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Harris pledges financial support

Jeff Brownlee

METCALFE — No one has yet affixed a price tag to the damage and the relief efforts of the worst ice storm in the history of the country, but Ontario Premier Mike Harris vowed that the province will kick in its fair share.

"No one has a blank cheque," he told Osgoode Township politicians at an information meeting in Metcalfe Jan. 11. "We recognize that there will be some provincial help. We'll get things up and running and sort out the costs

Latest estimates have the total financial impact nearing the \$1 billion mark. Locally, politicians are hesitant to speculate, but fear the worst.

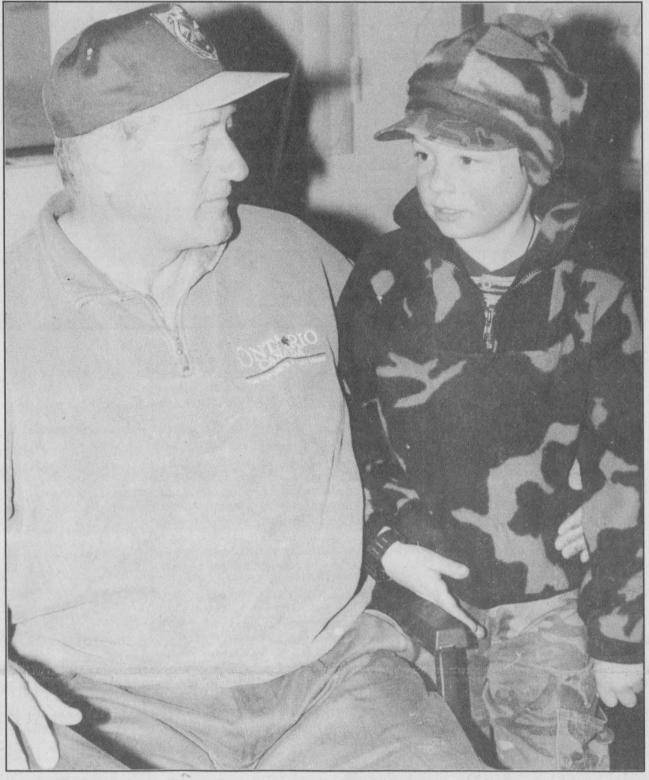
"I really have no idea how much this is costing us," said North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau. "But I imagine this will cost us well into the mil-

The new municipality has been busy buying generators and providing emergency shelters and services for many of its 10,600 residents during the massive power outage that started as early as Jan. 6 in some pockets of the township.

"I had a concern over how much we're spending, but it has to be done," Cousineau added.

Harris reaffirmed that financial aid will come from both governments.

"You keep track of everything, ke your receipts," added the premier, who had a whirlwind tour of ravaged township before heading to the Greely Community Centre to discuss the tragedy with village residents.



On scene

Ontario Premier Mike Harris is given an Osgoode Township hat by Metcalfe resident, Eric Dearman, 8. Harris was in Metcalfe on Sunday to surmise the devastation in the ravaged township. He vowed financial sup-Press photo - Brownlee port for municipalities after the receipts are tallied.

Ontario Hydro charging ahead with rebuilding

by Jeff Brownlee Press staff

WINCHESTER — There might not be any light at the end of the tunnel for many local Ontario Hydro customers, but it's being wired as quickly as possible.

That's the latest word from Hydro officials as they take heat from many area politicians about the lack of communication over reconnection information.

"It's immensely helpful if you would give us any projections, good or bad," said North Grenville mayor Don Cameron at a Hydro news conference here Jan. 13. "That way, we could plan, our residents could

As of noon Tuesday, 26,000 of Ontario Hydro's 45,000 Winchester area customers were in the dark. But the outlook is getting brighter.

"We're making headway," said Hydro's Jerry Crown. "In the past 24 hours, we've brought an additional 2,000 customers back online."

But it is a tedious process, added Ontario Hydro spokesperson Ken Summers.

"You have to realize that everything, everything · continued on next page

Osgoode mayor heads regional EOC board

by Jeff Brownlee

WINCHESTER — The post-storm relief efforts have hit a new phase and military officials, politicians and police are teaming up to co-ordinate the ongoing struggle through a new Emergency Operations Centre.

The community centre is home to the newest of five similar administrative headquarters in Eastern Ontario that will spend 24 hours a day organizing relief operations in North Dundas, North Grenville, Osgoode, Russell and Merrickville-Wolford town-

The new administrative body won't replace existing relief units in each township, said Colonel Walt Natynczyk. Rather, it will complement ongoing efforts in each community.

"Its role is entirely up to you," he explained to a group of approximately 10 politicians at the Ontario Hydro office.

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Presence of military brings welcome aid

by Lori Culliton

MAPLE RIDGE - "They're a God-send."

That's what is being heard throughout the region after Canadian military personnel moved into the area on the weekend. They're here to bring aid to communities hit hard by the ice storm that swept the region last week. The storm left as many as 50,000 homes without power in the Winchester area.

By Tuesday, there were still about 20,000 people in the dark in the area powered by Ontario Hydro's Win-

On Thursday morning, most of eastern Ontario looked like a war-zone, with fallen trees and hydro wires and zero electricity. And when the military moved into the area, the war-zone effect was really felt.

The Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons moved into North Dundas District High School on Monday after helping to clean up after the · continued on next page

Farmers hard hit

by Lori Culliton and Dianne Fetterly

WINCHESTER — The most devastating aspect of the ice storm that swept the region last week and left much of the area without power for the past week-and-a-half is the suffering dairy industry, with 10 million litres of milk down the

A mad scramble for generators to permit dairy farmers to milk and water their cattle has kept dairy producers working around the clock to salvage their herds. Generators quickly became a hot commodity, and there are still not enough available to keep the farmers going. Generators were brought in to eastern Ontario

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A ray of sunshine through ice storm

by Lori Culliton Press staff

WINCHESTER — Amidst the tragedy and strife of rural residents in eastern Ontario a new life came into a dark-

Thomas Ian Hanley Annable arrived on Wednesday night (Jan. 7) at 11:27 pm, not long after Winchester lost its power in what has been called the ice storm of the cen-

Proud parents Gary and Diane Annable had a scary moment when power went out at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, half-way through Diane's labor.

"It was only dark in the hospital from the time when the lights went out until the generator kicked in," Diane Annable said. "It was only a matter of seconds, but seemed

"I was scared. Labor was bad enough, without a power

Because there was no electricity at the Annables home in the village, the hospital kept Diane and baby in the maternity ward until Sunday afternoon.

With only three patients in the maternity ward, it was quiet and peaceful, Diane said, although the hospital was busy. Hospital staff from out of town slept at the hospital and free coffee and sandwiches were given out in the cafeteria to anyone who needed it.

"I would have liked to have taken flowers to Diane, but under the circumstances... " the proud, first-time dad told the Press. "But it was a nice time for us to be alone, as we had no visitors. Everyone was busy with other problems."

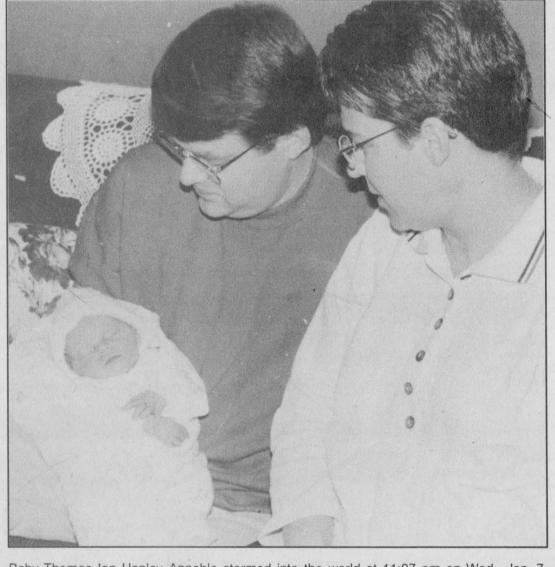
Despite a lack of power and a hardship for residents of Winchester and area, Thomas brought sunshine to the storm for the Annables. "He really made up for the rest of the trouble of the

week," Gary said. "He certainly gave us something else to The Annables have taken pictures of the storm and have kept newspapers from the storm and are putting together a

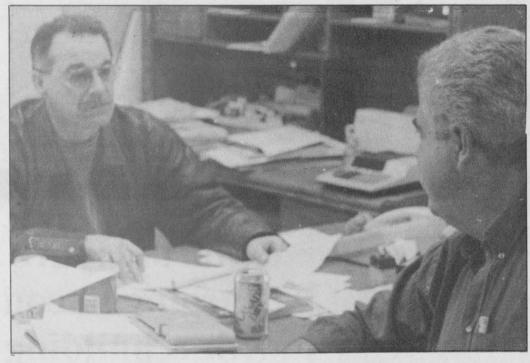
scrapbook for Thomas so that he can one day see what was happening in the world the day he entered it. "It was scary looking out the window from the hospital," Diane said. "I knew that there were houses and trees

and people out there, but it was all black."

Baby Thomas Ian Hanley Annable stormed into the world at 11:27 pm on Wed., Jan. 7. Halfway through his mother's labor, the power went out at WDMH, as the ice storm knocked down hydro poles and electricity. A back-up generator at the hospital kicked in almost immediatley. Proud first-time parents are Gary and Diane Annable of Winchester. Press Photo — Culliton



Storm crisis eased by efforts of ND volunteers, politicians



Control central

The township of North Dundas came into existence on Jan.1, 1998. Four days later it was thrown a crisis situation as the Ice Storm of 1998 slashed through Eastern Ontario. Sunday morning North Dundas clerk-treasurer Howard Smith and mayor Claude Cousineau (right) were addressing hundreds of new and unfamiliar issues. A large volunteer force has manned the phones at the Winchester disaster control headquarters throughout the storm. Press Photos — Van Bridger

WINCHESTER — Words can't describe the devastation that has swept through the province during the past week. Pictures can communicate only a few images.

Unfortunately for thousands of Ontarians and 10,600 residents in North Dundas, the only way to fully understand the hardship and destruction of one of the biggest natural disasters in Canadian history, is to be thrust right into the middle of it.

The ice storm of the century is over, but its effects will linger for weeks and in many cases months to come. The after effects encompass more than downed trees. It's about electricity, or the lack thereof.

Locally, depending on where you live, the worst is over or still yet to come. After a week, power has been restored to segments of Winchester, Chesterville, Inkerman and South Mountain, but for many other villages and the rural areas of North Dundas, the nights are still spent in darkness and in many cases without heat.

No one can say for certain when the lights will be turned back on. In many rural areas, hydro crews aren't working around the clock repairing the infrastructure, they're rebuilding it. Some estimates have pegged the power outage opened its doors to the public.

to at lasting at least a couple of weeks in CHESTERVILLE the isolated areas of the municipality.

But people don't have to endure this needing don't have to look any farther than their municipal government for assistance.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

North Dundas politicians declared a state of emergency in the area Jan. 8 and transformed the municipal office into the administrative nucleus for emergency services. Over 300 volunteers are working around the clock trying to overcome the insurmountable obstacles caused by the crisis. The office can be reached at 774-2105. For emergencies, phone 774-5699.

Emergency shelters, providing warm meals and lodging, are also up and running. Everyone without power is encouraged to use the facilities in the area, including:

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established at the Lions Hall, the Legion and the Curling Club.

In the village, shelters have been

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ·

In this area, the Oddfellows Hall has

The Nelson LaPrade Centre, the fire hall and the Legion Hall have been crisis alone. Help is available and those established as emergency shelters as well as North Dundas District High School.

MOREWOOD

One of the most hard-hit areas of the storm, Morewood residents are expected to be without power for the longest peri-

But the Morewood RA Centre is open to the public, offering both food Mayor Claude Cousineau said volun-

teers have been answering an average of 60-70 calls per hour at the municipal Services have included providing

generators to pump out flooded basements and provide power to enable dairy farmers to feed and milk their cattle.

Cousineau added that the emergency services in North Dundas will be in operation until every single household in the municipality has power.

"The way the community has pulled together has been unbelievable," said the mayor. "We can't see the light at the end of the tunnel yet, but we're getting

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Hydro

was basically down on the ground after the storm," he said. "In many cases there was nothing to repair, we have to rebuild. That's 330 kilometres of line in a 2500-square-mile area. It's been a lot of hard work."

Hydro expects major repair statistics to take place over the next few days, if the weather co-operates. Crews have been working 16-hour shifts each day and even got help from utility companies from as far away as Thunder Bay and Mississauga.

While they don't want to raise expectations, Ontario Hydro's best official estimates for power reconnection in local communities is based on main wire feeds into each village. It doesn't include the status of individual households.

"It's very hard for us to know the exact status of each household," added Crown.

Locally, Ontario Hydro's estimates include:

POWER RESTORED

Morrisburg, Mountain, Williamsburg, South Mountain (partial), Winchester, Kemptville and Osgoode (partial).

POWER RESTORED TODAY Ingleside and Metcalfe

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Berwick, Heckston, Long Sault and Vernon.

While North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau expressed the desire for more information, he extended his congratulations to hydro crews.

"It's unbelievable the work they're doing," he said. "The rate they're moving at is almost inhu-

Osgoode

The new EOC will liaise with its four other counterparts in Casselman, Alexandria, Perth and Hawkesbury on ongoing relief efforts. But it will mostly communicate with the Ottawa-Carleton operations centre for the distribution of materials.

Osgoode Mayor Doug Thompson will head the unit as the regional chairperson. He will act as overall co-ordinator and set a priority list for aid distribution. He will also forward all his area's requests for assistance to the regional EOC.

Municipal politicians will also staff other positions on the 13-member board of directors that includes military and police representatives.

The EOC will hold daily meetings of all members at 2 pm to bring everyone up to speed on the ongoing efforts. It will remain in existence until the entire storm relief effort is complete

Army

storm in Ottawa. The school is still without power, but a generator is keeping part of the school with power in order to act as headquar-

The Reconnaissance Squadron is normal armored unit from Petawawa, with tanks and armored vehicles. They were deployed to help in the Winchester and Chesterville area, their "area of responsibil-

Captain Fernando Martins, sec-Chesterville and Kemptville.

There are 114 soldiers at be long-term." NDDHS, 68 set up in Winchester at

And they're here for as long as they are needed.

power as quickly as possible."

out broken poles, pick up transform- some places." ers that have fallen over, and help to take new poles out to be installed.

ing supplies," Martins said. "We also ing last year's floods in Manitoba. have trained mechanics with us, who Chesterville, Inkerman, Iroquois, are helping to fix Hydro vehicles."

He added, "We are a self-suffiand other tradespeople in our ranks. there," Martins said. We can help out in many ways. We also have our own medic and ambu-

The high school, filled with teenagers just weeks ago, now has a surreal effect to it, as army vehicles are parked around the school, uniformed soldiers occupy the halls, and the gymnasium has been converted into sleeping quarters for the soldiers. One classroom has been turned into a command post.

The school was opened up to the public as soon as food arrived.

with generators," Martins said. - we'll do whatever is needed."

His message to the public was to ond in command at NDDHS, told not be afraid to request help. "Just the Press that reserve units have been ask, and we will do what we can. We set up at several places between are prepared to stay for as long as we are needed. And I think that this will

Martins said that shelters are a Winchester Public School, 25 sol- real concern for people, because they diers at command headquarters at don't want to leave their homes. Ontario Hydro in Winchester, and "But I appeal to people to take over 200 soldiers are situated in advantage of the shelters that have Kemptville. All totalled, there are been set up. The temperatures are over 400 soldiers in Winchester, dropping, and it's becoming danger-Kemptville and Chesterville, ready ous. Please don't be afraid to ask for

He added, "There is a perception that it will take a day or two to get "Our number one priority is power back on. But there is devasta-Ontario Hydro," Martins said. "We tion out in the farming community. are here to try to help Hydro restore There are towers scrunched from the weight of the ice, and hydro wires The soldiers are able to go out and poles down all over the place. It with Hydro crews and help to clear could take weeks to restore power to

Troops have been brought into eastern Ontario and western Quebec "We're here to help with physical from across Canada. They are the labor, pulling up lines, and deliver- same soldiers who provided aid dur-

to clean up the worst-hit areas. "As cient organization. We have our own soon as Ottawa started functioning, cooks, our own kitchen, mechanics, we were able to send out help from

While in Ottawa, the soldiers worked around the clock to clean the city up. In three days, they did a huge clean-up, helping Ottawa Hydro so that they could get out to the rural areas to help clean up. "They did a great job, I'm really proud of my men," Martins said.

He explained that the clean-up is more difficult in the rural areas, as lines are strung through fields, making it more difficult to get to the damaged poles.

"We can see in the communities public to use for showers, and the that people really are happy to see kitchen was to be opened up to the us," he said. "Families have been bringing cookies and coffee to the "We're trying to help farmers soldiers as they work.

"It's been an eye-opening experi-"We're going from farm to farm with ence," he added. "Often the military generators, and we can turn on a is called away to other countries to sump pump for a while, help to milk help. It's nice to be able to help out in our own country."

Milk

Gordon Johnson, area representative for Dairy Farmers of Ontario told the Press that Parmalat Canada in Winchester is back up and running after several days without power, and is now running 24 hours a day. It is able to handle all of the milk that can be picked up from dairy farmers, and workers will do their best to process the milk, he

Patrick Timmins, an official with Parmalat in Winchester said Monday that Parmalat was running on a generator at the plant in the lagoon, and at full power at the plant in Winchester. The plant was out of power from 1 am on Thursday morning to early Sunday morning.

"There has not been a lot of milk lost from the power outage, although it's still too early to say how much," he said. "It's hard to say how long it will take to get things back to a normal schedule. But the Ontario Hydro people have been excellent."

Johnson stressed that producers The soldiers were first sent into must ensure their milk is cooled Ottawa last week, where they helped properly so that none has to be dumped. Some milk was instructed to be dumped from milk trucks by the drivers because the milk had become spoiled from not having been properly cooled, Johnson said.

"Truck drivers are being run ragged trying to pick up all of the milk," he said. "They've been doing

Johnson also indicated that staff members at DHI headquarters in Toronto worked through the weekend to find places for the milk that couldn't be processed in Winchester.

"It's amazing the number of neighbors who are helping out neighbors," Johnson said. "I want to thank everyone who has been involved in trying to help the farm-

"But farmers still need almost any size of generators. Any size will help. Then farmers can at least water their animals."

There were reports that Durham County and Uxbridge area farmers are sending several large generators to eastern Ontario. There were also unconfirmed reports that a number of generators were brought into the area from a Mennonite community. Not only dairy farmers have been

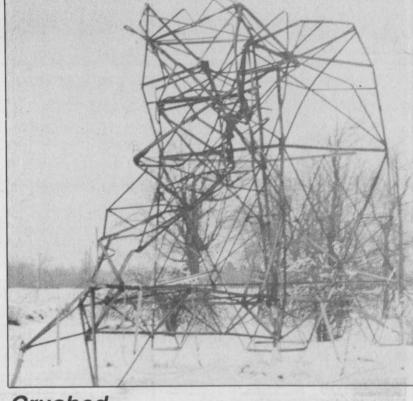
affected by the power outages, however. After two or three days without water, farm animals and farmers were becoming desperate. Animals require a lot of water, about five or six pails of water for each one.

Some farmers resorted to taking water from their sump pumps and carrying buckets to their animals. Others scooped water out of ditches or melted snow to water their live-

Farmers worried about having to destroy their animals who were suffering from lack of water.

Adding to the stress of the situation were over-taxed generators that were breaking down for those who had generators. Some farmers were not only powering their own barns, but also travelling from farm to farm with their generators to help power their neighbors' barns long enough to water and milk their herds.

Officials have indicated that it could be weeks before power is restored to much of the rural area of the region. Until then, a very serious situation remains as farmers struggle to save their livelihoods.



Crushed

Mother Nature ravaged the Seaway Valley with ice storms last week, devastating trees and hydro wires and wiping out electricity for about 50,000 Hydro customers in the Winchester service area. In some areas, specifically near Morewood, Hydro towers crumbled under the weight of the ice that built up from freezing rain.

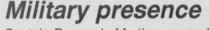
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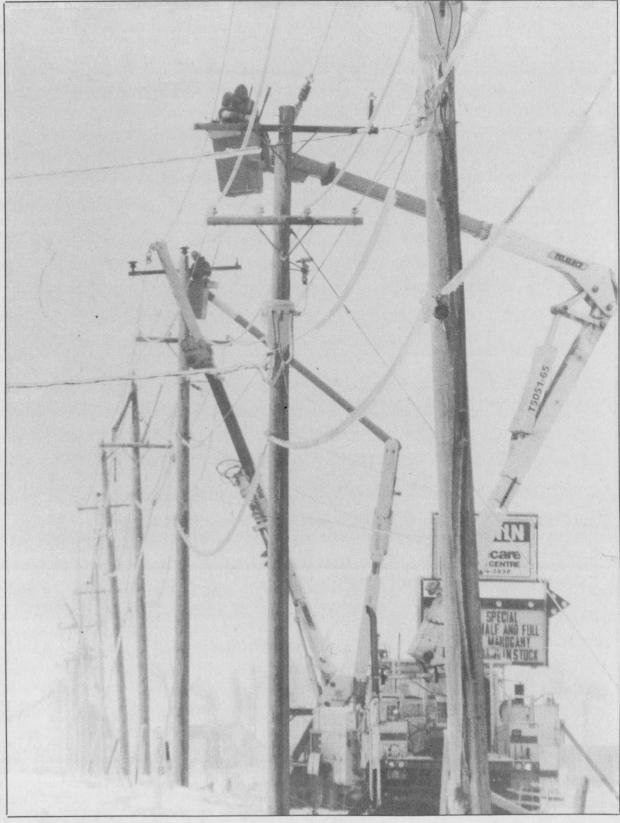


Captain Fernando Martins, second in command with the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, points to a map indicating the command area that the force is now responsible for. The armored unit moved into North Dundas District High School on Monday in response to emergency measures in eastern Ontario.









Ice Storm 1998

The village of Winchester and surrounding area was completely shut down by the Ice Storm of 1998. Winchester Press photographers shot rolls of film and captured the accompanying scenes during and after the storm. In the top photo, the Winchester water tower is barely visible through the jumbled trees on Dufferin Street. Photos left: even the pigeons had to seek shelter; Fred Street neighbours helped each other out... Jim Cumming delivered a wheel barrow load of wood to Audrey Saunders, and volunteers worked with the clean-up crews. Top photo, at right: Ontario Hydro crews worked on a transmission line just south of Winchester. Bottom photo: crews were still busy on Tuesday afternoon along Hwy 31.

Press Staff Photos









Chipping away

As dawn broke on a sunny Sunday morning (Jan. 11) crews began to clear the remnants of the storm of 1998 from Louise Street. Men and equipment from Trenton, Whitby and Belleville were involved

on this clean-up project. Trenton sent both PUC and fire department members to operate the chipper and pick up brush. Crews are continuing to remove debris from Winchester... street by street.

public on Monday evening.

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In Osgoode Township it has been reported, but not confirmed, that the ice surface in Osgoode village maybe saved but ice in the Larry Robinson Arena (Metcalfe) was in

undas arenas up and

WINCHESTER — North Dundas recreation director Matt Krisjanis reported Monday that the Winchester and District Arena survived the ice storm of 1998 and is up and run-

"We came within one degree of losing our ice. Having to replace it would have certainly been an expense we (North Dundas Township) wouldn't have needed, especially in this situation (storm)." he

Hydro power was restored to the village of Winchester late Sunday, just in the nick of time.

"It was that close," Krisjanis added. "It would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000 to replace the ice. Losing the ice would also be a costly venture in the fact that we would lose \$3,000 a day in revenue. But what can you do? We do not control acts of God.'

'If our customers are able to use it, the ice is there.'

Tuesday morning (Jan. 13) Krisjanis was able to report the Chesterville Arena was also operational and regular programming would be in place for those able to use it.

Krisjanis also said he was hoping to offer public skating, "to help the kids get rid of some of the stress."

More information can be obtained by calling the arena at 774-

Winchester Curling Club mem- drop-in centre where warm food and ber Dave Levere checked that facility's ice surface early Monday morning (Jan. 12) and was happy to say "it looks good. I think it is safe."

"It seems silly to be concerned about ice in the curling rink in a time like this but it is still a concern," he

Levere had no idea when regular tre. curling would be resuming.

Both the curling club and arena are also being used for other purpos-

Since Monday (Jan. 12) the curling club has been operational as a danger of being lost.

a comfortable rest area are available. The shower facilities in the arena dressing rooms were opened to the

Tuesday morning an unconhall at the arena would be designat-

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School closures announced

CORNWALL — School authorities have announced that all schools, public and separate, in the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and Prescott/Russell, will remain closed up to and including Fri., Jan.

The decision was made based upon safety considerations and lack of hydro in many areas. A further announcement is expected to be made on Friday concerning possible phased-in openings for the schools.

Upon return to school, students will be advised of any altered schedules and make-up times.

For more information, parents can contact Don Fairweather at SD&G Public School board at 613-933-6990; Kevin Lydon for SD&G/Prescott/Russell Separate School Board (English and French) at 613-933-1720; or Don Farrow, Prescott/Russell Public School Board at 613-632-0144.

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Community pulls together

by Lori Culliton

WINCHESTER — In the face of adversity, the stricken communities throughout eastern Ontario and western Quebec have come through quite superbly by joining forces and working together. Nowhere has that joint effort been more evident than in Winchester and area.

It is a time to pull together and the people have come through. Three hundred volunteers have been working in North Dundas to keep people warm, fed and safe. They've served over 1,000 meals, and answered between 60 and 75 calls per hour. Volunteers have been working four-hour rotating shifts to keep the emergency services going.

In Winchester village and its fringe area there were 80 homes reported flooded. Volunteers from the Winchester Fire Department have been working hard, pumping water out of houses.

The Press learned that Doug Froats has been working around the clock, doing double duty by pumping water from residents' basements, Forestwood Heights in Mountain Frontenac in the Kingston area. Township to protect them from loot-

Businesses have come through as heroes in the storm as well. Andy's Food Town in Winchester opened for business, despite a lack of electricity, in order to provide supplies and food to those who needed it.

The Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Winchester remained open after the power went out in order to fill prescriptions. And Mike Dean's in Chesterville stayed open also, providing hot food via a generator.

Across the province and the country, people have been pulling together, as well. Information from Toronto indicated that the OPP set up a collection centre at its Downsview detachment and Labatt Breweries lent drivers and trucks for transporting generators to designat-

Members of the public were being asked to take small generators to an OPP detachment in Toronto.

A Mississauga construction company loaned five generators which

and standing guard over houses in are now assisting residents of South

As well, more than 100 generators, used by the Ministry of Natural Resources in fighting forest fires, were distributed to stricken areas.

A government strategy of twinning between municipalities met with some success, as 18 municipalities made significant offers of assistance which, in turn, are helping 37 affected communities to receive much-needed items, such as generators, cots, blankets and chain-saw clean-up crews.

Energizer Canada has made a contribution of 300 flashlights and 4,000 batteries of various sizes.

The OPP have sent 125 additional officers and a further 50 OPP vehicles to work in eastern Ontario, and the government's Rideau Correctional Facility in Merrickville has offered 42 beds and hot showers to help those area citizens in need.

And a total of 3,400 troops have been deployed across the stricken region by the Department of National Defence and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

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WINCHESTER — Garbage collecsurrounding area was completed on Monday and is on schedule for the rest of the week.

"We picked up garbage yesterday (Mon., Jan. 12) here in Winchester and are on schedule. But all recy-Monday (Jan. 19). That is if we have power at the dump (Boyne Road ager Doug Froats.

If your garbage is to be picked up tion in the village of Winchester and on Thursday (Jan. 15) make sure it is out at the curb.

North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau announced Monday that crews will be picking up fallen tree limbs in villages in the township, if cling pickup is cancelled until next they are placed at curb side. Eventually members of the armed forces will assist village residents in Landfill Site)," explained site man-removing fallen trees from their



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South Dundas in the dark

accelerate recovery efforts in the situation.' Township of South Dundas.

Electricity has been restored to Iroquois, Morrisburg, the hamlet of Williamsburg and some rural areas of South Dundas. Additional service crews are continuing to work to restore power. Teams of military personnel are travelling throughout South Dundas daily to check on the well-being of rural residents.

"We've coped far better than many other communities, thanks to our own people," said Mayor John Whitteker. "I am absolutely amazed by the spirit of volunteerism that has seen us through one of eastern Ontario's worst disasters."

Civic leaders declared a state of emergency shortly after 10 am on Thurs., Jan. 8. Within two hours, an Emergency Operations Centre was established at the South Dundas Economic Development Commission Office, and a team of fire, police, health, social services, utility, public works, municipal and community representatives was assembled to direct local response

emergency preparedness activities in

MORRISBURG — Effective emer- Morrisburg allowed us to be up to gency operations and overwhelming speed in a very short time," said assistance from people, organiza- councillor Cameron Martel. "As tions, businesses and government conditions worsened I knew we helped to ease the impact of last should take advantage of Bill Shearweek's devastating ice storm and ing's efforts to prepare us for such a

> Shearing, as Morrisburg's emergency measures planner, had nothing but glowing remarks about the level of support from the communi-- those responsible for emergency response, municipal staff, volunteers, businesses and government agencies. "I could write a book about the many positive experiences which I have witnessed during this exercise," said Shearing.

The Emergency Operations Centre continues to function on a 24hour basis, and priorities for response and recovery efforts are being assessed daily. Operations Officer Mike Waddell is closely monitoring the situation throughout the township.

"I am recommending that the state of emergency stay in effect People seeking transportation assisuntil members of our community control group are satisfied the people will be able to cope with the effects of this disaster," said Wad-

responsible for hiring contractors to repair power lines on private property (including connections to homes, barns and pole replacement). Ontario Hydro will not repair power lines on private property.

As well, teams of military personnel are travelling throughout South Dundas daily to check on the well-being of area residents. "The people of South Dundas have been tolerant and patient," said Whitteker. "And we've been blessed by a tremendous amount of help — from young people to major corporations and all levels of government.

Daytime (7 am to 9 pm) drop-in centres with heat and hot refreshments are open in Dixon's Corners (Matilda Hall) and in Williamsburg (Park Drive Villa).

Long term shelter continues to be available at the Operating Engineers Training Institute, County Road 2 (Hwy. 2) east of Morrisburg. For shelter inquiries phone 543-2911. tance phone 543-4558.

SERVICES

Portable water is available at all local fire halls (Morrisburg, Iro-Additional repair crews are con-quois, Williamsburg) and at the tinuing to work to restore power to Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. "It's very clear that three years of all rural areas. Property owners Please bring containers. Spoiled should be aware that they are food dumpsters are also available.







The military arrives

The seriousness of the storm situation in the Radio Canada crews were also in the village to used as a base for armed forces personnel, eight rebuild the Winchester Area electricity system. days after the start of the storm of 1998. CBC

Winchester area started to sink in when the first report conditions and troops immediately began military units began to arrive here in the village last assisting residents with the clearing of yards and Friday morning (Jan. 9). The vehicles formed up at streets from downed trees. Army experts have also the Winchester Public School, which is still being arrived to assist Ontario Hydro crews as they

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- 2. Keep detailed records of all your costs, ask for receipts and record any pertinent telephone numbers of suppliers of goods or services you use as a result of the loss. If possible take photos of the loss.
- 3. Call your Insurance Broker and report the claim.

WINTER FREEZE IN ICEBOUND EAST

We have a state of emergency declared for most of Eastern Ontario, as a result of the prolonged ice storm in the area. This bulletin offers suggestions to assist your insureds in taking preventative action to avoid or minimize potential damage, as a result of the week's excessive freezing rainfall.

HYDRO: Leave downed wires alone and don't try to clear branches or trees that are touching wires. Contact your hydro supplier or a licensed electrician.

PLUMBING: If power is off and looks like it will be off for some time, shut off water at main valve, usually found in the basement near the water meter. Open taps to drain the pipes. Leave taps open. Flush toilets to empty them.

Drain all appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines. Insulate main valve, inlet pipe and water meter with blankets or towels.

FOOD: Food in freezers will keep for 24 to 48 hours without power. Store perishables outside in suitable containers if outdoor temperature is below 5 degrees.

Insulate freezers with sleeping bags or blankets to retain cold.

Store drinking water in suitable containers.

Most regions have urged grocery stores and merchants selling emergency supplies to stay open. Stock up on your way home.

GARAGE DOORS: If the power fails, pull the emergency release cord that hangs from most door openers, then raise the door by hand. Check first for ice buildup that may make door too heavy to lift or to stay up.

AQUARIUMS: If power goes off, don't feed your fish. They'll be less active in

cooler water and filters will not be operating. Insulate tanks with thick blankets to retain heat for tropical fish.

When power returns, check that impellers are working. **DRIVING:** Keep gas tank full in case service stations lose power.

Respect police barricades - don't remove or drive or walk around them. Unless you really must go out, stay at home in safety and let the maintenance people do their job.

If you absolutely must be on the road, slow down and back off.

TREES: Don't try to knock ice off branches, leave trees and bushes alone. Remove loose and broken branches if it can be done safely.

HOME: In case of power failure, houses will retain heat for several hours.

Fireplaces can provide heat. Check chimneys for creosote buildup or debris. Shut doors to keep heat in a confined area. Fireplaces can also be used for limited cooking.

Fondue pots can be used indoors to heat water and food.

Use barbecues or camp stoves for cooking outdoors only. Make sure gasoline-burning devices such as generators are run outside.

Use only flashlights. Candles can be a fire hazard. If you do need to use candles in your home, place them in non-combustible containers and away from drapes and carpets.

Make sure smoke detectors are operating. If you are without electrical power in your home, you could install a second battery-operated smoke detector.

Install a battery operated carbon monoxide detector in your home, to monitor any possible carbon monoxide.

If you use your fireplace, do not leave any open flame unattended.

Switch off lights or appliances to prevent power surge when electricity comes back on.

Check around the basement walls and slope snowpack away from house for drainage and to prevent flooding.

Raise valuable furniture or possessions off basement floor in case of flooding.

Additional information concerning power outages, road conditions and emergency services will be provided through public information (radio, television and newspapers)

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EDITORIAL

You do what you have to do

It's always the same.

No matter how far we've come as a civilization, when disaster hits, so do the bad guys.

The past week hasn't been easy for anyone in eastern Ontario or western Quebec. Each and every person has their own story of hardship and coping since the ice storm swept through the region last week. Especially the farmers.

Luckily, for every bad news story you hear, there are at least 10 good news, heartening stories of humanitarianism, of people pulling together, working together — surviving together.

Yet, tales of animalistic, survival-of-the-fittest, "Lord of the Flies" types of behavior still infiltrate any information that is received. Tales of stolen generators; stories about the lucky ones with generators who have to guard their precious power supplies night and day, to protect them from being

Stories of house break-ins while the residents have sought shelter for warmth.

Most have heard about certain gas stations hiking their prices for the oh-so-precious gasoline that had to be rationed for several days.

Not to mention store owners who raised their prices to astronomical proportions for emergency supplies, from tendollar candles to generators sold for twice their worth.

And to top things off, to add insult to injury, two columnists from Ottawa's best-known newspapers have told people to "get on with their lives" and that this is an "inconvenience" at most.

These people — from thieves to crooks to holier-thanthou columnists — deserve to be boycotted when all of this is over. Shame on all of them. They may have the upper hand for the moment, but at the end of the day, people will

The tragedy that we are seeing in the rural areas is beyond words. But it's not beyond help. Everyone is thankful for the army's presence, not to mention their help.

The goodwill stories of supplies and generators being sent from other areas of Canada and the U.S. are extremely welcome at such a grim time. Even the strongest of human beings needs to be reassured that there are good things happening during a disaster such as this.

For anyone in the city who thinks that the worst is over, a drive through the countryside to visit the rural areas surrounding Winchester, Chesterville, Morewood, Crysler, Metcalfe and Kemptville would straighten them out. That's just one small section of the widespread area of devastation that resulted from the wrath of Mother Nature.

And for anyone who wants to help, there is a need for donations of both blood and money at the Red Cross.

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Editorial/Opinion

This week in...

1948

The inaugural meeting of Winchester Municipal Council was held in the council chambers with all members present: reeve John Fader, councillors E.A. Morgan, Sam Ault, Lloyd Dixon and Earl Freeland; the clerk-treasurer, E.M. Shaver, and the town foreman, Gilbert Raistrick.

In a wide-open game of hockey played at the local arena Winchester dropped a close decision to Williamsburg by a score of 3-2. This was the first local game of the Central Ottawa Valley League and was witnessed by a good crowd of hockey fans. Winchester goals were made by Harry Keyes and Russell Carkner.

1958

Early morning tragedy struck Winchester when Mrs. Gilbert Harten died in a \$10,000 fire which demolished her Alexander Street home. The home had been purchased two weeks before by the Hartens, who had just moved to the village from Marvelville. Mrs. Harten's death was believed to have been the first fire fatality ever recorded in Winchester.

Winchester's governing body composed of reeve John M. Fader, councillors Garner H. Reynolds, Walter C. MacDonald, Allan McIntosh and Howard E. Biccum, were sworn into office at the council's inaugural meeting. Administering the oath to the 1958 council board was clerk C.R. Robinson.

Persons who happened to be watching the heavens this week in 1958 may have seen an unusual light, which was reported to the Press by Frank Morgan, Morgan, driving to the home of Dalton Coons west of Winchester Springs, first noticed the strange and bright-looking light as he headed south on Hwy 31. He said the light was in a southwesterly direction from Winchester and looked to be about four times the size of an ordinary star. Morgan thought it might have been Sputnik I disintegrating as it neared the earth. However, the light remained in one spot for several minutes, then with a sudden spurt it sped across the skies further to the south, changing shape and color. A few seconds later, it flared up and then died out, an orange color at the last.

1968

Reeve George Elliott paid tribute to past accomplishments and called on his colleagues and citizens alike to meet the challenges of the future at the first 1968 session of Winchester council. In a timely, well-executed speech, the reeve's prime points included a complete sewer system for the village, the start on a new community centre, annexation of property to help future growth of the village and the calling of a vote on the various liquor questions as well as Sunday movies.

1978

SD&G schools were closed and few cars ventured onto windswept roads as rains turned into squall conditions. After 37 millimetres of rain in less than 19 hours froze, turning roads into ribbons of ice covered by blowing snow, all rural bus service in the United Counties was cancelled. So far that winter, there had been three school days lost because of inclement

Health authorities in Cornwall expected to know soon what strain of influenza had raised the student absenteeism rate in the city and five area counties by 10 per cent in two weeks. Although an influenza strain known as the Texas Flu had caused the deaths of at least eight southern Ontario residents and was reported headed toward eastern Ontario, the outbreak here could not be linked with the killer disease.

Williamsburg reeve Johnny Whitteker made what was expected to be his final inaugural address after nearly a quarter century of service to the people of Williamsburg township. Whitteker, who had announced the previous week that he may retire from politics after this term, outlined some of his priorities for 1978 at council's first meeting of the year.

Winchester Hawks came up with a 9-3 win over Brockville Tikis and a 4-4 tie with Cardinal Broncos but still trailed first-place Morrisburg Lions by a single point. Five hundred fans watched (and threw debris) as the Hawks used Bill Mullin's three-goal performance and solid goal-tending by Bruce Jones to trounce the visiting Tikis 9-

1988

Winchester planned to try turning back the hands of time to celebrate the evening Winchester turned 100 years old. Although many of the year's centennial festivities were slated for the summer, Winchester's actually birthday was Jan. 16, the day the village was incorporated as West Winchester. The town expected to recall the event with a levee featuring Winchester's village council recreating history as they reenacted some of the highlights of Winchester's first council meetings. As a settled area, Winchester actually traces its roots back to 1835 when Benjamin Bates, an Irish immigrant, arrived. He cleared a lot and built a log cabin in the spot where the Baptist Church now stands.

Winchester Hawks head coach Bill Murphy had just four skaters left on the bench as his injury-riddled Hawks lost a 5-2 (last goal in the empty net) decision to the Rideau Division's Gananoque Platers. Five players were missing due to injury and several were playing hurt as the Hawks challenged the Rideau Division's red-hot, first place Prescott Falcons. When it was over Winchester had come up with another good effort, but no points in a heartbreaking 2-1



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Winchester Was Hit Hard By Recent Storms

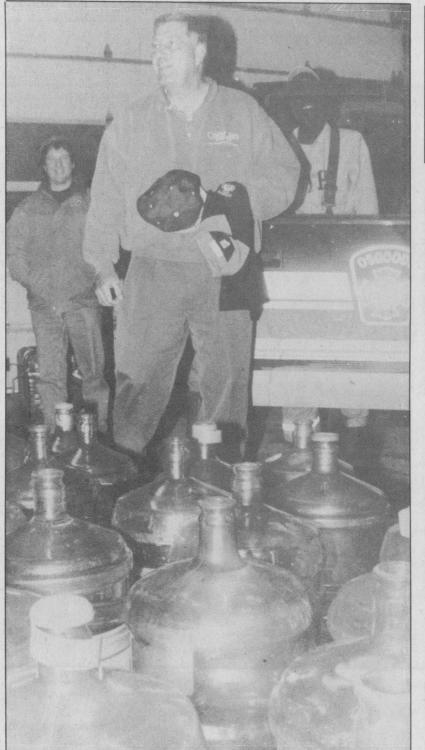
Winchester was without Hydro Power for eight days as a result of the devastating ice, sleet and snow storm, which swept over this district last week. Power was restored to part of the town on Thursday night and will be turned on in other parts as soon as repairs can be effected. Following the storm, all long distance telephone lines were out of order, as was the telegraph service. Telephone service is being gradually restored and it is now possible to reach Ottawa, Chesterville, Finch and a few other points by long distance telephone. Since the storm, Winchester and district has been besieged by Hydro and Telephone crews, and in spite of the cold, disagreeable weather, the men of both companies worked long hours to have the local services restored. There was real cause for rejoicing when the electric lights were turned on after a week's blackout.

Osgoode Twp. still uprooted



Clean-up efforts

in his yard after the storm.



Damage control

Ontario Premier Mike Harris arrived at the Metcalfe fire hall Jan. 11 to Vernon resident Dan Piovesan saws one of numerous trees that fell surmise the damage in the township. He pledged financial support Press Photos-Brownlee once all the receipts are tallied.



Setting up camp

Canadian military troops arrive and set up camp in mobilization of troops for storm relief is the largest Metcalfe Jan. 10 at the community centre. The in Canadian history.



Fill'er up

Osgoode residents fill up their jugs at the commulished at the Metcalfe, Osgoode, Greely and Vernity centre Jan. 15. Shelters have been estab- non community centres.

Volunteers lighten load

by Derek Puddicombe

MANOTICK — Over the last week rural residents coming together and helping each other has been one of the greatest stories that has come out of the Osgoode and Rideau town-

Since the first hours when the country's biggest ice storm knocked out power to thousands of residents leaving them in the cold, evacuating their homes and devastating trees, residents have risen to the challenge.

In Osgoode Township, when emergency measures were put into effect last week, community centres in Osgoode, Greely, Metcalfe and Vernon were operating as shelters. By last Monday, volunteers at the Osgoode Community Centres served more than 1,000 meals. Residents stayed over night at the centre, where a generator was working to keep heat available.

'At Greely Community Centre, well over 750 hot meals had been

One of those helping was Al Page. Page, who lost power to his Greely home on Jan. 7, tried to stay at his home as long as he could, but decided to head to Richmond after an invitation from friends. Before he left his home he was up sometimes three times a night, after working 16-hour days helping his neighbors in the village, making sure his wood stove kept the heat at a comfortable temperature.

Page has been pulling double duty at the centre helping to serve up meals, including some Greely Goulash, an area favorite, at the community centre.

He is also a retired Bell Canada manager who recently began driving a school bus. With that school bus sitting in his driveway, he decided to put it to good use transporting people to the temporary evacuation cen-

But last Monday, Page and his wife took a brief rest and had their first showers in five days.

"It's been the highlight for me personally, and being able to shave with hot water," Page said. Another highlight for him has

been the smiles on people's faces despite what they are dealing with. He's also been surprised by the

number of people from the urban areas in the region that have dropped by the centre to offer help and to bring food. The stories are many, Page said. Two women from Barrhaven who

were travelling in the area last weekend to look at some of the damage went home and returned to the kitchen at the community centre with a large pot of Irish stew.

A man drove up to the centre on Sunday evening with a grocery cart filled with food in the back of his pick up truck.

To Page, it speaks volumes about how people come together and help out when a catastrophe strikes.

RIDE results encouraging

LONG SAULT — The results of the Ontario Provincial Police's Upper Canada detachment RIDE program are encouraging.

During the annual drive, 2,198 vehicles where stopped and only eight impaired charges were laid. Police also issued 10, 12-hour licence suspensions.

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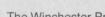
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A TIME TO PRAY

Everyone is invited to attend this

interdenominational prayer time every Tuesday from 12:45-1:15 pm at the Winchester United Church Hall.





Fourth call

The Mountain Township Fire Department answered a call on Clark Road, west of Mountain village Monday afternoon. It is believed a portable generator ignited the vinyl siding on the bungalow owned by Phil Lyall. The garage and a car were destroyed and the west end of the home damaged. It was the fourth call since the start of the Ice Storm of 1998 for the Mountain department.

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Food poisoning possible threat

CORNWALL — With no electricity to keep freezers and refrigerators cold, yet another concern has leaped to the forefront — the safety of perishable food, and the opportunity for food poisoning.

For residents who are concerned about the safety of the food in their refrigerator or freezer during the recent power outages, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit offers some guidelines.

FREEZER

A full upright or chest freezer will safely keep food frozen for about two days without power. A half-full freezer will keep food frozen for one day only. For longer periods of time without power, food should be transferred to a friend's fully-operational freezer.

If the freezer is without electricity, do not open the doors. The frozen goods will be frozen and remain frozen for longer periods of time.

Remember: if in doubt, throw it

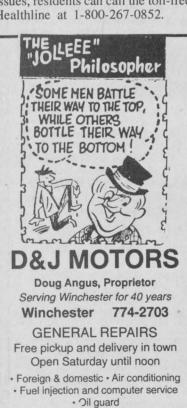
out. REFRIGERATOR

Without power, the refrigerator section will keep food cool for four to six hours, depending on the room's temperature. Food still containing ice crystals or that feels refrigerator-cold can be refrozen. Thawed food that has risen to room temperature and remained there for two or more hours should be discarded. Any food with a strange color or odor should be thrown out immediately.

Perishable and hazardous foods (ie. dairy, meat, egg products) that are more than five hours at temperatures about refrigeration level should be discarded. Advice from health officials is that if you do not know how long there has been no refrigeration (electricity), throw it out.

If electrical power failed and you do not know for how long, or how long it will be out, then goods should be placed in baskets or containers and covered well and placed outside in the garage, shed or in any location protected from dogs, cats and other animals, as well as from water run-off from melting ice and

For information about health issues, residents can call the toll-free Healthline at 1-800-267-0852.



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Valuable cargo

Farmers from the Uxbridge area loaned four PTOoperated generators to area farmers earlier this week. The generators were delivered to Hugh Fawcett Auctions in Winchester on Monday

afternoon. Pictured, Ryan (left) and Hugh Fawcett with Floyd and Grace Evans who transported the generators.

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Precious commodity

Area farms are still in desperate need of generators to milk cows, operate fans in barns and pump water for livestock. Livestock on some farms went without water for several days and existing

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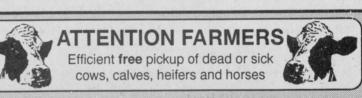
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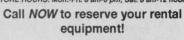
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Morgan tribute

Several of the roasters and toasters gathered following the Frank Les McDonald, Bob Lyon, Bob Porteous, Adam Meek, Frank

Morgan Harvest Roast and Toast in October 1995. From the left: Morgan, Stirl Dawley, Joel Steele, Hugh Stewart, Stephen Ault.

'Frankly' Morgan: a friend remembered

By Al Van Bridger

WINCHESTER — Frank Clarence Morgan officially retired as the Village of Winchester's recreation director on June 26, 1995. He was only able to enjoy two short years of a retirement he had looked forward to.

Morgan died quietly at his home on Louise Street on Jan. 3. He was 66.

From 1975 until his retirement, Morgan visited the Winchester Press office once a week to deliver his column... "Frankly Speaking." Usually on Monday morning, on occasions when the schedule for a winter carnival or Dairyfest still needed some late refining, it would be closer to our Tuesday noon deadline when he would hustle in at the last minute.

There was also the occasional late call to the sports desk to ask me to get the latest score and scoop on the Jr. "B" Hawks and slip it into his column, "Frankly Speaking."

His weekly visits usually sparked a conversation about the Montreal Expos, the Hawks, or he would rib me about the Montreal Canadiens. Sports was usually the main topic... after all he had background hockey and had "played ball for Cy (Helmer)" as a member of the Winchester Royals softball team.

There were days that Winchester council business came under heavy discussion and other days 'Frankly' and the news staff pretty well solved most of the country's problems, not to mention those of the world.

As the village's recreation director Morgan would also work closely with our advertis-

ing department setting up ads for all of the department's programs. We here at The Press we were well acquainted with "Frankly" and could expect to hear about the latest visit to see son Paul, Ursula and ganddaughters Samantha and Rebec-

ca Morgan in Vancouver. The west-coast excursions were booked and travel arrangements made by his daughter Jill, he was quick to point out.

Morgan, in retirement said he was looking forward to turning his attentions to his shrubbery, lawn and garden... which were his pride and joy and were always in immaculate condition.

Always involved in community events as recreation director, Morgan's background in sales and entertainment, as a member of the country band Rhythm Ramblers, served him well as he was called upon to act as Master of Ceremonies at numerous village events. He actually came out of retirement to emcee last

Dairyfest opening. Dairyfest was a pet project which Morgan helped to develope and poured hundreds of hours into. Whether it was Dairyfest, the trade fair, winter carnival, a minor sports or a figure skating show, "Frankly" was involved.

Following his retirement in June of 1995 the community honored Morgan with a roast. Over 300 gathered in the arena hall for presentations, jokes, stories and toasts. One of the Community Park's ball diamonds (No. Two) was renamed Morgan Field in his honor.

A true Winchester character Frank C. Morgan will be missed.

Elaine, Paul, Jill and families, our thoughts are with you.

FRANKLY



(Reprinted from the Winchester Press, Wed., July 12, 1995)

THE LAST FAREWELL

After over 20 years of writing this column, the time has come to call it a day and hand the typewriter over. Back in 1975 the Workman brothers, who owned and operated the Winchester Press, allowed a young green writer to attempt to pass along an account of what was going on around the town and up at the arena by means of a weekly column in their paper. "Leisure Lines" had its beginning. When the Morris brothers took over the paper the column was changed to "Frankly Speaking" and has remained as such for over 1,000 issues. We hope that the column has lived up to expectations of keeping the public informed on recreational matters and I thank the publishers for the opportunity. When one reflects on 20 years there are many memories. We have made it through tornados, when the big trees around the park were toppled along with one of the light towers, when a storm hit in mid-June just a few short weeks before our centennial celebrations in 1988. We have seen the arena flooded with water running into the dressing rooms during a scheduled minor hockey tournament. We came in one morning to find a waterfall running down the stairs from a broken pipe in the upstairs hall, but we had it repaired and the water cleaned up for a meeting scheduled for 11 am in the upstairs hall. We have felt the hurt when a young figure skater tumbled in front of a filled house during an ice show but felt the pride when she regained her composure and continued with a flawless performance. We have witnessed many celebrations when championships were won but also witnessed tears as young athletes buried their heads following the defeats. We have shared in hundreds of weddings, anniversaries and community celebrations and have watched from the sideline as many young couples, who grew up at the arena, returned with their children to take part in the lessons and games. We have tasted our share of the bitterness of criticism but have also relished the sweet taste of sharing the many successes that were accomplished when the community passed its goals and raised thousands of dollars. Many projects were accomplished for the betterment of all of us who share community pride. We have felt sadness when tragedy struck and seen many passings of citizens who played major parts as builders and loyal fans at the arena. We also have spent many happy hours in front of the mike when the building was filled to honor the accomplishments of prominent guests of honor. We have shivered from the balcony and described miles of floats that passed by as we welcomed Santa, or turned out for community celebrations, such as our centennial. To be allowed to play a small part in so many public functions has been a valued opportunity as it has brought us in close contact with thousands of people who have been willing to give of their valuable time for the betterment of our youth and our community. It is you, the people, who have rewarded me with an oportunity that only a few are allowed the privilege to share and for this I extend a sincere thank-you. You will always be a major part of my many great memories. To those who pick up the reins and develop the future, may you never forget the importance of the value of your community centre, which plays such a major role in the future of your town and community. This is where the development of your youth begins and the important lessons of being a team member are taught. This is the gathering place where good times and success can be celebrated and it is the pride that is established that brings a community together. As you go on to bigger and better things never forget that your community centre is the true heart of your community, so care for it well and uphold the pride and love that has been a part of the success of our last 20 years. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart. See you around!

r. B schedule melts

Junior "B" Hawks have ice to skate on. They need some opposition.

Junior "B" Hockey torn apart by the Ice Storm of '98, games slated for last weekend (Jan. 8 -11) were cancelled as were Winchester's dates with the Westport Rideaus and South Grenville Rideau.

Bill Hogaboam reported Tuesday (Jan. 13) morning that he had not heard from any league officials but assumed that Friday (Jan. 16) night's game here at the Winchester and District Arena against the Metcalfe Jets (8:15 pm) would be played.

hoping to play Metcalfe on Friday

night. But I haven't heard from the league," Hogaboam offered.

The Hawks were originally slated With the entire Eastern Ontario to play the Ottawa West Golden Knights tomorrow night (Jan. 15) in

Winchester 's next match is to take place on Thursday (Jan. 22) when they travel to Ottawa to take on the South Ottawa Canadians. The Hawks Hockey Club president Hawks next home game is set for Winchester on Fri., Jan. 23 when the Kemptville 73s come to town.

The news as of Tuesday (Jan. 13) was not good as far as the other St. Lawrence Division franchises. Unconfirmed reports (the phones were still out in many areas) indicat-"We are having a practice tomor- ed ice surfaces had been lost in row night (Thurs., Jan. 15) and are Alexandria, Char-Lan, Morrisburg and Kemptville.

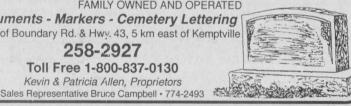
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OBITUARIES

Gracia Mary Avery

Gracia "Grace" Mary Avery died on Mon., Jan. 5 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 87.

Mrs. Avery was born on June 22, 1910 in Colbalt, Ontario to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. She was also predeceased by her husband, Wesley Thomas Avery.

Dear mother of Penny (Normand) Sylvestre of Gatineau, Susan (David) Sproule of Ottawa and Kitty (George) Eamon of Morrisburg. Loved grandmother of Carole and Christian Sylvestre, Jennifer and Jeffrey Eamon. Dear great-grandmother of Nathalie Sylvestre.

She is also survived by her sisterin-law Margaret Smith of Chelms-

She was predeceased by one grandchild, Isabelle Sylvestre.

Mrs. Avery was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg.

Visitation was held at Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Jan. and 8. Funeral services were held at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg on Thurs., Jan. 8.

Father Tim Shea officiated. Interment was at St. Mary's

Roman Catholic Cemetery in Mor-

Pallbearers were Normand Sylvestre, David Sproule, George Eamon, Christian Sylvestre, Donald Smith and Ronald Smith.

Joanne Van't Foort

Joanne Van't Foort of Grantley Road, Chesterville died suddenly at home on Wed., Jan. 7. She was 39.

Beloved wife of Tim, Mrs. Van't Foort was born in New Westminster, B.C. on Dec. 31, 1958 to Cornelius and Petronella Dykstra.

She was the cherished mother of Jodi, Nicole and Justin and dear sister of Bill (Tsering) Dykstra of New Westminster, B.C., Mary (Al) Van-

Mrs. Van't Foort was a member of Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg.

Funeral services were held at Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg on Mon., Jan. 12. Pastor George Rowaan officiated. Interment was at Grantley Ceme-

Pallbearers were Bill and Nick muyen of Langley, B.C., and Nick Dykstra, Hans Schuler, Henry Staal, (Mary-Ann) Dykstra of Abbotsford, Al Vanmuyen and Harry Van't Foort.

Herman Gideon Strader

Herman Gideon Strader of Dundas nieces and nephews. Manor, Winchester died on Sat., Jan. 10. He was 88.

Formerly of Chesterville and Cornwall, Mr. Strader was the beloved husband of Lillian Whittaker for 63 years.

He was born in Winchester on June 12, 1910 to the late Donald Strader and Jessie Barkley.

Dear brother of Hazel Larmer and Cecil (Nelda) Strader and the late Annie Coons and Harry Strader, Mr. Strader was the loving uncle of many nieces, nephews, and great-

A mechanic by trade, Mr. Strader was also an avid photographer, trav-

eller and camper. He was a member of the United Church. Funeral services were held at Byers Funeral Home Chapel in

South Mountain on Jan. 12. Reverend Marion Milnes officiated. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Whit-

teker, Dale Whitteker and Jack Barkley, and nephews Beverly, Brian and Gary Strader.

Viola Thompson

away peacefully with her family at her side on Tues., Jan. 6 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was the beloved wife of Vincent Thompson, dearest mother of Raymond (Anne), Vi (Marty) Rowan, Eric (Ann), Robert (Betty), Roy (Susan), Harry (Janet), and Shirley (Jean-Pierre) Sirois, and was

Viola Thompson (nee Barbe) passed cherished by her 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Thompson was predeceased

> by her son, Terry. Cremation entrusted to the St.

Jerome Crematorium. For those wishing memorial, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society would be greatly appreciat-

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Tuesday, January 20 - Amateur Talent Night Wednesday, January 21

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In Memoriam

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- Ian, Leona, David, Heather, Danny and

SMITH - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Edward, who passed away January 14, 1994. There's a special kind of feeling That is meant for you alone, A place within our hearts That only you can own. There will always be a sadness And many a silent tear. But always precious memories Of the days when you were here.

missed, Dora and family.

MERKLEY — In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Leila, who passed away January 15, 1989. Loving and kind in all her ways, Upright and just to the end of her days; Sincere and true in her heart and mind, Beautiful memories she left behind. Lovingly remembered, Lloyd and fam-

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ing scheduled for Jan. 15, is cancelled due WINCHESTER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Lions's Hall, 7:30

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Sinclair: Home to medically extreme, hope to parents

By Chris Bridgen

Pastor Archie Robertson once stood by his window watching his congregation join arms in prayer around his family home, in hopes of keeping his son Michael alive as he teetered on the verge of death.

The moment touched him deeply, but more than prayers were needed for Michael and his family.

His son lives, still medically delicate and in need of constant care, at the Sinclair Children's Residence, a group home located in the Greely area and operating in conjunction with the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-

For many parents, the modest two storey home in Osgoode is the answer to their prayers.

Sinclair provides long-term, around the clock care, loving attention and the respite exhausted parents need for the most medically extreme children. Eight can be accommodated, and beds don't open very often.

It's a one-of-a-kind place in Ottawa-Carleton, parents with children there say.

All but one child, Archie's son Michael, are confined to wheelchairs. All were born with extreme Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy, or other conditions that makes caring for the child a 24-hour a day job.

"A year after Gillian first offered to take care of Michael, so we could go on holidays -which was a huge offer given his life and death situations," the family finally came to the end of the line, said Archie, pastor of Trinity Bible Church in Osgoode.

"Either my wife goes in to the hospital, or my son does.'

Every night Michael would hammer on his bed, keeping the family awake. The fluid that builds up in his lungs has to be constantly pounded out, to prevent him from drowning. Turn your eyes from him for a second and the exuberant youngster could be climbing down the stairs, or into an oven.

Archie loves his son, but his family needed to regain itself, to learn about each other again. Sinclair allows him to cherish and care for both Michael and his family in a way that was becoming impossible when all lived under one roof.

"I have two other children. I have to raise them. At 9 and 11, they were helping clean Michael up.

"Even the CAS will tell you, no other home will care for them as much. I've come over at 11 a.m., or at two in the morning, and there's someone here, there's been someone caring for him."

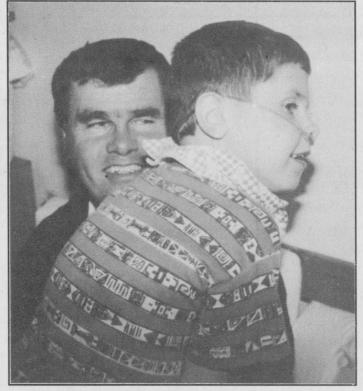
The Gillian who offered a holiday respite and who's saved the bodies and sanity of so many parents of children with extreme medical conditions is Gillian Girvan.

She opened her home in the mid-1980s to foster children that CAS found difficult to place; those with medical conditions that called for skill with a tracheotomy tube, a gentle hand for rubbing delicate backs and a fierce personality to make sure these chil-

dren participate as fully in life as possible. The parents of the children at Sinclair make the plans of care for their kids, not the CAS. Girvan is an advocate of both topquality care and keeping parents involved.

"It's very tough on a parent to give up their children. It's not their fault, and we offer the specialized care which allows parents to get on with their lives," she says.

The friendly black Labrador Retriever belongs to Girvan and the kids. Cats and rabbits have made their home there as well. Pets, other toys, bean bag chairs and color-



Archie Robertson hugs son Michael.

ful toothbrushes are all things healthier children have in their homes, and Girvan can't see why it should be any different at Sin-

"Many of these kids came from hospitals. They don't see pets there. This house has got to be nice, the kids deserve nice. They are children, and they should live in a commu-

A nearby park is accessible through the fence gate. Each child has a personalized closet with his or her clothes neatly hung on colorful hangers. The smaller beds are decorated with colorful construction paper cutouts. One bed, festooned with stuffed animals, has fire-engine red side panels and

A bedroom, and a bed like any other. Except it's on wheels, so it can be moved quickly in an emergency. Its occupant couldn't run in the event of a fire, or even signal alarm. The bedside table mingles toys, tissue boxes and surgical gloves. Oxygen tanks are stored in a nearby closet.

Many of the Sinclair children have been there since infancy. From cribs to cots to hospital beds. They continue to grow older.

Tracey Wiseman's daughter Jessie is a 1-1/2 year veteran of Sinclair, the second-last one to find a rare place in what is a parent's

"This is the best place you'll find in the region. We are very fortunate. The staff are more than staff, they're family," she says.

As her daughter aged, Tracey's difficulties in caring for her increased. Jessie lived with her mother for 11 years.

The constant fight for supplies, with government officials, the quiet of another meal alone and another night listening to the hushed sounds of her daughter's troubled

her. Sinclair's best, with its team of dedicated staff and volunteers, its equipment, its lightdrenched living room with the colorful jungle mural, were all Tracey could want for Jessie. More than she could do

Three years ago she walked through the building on a tour, loved what she saw, but wasn't ready to place Jessie there. It took her time, and her parent's time, to overcome the stigma of a group home.

Group home is a term Gillian abhors. Home is what it is. Her own home. She owns it, operates Sinclair from it and lives nearby with her own family, just down the road.

"This isn't the normal definition of a group home, where the family

is isolated from the child. I just say to people who ask where Jessie is, 'She's at Gill's.' It's a beautiful place that treat these children as human, not as damaged goods," says

Archie feels that way as well. He's called up at all hours of the day and night to talk with staff about how Michael's day was. He pops by to play with him, grabs a cup of coffee and sits with other parents to chat about school. Sinclair children attend, for those that can, the special education program at St. Luke's in Longfields or Ottawa's Clifford Bowey school.

"The principal of Clifford Bowey attended a Sinclair event one Saturday," said a pleased Archie. "It's a fine institution."

Gillian fosters the family atmosphere. Thinks it's great for the children and the parents. This summer, staff, parents and the kids rode the Wakefield train and held pool parties in the backyard inground pool.

She credits her hard-working and dedicated staff for the family atmosphere, most

and wants the best for of whom can still be found feeding, playing with or straightening up the rooms of the children even after their shift ends.

Each staff member has primary care for one child. In addition to medical duties, the main caregiver makes a birthday cake for their charge, decorating it and making cupcakes for the integrated class at the child's school. Many of the staff are graduates of the medical aid program at Algonquin Col-

"There's not a child here not well loved by staff. They will fight to the end for them. These children are not second rate.'

Aside from his battles for the kids, Mike Herbert fights flames as a volunteer with the Osgoode Township fire department. His real job, however is as assistant director of Sin-

It's been two years since the life-long Osgoode resident walked through the front door of the two-storey brick home. Herbert went from ignorance about the home's location to working overnight shifts and purchasing all its medical supplies once Gillian hired him.

"For the life of me, I couldn't figure out where the group home was in Greely," he

Heather Merkley, a Grade 12 student at Osgoode Township High School, began caring for Gillian's adopted daughter while still a child herself at Greely Public School. She eventually began volunteering her time at Sinclair, and now works the 4-6 p.m. shift after school five days a week. She's dedicated to smiling, as well, which she does constantly when talking about the kids.

"Most people my age are usually working at McDonalds, but I get to work with kids that are special to me.

In all, there are seven full-time, three part-time weekday and two weekend students working in the home. Others come in and out during summer or peak periods of activity. Heather's brother, a student at Queen's, got involved with Sinclair through his younger sister, and now spends his summer months helping the children swim or play in the spacious backyard.

The sense of family extends both ways, it's an ebb and flow from parent to employee, until the line almost blurs. Herbert and Merkley are most serious when talking about the level of care the kids receive.

"It's a case of total care with these children, from bathing to feeding," explains

'Some people will say to you that the kids can't know who you are. But if you can make them laugh or smile, then they know us. And it's nice to know that you can make such a difference in a small, fragile life."

Heather's helping hand often ties hair braids. Herbert organized an outing Dec. 6, giving some of the Sinclair children a chance to ride an Osgoode fire truck in the Santa Claus parade. Merkley jokes that the seasonal decorations — ghostly Halloween spooks now giving way to ruddy jolly elves are more plentiful at work than at home. Staff and parents become friends, are casual towards each other because they know why each is here: to help the kids.

Herbert, who's among the busiest with his driving children to medical appointments, setting up school visits and management duties, never tires of chatting with parents about their offspring. The care is so careful, parents trust the workers in their green tee-shirts as they would siblings.

"The biggest thing about parents coming is that we put more coffee on," he laughs.

Gillian fiercely defends parents who bring their children here against the criticism that they're uncaring; ready to abandon such difficult children. To Gillian, the parents are heroes, laboring under immense strain for the sake of love.

She points to Tracey's case.

"How do you lift a person bigger than you? A girl who's grown bigger than her mom? It can't be done. What else could she

Both Tracey and Archie take turns praising Gillian as soon as she's out of earshot such praise in her hearing brings a slight

frown and a quick change of subject. "I love it here, it's good enough for Jessie, like home," Tracey says with passion.

"They asked me how much hair should be cut when Jessie had it done," she adds, brushing her daughter's long hair with long, slow strokes.

Robertson says the difference between Sinclair under Gillian's hand is like night and day — or pain and relief — compared to respite care or life in the hospital.

'She reassures you that you're not losing your child, that you are still in control of all the important decisions. You don't experience that feeling of family at a hospital," he

He knows about hospitals. Michael's medical battles aren't over, won't likely ever end. He's had 21 operations in his young life, and many close calls.

Archie remembers one night, driving his son to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, when Michael went unconscious at the lights at the four corners in Manotick. Archie drove while shaking his son, all the way to emergency, praying to God to keep him alive until they arrived.

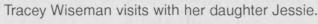
It's a life of uncertainty to parent such a sick child. But such a life has strengthened the pastor's belief in God. Archie and his family thank God every day for what they have, not what they've lost.

'I've become more sensitive to my congregation, to others in similar situations. I know their fear of what might happen. The randomness of it all."

Michael runs up to his father's knees, and waits for dad to pick him up. They both laugh as Archie spins Michael over on his stomach, then holds him tight.

"I ask myself questions like that as well. I wonder, 'does my son know who we are?"

breathing became too much. "She has a lot of needs. It's a hard thing to realize when your daughter is as large as you and you can't lift her out of her chair without back pain. "I wanted to be a mother, not a nurse, not an advocate on the phone all the time." Now, at 30, Tracey is back at school, taking university courses. She is figuring out what her favorite color is. The old solo battles frazzled her. Now, she has advocates and friends at Sinclair. She loves her daughter,



Rash of calls keeps Manotick detachment hopping resident advised police that there State of Emergency, officers from by Nancy Onlock was an attempted break and enter at

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her residence. Nothing was stolen.

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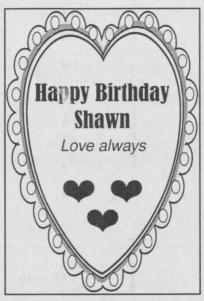
farm generator, firewood and two minor thefts. On Jan. 10 police investigated an assault which occurred in Metcalfe Village. An Osgoode Township man

an assault charge. In an effort to address the current suspicious to 1-888-310-1122.

will appear in court on Feb. 5 to face

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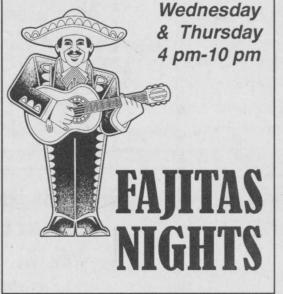
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KELLOGGS, 675 G BOX **CORN FLAKES** 2.68

ET TU, 132 G PKG. GREEK, ITALIAN, LIGHT, HONEY DIJON OR ORIGINAL CAESAR SALAD KIT .88

KRAFT, 225 G PKG. MACARONI & CHEESE

SUNLIGHT, 750 ML-950 ML CLEAR, ANTI-BACTERIAL, ORIGINAL DISH DETERGENT

MAPLE LEAF, 1 LB. PRINT **PURE LARD** 1.38

DAVIDS, 500 G PKG. MAPLE LEAF COOKIES 1.88

FOLGERS, 925 G TIN MOUNTAIN ROAST **OR AROMA ROASTED** GROUND COFFEE NESCAFE, 200 G JAR OR 150 G JAR DECAF, COLOMBIA, RICH BLEND INSTANT COFFEE

MAJESTA, PKG. OF 150 **FACIAL TISSUES** 88¢

MAJESTA, 2 ROLL PACK **PAPER TOWELS** 78¢

NESTLE SINGLE ASSORTED VARIETIES CHOCOLATE **BARS** 2/88¢

300 G BAG **ASSORTED VARIETIES** CHIPITS

CHRISTIE, 350 G PKG. **ASSORTED VARIETIES** DREAM PUFF COOKIES 1.88

TASTER'S CHOICE, 150 G JAR ORIGINAL, DECAF, FRENCH OR COLOMBIAN

INSTANT COFFEE 4.88

MAJESTA, 16 ROLL PKG. BATHROOM **TISSUE**

4.88

DEL MONTE, 12-14 OZ. TIN ASSORTED VARIETIES VEGETABLES

MIX OR MATCH CASE OF 24 \$15.88

ASSORTED FLAVOURS JUICES & DRINKS

McCAIN, 3X250 ML TETRA

MIX OR MATCH CASE OF 9x3x250 ML \$6.88

PRODUCT OF CANADA, FANCY 3 LB. BAG

McINTOSH EA.

PRODUCT OF USA, SEEDLESS

PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1

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THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES

> PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1 **RED ANJOU** PEARS

PRODUCT OF THE TROPICS **GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS** 38¢ LB. 84¢ KG

> PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1 **SPANISH ONIONS** 48° LB. 1.06 KG

PRODUCT OF CANADA, NO. 1 GREEN CABBAGE 88¢

PRODUCT OF CANADA, NO. 1 PRODUCT OF CANADA. 8 OZ. PKG. **MUSHROOMS CELLO CARROTS** 58¢ EA.

1.48 EA. CHEESE PLEASE

ST. ALBERT **FRESH** CHEDDAR

4.49 LB. 9.90 KG A WIDE VARIETY OF QUICK AND EASY FROZEN FOODS McCAIN, 400 G PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES

POCKETS

McCAIN, 1 KG BAG ASSORTED FLAVOURS

TASTY TATERS 1.88

MINUTE MAID, 355 ML TIN REGULAR OR PULP FREE ORANGE JUICE 98¢

2.98 THE BUTCHER'S FRESH SLICED DELI MEATS, SALADS, CHEESES

SHOPSY'S SLICED **BOTTOM ROUND PASTRAMI** 4.49 LB. 9.90 KG

SHOPSY'S SLICED ITALIAN **ROAST BEEF** 4.49 LB. 9.90 KG

TURKEY **BREAST** 4.99 LB. 11.00 KG

BURNS SLICED SALAMI LOAF 2.99 LB. 6.59 KG 8 AM-9 PM; SAT. 8 AM-6 PM

OPEN: MON.-FRI.

CUT FROM CANADA GRADE A, AA, AAA BEEF STEAK *OR* ROAST 6.59

FRESH-CUT MEATS

WONG WING, 555 G 8 PER PACK WITH SAUCE

EGG ROLLS 2.69

QUARTER LOIN PORK CHOPS

CONTAINS 3 RIB, 4 CENTRE, 2 TENDERLOIN

SMOKED LEG HAM SHANK PORTION

1.99 LB.

4.39 KG 3.95 KG 4.17 KG **BONELESS SKINLESS**

1.89 LB.

FRESH, MEATY

PORK SPARE RIBS

1.99 LB. 4.39 KG

CHICKEN BREAST 4.49 LB. 9.90 KG

2.19 LB. 4.83 KG BONELESS BUTTERFLY

CENTRE CUT

2.29 LB.

5.05 KG

LOIN CHOPS 3.99 LB. 8.80 KG

MEATY **BACK RIBS** 2.99 LB. 6.59 KG

MAPLE LODGE, 450 G

CHICKEN

WIENERS

99¢

FRESH OFF THE BOAT

FRESH ATLANTIC

SALMON

STEAKS

5.99 LB. 13.21 KG

BEATRICE MILK PRODUCTS

BEATRICE, 500 G TUB

2% OR LIGHT

COTTAGE

CHEESE

BEATRICE, 500 ML TUB

ASSORTED VARIETIES

FRUIT-BOTTOM

YOGURT

BEATRICE, 2 LITRE

.48

BONELESS

TOUPIE HAM

2.49 LB. 5.49 KG

SCHNEIDERS, HOT OR MILD, 907 G COOKED CHICKEN WINGS 7.99

> TAILLEFER, 454 G **MEAT PIE**

14 INCH, 900 G CHEESE

5.99

5.88

PLAIN OR LIGHT HARD **ASSORTED FLAVORS SOFT**

CREAM CHEESE .88

BEATRICE, 250 ML TUB ONION *OR* DILL CHIP DIP

98¢

CHOCOLATE MILK 2.28

PKG. OF 6

CRUSTY

KAISER ROLLS

1.49

THE BUTCHER'S FRESH BAKED IN-STORE BAKERY

8 INCH APPLE PIE HONEY HAM 1.89 4.49 LB. 9.90 KG

> 450 G LOAF **RAISIN BREAD** 1.89

PKG. OF 12 3 ASSORTED FLAVOURS MINI DANISH **POCKETS** 1.99

7 INCH ROUND BLACK FOREST CAKE 4.99

450 G LOAF GOODHEART BREAD

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES 2.49

PKG. OF 12

10 VARIETIES

NAVEL ORANGES 24/2.98

PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1

TRAY TOMATOES

PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1 GRADE

98¢

PRODUCT OF CANADA.

NO. 1 GRADE

TURNIPS

28¢ LB. 62¢ KG

PRODUCT OF CANADA, NO. 1. 2 LB. BAG

COOKING

ONIONS

FLOWER PRETTY

ASSORTED 4 INCH

TROPICAL

PLANTS

HIGHLINER, 400 G PKG.

HADDOCK

FILLETS

3.88

HIGHLINER, 700 G PKG., FAMILY PACK

FISH IN

BATTER

KELLOGGS, 625 G PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES

ECONOMY PACK

EGGO WAFFLES

2.98

1.58

48¢

PASCAL

2.16 KG

CELERY

PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1 ANJOU PEARS 88¢ LB. 1.94 KG

BOSC PEARS 88° LB. 1.94 KG

PRODUCT OF USA, NO. 1

FRESH YAMS

78° LB. 1.72 KG

2 LB. BAG

BOUQUET BEAUTIFUL

MINI-CARNATION

BOUQUETS

2.98 EA.

SWANSON, 1 PKG. ASSORTED VARIETIES

TV ENTRE

DINNERS

STOUFFERS, 255 G PKG.

10 ASSORTED VARIETIES

PASTARIA

1.68

GREEN GIANT, 1 KG BAG

ASSORTED VARIETIES

VEGETABLES

2.48

88° LB. 1.94 KG

WHOLE HAM 1.79 LB.

19 KING ST.

PRODUCT OF SPAIN, 2.3 KG BOX

CLEMENTINES

CENTRE CUT

2-WEEK PROMOTION PRICES IN EFFECT UNTIL CLOSING, TUES., JAN. 27, 1998

LOIN PORK **CHOPS** 2.99 LB. 6.59 KG

1.79 LB. 3.95 KG

SALAD EASY

SHOPSY'S DELI FRESH

POTATO SALAD

1.89 LB. 4.17 KG

ICE CREAM TREATS

NESTLE. 500 ML TUB

7 ASSORTED FLAVOURS

HAAGEN DAZ

ICE CREAM

2.98

CHAPMANS, 4 LITRE PAIL

ASSORTED FLAVOURS

ICE CREAM

3.88

CHAPMANS, 2 LITRE

ASSORTED FLAVOURS

PREMIUM

ICE CREAM

BURNS SLICED

TOUR EIFFEL SLICED

COUNTRY HAM

4.49 LB. 9.90 KG

MAPLE LODGE SLICED

BLACK FOREST

CHICKEN

2.69 LB. 5.93 KG

CHESTERVILLE

SHADOW, SLICED, 500 G **BREAKFAST BACON** 1.89

MAPLE LODGE CHICKEN **DINNER HAM**

2.79

FRESH MADE IN-STORE PIZZA

PEPPERONI &

DAIRY HEALTHY

BREADMATE, 7 LB. PKG. SOFT MARGARINE

BEATRICE, 250 ML

A WIDE VARIETY OF YOUR FAVOURITE BREADS, BUNS, PASTRY DEMPSTERS, PKG. OF 6

DEMPSTERS, 450 G LOAF WHITE OR WHOLE WHEAT HOLLYWOOD THINS 98¢

DEMPSTERS, 675 G LOAF STONE GROUND, BRAN, 12 GRAIN, OATMEAL, WHEAT 'N OATS, OAT BRAN OR MULTI-GRAIN **HEARTY GRAIN** BREADS

SUNSHINE, 675 G LOAF WHITE SLICED FRESH BREAD 78¢

1.68

DELICIOUS MOMENTS. PKG. OF 6 APPLE OR CHERRY **TURNOVERS**

PLAIN, POPPY, ONION, SESAME. PUMPERNICKEL, RAISIN/ CINNAMON, WHOLE WHEAT, GARLIC, BLUEBERRY BAGELS 88¢

DEMPSTERS, 675 G WHITE OR WHOLE WHEAT TEXAS TOAST 98¢

SUNSHINE, 675 G LOAF 20%, 60%, 100% SLICED WHOLE WHEAT BREAD 88¢

VACHON, PKG. OF 12 CARAMELS 2.28

CLEARVIEW FARMS SLICED

LEVESQUE SLICED COOKED HAM 2.69 LB. 5.93 KG 1.49

BAGELS