-president, Angela Daly; provincial director, Tammy Duke; sports director, Shawn Backes; secretary/newsletter editor, Sandra Greer; press reporter, Patty Duke; Ag. rep/treasurer, Claire Kinlin.

January was membership month for the Junior Farmers of Ontario. Junior Farmers is open to young people 15 - 29 years of age.

Core to serve another term

MISSISSAUGA — John Core was re-elected Chair and Peter Oosterhoff was re-elected vice-chair at a special meeting of Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) held Jan. 10.

Core has been the chair since 1990. He had served as vice-chair of DFO since the summer of 1986. As a member of DFO, Core is an executive member of Dairy Farmers of Canada and sits on the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee.

Oosterhoff was first elected to the board in 1975. He is past-president of Dairy Farmers of Canada.

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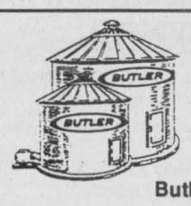

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Stewart James new Metcalfe Agricultural Society president

by Sue Brousseau

METCALFE — More than 70 members of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society met on Sat., Jan. 25 to elect the 1997 executive at the annual meeting.

Outgoing president Betty Eastman thanked the many volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making this past year's fair a success.

"We also received a wonderful response from our many sponsors. Our organization would not exist without the generosity of our sponsors," said Eastman.

Cool, but fair weather helped play a part in the fair's success as well.

According to Eastman, the society was fortunate to have a Family Division and mainline that work together.

She also thanked everyone for her past two years as president and said she thoroughly enjoyed the time spent on the executive and wished the incoming president, Stewart James the very best.

Grace Buckland, chairperson of the Family Division, thanked all of the ladies who volunteered their time over the past year as well as during the fair.

"The junior exhibits of the Family Division are growing every year, which is great since they are the exhibitors of the future in our culinary arts, homecrafts and flower divisions," said Buckland.



New executive

The Metcalfe Agricultural Society recently elected its new executive. The executive includes left to right, standing: Mary Fisher, 1st vice family division; Dorothy Smith, treasurer; Sue Brousseau, secretary; Lynda McCuaig, 1st vice-president; and seated: Betty Eastman, past president; Stewart James, president; Grace Buckland, family division chair; Blair Dow, first vice-president.

Elections were held and the 1997 executive includes: Stewart James, president; Blair Dow, first vice-president; Lynda McCuaig, second vice- president; Grace Buckland, Family Division chairperson; Mary Fisher, first chairperson; Meredith Brophy, second vice-chairperson; Sue Brousseau, secretary; Dorothy Smith, treasurer.

Newly elected president Stewart James thanked everyone for their support and said he will have a tough act to follow as well as a big pair of shoes to fill.

Preparations for the upcoming annual Society Ball are under way. It will be held at the Metcalfe Community Centre on Sat., May 3. Although the theme has not yet been decided, it will be a 'dress up' western affair.

The 141st Metcalfe Fair will take place Oct. 2 to Oct. 5. Preliminary homecraft prize lists are available at the fair office which is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm.

Anyone wishing further information can call 821- 0591.



Passing the gavel

Outgoing Metcalfe Agricultural Society president Betty Eastman handed over the gavel to the new president, Stewart James during the society's annual meeting held recently.

OBITUARIES

Sgt. Frederick John Brown

Sgt. Frederick John Brown, CD, RCE, of Winchester, died January 20. He was 75.

A Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Engineers veteran, Mr. Brown was born on April 20, 1921 to the late John Clarence Brown and Lillian Agnes Farmiloe.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Norma (Wylie).

Mr. Brown joined the SD&G Highlanders at the age of 18. The regiment was sent to England in 1941 and he was later transferred to the Engineers. Mr. Brown also served in North Africa, Italy, Canada, the Arctic Circle, Korea and northern Europe.

Following his tour of duty in World War II, Mr. Brown returned home to Winchester in 1945.

In 1953 he rejoined the force for the Korean War. He then retired in 1969 after receiving numerous medals and certificates of honor. He was a member of the Chesterville Legion Branch 434 and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

Mr. Brown was predeceased by his brother Ralph and sisters Anne Casselman and Mary Brown.

He will also be sadly missed by his children Ian of Ottawa; Leona (John) Krushelniski of Mission, British Columbia; David of Ottawa; Heather (Tom) Billings of Greely and Danny of Ottawa.

Mr. Brown will also be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Randy and Jodi Miller and Matthew and Ryan Billings; brother Robert Brown; sisters Alice Fawcett and Lillian Merkley; uncle George Farmiloe as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Homes Inc., in Winchester on January 24.

Rev. Heather Jones officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

George Godfrey Laflamme

George Godfrey Laflamme, of Chesterville, died January 31. He was 82.

A retired grocery store owner and founding member of the Chesterville Knights of Columbus, Mr. Laflamme was born in Applehill on January 25, 1915 to the late Godfrey Laflamme and Florence Larquix.

He was predeceased by his first wife June Coughlin, daughter Sandra, son Adrien and brother Roch.

Mr. Laflamme will be fondly remembered by his wife Adele (nee Davidson) of Cornwall as well as children Danny (Anne) of British Columbia; Sylvia (Pat) Van Bridger of Winchester; Susann (Burton) Merkley of Ottawa; Robert (Marion) Smith of Midland as well as daughter-in-law Margaret Laflamme of Chesterville.

He will also be sadly missed by his sister Leona McMillan of Finch and Godfrena Carm of New Brunswick as well as his 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church in Chesterville.

Father Don Cummings officiated.

Interment of the cremated remains will be in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery in the spring.

Pallbearers were Chris, Marque, Damian and Jason Laflamme, Benjamin and Matthew Merkley and John Van Bridger.

Jim Martin

Jim Martin, of RR 2, Iroquois, died January 31. He was 71.

A retired millhouse operator for Canada Starch, Mr. Martin was born in Winchester Township on June 27, 1925 to the late Patrick Martin and Mary Martin (nee McMann).

He is survived by his wife Doreen Martin, (nee Height) whom he married on December 14, 1944, as well as his children Ronald of RR 2, Iroquois; Roland (Dominique) of Cardinal; Francis of Prescott; Myra (Dave) Fawcett of RR, Brinston; Myrna (Ted) Adams of Johnstown; Lisa (Bert) Fawcett and Sharon (Bernie) Markell of RR 2, Iroquois.

Mr. Martin will also be sadly missed by his brother Francis (Geraldine) of London and sister Hilda (Garnet) Harper of RR 2, Brinston as well as his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister Marie Martin.

Funeral services were held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois on February 2.

Rev. Georgia Copland officiated.

Interment will be held in the spring at Sprucehaven Cemetery in Brinston.

Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Carr, Cephus Sypes, Denzil Height, Roland Height, Dave Fawcett, Michael Amell.

Donations to the Kidney Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Adam Walsh Meek

Adam Walsh Meek, of Winchester, died February 1. He was 69.

A retired lineman for Ontario Hydro, Mr. Meek was born on August 12, 1927 in Douglas, Ontario to the late John Q. Meek and Annie F. Walsh.

He was predeceased by his brother William.

Mr. Meek was the beloved husband of Joan (nee Grenier) and father to Cheryl (Don) Grenier of Arnprior; Stephen of Ottawa; Jeffrey (Erin) of Ottawa; Phillip (Terry Dixie) of Athens; Tracy (Karen) of Mississauga; and Shannon (Paul) Chretien of Johnstown.

He was the dear grandfather of Kenneth and Anne- Marie Grenier; Alex Fetterly; Jonathan and McKenzie, Adam, Jordan and Jesse Meek; Cody and Lucas Chretien.

Funeral services were held on February 4 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chesterville.

Father Don Cummings officiated.

Interment was at Malloch Cemetery in Arnprior.

Pallbearers were Bob Meek, Kenny Grenier, Cec Rainey, Gervais Costello, Frank Morgan and Russ Morrow.

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