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'No frills' budget halts tax increase

Greg Hewitt
Special to the Press

MAPLE RIDGE — It took them two tries, but Winchester Township council approved a municipal budget Monday calling for a zero-per-cent tax increase.

Council had originally passed a budget April 19 that called for a two-per-cent hike, but that motion was later rescinded after Councillor Gord Johnson said he felt the $8,000 amount that would offset the two-per-cent increase could be found.

Council agreed and went back to the drawing board. They decided Monday to take the $8,000 out of the roads budget until a proposal to reduce the amount the township pays in tipping fees is approved by the township's landfill site partners, Chesterville and Winchester.

The $8,000 will be returned to the roads budget if the proposal is supported by Chesterville and Winchester.

Cousineau said council had to take the amount out of the roads budget for now because it could not pass a budget based on a proposal that has not yet been approved by the landfill partners.

"We can't depend on this. Until (Chesterville and Winchester) agree, we're out in the cold," he said.

The township will collect just over $410,000 from taxpayers for municipal purposes, about the same as last year. A $43,000 surplus was used to lower the levy.

Township taxpayers will contribute $343,000 to the United Counties, and the education levy has not been set by the school boards, which collected $1.6 million from township taxpayers last year.

Cousineau described the budget as a "no frills budget," noting that department budgets did not increase, and that roads department has been asked to minimize hiring of part-time help, and the recent computerization of the township offices should reduce the need for part-time office help.

He said that year-end tax records, which showed some businesses and residents had trouble paying their taxes last year, show the necessity of a zero-per-cent increase.

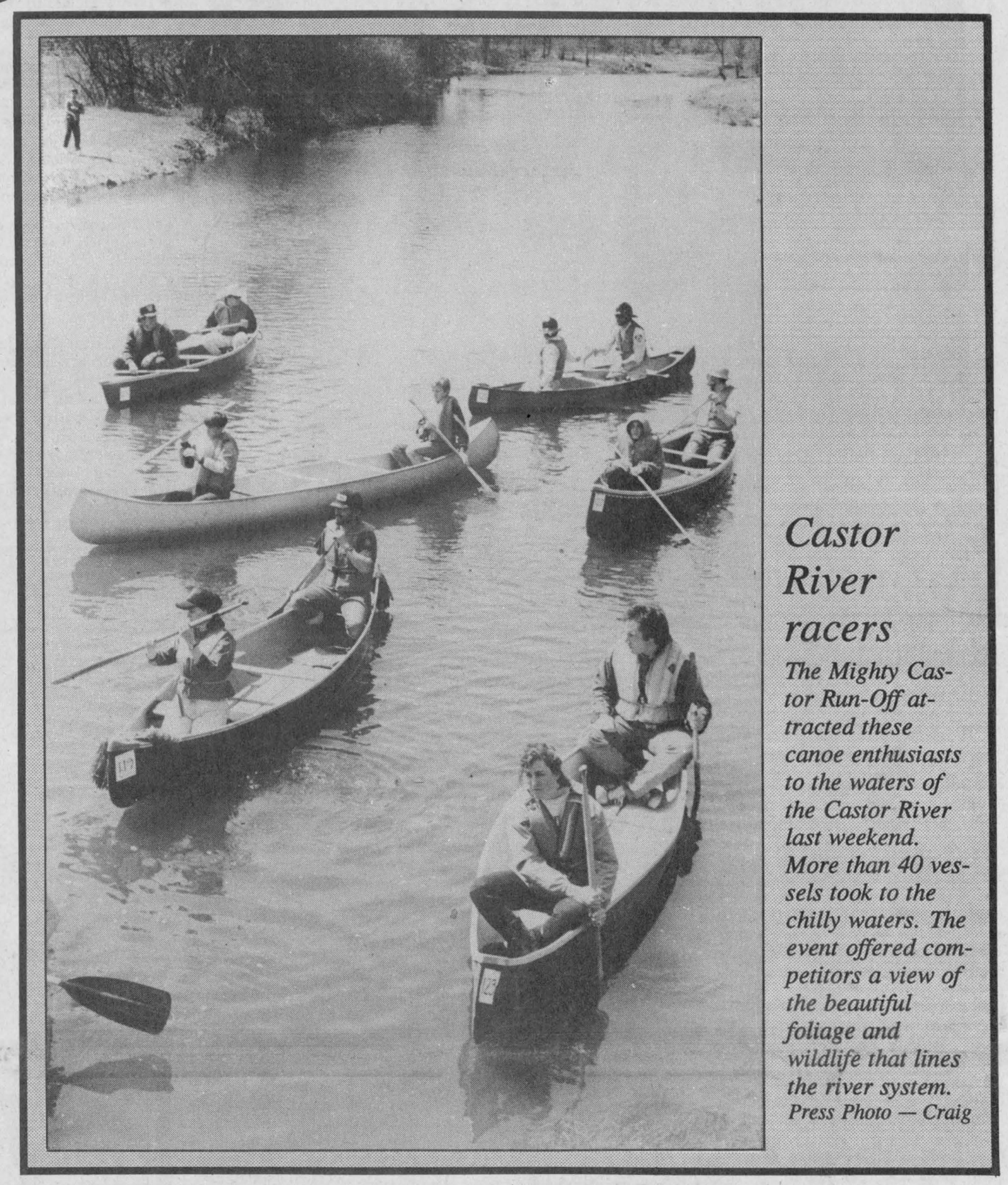
"With so many people out of work, these are tough times," he said. "People are having trouble making ends meet."

Johnson described the tipping fee reduction to the municipality to offset a budget increase as "taking some of the money collected through that process and giving back to the ratepayers."

"I think if there's ever a time we need to do it, it's now."

But during the meeting, Councillor Jack Durant expressed concern that the proposal might necessitate an increase in the future.

"1994 is only eight months away," he said. "I don't have a good feeling about borrowing from the future."



Castor River racers

The Mighty Castor Run-Off attracted these canoe enthusiasts to the waters of the Castor River last weekend. More than 40 vessels took to the chilly waters. The event offered competitors a view of the beautiful foliage and wildlife that lines the river system.
Press Photo — Craig

Winchester seeks equitable recreation services agreement

by Michelle Valiquet
Press News Editor

WINCHESTER—Winchester Village may be closer to cutting a growing deficit at its recreation facility.

A meeting last Thursday between representatives from the village and Mountain and Winchester Townships had officials agreeing in principle to begin hammering out a more equitable cost-sharing arrangement for recreation services.

"It went very well," says Winchester Village Deputy Reeve Sandra Laneville. "Everyone was very receptive about the idea and now they are going back to their respective recreation committees to discuss the matter."

Residents from both Mountain and Winchester Townships only pay for programs that their residents use at the arena, not the capital costs. As well, the village also subsidizes the cost of renting the ice.

At the meeting Winchester presented figures showing the village paid the majority of costs towards the arena's operating budget in 1992, $58,400 or 75 per cent, while Mountain Township paid $10,000 or 13 per cent. Winchester Township picked up $9,325 or 11 per cent of the tab.

However, the origins of participants in the four major recreation programs run by

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North Dundas drive boosts local charities

Liz Edwards
Press Staff Reporter

WINCHESTER — If she was going to grade community generosity during last weekend's food and clothing drive, teacher Cindy St. Pierre would give it top marks.

Saturday, a class of North Dundas District High School students collected food and clothing in six local villages to benefit the North Dundas Food Bank in Winchester and The House of Lazarus, Matilda Resource Centre which offers food, clothing and counselling for needy residents in the St. Lawrence Seaway area.

"It was super, the communities were very generous," says St. Pierre "We had a really good turnout with the clothes as well, much better than we expected."

Her students collected more than 1,000 cans of food as well 25 boxes and approximately 40 garbage bags of clothes. Any cash donations were given to the food bank. The students went door to door in Winchester, Chesterville, Morewood, Vernon, Berwick, Hallville and Mountain to collect donations.

The drive started as a challenge between the Grade 11 French immersion Human Society, Challenge and Change class and its English counterpart. The students from the two classes competed to see who could collect more canned goods during the second last week of April. St. Pierre's French immersion class won, collecting 240 cans to the other class's 45.

Students will receive up to five bonus points on their final term grade depending on their efforts.

St. Pierre's class also organized and executed the drive May 1. Students were also graded for this event. Both food bank director Barbara Savary and Lazarus coordinating director Lynn Edwards say they are impressed with the students' initiative.

"They came up with the whole concept and it was just so thoughtful of them to do it," says Savary. "In this day and age with all the negative comments about our teenagers, I think it's just amazing that they have that kind of concern for people."

Savary says she is overwhelmed by the way the community supported the bank during this drive and others.

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Student power

North Dundas District High School students held a clothing and food drive Saturday to help both the North Dundas Food Bank and Lazarus House. Among the students to participate were Duncan Christie, Jonathan Vandewint, Chato Cheney, Alana Vandewint, Sarah Smith, Meredith Dale-Hill and Rodney Merkley.
Press Photo — Valiquet

Township wins OMB zoning case

WINCHESTER — After almost four years of waiting, Ottawa resident Antonio Scaffidi has finally won the right to rezone his property in Winchester Township.

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) recently rejected an appeal from Winchester Township residents Edward and Mary Gibson to overturn the township council's decision, allowing Scaffidi to rezone a parcel of land from rural to commercial. Council passed a site plan control bylaw, limiting what can be done on the site Monday.

Council agreed to Scaffedi's request for the rezoning, as well as the official plan change needed to accommodate it, in 1990, but the Gibsons filed an appeal to the OMB in September that same year.

Approximately 2.1 acres of the 4.4 acre property, located on Highway 31 and County Rd. 13, will be affected. The change allows the lot to be used for businesses to serve the travelling public such as restaurants, motels, gas stations and other similar uses.

According to OMB documents, Scaffidi intended to sell the rezoned property.

The Gibsons, whose own residential property abuts the parcel, as well as several other residents living nearby protested some of the commercial uses suggested for the land such as a service station which might lead to contamination of nearby wells. They were also concerned a service station could use large quanities of water and possibly adversely affect the supply.

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Positive classroom discipline spares the rod



Inkerman Public School teachers Helen MacDonald and Jim Moffatt practice positive discipline during a role-playing session Saturday. Press Photo — Valiquet

by Michelle Valiquet
Press News Editor

MAPLE RIDGE— Inkerman Public School teacher Jim Moffatt found himself in a face-to-face confrontation this weekend. But it wasn't with an unruly student, in fact, Moffatt was the one with the discipline problem.

Moffatt was role-playing the part of a disruptive student with another teacher as part of a seminar on *Positive Classroom Discipline*. Twenty-five elementary and secondary school teachers from SD&G Public School Board were learning how to nip discipline problems in the bud.

The 24-hour, in-service training program which was conducted by the board's two qualified instructors, used a learning package created by a California psychologist Fredric H. Jones.

Aimed at decreasing job-related stress and classroom management problems, Jones' material includes video tapes, instructional material and practice role-playing sessions to help teachers deal with discipline problems in untraditional ways.

The average teacher makes more than 500 management decisions per day in the classroom with stress accounting for 50 per cent of the job-related medical problems suffered by teachers.

"Stress is something you can't avoid with teaching, but I was looking to find a way to relieve it somewhat through this course," admits Moffatt.

Gerry Morrell, principal of Inkerman Public School and a course instructor says the program gives participants intensive training in topics such as limit setting, responsibility training, class structure, omission and backup discipline systems.

"Teachers already have a whole gamut of tools in their arsenal to control classroom problems, positive discipline is just one more they can add," says Morrell.

"Discipline has to be different today...you can't use corporal punishment. You have to do it in a different manner because we are teaching a different kind of student with different problems," he says.

According to Don Fairweather, vice principal of North Dundas District High School where the seminar was held and another instructor for the course, the program has a broad range of applications.

"We're not necessarily presenting a new prescription for discipline problems here but the course does provide step-by-step methods which can be used in a whole range of situations," says Fairweather.

"It's an effective program for both classroom teachers and administrators," he says. "As an administrator, my ultimate goal is to get the 'problem' student back into the classroom. And this helps."

Fairweather also stressed the practical aspect of the program provides participants with immediate results.

Moffatt agrees, saying the program had an immediate effect in his own classroom when he began rearranging his classroom seating.

"One of the sections talked about arranging the learning environment to your advantage, so I came in early to do just that and I can see the difference already."

Positive Classroom Discipline was offered in April to another group of 25 teachers and Fairweather says a second program, also authored by Jones and dealing with more effective teaching techniques, will be offered by the board next year.

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Recreation

village last year (minor hockey, figure skating, old timer hockey and aquatics), tell a different story, according to Recreation Director Frank Morgan.

"Seventy-five per cent of participants did not originate from Winchester Village," says Morgan. "It was more like 46 per cent."

The village is proposing two ways of correcting its situation. By amalgamating recreation services each household in the three municipalities would make an equal contribution to the services. A similar arrangement is already operating in South Dundas.

Raising rental fees for the coming season and implementing a user-pay system could also eliminate the imbalance.

Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau says he would like to see the changes adopted through a user-pay system rather than through direct grants from municipalities to Winchester.

"I've realized for years they (the village) have been charging way too little for their ice time. If it cost them $100 to have the ice operating for an hour, then they should charge that, not $60," says Cousineau. "I know we have to seriously look at a more equitable way of sharing recreation costs, but I'd rather see it done through user-pay."

"I don't like subsidizing adults."

Mountain Township Reeve Ewart Simms was undecided as to the cost-sharing method his township would adopt.

"I don't want to go over the head of our recreation committee," says Simms. "We will consult before we decide anything."

The municipalities will meet again June 2 to discuss the matter.

Food drive

"We've had four volunteers here working all morning, sorting and putting away the donations so that tells you something."

Lazarus House has such a surplus of clothing donations from recent bazaars and the high school drive, the centre's employees and volunteers have had trouble sorting it all, according to Edwards. Numerous surplus bags and boxes of clothing have been stored outside to send to other charities in Ottawa. A recycling company picks the clothing up once a week.

"People have been wonderful but now we're asking them to call the recycling company themselves," says Edwards.

"We have a system and it does work. But there's so much that has come in in the last week or two, we're just going as fast as we can go."

Zoning

The board however found no evidence to support this argument. OMB members argued there are sufficient regulations and requirements that govern such facilities in order to protect surrounding land and speculation on what might happen is not enough reason to overturn council's decision.

One of the residents' major objections was that a commercial zoning would not be compatible in a rural area with residences nearby. Residents said a commercial enterprise would reduce property values as well as generate noise, pollution, and traffic that would affect the quality of rural life that they enjoy.

OMB documents state one resident against the zoning change, Joseph Minnie, asked whether, "it was morally right for a developer to come and affect the neighbourhood that way."

However the board, basing its decision on recommendations from two professional planners who studied the redesignation, states because of its location and other factors, the rezoning fit in with township planning.

Cousineau says he is pleased about the OMB's decision but the appeal was very expensive for both the municipality and Scaffidi. He estimates it cost about $12,000 to $15,000, which was paid mostly by Scaffidi.

The OMB decision is final, however Edward Gibson, who is now a member of the township council, says he isn't satisfied with the outcome and sees it as poor planning.

"I feel it is incompatible because we are on a residential development. We already have in the township a number of areas that are addressed in the official plan as commercial...that is where our commercial areas should have been," he explains.

"If there were to be a gas station, we who are on private well service should there be any spill, that becomes quite a problem to us."

March theft

LONG SAULT — Crimestoppers needs your help in solving a break, enter and theft at Lot 2, Concession 6, Mountain Twp. RR2, Mountain on March 23, 1993.

Stolen property includes one Panasonic Genius microwave, Hitachi VCR VHS, Marshall 120 watt amplifier, Fender guitar serial #E912443, Panasonic VCR VHS serial # F25A41363, Zenith 21-inch color TV, Technics stereo system and other stolen property.

Witnesses spotted a dark grey mid-size car with a female driving, approx. 20-years old with long blonde hair and a male passenger in his late 20s with dark hair and a moustache.

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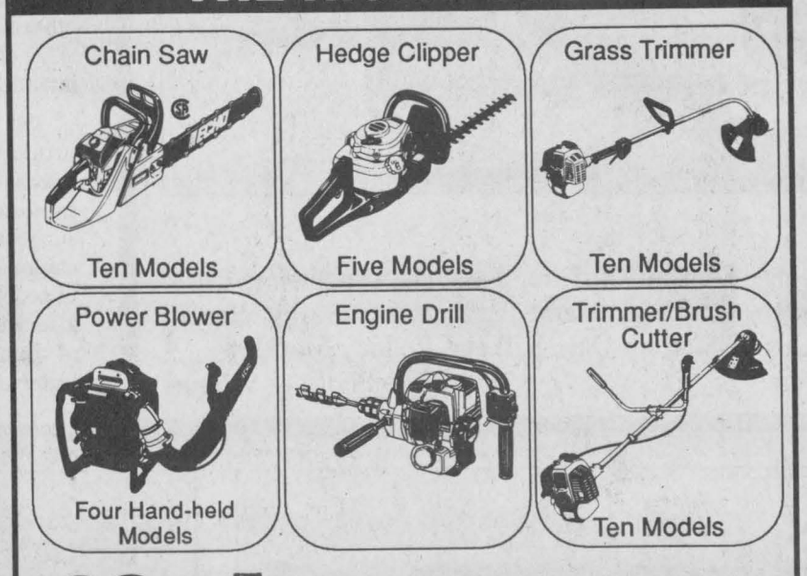

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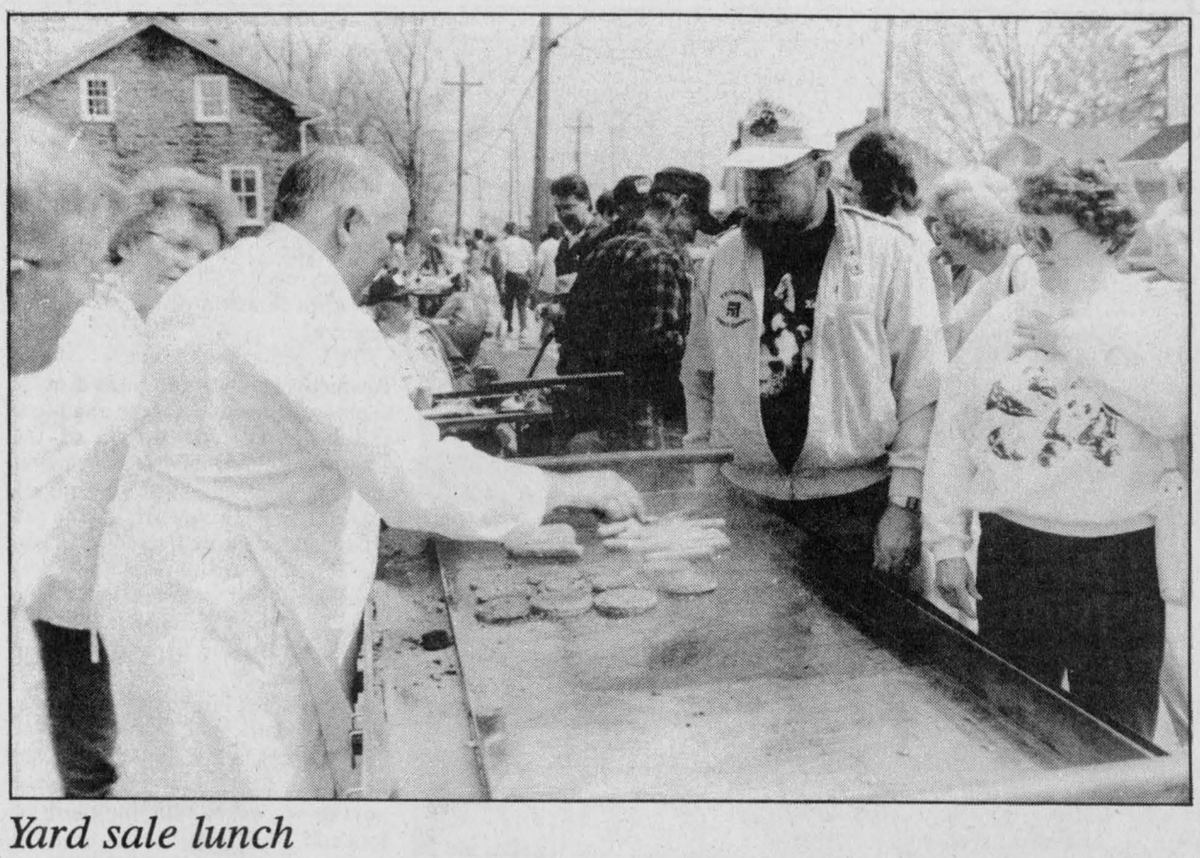

Yard sale lunch

Ethel and Morris Henophy of Brinston bought burgers from Williamsburg IOOF member Tom Henderson during the community-wide yard sale Saturday. The monster sale was organized by the Williamsburg Community Association and involved numerous businesses and private individuals. Prizes were drawn as well as a craft sale and bake sale. The sunny weather attracted hundreds of shoppers and vehicles clogged the community's streets during the successful event.

Press Photo — Valiquet

Councils restructure landfill board

Greg Hewitt
Special to the Press

MAPLE RIDGE— A proposal to streamline management of the Boyne Road landfill site is being considered by the dump's three municipal partners.

Landfill representatives from Chesterville, Winchester and Winchester Township have proposed a board of management for the site, which would have the authority to make decisions about landfill operation.

Resolutions to support the change have already been passed by the three councils.

Winchester Township councillor Jack Durant said that under the current system, landfill site recommendations have to be returned from the committee to the three councils, which can take up to two months to collectively process the decision.

And the three councils often have to meet together to discuss landfill matters.

A board of management would meet regularly and consist of two members from each of the three councils. The two members would have one vote between them, and in case of a difference of opinion would return to their respective council for direction.

Plans also call for a revolving chairmanship of the board which would see each municipality lead the governing body once during the three-year term of an elected council.

Board members would still discuss plans with their respective councils and major decisions involving budgets and large expenses would still be made by the councils.

And Durant said the proposed system would also save ratepayers money, as the costs of the meeting would be drawn from the landfill's operation rather than from the municipalities.

Landfill manager Dave Sloane says a board of management will make for more efficient management of the site because he will answer to three people instead of 15.

"If I have a problem I can phone one person and get an answer. I'm very much in favor of it," he said.

Chesterville Reeve Jim Cook described the proposal to give board of management status to the landfill committee as "an idea whose time has come."

And Cook said the biggest advantage to the plan is that it will give Sloane a "very clear line as to who he reports to."

Winchester Village Councillor Mary Jane Elliott said the new board would govern the landfill in a more structured manner.

"At the moment there is no set meeting time and as many councillors have busy schedules it's often hard to get a hold of people at the last minute for a meeting."

Band party

by Ruby B. Steele

WINCHESTER — The Hy Shy Nigh band members, plus guests, approximately 40 people, were welcomed by the director to a 6pm pot luck supper last Tuesday night.

Grace was sung with a band member, Hazel Irven, leading the singing. The supper was held in the place of band practice in the common room at Beachcroft Apartments. The remainder of the evening was thoroughly appreciated by playing progressive games.

At first it was rather confusing because some of the seniors remarked they had not played some of these games for 70 years or more.

The program was planned and designed by Ruby B. Steele, who was helped by Helen Docksteader. The seniors reported a very happy time and expressed their desire to have another party with the same program.

The end of season band party once more was very successful, thanks to all who participated. The prize winners were Mary Biccum and Edie Riches, Gorden Irven and Howard Biccum.

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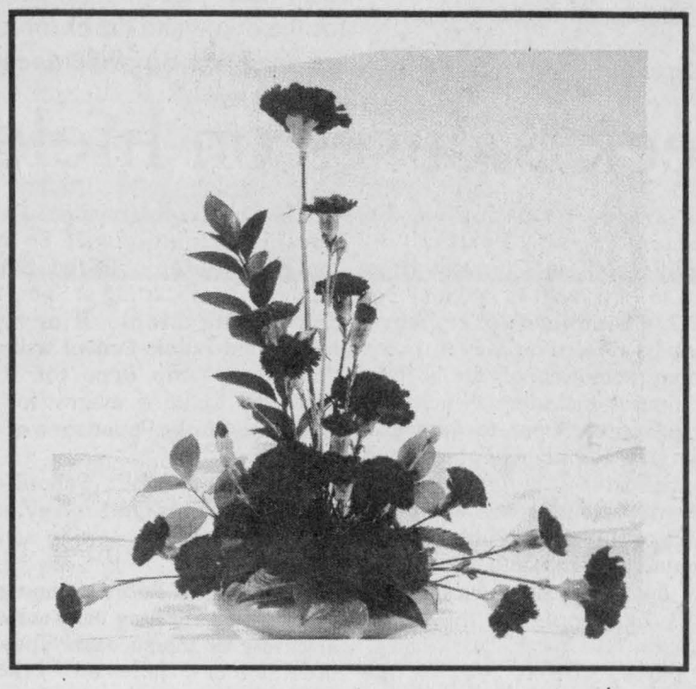

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CLC president tells union to stand firm

Elizabeth Moreau
Special to the Press

CHESTERVILLE — Locked-out workers at Nestle Canada should continue to reject the continental work week proposed by the company, Canadian Labor Congress president Bob White told workers Tuesday.

About 75 people wearing "Nestle Lockout '93" baseball caps gathered in front of the Chesterville factory to listen to the former head of the Canadian Auto Workers union, who was joined by Ottawa Labor Council president Mohamad Alsadi and Council of Canadians chairwoman Maude Barlow.

"They're going to come to the table and settle this agreement. Believe me, I know Nestle," White said, adding he is convinced the company will give up its demand to end premium pay for weekend work.

He said labor groups and unions across the country are looking at the Chesterville dispute as an example of workers struggling to keep long-held benefits.

"Don't give up. The issue today that you're facing is one that workers across the country are facing," he said.

The workers, who have been locked out since March 27, want to keep overtime pay rates for weekend work. Nestle says it can't keep paying time and a half on Saturday and double time on Sunday and remain competitive with its other plants in North America.

Both White and Barlow blamed the dispute on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"The whole free trade agenda is putting pressure on workers to give up," White said.

The union's bargaining unit is meeting with Nestle management this morning (Wednesday) for further discussions. Two attempts at mediation, called by the Ontario Ministry of Labor last month, failed to produce a breakthrough. The latest meeting was agreed to by the two sides.

Nestle vice-president Marilyn Knox said the company hopes the meeting will bring the two sides closer to an agreement. About Tuesday's rally, she said the company continues to be concerned about "third-party involvement" in the dispute.



Hospice graduates

The Dundas County Hospice had its second graduation for volunteers recently. All volunteers have to complete a course about caring for the dying and the chronically-ill before they are matched up with clients of the hospice. Sitting in front are Willy Luimes, instructor Noreen Minifie, and Nancy Dulmage. In the back row are Ruth Shearing, Claire Pashak, Beryl Bennett, Robin Lane and John Woods.

Press Photo — Edwards

TOCC thanks its volunteers

METCALFE— Most volunteers toil in silence and anonymity. But a special group of 50 volunteers last Tuesday evening received some of the appreciation they so richly deserve.

The group were guests of the Township of Osgoode Care Centre to enjoy a wine and cheese reception and to accept the thanks of the Centre for their involvement over the past year.

Activity Director Deborah Nixon stated the dedicated efforts of the TOCC board of directors and a great variety of volunteers who lend assistance in so many ways, are much appreciated by staff and residents alike.

Nixon explained, "We would have liked to have a larger crowd here tonight but, unfortunately, due to an oversight, some of our valued volunteers were, regrettably, overlooked.

"It was really too bad that it happened but these people can be assured that they haven't been and won't be forgotten."

Overall, Nixon was pleased with the evening which included the presentation of certificates of merit to many volunteers and board members.

Education Week focuses on lifelong learning

CORNWALL — SD&G students are going public with what they know this week.

Schools from all over the United Counties are celebrating provincial Education Week May 2 to 9. A variety of demonstrations, events and activities are set up in Cornwall at the Brookdale Mall and Cornwall Square until Saturday.

The provincial theme of the week is *Partners in Lifelong Learning*.

"The idea is that education isn't just something that happens between the ages of six and 18. We have more and more people coming back to take courses to upgrade," says Dona Cruickshank, SD&G public board curriculum coordinator.

She adds some of the displays at the malls focus on adult education.

Locally, elementary school students are participating in the Kinsmen Music Festival at Aultsville Hall in Cornwall from May 3 to 11 as well as the Scrabble SD&G Championship at Tagwi Secondary School on May 4.

Today, some schools are hosting open houses including Winchester Public from 3:30pm to 6pm and Nationview Public School in South Mountain from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Parents, grandparents and other relatives of Inkerman Public School students can drop into the school today during school hours to see what's happening in the classrooms.

On May 17, as part of the school's education week activities, students from Winchester Public School will host a social tea for senior citizens in the area from 2pm to 3pm.

The Dundas Intermediate Public Speaking Contest will be held tonight at Maple Ridge Senior Public School starting at 7pm. Students from Maple Ridge and Morewood Public School will participate in Jump Rope for Heart Thursday to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Morewood Public School will also have Canada Quiz and gymnastic demonstrations starting at 9am on Friday.

Chesterville Public School students are celebrating the week with a variety of theme days. Today is dress up day, followed by beach party day and hat day on Thursday and Friday.

The SD&G Catholic School Board's picked a different theme for the week, *Companions on the Journey* which includes the role the church, school and family play together in learning, says curriculum coordinator Colleen Kennedy.

"We didn't hear about the provincial theme until last week," she explains. "But ours is so broad it could fit with anything."

St. Mary's of Chesterville will present the play Cinderella today at the school. Showtimes are 10:30am and 7:30pm. The students also performed the play at the Brookdale Mall Monday and Tuesday. Thursday is Pitch-In day where students will help clean up litter around the community and on Friday they will attend a special mass. Grades 4 and 5 will go to a special conference in Ottawa called "Authors and Illustrators."

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Calendar draw

Ron Koopman of Kemptville was the April 16 winner of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association calendar draw with ticket #1358. The Vingerhoeds family of Chesterville were the April 9 winners with ticket #1729.

Sam Keyes of Iroquois had the April 2 draw winning ticket #1665. Mildred Beechey of Ottawa won on March 26 with ticket #1808 and Adam Sylvester of Winchester won on March 19 with ticket #1066. The winners were awarded $50 each.

Housing program

CORNWALL— The Canadian Mental Health Association of Cornwall, SD&G branch is looking for men and women 16 years of age and older, who have experienced a mental health problem.

The association offers a supportive housing program in Alexandria that provides accomodations for individuals who have experienced a mental health problem. For more information contact CMHA at 993-5845.

Spring banquet

WILLIAMSBURG— The Dundas County Hospice will be holding a spring fundraising banquet and silent auction on Sat., June 5, starting at 6pm.

The event is being held at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg. Tickets are $20 with a $10 tax receipt provided.

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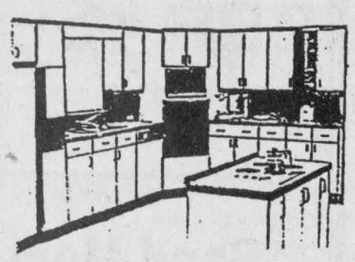
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- laboratory safety procedures.

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Provincial Specialist for Health Care
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Bereaved to meet

CORNWALL— "Teens and Grief" will be the theme of the May 13 meeting of the Cornwall chapter of Bereaved Families of Ontario.

The meeting, which takes place monthly at the CCVS school library, provides support for parents and families who have lost a loved one through death. For more information call the office at 936-1455.


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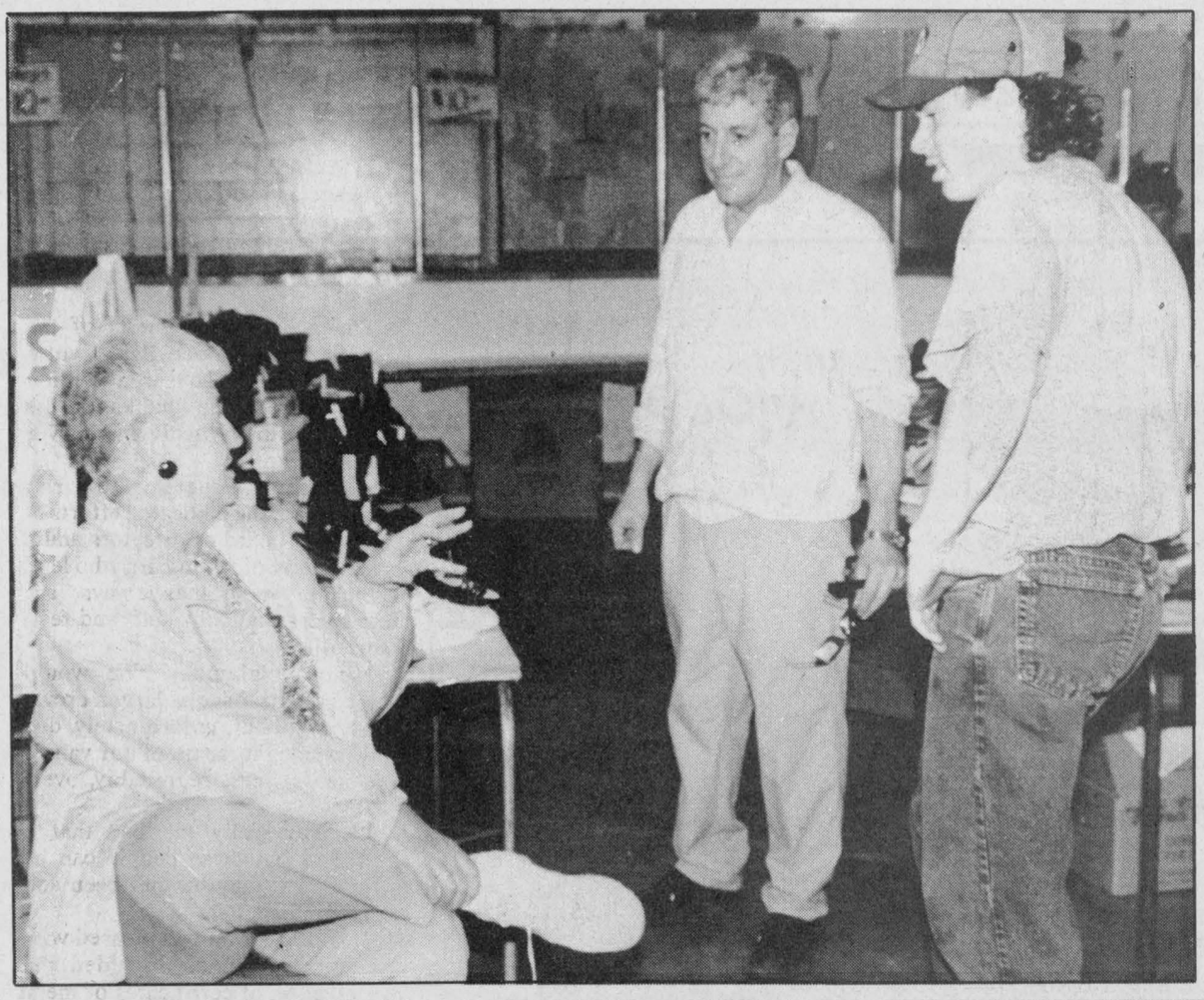
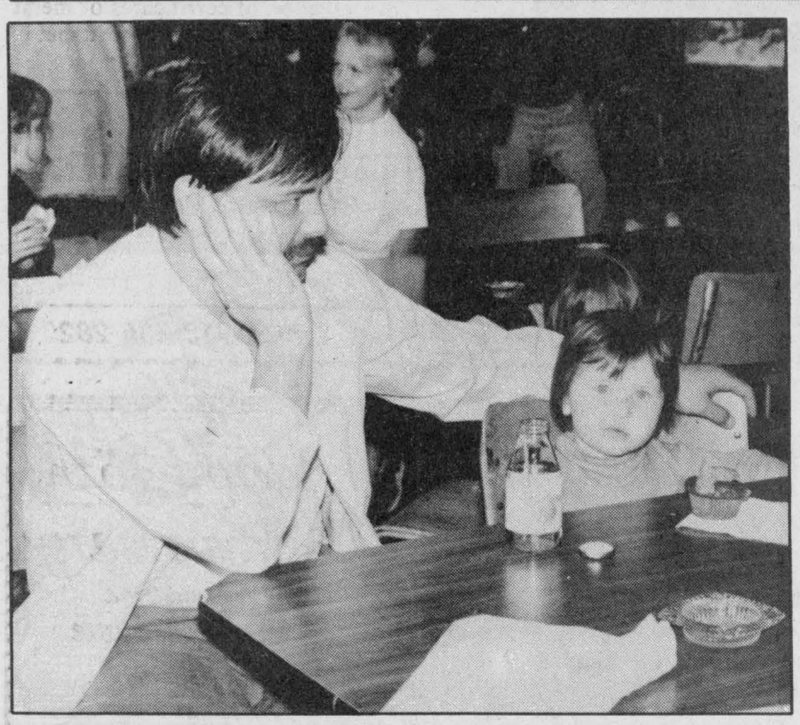


Perfect fit

Joel Steele and Brent Barkley of CountryBoy/CountryGirl helps customer Joan Meek try on a pair of shoes at the Winchester Arena Sale Saturday, May 1. Hundreds of residents streamed through the community centre during the 10-hour event organized by area merchants who offered customers everything from flowers to books and clothing. Press Photo — Valiquet



Time out

Young Stephanie Ralko joined her father John for a bite to eat during the 5th annual Winchester Arena Sale Saturday. Many area merchants offered thousands of dollars in merchandise for sale during the 10-hour long event May 1.

Press Photo — Valiquet



Sweet treat

Sweet Sisters Bakery was one of the many area merchants who took part in the May 1 Winchester Arena Sale. Owners Mary Jane Elliott and Liz Elliott served up tasty goodies to many of the shoppers.

Press Photo — Valiquet

Ladies Aid holds May meeting

by Betty Larmour

WINCHESTER — The Ladies Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church met Mon., May 3 at Millview Apartments with dessert and coffee being served at 7pm. The ladies serving angel food cake and coffee were Sybil Skuce, Nora Angus and Vivian Strader.

President Janet Clapp thanked the ladies for inviting us - then opened the meeting with the singing of Hymns 494 and 796, accompanied by Doris Cross on piano.

Janet did the devotion time beginning with a reading titled "Mother's Day", then the scripture from Samuel 1 - Meditation "Woman with Empty Arms", followed with a prayer.

Janet and Doris rendered a beautiful duet, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow".

Secretary Anne McIntosh read the minutes from April, then the roll call was answered by 17 members - 4 guests were present. Norma Duncan reported sending 5 cards and flowers for Bea Black.

The treasurer's report showed the catering of a luncheon and dinner being held in April making a profit of $772.12.

The ladies are planning to have a lunch booth at the auction sale being held at the late Beattie Bailey's home on Sat., May 29.

Ladies were reminded of the Ecumenical pot luck dinner on May 27 at the Wesleyan Church. The meeting closed with the repeating of "The Lord's Prayer."

29 pay dues to Winchester WI

by Norma Duncan

WINCHESTER — The annual meeting began with a welcome from the president, then a pot luck supper was enjoyed.

Roll call was a payment of dues, 29 members have joined for 1993/94.

Business was dealt with following minutes and correpondence. Annual reports were presented by committee members. Donna Wilson called for an executive meeting on May 7.

The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen".

Seniors host euchre party

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — Winners at the Williamsburg Township seniors' euchre on Wed., April 28 were as follows.

Ladies: Zeta Godard, Jean Larmour and Norma Hehir.

Men's: Harlan Helmer, Doug Gow and Peter Tynski.

Door prize: Mabel Prieur and Audrey Whitteker.

Draw: Harlan Helmer, Lorraine Tupper, Stella Casselman (2), Peggy Thompson, Doug Gow and Enid Dalrymple.

The next euchre will be held on Wed., May 12.

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Editorial/Opinion

E D I T O R I A L

Cycling safety

Years ago, many people took their first tentative, wobbly attempts at riding a bicycle without wearing a safety helmet.

And despite alarming statistics available today, until recently few cyclists were routinely wearing protective head gear.

One study suggested that helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 per cent. However, work remains to be done to change the attitude of cyclists who view the helmet as a "burden" or "unnecessary".

Bike injuries are not limited to those with poor cycling skills or to competitive cyclists covering long distances.

Over 100 cyclists, half under the age of 15 years, die every year in Canada of bicycle-related injuries. An estimated 50,000 bicycle-related visits to emergency departments occur each year.

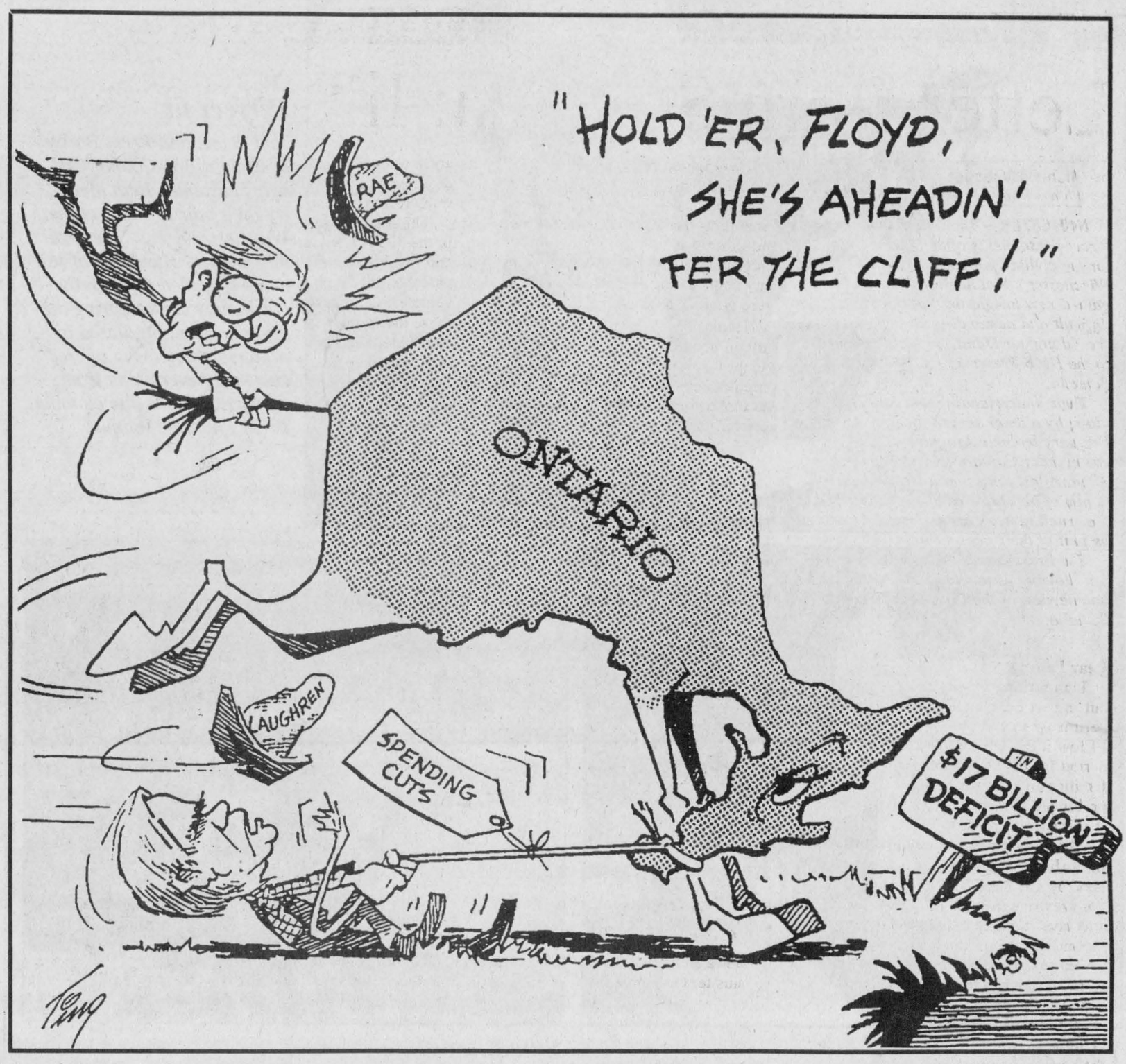
Head injuries account for up to 30 per cent of such visits, 70 per cent resulting in admissions to hospital and 70 to 80 per cent of related deaths and long-term disability.

Bicycle helmets can save lives and reduce the incidence of injury. The practice of using helmets has long been accepted in other sporting activities such as hockey, football and motorcycling.

Fortunately helmet promotion has received considerable attention over the past three years thanks to such organizations as the Ottawa- Carleton Safety Council, school boards, law enforcement agencies and medical associations.

But peer pressure remains an obstacle among secondary and post-secondary school students who ride helmet-less. Teenagers and young adults are extremely conscious of their appearance and attracted to risk-taking behavior.

Hopefully the adoption of lighter, colorful models and an aggressive public education program will turn peer pressure into a motivator rather than an obstacle as helmets become an integral part of cycling styles and equipment.



Spring provides a little re-leaf

I was driving to work this morning in my usual daze, so it took me a while to notice it.

The "it" in question looked like a soft, pale green fuzz on the trees, as though new moss had suddenly appeared on their bark overnight.

As I took another swig of coffee and cleared a few more cobwebs from my brain, comprehension finally dawned on me — this moss was none other than the new leaf growth in first bud — and that spring had definitely sprung.


Michelle Valiquet

Spring?

Spring.

Spring!!!

Be still my beating heart.

I knew we had seen the last of winter's mountainous pile of snow disappear two weeks ago, but like most shell-shocked victims I wasn't quite prepared to let myself believe I had seen the last of that white stuff which turns eight months of the year into a battle for survival.

I kept my boots and heavy coat in the car and turned to the weather reports daily with an impending sense of doom, ready to battle my way through yet another sleet storm.

Surely there were a few more frosty days in old Mother Nature's arsenal, I thought, a few more chances to chill my bones and shiver my spine.

Why wash the salt-encrusted white from my car's exterior? There's going to be more where that came from, I feared.

Thermal socks, long underwear and woolly sweaters stayed at the front of my dresser drawers, I wasn't about to unpack the Bermuda shorts and short sleeved shirts before some higher power provided proper verification and documentation that winter was over.

I had noticed a few signs that spring was beginning to make itself known to the general populace once more...

Politicians were breaking into the annual spring budget dance. That's when they sing out lustily rationalizations about their yearly budget priorities while side-stepping irate voters and taxpayers.

The Regionial Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton is busy trying to explain why it can find $1 million to landscape its sewage treatment plant in Gloucester but can't find a measly $8,000 for the Dalhousie Food Action Group which buys food in bulk for low-income individuals.

Flowers before bread?

We are talking SEWAGE PLANT here folks. How many tourists or stray visitors are they planning to impress with their $1 million few rose bushes and blue spruce?

"Let's go down to the region's sewage plant Velma, I hear they have it fixed up really pretty like."

(NOT.)

I could almost hear the whine in Ottawa Mayor Jackie Holzman's voice as she told reporters the region had already given $660,000 in social service grants so lay off already.

I know, Jackie. Poor people are just so tiresome, they keep demanding food and shelter. I don't know why they can't demand exciting things like Kentucky blue grass and purple gladiola.

The region's blustering politicians weren't the only ones dancing the side-step. Ottawa Board of Education trustees were also displaying their best graceless form this week when word of their $18 million palatial office became public knowledge.

The OBE has already been the subject of national media coverage for its bloated non-teaching staff. And trustees have whittled $17 million from next year's operating budget.

So who would begrudge the hard-working trustees new digs that offer them kitchenettes for senior staff, an exercise room, showers and a spacious public gallery, not to mention a high tech translation setup for a UNILINGUAL, ENGLISH- SPEAKING board?

A few small-minded taxpayers might.

"I've just cut a few unnecessary budget items like books and teachers so you can pass me my rubber ducky Phil, and let's hit those showers."

(I hope NOT.)

A wise person once told me it would be a frosty day in May before stupidity would reign supreme in this civilized world of mine...with the comings and goings of this week now part of the public record I think I'll ignore the green leaf buds for a few more weeks...there may be a storm brewing yet.

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There's salt in our blood

Newfoundland is sticking out a long, beckoning finger. On treeless land at the top of the Avalon the village of Bay de Verde sits with its colorful boxy houses and harbour full of bouncing white dories. It looks like a picture book page.

The breakwater is littered with a thousand snow crab shells which crunch under our excited feet as we dash to the end. Humpback whales are feeding in the choppy bay. Their dark humps arc and we see the distinct 'fingerprints' on their glamorous tails. They keep us transfixed until a squall slices the tops off the waves and the rain forces us reluctantly back to the van.

We drive up the hill for a good view of the icebergs. At last the sun strikes their odd shapes: one is a conical mountain with a chimney off to one side; another is almost beast-like, a hunched back and then a tall neck and snout; a third could be Australia's Sydney Opera House. They float by here after a three year journey from Greenland where they were 'calved'; now they ground or melt or pass by into the shipping lanes to St. John's. We picnic on kippers with Purity hard bread, Purity lemon cream biscuits and peppermint knobs.

I stand on the spit that attaches Bay de Verde to the main Rock. I am joined by a man, his face weathered by sea and sun. He's lived here a long time. Forever I guess. With our backs to the wind and the occasional spatter of rain, we stand together, hands in pockets, eyes cast not so much on each other as on the ocean and headland beyond. Our conversation is easy, like old friends.

"That spot over there, we call it Bear Skull Brook after a polar bear that visited here back in '24. Drifted down on an iceberg I guess. If you could see forever you could see Ireland out there. That's where the waves come from and that's where I came from. My family's been here over 300 years. Fish, that's what we do. Fish cod. Where're you to, b'y?"

OUT MY WINDOW
by Tony Welland

"Near Ottawa," I reply after a vacant pause. "I wouldn't want to fish today, the wind sure is blowing."

"This is a cam day, b'y. Some days the waves come right up and splash over the road. There are days when you can't even fish. Last year I'd see about 20 license plates from 'away' every day. This year there's almost none. Don't know why. There's nothin' much to do here now. No fish. No fishing. The government's got that moratorium on, eh. We knew it was coming; it had to, there's no fish. This community has lived off crab this year. It's the offshore fishery that's overfished the cod. It's the gill nets that have done it. And the fish rot in the nets. No codfish ever rotted in a cod trap." He shakes his head, hands hooked in his suspenders now. "We're devastated. Doomed. My sons are doomed. The sea is all we know. The salt is in our blood."

"With all the whales and icebergs in this beautiful place, couldn't you take tourists out?" I ask.

"No, no. People here wouldn't do that. All we want to do is fish cod. From now 'til October. We don't even know the names of the whales. They're just a damned nuisance. Get caught in the nets and traps, wreck everything up. These days when a whale's caught people come up from the university to free 'em. Used to be we'd just walk on their backs and free the nets. They're very gentle, very soft, but just a damn nuisance."

As we drive away from Bay de Verde, halfway up the long, steep hill I stop and back down. A pair of humpbacks are blowing right below the cliff. We can follow their movements underwater by keeping our eyes on their huge white fins; we can predict each blow. The sun is glinting off the icebergs now; they are dazzling white against the slate blue, crepy surface of the sea. This is a very hard place to leave. Yet as I look down from this barren land upon what seems to be a fertile sea, it is obvious that something in the chain of life has gone very wrong: the capelin numbers are way down, and they're small, the cod are gone, the seabirds are starving, and the fishing boats are tugging at their anchors. Newfoundland is hurting.

ExPRESSion

PERSPECTIVES

Letter from Somalia: life on the HMS Preserver

by Michelle Valiquet
Press News Editor

WINCHESTER— The job of an armed forces personnel is often hard to grasp for the civilian population, but Winchester's McLaughlin family gained new insight on that often difficult and demanding career when their daughter Dana, 20, was assigned to the HMS Preserver and sent to Somalia.

Their understanding was helped along by a letter sent to them in February by their daughter's commander Captain (Navy) Robin Allen. Allen, who sent a letter to each family of his ship's company, described the grueling work his crew undertook as part of their peacekeeping operation.

The Press thanks the McLaughlins for allowing us to share excerpts of this unique view of the Canadian forces in Somalia.

Dear Family:

I am writing to you today to spell out as best I can an experience that has been truly incredible for all Preservers. I know it has been a very difficult period for the ship's company and their families and friends because of the prolonged absence, particularly over the Christmas period.

The working conditions here off Mogadishu have certainly not been ideal by any stretch of the imagination, but everyone has got on with the job and have in many cases gone well beyond the call of duty. You can all be extremely proud of the part your member has had in the restoration of hope for the people of Somalia.

Without people like your member being here to help in the stabilization of the country and to ensure that basic law and order is put in place, there would be only one direction for this country to go: to continue on the downward spiral of killing, starvation and death.

WAR TORN COUNTRY

Our first forays ashore in this war-torn country shortly after our arrival were really eye opening. You can not imagine how a people can totally destroy their country in the way that was done here.

There was virtually nothing left of anything that supports a normal city, town or village. Almost all standing structures were full of shell holes, or partially destroyed, with roofs gone, and anything of value looted. Even the electrical wires, plumbing and glass were looted, with anything that was not moveable, trashed or defaced.

It was incredible. The entire electrical distribution system was destroyed, starting from the power generation station which was burned and shot to rubble, all wires on any distribution grid stripped out, leaving only poles and in some cases those were gone or destroyed also.

Needless to say, the entire city of 10 million people is blacked out at dusk except for those organizations that can purchase an emergency generator and the fuel to run it. There is no sewage system functioning, no water supply system, no garbage collection, bodies are buried in shallow graves in empty areas along the main roads, which creates a stench in the 30 plus degree Celsius temperatures that one can not forget.

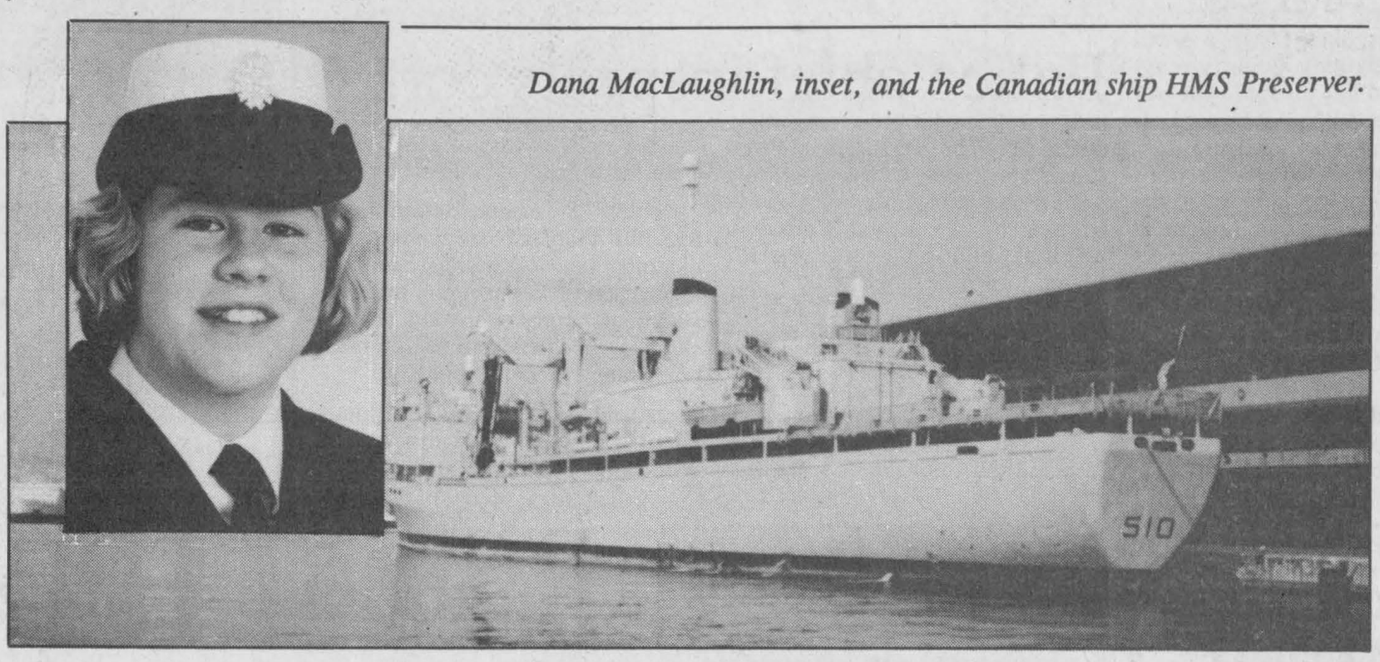
There were no functioning schools, the hospitals were overflowing with patients, many of them children who were suffering from gunshot wounds of every description, with little in the way of supplies to care for them. The conditions in the hospitals themselves were incredibly terrible with the probability of living through any serious injury almost zero.

There was no police force in place, resulting in absolute chaos in the streets, with the gun the only means of a Somali getting what he wants. Daily there were many deaths of Somalis in the streets, resulting from continued clan warfare, or banditry.

REFUGEE FAMILIES

There were great numbers of refugee families living in 4x4 foot shelters made of shrubs, palm leaves or plastic, in walled in areas that were taken over during the battles. Other areas or even whole villages are deserted as a result of the constant warfare and exchange of territory.

The road system built by the Italians in the 1930s is about on its last legs and many sections of the highway are passable only with rough terrain vehicles. Commercial trucks and cars, those that remain and are still driveable, have started parallel tracks on each side of the formal roads, and these become impassable when it rains (luckily the country is fairly dry most of the time.)



Dana MacLaughlin, inset, and the Canadian ship HMS Preserver.

The deep down problem of distrust and animosity amongst the many clans and sub-clans, which seems to be the real root of the problem in Somalia, will ensure that it takes many years before significant reconstruction and permanent restitution of government will be able to occur. The successor to our efforts here within the United Nations who will contribute troops will have to be prepared for the long haul.

This land is a land of contrasts. It is a very harsh land in all respects and its people must be hardy indeed to survive this environment. Even though there has been a severe drought devastating the country, it is the war that has prevented the production of food.

As you travel to areas of southern Somalia, you see vast herds of camels, which are sold for meat and profit for clans. Additionally, there are numerous herds of goats and cattle. Food is available, and if it was shared in any way at all, fewer Somalis would have died of starvation.

The land near the few rivers is fertile and will produce food if water is put to it. However, the war has ensured that the means for pumping water was destroyed or looted, leaving the land parched and barren.

24-HOUR DAYS

The Preserver ship's company has been busy 24 hours around the clock since our arrival, first moving over 300 tons of army stores ashore, as well as hundreds of personnel, by the use of our three helicopters and our boats and landing craft. Personnel were moved from shore to the ship in reverse daily by the ship's boats.

The stores were moved to Mogadishu airport where our ship's company loaded Canadian Hercules aircraft that moved the stores to first Baledogle (55 km away) then finally to the Canadian Humanitarian Relief Sector at Balet Uen (350 km). This continued for four weeks.

We moved heavy stores by our landing craft but the majority were moved by the helicopters. When the system was working well, we moved a load of stores every seven to 10 minutes, needless to say the organization and effort to accomplish this with a humidex in 40 plus temperatures day after day was enormous and says a lot about our sailors, soldiers and airmen and women, who toiled long hours without a whimper or complaint.

They were truly unequalled by the personnel of any other country present. In addition to this effort the ship's company became involved in humanitarian aid in a big way, first assisting in a local hospital by repairing many pieces of equipment that had not worked for many years, providing out patient services for medical and dental care, and most importantly providing health care instruction to Somalis.

The ship's company also worked with over 20 non- governmental organizations fixing inter-alia computers, walkie-talkie transceivers, electrical generators, refrigerators, submersible pumps and many other pieces of equipment so they could carry on with their essential services.

Forays ashore were stressful, as one must go armed, wear flak jackets and helmets and the vehicle must be supported with soldiers with machine guns. So far none of the ship's company have been hurt, even though there have been occurrences of mobs throwing rocks, swarming vehicles and theft of glasses and anything else moveable.

CREWS ASHORE

Crews were sent ashore for painting teams, construction crews for roofing, making doors and window frames for the Canadian HQ which was situated in a burnt out portion of the former United States Embassy. They also built a tent city at Mogadishu airport for use as transient quarters for our army troops initially proceeding to Belet Uen, and provide many technical services.

You can not imagine the conditions that the army live in at Belet Uen. The whole area consists of semi desert with red soil that is like talc powder and blows with a wind that is 20 knots plus every day. When troops walk or vehicles drive by the tents the whole camp is screened by a fog of red dust. It gets into everything that one owns, everywhere. Also, the creepy-crawlies are very unfriendly and 99 per cent of them are poisonous.

No Canadians have been seriously affected, but during the first week here our helicopters became known as body snatchers as they were used for medical evacuation of American soldiers who were bitten and had to be sent to an amphibious warfare ship with special medical facilities.

The stresses and strains for all were considerable, but the soldiers, sailors and airmen and women all managed to get through each day with a smile and retain their inherent sense of humor which was severly tried on many occasions. I will end my letter here having written it to ensure that each and every one of you had a composite idea of what we were doing here in Somalia. We all look forward to getting home and being with the most important people in our lives.

From the shores of Somalia, respectfully, Robin Allen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moneymaker

The editor:

On Mon., April 19, a two-hour aerobathon organized by area aerobic instructors raised approximately $3,500 for Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas County Hospice Association.

Thank you to NDDHS for the use of the gymnasium and to Robin Lane and Jocelyn Contant for assisting with the registration.

A special thank you to the instructors and their participants from Chesterville, Winchester, Metcalfe, Russell and Embrun and to each and everyone who generously pledged their support.

Donna McBean
Donnaerobics Exercise Studio

Ethanol plant

The editor:

At a recent public meeting in Winchester, it was revealed that the Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-Operative proposed the construction of a $44 million ethanol plant. It appears that the demand exists for an addition like ethanol to be added to gasoline creating a more environmentally friendly source of fuel than fossil fuels that cause global warming.

Many proponents of this project have been led to believe that our federal government is financially broke, so unable to help get this project off the ground. The leader of this same government that is broke, recently wrote Russian President Yeltsin a cheque for $200 million.

This same federal government that is broke has committed over $2.7 billion to develop fossil fuel production off Hibernia. All the oil from here is to go to the U.S. market.

The government that is broke spent $100 million transferring the space agency from Ottawa to Montreal. They also allowed Olympia and York to buy out Gulf Oil from the U.S. in 1985 losing $508 million in taxes in the process.

They also guaranteed an $85 million loan to Curragh Resources to develop Westray Mines in Nova Scotia. This mine produced very expensive coal whose burning is one of the leading causes of acid rain emissions.

This ethanol plant should be a definite asset for Eastern Ontario. Not only will 56 jobs be created but a market for farmers growing corn will benefit them as well. Perhaps unused farmland that our forefathers worked so hard to clear will go back into production.

The time has come to switch from excessively polluting non-renewable fossil fuels to cleaner, safer renewable natural resources. Fuel created at this plant won't be shipped in single hulled freighters registered in Third World countries.

For too long the people of Eastern Ontario (Belleville to Pembroke and east) have been ignored by federal and provincial governments. If my grandchildren have to one day pay off our national deficit, I feel our federal government should fund this projet the same 50 per cent that they funded Hibernia.

Show us that we are as important as Americans and multinational corporations who can afford the magabucks required to pay lobbyists to get legislation passed that has paid handsome dividends for these corporations the past several decades.

If you feel this plant would benefit Eastern Ontario, call or write your MPs and insist that federal funds help establish this facility.

Glen Runions,
Cornwall

Home cures

The editor:

I teach at York University in Toronto and am working on a book on home remedies and cures which were used in Canada by our parents and grandparents.

Such remedies of necessity relied on easily available ingredients which had become tried and true by use over many years.

In some instances, the treatment may have seemed to the patient worse than the sickness. Yet, families used them and individuals swore by them.

I would be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who would share such recollections, stories or home remedies with me.

Please contact me at 904 Nashville Road, Kleinburg, Ont., L0J 1C0.

Jim Cameron

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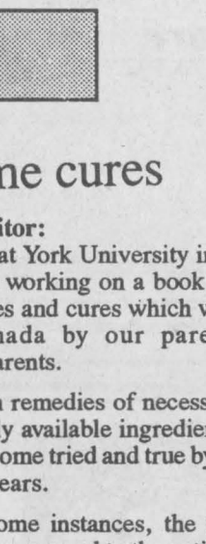



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Residents advocate sludge application follow guidelines

Liz Edwards
Press Staff Reporter

MOUNTAIN — Council will have to decide this month whether to follow a set of its own guidelines for sludge spreading in the township.

Last week council tenatively approved an application to spread biosolid sludge, a waste product of food processing which is believed to have value as fertilizer, on a half acre of land for an experiment supervised by the Eastern Crop Doctor.

If the proposed experiment meets all the environmental guidelines, the sludge would be used on a corn field near Hwy 43 in the township, beginning in May or June.

But four residents attending a council meeting Monday demanded to know what regulations the experiment will have to follow. Guidelines are set out by the province but Mountain Township also had its own set drawn up for a sludge application four years ago.

Mountain's guidelines contain a few more specific details governing factors like how close fertilizers can be spread to drains and who would be responsible in case of groundwater contamination, says resident Karen Switzer-Howse. The township's guidelines place the onus on the landowner and the industry supplying the sludge.

The sludge will come from Ault Foods in Winchester, Casco Inc. in Cardinal and the municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. MS Thompson, an engineering consulting firm hired by Ault, has outlined how they will handle the spreading, says Reeve Ewart Simms.

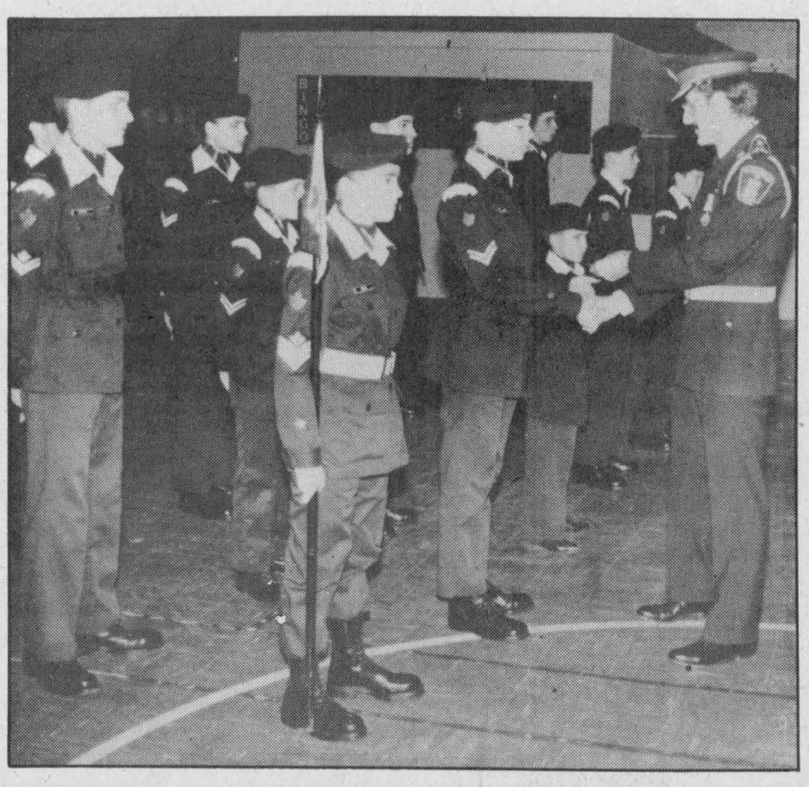
Council will examine the proposal and compare it with their guidelines but Simms says he's not sure if the applicant will have to sign the municipality's agreement.

"We're going to check our guidelines. Our agreement was drawn up four years ago, maybe it's out of date by now," he says.

Valerie Flowers, another resident attending Monday's meeting, says there is likely only a small chance of anything going wrong, but she would like all applicants for the process to be bound by a standard outline from the township.

"As taxpayers, we were anxious that no liability would come to the council, if there isn't an agreement signed...we are concerned that perhaps council would be held responsible if there was a problem.

"If it's spread properly according to the MoE guidelines and according to the legal agreement established within Mountain Township we have no problem with it at all," Flowers adds.



Gloucester Police Chief Ray Renaud presents cadet Jennifer Boland with the badge signifying her new rank as master corporal
Press Photo — Quail

Police chief inspects corps

GREELY—The 2951 Leitrim Royal Canadian Cadet Corps operating under the auspices of Greely Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, had a special visitor Thurs., April 22.

The cadet corps, which meet at the Legion Facility on Mitch Owens Rd. (Regional Rd. #8), greeted Gloucester's new Chief of Police, Ray Renaud.

Renaud inspected the corps and received the salute before presenting the rank of master corporal to Jennifer Boland of Metcalfe, Ont.

In his comments to the corps, Renaud thanked the cadets for receiving him so graciously and told them, "The cadet program is a very important part of your youth and the skills learned here will be of utmost importance in your adult lives.

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Seniors plan for zone rally

by Orma Prunner

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — On April 28, the president of Mountain Seniors opened the meeting with singing O Canada followed by the Lord's Prayer. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Reports were given for the kitchen and the hall. Doris Hyndman reported on the trip to the Congress Centre. Plans are being made for a trip to see the tulips and to the Museum of Civilization the latter part of May. She encouraged each one to take part in fitness week May 28-June 6.

The zone rally will be June 16 at Dixons Corners. The USCO conference will be in August at Sault Ste. Marie. The euchres and bowling are finished until the fall. Mavis Graham gave information re: meals on wheels.

There will be a conference by the Ontario Community Support Association. A donation of $100 to this group was approved. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Grace was sung and a pot luck dinner enjoyed. Following the dinner a group went to take part in the senior games which began with euchre in Morrisburg.

The Hallville ladies were responsible for the program and Isobel Lewis was in charge. She opened with a poem followed by singing, readings and a skit. Special music was provided on the piano and the keyboard by Aleitha Williams and Joan McIntosh.

The meeting closed with a poem by Isobel.

The next meeting will be May 26 with Mountain responsible for the program.

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In June and July 1992 the companies were served with an Order to control off-property emissions of salt. The companies subsequently appealed the Order to the Environmental Appeal Board. The proposed amendments would allow the Order to proceed without having an Environmental Appeal Board Hearing.

Ministry and company officials will explain the proposed amendments and be available to answer questions.

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Centre for abused children scrapped for lack of funding

Elizabeth Moreau
Special to the Press

CORNWALL — Plans to open a therapy centre for sexually abused children have been scrapped after the provincial government refused to help fund the project, the centre's board of directors announced this week.

An ad hoc group of people from various children and family services groups in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry have been working for two years to raise funds for the proposed centre. They had hoped the province would match the funds to cover the centre's budget, estimated at $250,000 annually.

More than $65,000 was raised through public and private donations, and more money was committed should the project get off the ground.

"It's been two years and we felt that in all good faith we could not keep that money idle anymore," said board secretary Robert Smith, a supervisor with the SD&G Children's Aid Society.

The centre would have served sexually abused children and their families. A similar program was cancelled by the CAS in 1991 because of funding cutbacks. It served about 40 families at the time, said Smith. Families who need specialized counselling and treatment services have to travel out of the area to places like Ottawa.

"There isn't anything in the community for sexually abused children and their families and there won't be in the near future," Smith said.

He said the province offered no reason as to why it would not fund the project.

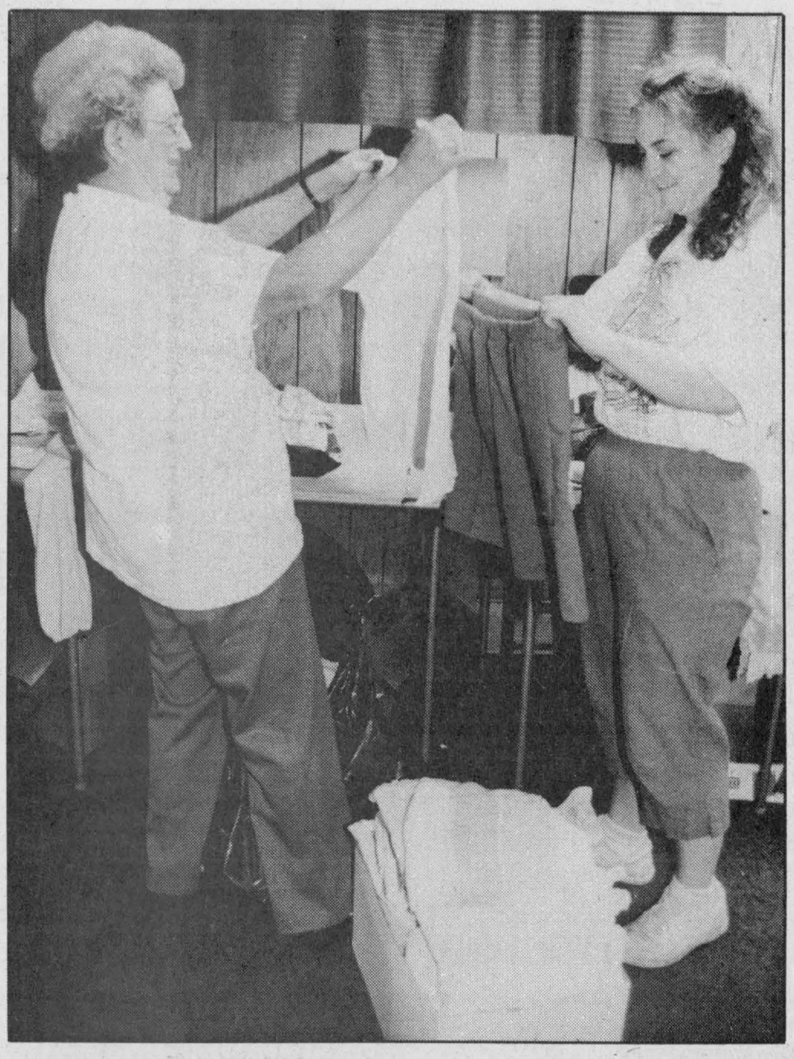
All the donations will be returned, but Smith said the board hopes the money will be redirected to other children's services agencies in Cornwall and SD&G.

Last month, the Ministry of Community and Social Services gave $300,000 to another Cornwall-area group looking to help children affected by the recession.

The group, led by the SD&G public and Catholic school boards, had asked for $9 million over three years. The budget for the proposed child sexual abuse therapy centre was included in the original proposal. Smith said the board is "quite upset" that the project did not receive any government money.

"We consider this important enough that it would be funded separately," he said.

Last year 140 cases of child sexual abuse were reported to the SD&G Children's Aid Society.



St. Matthias rummages

Members of St. Matthias Church held their spring rummage sale Saturday. The mother and daughter team of Shirley and Randi McGowan helped fold clothes in preparation for the sale.
Press Photo — Valiquet

Ambulance contracts won

by Sue Knippel
Special to the Press

OSGOODE—Until about a month ago, ambulance operators in Osgoode did not know whether or not they had jobs from week to week.

But now they rest fairly secure, knowing that five, one-year contracts have been awarded to their boss, Ron Dalgleish, ensuring the future of the Osgoode and District Ambulance Service for that length of time.

It was a close call, however.

"We only found out two days before we were going to close up shop (April 1)," said Bruce Griffin, a supervisor at the ambulance station in Osgoode.

The Ministry of Health also replaced the Osgoode ambulance with a new one. Although the old one was only two years old, it had 185,000 km on it, Griffin said.

He also credits the public support the unit received with helping the firm to be awarded its contract renewal.

"We really appreciated the support we got," he said. "We got an awful lot of support from the community, and it made a big difference in ensuring the ambulance service stayed in Osgoode.

"A lot of the calls people made and the letter-writing campaign really helped out. If people hadn't been squeaky, they wouldn't have given it (the contract and the service) back to us."

The Osgoode ambulance unit employs four full-time employees and 15 part-time.

Local ambulance attendants, together with their counterparts around the province, were also lobbying for one provincial ambulance service. They believed this would bring many benefits to Ontario ambulance attendants, as well as to Ontario residents.

Chief among the benefits would be more paramedic skills.

While such amalgamation is still viewed as a desirable move by Ontario ambulance employees, they recognize that current government financial restraints will probably make such a move difficult, if not impossible, for the present time.

"We're just happy to keep our jobs right now," Griffin said.

However Griffin said the issue is not dead yet.

"The Ottawa General (a base hospital for the area) is putting in a proposal for more paramedic skills, but there's a question if the money is available."

OBITUARIES

Ethel May Nimmo

Ethel May (nee MacLean) Nimmo died Sun., April 25, 1993 at the Ajax-Pickering Hospital. She was 91.

Born in Durham, Pictou County, Nova Scotia on Aug. 3, 1901, she and her husband served in the Presbyterian churches in Morewood and Russell from 1928 to 1935. They then lived in the manse in Morewood from 1943 to 1945.

She is survived by her daughter Margaret (Mrs. George Malcolm), Pickering; grandchildren Rev. George S. Malcolm (Janice), Grande Prairie, Alberta; Alex Malcolm (Marie), Bracebridge; Peggy Malcolm (Ian McKelvie), Reid's Mills; Beth Malcolm (Chris Dawson), Toronto; Ian Malcolm, Pickering; great-grandchildren Michael and Ashley Malcolm, Grande Prairie; Ryan, Kevin, Jeffrey and Catherine Malcolm, Bracebridge; and Graham McKelvie, Reid's Mills.

She was predeceased by her husband Rev. Dr. Alexander Nimmo in 1961 and her son Stewart A. Nimmo in 1954.

Her funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wingham, Ontario on Wed., April 28. Interment was at Wingham Cemetery.

The pallbearers were two elders of the Wingham Church, a family friend, Bruce Summers, Alex Malcolm, Ian Malcolm and Chris Dawson.

Floyd Arthur Pemberton

Floyd Arthur Pemberton of RR1, Inkerman died at Dundas Manor, Winchester on Mon., April 26, 1993. He was 90.

A former Dunbar resident, he was born in Elma on May 20, 1903, the son of the late William and Edith (nee Beckstead) Pemberton.

He was married in Williamsburg on Sept. 15, 1926 to Eileen Merkley.

He is survived by his wife Eileen, children Graham (Barbara), Winchester; Dale, RR1, Inkerman; Carl (Nina), Elma; Lorne (Ruth), Napanee, Con (Brenda), RR1, Inkerman; Sharel (Mrs. Ron Bell), Winchester; Sharon (Mrs. Roger Moss), RR3, Chesterville; sister Kezia Wells and brother Harold Pemberton, both of Williamsburg; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by sisters Fern Froats, Nellie Merkley, Alice Reddick and Gladys Pemberton.

Besides being a member of the Dunbar Lutheran Church, he was a 40-year member of the Holstein Association and a 38-year member of the Williamsburg IOOF Lodge.

His funeral service was held at J.R. Vice Funeral Home, Winchester on Thurs., April 29, with Rev. Ross Thomson officiating.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons Dwayne, Basil, Chris and Steven Pemberton and Kevin and Greg Bell.

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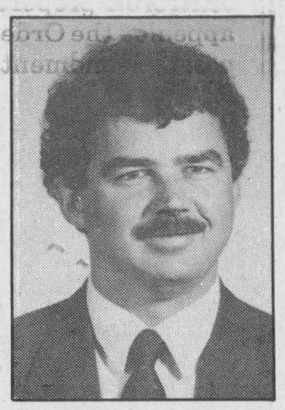

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Garnet Quail
News Correspondent

OSGOODE— The West Osgoode Old Time Music Association held its regular monthly meeting in the community centre hall in Osgoode, Fri., April 23.

During one of the breaks between musical groups, the club took the opportunity to make a donation to the Township of Osgoode Community Centre.

The donation took the form of a large garbage cart to be used by community centre staff to take garbage from the building to a dumpster across the parking lot.

According to Fred Alexander, one of the music club's past presidents, "The idea for such a donation was born on New Year's Eve when, after our dance, I saw one of the arena staff members trying to struggle to the dumpster at 2 am while carrying and dragging half a dozen bags of garbage.

"I thought there should be an easier way and now there is."

Osgoode arena manager Greg Holmes was on hand to accept the donation.

He thanked the group for the cart and for the co- operation that arena staff always receives from the Old Time Music Club.

Holmes said, "Yours is really a group of 'model citizens'... always willing to help and make our job here easier. This new cart is much appreciated and will certainly be put to good use."



TOCC donation

Fred Alexander (left) joins Osgoode arena manager Greg Holmes (centre) and Eugene Gorgichuk, president of West Osgoode Old Time Music Association for the presentation of a garbage cart to the Township of Osgoode Care Centre staff.
Press Photo — Quail



Tea please!

The Winchester chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, No.310 held its annual Daffodil Tea and Sale Saturday. Irene Woolford (left) pours a cup of tea for Hazel Prentise to serve during the afternoon at Henderson Hall. Press Photo — Valiquet

Township fetes volunteers

Garnet Quail
News Correspondent

VERNON — Last Saturday Osgoode Township entertained volunteers from all over the municipality.

Service clubs, athletic organizers, women's groups — anyone who volunteered for any program which enriches the quality of life in the township — were invited to enjoy a wonderful roast beef dinner and an evening of dancing at the Vernon Recreation Centre.

The mayor and the township's four councillors were at the door to personally greet the crowd which started to arrive shortly after 6pm. Everyone had an opportunity to mingle and enjoy the organ stylings of Stacey Alexander before dinner was served shortly after 7pm.

By the time the buffet was ready, almost 200 people were in attendance.

Mayor Albert Bouwers thanked everyone for their dedicated volunteer work over the past year and encouraged them to relax and enjoy the evening.

He said, "It is the invaluable assistance of each and every one of you which formulates the backbone of a successful and thriving community."

Following the delicious meal, Ron Shurtliffe's recorded dance music kept the floor full through most of the evening.

AJ's Valley Food Services, as well as catering the excellent evening meal, were on hand with a late evening snack consisting of roast beef on a bun, assorted cheeses, vegetable and dip trays and a delicious assortment of sweets.

The annual volunteer get-together, in an effort to accomodate those throughout the township, is held in a different village - Metcalfe, Osgoode and Vernon - each year on a rotational basis.

FWIO workshops

by E. Ruth Algire

WINCHESTER — "Call to order" was the theme of the workshops conducted by the Eastern Ontario area of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario on Wed., April 14, in Winchester.

Sixty-five members crowded into the OMAF boardroom for the event.

Area president, Peggy McLeod of Cobden, hosted the meeting, assisted by sub-division I board director, Vivian Fawcett and Winchester president, Irene Woolford.

Members from branches in the area participated in workshops related to the theme. Judy Rouselle, ROS from Stormont County, conducted a skit and discussion on parliamentary procedure. Debbie Gallagher led the workshop on time and stress management.

The workshop on networking, radio and press interviews was presented by Mae Craig, provincial board director for sub-division III.

President Peggy McLeod discussed FWIO structure and gave tips on protocol for Women's Institute members.

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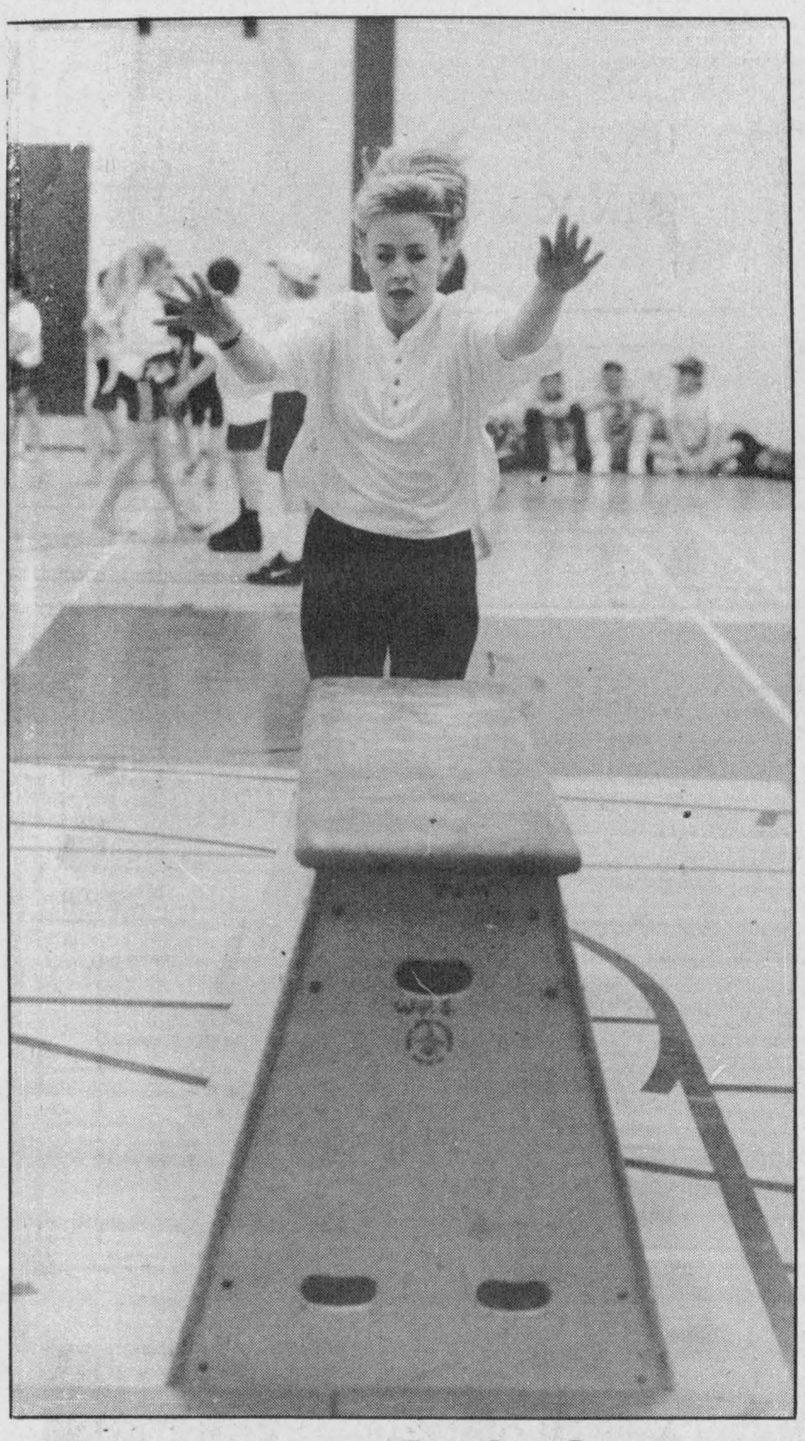

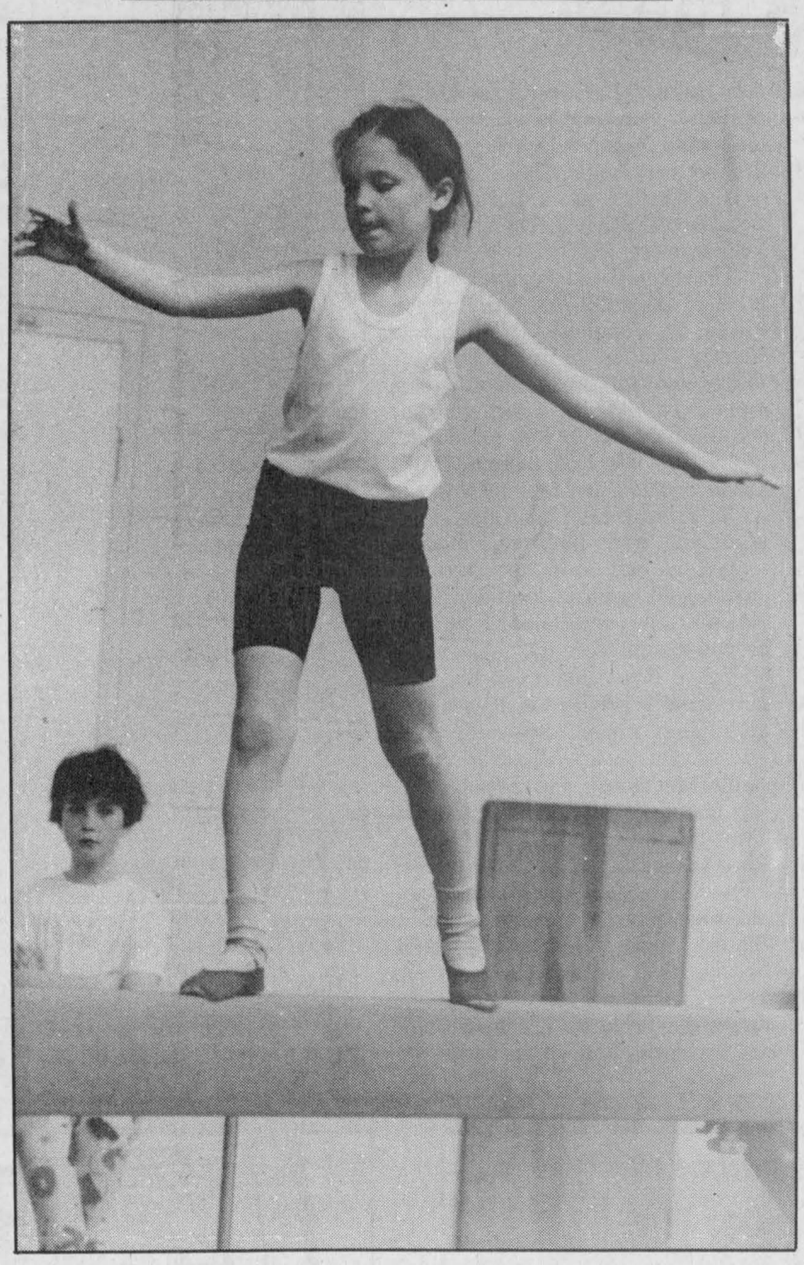

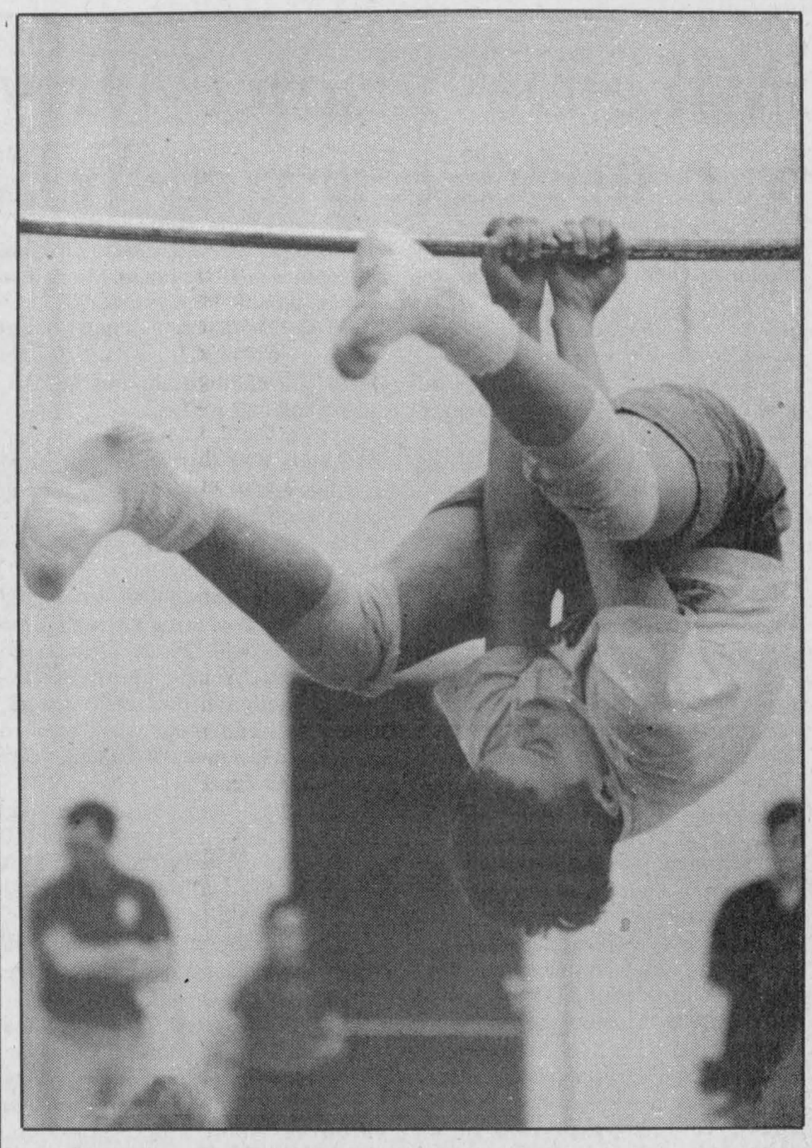

Top routines

This year's Dundas elementary gymnastics meet provided competition for 350 athletes. Mandy Knapp, 13, competed in the long box vault. Kelly Bartholomew, 9, concentrated on her balance beam moves. Kurtis Keyes, 13, (photo right) dangled on the horizontal bar.

Press Photos—Van Bridger

Over 300 strut their gymnastic skills

MAPLE RIDGE—Convenor Jack Barkley termed this year's Dundas County elementary gymnastics meet and unqualified success.

"Excellent....it was just an excellent day. First off there was not a single injury among the 350 kids. I heard commments from parents and teachers on how good the competitors were, which translates to the effort put into it by the coaches."

Barkley was extremely pleased with the behaviour of the young athletes noting that the high school population hardly knew they had 350 visitors in the building.

The convenor noted that the effort of Fran Kelly of NDDHS, the high school's custodial staff and the student judges figured into the day's success. He also was quick to thank Terry Palmer for providing the trucking for all of the event's equipment.

But this year's success may not insure the continuation of gymnastics competition.

As they have taken their toll at the high school level, NDDHS is the only SD&G high school providing a gymnastics program this year, cost of equipment, insurance and time may also take gymnastics out of the elementary sports program.

"We had two schools choose not to come this year, Stampville (no gym) and Chesterville (lack of coaching), which has never happened before. But a lot of teachers do not have the background (in gymnastics) or the time. Insurance and the cost of replacing equipment is very high," Barkley explained.

"We certainly like to provide the opportunity for children to experience the competition but we will have to look at continuing it (gymnastics)," he added.

GIRLS' RESULTS

TUMBLING—Nine years - Marsha Holliday, Dixons Corners; Adriana Hoogenboom, Nationview; Ashleigh Craig, Winchester.

Ten years - Lynn Oosterhoof, Dixons; Stefanie Dawes, WPS; Ashley McClure, Morewood.

Eleven years - Angie Castle, WPS; Sarah Leyenaar, Elma; Ellen Blatch, Morrisburg.

Twelve years - Nicole Jakes, Nationview; Lizzie Tucker, Nationview; Tammy Heerkins, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Tara Walter, Nationview; Michelle Chambers, Maple Ridge; Meghan Gilmer, Nationview.

Fourteen years - Wanda Keeler, Nationview; Miranda Skuce, Dixons Corners; Andrea McClure, Maple Ridge.

UNEVEN BARS—Nine years - Adriana Hoogenboom, Nationview; Kimberly Hillis, Morewood; Crystal VanDerVeen, Morewood.

Ten years - Dana Kirchmeier, Nationview; Lindsay Mellan, Nationview; Ashley McClure, Morewood.

Eleven years - Sarah Leyenaar, Elma; Stacey Hutchinson, Nationview; Crystal Mooney, Nationview.

Twelve years - Shannon Hamilton, Nationview; Jennifer Barton, Nationview; Jennifer Borlee, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Rachel Casselman, Maple Ridge; Merissa Locke-McIntosh, Maple Ridge; Megan Gilmer, Nationview.

Fourteen years - Brie Douglas, Nationview; Kerri Hunter, Maple Ridge; Christine Torrance, Nationview.

CROSS BOX—Nine years - Candice Collins, Morrisburg; Kristine Kirkwood, Morrisburg; Amber Devries, Dixons Corners and Ashley Craig, WPS (tie for third).

Ten years - Dana Kirchmire, Nationview and Marsha Holiday, Dixons (tie for first); Robin Hamilton, Nationview; Tasha Gibeault, Elma.

Eleven years - Pam Heuff, Morewood; Marg Barkley, Dixons and Angie Castle, WPS (tie for second); Crystal Mooney, Nationview and Allison Scott Nationview (tie for third).

Twelve years - Cindy Markell, Dixons and Tracy Heymans, Maple Ridge (tie for first); Sarah Clavet, WPS - Shannon Hamilton, Nationview and Jillian Kennedy all tied for second. Jennifer Borlee, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Jamie Lang, Dixons and Rachel Casselman, Maple Ridge (tied for first); Mandy Knapp, Maple Ridge; Karen Schwerdtfeger, WPS and Joanne Fawcett, Nationview (tied for third).

Fourteen years - Wanda Keeler, Nationview; Andrea McClure, Maple Ridge; Amanda Dillabough, Nationview.

FLOOR EXERCISES—Nine years - Julia Morris, WPS; Ashley Craig, WPS; Jessica Wagner and Ashley Windsor both Nationview (tied for third).

Ten years - Lynn Oosterhof, Dixons; Stephanie Dawes, WPS; Leslie Montgomery, Nationview.

Eleven years - Angie Castle, WPS; Karen Schwerdtfeger, WPS; Jennifer Larmour, Inkerman.

Twelve years - Nicole Jakes, Nationview; Miranda Skuce, Dixons; Tiffany Lafrance, Inkerman.

Thirteen years - Tara Walter, Nationview; Joanne Fawcett, Nationview; Cindy Markell, Dixons.

Fourteen years - Gina Martel, Nationview; Andrea McClure, Maple Ridge; Shannon Baldwin, Dixons.

LONG BOX—Nine years - Laurie Irvine, Morrisburg; Lindsay Whitteker, Dixons; Candace Collins, Morrisburg.

Ten years - Robin Hamilton, Nationview; Lindsay Mellan, Nationview; Aimee Baker, Morrisburg.

Eleven years - Pam Heuff, Morewood; Tiffany Holmes, WPS; Kelly Vandewint, Nationview.

Twelve years - Cindy Markell, Dixons; Amanda Dillabough, Nationview; Cara Berends, Inkerman.

Thirteen years - Rachel Casselman, Maple Ridge; Tara Walter, Nationview; Pam Dawes, Maple Ridge.

Fourteen years - Wanda Keeler, Nationview; Jasmine Burke, Maple Ridge.

BALANCE BEAM—Nine years - Amanda Thompson, Inkerman; Amber DeVries, Dixons and Mallory Feeley, Elma (tied for second); Jamie Wicks, Inkerman.

Ten years - Emily Moss, Morrisburg and Leslie Montgomery, Nationview (tied for first); Lynn Oosterhof, Dixons; Jessica Collins and Kristal Baldwin both of Inkerman (tied for third).

Eleven years - Kelly Vanderwint, Nationview; Kaitlyn Shaver, Iroquois; Sarah Leyenaar, Elma.

Twelve years - Rhonda Sherrer, Nationview; Jennifer Barton, Nationview; Carrie Lariviere, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Jo-Anne Martin, Nationview; Jana Fawcett, Nationview; Tara Walter, Dixons.

Fourteen years - Tracey Shaver, Nationview; Nicola Slavik, Maple Ridge; Miranda Skuce, Dixons.

BOY'S RESULTS

TUMBLING—Nine years - Jason Locke-McIntosh, Morewood; Cory White and Nathan Markell.

Ten years - Paul Davis, Morewood; Sean MacMillan, WPS; Jeff Lafrance, Inkerman.

Eleven years - Duane Penney, Morewood; Mike Davidson, WPS; Mark Simpson, NPS.

Twelve years - Matthew Carkner, Maple Ridge; Chris VanKoppen, NPS; Steve Mattice, Morewood.

Thirteen years - Mike Flowers, NPS; Jeff Weedmark, NPS; Ryan Moore, Maple Ridge.

Fourteen years - Dustin Broadfoot, NPS and Mark Jones, Maple Ridge.

PARALLEL BARS—Nine years - Yann Bossel, Nationview, Peter Cearar, Nationview.

Ten years - Matt Barton, NPS; Bobby Bryan, NPS.

Eleven years - Brad Fawcett, NPS; Mark Genier, NPS.

Twelve years - Paul St. John, NPS; Dean Kerr, NPS; Jason Hill, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Mike Hodge, NPS; Paul Derraugh, NPS; Nathan Svenson, Maple Ridge.

Fourteen years - Jon Robinson, Maple Ridge; Randy Spear, NPS; Dan Huizinga, Maple Ridge.

CROSS BOX—Nine years - Eric Toonders, WPS; Sean McMillan, WPS; Jason Locke-McIntosh, Morewood.

Ten years - Matt Barton, NPS; Billy McRoberts, WPS; Paul Davis, Morewood.

Eleven years - Mike Davidson, WPS; Gordon Casselman, Dixons; Craig Wylie, NPS.

Twelve years - Tom Casselman, Elma; Darryl Toonders, WPS; Matthew Carkner, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Mike Hodge, Nationview and Ryan Moore, Maple Ridge (tied for first); Steve Mattice, Morewood; Mike Flowers, Nationview.

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Winchester athletes finish in top third

TORONTO—North Dundas District High School didn't win any medals, but it did come away with two top third placings at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) gymnastics championships here over the weekend.

A pair of Winchester athletes, Tamara Bond and Jenny Castle, vaulted into the top third of their divisions.

Bond, making her fifth appearance at the provincial championships, qualified in four events in Level IV competition —vault, beam, uneven bars and floor — and earned high marks on the vault. It was also her strongest event at the East Regional (EOSSAA) two weeks ago where she won a gold medal with a 9.1 score.

Castle, who also won gold in the vault at EOSSAA, participated in the Level II competition. This was her first trip to OFSAA.

In total, North Dundas sent nine gymnasts to the meet at Seneca College. Over 500 athletes from 14 school associations competed in six levels.

"For the most part, (our) scores were pretty consistent with (our) EOSSAA results," coach Fran Kelly said. "Some were better and some weren't as good. Nobody came last.

"But the competition is pretty tight; in a (division) of 50 gymnasts, the difference between 10th and 25th is sometimes .05 of a point."

North Dundas won five gold medals at EOSSAA but sent all nine of its gymnasts based on the judges' recommendation that they could compete at that level.

"It's an exciting meet. It's very well organized and gives the girls a better sense of some of the gymnastic traditions," said Kelly, who co-coaches the team with Rhonda Kelly and Kelly Durant.

"The thing I emphasize is that it is a privilege to be here. They can see the routines and try to incorporate them into their own routines for next year.

"For the most part, they were pleased with their efforts. I've taken girls to OFSAA for 13 years and very rarely didn't have them fall on the beam. But Kerry Houze and Jenny Castle were perfect. It was pretty exciting."

Devils defeat Patriotes for relay title

IROQUOIS—There was nothing quiet about La Citadelle's arrival at annual Dave Stevens Memorial Relay meet.

The Cornwall high school, dominant in most SD&G sports, rolled into the parking lot at Seaway District High School here Thursday morning, with not one, but two buses.

No small track team.

For many of the nine participating schools, the competition is more an endurance test than a series of relay races. Some of their athletes run as many as five events

More legs equals more points, or so Patti Hall thought as she watched the buses unload.

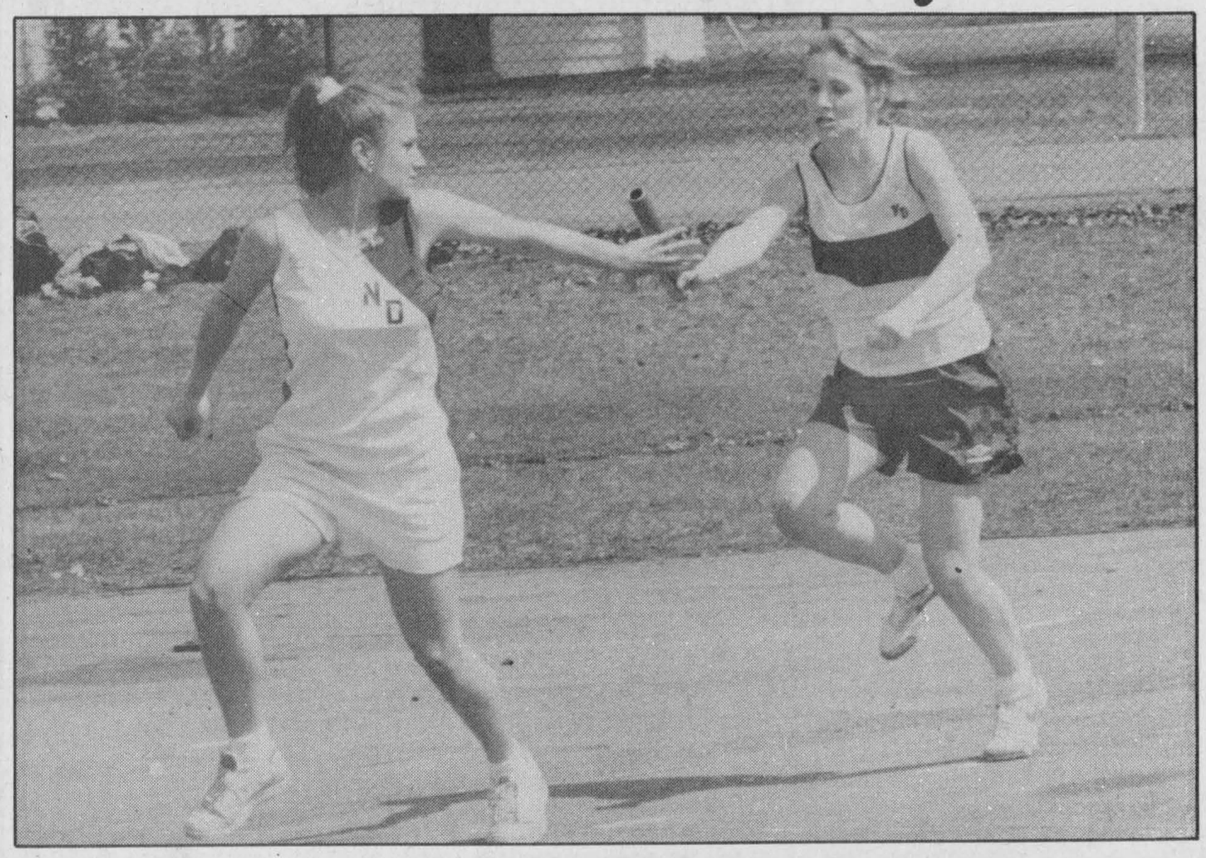
"When La Citadelle brought two bus loads, it made us nervous," the North Dundas District High School coach said.

But, while La Citadelle was collecting five points for third and fourth place finishes, North Dundas was compiling 10 points for firsts and seconds, enroute to its third straight Stevens Memorial Relay Meet title.

The Devils accumulated 196 points, almost 30 more than the second place Patriots. The St. Lawrence Saints placed third.

"We didn't have as many runners as (La Citadelle) but we've been training really hard," Hall said.

The meet is a preliminary to the SD&G finals this Thursday at Tagwi. But, "it gives us a chance to do all different distances and gives us a chance to compete against other SD&G runners," Hall said.



North Dundas' Mary Linton, left, grabs the baton from teammate Maggie Graham.

The races were two 1600 medleys, two 4x100, a 4x200, a 4x400 and a coaches medley which the Devils won.

Because North Dundas has small teams at both its senior boys and girls level and its junior girls division, four athletes had to compete in virtually every event.

The Devils also juggled junior and senior athletes, allowing some juniors to run in senior races.

Mike Davidson, Marty Link run up victories at WPS meet

WINCHESTER—Marty Link dominated the 12-year- old division winning five of six events in the annual Winchester Public School track and field meet.

It looks as if the WPS team will send some fleet- footed athletes to this year's Dundas Elementary School Meet (to be held at Seaway District High School) on May 26.

Along with Link, younger brother of NDDHS running sensation Murray Link, who won the 12 year-old 50m, 100m and 200m events, Winchester had some impressive results turned in following last Friday's sprint events.

Pam Berry ran to victory in the 12-year-old girls' 50m, 100m and 200m. Jamie Muldoon captured the 100m and 200m in the 11-year-old bracket while Petra Hrziwnatzki struck gold in the 50m.

Stephanie Dawes dominated the 10-year-old races sweeping the 50m, 100m and 200m. Crystal Glassford did the same in the nine year-old runs. Fiona Drummond and Elizabeth O'Donnell provided Glassford with some stiff competition.

In the boys' (nine years) sprint races Tyler Leach out-raced Shawn Smail to the finish line in all three...50m, 100m and 200m.

Travis Rowe defeated Shawn Typhair in the (10 year old) 50 and 100m events. Tylor Shortt took the 200m in a win over Rowe. Shortt also earned a pair of bronze medals.

Mike Davidson (11 years) put down a stiff challenge from Jordan Dale Hill and nipped him in the 50m, 100m and 200m runs.

And in the 12-year-old track competition it was Marty Link defeating a determined Leonard Murphy in all three sprints.

FIELD EVENTS

Crystal Glassford also struck gold in field events sharing the high jump red ribbon with Fiona Drummond and winning the long jump over Kristen Lalonde. Fiona Drummond, Elizabeth O'Donnell and Glassford finished in that order in the nine-year-old softball throw.

Kara Lee Young finished first in both the high and long jump (10 years) after she had picked up ribbons in the sprints. Jennifer Little won the softball throw. Rachel Arsenault, Donna Dauphinee, Jenny Campbell and Emily Arsenault finished in the top three in those events.

Amanda Devries, Pam Berry and Chelan Cheney tied for top spot in the high jump (11 years). Tracey Veley and Tiffany Holmes were the top ball throwers while Jamie Muldoon, Petra Hrziwnatzki and Veley finished in that order in the long jump pit.

On the 12-year-old result card Tiffany Holmes, Hrziwnatzki and Jamie Muldoon were one-two-three in the high jump. Amanda Devries, Natalie Stewart and Angie Castle were the top three ball throwers. Devries, Pam Berry and Chelan Cheney topped the long jumpers.

The 12-year-old boys high jump winner was Leonard Murphy followed by Jonathan Garlough and Clayton Villing. Marty Link, Nick Wicks and Jeff West recorded the longest ball tosses. Link, Murphy and Garlough led the long jump field.

Jordan Dale Hill defeated Mike Davidson and Darryl Toonders to win the 11 year-old high jump gold. Jesse MacLean, Dale Hill and Davidson topped the ball throw list. Davidson struck gold again in the long jump. Adam Erdman and Dale Hill finished second and third.

Travis Rowe continued his winning ways grabbing the 10-year-old high jump ribbon. Shawn Typhair was second best. William McLean, Jamie MacDonell and Kris Nickerson claimed the ball throw awards. Tyler Shortt, Luke Badal and Travis Rowe turned in the best long jumps.

It was a log jam atop the nine-year-old high jump standings as Adam Bryon, Wayne Hylarides and Nick Sproule tied for first. Scott Smail, Tyler Leach and Aaron Kenneally threw the farthest. Leach, Sproule and Hylarides jumped the longest.



At the wire

Mike Davidson nipped Jordan Dale Hill, right, at the wire in three sprints during last Friday's track and field meet at WPS. Davidson won the 50m, 100m and 200m edging Dale Hill in each event.

Press Photo—Van Bridger

Fishing derby this Saturday

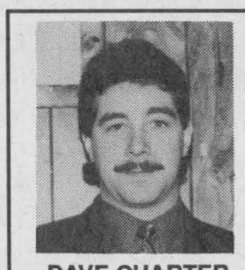
BERWICK — The South Nation River Conservation Authority in conjunction with the Village of Plantagenet is sponsoring a fishing tournament on Sat., May 8.

Pre-registration will take place at the following places: Village of Plantagenet Municipal Office, 220 Main Street, Plantagenet; South Nation River Conservation Authority Office, 15 Union Street, Berwick; Massie Sport, 548 Principale Street, East, Hawkesbury; Claude Burelle, 3111 Johnson Street, Cornwall; Voyageur Dept, 379 McArthur Road, Vanier, or 1987 St. Joseph Blvd, Orleans; and Home Hardware O.R. Lalonde, St. Phillippe Street, Alfred. You may also register on the day of the event from 6-9am at Jessup's Falls Conservation Area, located on Hwy. 17, west of the Village of Plantagenet. The registration fee is $12 per adult, and $6 per child (12 years and under) which includes a bean supper at Jessup's Falls Conservation Area and one draw ticket.

Total prizes awarded will be $9,000. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: largest pickerel, $750; second largest pickerel, $350, third largest pickerel, $200; total catch, salmon and trout fishing trip for five on Lake Ontario; 3 children's prizes will be awarded.

Grand prizes: tickets required. First: 14' Princecraft (fisherman) boat with 15 hp Mercury outboard motor and Princecraft trailer. Second: 14' Cadorette canoe.

Numerous prizes which have been obtained from different sponsors within the watershed will be drawn after the awards ceremony.



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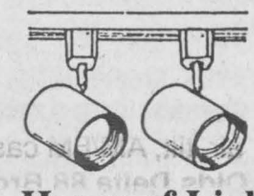

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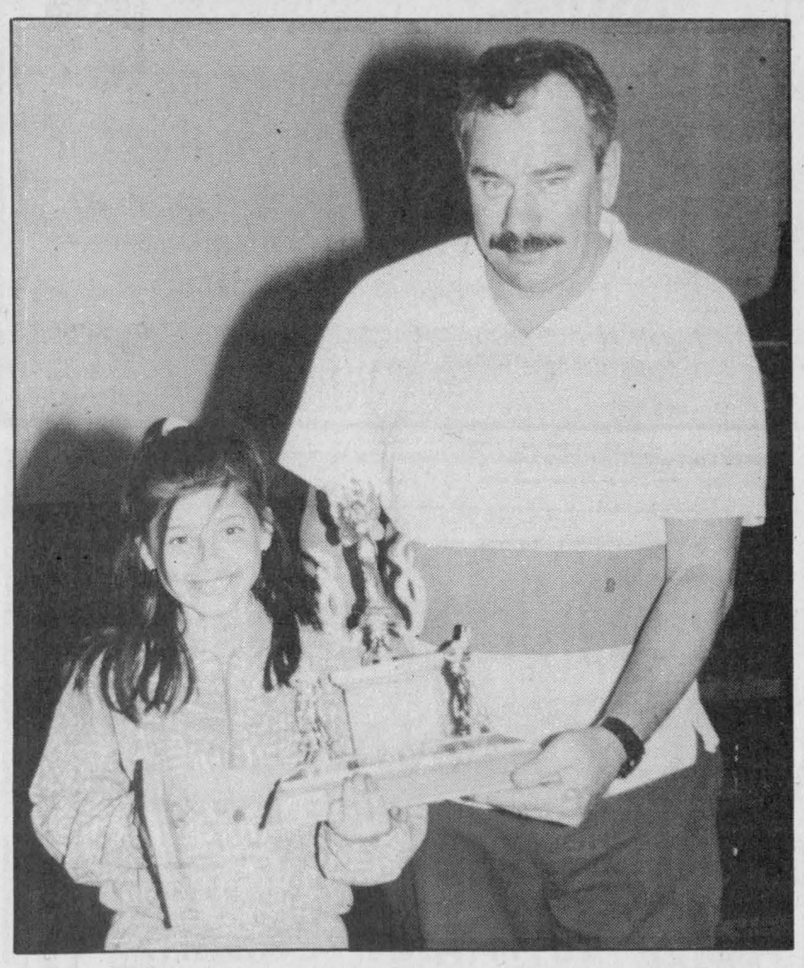
MDRA representative John Stolk presented the Irene Corkill Memorial Award for Team Spirit to Leanne Reaney, left, and Janice Isaac of the Belles.



Crystal Winter accepted her trophy as Metcalfe and District Ringette Association's outstanding goalie. John Stolk presented the award to the member of Metcalfe's Petite.

Meloy introduced as MDRA president at ringette banquet

Garnet Quail
News Correspondent

METCALFE— The Metcalfe and District Ringette Association closed the 1992-93 season on a festive note hosing their annual banquet here in the Metcalfe Community Centre last Thursday.

Ron Isaac, in his final official appearance as association president, welcomed all of the players, coaches and their friends and families to the awards get-together.

Dinner took the form of a sumptuous pot-luck assortment coordinated by Linda Merrett and her industrious committee of Katherine Oldroyd, Margo Thompson, Diane Little and Diane Scrivens.

Following the meal all of the teams were introduced and the coaches had an opportunity to introduce each player and present them with a small gift. The association iced teams in six categories this past season; Bunnies, Novices, Petites, Tweens, Juniors and Belles. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest or enough available players to assemble a Debs team.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Two young ladies won special awards as Most Improved Beginning Player: Erin Oldroyd of the Petites and Jody Stolk of the Tweens. Best Effort was picked up by Shannon O'Brien of the Belles and the Goaltender trophy went to Crystal Winter (Petite). The Team Sportsmanship award was won by the Belles, coached by Gord Reaney with the assistance of John Stolk and managed by Nelda Isaac.

A special team spirit award was shared by two of the Belles players, the Irene Corkill Memorial Award went to Janice Isaac and Leanne Reaney with each girl taking home a plaque.

Ron Isaac presented the President's Award to John Mulligan who is stepping down after several seasons of performing a steller job as ice scheduler. He also presented a plaque of appreciation to Past President Peggy McCooeye.

The association rounded out the evening with presentation of plaques of appreciation to five local sponsoring businesses who lend so much valued financial assistance.

Donna Meloy was introduced as the president for the coming season and everyone was reminded of the Ringette Association ball tournament planned for Friday evening and Saturday, June 18 and 19.



President's trophy

Jodi Mulligan, right, accepts the Metcalfe and District Ringette Association's President's trophy on behalf of her father John Mulligan, the association's ice scheduler. MDRA president Ron Isaac made the presentation. Press Photos—Quail

FRANKLY SPEAKING



by Frank Morgan

Frankly Speaking will not appear in this week's paper.

Columnist Frank Morgan is at home recuperating from a mild heart attack. He hopes to return to his typewriter next week.

The Press staff and our readers wish Frank a speedy recovery.

Gymnastics

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Fourteen years - Nathan Kair, NPS; Albert Billings, NPS; Troy Elliott, Maple Ridge.

HORIZONTAL BARS—Nine years - Alexander Last, NPS; Peter Cearar, NPS.

Ten years - Bobby Bryan, NPS.

Eleven years - Craig Wylie, NPS; Tyler Hoy, NPS.

Twelve years - Nathan Lang, NPS.

Thirteen years - Kurtiss Keyes, NPS; Justin Heuff, Maple Ridge and Jon Vandewint, NPS (tied for second).

Fourteen years - Nathan Kair, NPS; Jon Robinson, Maple Ridge.

LONG BOX—Nine years - Yann Bossel, NPS; Eric Toonders, WPS; Jacob Wicks, WPS.

Ten years - Billy McRoberts, WPS; Matt Barton, NPS; Matt Nelson, NPS and Calvin McIntosh, Elma (tied for third).

Eleven years - Craig Wylie, NPS; Daryl Toonders, WPS and Mark Simpson, NPS (tied for second); Grant Booth, Inkerman and Mike Hamilton, WPS (tied for third).

Twelve years - Randy Spear, NPS; Matt Carkner, Maple Ridge; Kevin Helmer, Maple Ridge.

Thirteen years - Mike Flowers, NPS and Shawn Sears, NPS (tied for first); Ryan Moore, Maple Ridge; Martin Constapel, Maple Ridge.

Fourteen years - Nathan Kair, NPS; Albert Billings, NPS; Troy Elliott, Maple Ridge.

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Armstrong nets two in ball hockey opener

CHESTERVILLE—Julie Armstrong scored a pair of goals and Sherry Stewart supplied stellar netminding as the Pink Ladies won the Chesterville/Winchester Ladies Ball Hockey League opener here last Thursday night.

Armstrong's goals opened and closed the scoring as the Pink Ladies defeated the Green Machine 3-1.

In the other two encounters Jackie Boulanger posted the shutout backing the Aqua Aces' 3-0 win over Purple and Deanna Corbett-White scored three times as the Orange-A-Tangs nipped Mellow Yellow 4-3.

The first period of the opening contest was scoreless but the Pink Ladies turned on the power in the second session and stormed into a 3-0 lead on the Green Machine.

Julie Armstrong opened things up at 10:48 of period two scoring on a feed from Lorraine MacIntosh. MacIntosh then took a pass from Shana Marriner and Kim Simms and poked the ball home at 10:00 to make it 2-0.

Armstrong came through for her second goal with 6:14 left in the second and gave the Ladies a 3-0 lead with help from MacIntosh and Marriner.

The Green Machine ruined Sherry Stewart's hopes for a perfect game when Vicki Holmes slapped in a Kathryn Houze rebound with just 1:10 left to play in the game.

The Pink Ladies were without six and Green Machine three players.

ACES 3 - PURPLE 0

Jackie Boulanger turned back everything Purple fired at her as the Aqua Aces ran up a 3-0 win in their season-opening contest.

Linda Hamelin smoked a 15 foot wrist shot into Nancy VanDerVeen's cage at 3:30 of the first period and scored what would prove to be the winning goal. Connie Bryan drew an assist on the play.

Melanie Hoy then cashed in a Michelle Laflamme relay at 14:35 of the third period and opened up a 2-0 lead. Jackie Morris nailed the final goal scoring from LaFlamme and Erin Crowder with 6:01 left on the clock to make it a 3-0 final.

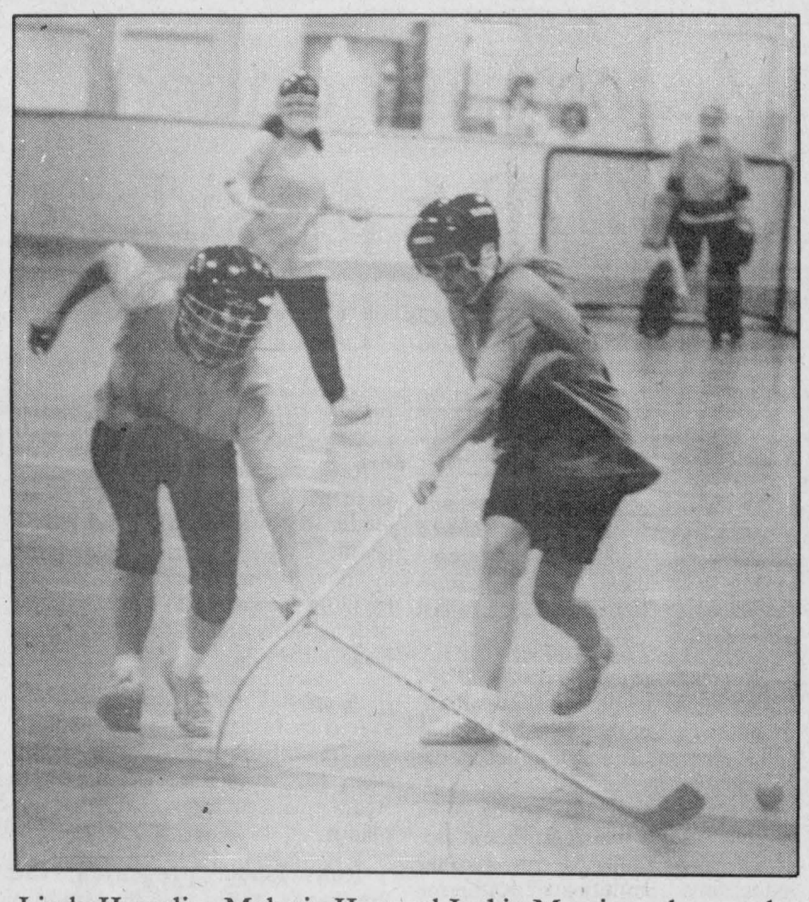
TANGS 4 - YELLOW 3

Katie Clapp scored the game-winning goal with 5:02 left on the clock to lift the Orange-A-Tangs to a slim 4-3 win over Mellow-Yellow in the final game of the triple bill.

Yellow gained a 1-0 lead at 8:50 of the first period as Corinne Skuce potted a pass from Rhonda Winter and Marylynn Plummer.

Deanna Corbett-White knotted the count at a goal when she scored the first of three 0:06 before the end of the opening stanza. Andrea Acheson assisted on the play.

Orange-A-Tangs' goalie Roxanne Crump and Yellow's Elaine Teplate played perfectly through a scoreless second period but the 1-1 deadlock was broken in a big way in the final frame.



Linda Hamelin, Melanie Hoy and Jackie Morris each scored a goal as the Aqua Aces blanked Purple 3-0 in last week's C/WLBHL opening triple bill. Press Photo—Van Bridger

Deanna Corbett-White singlehandedly gave the Tangs a 3-1 cushion scoring back-to-back goals in the third. Acheson and Kristina Kelly assisted her at 12:54 but the marker at 12:17 was a solo effort.

Melanie Leroux closed the gap to 3-2 when she scored from Sandra Beggs at 7:48 but the Tangs opened up a 4-2 gap at 5:02 as Katie Clapp scored from Corbett-White.

Mellow Yellow made it an exciting 4-3 finish when Rhonda scored an unassisted goal with just 1:12 left to play in the game.

Senior Devils practice on pitch

MAPLE RIDGE—They have practised indoors and out and are fine-tuning their game. All the North Dundas District High School senior girls' soccer team needs now are games.

Doug Carroll, the Senior Devils' coach, says the response has been great reporting 32 registered and as many as 22 could play.

"That's a lot (22) of bodies but if we play in tournament situations (several games in one day) we will need everyone," he explained.

The coach explained that the extremely bad weather had washed out a couple of schedules and he didn't know for sure when or under what format the SD&G girls' soccer season would be played.

"I've heard we may get three outings and playoffs. But I don't know the structure. The games will be 30 minute halves."

"We have worked on some things in the gym and been on the field twice before this week. We hope to do some fine tuning in a couple of practices this week and be ready to play next."

Coach Carroll, who worked with the Senior boys' squad last fall, says he has been pleased with his new team noting they pay attention during practices and are good learners.

"The forward line has some good speed and some knowledge of what to do with the ball on the attack. We also have some girls who can really strike the ball."

Carroll figures his team may have problems working a defence and coping with the new rule concerning the keeper handling the ball but says those are things that can be dealt with with more experience.

Seaway Valley bedeviled at national championships

LONG SAULT—"No luck around the net."

It's become an anthem for the Seaway Valley Devils at national championships.

For the second consecutive year, Seaway Valley dominated its opponents at the Canadian National Juvenile Women's Broomball championships —allowing just eight shots on its net in three round-robin games.

But at the other end, where the Devils bombarded goaltender after goaltender, nothing went right

Though Seaway Valley won its first two games, a 1- 0 loss to Newfoundland in the final round-robin contest cost it a berth in the final four.

"We had some bad luck," co-coach Brian Rombough said. "There were lot's of tears after that game

"We spent 80 to 90 per cent of every game in the other (team's) zone. That's why we took it so hard when we didn't make it to the playoffs."

Seaway Valley, representing Ontario, entered the tournament in Cornerbrook, Nfld., seeded among the top three following its performance in the 1992 final, a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Quebec.

Rombough and co-coach Jim Bancroft had predicted that the Devils wouldn't repeat last year's loss; this year they intended to win it all. The team was stronger and faster and had handily won its third straight provincial title.

But the pressure had its effect.

And the lack of scoring compounded the problem; it became the primary focus for many of the players.

But there was little the coaches could do

"The girl's were coming off asking what was wrong," Rombough said. "They were looking for answers but Jim and I couldn't help them. We kept saying, 'you're not doing anything wrong, the ball's just not going in.' The passing was super. They were doing everything right, but everytime we shot on net something went wrong.

"Whether we were too confident, I don't know."

If Rombough needed proof that the Devils were not destined to win, he got in Saturday's tilt with Newfoundland.

Seaway Valley dominated the match from the outset, allowing just six shots on goaltenders Kim MacLean and Wendy George, and appeared to have broken its scoring jinx late in the second half. A Newfoundland forward froze the ball in the goal crease and the Devils argued that it had gone in. They were awarded a penalty shot, but could not score.

"I wish we had a replay camera on that," Rombough said. "I told the girls that the cellophane across the net was very thick; we just couldn't break it. We outplayed them so bad but couldn't hit the net."

"In that game, we took 30 or 40 shots and we must have hit every damn post," said Bancroft. "But sometimes that's the way it happens

The loss left the Devils with a 2-1 record and in a three-way tie for first place in their pool. Only the top two would advance.

The Canadian Broomball Federation broke the deadlock based on goals-for-and-against, and Seaway's inability to score finally came back to haunt it.

"That was the game that did the damage," Rombough said.

Ironically, the Devils wrapped up the tournament with a placement game against Cornerbrook and, with the pressure off, walloped the host team 8-0.

"The girls went crazy and mercied them," said Rombough. "We didn't even finish two periods. Everything started to go in. Even the referee said, 'It's about time you started to fill the net.

"I don't know, maybe we were trying too hard."

Gail Garlough, who was named to the tournament's second all-star team, capped off a five-goal week with two. Julie Pollock scored twice and set up a pair and Glenda Lauzon netted a pair. Lauzon was also named MVP for the contest.

Christina Rombough and Christine Bancroft scored singles.

On Friday, Seaway opened the national championship with a 1-0 win over Nova Scotia and then downed New Brunswick 3-0.

Garlough scored the lone goal against Nova Scotia, on a pass from Bancroft, to earn the MVP award. MacLean and George faced just two shots.

Garlough connected twice against New Brunswick, first from Bancroft and then from Pollock. Bonnie Loynachan set up Susan Stewart for the other marker. Wendi Lawson was named the game's MVP.

Neither MacLean nor George, who split the goaltending, saw the ball.

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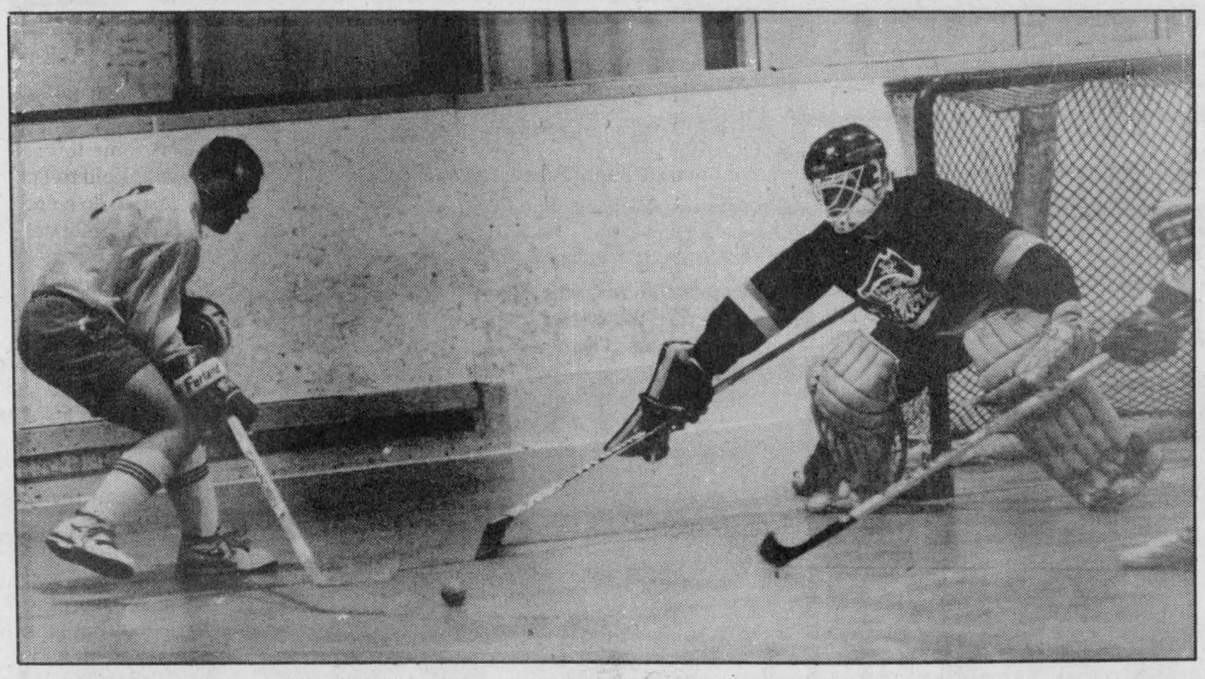

Red Wings goalie Donnie Imrie, trying to poke check Jokers' Cory VanDelst in the photo, wasn't amused by the rain of rubber he faced in the third period of a 7-3 loss to Top Valu.

Deuces back to defend OFL title

OSGOODE—Team captain and veteran shortstop Dean "Dirt" Holmes says his defending champion Osgoode Deuces will look a little different in '93 but they are determined to take another run at the championship.

"We may not be as strong this year as last without second baseman J. Dewan and veteran third baseman Reg Hyndman but we should have a strong team," Holmes predicted.

Dewan has had to bow out of the picture due to work commitments and Reg Hyndman may only be available on a part-time basis because after playing the hot corner for years he is going to watch the Ottawa Lynx (season tickets) defend their infield.

But if the Deuces, who ran away with both the pennant and championship, have powerful lefty Dan Hogaboam back on the hill they should challenge again.

Hogaboam, of Winchester, threw almost every pitch last summer leading the Deuces through a perfect 20-0-0 season. He finally got some relief help from Greg "Tumble" McLaren in the post season as the Deuces first eliminated the Ramsayville Raiders in two games and out scored them 17-1.

In the championship best of five final Dereck Byrd and North Gower handed the Deuces their only loss of the season doubling them 4-2. But Osgoode recovered and won the silverware posting 3-2, 8-7 and 7-0 victories.

The Deuces completed their season with an amazing record of 27-1-0. A tough act for Holmes and his crew to follow in '93.

Holmes also reported that, "Umpire-in-chief Lynn Dewan and his competent crew are back for another season."

Dewan reported that he has newcomer Tom Sullivan suited up and ready for his first action.

The chief umpire also says rumour has it fastball stars Bruce Casselman and Grant Skinner, both signed to play senior ball in Toronto, will stay sharp by playing whenever possible in the Osgoode League.

The Deuces opened the new season Tuesday (May 4) in a rematch with North Gower. The Kemptville Thunder took on the Augermen in the tail end of the twin bill.

Tomorrow night (May 6) the Ferguson - Guy Selects (formerly Pride) will play the Ramsayville Raiders at 7pm. At 8:30pm the Deuces will meet the Thunder.

Friday evening (May 7) the 7pm contest pits the Ferguson - Guy Selects against North Gower. At 8:30pm Ramsayville will take on the Augermen.

Blizzard blows over Blues 8-3

CHESTERVILLE—Ben Henry, Ken Byers and Chris Holmes supplied the offensive power here last Tuesday as the Co-operators Blizzard buried the Legion Branch 108 Blues 8-3.

The decision evened the defending Chesterville/Winchester Men's Ball Hockey League champion Blues record at 1-1-0 and improved the Co-operators' mark to 1-0-1.

For the second consecutive week the Top Valu Gas Bar Jokers entered the win column. This time they blasted a five-man DPT Red Wing squad 7-3 to remain alone in first place.

In the other encounter the six-man Jumpin' Jack Flashes crew fizzled in a 6-0 loss to the Sierra Grande Green Machine.

BLIZZARD 8 - BLUES 3

It was a 1-1 game after a period and close at 4-3 after 40 minutes before the Co-operators iced it with a four-goal third.

Blizzard captain Ricky Nelson was excited about the win over the powerful Blues and his team's undefeated record and suggested the "white team will be number one."

Ben Henry led the winners with two goals and two assists. Chris Holmes bagged two goals and one assist. Ken "Hound" Byers scored once and assisted on three others.

Ricky Nelson and Jamie Kennedy each collected a goal and two helpers. Junior Hamelin supplied a goal and one assist. Gene McInnis and Kevin Edgerton both assisted on goals. Don "Don" Marcellus posted the victory.

Dwayne Bazinet netted both Blues goals. John Mackler snapped in one and set up two goals. Bryan Helmer, playing his first game, helped out on all three goals. Steve Johnston picked up one assist.

GREEN 6 - FLASHES 0

Goalie Denis Desormeaux didn't have any trouble handling the offence the six-man Jumpin' Jack Flashes threw at him as he iced a 6-0 victory for the Sierra Grande Green Machine.

Flashes captain says he hopes the debut of Jeff Holmes, Chris Van Bridger and Chris Hart in week three will help his tired team break into the win column.

Jumpin' Jack ball-stopper Pat "Bird" Brugmans played a solid game between the pipes but was often beaten on the third shot. Desormeaux was flawless at the other end of the rink.

Sierra Grande led 1-0 after a period. Kevin "Hound" Byers scored the first of four goals with 4:53 left in the first. Kevin Moore and Paul Melenhorst helped Byers score the winner.

It was 3-0 after two and 6-0 at the buzzer.

Byers led his team to victory scoring four times. He also assisted on a goal. Paul Melenhorst and Ray Sherrer scored the other markers. Kevin Moore set up four and Melenhorst one goal.

JOKERS 7 - WINGS 3

Rene Boulanger and his Red Wings had to play the entire game. They didn't have a single replacement on the bench and that lack of substitution took its toll.

The Jokers led 1-0 after a period and 3-2 after two.

In spite of the fatigue the Wings managed to knot the score at 3-3 when Jason Kennedy scored from Rob Gourgon at 18:22 of the third but at 17:01 it was the beginning of the end.

Will O'Connor scored the winner, assisted by Dennis Ouellette and Jerrold Boulanger, at 17:01 and the route was on.

Three goals in the final 2:37 made it a 7-3 final.

Will O'Connor paced the Jokers' attack with four goals and one assist. Dennis Ouellette (1g., 3a.), Jerrold Boulanger (1g., 2a.) and Dereck Holmes (1g., 1a.) scored the other goals. Pete vanKessel (2), Larry Shaver and Cory VanDelst picked up assists. Paul "Squig" Bjergso registered his second straight win.

Rob Gourgon, Jason Kennedy and Rene Boulanger marked the Wing goals.

Scoreboard

Chesterville/Winchester Ladies' Ball Hockey League

Week One (April 28) Scores:
Pink Ladies 3, Green Machine 1
Aqua Aces 3, Purple 0
Orange-A-Tangs 4, Mello Yellow3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Aqua Aces	1	0	0	3	0	2
Pink Ladies	1	0	0	3	1	2
Orange-A-Tangs	1	0	0	4	3	2
Mello Yellow	0	1	0	3	4	0
Green Machine	0	1	0	1	3	0
Purple	0	1	0	0	3	0

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Deanna Corbett-White, Orange	3	1	4
Lorraine MacIntosh, Pink	1	2	3
Julie Armstrong, Pink	2	0	2
Rhonda Winter, Yellow	1	1	2
Andrea Acheson, Orange	0	2	2
Michelle Laflamme, Aqua	0	2	2
Shanna Marriner, Pink	0	2	2

Chesterville/Winchester Men's Ball Hockey League

Week Two (April 28) Scores:
Cooperators 8, Legions Blues 3
Sierra Grande 6, Jumpin' Jacks 0
Top Valu Jokers 7, DPT Red Wings 3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Top Valu Jokers	2	0	0	11	6	4
Cooperators	1	0	1	12	7	3
Legion Blues	1	1	0	10	11	2
Sierra Grande	1	1	0	9	4	2
DPT Red Wings	0	1	1	7	11	1
Jumpin' Jacks	0	2	0	3	13	0

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Will O'Connor, TV Jokers	5	3	8
John Mackler, Legion Blues	4	4	8
Kevin Byers, Sierra Grande	5	2	7
Ben Henry, Cooperators	4	3	7
Dennis Ouellette, TV Jokers	1	6	7

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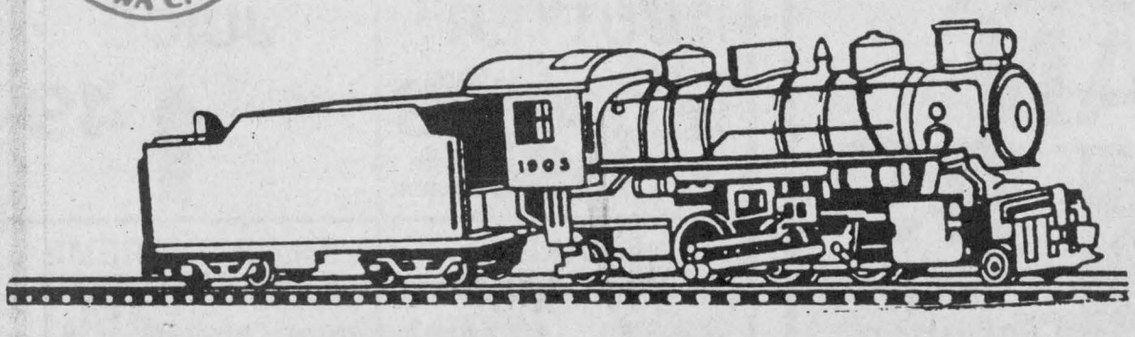

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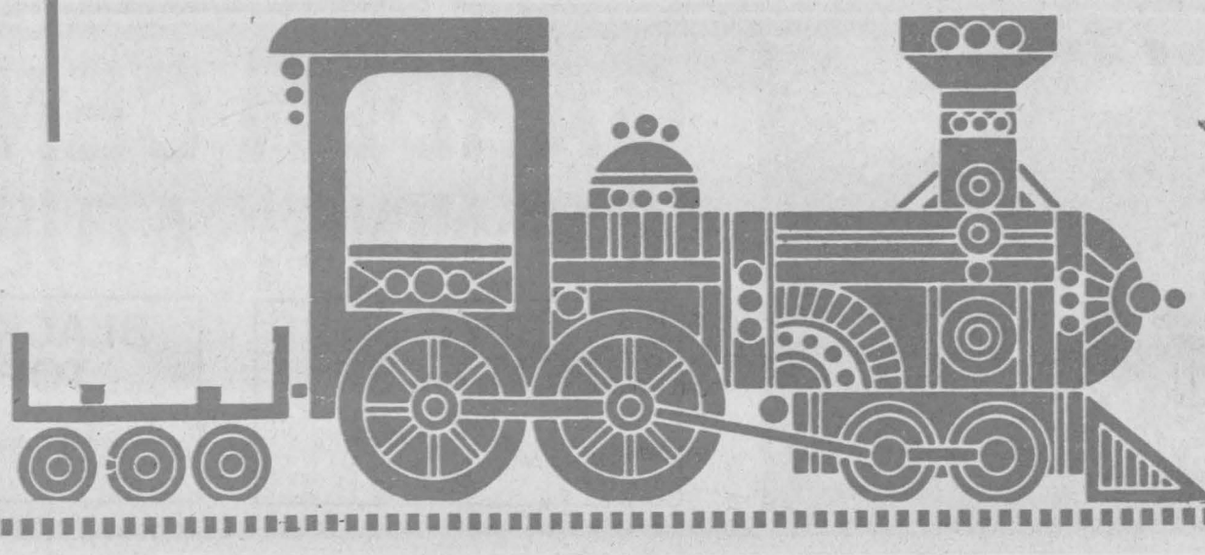

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