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Warehouse likely future for factory

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A warehouse seems to be the destiny of Winchester Cheese.

Ault Foods, the company that signed a deal to buy the plant and its trademark from Schneider Corporation last fall, may use the factory to store products made in Belleville at Black Diamond, says Pamela Kempthorne, vice-president of corporate affairs for Ault.

Company executives have hinted at alternative jobs at the Winchester cheese processing and packaging plant since it unveiled its plans last fall to move the processing division and possibly the cut and wrap division to Belleville.

Ault Foods officially announced all operations would go to Belleville late in February after Black Diamond employees agreed to take a wage cut that would secure their jobs for the next three years as long as production remains high. The Belleville plant is capable of producing more than Winchester.

Kempthorne said the company had considered shifting some other operation to Winchester but that probably won't happen. She is only aware of the warehouse plan.

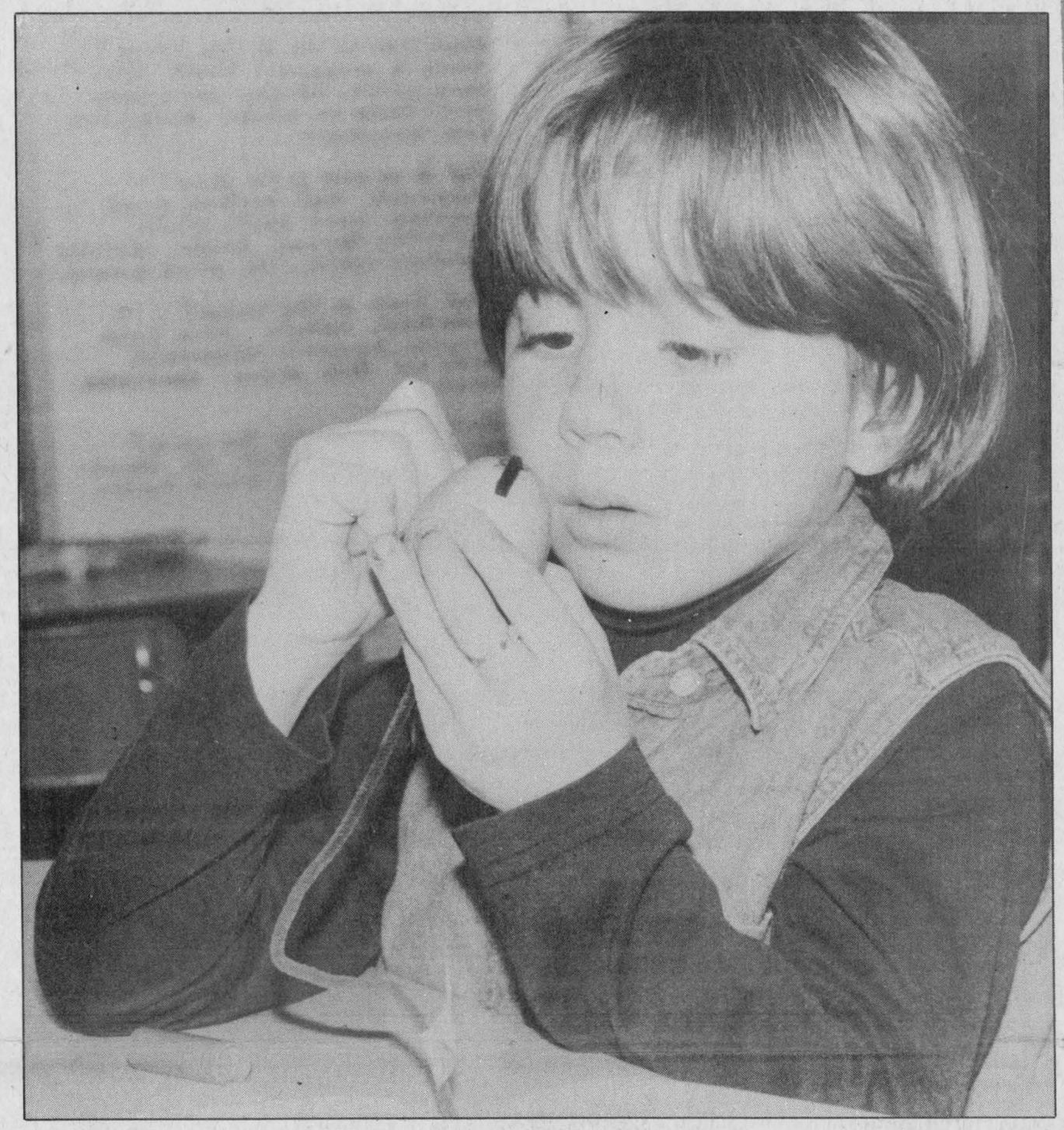
"There may be some other options but I don't know what they are," she says.

All of the plant's approximately 145 employees have received their lay-off notices from Schneider, says plant manager Volker Gruetzner. The company is still officially their employer until they are terminated or Ault takes over. It has until November to do so.

Employees could be called back for a new operation. However Gruetzner says all current operations will end by July.

Kempthorne couldn't state exactly how many jobs might be available but said a typical warehouse may employ 15 to 20 people.

The Begar Co-operative Society Ltd. of New South Wales has bought a large portion of the equipment. Although there have been no job offers, Gruetzner said in an earlier story that there was some interest by the company in local skills.



Easter art

Becky McRoberts, 7, of Winchester Public School puts the finishing touches on an egg last Thursday. She and other students in her Grade 2 class were indulging in a favorite Easter tradition. Press Photo — Edwards

Engineer's design required for farm buildings claims ministry

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — Comments at a recent farm building seminar have put the foundations of some common barn design procedures into question.

Mountain Township building inspector Richard Sharkey is seeking clarification from the province about planning requirements for small farm buildings. His concern stems from a statement made by a provincial representative suggesting that all farm buildings should be designed by an engineer, a move that would increase costs for the builder.

Sharkey says it is common practice for farm buildings under 600 square metres and three stories or lower in size to be constructed without an engineer's design, so long as the plan follows requirements outlined in the Ontario Building Code.

However, when he attended a seminar on the province's *Construction Guide for Farm Buildings* held in Williamstown March 19, he and other participants were shocked by comments from Chung Lee, an engineer with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He says Lee informed the group that the code could not

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Ewart Simms

Former reeve dies

Community mourns Simms

Liz Edwards
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — Mountain Township has lost one of its pillars of politics.

Long-time politician and former Reeve of Mountain Township Ewart Simms died Tuesday. He was 67.

According to his daughter Diane Hendren, her father's heart failed as he was taken to the doctor. Mr. Simms had been in poor health the last few years with a respiratory condition that caused him to carry an oxygen tank wherever he went and retire from politics earlier than he would like. He decided against running for reelection as reeve in 1994 after a bout with pneumonia.

A dairy farmer and widely known in the area for his involvement in politics, Simms spent 29 years on Mountain Township council, 10 years as the township's reeve with one year served concurrently as the United Counties Warden.

He started his political career in the 1960s and traveled the route from councillor to the top spot twice, stepping down for a three-year break after he served as county warden in 1978. He had a lifelong interest in politics. Before he was old enough to vote, he attended rallies with his father.

Current township Reeve Estella Rose said his desire to help the community was evident.

"I think his years of service speak for itself. He was certainly dedicated to working for the township," she says.

Keith Fawcett who served on council with Mr. Simms, both as his reeve and his deputy-reeve, says they had many good years working together.

"Politics was high on his list. He was interested in the township," he says.

Late nights and frustrations are part of the job of municipal politics but in an interview with the *Press* two years ago, Mr. Simms explained that he stayed for so long because he felt contributing to his community was a priority.

"I felt I live here too and I'd like to make it a good place for everyone else to live," he said.

Mr. Simms was the husband of Phyllis, whom he married in 1950, and a life-long resident of Mountain Township. He was the father of Diane (Fred) of Barrhaven, Louise Thomson (Doug) of Almonte and Larry (Marianne) of Mountain Township.

Visitation will be held at Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain today from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. A funeral service will be held in the same location on Thursday at 1:30 pm.

Inkerman rink needs overhaul

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — The Inkerman Recreation Association is ready to revamp its facilities this summer, but the already well-supported project needs a financial boost before work can begin.

Members of the association paid a visit to Mountain Township Council on Monday night to present their plans for reconstructing the Inkerman rink and building a new rink house. The old hall in Inkerman has become dangerously decrepit, so much so that winter carnival activities couldn't be held there this year, and the rink surface is in need of an overhaul.

Association treasurer Kevin Bowie said with improved facilities, the group could generate more revenue by hosting events, and he noted that the association has already managed to raise a substantial amount to support the project. With the sale of Nevada tickets and dance proceeds, the association has raised $38,500 for its building and activity accounts over the past four years. Members expect to raise another $4,000 by the end of June and with a pledge of $10,000 from the Royal Canadian Legion, the group will have amassed $52,500 for the construction.

"We're particularly proud of the fact that we raised this much money," said Bowie.

The cost of improving the facilities, which would include a new 1152 square foot building with a change room and kitchen, a septic system, new boards, fencing and paving for the rink, as well as electrical work and plumbing, amounts to $82,000. The association is seeking support from council in meeting the $29,500 shortfall in building funds.

"We know money's tight so we've been cutting costs, that's the bottom line," Bowie said of the construction estimates.

Council is now reviewing the matter. Councillor Robert Guy commented that the project seemed worthy of support in light of the amount already raised for it.

The association's president, Jim Collins, said they hope to begin construction by July.

Truck drivers worry about future with Ault Foods

Kim Robinson
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Ault Foods is looking into unloading its transportation management division, and that has contract drivers worried about their future with the company.

The 58 independent drivers who haul milk, whey, cheese, butter and other loads under the direction of Ault Transportation Services have been hearing rumors that the company may be turning its trucking interests over to a third party.

Ault Transportation Services manager Tom Culbertson confirmed this rumor Tuesday. He said his department has been looking for an alternative form of management for the trucking operations for some months now, but he added there have been no definite developments yet. The company is still at a very preliminary stage in the search for an interested management group or transportation company.

Culbertson said if he does his job well enough, he could be working himself right out of a position. He said it is hoped that this would not be the case for the drivers, that they would keep their jobs in the event of a trucking company taking over the hauling responsibilities, but he added that there are no guarantees that a new company would take them on as employees.

For about 20 years Ault has handled transportation through the current contract system. Drivers are paid set rates for trips. The drivers own their trucks and are responsible for their fuel and other operating costs.

Ault Transportation Services provides trailers, plans the loads, and manages other aspects such as group insurance for the truckers, but Culbertson said the company is now interested in streamlining its interests, focussing more on production than on how the product is shipped.

These plans for restructuring make the drivers uneasy.

"Right now it's kind of a shaky period, we really don't know what's going to happen," says one driver.

He asked not to be named for fear of further jeopardizing what he sees as an already tenuous employment position.

He says drivers were supposed to have a meeting last week to learn more about the situation but it never materialized.

This driver says he feels the company will lose a good investment if it moves away from the present transportation system. He says the current haulers have always taken care to keep their rigs presentable and decked out with Ault decals, making them good advertisement for the company. He says Ault Foods may not get the same results from an outside trucking company.

Township enforces stop work

MOUNTAIN — Concern over unauthorized construction in Mountain Township may be building up to legal action by the municipality.

Building inspector Richard Sharkey has placed a stop work order on construction at the home of township resident Terry Spratt due to lack of a building permit. The septic system at the site must be approved by local health authorities before a permit can be issued. However, on Monday night Sharkey reported to council that Spratt has continued with the work and he asked for council's help in trying to enforce the order.

Court action was mentioned as one response, but Councillor Robert Guy said he felt the matter could be settled out of court. He added that he didn't think council and Sharkey's department had shown enough cooperation in the matter. Guy suggested an in camera session to deal with the issue, despite the fact that the matter is open to public scrutiny.

Others on council wanted to take action at the meeting.

"We're setting a precedent if we don't do anything," commented Reeve Estella Rose.

A motion was passed authorizing the building inspector to take any necessary steps to enforce the work stoppage.

Sharkey told council he wasn't out to persecute Spratt, that he simply wanted the work to stop until a permit is obtained.

When reached by phone Tuesday, Spratt's wife Mary declined comment on the situation.

Railway cars look for home

MORRISBURG —The steam locomotive and railway cars situated at the bend of Hwy. 2 adjacent to Crysler Park Marina and nearby Upper Canada Village may soon be on their way to a new home.

The collection is comprised of a Mogul locomotive constructed in 1910, a passenger car from 1901 and a 1920s horse transport/baggage and refrigeration car.

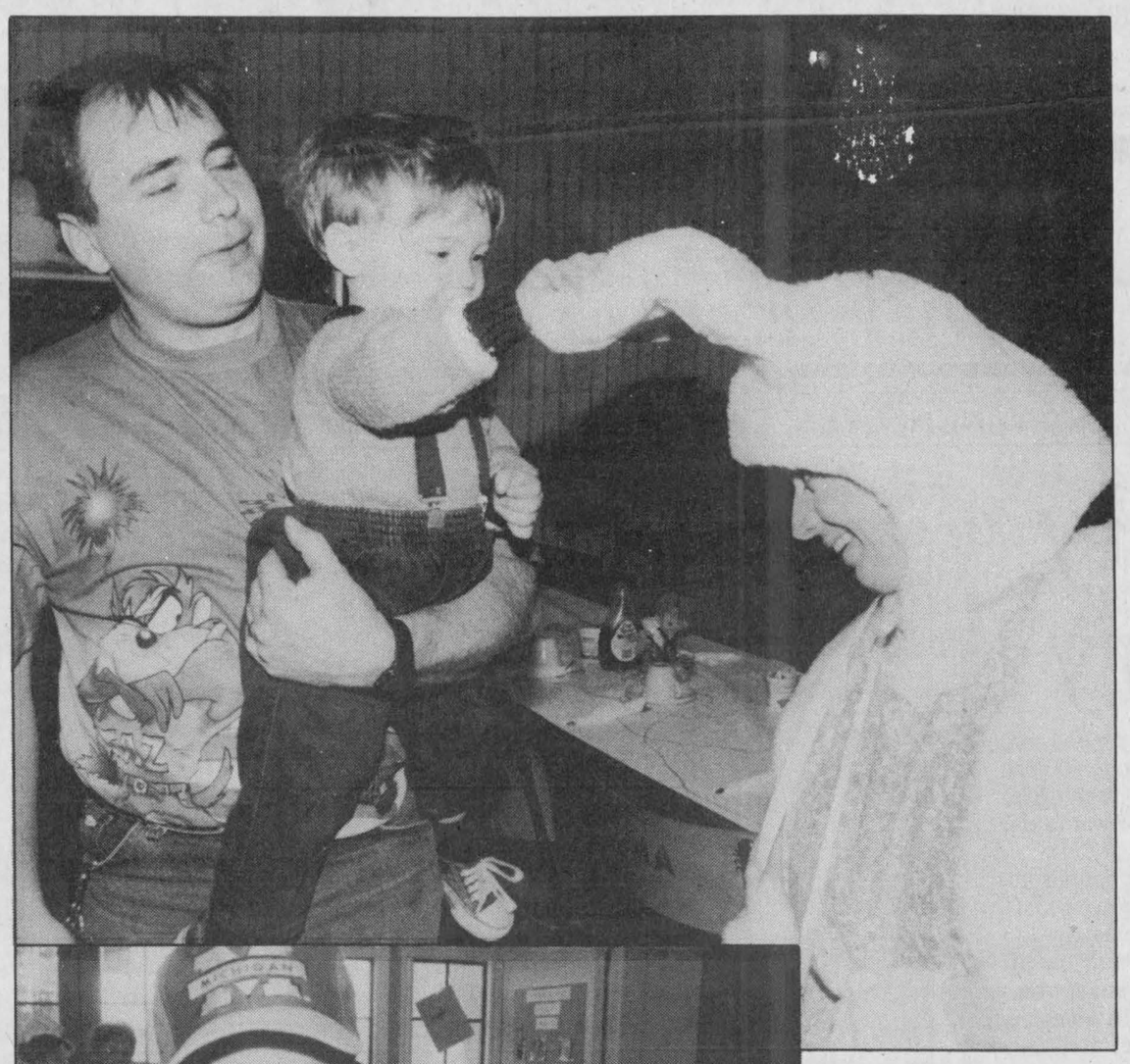
More than a year ago the Commission invited expressions of interest from historical associations and community groups through a newspaper advertisement to relocate and restore its Railway Rolling Stock located in Crysler Park. Several railway associations and a community group led by Gord MacGregor, reeve of the Village of Morrisburg, expressed definite interest. The Morrisburg group requested several months extension from the Commission, which was granted to examine project feasibility and express financial support.

In the changing environment of government funding and business priorities neither the St. Lawrence Parks Commission nor the Morrisburg community group have been able to find the financial support necessary to preserve and protect the train collection. As a result, the Commission intends to transfer stewardship of the Railway Rolling Stock to a qualified party.

The Commission has now invited proposals from various organizations who had previously expressed interest in securing the train collection for exhibition and/or educational use. The old Aultsville Train Station will remain in Crysler Park.

The Commission is requesting formal proposals to ensure that the Railway Rolling Stock will be relocated, preserved and protected, while continuing to be accessible to the public and serve an educational function in a new location. Several historical railway associations have recently examined the collection and worthwhile proposals are expected.

The Commission anticipates the completion of the selection process by the end of May.





Bending Bunny's ear

Chase Tetreault, above with dad Andy Tetreault, got a hold of "Easter Bunny" Jane Occleston at the Morrisburg and District Cooperative Preschool's 5th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday. The breakfast, which also featured a bake sale, was well-attended. Left, Craig Hodgson of Toronto, who was visiting cousins in Morrisburg over the weekend, had a look at some of the goods on sale. Press Photos— Robinson

Counties levy drops for Winchester village

Kim Robinson
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The United Counties levy for the Village of Winchester has dropped by roughly $6,000, while levies for surrounding municipalities have risen in the 1996 budget released recently by Counties Council.

Last year, the village was required to pay $333,643 toward counties operations, while this year the levy stands at $327,405.

In Winchester and Mountain Townships the situation is reversed, with those municipalities paying more this year. Winchester Township's levy has risen by $4,336 to $379,619. Mountain Township's contribution to the budget is $323,178, up significantly from $310,343 last year. Reeve Estella Rose says adjustments may be difficult, but as the municipality's budget is not yet set it is still manageable.

Counties clerk Raymond Lapointe says the fluctuations are caused by changes in each municipality's taxable assessment and annual variations in the province's equalized assessment rate.

The total levy among the 20 municipalities that make up the United Counties remains the same as last year. It stands at $6,583,500. Expenditures for the United Counties in the 1996 budget total more than $22 million, with the province picking up much of what is not covered by the municipal levies.

Information fair for parents

CORNWALL — About 1,500 children in the Tri- County area have special education needs, and the Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC) of the SD&G Public and Separate School Boards invite parents of these children to *Parents Learning Together*.

The one-day information fair will be held on April 20 from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the General Vanier/St. Joseph's Secondary Schools, 1500 Cumberland St., Cornwall.

A Ministry of Education and Training representative will give a presentation on Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRC) and Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Parents can attend workshops on how to represent your child at IPRC meetings and at the same time meet other parents.

The following organizations which offer services to children with special education needs will have information booths at the fair: the Easter Seals Society, Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre, Children's Rehabilitation Program, Early Childhood Resource Teachers' Service, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Hearing Society, Association for Bright Children, Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group, Ontario Association for Community Living, Epilepsy Association, Spina Bifida Association, Medical Electronic Services and Developmental Services.

For more information on this event please call Vince Fiorito at 932-9971.

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News in brief

Cookies for sale

WINCHESTER —The annual Girl Guide cookie sale starts this Monday with five units of the Winchester Girl Guides selling the traditional vanilla and chocolate cookies door to door for the next two weeks. The cookies cost $3 a box.

Celebrate wildlife

MORRISBURG — The Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary near Morrisburg will hold a special celebration on Sunday, April 14 for National Wildlife Week. Activities will include an early bird count at 8 am and from 12 noon to 4 pm wildlife and nature videos will be shown at the sanctuary's interpretive centre. As well, there will be guided nature walks and displays. Brenda Alguire will be the feature artist. A light lunch is available from noon until 2 pm.

Spring fling scheduled

CORNWALL —A spring fling for cancer survivors and their families will be held at the Civic Complex on Wednesday April 17 from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will be a celebration of support and resources offered by the community and will include demonstrations, door prizes, grab bags and refreshments. Admission is free, sponsored by the Community Cancer Support Network in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society.

Bereaved Families meet

CORNWALL —The Cornwall and area chapter of Bereaved Families of Ontario will hold its monthly support and share night on April 11 in the library of C.C.V.S. school on 437 Sydney St. in Cornwall from 7 pm to 9 pm. The theme will be "Different Ways to Grieve". For more information please call the office at 613-936-1455.

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be used for design purposes, that it was meant as a guide to verify the work of a professional building designer.

"We were all floored by this, including the contractors," Sharkey told his municipal council this week.

He added that while other ministry representatives at the seminar seemed to recognize that this was not the usual procedure, they seemed unwilling to dispute the statement.

Council decided that he should pursue the matter through the Building Officials Association, of which he is a member, and seek an answer from the province's codes commission.

Warm weather brings thefts

WINCHESTER — Last summer, Dundas County experienced a number of thefts of bicycles and outboard motors. With the warm weather approaching, it is important to consider securing your recreational property to prevent loss.

Last year, while OPP were able to return a few stolen bicycles to their owners, many more were not located, and for some of the bicycles found no owner was located.

To help prevent loss, bicycles should be secured to immovable objects with a locking chain or stored in a garage or shed. Motors should also be secured or stored inside to discourage theft. As well, property should be marked and/or serial numbers recorded for later identification in the event that they are stolen.

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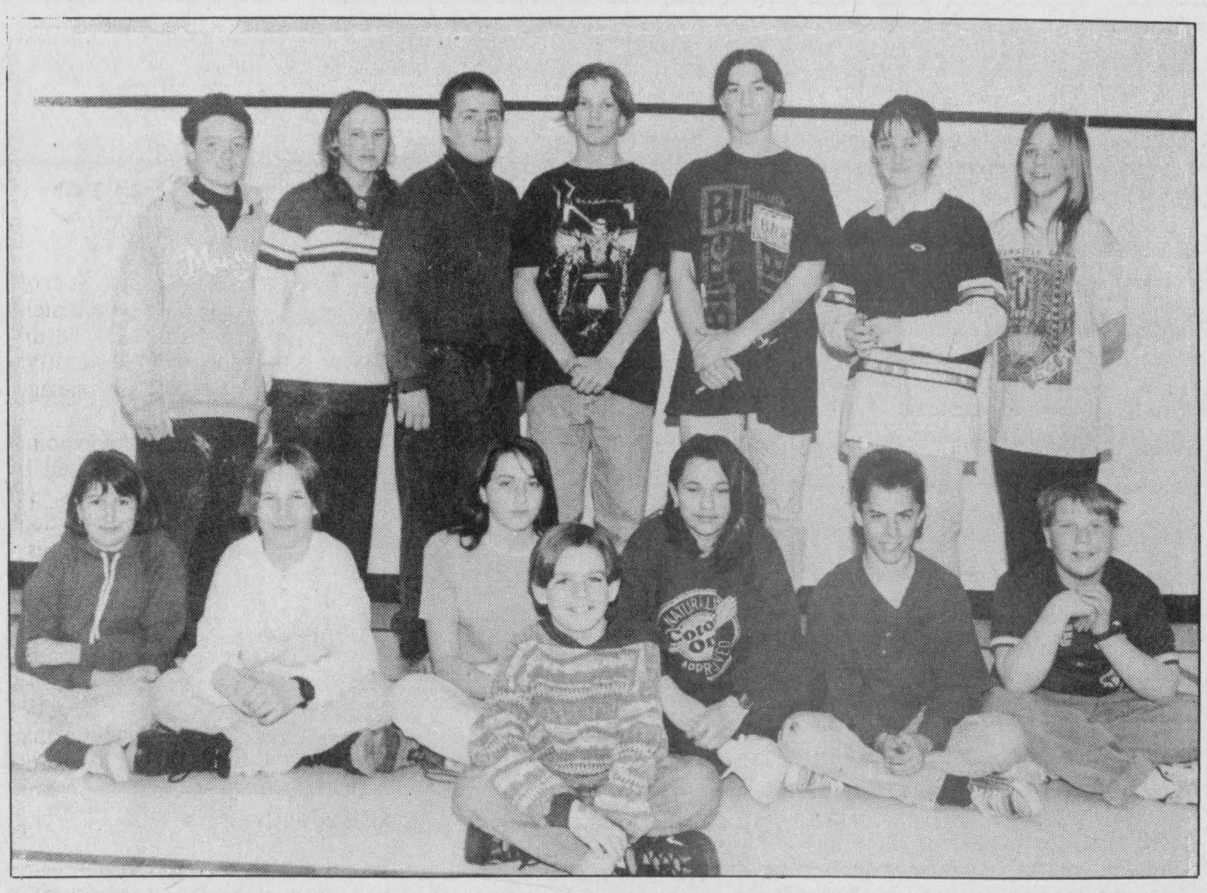

Chess competitors

A number of St. Bernard's students placed well in a chess tournament for the three United Counties held March 27 and 28 in Cornwall. The players included, back row from left, Andre Cormier, Chantelle Blom (Bronze Medal), Shane Beaulieu (Bronze Medal), Craig Panchuk (Silver Medal), Jimmy MacHardie, Erin Exner and Geana Whitford. In the middle row, from left, are Sarah Kingma, Robert Giesel, Elise Baker, Roxanne Hennin, Jason Bell (Gold Medal) and Shawn Derouchie. Front: Robert Fodrek. Absent: Patrick Melchin (Bronze Medal). Jason Bell and Craig Panchuk will be taking part in a provincial competition in Toronto.

Press Photo— Robinson

Course helps caregivers cope

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER —Caring can require a lot of energy.

Especially when it is caring for an elderly person, says Suzanne Grisel, a registered nurse with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

To help those people who do, the Health Unit and the Nor-Dun Seniors Support Centre in Winchester is offering a free five-week course called "Understanding Aging: Coping with Caring" that will provide caregivers with both support and education.

The course, which tentatively will be held at the the Nor-Dun Centre in Winchester, will consist of sessions that explore topics such as the aging process, mental health, care facilities and community resources.

Caregivers often experience stress because of the added responsibility of tending to an elderly relative or friend, says Grisel, adding that the situation is likely getting worse these days.

"With cutbacks in (health) services, they are probably under more stress than they would be," she says.

The number of older adults is increasing, according to Grisel. Figures from the 1991 census show almost a quarter of the residents in Winchester are 65 or older. With many wanting to stay in their homes as long as possible, family participation is important and many people may not be ready for the role of caregiver.

The course will be held every Thursday morning from 10 am to 12 noon starting May 30. Three people have signed up so far.

The Nor-Dun Senior Support Centre already offers a support group for caregivers that runs every second Thursday at the same time as the course. The support group is available for any caregiver and not just those who are tending an elderly person, says organizer Nancy Gibson. It is an informal group but courses such as Coping will Caring will be a regular part of its services. This particular course will include speakers such as doctors and representatives from the mental health group.

There is a supervised day program available for the elderly person at the Nor-Dun Centre while the caregiver takes the course. Those who wish to use the service must contact the Centre prior to the course.

For more information or to sign-up, please call Nancy Gibson at 774-6109 or Suzanne Grisel at 774- 2739.

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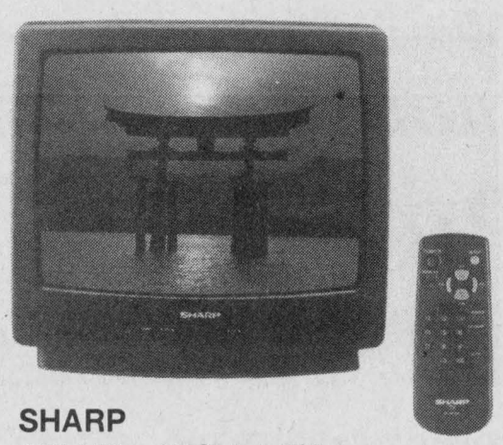

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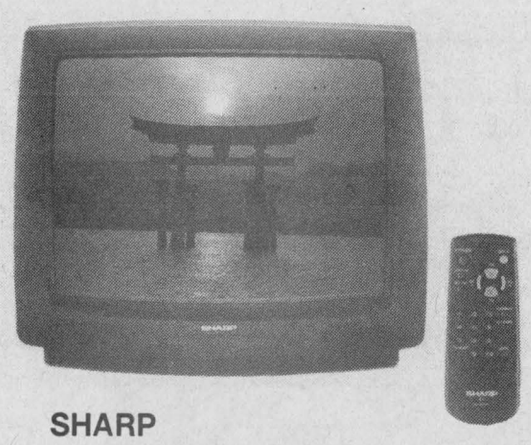

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Two weeks until curtain rises on 'Opening Night'

Garnet Quail
Press Staff Reporter

WINCHESTER — For all of you local theatre aficionados; the wait is almost over. Just two weeks from tomorrow (Thursday, April 25) the curtain goes up in Henderson Hall for the first production by the Dundas County Players Theatre Society. The play, aptly titled 'Opening Night', was written by New Brunswick native Norm Foster and promises lots of laughs.

As you have noticed, we have been profiling a couple of the characters from the cast each week in an effort to make them more readily recognizable when you see them on stage and to reinforce the message that membership in the society is certainly not exclusive. Anyone who might be interested in becoming involved is encouraged to become a member and join in the friendship and organized mayhem which is the Players.

This weeks profiles will feature Chris Trory and Denis Grignon. Both are local with Chris living in the village and Denis a little further to the north. In the play both are actors; Chris an old character actor named Clayton Fry appearing in the play within a play which is such a vital part of the show, and Denis in the role of Michael Craig, an out of work stage actor who has suffered so many career setbacks that his nerves and confidence are hanging by a thread.

Off stage Chris can be found working as a mechanic at the Hamilton and Graf farm machinery dealership or performing handiwork as required in his home workshop where many of the plays' sets are designed and built.

Denis is probably better known away from the acting stage as an Ottawa radio personality. He has had stints with CHEZ-FM and with CBO radio. With the CBC, Denis and Nancy Payne, part of last week's profiles, have developed some fine comedy and satire pieces; most notably the 'Minivan People'. Denis is also well-known as a stand-up comic appearing locally and on a national scale with the Yuk-Yuk's Komedy Kabaret chain.

Tickets are still available but in short supply so, get yours by calling Vicki Muir at 774- 0488.



Good guess

Muriel Whittaker, assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal in Winchester, presents an Easter gift basket to Jim McVey of Winchester for guessing how many miniature marshmallows were in a jar displayed at the bank. Customers entered their guesses on their deposit envelopes for the automatic teller. There were 1,383 and McVey guessed 1,375.

Police blotter

Arrest follows break-ins

INKERMAN — OPP have charged an Ottawa man with two area break-ins, one in Inkerman and one in Chesterville, that occurred April 2. At about 9:20 pm OPP were called to a business on Industrial Drive in Chesterville. A forced entry had been made but nothing was taken. The same evening, a second break-in was reported at the MacDonald Feed Mill in Inkerman in which office equipment was stolen. With the help of the District Crime Unit, a suspect was arrested that evening. Louis Dinelle, 29, of Ottawa has been charged with break and enter as well as theft in connection with these incidents.

Cutlass stolen

WINCHESTER SPRINGS — A 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass was taken from the garage of a private residence in Winchester Springs on the night of April 1. The vehicle has not yet been recovered.

Fleeing suspect caught

WILLIAMSBURG TWP. — A suspected thief's flight from police on April 5 ended when Craig Legroulx, 18, of Chatham, Ontario was apprehended on the Crowder Road in Williamsburg Township. Winchester and Morrisburg OPP had assisted the Brockville detachment in stopping a vehicle on Hwy. 401 in the area of the Hosaic Creek. Two males who were in the vehicle fled the scene and one of them, Legroulx, was located and later identified. Legroulx was to appear in Morrisburg court April 9 on charges of possession of stolen property and personation.

Auto thefts

OSGOODE — Some time during the day on April 6 a 1985 Oldsmobile was stolen from the driveway of a home on Greys Creek Road. Earlier that week, on April 2, a red 1991 model van was stolen from the parking lot of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Osgoode between 7 pm and 8:15 pm. It was recovered later that evening in Manotick.

Impaired charge

METCALFE — On April 5, Const. Rick Dupuis of the Manotick OPP stopped a vehicle on Albert Street in Metcalfe and suspected that the driver had been drinking. The driver, who has not yet been named by Manotick OPP, will appear in court on May 2 to face a charge of impaired driving.

Keep items out of sight

WINCHESTER — Over the past week the incidence of theft from vehicles has been on the rise. In many cases the car had been locked and a window was smashed to gain access to items inside. To reduce you chance of loss, lock valuables in the trunk of your car, out of sight, and bring movable items into your residence at night.

OTHS playing global game

METCALFE — Osgoode Township High School students got a chance April 1 to solve the world's problems.

The exercise was part of the Global Change Game to educate people about global issues and empower them to make decisions on these issues.

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Greely invited to get involved

by Derek Puddicombe

GREELY — Greely could soon have its own community association.

An April 24 meeting at the Greely Community Centre will determine how involved residents want to become in the village's future.

"The idea of a community association has come from the concern residents have about the development of Greely," said Osgoode Councillor Doug Thompson.

If the association takes off, Thompson said he hopes it will be used as a vehicle to communicate concerns to the township.

"Residents of Greely really want to be a part of a group that will do something," he said.

Peter O'Neill, one of the association's founders has compiled a mailing list to let the 5,000 residents know of the plan and how they can get involved.

Having the largest population in Osgoode Township, Greely residents have expressed interest in a community pool, bike paths, walking paths, development of its commercial core and a community policing station.

O'Neill hopes the association will bring the different township committees and the village closer together.

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Bank robber left on foot

MORRISBURG — Morrisburg OPP are seeking information in their investigation of a robbery at the Bank of Montreal on April 2.

Around 2:40 pm, a lone male entered the bank, approached a teller and demanded money. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken. The suspect was last seen on foot, heading west from the bank.

The suspect is described as a male with a slim build, dark hair and dark complexion. He was last seen wearing a dark, hip-length leather jacket and jeans.

Anyone with information relating to this incident is asked to call the Morrisburg OPP at 613-543- 2949 or 1-800-267-2677, or call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477.

Stolen jewellery valued at $15,000

WINCHESTER — Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a break, enter and theft at Holmes Jewellers on Main Street in Winchester.

Stolen property included wristwatches, pocket watches, chains and rings valued at $15,000. These items were taken between 9:45 pm on March 31 and 8 am the next day.

If you have any information on this break-in or any other crime you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1,000. Crime Stoppers tipsters are always anonymous. Remember, we don't want your name but please give us your information. Call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477 for long distance calls.



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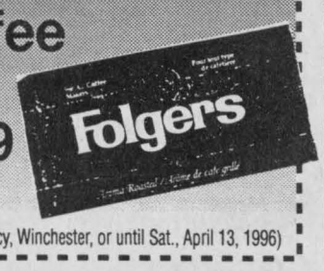

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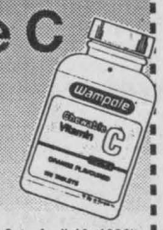

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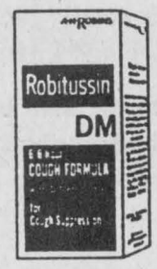

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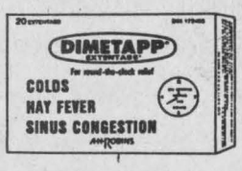

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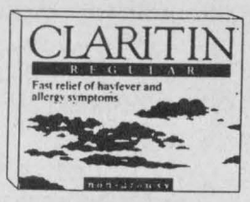

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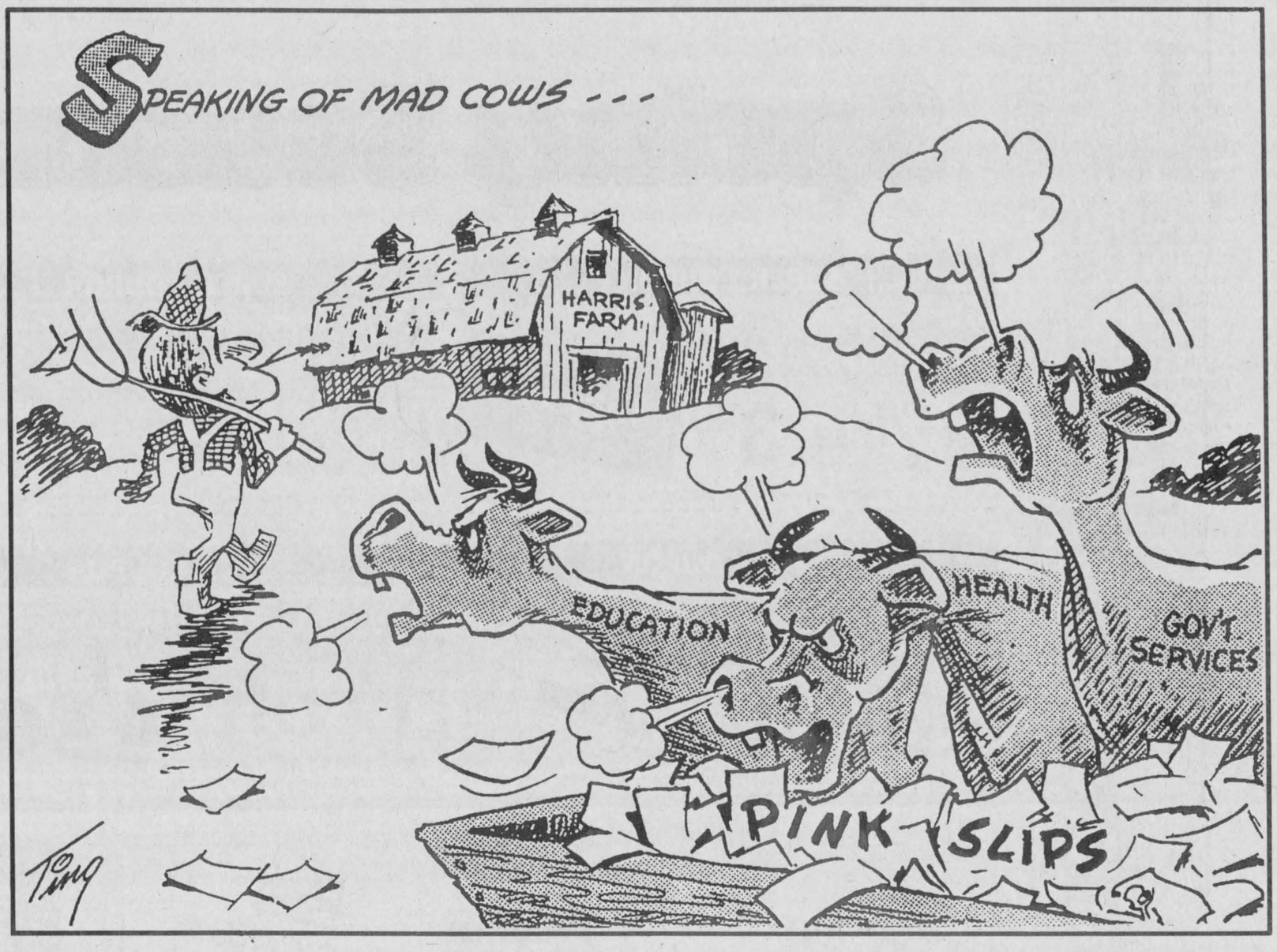

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Taking the offensive

Tonight you could save your own life.

At the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre, experts will tell you how at the Breast Cancer Awareness Night at 7:30 pm.

It should concern all women, no matter what their age. Breast cancer is in a deadly race with heart disease to be their number one killer.

Early detection is a key element in survival. For those who have it or know someone who does, there is also help. Taking the hour or two to attend the seminar could add years to your life.

Noteworthy

When someone of note passes in the area, it is typical for the newspaper to write an article, recalling what effect and contribution he or she had on the community.

It may seem arbitrary sometimes. There are a lot of less prominent people who contribute to the community and do not receive the same recognition.

But there is value to the custom. It demonstrates that there is a lot of extraordinary commitment out there. These people who are profiled serve as an example of what can be done.

Such is the case for Ewart Simms, who died Tuesday. For 29 years, he sat on Mountain Township council. Whether or not you agreed with his politics or voted for him, it is still a commendable feat.

Despite failing health, he wanted to be there. It was obvious to anyone who spoke with him when he retired that he would have liked to continue but just could not. Health issues aside, he himself said it was good to let new blood and new ideas into office.

The motivation of people who serve in public office is varied and quite a mystery to those who have no desire to do so.

But to do so for so long must mean that he cared a great deal for his township. The thrill of any power granted him would not be enough alone to sustain someone for that many years.

It is a characteristic worthy of remembering.

This week in...

1946

Winchester merchant Hy Bessin wanted to find out the value of his 40-year-old automobile. The 1906 Briscoe touring car, a high-built automobile that looked like a Model T Ford, was hard on oil but still in running condition. According to used car dealers' methods of calculating a car's value, the Briscoe would be worth $400, one quarter of its original price. However, it was doubtful that any dealer would pay that much for the early car. It was suggested instead that Mr. Bessin have the car weighed and sell it on that basis to a scrap metal dealer.

A snowy owl from the Williamsburg area was on display at the Toronto Zoo. Two Williamsburg men, Walter Whitteker and Dale Beckstead, had shot the bird and were about to leave it for dead when they noticed it showing signs of life. They took the owl home and installed it in a cage, where the bird quickly recovered. When the men heard of Toronto's fight against rat infestation, the two hunters offered the owl to Mayor Saunders as a partial remedy. The mayor wrote back to the pair, saying he didn't think the owl could be used in the campaign but he had passed their letter on to the parks commissioner, who was pleased to add the owl to the menagerie.

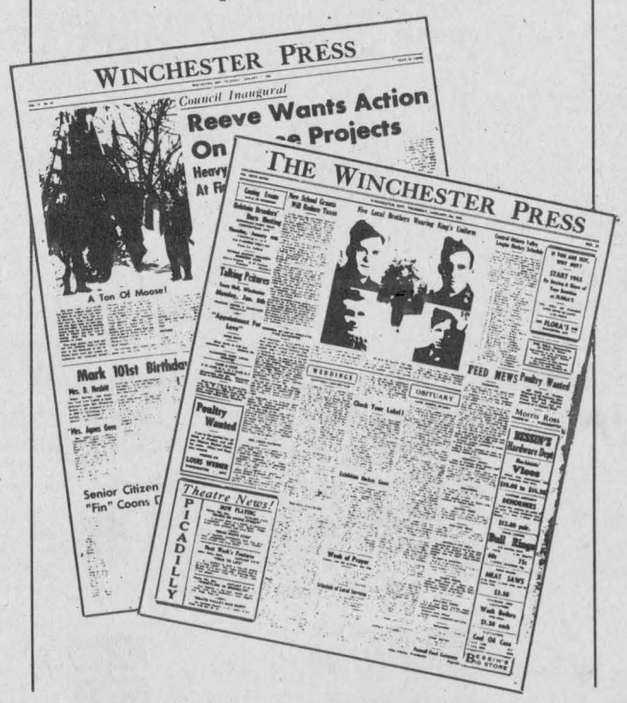
1956

Lorne Holmes of Winchester unearthed a 119-year- old coin from his garden. The penny, slightly larger and thicker than a fifty-cent piece, was issued in 1837. It was a monetary token of Lower Canada and may have been issued in conjunction with Queen Victoria's accession to the throne in June 1837.

Thirty paid-up entries for the rich 2.28 Stake Race at the South Mountain Dominion Day Meet had been received, according to race committee chairman John Thompson. Increased prize money was the big draw for the race, which would see the best horses from Eastern Ontario, Quebec and Northern New York compete.

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Health Unit would soon have a supply of Poliomyelitis vaccine to continue with its immunization clinics. There were still 13,000 school children in the United Counties who had not received polio shots.

Grenville-Dundas MLA F.M. Cass promoted the completion of Hwys. 31 and 16 in the provincial budget debate.



John Cameron of South Mountain, honorary president of the Eastern Ontario Cheesemakers' Association, died in Winchester District Memorial Hospital at the age of 74.

1966

Plans were being made for a gala hospital auxiliary garden party to be held on the lawn of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital in June. The summer event was to be officially opened by Her Excellency Madame Vanier.

The Canada Pension Plan was the main topic of discussion at the annual meeting of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture.

1976

Winchester Village Council was putting pressure on the provincial government to speed up the construction of a new well so it would be ready for summer when water consumption peaked.

Ault Foods employee Cecil Johnston was congratulated on 50 years of service to the company. His first job had been driving a milk truck.

1986

The Carleton Board of Education approved the expenditure of $1.07 million to establish Osgoode Township's first French immersion school. The school was to be built at 6th Line Road and Regional Road 6.

Upper Canada Playhouse board member Gerry Rosenquist said within a few years the playhouse would be looking for a more permanent home than its original tent location.

Making public schools more efficient

All that moaning and groaning about budget cuts you hear coming from the people that administer the public school system in this province these days is not quite justified.

Just inject a little competition into the game and you'll hear real screams.

Our public school system — which has a virtual monopoly on educating our youngsters — is now the second most expensive in the world, delivers less than most of the other systems and has a hammerlock on what kids learn because there isn't any real alternative unless you have the money to send your child to a private school.

Here is one good reason why we need competition to the public school system: cost. From 1980 to 1993, spending in Ontario's public school system increased 148 per cent even though the number of students increased only three per cent. Even after taking inflation into account, Ontario's school boards spent 37 per cent more per pupil in 1993 that in 1980.

Spending on central administration grew almost five times as fast as spending for regular classroom teaching. Too much of our education funds went for bureaucrats, not books; administrators, not educators; red tape, not learning.

Much of that money could be reduced dramatically if we had competition in the public school system. Just as every other area of modern economic life is being opened to competition — whether it be airlines, telecommunications or products you buy off the shelf — education needs to get away from a monopoly position. The sooner it does, the better the system will become.

What we need is an institutional change that will enable parents to choose the schools their children go to. It is a dream of a private educational industry that can compete on equal terms with our present system of elementary secondary schooling — a governmental monopoly that is dominated by the big teachers' unions for the benefit of its officials and members, not of the students.



Meanwhile
by Fred Sagel

Today, a parent who chooses to send his child to a private school is required to pay twice for his child's schooling — once in the form of taxes and once in the form of tuition. I've done that now for the past 10 years because I chose to send my children to private schools because they're infinitely better than the public schools, no doubt about it. But I've been lucky enough to generate an income that can afford it.

But what about those people in the lower income classes who want to give their children a better education than the public school system allows? Why shouldn't they be allowed to choose which school their children go to? Why should they be stuck with the public school system?

We can fix that problem by allowing students who choose to go private rather than public schools to receive scholarships or vouchers equal to a substantial fraction of what the state would have been required to spend. In other words, a parent be given the choice of where his or her education dollars are spent.

There is nothing radical about such an idea. It has been advocated for over 40 years by Nobel- prize winning economist Milton Friedman. He has looked carefully at the situation and has found that schools need competition in order to get better, if not cheaper.

Just think of it: no institution in our country is as technologically backward as schooling. We school children today just as we did 200 years ago: a teacher in a classroom instructing a group of students. We have added computers but, in the main, have not made effective use of them. If we opened the gates to widespread competition, we would enjoy a dramatic change in technology.

Similarly, a widespread scholarship system of the kind I describe would open the doors to an influx of innovative enterprises offering different kinds of schooling to attract customers. Faced with competition, the public schools would have to improve or close down. No doubt some would be unable to stand the test, but other would rapidly improve.

The result would be a large, creative, highly developed, private educational industry that offers schooling for every taste, plus a vastly improved but somewhat smaller and leaner public school system.

A widening gap between the earning of less skilled and more skilled workers now threatens our social cohesion; an improvement in the quality of schooling, especially for lower-income families and the so-called underclass, would make a major contribution to closing that gap.

Fred Sagel is a lawyer, columnist and political analyst, presently doing post-graduate studies at University of Toronto.

Sexual protection an issue of safety

It's an issue where past meets present head on. Some might say it's an issue that divides two generations, creating a deep chasm of uncertainty in the middle. It's a delicate subject meeting a troubled generation at a local country high school. It is change.

We live in a time of change, which is no real surprise since our world has been changing since the beginning of time. Change comes inevitably for the good or the bad, but it certainly does come. It is how we react to these changes that forms the backbone of the society in which we live.

There are not many who wouldn't agree to the notion that we, as a society, are evolving. Over time we alter our beliefs and our behavior in small steps, sometimes without knowing it. Yet, there are some issues with which we are confronted that tend to shock some with the realization of exactly how much change is going on.

One large example of this type of an issue — and one with which our school is presently dealing — is sexual protection. "Should or should not condoms be available to students at school?" This is the question posed to most students in a survey conducted at North Dundas last week. This is also the question that was answered by only approximately 100 parents at the parent-teacher interviews held recently.

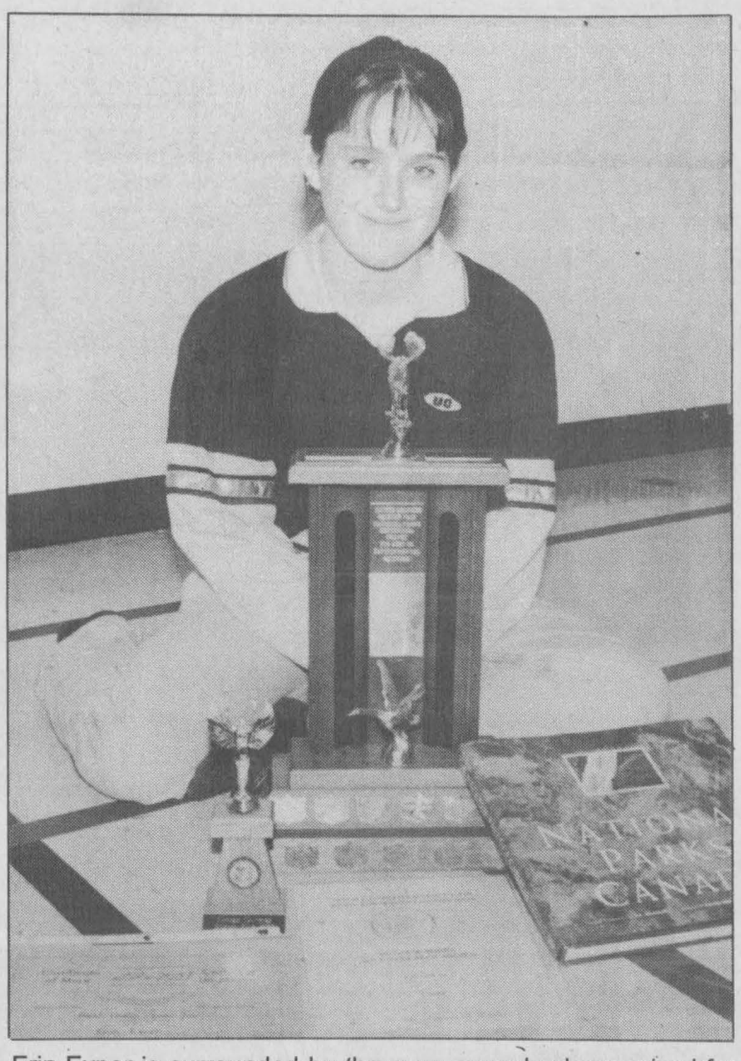
Perhaps some members of the "older" generation are astonished that the school committee is even considering installing condom machines. Yet one must realize that times are changing, for better or worse. We must not turn a blind eye to certain facts. Teenagers are having sex. There are thousands of sexually-transmitted diseases out there; some are deadly. Whether these teenagers are right or wrong in their decisions, logic would suggest that they should protect themselves if they are going to have sex.



NDDHS NOTES
by Carrie Vandewint

Should they not be mature enough to go to a drugstore or doctor and purchase protection if they are mature enough to decide to have sex? Does the easy accessibility of condoms promote sexual activity? Has pre-marital sex become completely accepted by — and commonplace to — the younger generation? All of these are concerns voiced, but I'm afraid that no one has all the answers.

Our world is changing and even we, the almost isolated country folk, have to make decisions based on the cold, hard facts of our ever-changing world.



Erin Exner is surrounded by the many awards she received for her experiment at the United Counties Science Fair in late March. She will take her project to the national science fair in North Bay in May.

Press Photo— Robinson

Third time the charm for St. Bernard's pupil

Kim Robinson
Press staff

FINCH — Perseverance paid off for Erin Exner at the United Counties Science Fair in Cornwall March 30.

In her third year of working on a science fair entry, her project on natural methods of preventing soil erosion took a gold medal and now she's looking forward to the Canada Wide Science Fair, to be held in North Bay in May.

"I'm really, really excited," says the St. Bernard's eighth-grader. "There are only four people going from our fair, so when they called my name I thought they'd made a mistake."

Erin finds a vast difference between her first science fair project in Grade 6 and the one that earned her first place this year. She says her work has improved through experience.

"You learn on your way."

The earlier project was presented at her own school's science fair, but Erin was not selected to represent St. Bernard's at the larger competition. In Grade 7, she did make it to the Counties fair and in Grade 8 she returned with a winner.

The project this year was itself a gradual process. Erin spent much of her after-school time for several weeks planning and setting up the scientific investigation.

"It took about a month just to do the experiment,' she recalls.

Erin grew grass from seed in her test site, a wooden box tilted on a 45 degree angle that has three compartments: one with rows of grass planted vertically, another with rows planted horizontally and one control compartment containing only soil.

After the grass had matured, she poured water down the surface, collecting the water and, more importantly, the eroded soil at the bottom with a wallpaper tray. She then repeated the whole process to ensure that there were no drastic variations in the results.

Erin found that the horizontal planting was conducive to soil preservation, whereas with vertical planting the soil washed away much more easily in the swift flow of water downward between the rows. This was very much in keeping with what Erin has observed of erosion prevention in general farming practices.

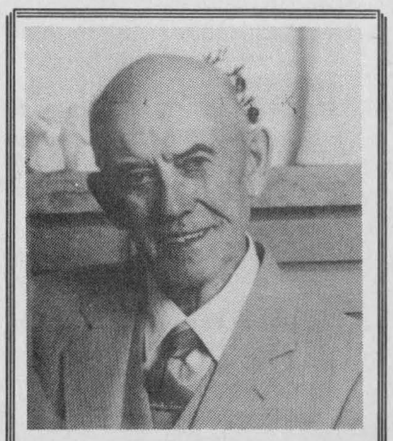
When Erin takes her results to North Bay, her expenses will be paid as part of her prize. As well, she has won 50 free hours of Internet time from the science fair committee, an Ontario Hydro Gold Research Award worth $200, and a large, hardcover book on Canada's National Parks for the Best Project Environmental Sciences Award.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tribute

The Editor:
A Tribute to Kristy McDowell: God's Gift, Kristy Dawn
You were one of God's chosen Children
He came back and safely tucked you under His wing
He gave you to Jeanette and Gordon McDowell for a short while
To be loved, cherished, held and to be played with,
'Til death do we part
You leave us with broken hearts
But memories of you dancing and gleefully playing about
You'll always be with us forever
To love and be remembered
'Til we all meet again …
Goodbye Kristy Dawn.

Your friend,
Violet E. Bellinger



The family of
Erwin Cumming
invites you to join in the celebration of Erwin's
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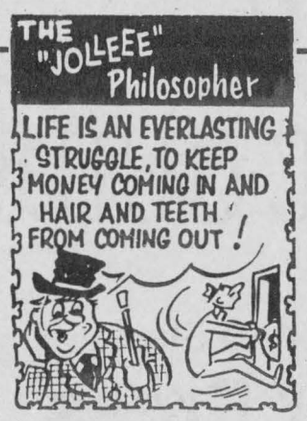

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OBITUARIES

John Aldham

John Gott Seymour Aldham of Wellington House, Prescott and formerly of Kemptville died April 3. He was 89.

Born in London, England on April 5, 1906, he was the son of the late Michael Aldham and Theo Gott.

Mr. Aldham came to Canada in 1927 and farmed in both the Ormond and Osgoode areas. On Oct. 20, 1937 at Ormond Baptist Church, he married the late Myrtle MacDonald, who predeceased him in April of 1993.

In 1954, Mr. Aldham and his family moved to Kemptville where he worked as a public school custodian and with the rural mail delivery. He was very involved with the Salvation Army and volunteered with several organizations.

He is survived by his sons Michael (Ruth) and Eric (Marie), both of Kemptville. Mr. Aldham was the dear brother of Mia Aldham of England and the loving grandfather of Catherine, Angela and Richard.He was predeceased by his brother Patrick and his son Richard.

A service was held on April 5 at Grant Brown Funeral Home, Rolston Chapel, in Kemptville, officiated by Lois Latimer of the Salvation Army. A spring interment will be held at Kemptville Union Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Salvation Army would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Cecil Canning

Cecil Charles Canning of RR1 South Mountain died at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on April 2. He was 82.

Born in Salsbury, England on April 30, 1913, he was the son of the late Thomas Canning and Irene Hyde.

He was the beloved husband of Alma (Grant) Canning and the loving father of Beverley Collins (Dave) of RR1 South Mountain and Linda Eustace (Frank) of Maitland.

Mr. Canning will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Mark (Darlene), Leslie and Jason Collins as well as Mandy and Laura Eustace. He was the dear brother of Bert Canning of Ottawa.

He was predeceased by two sons Bernard and Garry as well as his two sisters Phyllis Grant and Sylvia Kenney.

Visitation was held at the Grant Brown Funeral Home, Purcell Chapel, in Spencerville on April 4. A service was held on April 5 at St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain with Rev. George Bruce officiating.

Interment was at the South Gower Cemetery.

Pallbearers included George Panciuk, Arnold Grant, Richie Grant, Allan Grant, Brian Grant and Bob McLaughlin.

Memorial donations to St. Peter's Anglican Church or to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Annie B. McIntosh

Annie Beatrice McIntosh of Williamsburg died March 19 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She was 91.

A homemaker, she married C. Rufus McIntosh in Williamsburg on Dec. 20, 1924 who predeceased her in 1973. She was born to the late C. Allen Barkley and Elizabeth A. Whitteker in Williamsburg on May 13, 1904.

Mrs. McIntosh was the mother of Doris Myers (Hugh) of Morrisburg and Carson McIntosh of London and daughter-in-law Lois McIntosh of Williamsburg. She is survived by her brother George Barkley of Williamsburg and sister Verna Bernarde (Raymond) of Pickerel, Wisconsin. She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. McIntosh was predeceased by her daughter Lucy Geggie, sons Lorne and Conrad, and her sister Ruth Whitteker.

She was a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church women's group.

A service was held at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg on March 22 with Rev. Diane Raddatz officiating.

Interment was at the Old Union Cememtery in Williamsburg.

Pallbearers included Carl Geggie, David Myers, Randy McIntosh, Terry McIntosh, Phillip Dillabough, Michael Hoogeveen and Robert Corry.

Freda Lillian Morrison

Freda Lillian Morrison of Metcalfe died suddenly at the Osgoode Care Centre on April 22 after a brave fight with Alzheimer Disease. She was 75.

The beloved wife of the late Harry Morrison, she was born on June 3, 1920 in Cumberland to the late James (Jim) McMillan and Ellen Somerville.

Mrs. Morrison was the twin sister of Janet Scharfe of Cumberland and sister of the late Isabel Fraser, Barbara Moore and Roland McMillan.

She married Harry Morrison in 1942, farming north of Metcalfe until the late 1920s, when they moved to Ottawa to work, and then retiring to their cottage home near Perth.

In 1984 they returned to Metcalfe, residing at the Stanley Apartments. Mrs. Morrison was predeceased by her husband in 1989.

Lillian was a member of the Metcalfe United Church, the Metcalfe Seniors Wednesday Afternoon Club and continued to enjoy her home and friends until Jan. 1995 when she moved to the Osgoode Care Centre due to failing health.

A humorous lively person, she will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her sisters and brothers-in-law as well as many nieces and nephews.

A service was held at Duncan Funeral Home, Metcalfe on April 4 with Rev. Casey McKibbon officiating.

A spring interment will take place at Springhill Cemetery, Metcalfe.

Visa Redmond

Visa Redmond of Mayfield Residence in Prescott died April 7 at the Brockville General Hospital.

A housewife, she was the wife of the late Sparling Redmond. Mrs. Redmond was born on March 1, 1904 in Winchester to the late Edwin Baker and Henrietta Heggison.

She was the mother of Ernie (Doreen) and Doris Andross of Prescott and the grandmother of Barry and Gordie Andross, Brian and Craig Redmond and Cynthia Wilson.

She also had eight great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

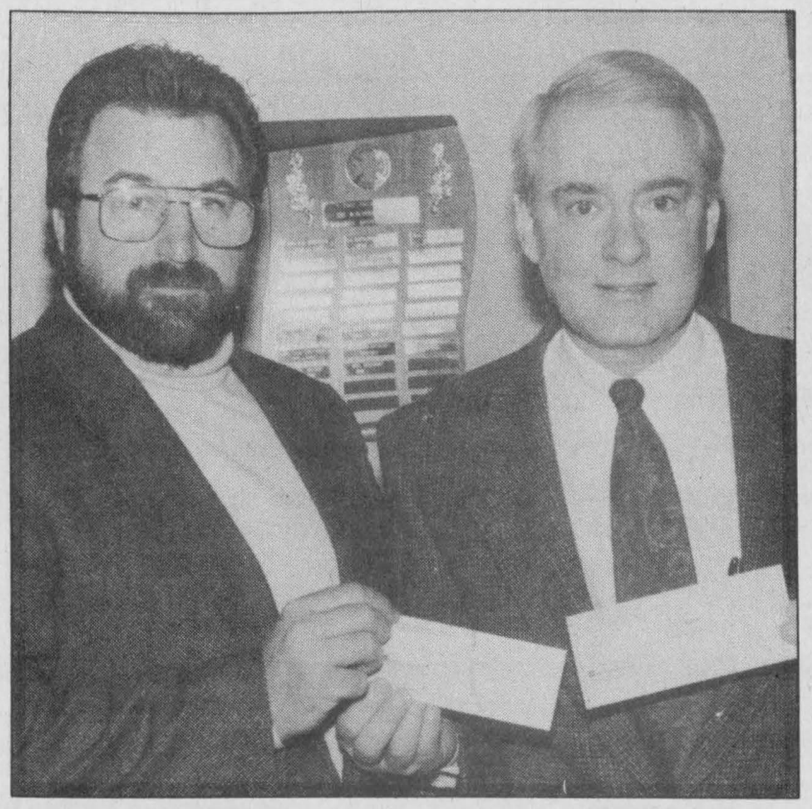
As well as her parents and husband, Mrs. Redmond was predeceased by her grandchildren Michael and Kevin Andross, her brothers Stewart and Earl Baker as well as her sisters Freda and Eva Baker.

A service was held at the Chris Slater Funeral Home on April 9 with Rev. Nicholas Vandermey officiating.

Interment was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Maitland.

Donations to the Palliative Care unit at Brockville General Hospital would be appreciated.

Pallbearers included Brian and Jason Redmond, Rick White, Barry, Barry Jr. and Shawn Andross.



Hospital receives $1,000

John Vandekamp presents two cheques, each for $500, to Winchester District Memorial Hospital President Don Smith from the South Williamsburg Recreation Association. The money for the hospital was raised from the proceeds of a bingo run by May Brown and the sale of Nevada tickets, run by Russell Schwerdtfeger.

Press Photo — Edwards

Mountain Township seniors hear foot care specialist

by Marjorie Baker

MOUNTAIN —The March 27th meeting of the Mountain Township Seniors was held in the Mountain Hall with a good attendance.

President Mavis Graham welcomed all, O Canada was sung and the Lord's Prayer was repeated. Reports were made by secretary, treasurer and the kitchen convenor.

A donation has been given by the Dutch Community to the Seniors Club. It was appreciated.

Our president read some information on the convention in London, Ont. coming up Aug. 11 to 14 and some about the Festival Theatre in Manotick. Muriel Milne has accepted the job of tour director for our own group.

We've been encouraged to attend the Hearing Clinic at Nor-Dun Centre in Winchester on April 11. We were invited to attend the Musical and Fellowship Time at Nationview School on March 31 at 7:30 pm. Our euchre games for April will be April 15 and 29.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Ida Cross.

Birthdays were acknowledged and Oscar Milne gave us an update on the Seniors Games. Grace was sung and a delicious pot-luck dinner, served by the South Mountain Ladies was enjoyed by all.

The program following opened with a reading on recycling by Evelyn Francis. Irene Crowder introduced Donnalynn Clement from the footcare clinic in Winchester, who gave a very interesting talk on footcare and answered many questions. She was thanked and presented with a monetary gift.

Irene then closed the program with a poem. Our next meeting will be April 24 with Hallville in charge.



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April 8th

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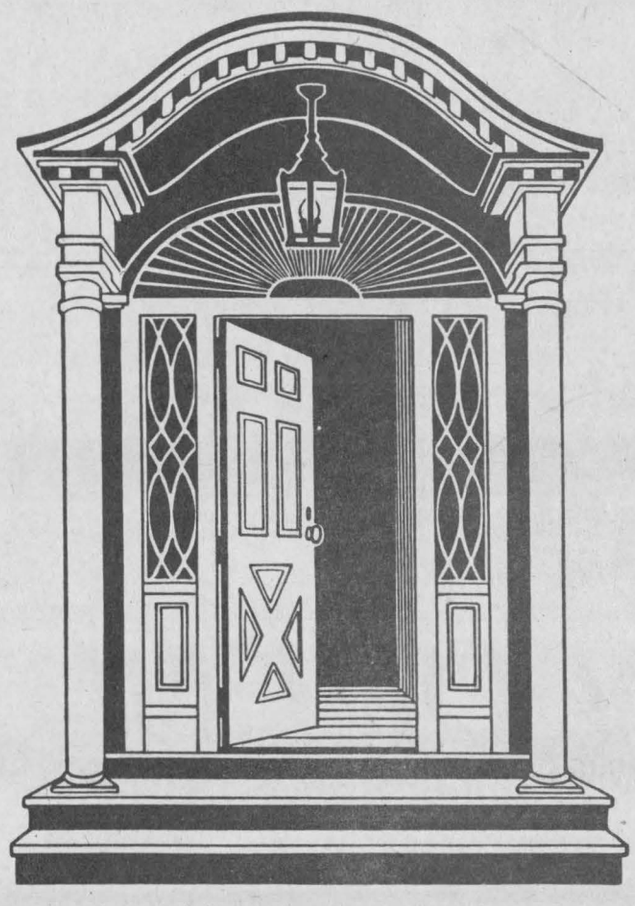

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Census takers prepare to count everyone in

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Dogs may be man's best friend but they're not necessarily pals of the census taker.

Dogs are a topic of their own in the training of a those who work the census. When going door-to- door, they have to ensure that they themselves don't end up as a statistic.

"We have an advisory on dogs and they give us a safety pamphlet," says Barbara Blackburn, who will be the census crew leader for the division known a Morrisburg, Morrisburg area and Winchester.

From May 1 to May 15, dogs or no dogs, she will be responsible for making sure local enumerators count everyone in for the next Census of Population and Census of Agriculture.

Though the Census is officially May 14, enumerators will distribute forms to private residents and apartment buildings from May 1 to 13. Collective residences such as group homes, hospital nursing homes and campgrounds will be counted on May 14.

Technically the census records where people are residing the night of May 13 to 14, even if a person is staying at a hotel. But such information will be discarded if the person indicates that they really reside somewhere else.

It is her first time working for the Census and Blackburn is already busy getting herself ready for the job. She has combed the area, double checking maps and boundaries, looking for potential difficulties. She won't actually go out herself, instead she is responsible for hiring and coordinating the enumerators, but she will be familiar with just about every part of her area including Williamsburg Township, Morrisburg and Winchester, as well as part of Finch, Osnabruck and Mountain townships.

The enumerators are trained intensively for their duties and they have to cover their areas thoroughly, missing no new developments.

"We go street by street, block by block to every place," says Blackburn.

"We cover every laneway, every bit of passable road in the countryside."

As far as threatening canines are concerned, enumerators are told to stay in their cars and honk their horns to attract the resident if they feel threatened. If that fails, they can leave the form in the mailbox or try to contact the resident by telephone to let them know they're coming.

A census is conducted every five years and each person is required by law to be counted and provide the needed information. Most people will receive a short-form, asking seven questions including age, sex, marital status and mother tongue. One in five residents will receive a long form which include 48 additional questions. Residents who operate farms will be asked to fill in an additional Agriculture Census.

It's important that everyone be counted, says Blackburn. It helps determine how public services such as transportation, fire, police protection and health care will be carried out locally. An individual's information remains confidential under the same law that requires he or she to complete the form. Not even the courts, the RCMP or other governments can gain access to individual files.

The information is used to determine how public services such as transportation, fire and police protection, housing, health care and daycare will be carried out in each area.

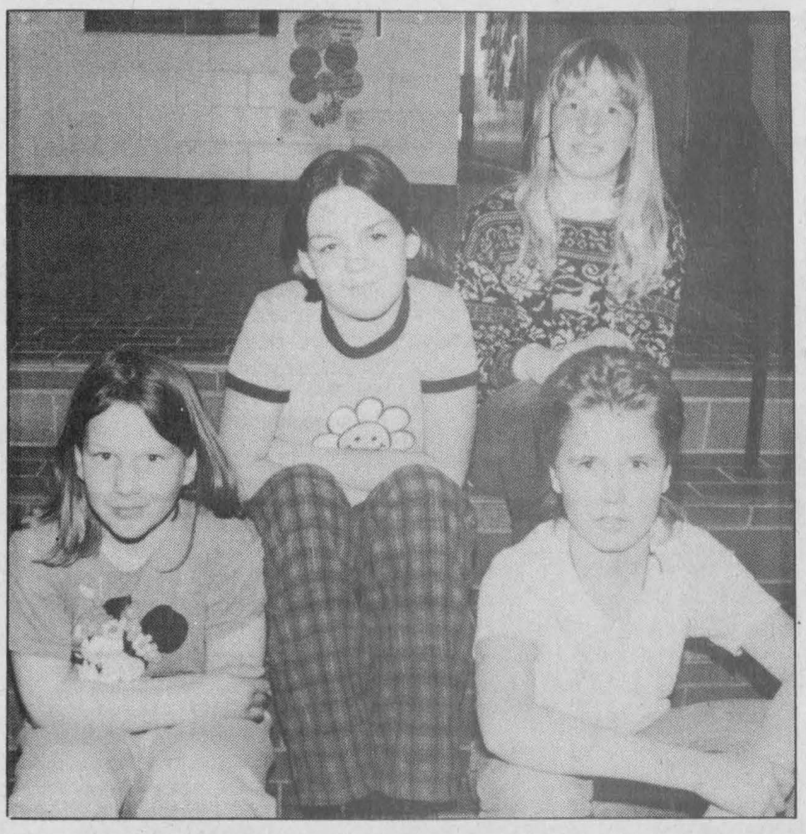
During the last census in 1991, Winchester Village's population stood at 2,432, Winchester Township at 3,295, Osgoode Township at 13,976, Williamsburg Township at 3,239, Matilda Township at 3,261, Morrisburg at 2,429 and Mountain Township at 3,375.

Populations grew by 4.1 to 12.2 per cent in the area from the previous census in 1986.

Locally the average income in 1991 for men working full-time for a full year varied from $29,190 in Matilda Township to $43,409 in Osgoode Township.

Women working the same amount of time were paid anywhere from $21,339 in Winchester Township $21,339 to $28,800 in Osgoode Township.

English is the mother tongue or the language spoken in the home for most people in the area



Outstanding oratory

These local students earned medals in a French public speaking contest held at St. Lawrence High School in Cornwall on March 23. Above are the top speakers from Nationview Public School. From left to right, Laure Bossel won the gold medal at the junior level for children who speak French at home and Danielle Lepitre won gold at the intermediate level. Both girls will be participating in the Festival d'Art Oratoire in Toronto May 4. Chelsea Lariviere won bronze at the junior level for children in the extended French program (one hour a day) and Ben Hamelin took the intermediate bronze in that category. Their coaches were Orlando Andrella and Marie-France Laliberte. Pictured below are Inkerman Public School student Melanie Flowers and her coach, French teacher Karen Ward. The Grade 6 student earned a gold medal in the extended program group. She too will take part in the Toronto festival.

Press Photos— Robinson



Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

The Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Service is sponsoring a hearing aid clinic on Thurs., April 11 in the IOOF Hall in South Mountain. This will be held from 11 am until 4 pm. There will be free hearing tests and everyone is welcome. For an appointment contact 1-800-267-2997 or for further information call Nor-Dun at 774-6109.

One of these days (guaranteed) we are going to have to look out spring and summer clothes. Do it now and avoid the rush! Then you can donate all those things that don't fit or that you're tired of to a rummage sale. And there just happens to be one coming up. On Sat., April 13 from 9:30 am until noon, the Inkerman United Church is holding its rummage sale. This is worth a visit as you never know what treasures you'll find - there is always an extra table for those odds and ends that defy description - and gives you a head start on yard sales.



UCW meets Easter Monday

WINCHESTER — Winchester United Church Women met on Easter Monday, April 8, in the church's Sunday School hall.

June Armstrong welcomed everyone to a delicious pot luck dinner and Louise Freeland said grace.

The various reports were given and an invitation to attend the annual Presbyterial meeting at Spencerville United Church was received.

Janice Hyndman and Gloria Nelson used an Easter Theme for the worship service with scripture readings from Luke 24 :1-11 and Hymns 468 and 490 followed by prayer.

Norma Wylie introduced her daughter Joan Allison as guest speaker. Joan is a case worker supervisor with Family and Children services, Waterloo Region. She gave an interesting and informative talk on her work in child welfare. She was thanked by Vera Moorehouse.

The meeting closed by singing "Go Now In Peace."

Reminder to buckle up

WINCHESTER — From April 20 to May 3, seat belt spot checks will be conducted throughout the local area in the OPP spring seat belt campaign. Drivers are reminded that seat belt tickets now result in demerit points in addition to the fine.

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90 head average $1,525 at Spring Classic

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — It seemed fitting that this year's Eastern Ontario Spring Classic Sale be held in Winchester.

As part of the sale's opening ceremonies, Allison and Jean Fawcett of Winchester were recognized for their many years of work with the Spring Classic sale. They began working with the sale in 1968.

Because of the recent strike by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, this year's sale, traditionally held at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, was held at Hugh Fawcett's Farm in Winchester.



Last Saturday, Allison and Jean Fawcett were recognized for long-time service to the Eastern Ontario Classic Sale. They are pictured accepting a clock from Dundas County Ag Rep Phyllis MacMaster (second from right) and Holstein Association area rep Lynn Boyd.



Voucher winners

4-H members Tammy Henderson (centre, right) and Charlie Kinloch (right) were winners of the draw for two $500 vouchers held during the Eastern Ontario Spring Classic Sale. Eighty-five members participated in the free draw. The pair is pictured accepting their winnings from Lynn Boyd (left) and Shelly McPhail.

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"With the changes in the dairy industry over the last 28 years, it is a tribute to (the Fawcetts) leadership and strong belief in the value this sale has in breed improvement, that this sale still flourishes as an important Holstein event," said Dundas County Ag Rep Phyllis MacMaster during the presentation.

Farm update

MacMaster also praised Jean for her fine work with the books.

"Your sales records were a model for all livestock sales. I don't think we realize how much time and effort went into this job," she said.

4-HERS BENEFIT

Also during the opening ceremonies, 4-H members Tammy Henderson of Brinston and Charlie Kinloch of Martintown were presented with $500 vouchers to be used towards the purchase of cattle during the sale.

The vouchers were part of a free draw open to all 4-H members attending the sale. It came from profits remaining in the Eastern Ontario Holstein Calf Sale account. Approximately 85 4-H members registered for the draw.

According to MacMaster, there should still be enough money in the account to hold another draw next year.

TOP SELLERS

This year's sale averaged $1,525 on 90 head of Holsteins.

The sale's top seller was Sunnylodge Jed Jessy, a September '95 Juniper Rotate Jed daughter which sold for $4,100. The consignor was Sunnylodge Holsteins of Chesterville and she was purchased by Wayne Presley of Newington.

The second highest price was $4,000, paid for St. Denis Stardust Marshmallow, a Browndale Stardust heifer, born March 2, 1995 and consigned by Luc Dutrisac of Orleans. She was bought by Ferm Cordial also of Orleans.

Brilea Holsteins of Cobden and Glenn Dean of Arnprior consigned the third highest selling animal. She was Carleton Misty Lindy, a daughter of Townson Lindy born April 23. She was purchased by Korrine and Wayne Hutt of Inkerman for $2,600.

The sale was sponsored by the 11 Eastern Ontario Holstein clubs and managed by Hugh Fawcett Auctions of Winchester. Approximately 700-800 attended this year's event.

4-H update

Mellow Yellows cook up a storm

by Marc Sheldrick

ORMOND — With our two leaders Betty Jean Mark and Rhonda Mark we're ready to go on a hike. Fit Folks started their first meeting at Gordon St. Pierre's place on March 23 at 9 pm.

A tractor ride took us to our hiking area. On the hike we learned about the bombing range. After our outing, we proceeded with the election of officers. They are: president, Sara Howse; vice- president, Melissa Skuce; secretary, Claudia Zollinger; press reporter, Marc Sheldrick.

Other members are: Rhonda Carruthers, Matthew Baker, Adam Barkley, Angele Barkley, Andrea Bridges, Julia Deek, Emily Doornwaard, Kelly Klein-Swormink, Stephanie Rochon, Ashley St. Pierre, Emmanuelle Sheldrick, Stephanie Sheldrick, Melissa Stoodley, Timothy Stoodley, Adam Sylvester, Christopher Toonen, Shannon Toonen, Jonathan Wilson and Anja Zollinger.

At the April 3 meeting Betty Jean divided us into groups and assigned every group a work station in her kitchen. We prepared cheesy popcorn, ice cream pizza, grilled cheese and apple sandwiches, basic tea biscuits, meat loaf in a mug and macaroni and cheese. We also learned how to set a table and eat properly.

We chose Ormond Mellow Yellow as our fun name.

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OFWN launches educational video

TRENTON — The Ontario Farm Women's Network (OFWN) officially launched an important and useful video on pesticide safety at their annual meeting March 29-30 in Trenton.

The safe use of pesticides, whether on the farm or around the house and garden, is a concern for the whole family. The video was produced by the OFWN to answer some of the frequently asked questions about pesticide safety.

"Domestic pesticide users aren't required to take one of the educational courses (for pesticide handling). This video fills the gap, says Beverlie Nelson, the driving force behind the video's production.

The video shows real people — farm women and their families — demonstrating safety checks, safety equipment, safe clean-up, and safe storage procedures.

As well, the video package also contains a brochure reviewing the entire video as well as a form for ordering extra copies.

Sponsors of the project include 3M, Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology.

Locally, the video is available to borrow from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs office in Winchester, the farm safety association and OFWN members Marilyn Johnson and Susan Klein-Swormink.

Land values up

REGINA — Farm Credit Corporation (FCC) research indicates Canadian farmland values increased by an average of 5.8 per cent between July 1, 1995 and Jan. 1, 1996.

This is the sixth consecutive semi-annual increase in Canadian farmland values. The increase, combined with the four per cent growth from January to July 1995, produced a national increase of 9.8 per cent over the past 12 months.

Courses rescheduled

WINCHESTER — Two grower pesticide safety courses have been rescheduled for the Winchester OMAFRA office on April 16 and 18 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Agricultural producers whose certificates expired this winter will have these two opportunities to renew their certificate. As well, new growers should be aware that a certificate is required to purchase pesticides in Ontario.

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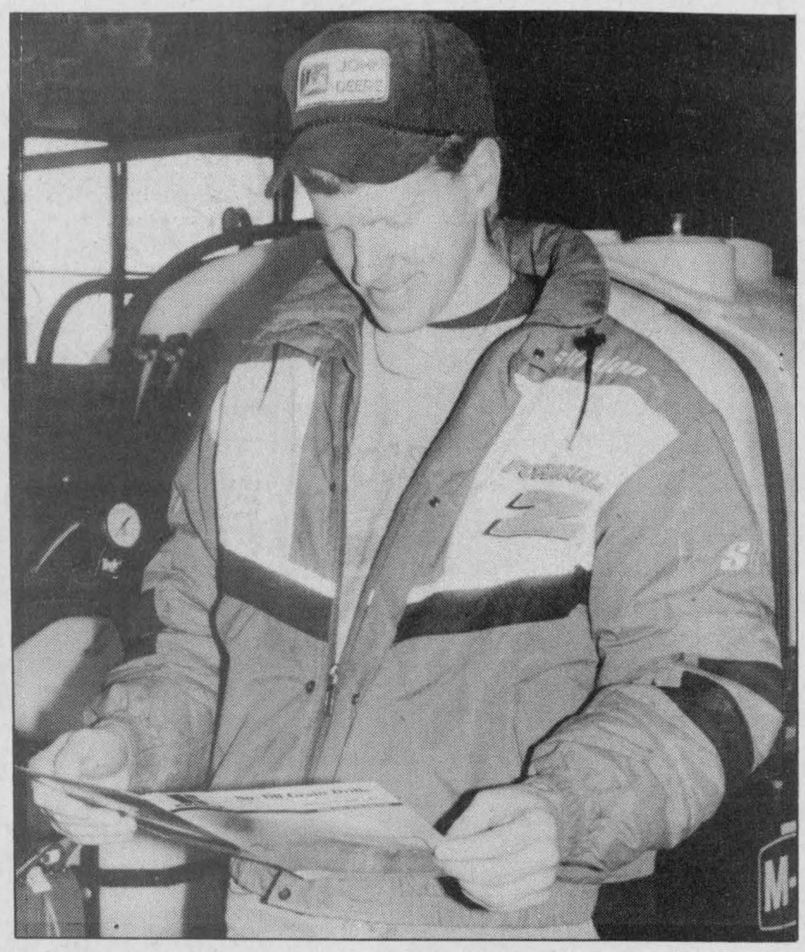



Customer Appreciation

Brinston businesses Tibben Equipment Ltd., Plante Farm Equipment Ltd. and H&I Country Supply welcomed customers to their annual Customer Appreciation Day held last Thursday. Pictured, clockwise, from top right: Chuck Preston of South Mountain looks over an axe at H&I Country Supply; Gord Finlay leafs through brochures at Tibben Equipment Ltd.; and Ron Henning, Gerry Robinson, Kevin Baldwin, John Cameron, Joe Hamilton, Mandy Plante and Patrick Lecavalier pose for a photo at Plante Farm Equipment.
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AI groups claim new policy contradicts input

KEMPTVILLE — Ontario Animal Breeders Inc., have expressed disappointment in Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' (OMAFRA) position with regards to the Artificial Insemination (AI) Act. The government will repeal the AI Act effective Jan. 1, 2000.

"The Ontario AI Act has been critical to making Ontario a world leader in bovine genetics. But the legislation, established in 1947, doesn't reflect the environment the dairy, beef and swine industries are working in today.... Today, the Ontario AI industry is extremely successful and no longer dependent on the act," said Ontario's agriculture minister Noble Villeneuve.

According to a statement released by Eastern, United, and Western Breeders last week, the breeder members of the three major A.I. units in Ontario were awaiting a discussion document based on the outcome of public meetings held last fall. Instead, OMAFRA has issued a policy statement, which the Ontario Animal Breeders claim, does not reflect the opinions expressed by producers involved in the consultation process where they supported maintenance of an AI Act.

Ontario Animal Breeders Inc. also claims the policy statement omitted any reference to technician licensing, record keeping, competency standards and proposals for self-regulation.

"We are concerned about those breeders situated outside of the densely populated farming areas. Now the philosophy of fair, equitable service for all will be put under duress," said Kieth Drummond of Eastern Breeders Inc.

As of January 1988, OMAFRA will no longer assign territories to inseminating businesses. The act requires semen-producing businesses to be non- profit corporations or affiliated with one. This requirement will remain in place until the act is repealed.

Although the act will be on the books until the turn of the century, the swine AI industry will be exempt from the provisions of the act and regulations effective immediately.

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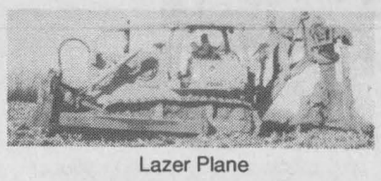

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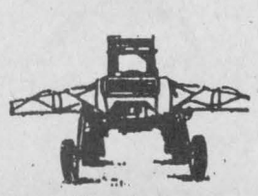

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CFFO listens to priorities

KEMPTVILLE — Dundas County farmers have maintained an active role in helping agriculture in Ontario flourish. But those same farmers also believe the government can fine-tune its role in delivering agricultural services and programs.

As part of a travelling series, the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) sponsored a one-day workshop in Kemptville last Tuesday. The workshops specifically asked farmers to set their priorities in Ontario's agricultural budget.

Farm organizations were told earlier this year that the provincial government plans to make cuts of 30-35 per cent to the $450 million budget of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Because of that, the CFFO has sought the input of Ontario's farmers in setting priorities for the agricultural budget — rather than leaving the task to government bureaucrats.

The workshops are being facilitated by William van Geest of Touchstone Consulting. He says that the 10 farmers involved in the Kemptville workshop still want a strong role for OMAFRA, even though they acknowledge the budget cuts will likely be made.

"Farmers agree that we still need a credible OMAFRA at Ontario's cabinet table," said van Geest. "They believe that agriculture still needs clout within government circles. Because of that, an underlying tension is that any cuts to OMAFRA's budget shouldn't jeopardize the ministry."

"The Kemptville workshop showed that local farmers are very committed to a strong leadership role for government in creating a favorable climate for agriculture. In this regard, a strong emphasis was placed on research, food safety, education, inspection and legislation to preserve marketing boards," he added.

According to van Geest, the big emphasis at the Kemptville workshop was to reinvent OMAFRA, rather than to cut programs. In that regard, workshop participants made $125 million in cuts, but redirected $45 million to new and existing programs. The net figures work out to an $80 million cut to OMAFRA, or 18 per cent of the ministry's $450 million budget.

The biggest area for cuts or redesign was safety nets. Farmers attending the workshop eliminated the entire $32.5 million budget for GRIP and the entire $22.5 million budget for Crop Insurance. However, participants valued a broadened NISA program and actually added $45 million.

An additional $20 million was cut from the Farm Tax Rebate. However, farmers suggested a reform take place in farm property taxes, with the educational portion of taxes removed from farm land.

Other budget cutbacks were achieved by shaving off percentages from a number of OMAFRA services and transfer payments. And among those services, farmers wanted the government to tackle the cost of administration, rather than reduce the amount of services to farmers. For example, farmers shaved $5 million from OMAFRA's county offices and extension services.

"For many farmers, government extension is less important than in the past because of the wide availability of information from other sources," said van Geest. "There is also a perception that the government isn't always as up-to-date as the private sector."

The results of the workshop, along with 19 others being held across the province, will be used to help the CFFO communicate farm priorities to the provincial government. The workshops run from February to mid-April.



Kicking off the season

A good crowd turned out for John Deere Day held last Wednesday in Winchester. Pictured, visitors look over some of the machinery on display. Press Photo — Fetterly



Spring tradition

Stan Baldwin (left) of Inkerman chats with Bruce Garlough of Williamsburg during John Deere Day held last Wednesday at Hamilton Farm and Garden in Winchester. Press Photo — Fetterly

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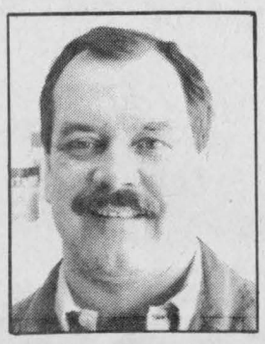

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