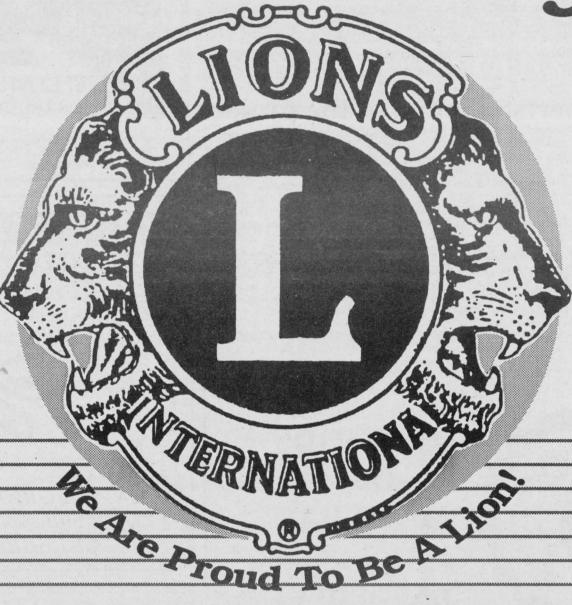
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Marsha and friends

Marsha Boulton struck off from the city 15 years ago and became a shepherd. Leaving McLeans Magazine she penned Letters from the Country and won the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour in 1996. The big news is that she is the guest speaker at the Lions' Club 50th anniversary banquet on May 10. Escape with her to a world where local characters provide the situations where even pain resonates with laughter. Learn why sheep sometimes have crayon marks on their

Lion Dan Robertson initiated the pro-

The "glass project" was initiated by Lion Dan Robertson. Dan who was the Plant Manager of Rohm and Haas, was made aware that the forming glass for the plexiglass sheets fabricated at the facilities by the Club. plant were being discarded after a certain amount of use. He devised a plan to give this used glass to the Lions Club for a fundraising project. This idea not only gave the Club an excellent fundraiser, it also saved disposing of the used glass by other means.

The glass project proved to be a great success, lasting from 1980 until 1996. The glass was stored

chairmanship of Lions Jim Millard Iroquois Enterprises for their extra and Ross Dulmage. Lions Les Craig efforts towards the glass project. also helped with the transportation of the glass. Craig Packaging was acknowledged for the use of their

Lion Clare Dunbar, with help from Lion Ed Orlicky became the organizer in 1992. The glass sold very well during the years 1993 and 1994 bringing in over \$25,0-00. Lions glass has now travelling as far as Vancouver. The glass was then moved to Iroquois Enterprises where it stayed until 1992. Iroquois Enterprises not only offered their facilities, they also at Craig Packaging for the first trucked the glass from Rohm and Club bringing in well over \$50,0few years, while it was under the Haas. The Club acknowledged 00.

The glass moved yet again, to Third High farms (Glenn and Margaret Swerdfeger's on the third concession, Matilda), where it remained until 1996. The end was in sight with the closing of the Rohm and Haas plexiglass plant. Chairman, Lion Glenn Swerdfeger had an opportunity to sell the remainder of the glass with one large sale of over \$3000. That was the end of the glass pro-

The glass project was one of the very best ever fundraisers for the

50th committee

anniversary celebrations which were to take place in May of 1997. The committee was formed with Lion Martin Habraken as Chairperson, along with Lion Dale Roberts and Lion Henry Prins. from fourteen clubs. In the first Lion Ross Dulmage and Lion three weeks, close to 300 books John Lyon joined at a later time.

The objective was to involve all the Club members, Lions Clubs in the district (there are 77 of them) and the citizens in our community. We also wanted to add something in the community which will have a lasting presence to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions CLub. The suggested projects to build a shelter at the Iroquois beach at a cost Club members did the work. This co-operative effort by all the club members gives the Club character and great comradeship. In order to Please turn to page 10

In May of 1996 a committee do this, a fund raising effort was was formed to set up the 50th set up. This included the setting up of a Lions Club Cook Book with all the members participating in getting recipes. District Lion Clubs were also asked to participate. We received co-operation were sold at \$7.00 each. We had to order another 300 books to keep up with the demand.

We also wanted to involve the community at large so a public auction is set up for May 3 at the civic centre. Local people can clean out their basements, garages and sheds of unwanted items which are in workable order. This members voted out of eleven can be furniture, tools, sports equipment and toys, just to name a few. Our Lions Club members of \$8500. providing the Lions will be glad to pick them up. All proceeds will go towards the shelter at the Iroquois Beach. We also set up a dinner and dance at



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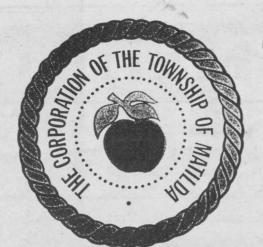
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As the Member of Parliament for Stormont-Dundas it is my honour and pleasure to congratulate all members of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club on this, the 50th Charter night anniversary of the Club.

Lions Clubs have worked tirelessly to assist the blind, youth, seniors and the less advantaged. Lions Club's efforts to bring good government and citizenship to nations around the world and to promote international understanding and cooperation have remained part of the cornerstone of the motto "We Serve.

On this, the Club's 50th anniversary, I would like to extend my warmest regards and to wish all Lions members continued success in future endeavours.

Bob Kilger, MP Stormont-Dundas.



Lions Club of '96

Getting the entire membership of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club together at one time in the same place is tough, but they managed 98% for this anniversary photo. A great looking group these fellows do a pile of good for the community and deserve our support and thanks for all they do.

Iroquois - Matilda members

- *** Harry Gilmer... May 1947 ** Keith Beaupre... June 1956 George Jackson.. Jan. 1961 Les Craig ... Oct. 1962
- Bill Rumble ... Oct. 1966 Peter Swank ... June 1967 Gary Barkey ... Nov. 1967 Frank Rooney ... March 1970 Jacques Asselin.. Oct. 1972 Clare Dunbar ... Jan. 1973 Ernest Bron ... Nov. 1973 Arnold Barkley .. Oct. 1974
- Glenn Swerdfeger. Oct. 1974 Henry Prins ... Oct. 1975 Paul Robertson... Oct. 1977 Charles Marsden...Nov. 1977 Albert DeJong ... May 1979 James Locke ... May 1979 Ross Dulmage ... Oct. 1979 Henry Swank ... Oct. 1979 Brooke Leightizer.Jan. 1983
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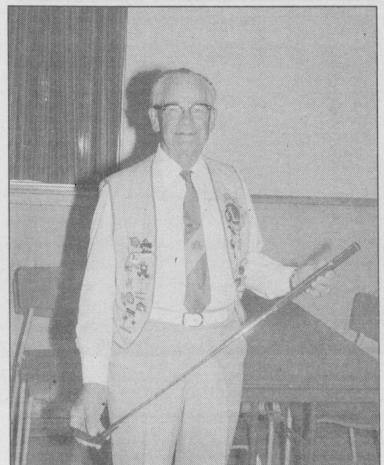
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Charter member recognized

Harry Gilmer was recognized for his dedication over the years. A Lion in every sense of the word, Harry has worked diligently for his community and those who live there for 50 years. The golf club gets put to good use, or so we hear! It is folks like Harry who make the local Club such a marvellous group of guys.

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Harry Gilmer honoured

Lion Harry Gilmer received the financial commitment to LCIF. highest honour conferred by the Lions Clubs International Foundation, he was named a Melvin Jones Fellow.

November 1991, Harry was given a plaque to commemorate this distinction. In so doing, he joined the ranks of some of the most prominent Lions in the

Earning the Melvin Jones Fellowship requires more than just a His status as a Melvin Jones Fellow also recognizes his deep commitment to the ideals of Lionism. Through his actions, he has demonstrated strong concern for the welfare of his fellow man.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Harry is recognized as a leader among Lions. The Foundation depends on Lions like Harry to promote its important work and to help it expand its scope of ser-

folks like Harry, LCIF will enable Lions everywhere to take on greater humanitarian challenges than ever before.

The Foundation expressed their profound gratitude to Lion Harry for the example of leadership he has shown as well as the service he has given to his community. Harry was wished continued success in achieving the common goal of service to all mankind.

History of the local Lions lub reviewed by Rumble

sponsored by the Morrisburg Club. The Charter President was Lloyd Davis. The Club was chartered in the old town, 10 years before the village was re-located. The meetings were held in the United Church in the Old Town and also at the home of Mrs. Vicke Courgess, which was the Sycamore house, now known as the Golf Club house, where some Lions Club meetings are still held from time to time.

From its very beginnings, the Club was very active with members working with the children of the community. Every year they hosted a Christmas party which saw all the youngsters go home with a treat from Santa.

A major fund raiser and community event was the "Street Fair"...the Carnival people, Allen Rides provided the rides which at that time consisted of a ferris wheel, 2 or 3 kiddies' rides and a couple of games. The Lions manned the ticket booths for the rides for a percentage of the profit. The Club also ran a few games of their own. Lion Keith Beaupre always ran "the penny toss" where youth would try to double or triple their pennies. In the early days rides cost a whole 5 cents on Saturday afternoon and the youngsters in the village and area saved for weeks so they could enjoy the excitement of the fair when it came to town.

The Lions also had a food booth and ran a "crown and anchor" as well as a Bingo in conjunction with the Fair. Edna Hagerty tells me that she used to help her husband, Wilfred and Art Bowden with the Bingo every year. In these days, the Bingo was played for prizes and not money as it is

The Iroquois Lions Club was work to the Bingos. In the old town, the street fair was held in the small park area adjacent to the tennis court and lawn bowling areas beside the river. Each night, all of the Bingo equipment along with the prizes had to be put away in the lawn bowling club house.

Almost from the inception of the Club, the Lions gave Christmas baskets to those who needed them. Lion Harry Gilmer can remember delivering them to as far away as Mariatown when the Morrisburg

collecting newspapers as a method of raising funds for their various projects.

It was almost tradition that in Club. December, the Club would hold a Turkey Bingo in which some lucky players would carry home a turkey to grace their table at Christmas time.

On May 6, 1957, the Lions held their 10th Anniversary in the Old Town Hall. It was a turkey banquet and the guest speaker was Reverend W.C. Wood from Govetopic, "I am Going Around in ment consisted of a violin selec- Please turn to page 8

today. This added quite a bit of tion by Brian Hodgert, along with songs and poems by Reverend and Mrs. Poynter and songs played and sung by George Barkley and his family

On November 18, 1957, the Poultry Club met with the Lions Club for a dinner at the Daffodil Coffee Shop. The highlight of this evening was the judging of dressed fowl.

Then, on June 11, 1960, Lloyd Davis opened his service station in the New Town. The Lions Club took over the whole work area Club was not functioning. and worked pumping gas, chang-In 1954, the Lions Club was ing oil, lubrication jobs on and worked pumping gas, changvehicles and even washed cars for the entire day. The profits from the day were handed over to the

At the time that the Lions Club was formed, Iroquois was a "dry town", meaning that alcohol could not be served or brought into the village. This changed around 1960, but it was not until the Christmas, 1970 that the first alcohol was served at a Lions' function.

In the 1960s, the "street fair" rneur, New york. He orated on the continued to be a major event in the life of the village as well as Circles." The evenings entertain- those of the residents of the new



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Centre stage for the community

by Sandra Lee Johnston Chieftain Staff Reporter

It began as an idea that Reina DeJong brought to the Lions Club...why not present a play? With her enthusiasm and the encouragement of other members, as well as guidance from Wendy Gibb who directs with a flare, how could they go wrong?

Thus the Club decided to give it a try and a marvellous fundraiser for the local Club was born.

The year was 1984 and the chosen script was entitled, "The Haunted House." This series of performances was held at Seaway High and the \$2500. garnered from the shows went to the Veterans Memorial Fund of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 370, Iroquois. Some will recall the stage debut of such greats as Jim Locke as the Sheriff, Gary Barkey as the private eye from New York City, Bill Rumble as Jack and Reina as Emily. Charles Marsden began an alternate career which would make him a star in his own right. As he "milked" his lines for all they were worth; utilizing the "cream of the lines" he was able to make his mark on the stage. Perhaps the best remembered line of this play was that spoken to Charles' character, "One thing I can't stand is a gravedigger!"

The decision to feature a new play every two years due to the demand on the time of all involved gave the community time to get ready for another. Anticipation grew and in 1986, "Dark Deeds at Swan's Place" saw Charlie the villain, Montague Leech. The High School again was the locale and when the lights dimmed and the applause died away, this was another success. Such famous players as Don Fairweather (Jack Swan), the husband and wife duo of Margaret and Glenn Swerdfeger (Carlotta and Rawhide), Margaret Rooney (Mother McGoof), Jeannie Mattice (Tai Pan), Nellie Leightizer, Gary Barkey, Margaret Robertson, Jim Locke, Diane Orlicky, and Danny Hoffman. Bill Rumble was terrific as the pastor, he even had the mannerisms correct to the tiniest

Two years down the way, in 1988, it was "But Why Bump Off Barnaby?" that had everyone talking about the talent that the Lions Club possessed. This time around it was hilarious and the suspense was heavy in the air at Seaway. Special effects began to Please turn to page 6

creep into the productions...a knife in the back, poison in the food, hair for Charlie Marsdens' character!, and a maid (Magnolia) that looked an awful lot like the present President of the Club, Glenn Swerdfeger, wig and all! literally brought the house down. The lady in red was Margaret Swerdfeger, the fortune hunter played by Marnie Fossitt and the dashing young American played by Don Fairweather; they were all there. Dumb Dora was priceless as Reina DeJong seemed not to have a clue throughout the entire play. Margaret Robertson gave a terrific performance as Barnsie the loveable and faithful governess. Jean-nie Mattice was Lady Barbara of the deaf ear, while the butler, Medkins ended up flat as a pancake (Bill Rumble) as a cardboard cutout replaced the flesh and blood man. Wendy Gibb kept things on track and this time had a hand from a co-op student, Scott Veinotte who has gone on to greater heights.

My Three Angels was a devil of a success as the benefits went to the Winchester and District Hospital this year. This one marked the debut of Lion John Borris as he portrayed the devilish Paul who is to marry the sweet and innocent Marie Louise (Margaret Robertson). The Angels were actually convicts. Charlie Marsden made his fourth appearance in a Lions Production and this time shared the limelight with Glenn Swerdfeger and veteran actor Rick MacKenzie. With lines like "They are hardly bad fellows for convicts!" and "They are not thieves, they are murderers!" the tone of the play was established. A Seaway student joined the cast as Kris Scott was the youthful naval officer who comes in time to show Marie Louise there are other fish in the sea. Seaway students figure into the overall production as Stephen Kenward provided musical accompaniment on the accordion, and Eric Pietersma and Wendy Lalonde handle the lighting effects which enhanced the show. Familiar folks on the stage included Diane, Don, Margaret and Bill. There was as murder and a Christmas celebration with a

Harvey, that elusive wabbit was the chosen production in 1992. Charles got the nod again and he had everyone rolling in the aisles. There was something about a

The Man Who Came to Dinner

Another successful fundraiser for the Lions Club, this play was terrific as usual. Rick MacKenzie, Ruth Robertson, Charles Marsden, Rob Garlough (Seaway student) and Jim Mustard were among those who staged this great performance. Every second year the local Club under the guidance of Wendy Gibb take to the stage and entertain full houses at each performance. Since 1984 this tradition has grown in leaps and bounds. Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Lions golf tourney draws 72

by Ron Swank Golf Committee Chair

The Lions Clubs of District A-4 hold an annual Governors Golf Tournament, usually in the fall of the year. Approximately 72 clubs are invited to attend the one day event. In 1995, the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club travelled to Calabogie, to enter the Governor's Cup. Our Club had a great day and took top honours by winning the prestigious Governor's Cup. Winning this event enabled us to bring the tournament back to Iroquois the following year.

So, in 1996, we did indeed host the annual District A-4 Governors Cup at the Iroquois Golf Club. The weather was hot and sunny, with no clouds in sight, a perfect day for golf. A total of 124 golfers from various clubs in A-4 attended and a wonderful day was had by all.

Being the tournament chairman, there were a lot of items to be done in order to be ready for the tournament. Events like Casino Golf were big hits. This allowed golfers to wager \$2, \$5 or \$10. and if the golfer landed his ball on the par three hole 176 yards along the water on their first shot, he

wager was lost. There was also terrific golf, the Iroquois-Matilda poker golf, where a golfer was given a playing card at the par three holes and whoever had the best hand won the prize. There were 4 hole-in-one cash prizes available, ranging from \$500 to \$2500, unfortunately...no one got

After the game, everyone enjoyed the hot meal which was followed by the presentations. Using the Calloway scoring system, teams of 4 people were eligible to win. Through some pretty McKenzie.

Lions Club, for the second year in a row, captured the Governors Cup. Winning again enables the local Club to host the event again this year. The tourney will be played on August 16, 1997.

The committee will no doubt make this years tournament better than last year. The Committee Chairman is Ron Swank, with help from members; Brooke Leightizer, Gary Barkey and Rick



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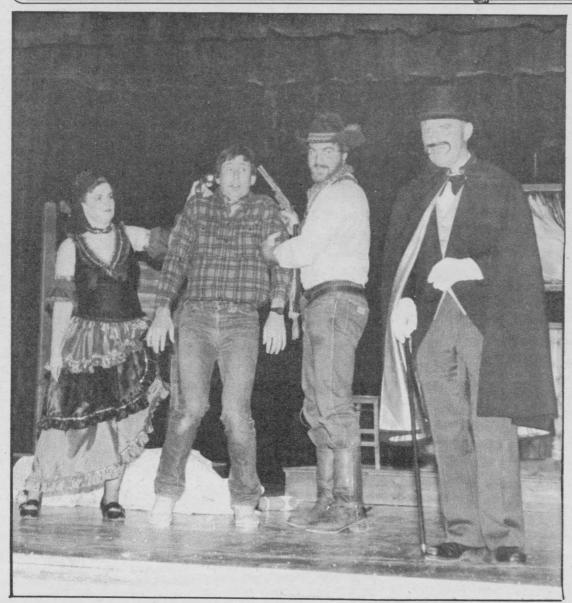
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Hold it right there!

A hit for the Lions Club was their performance of Dark Deeds at Swan's Place. The villian was portrayed by Charlie Marsden and many will recall the poor dude in trouble, as Don Fairweather. The Swerdfegers, Margaret and Glenn made their debut on the stage as two tough characters. The anticipation for these shows is remarkable as is the talent that lurks in our community. Hats off to the Lions Club for these wonderful shows. Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

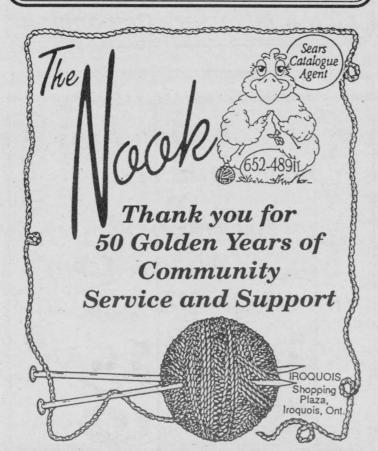
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Stage

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Arsenic and Old Lace was the title of the 1994 effort. The witty and extremely talented Lions Club members told the tale of two spinsters (Margaret Swerdfeger and Ruth Robertson-who debuted this time) who found pleasure in killing off men. Rick Mackenzie was their nephew, Teddy (Bill Rumble) Glenn Swerdfeger was as well, and of course Charlie who stole the show with his wit and dialect. Margaret Robertson was still trying to snag a man. The DeJongs, Albert and Reina were in this one as was Jim Locke (who had two parts) and Judy Barkey as well as Seaway student, Kirk Rumble. Making his first stage appearance was Lion Dwight Gilmer and the OAC drama class from the high school took care of the lighting and back stage duties with prowess. Wendy Gibb as usual gave of her time and talent and everyone agreed it was well worth it. This year saw the shows move to Upper Canada Playhouse where the feel of a real stage and all was experienced by

Last year, 1996 the proceeds again went to help out the local hospital. "The Man Who Came to Dinner" was a hit. The actors had become proficient enough to adlibb on a number of occasions and with perfect timing pulled off each line with finesse. Guest appearances by Reeve and Lion Peter Swank and Lion Arnold Barkley were hilarious and unexpected. Some new faces were on the Playhouse stage, including Liz Asselin, Jim Mustard, Donna Swank, Barry Fawcett and some Seaway students who did a fine job, assisting with any number of items leading to and including three actual performances. Dixon's Corners' choir was excellent and added a certain flair to the play.

Familiar faces were in evidence as well as many returned to play a new role.

These plays are a wonderful way to raise funds for the many charities and groups the Lions contribute to each year. There is no doubt a lot of hard work goes into each and every production, but if audience response is any indication, next year will see another great show by the local Lions Club...keep up the great acting

Lions Club bingo

by Les Craig Bingo Chairman

Lions Club Bingos started in May of 1989. They were taken over from the Matilda Recreation Committee and were held every Thursday night at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. The Lions' members who volunteered to help were divided into three teams who work at the Bingos every third week, year round.

the Bingos were no longer profit-

Since August 1995, the Bingos are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Matilda Hall starting at 7pm. There is a \$1000. jackpot and the Bingo payouts are approximately \$3500. each night.

The money earned at the bingos is used to support community projects in Iroquois and Matilda Township. During the eight years The Bingos were very successful of operation, over \$191,000. has until a Bingo Hall opened on been donated back into the com-Highway 43, near Kemptville. munity. Keep up the good work Some changes had to be made as and support the Lions Bingos!

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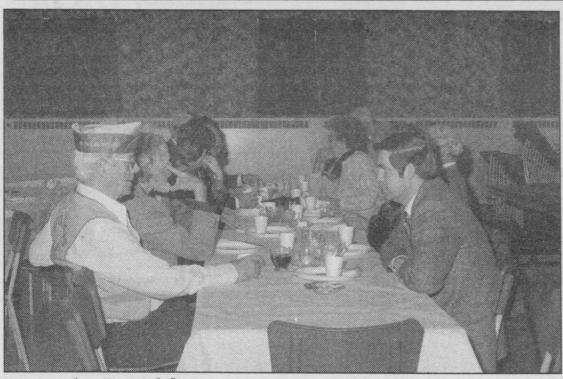
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Pancake Breakfast

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Draws held over the course of the year raised in the very community that Iroquois-Matilda Lions serves. My help the local Lions Club in fundraising

the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club hold a draw initially was that when I was a member of the Dutton and District Lions Club, we usually held at least one successful draw each year. It was always nice to sell a ticket to another Lion who had just sold one to you from his Club. Also, I felt it a relatively easy method for the Club to make some extra funds for those worthwhile groups and charities we try to help.

I thought the idea of having a meat draw was good since everyone can use meat to fill their

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The reason that I suggested that freezer. Whitteker's Meat Market of Williamsburg was chosen as the supplier of the prizes. This way, the winner gets good quality meats and can supplement his/her meat with groceries

We have had two annual draws with a profit of some \$2850. thus far. This money went to support the Iroquois Scouts, who we sponsor for their Charter with Scouts Canada each year, the Winchester Hospital and many other charities in the community and surrounding

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club has made this an annual event with the draws held on July 1st at the Point in conjunction with the

Canada Day celebrations. Lion Paul Robertson and Lion Jim Mustard are in charge of the draws. All Lions wish to thank the community for their continued support of the draws.

President speaks

Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club on munity work. their 50th charter anniversary. It is

that support our service work present generation. could not have been accom- One thing that hasn't changed in plished. I would also like to 50 years: Lions still have fun acknowledge the Charter Members. It is because of these community minded men that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised during the past 50 years: money for a large variety of projects and individuals with special needs. These projects range from a Medical building to eye glasses.

Iroquois Lions Club was sponsored by the Morrisburg Lions Club, May 5, 1947.

It wasn't until 1978 that Matilda was added to the charter. This name change reflected the membership growth and service in Matilda Township.

I am in a somewhat unique position, in that I was born and raised in the very community that earliest memories of the town of Iroquois, include a vision of men wearing gold and purple vests and hats, working Bingos and Summer Carnivals. I remember these men as having a very positive affect on me. I am not sure as to why; maybe it was simply because they seemed to be having so much fun. It wasn't until a few years later

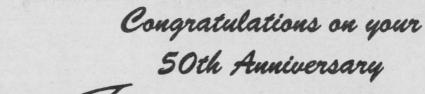
I would like to express my that I realized that these men were sincere congratulations to the Lions Club members doing com-

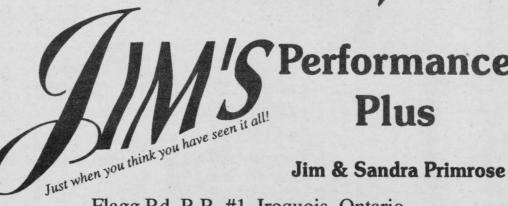
Since 1947 many became Lions, a great honour for me to serve as some remained in Lionism, others. President this year of celebration. left for a variety of reasons. They I would like to thank the Lions were and still are an inspiration to families and the community for me. It would give me great satissupporting the Lions in their work faction to think that maybe we during the past 50 years; without could have such an effect on the

while serving the people of this community.

There is much and maybe more need for help within our community now as there was 50 years ago. Please continue to help Lions and other service organizations help others in the years to come.







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location for the festivities was in front of the Royal Bank in the new shopping plaza. The carnival folk had added a scrambler to their rides and for the sweet tooth in us all, a cotton candy machine. It was truly quite an event for a small town. It sadly petered out when the carnival people began to find out that they could make more money in a city shopping centre in 2 short hours than they could in a whole weekend in

Iroquois...too bad. To replace the lost revenue, the Club took a food booth to Spencerville Fair. This booth was transported up Friday evening and the members served Friday night and all day Saturday. On Sunday the booth would be brought back home. Serving food out of three windows in the booth, the members found themselves so busy on Saturday that they ran short between 10 and 20 hamburgers most of the time. There was no way to handle the volume of thirsts, and so a Pepsi wagon was brought in and located beside the Lions booth. The job of selling drinks usually fell to the wives of the Lions. The Club also ran a crown and anchor alongside the Pepsi wagon. This was always a very busy weekend for the Club.

After we sponsored a new Club...named Edwardsburgh, District A

Spencerville was in their area and so the responsibility of setting up a booth at the annual Fair was theirs. Over the years, several other food concessions had moved onto the fair grounds for the Fair weekend and so it was decided that the Iroquois Lions would withdraw their booth.

Shortly after informing the Fair Board of our decision, they asked if we would consider working the gates. We agreed and Lion Arnold Barkley took the reins and carried this out. He remains in charge of this yet to this day.

In the early 60s, we started a 100 Club. One hundred tickets were sold at a cost of \$1.00 per week for 26 weeks. Every week there were two draws for \$10. and at the end of the 26 weeks, there was a \$1000. draw. This project was run under the leadership of Lion Keith Beaupre and people could drop into his store in the plaza each week to pay on their ticket. It was a good project and continued to operate until the

In 1966, a Lions Club from Finland was passing through Iroquois on their way home from Chicago. They stopped here, briefly for a luncheon with our Club and a pin exchange. These times make being a Lion extra special.

In 1973, on the occasion of the Club's 25th Anniversary, we entered a float in the Multiple Convention

Cornwall. The float was self propelled by way of a motor inside with some parts of it revolving as it moved along down the street. Lion Les Craig was inside handling the driving duties. The idea and most of the work which produced this effective entry was accomplished by Lion George Jackson. The Convention was a good one, but because Lions Clubs were growing at a very fast rate, it would be the last time the convention was hosted in a smaller city.

In 1980, the Iroquois Lions were invited to Heuvelton, New York to assist in the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the 40th Anniversary of a meeting between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King at Heuvelton. At the time of this meeting, the two distinguished gentlemen signed a Joint Defense document known as the Ogdensburg Agreement. Canadian and American flags were exchanged at the unveiling of the plaque to note this event.

In the 1970s, the Lions Club ran an Amblyopia Clinic for preschool children that helped to detect what was referred to as "lazy eye". Optometrists from Morrisburg and Prescott used to donate their time and expertise for this Clinic. They were assisted by two public Health Nurses. Since the children were very young, they were not able to comprehend exactly how to read the E chart. It was the task of the Lions to teach these youngsters how to read the chart before they saw the optometrists. There were times where 100 children were screened.

During alternate years, we would run a Glaucoma Clinic for adults. One of the people found to have this disease which is marked by increased pressure within the eyeball, causing damage to the optic disk and leads to a gradual loss of vision was a Lion member working at the Clinic. He used to tell us repeatedly how thankful he was for the Clinic.

Back in the years of the "street fair" when eye donation for corneal transplant was quite new, the Lions had a booth at the fair for donations of eyes. Set up with pamphlets, posters and donor cards, the booth attracted some 200 people to sign up the first

In the 1970s and 80s, we used to run a "trade fair" in the high school gym. Local merchants would pay for display space. The public paid a small charge to get in but once inside, there were

Congratulations

several free draws and some type in a loud voice, "What the hell is of entertainment. It was a good event and well supported by the public.

We used to run numerous dances as fund raising events. It was not too difficult or costly to hire a band and make money in the civic centre. There were a number of regular dances like the Hallowe'en Party, the Christmas party, the St. Patrick dance and always a Charter Night complete with banquet and dance. We also used to host a Farmer's Night, which included a banquet and dance. The year I was President, the speaker at the Farmer's banquet was Lowell Green's father.

In the years preceding the Farmer's Banquet, the Lions Club would invite farmers to a regular meeting. One year, as I recall, the door prize was a live chicken! It got loose of course and we could not catch it, so we just let it be until after the meeting concluded. The speaker rose to speak and every time he would pause, the chicken would serenade us with its bock...bock...bock!!! By the end of the speech everyone, including the speaker were doubled over with laughter.

One thing that Lions has done for most members is to increase their self-confidence. It teaches you to get up on your feet and talk. One Christmas party, shortly after I joined, it was my job to introduce the head table. The first person I was to introduce was George Jackson and I drew a blank. I said, "The person on my far right isthe person on my far right is..... sensing that the audience was starting to feel embarrassed for me, I had to do something. I turned to George and said at Haldane Park.

your name anyway?" The audience relaxed and burst into laughter; the tension was relieved. It taught me to always write names and important points down when in front of people, even when you know the people and events well.

In the 1970s, the Lions used to work with Lion Dick Turner on paper drives to help raise money for the Scouts. The newspapers were picked up every month and taken to a recycling place in Morrisburg. It had been almost 20 years since the Lions had been involved in paper drives.

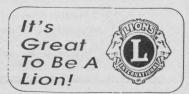
One thing that probably developed the most comradeship among the members was the work parties. We all like to think of ourselves as construction workers once we get a hammer in our hand. Actually, one or two people really knew what they were doing at the end of a hammer and the rest of us followed along, doing as we were instructed. Among our construction achievements were the first change building at the Beach, the old food booth for the street fair, the present food booth built for Spencerville Fair, playground equipment in the village parks, fences and ball diamond repairs on at least two occasions, a picnic shelter at the point, a cabin at Rideau Hill Camp and presently we are helping in the construction of a shelter at St. Lawrence District Scout Camp, Sheldrick near Winchester along with various other Lions Clubs in the area.

Among our major projects over time are \$1600 for Winchester and District Hospital, over \$1200 for the Medical Centre and the first set of lights for the Ball Diamond

Charter members joined the club in 1947

joined as soon as a Lions Club was formed in Iroquois include: Lloyd Davis, Manford Davis, Charles McGahay, Lennie Law, James Drennan, Roy Merkley, John Seeley, Harry Gilmer, Dan O'Donoghue, Ernie Jackson, Herman Hamilton, George Perault, James Morrison, Wilfred Haggerty, Gordon Robertson, Hubert Coulter, Thomas Hargreaves, Jack Saver, Charles (Chuck) Burns, Mike Herman, Logie Serviss, William May, Clifford Hess, Irving Shaw, Garnet Casselman,

Charter members, those who Milburn Hyslop, Vincent Sween-Ed Fitzsimmons, Keeler, Byron Saver, Wilfred Gibbons, William Lane, George Young, Dan Roberts, Garnet Loucks, Arthur Bowden, Art Banford, Robert McDonald and Frank Kim-





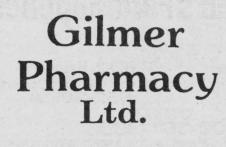
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Bedrace Entry

"A Lyin' Lion and His Pride" was how the sign read and the President was lying in state as it were. This was the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club entry in the 1st Iroquois Scout Troops bedrace. They did not finish first, but they were lookers. The big question was how those girls(!) kept their hair in place as they ran! The race is sponsored by the Scouts annually as a fundraiser for the group. This year it will be held on June 14 since the Scouts will be away during Summer Festival, which is when it is normally scheduled.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Local Lions Club always ready to lend a hand to help ing rare enzyme deficiency.

The Iroquois Matilda Lions Club certainly lives up to the motto of Lions International...We Serve. The local Club is always ready to lend a hand in the community. Whether it involves constructing a play structure for the youngsters to enjoy, a picnic shelter for everyone, an information booth to pull tourists into the village or a bed to enter in the Scouts annual Bed Race, they can be counted on for their support.

Sponsoring the Iroquois Scout movement Charter each year and assisting with necessary fund raising for the three sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, they are ready, willing and most able to ensure that the young people have these organizations to count

When a young lady in the village was in need, it was once again the local Lions who came to her aid. In 1985, the Club set up a Jaime Adams Fund to raise money to assist the youngster and her family as she prepared for a series of operations that would enable her to travel to Baltimore in the U.S.A. where special surgery would help the sufferer of Morquio. Monies not utilized by the tot, age 8 at the time would go to

research or to help others suffer-

Jaime is still going strong and it is in no small part to the love, and financial support received in her community through the efforts of organizations like the Lions Club that enabled her to face the future and the numerous operations she has undergone over the ensuing years.Her smile is as broad as ever and the devil literally shines out of her eyes. As she matures, some things remain the same.

College was a good experience and as she recovers from her latest surgery (She took time away from school to have yet another operation) she continues to be upbeat and explains that she is actually a few inches taller now! The hardware is gone from her hips and a bone chip has been added to provide some additional height to her

stature. Her legs have been realigned above the knees and hey, she is on the road to recuperation once more. What the Lions Club began, is a continuing saga for the gal from Maple Street.

Her determination is strong and underlines that of the Lions Club members who keep serving the community they call home.

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Lions donate to Scouts

Lion Paul Robertson hands over a cheque to Scout Adrian Glauser as the Club throws their support behind the Troop as they fundraise for their trip to CJ'97 in Thunder Bay this summer. The Jamboree is a once in a lifetime event for the Scouts and the support of the community has been terrific. The troop is selling tickets for the Lions Club draw to be held on Canada Day.

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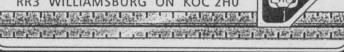
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Rent a Santa Programme

The Lions Club found the "Rent a Santa" idea to be successful in 1995, so much so that Santa was cloned for 1996. In only two Christmas seasons, Santa has touched the hearts of over 200 children and entertained over 600 adults through bookings of housecalls and numerous Christmas this program to Leader Dogs of parties. Curtis Delegarde and the jolly old elf seem to be pals!! The Club thanks all for their support.

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Matilda Hall on May 10 and everyone is welcome. You are encouraged to pick up your tickets from Lions Club members. It promises to be a top notch affair with Jim Wicks and Westburg Union along with special speaker, Humorist Marsha Boulton, winner of the Stephen Leacock award for humour in 1996. We also have corsages for the ladies and wine will be served with the roast beef meal. What better way to celebrate Mother's Day? It will be the next day. There are a number of other surprises.

The committee is busy making up a scrap book and so if anyone has any pictures or stories from over the years regarding Lions activities, we would be glad to have them for this, so please contact any Lions Club member.

We have designed a club trading

pin. Most of these are traded at Lions Club conventions. They are available to anyone who is a collector. This time the pin shows an Indian head with the word SHE-KON added on the bottom. This means WELCOME, and should make a great conversational item.

In conclusion, The Iroquois Chieftain is doing this special souvenir edition to commemorate the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club 50th Anniversary. The staff have been wonderful and this is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank all of you in the community who have purchased our cook books and donated items towards our auction sale. We hope to keep auctioneer James Cooper very busy on May 3 at the civic centre.

As part of the celebration, a Club photo was taken with 98% of the Club members present.

Lion Mints program

by Gary Barkey Lion Mints Chairman

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Spencerville Fair

by Lion Arnold Barkley

The past seven or eight years, the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club and their wives have pitched in and done their best as they manned the gates at Spencerville Fair. The annual country fair is held each year in September and is a big draw to the surrounding area. A fun filled weekend, the Spencerville Fair is a hit with all ages. From the parade to the horse races, from the exhibits to the baby contest, no one leaves disappointed.

It is due to the large numbers of people that two shifts of Lion helpers are necessary; one in the morning and one in the afternoon to handle those entering the Fairgrounds to be a part of this amazing event.

The Club receives a donation from the Fair Board of some \$750, which in turn helps the local Club provide further funds for the community they serve.

There have been a couple of years where the local Scout troop lent a hand to their sponsors (The Lions Club) and assisted on the gates as a community service for them as well. These young people are the future of our community and as they work side by side with Lions Club members who give so generously of their time

and talents to the community, the youngsters learn by example.

Both the Scouts and the Lions have no problem when asked to lend a helping hand in the area.

Canada Day celebrations

The biggest one day event for community gatherings across our great country has become Canada Day Celebrations, which the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club are very proud to organize and sponsor in Iroquois.

Our celebrations are held on July 1st at the Iroquois Locks Viewing Centre with 1500-2000 people taking part annually.

The day is one continuous buzz of events with activities and entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

Mouths are watering with anticipation as the smell of BBQ'd chicken lingers in the air and all eyes are focused on the chief cook waiting for his final approval to let the feast begin.

As nightfall approaches even more people gather in the celebrations to watch our spectacular fireworks display-our grand finale of Canada's Birthday.



Hot on the grill

Chieftain Photo S.L.Johnston

The local Lions Club hosts an annual BBQ at the Point on Canada Day each year. Here Lions Club members turn the birds so they can brown on the other side. The event which runs all day provides a marvellous way to celebrate the Birthday of this country. Large crowds come out and the local Lions ensure there is something for all ages of fun seekers.

et the feast begin. As nightfall approaches even Iroquois - Matilda Lions will build shelter

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club will be constructing a Picnic Shelter at the community beach during the spring months. The building will be constructed out of 8"x 8" timbers, connected to a concrete

The building will be used by many people as a protector against rain and extreme heat. This is a Lions project very similar to the one built at the Iroquois Point. The approximate cost of the structure will be \$8,000.00, with Lions members doing all the work

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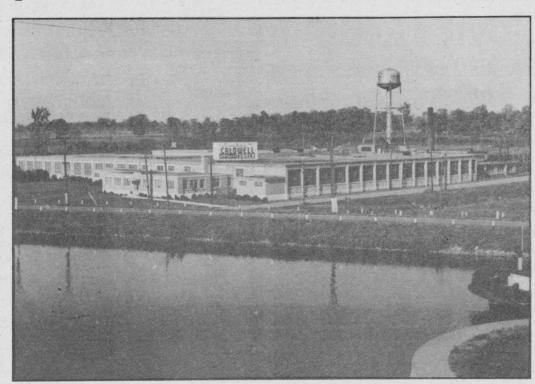
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