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Gun owners shoot down Kilger, Bill C-68

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — MP Bob Kilger was under fire from angry gun owners at an all-candidates gun control debate held here last Thursday (May 22).

Tempers flared as more than 120 people — most of whom were members of the Dundas Firearms Association — blasted Kilger for voting in favor of Bill C-68, *The Firearms Act,* which would require mandatory registration of all firearms in the country.

"How could you have agreed with Bill C68?" shouted one man. "If you believe in democracy, then don't you believe you should have represented your constituents?"

Kilger defended his actions by stating the majority of Canadians support Bill C-68. However, his ultimate response to the question was succinct:

"After being elected in this constituency, I believe I should vote for the Party," replied the second-term MP and chief government whip.

"So hooray for the Party and the hell with us?" bellowed another gun owner.

"Not many independents have a great deal of influence in the House of Commons," replied Kilger, when asked if he was afraid to oppose Prime Minister Jean Chretien, as did three fellow cabinet members who were reprimanded for voting against the bill.

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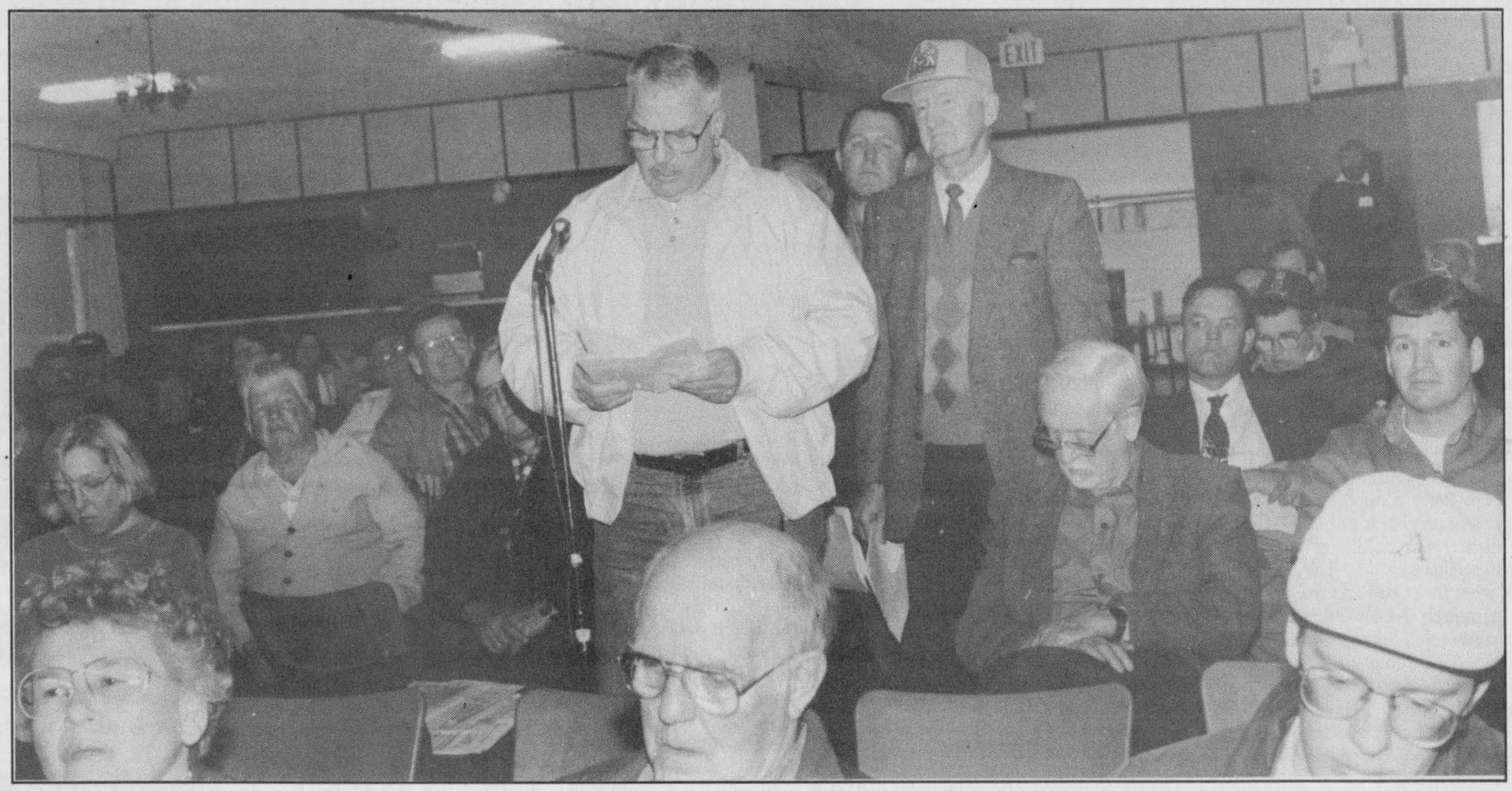

Al Dorans, director of the Recreational Firearms Community in Ottawa, was one of several furious gun owners who bombarded MP Bob Kilger with questions about Bill C68, the *Firearms Act,* at an all-candidates meeting last Thursday (May 22) in Winchester. Press photo–Wolfe

Major changes at WDMH?

WINCHESTER — Will the third floor of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital close, leaving 45 people without jobs?

Although many people have called the *Press* concerned about several proposals being made behind closed doors, hospital officials have not confirmed anything with the *Press.*

The *Press* has only been notified the hospital is *considering* several changes, including closing the third floor which serves patients with a wide range of medical needs.

On May 7, hospital CEO Roy Glassford said no final cost-savings decisions will be made until the general public has their say. He said a public meeting will be held in June.

Yesterday afternoon (May 27) Glassford contacted the *Press* and said he would have information to share next week.

In this week's paper, Bonnie Adams, vice-president of CUPE Local 3000 at the WDMH, claims in a "Letter to the Editor" that the 120-bed facility will be cut to 40 beds, the entire third floor will be turned over to clinics, the hospital's name will be changed to the Upper Canada Health Associates, and the hospital will combine certain services with the Kemptville District Hospital.

Ontario's Health Services Restructuring Commission is expected to visit the WDMH in the fall to make its recommendations for change.

NDDHS students protest council elections

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — More than 100 students stormed out of classes on Thursday (May 22) and took to the streets in protest.

The students — about half of whom were in their graduating year at North Dundas District High School — spent close to four hours outside shouting that the student council elections were unfair.

The students were upset they didn't have a chance to vote for the Prime Minister, Moira Klein-Swormink, who was acclaimed when the other two candidates failed to meet the newly imposed 70 per cent academic criteria.

NDDHS principal Connie Provost locked the students out of the school after 10 minutes, claiming she was worried they would re-enter the building and disrupt fellow classmates.

"This (the protest) is just one last kick at the can to throw their weight around," Provost said.

"There is no school that allows students to run for council regardless of their student (academic) standing."

While Provost said all the students at the school were notified a week in advance of the new academic criteria to run for any of the seven student council positions — a 70 per cent overall average compared to 65 per cent last year — the protesters claim they didn't know until voting day on Thursday.

Provost explained the two candidates for Prime Minister submitted their names nonetheless because they believed they had a chance with averages in the 69 percentile. Provost said the student council committee had to impose a cut-off.

"This is not about Moira or kicking her out," said Chrystal Desilets, one of the protestors. "We want our right to vote for someone who will represent our best interests."

However, Provost stressed that most student campaigns are popularity contests.

"The problem is the whole thing is just a popularity contest," she said. "This (protest) today is really silly. The people who are upset just don't like the girl who was acclaimed."

When asked if any of the protestors were suspended, Provost refused to comment. An Upper Canada OPP detachment officer said no charges have been laid.

Protester Nathan Lang submitted a proposal to Provost on behalf of the students.

"In our school the position for candidacy for Student's Council should be open to all regardless of academic standing, reputation or gender," the proposal stated. "The current system only addresses one of these points

— gender. For true democracy to be obtained the students should be trusted to appoint whoever desires to run for the position."

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Residents want curfew enforced

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Village residents want a curfew for minors enforced.

At the May 26, Village of Winchester council meeting, village resident Leanne Andre requested council take measures towards stricter enforcement of the Child and Family Services Act.

The Act states that a curfew is imposed from midnight to 6 am for people under 16 years of age who are loitering in public places or in a place of public entertainment and without a responsible person over 18 years of age. The provincial statute also states that police may apprehend, without warrant, people who fall into these categories and return them to their parents or a place of safety.

Andre also requested the village consider changing the curfew from midnight to 11 pm within the village.

"11 pm is late enough for a child that age to be out," noted Andre.

Andre's request was struck down by council.

"I'm not sure of the legal ramifications of having a bylaw we can't enforce," noted Deputy Reeve Mary Jane Elliott.

"There's no use in passing a bylaw that's already provincially in place... the provincial one takes precedence over the local one," explained Councillor Bob Riddell.

The only other legal recourse the village

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Monkeying around

Tom Hossie, 14, from Kemptville, tight-rope walked across the monkey bridge during the first Can/Am Camporee held at Camp Sheldrick over the weekend. Over 200 scouts from Eastern Ontario and the United States spent the weekend participating in various activities at the camp site. Press Photo — Dillich

Restructuring plan official

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Amalgamation has been given the official okay by the province.

The 21 municipalities within SD&G will be amalgamated into seven as of January 1, 1998 and the number of councillors will drop from 103 to 34.

Throughout Ontario a total of 166 municipalities are being streamlined into 55 and the number of councillors is being slashed from 875 to 375.

"Municipalities across Ontario are eliminating waste and duplication and providing better service at a lower cost, through local restructuring," said Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Al Leach in a written statement.

Within SD&G the townships of Charlottenburgh and Lancaster will amalgamate with the Village of Lancaster to create the Township of South Glengarry; the townships of Kenyon and Lochiel, the town of Alexandria and the Village of Maxville will amalgamate to become the Township of North Glengarry; the townships of Osnabruck and Cornwall will become the Township of South Stormont; the townships of Finch and Roxborough and the Village of Finch will amalgamate to create the Township of North Stormont; the townships of Matilda and

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Fitzgerald leads debate

by Steve Newman

MANOTICK STATION — Paul Fitzgerald of the Reform Party was called a liar, but he also earned top marks among fellow politicians at the last of the all-candidates debates in Nepean-Carleton on Monday (May 26).

There was a wide range of marks for the candidates, as Conservative candidate Betty Hill hurt her chances of being a front-runner in the federal riding.

Before an audience of 250-275 at St. Mark's High School, Hill's lack of spontaneity in her opening remarks and a stumble in the last of her concluding remarks left several candidates looking much better.

During the question-answer portion of the 127-minute program, she was almost a non-player as most questions were directed to David Pratt of the Liberals and Fitzgerald.

Along with Terrence Bell of the Canadian Action Party, Fitzgerald and Pratt also received high marks from the audience.

The most stirring moments — in terms of booing and applause — were reserved for Fitzgerald for his answers on Quebec and an alleged assault during a Reform Party rally at Barrhaven Mall last Saturday (May 17).

UNDECIDED VOTERS

Ed Gordon of Kars and his wife a landed immigrant, Nilufar Gordon were sitting in the audience sizing up the candidates even though Mrs. Gordon isn't eligible to vote.

"It helped me a little bit, but I still haven't made up my mind," said Gordon. "The Reform guy was quite interesting. At least he spoke in very direct and concrete terms."

On the other hand, his wife thought all the candidates provided a lot of "no-answer answers."

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Gun control

Although Kilger denied knowing the three members, Reform candidate Charles Dillabough jumped in to name the members and added that the government removed them from some of their parliamentary committees after they voted no to Bill C68.

THE FIREARMS ACT

Bill C-68 involves the registration and licensing of firearms in Canada. Owners who meet specified criteria will be granted a licence to possess a firearm. The estimated cost for registering all guns in the country is $1.8 million.

The bill also includes mandatory sentencing of at least four years for those who use a firearm to commit a violent crime.

"I don't feel there is anything in the legislation that prevents any of you from enjoying your sport — hunting," Kilger told the crowd. "Hunting is as much a part of our culture as hockey is and nobody is going to confiscate your hunting arms.

"I think the bill is a balanced approach. Yes, there will be some additional costs and added inconvenience but I believe it is a small price to pay for a worthwhile investment."

Progressive Conservative candidate Leslie O'Shaughnessy was questioned why his party leader Jean Charest is proposing to repeal the bill and why Charest was absent from the House of Commons when the bill was passed.

"The Party is opposed to mandatory gun registration and would abolish the old provisions," O'Shaughnessy said. "They want to kill what looks bad and reword it."

Although NDP candidate Syd Gardiner and the Natural Law Party's Ian Campbell didn't have much time to speak, they too oppose the bill.

"My party supports an independent review of the bill," Gardiner said.

"As a former hunter I find it deplorable that (the bill) implies we are criminals."

Members of the audience stressed the bill violates gun owners' rights to private property; their rights to deny police searches; and their rights to privacy.

"I'm a gun collector and you've already screwed me on two guns," directed a member of the audience towards Kilger.

"The Liberals are out to steal our guns," added Al Dorans, director of the Recreational Firearms Community in Ottawa. "I've read the complete bill and it's bloody dangerous."

Amalgamation

Williamsburg and the villages of Iroquois and Morrisburg will amalgamate to become the Township of South Dundas; and the townships of Mountain, Winchester and the villages of Winchester and Chesterville will form the Township of North Dundas.

There is however, a problem within the soon to be created Township of North Dundas. The Village of Chesterville is still opposed to amalgamation and is currently taking steps towards becoming an independent municipality.

"(Being completely independent) is one option that has been discussed at our council," noted Village of Chesterville Reeve Jim Cook.

"I think there has been a lot of misunderstanding. The point is that we don't want to amalgamate. It's got nothing to do with them (the townships of Mountain and Winchester and the Village of Winchester). We don't want to amalgamate period. It's nothing personal."

OTHER NEWS

The North Dundas Transition Committee (NDTC) passed a motion at its May 20 meeting, to pay BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants $1,500 to formulate staff recruitment criteria.

"If you don't have criteria established, how can anyone say they don't meet the criteria," questioned Robin Garvey, from BDO.

"The decisions you make right from the start will affect what happens later," said Garvey.

"I think it's very important we have an outside person involved," said Winchester Township Deputy Reeve Wyman Barton.

The services to be provided by BDO include developing the ideal candidate description; developing evaluation criteria to be used to select candidates suitable for interview; designing interview format; developing interview questions; developing evaluation criteria/ranking system; participating in interview; summarizing candidate's suitability; recommending the best candidate to the committee and provide advice on a suitable compensation/benefit package for exiting employees.

"I don't think that it's necessary to have BDO do it for all positions. I may sit in on the first level of management (interviews) but then you (the transition committee) can handle it yourself with your own team," added Garvey. "It's going to be difficult for the employees... so the more the team is involved, the better."

Debate

"None of them were very convincing and I wasn't very happy with the questions they asked. I think they were too narrow," said the Italian native.

"I'm still undecided," said first-time voter Erica Morris of Manotick. "I think I'm more confused than I was before. I expected to hear more from Betty Hill, but I was very impressed by Paul Fitzgerald. He seemed to be straight and to the point and very clear."

Bell, with a firm, friendly and analytical approach to monetary matters, was considered the third strongest candidate of the evening by several onlookers. They included 1960s Social Credit candidate Harry Splett of Nepean, looking to vote Reform, but suggestED Bell or Pratt could change his mind.

"The Canadian Action Party came that close, if I'd known about them earlier," added Splett.

Pratt answered questions on gun control while indicating the "Liberals have been at the forefront of public safety" on the issue. He also suggested the government, in light of a declining deficit situation, might be able to "ratchet down the GST... I always believe a promise made is a debt unpaid."

HECKLES AND MORE

Fitzgerald, the third of the six speakers to provide opening remarks, beat Pratt to the punch by introducing Liberal MP Beryl Gaffney.

He also got a negative response when he indicated he'd scrap some incentive programs for export businesses, and applause for indicating the Reform Party would lower capital gains deductions by 50 per cent "so friends and supporters can support a business and won't be nailed if the business becomes profitable."

NDP's Cathy Martin of Manotick — who spoke oN how the "Liberals take credit for a healthy glowing economy that just isn't producing jobs" — received sprinkles of applause.

Curfew

has, is if the minors were in contravention of the law.

"If they were trespassing or breaking the law and a complaint was made, then we could act," noted Councillor Cliff Parsons.

"Convictions can be successful under the noise bylaw, if it can be proven," added Village Reeve Larry Gray.

According to Upper Canada OPP Constable Al Lummiss, the police do not encounter many children unsupervised after midnight.

"We have used it only a couple of times (over the years) when young kids have been hanging around," he said.

Parsons noted that police intervention is useless unless the parents are willing to take action.

"It'll (police enforcement) accomplish very little unless the parents are willing to do their bit," he said.

Village Reeve Larry Gray suggested "we get these kids off the street or give them something to do. I don't know how successful that would be though. Put them to work... so they don't sleep all day and roam all night."



Opposing the system

More than 100 North Dundas District High School students protested outside their school on Thursday (May 22). The students were upset they didn't have a chance to vote for the new Prime Minister who was acclaimed when her opposition didn't meet the new 70 per cent academic requirement.

Press Photo — Wolfe

NDDHS

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Although Provost is willing to meet with Lang to discuss his proposal, she is not optimistic anything will be done.

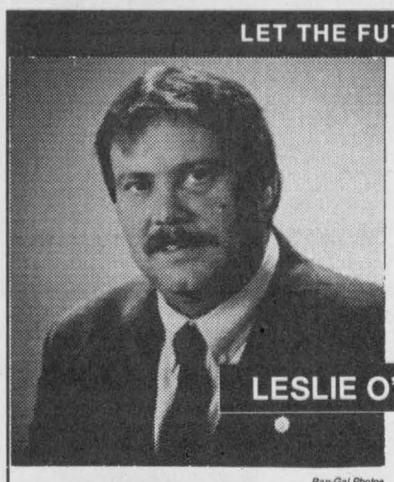
"The bottom line is I'm sure things he is asking just aren't going to happen," she said. "I can't say we've done anything that I'd like to redo."

Provost explained the student council committee held a special meeting and determined it was absolutely crucial a student running for council have a 70 per cent average.

"There is no way a student could be successful without a 70 per cent," she explained. "We saw students with A averages (on council) and their marks slipping so we realized something had to be done."

The position of Minister of Records was also acclaimed because there was no other competition.

LET THE FUTURE BEGIN



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Nepean-Carleton mainline candidates outline party policies

Liberal David Pratt claims council experience an asset

The following responses have been edited only a little, mostly for style and spelling and for length in only a couple of cases.

Q: Why do you want to become a member of parliament?

A: I believe I have the knowledge, background and political experience necessary to give the residents of Nepean-Carleton the excellent representation they deserve. I believe I can speak to the issues that are important to the people who live here. The Member of Parliament for Nepean-Carleton must be someone who can make an informed contribution to the national legislative agenda.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to become part of the next Liberal team of government — a team who is working together to chart a course for Canada into the next century.

Q: Given the urban, suburban and rural interests of Nepean-Carleton, how would you bridge the interests of the different communities?

A: Due to the federal riding boundary redistribution, Nepean-Carleton is a very diverse riding. My personal and working background prepares me well for the challenges of representing a riding — Nepean-Carleton.

With urban, suburban and rural areas, it is essential that this riding elect a Member of Parliament who can speak for all three sectors:

* Rural — I grew up in Nepean and Goulbourn and still have many relatives in Rideau and Osgoode Townships.

* The Liberal government has done much to help the interests of rural Canadians.

* We have established a Rural Secretariat and the Rural Information Service, the government has boosted spending to the Canada Infrastructure Works program, the Farm Credit Corporation and the Community Access program.

* Urban — I have spent much of my working life in downtown Ottawa, like many other residents in Ottawa-Carleton. I have a strong background in urban issues, such as policing and public transit, having served on the Police Services Board and the OC Transpo Commission.

Suburban — I live in a suburban area and believe I have a good understanding of the concerns and needs of my constituents. I have represented the residents of Nepean and the region in several capacities during the course of my political career: as Nepean City Councillor and Ottawa-Carleton Regional councillor and on the board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The experience has given me a broad understanding of the rural, urban and suburban concerns of Nepean-Carleton. There is considerable interaction between these sectors by all residents in the riding and I am confident I will be able to balance these interests to ensure that residents receive the best possible representation. I believe the people across Nepean-Carleton share many common interests, particularly within respect to national issues like jobs, health care, national unity and economic policy.

Q:What constitutes great leadership and how do you exhibit those traits?

A: In my view, there are many aspects in good leadership. In order to be an effective leader, one must earn the trust and confidence of people. This is a long process which is marked by hard work, honesty and commitment to the community. I have always felt that good listening skills are an important part of leadership as well. To effectively understand an individual or community problem, one must take the time and energy to listen carefully.

Some of the decisions I have participated in have not always been popular with some parts of the community. A good example of this was the decision to build the Hunt Club extension. However, I felt and still feel that is was the best decision for the community as a whole. As long as decisions are guided by a concern for fairness, honesty, equity and good faith, more often than not, they will be the right ones.

Q: Explain briefly the keys to your party's position and how you would help implement those locally?

A: I am sure everyone is aware, our election platform is contained in our new 'Red Book' — Securing Our Future Together. I read the first Red Book in 1993 and earlier in this campaign read Red Book 2. In my view, the second Red Book, being based on the experience of a full term of office, is an even stronger document. It is a responsible, reasonable and balanced document which takes an incremental approach to the next four years of government.

It builds on the 1997 federal budget and works to invest in young people, technology, trade, small business and infrastructure. Most importantly, it calls for the safeguarding of one of our greatest national treasurers — universal health care.

Implementing locally— one of the Red Book commitments is to help create jobs through tourism. I am interested in bringing increased tourist dollars to the National Capital Region as a tourist destination.

Also important to Nepean-Carleton is high technology industry — one of the fastest growing job growth areas in Canada. Nepean-Carleton will definitely benefit from initiatives like Canadian Foundation for Innovation and increased Team Canada trade missions to promote Canadian technology.

Tory Betty Hill stresses lengthy municipal service

Q: Why do you want to become a member of Parliament?

A: I first became interested in politics while writing a weekly column for a community newspaper here in Nepean. I began to realize that I had my own ideas on the issues being discussed at the municipal meetings I attended. It was about this time that I decided to run for local government. From that point on there was no turning back.

I know that as your member of Parliament for Nepean-Carleton I can make sure that issues that affect you as residents of this riding are effectively presented in the House of Commons.

Q: Given the urban, suburban and rural interests of Nepean-Carleton, how would you bridge the interests of the different communities?

A: Nepean-Carleton is not very different from a great number of ridings across Canada, it is made up of many people from diverse backgrounds who bring to this community different ideas and opinions.

Fundamentally, the residents of this riding are all people. People who have the same common goals in life no matter where they come from. It is up to the MP to find these common goals and use them to build the bridges between all the communities.

The constituents of Nepean-Carleton are concerned about jobs, both for themselves and for their children. They are concerned about the ever increasing tax burden being placed upon them by all levels of government. And they are concerned that the federal government is bankrupting our nation by not balancing the books.

Q: What constitutes great leadership and how do you exhibit those traits?

A: Leadership does not come from saying you are a leader, but by proving you can lead. By making the tough decisions necessary to go forward.

A leader must be hardworking, must listen to what is being said and must have honesty and integrity. I believe that my record in municipal and regional government for 12 years speaks for itself.

As Mayor of Goulbourn Township, I was successful in having the regional sewer and water services extended to Stittsville. The village has grown and prospered and is a real asset to Goulbourn Township.

Q: Explain briefly the keys to your party's position and how you would help implement those locally?

A: The PC Party plan focuses on the real issues for residents of this riding — jobs, health care and lower taxes. Our approach begins by recognizing that high taxes kill jobs and that different choices are necessary to restructure government so we can afford to do what matters most to Canadians in general and the residents of Nepean-Carleton in particular.

A 10 per cent unemployment rate stands as proof that high taxes and the old methods of government job creation do not work in the new global economy.

A PC government will stimulate the creation of one million new jobs by the year 2005 through the elimination of inter-provincial trade barriers and by lowering employment insurance payroll taxes by $5 billion.

These changes alone will put more money back into the small business community of Nepean-Carleton and stimulate its growth.

A PC government will cut personal income taxes by 10 per cent in our first term. We will pay for our tax cut plan through $12 billion in spending reductions such as eliminating duplication of services, merging departments and setting clear spending priorities.

Q: If you have a weakness, what would it be?

A: I know that it has often been said that Betty Hill speaks her mind. My critics claim that I am too outspoken. But I have been able to use it as a positive force in my political career.

I know that I can be a strong voice on Parliament Hill for the constituents of Nepean-Carleton. I can get your concerns heard and give you strong representation in the House of Commons.

Reform's Paul Fitzgerald concerned over party apathy

Q: Why do you want to become a member of parliament?

A: I want to help restore democracy to the parliamentary process by getting constituents more involved in the process. There is a lot of apathy out there right now. People elect MPs to deal with the specifics of various legislation. They want national health care standards but they don't have the time to draft them. They want an income tax system that will give them more child care choices but they don't have the time to write amendments for the Income Tax Act. Canadians want to elect MPs who would do that work for them, and do it well. Yet, in order for me to do that, constituents have to take the time to tell me what they want and why.

I will hold town-hall meetings every two/three months. I will regularly survey constituents for their input on government spending priorities and how the federal government can better service them. The Internet, telephone voting and direct mail now make such surveys affordable and accurate. I will regularly attend meetings of municipal and regional councils and community associations — and I will sit in the audience — where constituents can bend my ear and discuss their concerns directly with me. Direct contact and my commitment to accountability will go far in getting constituents interested and involved in the process again.

Q: Given the urban, suburban and rural interests of Nepean-Carleton, how would you bridge the interests of the different communities?

A: Bridging interests involves two things — finding out what the constituents think and understanding what the key issues are.

First, an MP must gather the opinions of the different interests in the riding. By consulting and listening to people, one can find common elements and thereby develop policies which meet different communities' needs. A good example here might be Bill C-68. City dwellers want safer streets, while firearms owners want to use their firearms safely, in accordance with the law, while avoiding a massive bureaucracy. The urban and suburban parts of the riding believe in gun control while the rural areas are more likely to oppose firearm registration.

The second task is identifying the crux of the issue. In the case of C-68 the real issue is not whether a farmer should register a rifle, but how to make the streets safer in every part of the riding, while freeing people from excess legislation.

Q: What constitutes great leadership, and how do you exhibit those traits?

A: Great leadership is looking beyond tomorrow, preparing for the future and making the decisions, even painful ones, that make the future even brighter.

In 1991, I became the first western to teach 'capitalist' management courses at Moscow's prestigious State Academy of Management. Living and teaching conditions were harsh. The courses were downplayed by the old-line communists who ran the school. Even students initially had trouble understanding how free-market management skills were relevant to them.

Similarly, in January 1995, I helped give the Reform Party Canada' first political Internet web site. At first there was no immediate return. Hours invested in posting virtually every Reform Party policy principal, task force report and press release drew few visitors.

In the first two weeks of this election, 2.3 million people (Canada has 18 million voters) have visited Reform's web site, and the national media have applauded the Reform's Internet commitment.

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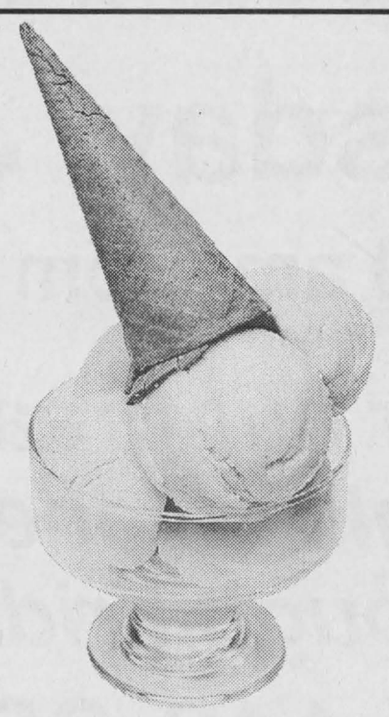
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Cathy Martin of NDP seeks major changes for Canada

Q: Why do you want to become a member of parliament?

A: I have put my name forward in this election because I really don't like what I see happening in our country, our province, or our region of Ottawa-Carleton.

I believe, very strongly, that the foundation of the good Canadian society, which we can no longer take for granted, must be built upon meaningful and gainful jobs. Without jobs, we don't have the consumer basis upon which business can grow and we don't have the tax base upon which the social safety net can be financed and paid for.

The New Democrats have put forward a party platform which starts with an economic policy which invests in jobs for Canadians and restores funding and principles to health care, education, attacks child poverty and protects Canada's retirement system all while continuing to reduce the deficit. That's why I want to be an MP.

Q: Given the urban, suburban and rural interests of Nepean-Carleton, how would you bridge the interests of the different communities?

A: I would start by doing a lot of listening. It is important to find solutions without first really hearing first-hand the concerns. I would also make good use of the Member's mailing privileges to put out informative Householders. Householders are also an ideal vehicle to solicit constituents' viewpoints on issues because you can include a tear-out mailback which costs nothing to mail. I would also make use of current computer technology to stay in touch with constituents.

Q: What constitutes great leadership, and how do you exhibit those traits?

A: Great leadership starts with a vision of a dream that you want to be a reality. Every citizen deserves a job, an education, good health care, to retire in dignity and, above all, the opportunity to be the best they can be, regardless of their gender, class, sexual orientation or race. I am committed to this vision and will work hard to make the vision a reality for all.

Q: Explain briefly the keys to your party's position, and how you would help implement those locally?

A: This Liberal government is out of touch with what we value as Canadians — jobs, health care and education. Reform and the Tories have pushed them in that wrong direction.

As a New Democrat MP, I will fight hard for the government to set employment targets and meet them. This government has no intention of reducing unemployment below eight or nine per cent.

I will fight against further Public Service layoffs and to put the so-called Employment Insurance scheme back to work for unemployed Canadians. We would invest in community-based, not-for-profit child care and elder care services.

I will stand up for a comprehensive agricultural policy for the rural areas of the riding which will include such things as research and development, affordable transportation to get goods to the market, and support for value-added economic development in farm and rural communities.

The New Democrats will encourage more emphasis on public health promotion, disease prevention, community-based care and a system driven by the health care needs of people rather than fee-for-service medicine.

Terrence Bell, CA Party

Q: Why do you want to become a member of parliament?

A: I and the Canadian Action Party are committed to restoring Participatory Democracy to this riding. Each CAP MP is mandated by party policy to return to the riding at each House of Commons recess to hold Open Town Hall meetings where residents will grade us, and send us back to the Hill with their renewed concerns and issues. This will cut the use of householder mailings, which cost taxpayers in this riding an estimated $250,000 each year.

Q: Given the urban, suburban and rural interests of Nepean-Carleton, how would you bridge the interests of the different communities?

A: Having lived in this area for the past 37 years, I remember working on federal elections when this riding went all the way to South Mountain, so having a large riding is nothing new to me.

As a member of the Nepean Federation of Community Associations, I am used to dealing with views affecting more than just my own neighborhood. I have no problem in 'bridging' the different needs of the three townships plus Nepean in this riding.

Q: What constitutes great leadership, and how do you exhibit those traits?

A: For me, leadership is a question of leading by example. In other words, don't be afraid to work as part of the team, helping to instruct and encourage people in order to obtain certain goals.

Q: Explain briefly the keys to your party's position, and how you would help implement those locally?

A: The key to the Canadian Action Party is Participatory Democracy — which I touched on. Our party is the only party that has in its charter that all MPs are directly responsible to the voters in Nepean-Carleton and we must consult with them at every recess during the sitting of the House. If the MP does not actively listen to the people, how can they claim to represent them? Having the right to recall an MP is a policy CAP subscribes to — but we can avoid this situation by listening and meeting with the people.

CAP will also use the Bank of Canada to finance a rapid recovery which as a direct result will create 770,000 more jobs than if the Liberals are elected. CAP will also make money available to the provinces to reverse the trend in health care and restore meaningful jobs for health care workers.

Q: If you have a weakness, what would it be?

A: Probably trying to spread myself too thin, or trying to do too many things at the same time. I've been told (by other people) that if I have a dollar in my pocket and someone else is in need that I am more likely to give that dollar away.



Appreciation wash

OAC students from North Dundas District High School showed their appreciation for all the public's support over the past year with free car washes in Winchester and Chesterville last Sunday.

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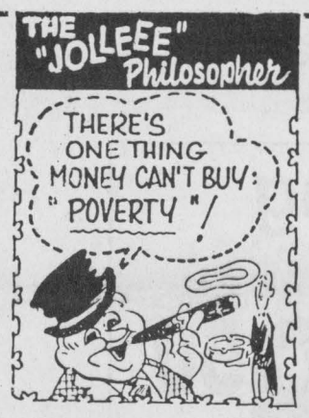

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Possession charges

IROQUOIS — Ali Jabara, 31, of Vanier has been charged with possession of stolen property as a result of a December 19, 1996 break, enter and theft which had occurred at a business property located along Carman Road in Iroquois.

Two 1995 seadoos as well as a seadoo trailer were stolen.

On May 6, the Perth OPP recovered both seadoos and the trailer in the Carleton Place area.

Stolen, recovered vehicles

WINCHESTER — During the early evening hours of May 24, a 1986 Pontiac 6000 was stolen from the vicinity of Mary's Restaurant. The vehicle was recovered by the Ottawa-Carleton police on May 25 in the area of Donald Street in Ottawa.

A 1989 GMC Tracker was stolen from a private residence on Church Street in Williamsburg overnight of May 26. The vehicle was later recovered from the Nation River in Mountain Twp. off Baldwin Road on May 26.

Recovered snowmobile

WINCHESTER TWP. — On May 20, the OPP recovered a snowmobile which had been reported stolen from the Inkerman area on November 24, 1996. The 1995 Polaris 800 snowmobile was recovered in a field off Gibeau Road in Winchester Twp.

Property thefts

WINCHESTER — During the evening of May 21/22, a red steel tool box was removed from a truck parked along Caleb Street in the village. The tool box has yet to be recovered.

On May 25 the OPP investigated a break and enter at Ray's Chip Stand in Moose Creek. A forced entry was made into the chip stand. Food items and a telephone were taken which were later recovered.

Three windmills were taken from a Roxborough Twp. residence on May 22/23. The windmills are four-feet high. Two are white with red trim and one is blue with white trim.

Multiple robbery suspects nabbed

MANOTICK — In the early afternoon of May 20, a 1st Line Road residence was broken into and a microwave was stolen. The culprits gained entry into the residence by smashing a basement window.

At 12:50 pm on the same day, an attempted break-in occurred at a home located on Rideau Valley Drive. A window in the residence had been smashed but no property was stolen.

At 1:23 pm an additionally attempted break-in occurred at a residence on Cowan Road.

Shortly after 1:30 pm police received several reports from area residents of two males in a maroon van ringing door bells and checking homes to see of the occupants were home. At 2:30 pm police spotted a maroon van travelling northbound on Dwyer Hill Road.

The two male occupants attempted to evade police but were apprehended with a quantity of stolen property in the vehicle. The van had been stolen from the city of Ottawa earlier the same day. The suspects have been charged and will appear in Ottawa court.

Stolen plates

KARS — Several licence plates have been stolen off vehicles in the Kars area over the last week, one of which was located on a stolen vehicle used in several break-ins in the Rideau Township area.

Road closure

MANOTICK — Drivers are reminded that Regional Road 6 will not be accessible from Hwy. 416 for the next two weeks due to the completion of the 416 ramps in that area. Due to the high volume of traffic on Hwy. 16 during the summer, drivers are reminded that there will be increased patrols for speeders and aggressive drivers.



Certificate presentation

Upper Canada OPP Constable Amy Everaars recently presented Sandy Dillich of *The Winchester Press* with a certificate of completion from the PACT Educator Course — Policing and Community Together, sponsored by the Osnabruck Township Community Policing Committee.

News in brief

Bereaved families plan meeting

CORNWALL — The Cornwall and Area Chapter of Bereaved Families of Ontario will hold their monthly (second Thursday except July and August) Support and Share Night on June 12 in the library of CCVS from 7 to 9 pm.

The invited guest this month is Rosemary Abell, a social worker with Community Care Access. The topic is grief versus summer holidays.

For information contact the office at 613-936-1455.

Sheep shearing under way at UCV

MORRISBURG — Upper Canada Village is holding its annual sheep shearing days from Fri., May 30 to Tues., June 3 at the Louck's Farm.

Leicester sheep, a popular breed in the 1860s, will be relieved of their winter coats. Visitors will also have the opportunity to participate in hand shearing and other aspects of 1860s wool processing.

For more information call 1-800-437-2233.

Students present concert

MAPLE RIDGE — Maple Ridge Senior Public School is presenting Footloose and Fancyfree on May 29 - 30.

Thursday's (May 29) concert will be presented at 7:30 pm and Friday's (May 30) event will take place at 10:30 am.

Heard on the campaign trail:

"The Liberals blame the PCs, the PCs blame the Liberals. Reform blames everybody"

— Terry Bell, Canadian Action Party on arguments about unemployment

"I will opt out of this obscene plan. There is no place at the trough for Paul Fitzgerald"

—Paul Fitzgerald, Reform Party, on MP pensions

"The Liberals cannot cope with today's changing, global world"

—Betty Hill, PC Party, on job creation

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Tennis players EOSSA bound

by Sarah-Jane Whittaker

On Tuesday, several Seaway tennis enthusiasts participated in the SD&G Tennis Championship. Three team members qualified to participate at EOSSA: Junior Girls Doubles Team — Dana Hasson and Stephanie Law and Senior Boys Single Competitor, Dinu Chande.

Seaway had a great showing at the EOSSA Track tournament on Friday in Brockville. Twelve students qualified for the Regional Championships scheduled for Ottawa next Friday: Derrick Casselman, Ricky Cowan, Shanna Dawley, Stephanie DeVries, Alan Markell, Kevin Martin, Greg Millard, Jennifer Morrow, Sharon Spear, Travis Thompson, Sarah Trude and Dave Vandermeer.

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EDITORIAL

A hurtful protest

A small but boisterous group of students took a stand against the administration at North Dundas District High School last Thursday morning to no avail.

In actuality, the protest seemed to cause more hurt for the acclaimed Prime Minister than anything else. And over what — fractions of a percentile among the nominees.

About 100 students, most of whom are in their final weeks of high school, decided they didn't like the new rules implemented by the school's higher echelon regarding the minimum requirements necessary to run for school council.

Prior to the elections, it was decided that students who wished to run for a position on the student's council needed a minimum average of 70 per cent. Prospective candidates also had to obtain 12 signatures and write a short essay.

With this knowledge, two students, with averages of less than 70 per cent — 69.5, decided they were still qualified to run for the Prime Minister's position. The school's administration later negated their nomination forms because they did not meet the minimum academic requirements.

If the school had given in to the two students with lower grades, it would have set a poor precedent. Potential candidates in future elections, with any average would be able to successfully argue that others were given the opportunity to run for student's council, despite their failure to meet the minimum academic requirements.

What would have been the purpose of the school's administration increasing the minimum average from last year's 65 per cent to this year's 70 per cent, if they were not going to enforce it.

The students then proceeded to walk out of their classes in protest of these requirements because the rules disqualified all but one candidate for Prime Minister. The students said they wanted the chance to vote although they would have voted for the acclaimed candidate anyway.

The timing of the protest seemed to be a personal attack on the acclaimed Prime Minister more than a stand against one's democratic right to vote.

The students elected to school council are there to represent the interest of all students — jocks, academics, partyers, slackers etc. Therefore, it is imperative that a well-rounded individual be voted into council and a part of being a well-rounded student is having a good academic standing.

In the grand scheme of things, setting the minimum academic standards at 70 per cent is not all that high, especially since most students who run for the more prestigious positions on council are senior students and probably thinking about going to university which generally don't consider applications from students with less than 80 per cent.

Next time the students think of protesting against administrative decisions, they should understand all of the issues and think about the protest's ramifications.

S.D.

This week in...

1947

The Winchester High School Cadet Corps, under command of Cadet Major Harry Keyes, was highly praised for its efficiency and appearance during the annual inspection ceremonies. Inspecting officer Lieutenant Forrest of Kingston congratulated the officers and cadets on their efforts to achieve the high point of efficiency they had displayed.

The Mountain Township Canvassing Committee collected over $3,000 to purchase farm equipment for Kenneth Casselman and family, who recently lost their barn and all livestock in a fire. The committee had already purchased some seed grain, procured a team of horses, harness, some feed and other supplies.

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced that the 1947 special allowance of sugar for canning was 10 pounds per person. This allowance was in addition to the regular sugar ration. It was to be made available in amounts of five pounds each. The Trade Board explained that although the supply of sugar around the world had improved, it was still inadequate to meet the demand and thus rationing was still necessary.

Children's print dresses sold for $1.39 at Bessin's Big Store. Window shades were $1.65 each.

1957

Reverend Andrew Blackwell was installed as pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg. Blackwell served in the Lutheran Parish at Flin Flon and was engaged by the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church develop a new congregation in the Lakeview area of Regina.

Members of the Winchester 100 Club heard a factual sports talk spiced with humorous incidents by Tom Foley, popular sports director and narrator at radio station, CFRA. Foley discussed the behind-the-scenes activity of several sports broadcasts and the men who make them happen.

Finishing touches were made to the store-front canopy of the new Iroquois Shopping Centre which was designed to accommodate the business section of the old Iroquois. The Iroquois Centre is the first such centre opened in connection with Ontario Hydro's Rehabilitation Program to relocate some 6,500 people from the area affected by the St. Lawrence Seaway Project.

The Quiet Gun starring Forest Tucker and Cleo Moore was playing at the Winchester Theatre as well as *Magnificent Roughnecks* starring Jack Carson and Mickey Rooney.

1967

Winchester celebrated its Centennial year with an eight-trailer caravan. A super special parade extravaganza was the feature of the event as more than 10,000 people lined town streets.

John Sidgwick of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto was to visit Winchester to conduct music exams for the Conservatory. Sidgwick had made a name for himself in Canada as a pianist, harpsichordist and conductor. He served as a Music Master at Upper Canada College for several years.

Roy Wilson, principal of North Dundas District High School since its opening in 1963, resigned to assume a position in a Pembroke Secondary School. Former Winchester and North Dundas District instructor Euclid Forgues was to return to the district as principal of the Nation District High School in Casselman.

The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association was to sponsor two corn competitions for Dundas County farmers in 1967. The high yield grain corn was to be held as well as a corn silage project which was to be held for the first time.

Dr. L. Gregory, General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, was to be the special preacher at the Ormond Baptist Church to mark the 102nd anniversary of the church.

1977

A $9,977 grant awarded to the village of Winchester for beautification of the community centre and park was to provide summer employment for nine students. The grant, announced by MP Ed Lumley as part of a total $249,761 allocation for the Stormont-Dundas riding, was to assist the village in a three-year project to improve facilities at the park.

The establishment of a meat-packing plant in Iroquois was being held up by government red tape in the awarding of a $450,000 ARDA industrial incentive grant. An application for the grant had not yet been approved despite a report from the Price-Waterhouse accounting firm declaring the venture sound.

Voters in Ontario were preparing to go to the polls. In SD&G, voters anticipated a close race between long-time MPP Osie Villeneuve and former United Counties Warden Johnny Whitteker. The New Democratic party was also making a strong bid with agriculturist Joe O'Neill.

Kathy Workman of North Dundas District High School set two new Eastern Ontario Secondary School Meet records at Kingston's Sir George Richardson Memorial Stadium. Workman was fastest in the senior girls' 100 metre hurdles, with a record-setting time of 15.4 seconds. She also set a senior long jump record with a leap of 5.44 metres.

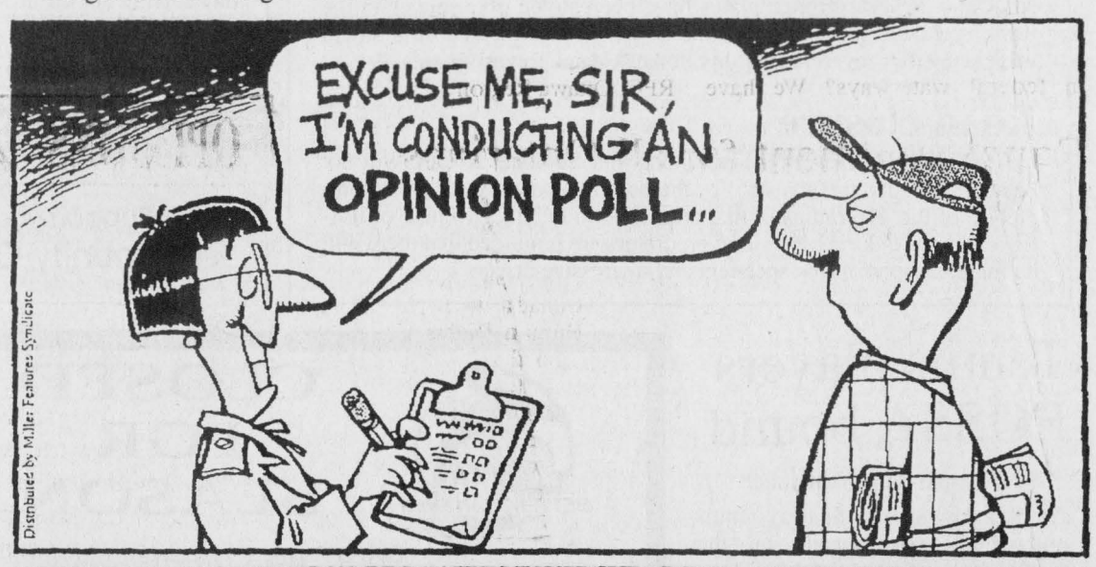


1987

Two area MPPs, Noble Villeneuve and Norm Sterling, were upset with Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon's plan to spent $25 million for economic growth in Eastern Ontario over the next five years. Both felt that the commitment was simply "window dressing", and that the $25 million, which translated into $5 million a year, was not enough.

An Edwards farmer lost $100,000 in planting machinery and a Chesterville family was homeless following two weekend fires. A fire in the storage barn of Dirksen Farms, three kilometres southwest of Edwards, caused $80,000 damage to the barn as well as consuming machinery. Osgoode firefighters battled the blaze for six hours. In Chesterville, Larry Daye's house was destroyed by fire.

North Dundas District High School student Karim Oliver finished second to the best triple jumper in the Eastern Region at the regional high school track and field championships. He missed the gold medal by two centimetres after hitting the 12 metre mark dead-on.





That gunk on your car

There is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

Well, begging your pardon, O Learned Scribes, but there is one brand new thing under the sun. A whole new science, in fact. Mark Hostetler invented it.

It's called Splatology.

Hostetler is an entomologist with the Department of Zoology at the University of Florida. That means he collects and studies insects. What separates Hostetler from his bug-grubbing colleagues is where he collects bugs.

Hostetler scrapes his specimens off windshields. Or collects what's left of them — after they've gone splat!

Hence the name Splatology.

His favorite collecting ground — Hostetler's Olduvai Gorge, if you will — is the main bus terminal in Gainesville, Florida. That's where the big Greyhounds roll in after driving hundreds of miles across the American south.

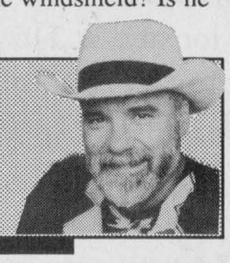
That would be... the American insect-infested south.

Greyhound buses have windshields as big as pool tables, which means that on any given run, those buses um, 'interface' with an awful lot of bugs.

"During some months," Hostetler recalls, "the front end was practically covered with insects! I had a fantastic time collecting specimens."

Not that he didn't turn a few heads in the Gainesville Bus Terminal while he was out there, crawling around the front ends of Greyhounds clutching his tweezers and his specimen jars. Hostetler remembers one kid tugging at his mother's arm and asking "Mommy... why is that man scraping bugs off the windshield? Is he crazy?"

Basic Black
by Arthur Black



Crazy, no... definitely touched. Hostetler undeniably caught the 'bug' bug. He decided that the Gainesville Bus Terminal wasn't enough. He had to go out there in the North American wilderness and meet those insects on their own turf.

And so in the summer of '94, Hostetler set out on a cross-continent tour in his 1984 Honda, specially rigged up with a catch sheet to trap the carcasses of insects that ricocheted off the windshield.

Hostetler piloted his mobile bug catcher from Florida up to Massachusetts, then west to Detroit and Chicago, up to South Dakota, across to Seattle, north to Vancouver and then down to California, across the southern United States and back to Florida. He drove through mountains and prairies, through swamplands and suburbs.

As you can imagine, he hit a lot of bugs along the way.

So many, in fact, that they inspired a book. It's called That Gunk On Your Car and it's dedicated to the proposition that all those bugs that go splat on your windshield are worth more than a muttered curse and a quick spritz with the windshield washer.

For one thing, according to Hostetler, each bug produces its own species-distinctive splat. Mosquitoes usually leave a small grey-black dot. If there's a spot of blood on it — congratulations! You've taken out a female mosquito (they're the ones who bite us humans). Butterflies and moths go out with a thick white or yellow gunky splat.

And that's enough of that. Suffice to say that Hostetler has compiled characteristic bug-splat images for 25 different kinds of insects ranging from flying ants to mole crickets.

And why? Why would a guy choose to spend his spare time analyzing insect impact patterns on windshields when he could be running for office, selling crack or writing advertising copy for hemorrhoid creams?

A nature writer by the name of Fred Kauffman put it perfectly: "Hostetler shows that 'gunk; is not 'junk', but a whole universe of small and fascinating creatures. We get to know all about the unlikely hitchhikers we collect on long car trips."

Exactly. Hostetler's book opens our eyes to the universe within that speck on the windshield.

That Gunk On Your Car by Mark Hostetler, ISBN 0-9653788-0-2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wake up call for shooters and anglers

The Editor:

Flash! How do recreational firearms owners know that the Liberals are out to steal their private property?

Despite unbelievable denials to the contrary from the anti-gun lobby, social re-engineers Jean Chretien and Allan Rock have suddenly and dictatorially determined that only the police and military should have firearms in Canada.

Locally, Ottawa-Carleton Police Chief Brian Ford has fell quickly into line by denouncing the civilian ownership of firearms.

In Maclean's magazine, Barbara Amiel described the Liberal seizure of firearms in Bill C-68 as "sheer robbery by the state". In April 1997, the Ottawa Times reported that Canada and Japan were leading the United Nations initiative to disarm all civilians in the world. Somehow did Canadians miss this in the red Liberal handbook? Accordingly, whose rights and property will be sacrificed at the next Liberal whim? Anglers? Motorcyclists? Snowmobilers? Boaters? Gardeners with gas-powered lawn mowers? Computer owners?

The hunting/shooting sports alone contribute $6 billion annually to the Canadian economy and create 33,000 jobs and 33,000 taxpayers. For no just cause, the Liberals are systematically out to confiscate all firearms without compensation and destroy the shooting industry in Canada.

In their attempts to curry votes, the Liberals have been swayed by a minority of animal rights activists who claim that Canadians have no right to hunt, no right to own firearms, no right to eat meat, and no right to kill animals. To punctuate their point, the extremists have claimed to lace Thanksgiving turkeys with rat poison.

This "no right to hunt" position negates the entire history of civilization wherein human beings have used animals and plants for food, clothing and shelter.

It follows that the next targets on the Liberal hit list are fishing and anglers. Did you know, for example, that all Canadian anglers are now banned from using lead sinkers, lead core line, flying lures and lead jigs in federal waterways? We have Sheila Copps and the Chretien Liberal government to thank for that.

Did you know that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) are now lobbying the federal government to ban all fishing hooks? They claim to have scientists who can verify that hooks hurt fish and fishing constitutes cruelty to living things. Image the tremendous loss of private property values and the disappearance of the hunting and fishing sports in Canada, if this ridiculous line of thinking were implemented.

Many of these self-proclaimed social engineers profess to be vegetarians. They see no hypocrisy at all in cannibalizing a carrot, beheading the grass, or killing a tree to build their houses. If animals and fish have rights to life, then so must plants and fruit which are living organisms.

Consequently, what would Canadians eat to sustain themselves? Consider the economic destruction when McDonald's, Swiss Chalet, Burger King, Harvey's, supermarket meat departments, fish stores, the wheat crop, and the forest industry are forced to shut down. Even more jobs, jobs, jobs would disappear, disappear, disappear. In the name of humanity stop the insanity!

It is high time that the seven million law-abiding Canadian firearms owners (40 per cent of the voting public and the largest single voting block in Canada) and approximately 15 million Canadian anglers awaken, and send a clear message of rejection to the Liberals. Both groups should unite to protect their democratic rights, cultural heritage, private property and recreational lifestyles. This can be achieved best by concentrating the vote for Reform in the upcoming election.

Accordingly, the Recreational Firearms Community (RFC): Ottawa Region, highly recommends to all of its members, the Reform Party of Canada, as its first choice in protecting their rights and property.

The RFC invites all individuals, shooting clubs, fish and game associations, and recreational groups in Canada to consult with their members. Support Reform and inform the media.

Al Dorans
RFC: Ottawa Region

Does anyone care about our hospital?

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago local papers carried articles concerning the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Newspapers were watched closely the following weeks for any input from the community. There was none.

WDMH serves all of Dundas County, parts of Grenville and Stormont Counties, part of Russell, and as far north as Gloucester. Who in this large area, at sometime, has not needed the services of the WDMH?

Your hospital has been placed on the chopping block. What once was a 120 bed facility is being cut to 40 active beds. For an area as large as WDMH serves, there will be 40 beds to cover surgery, maternity, medical and pediatric patients.

Contrary to the reports given to the papers, CUPE staff did not propose the changes that WDMH Strategic Planning Committee are making to the hospital. CUPE has made it clear to the planning committee that we are not in agreement with the following proposals:

—turning the entire third floor over to clinics will not be utilizing the most spacious area for patients;

—renovating second floor, moving managers to the Dillabough Centre, adding bathrooms, carpeting the entire hospital, and adding a park is all to be funded by the community;

—combining our hospital with Kemptville Hospital as an equal partner will mean the loss of our community driven facility;

—each time that Winchester District Memorial Hospital's name has been referred to in this letter will be a thing of the past. Along with other changes our name will be replaced with Upper Canada Health Associates.

Is there no one out there in our community that cares?

Bonnie Adams
Vice-president
CUPE, Local 3000
Winchester District Memorial Hospital

Equal treatment for all Ontarians

The Editor:

Funding of Ontario's education system is being hotly debated. The Ontario government clings to the Canadian Constitution as the reason for separate school funding and claims that it is a protected right for Roman Catholics in Ontario.

The politicians make no mention of fairness to other faith groups or equitable treatment of all Ontarians.

Ontario residents have not been informed by any government that they have a right to equal treatment, established with Ontario's concurrence when Canada signed the United Nations' Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in 1976. The Covenant requires the Canadian government to revise constitutional provisions which do no comply with the Covenant — a duty that is being ignored.

Ontario's continued discriminatory funding of one faith is clear violation for the Covenant. Therefore, Friends of Public Education in Ontario, Inc. has filed a claim against Canada with the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva on the basis that Ontario contravenes international law.

People should not have to organize, lobby, got to court or spend private dollars to hold a government to its promise to treat citizens equally.

People or organizations who want more information or who wish to support this appeal to the United Nations Human Rights Committee are invited to contact Friends of Public Education in Ontario, Inc. Box 613, Harrow, Ontario, N0R 1G0; E-mail — publiced@renc.igs.net; web site — http://www.renc.igs.net/~publiced.

R.H. Patterson
Pembroke

"Thanks" for cleaning up

The Editor:

To the girls visiting Winchester Public School last Friday afternoon, thanks for cleaning up after yourselves. Of course I'm being sarcastic.

As you well know, you did not put your garbage in the can but in fact got a 'kick' out of leaving your mess behind.

What really burns me is you came up and spoke to a former teacher who told you she was out there in the school yard working on a plan with two other ladies (myself being one of them) to make our yard a nicer place. Not only for the kids that go to this school but for everyone in our community or for visitors that just want to 'hang out'.

Remember asking to come in and use the washroom? Well, after school hours the building is closed and the custodian did not have to let you in, but he did.

What thanks did he get? Your mess outside to clean up.

I'm not saying it was all of you. There were several other people out there as well, who I'm sure, left their share behind.

Come on people, there are garbage cans all around the yard. Please use them.

Cathy Kelly
Winchester

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

There are a couple of good yard garage sales coming up on Sat., May 31. In South Mountain there will be a large community garage sale running from 8 am to 1 pm. This will be held at the South Mountain Park with proceeds going towards the park.

Also that day, there is a congregational yard sale at Heckston United Church also beginning at 8 am. There will be lots of articles and a bake table plus books. Yard sales are quite popular and there is bound to be something that you've always wanted at some of these sales. And just think, it's near June and you might not have to wear your winter jacket!

OPINIONS

The Press welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the community. Letters must be signed and include the writer's telephone number. Letters may be edited for length, grammar and libellous statements.

National run for cancer sweeps through village

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Nova Scotia's Jan Blades will sprint through Winchester and Vernon on Sat., June 7 to raise money for breast cancer.

She will be accompanied by about 20 runners from the area who will support her efforts. Each participant will run 10 kilometres.

"This is the first relay run of its kind," said Susan Thomson, one of two area co-ordinators. "The goal of the *Relay to Recovery* run which started in Newfoundland this month and ends in British Columbia in August, is $100,000. The goal for the (Winchester) leg of the run is $2,000."

Thomson explained that Blades's sister was diagnosed with breast cancer inciting her to organize an event to make people more aware of the disease.

"People are getting breast cancer younger and younger and research and education is becoming more important," Thomson added.

Runners will leave Lachute at 7 am on June 7, arrive in Winchester at about 5 pm, and finish in Vernon at about 7 pm. On June 8, they will complete the stretch from Vernon to Ottawa.

Jeff and Sue Porteous of Vernon Variety have donated $40 of gas to fill up the van which will accompany the runners.

Money raised from the run will go directly to the Canadian Cancer Society for breast cancer research and education.

If you are interested in participating in the run or sponsoring a runner, call Susan Thomson at 592-9870 or 996-9567 or Nelson Waddell at 994-9998 or 837-1158.

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Seniors' Programs - 774-6109

Diners' Club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call ahead to reserve.
"NEW!" Healthy Summer Cooking Demonstration with Cordon Bleu chef Diane Cross. Come and taste delicious and interesting meals on June 5 and June 19 at 2 pm at the Nor-Dun Centre. Please register ahead.
The Meals-on-Wheels program is looking for volunteer drivers for the Morewood route. Please call Caroline if you would like to volunteer your time for a good cause.
The Eastern Ontario Health Unit will have an Injury and Fall Display set up at the Nor-Dun Centre for the first week of June, and will be having a presentation on the morning of Thursday, June 5.
Dawn Jennings, a Mary Kay representative, will be at the centre June 18 to show you how to do a manicure. Each person will be able to do their own manicure.

South Mountain IOOF Hall
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Diners' Club luncheon days: June 5, Roast Pork; June 12, Father's Day Luncheon, Baked Chicken Breast; June 19, Hamburg Steak & Onions, FREE Blood Pressure Clinic/Speaker Suzanne Grisel; June 26: Fish & Chips, Movie. Cost for Diners' Club, $4.59, Non-Senior guests welcome, $7. To reserve call Nor-Dun at 774-6109 or Hilda Kirkby at 989-5612.

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1st and 3rd Tuesday each month: June 3, Father's Day Luncheon, Roast Pork, Entertainment - Margery Thompson & Friends; June 17, Chicken Fingers, Guest speaker Suzanne Grisel, Injury & Fall.

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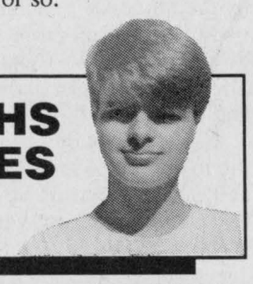
Lessons learned from protest

MAPLE RIDGE — If you happened to drive by North Dundas last Thursday, you may or may not have noticed a group of about 100 students blocking our entrance and holding up signs too small to be read from a moving vehicle.

No, this was not a dismal turnout for a fire drill. This was a protest.

To understand what this process was about, we must first look at events that took place months ago. In March, a forum was held in order to suggest how the student council could be better run. One of the big issues that had come up was the way nominees were simply handpicked by a nominating committee made of 20 students or so.



NDDHS NOTES
by
Daniel Sahl

The system was flawed for the simple reason that not everyone in the school had a fair chance to run.

So we changed it. The new rules were simple — if you wanted to be a candidate, all you had to do was write a small essay starting with your capacity to fulfill the role, get 12 supporting signatures, have an overall average of 70 per cent and hand in your application before a set date and time.

For the most part, this process worked well. Almost every executive position (there are seven) had two or more candidates. Unfortunately, the Minister of Records and the Prime Minister (our top job) had only one suitable applicant each.

Consequently, these seats were won through acclamation rather than election... this is where the problem started. Several other people had applied for the position of Prime Minister, yet they lacked one or more of the aforementioned requirements and had to be disqualified.

This turn of events left many upset and set in motion this walkout. At 9:30 am students left class, mainly to show their displeasure with the high requirement average and the ensuing lack of choice.

Please understand, I am neither condemning nor applauding this protest. On the one hand, I was pleased to see some students, choose this non-aggressive, straight-to-the-point way of showing their opinion.

On the other hand, I was extremely disappointed by those who were out there not to make a point, but to simply make noise, get out of class and be a general pain in the ass. They degraded this affair from the simple criticism it was meant to be, to a mud-slinging party with mean, personal attacks being directed at the winning candidate. Even though she had nothing to do with the decision.

So, is there a solution to this conundrum? I think so. And all it would take is a simple step or two.

Firstly, to our future Prime Minister Moira Klein-Swormink, who stood up to unmerited and malicious criticism with a brave face — a bouquet of flowers should be sent. Partly as a way of apologizing for that whole "Moira si evil" campaign and partly as a way to keep her from, well.. suing.

Secondly, perhaps the average should be lowered down to 65 per cent for some of the executive positions. I still believe that considering the massive responsibility of being Prime Minister, a 70 per cent average is not too much to ask. However, there are some executive positions that are not nearly as demanding and do not require this high average.

All in all, I think lessons were learned from this affair. Mainly, an intelligent demonstration can be a productive tool, yet it is always important to ensure that those protesting with you are protesting because they have something to say, not because they just want to be heard.

WI ladies learn about gardening

by Marg McDiarmid

President Ann Leighton-Kyle welcomed members of the Greely-Manotick Station, Osgoode, Kenmore and Vernon Women's Institutes to the Vernon May meeting.

Heather Bellinger introduced Jo-Ann Neuman of Metcalfe. She spoke to us on gardening with perennials. Ladies present were invited to a garden tour at her home on May 23. Jo-Ann also conducts short courses on arranging fresh flowers and making potpourri. Heather thanked and presented her with a gift.

Sandra Toll and Ann Velthuis will be our delegates to the district annual meeting in Kanata.

We will cater to the Osgoode Men's Choir Banquet on June 6.

Heather Bellinger conducted a garden quiz which was won by Laura Porteous of the Osgoode WI.

A Chinese auction was enjoyed by all, after which Dorothy Campbell, Jose Poole and Heather Bellinger served a delicious lunch.



Village opens

Several tourists visited Upper Canada Village for its opening on Sat., May 17. Workers were busy feeding the pigs, tending the grounds, and putting finishing touches on the exhibits.

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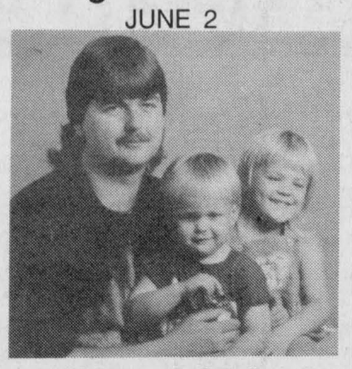

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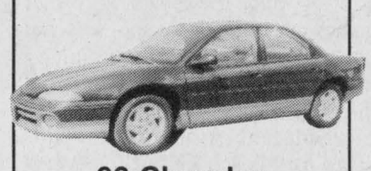

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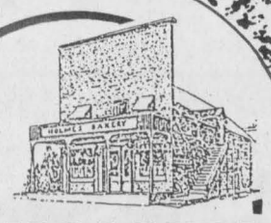

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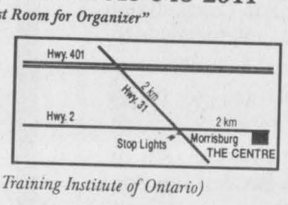

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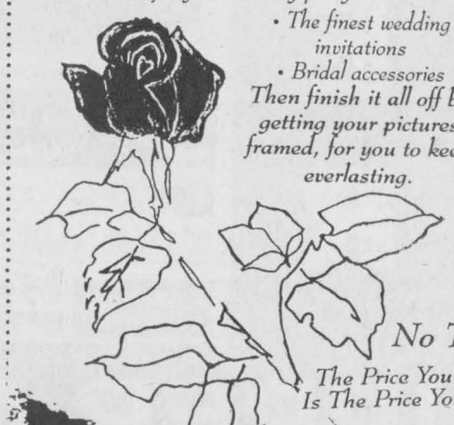

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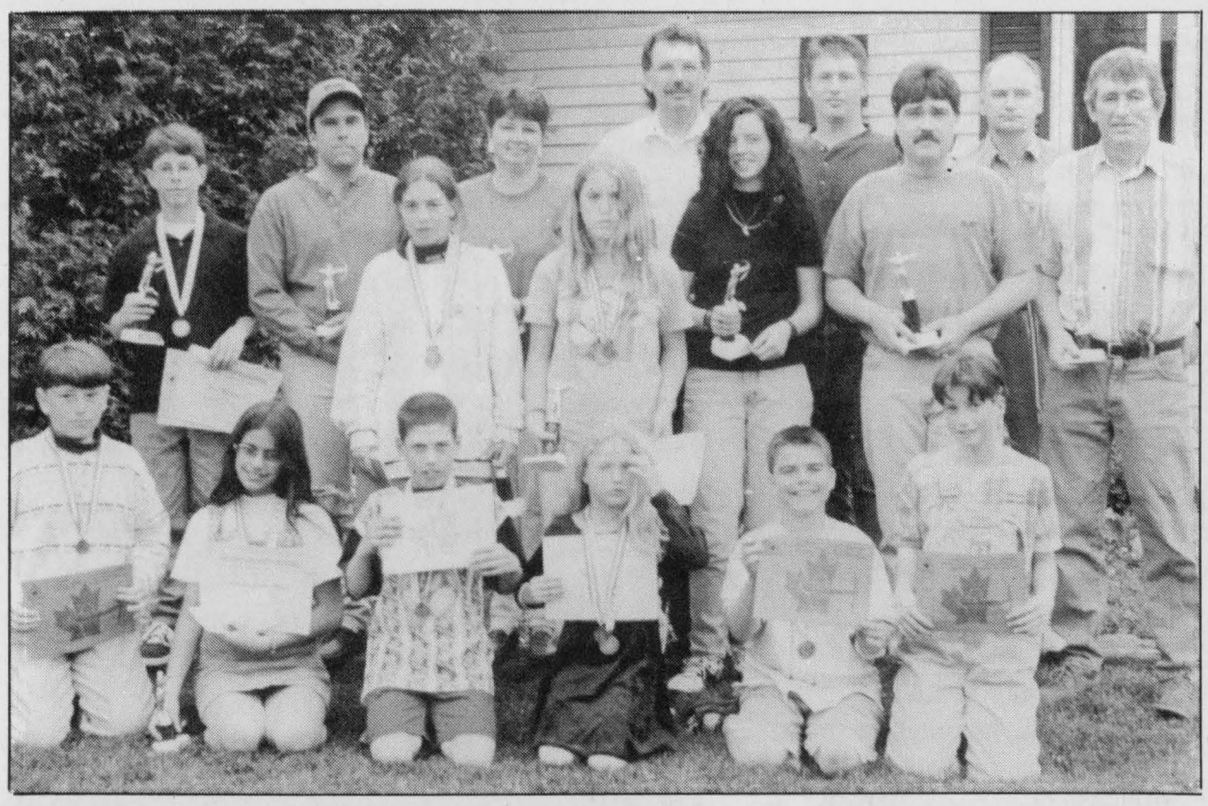


Club award winners

Front, left: Justin Geggie, Amanda Smith-Millar, Adam Wicks, Mandy Wicks, Evan Humphreys, Justine Newby. Middle, left: Sarah Humphreys, Diane Wicks, Candice Chaloux, Scott Pickard, Brian Halpenny. Back, left: Jesse Marriner, Karl Weedmark, Nancy Marriner, Robert Chaloux, Todd Halpenny, Hugh Arnott. Missing: Cody Pelkey, Duncan Carpenter, Ryan Dillabough.



National medalists

Front, left: Amanda Smith-Millar, Jesse Marriner, Diane Wicks, Sarah Humphreys. Back, left: Robert Chaloux, Hugh Arnott, Nancy Marriner, Al Newby, Scott Pickard.

Archers score well at banquet

INKERMAN — The South Nation Archery Club recently celebrated this year's successes with an awards banquet. The following is a list of winners.

1997 FCA National Indoor Championships: Hugh Arnott, Sr. B/H Unsighted M (gold); Diane Wicks, Cub Oly. F (gold); Amanda Smith-Millar, Cub Oly. F (bronze); Sarah Humphreys, Cub Oly. F (4th); Jesse Marriner, Cub Oly. M (8th); Ryan Dillabough, Cub Compound M (26th).

1997 FCA National Indoor Mailmatches: Hugh Arnott, Sr. M B/H no sight (gold); Al Newby, Sr. M Barebow (bronze); Nancy Marriner, Sr. W BHL (bronze); Brian Halpenny, Master M BHL (bronze); Carl Jones, Sr. M BHL (7th); Todd Halpenny, Sr. M BHL (8th); Karl Weedmark, Sr. M BHL (16th); Peter Billings, Sr. M BHL (21st).

Sr. M UNL: Scott Pickard (5th); Hugh Arnott (10th); Karl Weedmark (13th); Al Grant (16th); Shawn Iacurci (18th); Bruce Wicks (19th); Lloyd Jollota (20th); Carl Jones (22nd); Fred DeButte (23rd); Barry Laushway (24th).

Cub Compound — Ryan Dillabough (4th). Cub Oly. F: Diane Wicks (gold); Sarah Humphreys (silver); Amanda Smith-Millar (bronze). Jr. Oly F: Candice Chaloux (gold). Cub Oly. M: Jesse Marriner (silver). Sr. Oly. M: Robert Chaloux (14th). Sr. M Freestyle UNL: Shawn Iacurci (28th).

Sr. M BH UNL: Larry S. Smith (15th); Scott Pickard (18th); Andy Brown (24th); Bruce Wicks (25th); Fred DeButte (37th).

Master M BHL: Olin Dillabough (gold). Sr. M BHL: Todd Halpenny (19th); Chris Johnson (20th). Jr. M BHL: Jason Douma (5th); Ryan Dillabough (11th); Duncan Carpenter (13th).

Jr. Oly,. M: Jesse Marriner (5th); Tom Hossie (6th). Cub Oly. M: Adam Wicks (gold); Cody Pelkey (silver); Justin Geggie (bronze); Evan Humphreys (4th); Robert Hossie (6th). Sr. M Barebow: Hugh Arnott (gold).

Sr. W BHL: Nancy Marriner (second/guest); Kathy Wicks (bronze). Jr. W BHL: Julie Broomer (first/guest). Sr. Oly. W: MaryAlice Hossie (7th). Jr. Oly. W: Sarah Humphreys (silver).

Cub Oly. W: Diane Wicks (gold); Amanda Smith-Millar (silver); Mandy Wicks (bronze); Justine Newby (4th).

PeeWee Oly. F: Mandy Wicks (1st).

Cub Oly. M: Jesse Marriner (1st); Adam Wicks (2nd); Evan Humphreys (5th); Cody Pelkey (7th); Justin Geggie (10th).

Cub Oly. F: Diane Wicks (1st); Amanda Smith-Millar (2nd); Sarah Humphreys (3rd); Justine Newby (4th).

South Nation Archery Club Awards Senior Division 40 cm face from 18 m (average)

M BH UNL: Scott Pickard (1st); Hugh Arnott (2nd); Karl Weedmark (3rd); Lloyd Jollota (4th); Al Grant (5th); Shaun Iacurci (6th); Bruce Wicks (7th); Fred DeButte (8th); Carl Jones (9th); Barry Laushway (10th).

F BH LTD: Nancy Marriner (1st).

M BH LTD: Carl Jones (1st); Todd Halpenny (2nd); Brian Halpenny (3rd); Karl Weedmark (4th); Hugh Arnott (5th); Pete Billings (6th).

Cub M BH LTD: Ryan Dillabough (1st); Sr. Oly. M: Robert Challoux (1st); Jr. Oly. F: Candice Chaloux (1st); Cub Oly. M: Jesse Marriner (1st).

Cub Oly. F: Diane Wicks (1st); Sarah Humphreys (2nd); Amanda Smith-Millar (3rd).

Sr. M FCA BB: Al Newby (1st).

Junior Programme: shot on 60 cm face from 10 m or 13 m averages.

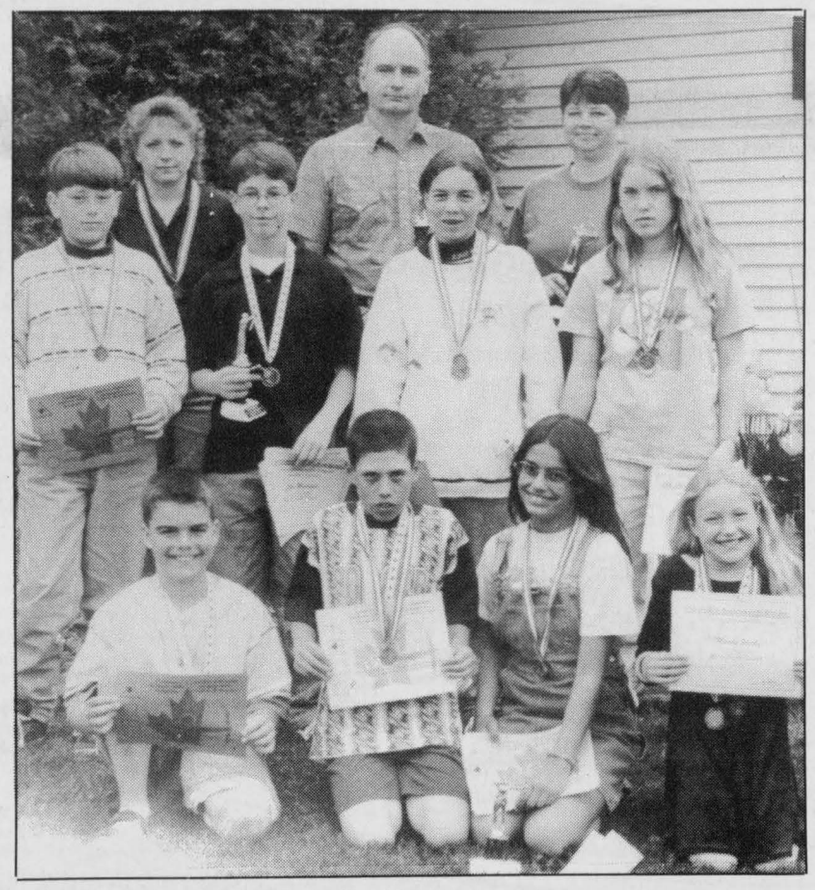
Cub M BHL: Ryan Dillabough (1st); Duncan Carpenter (2nd).

Cub Oly. M: Jesse Marriner (1st); Adam Wicks (2nd); Evan Humphreys (3rd); Cody Pelkey (4th); Justine Geggie (5th).

Cub Oly. F: Diane Wicks (1st); Amanda Smith-Millar (2nd); Sarah Humphreys (3rd); Justine Newby (4th).

PeeWee Oly. F: Mandy Wicks (1st).

Incomplete rounds were shot by Kathy Wicks, Andy Brown, Jim Barton, Duncan Carpenter, Joe Spruit, Matt Hall and Dave McCaslin.



Provincial medalists

Front, left: Evan Humphreys, Adam Wicks, Amanda Smith-Millar, Mandy Wicks. Middle, left: Justin Geggie, Jesse Marriner, Sarah Humphreys, Diane Wicks. Back, left: Kathy Wicks, Hugh Arnott, Nancy Marriner.

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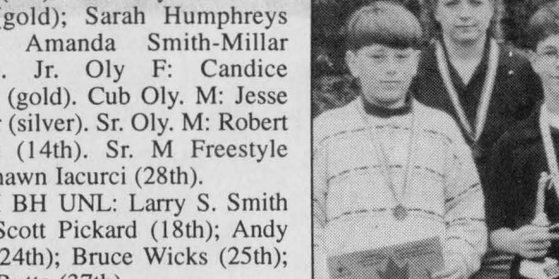

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GREELY — Boots were at a high shine, brass was polished and uniforms sharply pressed for this year's 2951 CFS Leitrim Army Cadet Corps' annual inspection.

The 20th annual inspection of the 75 cadets in three platoons took place at the Greely Legion on May 25.

Following the inspection, parade and drill team displays, there was an awards ceremony at which WO. Tom Langlois was awarded the Lord Strathcona Medal, the highest award which can be bestowed upon a cadet in recognition of exemplary performance in physical and military training.

Other award winners included:

Best first-year cadet: PTE D. Harten. Harten was also promoted to corporal.

Best second-year cadet: CPL L. Allain and CPL D. Gernon.

Best third-year cadet: MCPL C. Gould and MCPL J. Nason.

Best instructor: WO. T. Langlois.

Most improved cadet: this award is given to the cadet who has shown great leadership and citizenship within the year — SGT B. Carter.

Commanding officer's award: this award goes to the individual who has displayed team comradery, who has kept the esprit-de-corps going strong — WO S. Taylor.

Best dressed award: CPL S. Ethier and CPL D. Gernon.

Top academic star level awards: green/first-year — PTE D. Holley; red/second-year — CPL D. Carter, CPL S. Ethier, CPL T. Kennedy; silver/third-year — MCPL J. Nason; gold/fourth-year — SGT S. Walker.

The highest score in the core for the National Star Certificate Examination went to MCPL V. Keeler.

Legion Medal of Excellence: this is awarded by individual Legion branches to emphasize citizenship aspects of the cadet program. The medal is designed to provide recognition for individual endeavors of a citizenship nature which meet the aims of the Canadian cadet organizations — WO N. Tookenay.

Graduating cadets: RSM M. Stuart; CSM T. Hitsman, WO M. Tookenay.



To the flag, salute!

RSM Michael Stewart (front) and WO Nick Tookenay salute during the flag party procession at this year's annual inspection parade.
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UCP features Las Vegas gala

MORRISBURG — Forget looking for Elvis at the local hamburger joint. Canada's champion Elvis impersonator will make an appearance at the annual Upper Canada Playhouse gala on May 31.

The gala will feature two performances by Elvis, otherwise known as Michael Szymanski, as well as being a bevy of casino activities and games from blackjack to poker, adding to the Las Vegas atmosphere of the evening.

This is Elvis's second appearance at the Playhouse. At his first performance "Rock'n Mic" — as he is professionally known — wowed a New Year's Eve audience with his spectacular talent. Szymanski specializes in the music from Elvis's prime years, 1968 to 1974, and performs many of the greats that few other impersonators try to do: *Unchained Melody, Bridge Over Troubled Water* and *How Great Thou Art*, among others.

Szymanski got his start while enrolled at Ottawa's Algonquin College in 1994 as a nursing student.

The Las Vegas Review gala is $25 per person, $15 of which is tax deductible. For reservations call 613-543-3713.

OBITUARIES

John Clifford Scott

John Clifford Scott, of Winchester, died on May 20. He was 69.

A laborer with W.J.L. Boyd and Sons, Mr. Scott was born on September 1, 1927 to the late Richard Scott and Breta Redmond.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie Byers, whom he married on July 26, 1952 as well as his daughters Nancy and Jo Anne.

Mr. Scott will also be sadly missed by his siblings Alex (Joan) and Allen (Barbara) Scott, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Marion Scott.

Funeral services were held at Byers Funeral Home Chapel on May 23. Rev. Thurland Brown officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were Michael Byers, Bill Byers, Russell Sutherland, Shealyn Summers, Charles Preston and Diane Boisvert.

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Farm update

Candidates address agricultural issues

(Meeting on Dundas and Stormont federations of agriculture recently posed a number of questions to SD&G candidates for the upcoming federal election.

Following are excerpts from their answers.)

Canadian agriculture creates an $82 billion-a-year industry. A recent government committee report states that urban Canadians have to be made aware that farming, along with other resource industries, is the base of all economic activity in this country.

Question: How will your party ensure that agriculture is recognized and sustained as a vital part of the Canadian economy and Canadian society?

BOB KILGER (LIBERAL): The Liberal government agrees that it is very important that agriculture is recognized as a vital part of the Canadian economy and Canadian society. We have acted in numerous ways to encourage Canadians to realize the importance of agriculture and a new Liberal government will pursue complementary policies and programs to promote the agriculture and agri-food industry. Our multi-faceted approach includes the following activities: we are working with the agriculture community to tell Canadian about the essential importance and the successful nature of Canada's agriculture sector. The Agri-food Awareness Program is one example. Another is the Canadian Rural Information Service...



Bob Kilger

LESLIE O'SHAUGHNESSY (PC): Farmers and farming communities are important to Canada's history, identity and economy. The government and the people of Canada must be prepared to listen to those in the farming business and act on their advice so that producers can have the tools to meet the evolving conditions and demands of the industry and so they can continue the proud tradition of building the economy and the rural character of our country.

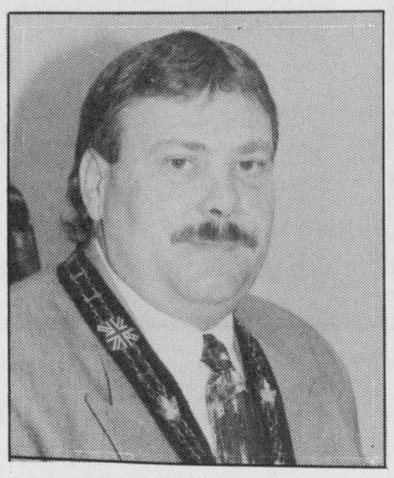
SYD GARDINER (NDP): Recognizing that agriculture is an $82 billion-a-year industry, Alex McDonough and the NDP will help build a sustainable agriculture system. We want to give farmers control over their production past the farm gate and allow them to earn a living from farm production. We offer a strong commitment to Canada's food producers by implementing: stable and significant funding for agriculture research and development; support value-added economic development in farm and rural communities, ie. ethanol plant; maintain and build a modern transportation system which is efficient, competitive, affordable and reliable; a national and publicaly administered system of food grading and inspection, without user fees; review farm input costs under the Federal Combines Investigation Act, leading to tough action against monopoly and predatory pricing; support of rural co-operatives, credit unions and pools, and other vehicles of community economic development.

CHARLES DILLABOUGH (REFORM): ... The Reform Party believes that measures must be established now to provide long-term viability to an agriculture industry that is self-sufficient, market-driven and equipped to take advantage of new opportunities. We will: support a modern, democratized and market-oriented Canadian Wheat Board in which participation is voluntary; ensure the on-going visibility of the supply-managed sector in an increasingly competitive environment; reduce the regulatory burden on agriculture by placing a priority on cost-avoidance and cost reduction over cost-recovery schemes; and increase the levels of funding for agricultural research and development...

IAN CAMPBELL (NATURAL LAW): Everyone eats. Everyone buys these products virtually daily. We in the Natural Law Party will strongly encourage the growing of organic foods, with sustainable and profitable methods. We can make Canada the world leader in pure, natural, healthy foods of all kinds. A large scale education effort would immediately be launched to favor organic foods along with the research and marketing to support it.

Question: At least one party has suggested the agriculture ministry be amalgamated with other resource ministries. What is your party's policy in retaining a strong and exclusive Canadian agriculture ministry?

BOB KILGER: Unlike the Conservatives, who propose to roll agriculture and agri-food in with natural resources, fisheries, transport and environment, as well as cut $600 million out of the agriculture and agri-food budget, the Liberal Party is committed to maintaining agriculture's voice at the cabinet table through the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and his/her department.



Leslie O'Shaughnessy

LESLIE O'SHAUGHNESSY: The PC Party will look to the merging of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Environment, Fisheries and Oceans and Natural Resources into a new department of sustainable development. A strong voice on behalf of all sectors will be maintained within the newly merged department. Flattening the bureaucracy will lead to more direct communication between stakeholders and decision-makers. Also in each of the four sectors addressed by these departments, jurisdiction is shared between federal and provincial levels. There is therefore a significant provincial presence capable of assuming greater responsibility.



Syd Gardiner

SYD GARDINER: My personal opinion is that we maintain a strong Canadian ministry. With the NAFTA free-trade deal, the American influence, a lobbyist will soon take over our agriculture industry, selling out to Rica Monopolies thus driving out small family farmers. A strong Canadian agriculture ministry is the only method of protecting Canadian farmers interests.

CHARLES DILLABOUGH: The PCs have outlined a plan to combine the Department of Agriculture along with four other current departments into one new Department of Sustainable Resources which will mean agriculture loses its distinct identity and over $600 million in funding.

The Reform Party believes that a strong Agricultural Department must be maintained if agriculture is to flourish in the future. We are committed to maintaining a single Agriculture Department responsible for increased funding of research, and the delivery of stable and sustainable funding for crop insurance and income stabilization programs.



Ian Campbell

IAN CAMPBELL: The Natural Law Party is interested in what works and is successful as well as being in harmony with natural law. We would continue with a strong agriculture ministry and regularly consult with all concerned to ensure that whatever way the activities were carried out, that they would be successful.

Question: What is the major disadvantage to switching to private (nom-government) food inspection a) from a consumer point of view; b) from a producer point of view? And what is your party policy, if nay, on Food Inspection Standards for Canada?

BOB KILGER: We have not privatized food inspection. The Liberal Party is committed to maintaining the highest standards of food safety and inspection for all Canadians. We firmly believe our approach will achieve this without compromising the interests of any group, be it producers, industry or consumers. We have maintained accountability to Parliament, while at the same time, provided for increased levels of efficiency. Canadians have one of the best inspection systems in the world. The Liberal government, in the 1995 budget, decided to consolidate food inspection and quarantine services to improve the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the federal component of food inspection and set the stage to move toward a truly national system of food inspection. By using the same standards and inspection for all foods in an integrated federal food inspection system, food safety will be enhanced.

LESLIE O'SHAUGHNESSY: a) From a consumer point of view, I can see no disadvantages to private food inspections, as long as standards are clearly defined, to ensure a safe food supply. They must also be held accountable for the service they are providing. b) From a producers point of view, the cost of the service would probably be the biggest concern, which is understandable. It has always been the PC Party's position that food inspections standards in Canada remain high, not only to ensure public safety but also to remain one of the leaders in quality in the world markets.

SYD GARDINER: Privatization will only lead us to substandard food production. Private companies are too susceptible to circumventing food safety standards by corporate lobbyists. Personally, food inspection standards must remain safe and therefore, should be publicaly controlled. Our policy calls for a publicaly administered system of food grading and inspection.

CHARLES DILLABOUGH: a) For consumers, the switching to private food inspection raises the important question of safety. Before any such system is initiated, it must be clear that the safety of consumers will not be compromised and that existing inspection standards will be met. Canada has a long track record of having the most stringent food safety standards in the world and this has to be maintained in order to promote our agricultural commodities on the world market. b) There has to be complete assurance to producers that private inspection would not result in extra costs. A private system would have to be as cost efficient as the current government system. The fear in privatizing would be that the profit motive would result in extra costs to producers and lower safety standards. If the image of Canadian agricultural commodities falls in the global marketplace, due to lower standards, this also hurts the producers who benefit from exporting. The Reform Party believes that agricultural policies should be sensitive to health and safety concerns. That would mean that a stringent food inspection system be in place. I personally believe that food safety and inspection is of paramount importance in agriculture, especially if we are to move forward in the future and take advantage of emerging world markets for our commodities.



Charles Dillabough

IAN CAMPBELL: In food safety there are major problems. For one thing, there are now over 500 food products that contain genetically engineered substances. The dangers are unknown and the government seems entirely unaware of this. These should be in preference banned, or at the very least labelled. Ninety-three per cent of surveyed consumers want such products to be labelled. Overall, food safety standards need to be more rigorous, however, the real secret to these matters is to enliven collective consciousness through a large group of 10,000 yogic flyers, which would thereby prevent any tendency to wrong doing in the area of food

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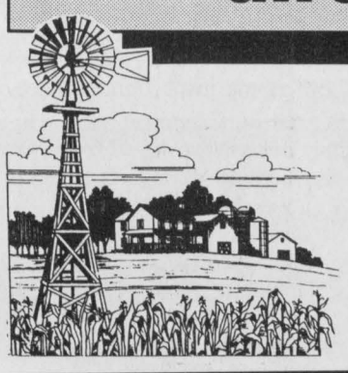

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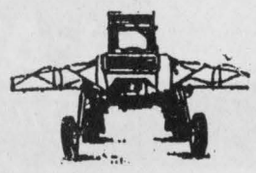
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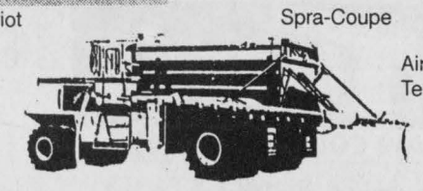
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