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Council holds line on taxes

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester residents won't pay more in municipal taxes than they did last year.

Monday night council approved in principal a zero- per-cent increase in the millrate. It is the third year in a row the millrate, the number that determines how much is needed to pay for municipal services, did not rise. It increased by just under one per cent in 1993.

While he says he's pleased there will be no increase, Reeve Larry Gray said he would be a lot happier if council could lower taxes.

Last year council budgeted nearly $2.9 million for the village, but this year the figure is set at approximately $1.7 million. Cuts were many to a number of areas but it won't translate into a decrease for taxpayers because a significant part of the village's budget came from grants that aren't available this year.

Infrastructure grants, which paid for two-thirds of a variety of capital projects such as repairs to roads, accounted for $213,000 of the budget last year. Last year the village spent $463,148 on roads, most of which came from grants. This year, councillors have set aside $156,873.

While they were trimming, councillors even took a cut in their own expenses. Last year they budgeted $32,580 but spent only $21,333. This year councillors set aside $28,460 for expenses.

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Damage control

Mike Lepage of Metcalfe tries to repair a hole in his canoe with some help from his daughter Laurie, 8. They were participants in The Mighty Castor River Run-off canoe race from Metcalfe to Russell last Sunday.

Press Photo — Edwards

Board to cut teachers, Jr. Kindergarten stays

Liz Edwards
Press staff

CORNWALL — There may be fewer teachers in the schools of SD&G but there will be Junior Kindergarten this fall.

Last week 144 teachers received their pink slips. So far 74 of the Catholic board's elementary school teachers have received notices and the board has still to terminate at the secondary level. In the public board, 70 elementary and secondary school teachers received notice.

But many of these teachers will be recalled, says board officials. Vincent Scott, the Catholic board's acting director of education, says his school board is being cautious. Every year SD&G school boards issue termination notices in case enrollment drops and rehire in the fall.

"It's a process we go through every year at this time. It's certainly not as bleak as it looks," says Scott, adding that in the past most teachers in the Catholic board have been rehired in the fall.

As well as budget constraints, the Catholic board has to consider enrollment and the number of teachers it will need, says Scott. The Catholic board enrollment has been declining, especially on the French side where the boards loses about 75 students a year. The board has about 10,400 students in total.

But there would be no savings in cutting Junior Kindergarten. In fact it will save a number of teacher's jobs, say officials from SD&G school boards. The SD&G programs pay for themselves, says Scott and John Beveridge, assistant to the public board's director of education.

Last week both Catholic and public school trustees voted to keep the program for another year. Recently a number of boards across Ontario decided to eliminate the program for the 1996-1997 school years as a way to balance their budgets.

But in SD&G, government grants for the program, awarded for such factors as the number of students in a board, cover the costs for the most part.

The public board's Junior Kindergarten program costs a total of $880,000 to provide. Only $7,000

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Man dies in grain bin accident

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — The owner of the farm where 37- year-old Daniel Barbe was killed last week says he doesn't know why the victim scaled the 40 foot grain bin in which he died.

"Danny knew the dangers (associated with flowing grain)," says Oskar Zollinger, who added he has always followed safety precautions at his farm and posted signs around the grain handling equipment to prevent such a tragedy.

Barbe, of RR4 Winchester, died at approximately 3:40 pm on Tues., April 23 when he apparently climbed the side of a grain bin at the farm, located on Hwy 31 just north of Winchester, and fell in. He died when he became trapped in the corn and suffocated.

According to Zollinger, on the day of the accident Barbe was visiting the farm while Zollinger was loading corn into a trailer from an overhead grain bin and refilling the bin from a hopper bin.

While he was busy with the load, Zollinger says he heard someone calling his name. At first, he says he couldn't locate the source of the calls. But upon realizing the calls were coming from inside the bin, Zollinger quickly shut off the equipment and closed the bin hatches. He entered the bin to find only a hand visible in the pile of corn.

"It all happened very quickly — within two or three minutes," he explained.

The Winchester Fire Department and Ontario Provincial Police responded to the Zollingers' call for help. It took approximately three hours to retrieve Barbe's body from the bin since the side of the bin had to be removed to let the corn out first. Const. Michael Boyce is investigating the incident.

Dundas Farm Safety Association president Gord Smith says it only takes a matter of seconds for a person to become trapped in flowing grain and about five to 10 seconds to smother once that happens. He added the association tries to increase awareness of the dangers of flowing grain entrapment by presenting demonstrations to school children and at customer appreciation days and other public functions.



Pig with a purpose

The call of nature for a pig was worth $45 to North Dundas District High School teacher Bernie Harper. He won the money in the school's Pig Plop contest, raising money to save rainforests. For $3, students and staff guessed which of the marked-off squares of the school's tennis court would become the next spot for a well-placed piece of pig manure. Posing with the pig is Harper, second from left and student organizers Kelly Weedmark, 18, Meghan Shane, 17 and Jaime Cass, 16.

Press Photo — Edwards

Municipalities may pay for police services

WINCHESTER — It's likely people will one day know just what local policing is worth.

About $138 per person in SD&G villages and townships, clerks were told by Yves Drouin of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, at a monthly clerk- treasurers meeting on April 19.

The province may make these municipalities pay for Ontario Provincial Police services but no-one is sure exactly when the change will take place, though it may be soon, according to Winchester Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Dingwall.

"The province has been discussing it on and off. It now appears it's going to become a reality," she says.

At its current population, Winchester would pay approximately $320,000 a year for police services. The proposed change is part of the provincial government's drive toward restructuring and amalgamation where local municipalities join their borders or share services to cut costs.

Municipal Affairs Senior Advisor Tracey Ruthman says the government has talked about the idea for several years. Currently cities and towns are required by law to have their own police forces and pay for them through local taxes while villages and townships use the provincially funded OPP.

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Ministry appeals Byers sentence

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MORRISBURG — Edsel Byers' time in court is not over yet.

The Ministry of Finance has decided to appeal a sentence handed down last Monday in Morrisburg court that fined the Winchester area businessman $4,000 for tax evasion.

The prosecution, which had asked for a $100,000 fine for Byers, will argue that a fine of $4,000 does not offer a sufficient deterrent to those considering cheating on their provincial sales tax returns. Byers evaded the payment of more than $148,000 in taxes to the province over a period of 27 months, from April 1991 to June 1993, in the operation of Empire Building Supplies Ltd.

"It will be our submission that both general and specific deterrents would require a higher fine," said John Fagan, a special prosecutor with the ministry, in a phone interview Tuesday.

Fagan added that at this time it's impossible to pinpoint the date when the appeal hearing will take place.

First the ministry has to file an appeal with the provincial court, then a transcript of the proceedings must be ordered. When all transcripts have been prepared and delivered to the court and both parties involved, a court date will be set.

Counsel Rick Leroy, who represented Byers at the time of sentencing, says he feels the fine given on April 22 was a fair one. He says the decision was a well-reasoned one.

Counsel had suggested a $3,000 fine as acceptable when Byers pleaded guilty to the charge of tax evasion in late March.

Villeneuve vocal in support of agriculture

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Agriculture is Canada's ticket out of bad economic times, said MPP Noble Villeneuve Friday night in Winchester.

It was one of the topics Villeneuve, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, touched on when he addressed a roomful of some of his most faithful followers in the Lions Hall —the members of the local riding association at the group's annual meeting.

Recently returned from a trip that included Singapore, Korea and Japan, Villeneuve has concluded that the potential Canada has to feed the world is immense.

But he says Canada has been far too modest about its expertise in farming. Products such as Canadian soybeans are highly regarded and there is a lot of opportunity for greater exportation of Canadian pork and beef.

The industry has been hit by government cuts, including a recent $13 million cut to the budget of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, a cut which Villeneuve has previously defended as the elimination of bureaucratic red tape.

But Friday night he expressed his support that the government must take the industry seriously.

"The services to agriculture must continue because it is the engine to economic recovery," he said.

Last year at the same meeting, Villeneuve told association members that party leader Mike Harris, who was facing an election at the time, promised to take a hard line on spending.

Remarking on the changes in the past year since Harris and the Progressive Conservative came to power last May, Villeneuve said Harris has fulfilled his promises.

"To restore prosperity and bring back confidence, we have to bring Ontario out from under its crushing debt," he said, adding that Ontario spends about $1 million more an hour than it takes in. He commented that the New Democratic Party were spending a lot but not getting much done.

However in an interview with the *Press* at the riding association's meeting last year before the provincial election, Villeneuve said the party would not cut the healthcare budget, in-the- classroom education and law and security.

In the past year, hospitals like the Winchester District Memorial have been forced to trim their budget and some in the Ottawa area are threatened by closures. When questioned by the *Press* Friday, Villeneuve maintained that the Conservatives are still spending the same amount but costs have risen.



New executive

The SDG and East Grenville Progressive Conservative Association elected its new executive officers last Friday. Pictured are the officers and guests. In the front row are D.D.Pherson (second vice-president), MPP and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Noble Villeneuve and Jean Somerville (third vice- president). In the back row are Ted Warren (past president), Floyd Dingwall (first vice-president), Wyman Barton (president) and Peter Van Loan, (president of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario).

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Police blotter

Dangerous devices stolen

IROQUOIS — Two boxes of DuPont blasting caps were stolen when a shed was broken into at a Binion Road quarry, just off of Hwy. 2, over the weekend. The caps are very dangerous and if used improperly can cause severe injury or even death. They are described as being similar to the long, cylindrical fuses used for automobiles with a length of fuse attached. Anyone finding what they suspect to be blasting caps are asked not to touch them and to notify the police. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to call the local OPP detachment or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-265-8477.

Dump break-in

WINCHESTER — On April 23, OPP investigated a break, enter and theft that had occurred at the Boyne Road Landfill Site overnight. A forced entry had been made into the trailer and garage at the dump and a number of items were taken. Const. M. Boyce is investigating.

Thieves take brew

MORRISBURG — A window was smashed and a quantity of beer taken when thieves broke into the Beer Store in the Morrisburg Plaza on the evening of April 28-29. Const. J. Hatch is investigating.

Man foils break-in

OSGOODE TWP. — A Shylo Crescent resident confronted a man who broke into his home just after 10 am on Friday, April 26. The homeowner heard a noise and, when he went to investigate, came face-to-face with the intruder. The suspect fled with another man in a red Pontiac Sunbird. Nothing was taken in the break-in, although the house was damaged.

Vehicle thefts

OSGOODE TWP. —Two vehicles were stolen in Osgoode Township last week. A green GMC Jimmy was stolen from the parking lot of St. Mark's School and was recovered the same day in Ottawa. The steering column had been damaged. Over the weekend, a red GMC truck and red trailer were taken from a business lot on Regional Road 8 in the township. They have yet to be located.

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Taxes

Some areas such as administration will cost more. Last year councillors budgeted about $590,000 and close to $430,000 was spent. This year the budget for general administration is set at $648,569. According to Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Dingwall, the increase is due to several factors including a transfer of money to reserve, $25,000 earmarked for amalgamation costs, and expenses such as a new roof for the OPP and the municipal buildings, a new fax machine, printer, carpet and security system.

Recreation will also need another $13,500 to top off its budget of $356,475. Expenditures such as repairs to the community centre's pool are adding to the cost of providing sports and leisure activities in the village.

Council is expected to officially approve the bylaw to pass the budget in the next few weeks.

Kindergarten

comes from local taxes, according to Beveridge.

It will cost the Catholic board about $1.1 million to offer the program next year but it will switch from a half-day, every-day program to a full-day, every-other-day program. The change will save about $400,000 in noon-time busing costs. Senior Kindergarten is already a full-day program, five days a week.

Trustees from the public board decided early in April to hold its Senior and Junior Kindergarten classes on an alternate full-day schedule to eliminate noon-hour busing and save $500,000 in the next year.

Besides the financial costs, schools benefit from the Junior Kindergarten programs, says Scott.

Students learn work and study habits earlier and it especially helps in French immersion, he adds. The sooner the child is exposed to another language, the quicker they learn.

"The young mind is ready and eager to learn so why wouldn't you get them in," says Scott.

Policing

Cities and towns were, however, given unconditional grants that could be used to offset some of the costs, says Ruthman. But these grants have been cut up to 28.5 per cent. The change for smaller municipalities is likely inevitable, he says.

"It's all part and parcel of what they call disentanglement, getting people to pay for the services where the services are realized," he says.

But Dingwall says clerks expressed concern at the meeting because municipalities that use the OPP currently have no control over its budget. The budget is set by a police board and councils may have no choice but to pay what board members decide it will cost to provide policing if they want the service.

"The majority of us feel we have to have some input," she says.

Winchester Reeve Larry Gray says in the next couple of years municipalities will probably band together in some form of amalgamation and as a group could be large enough to financially support its own policing costs.

Seat belt reminder

WINCHESTER —OPP remind pregnant women to wear their seat belts when traveling. Studies have shown that the most frequent cause of death in car crashes for the unborn child is the death of the mother, so the best way to protect the baby is to protect the mother. Pregnant women should always wear the lap and shoulder belt when riding in a car. It's important that the belt be worn low so that it pulls downward over the pelvic bones and not against the abdomen. It should be as snug as possible without being uncomfortable.

Golf story clarification

HALLVILLE - Brad Mayhew says it is business as usual for his sheetmetal/ heating/ ventilation business.

Last week's story in the Press, B1 - "Golfers, get in the swing: it's spring tune up time" - last paragraph, suggested his sheetmetal business may close until the fall but Mayhew says he will continue to provide service for both his sheetmetal customers as well as his Mountview Golf Academy cliental.

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Ormond novelist publishes first romance-suspense

Liz Edwards
Press staff

ORMOND —Jane Ann Tun has a little mystery and romance in her life.

Actually, compared to most, the retired school teacher and librarian has quite a bit, a few hours of it every day.

Sitting at her desk in her Ormond-area home, Tun, 60, explains how she got tangled up in a world of intrigue and passion...in a literary sense.

She is the author of a romance-suspense novel entitled *Hazardous to her Heart*. Tun is also an avid reader who goes through at least a book a day. She reads anything and loves a good romance or mystery.

But just reading them was not enough. Not long after Tun retired from 34 years at her job, she started writing a book. She always wanted to and was spurred on by the thought that she should do it or she might regret it.

"I thought one of these days I'm going to be lying on my deathbed and mad at myself that I didn't even try. It kills me that I didn't start sooner," says Tun.

It was an attempt worth making for Tun. She sent her manuscript out to publishers and on her fourth try it was accepted by Northwest Publishing Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1994. She was thrilled when she found out her book would be published.

"I got the phone call and I was dancing around the kitchen," says Tun.

Her book is a sometimes torrid story about a woman named Selena Williams who falls in love with the detective investigating the murder of her husband and infant son. The cover which depicts a bloody hand and a toy truck is one of her few disappointments with the whole experience of publishing a book. The story is more romance than murder, she says and the picture on the cover is too gory.

Books in the romance genre range from what those in the trade call sweet, the tame non-explicit variety, to the erotic. Tun estimates her book is somewhere in the middle. Whatever form it takes, a good book needs an interesting plot and to Tun, romance stories, especially with some mystery are the most intriguing.

"Romance stories are stories of relationships. Of course, every story ever written is. A romance story is probably the most interesting relationship of all, between a man and a woman," she says.

"You always feel good at the end of a romance story. They always end happily. Of course, many genre books do. Cowboy stories always end happily."

The mystery element of a book is like putting together a puzzle. A sign beside Tun's computer reading "What if? Or just suppose that?" is a constant reminder she should always consider the possibilities that can add a twist to the plot and make a story flow much better.

Writers may subconsciously put themselves in a story but Tun says it would be hard to pinpoint exactly where. Her book's heroine drinks a lot of tea, which is the only trait Tun says they have in common. In fact, Tun says it's a flaw in her book. Selena drinks too much tea.

The book is for sale at three Smith-Books stores in Ottawa and it is listed at the Gloucester Public Library. But she hasn't achieved any great fame, says Tun. In fact, the book isn't even in her name. She used the pseudonym Helen Donaldson, partly as a tribute to her mother Helen who died 20 years ago.

"I used to tease my mother that we would write a romance novel together one day," she says.

She picked Donaldson as the last name because it is a name shared by her father, her twin brother and a nephew.

But her real name *has* appeared in print. The book is her first but not her only success, Tun has published six short stories in various magazines and a novelette —a short work of approximately 15,000 words.

It's unexpected, according to Tun who attributes part of her success to luck and the right publisher in the right mood on the right day. But luck isn't the only factor. Tun has read dozens of publications on how to write, how to sell, how to write for specific subjects and every other kind of how-to book there is on the subject of writing.

She also belongs to several writing clubs including the Mystery Writers of Canada, the Ottawa Romance Writers of America and the Capital Crime Writers. The members meet once a month to encourage each other and give tips. They also hold workshops and contests.

Every day Tun sits down at her desk in a part of the house that is supposed to be a living room but is converted into an office for her use. The lack of a living room doesn't bother her a great deal. She tends to use rooms for other than their intended purposes. The office overlooks what once was likely the dining room and now where she keeps her ceramics. She used to teach the craft but has given up most of it in favor of writing.

For someone who wants time to hone her skills, it is an ideal set-up. She has few distractions out in the country. She and her husband Tony don't have children just two badly spoiled cats. So Tun can spend several hours a day writing and says the time flies when she's working on her computer.

A third novel, another romance suspense with a touch of the paranormal, is currently in the works. Tun wrote a second one that is unpublished and she doesn't know if the third will ever see the light of day in a bookstore. But she is not discouraged. Every writer has unpublished manuscripts in their files. Sometimes it takes a little persistence, she notes, adding the best- selling novel *Gone with the Wind* was rejected more than 20 times before it found a publisher.

Her husband thinks she is capable of anything, but Tun isn't expecting to be a best-selling author.

"I'll never be a big name, I'll never live long enough for that and I'm not a great talent. But I'm thoroughly enjoying the writing," she says.



Write from the heart

Jane Ann Tun, also known as Helen Donaldson, holds a copy of her romance-suspense novel *Hazardous to her Heart.*

Press Photo — Edwards

Hospice elections

WILLIAMSBURG — The Dundas County Hospice held a combined annual meeting and volunteer appreciation night Saturday at Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre.

Three members were elected to serve on the board to replace three others who had finished their three-year term. The new board members are Ann Barkley, Jo Snoeks and Linda Swerdfeger.

Other changes in the board include a new chairperson, Donnalynne Clement, who fills the position of outgoing chair Janet Clapp, and a new vice-chairperson, Joyce Landon. Wendy Byvelds switches from her role as vice-chair to that of secretary and Janni VanNoppen remains treasurer for the hospice. Rev. Heather Jones is the outgoing secretary.

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Lions gather major prizes for car rally

MORRISBURG — Organizers of the first annual Morrisburg and District Lions Club Car Rally scheduled for Saturday, May 11 announced recently that participants in the car raising the most money will enjoy a three-night and four-day stay at a condominium at Mont Tremblant. The winners will also receive a $200 gift certificate from MacEwen Petroleum and $300 in spending money for a total value of $1,000.

The vehicle with participants who have the highest number of pledges will receive four gas barbecues (valued at $750) and the winner of the car rally will receive a free getaway weekend for four at Upper Canada Village that includes two nights at the Village Guest House, lunch at Willard's Hotel, golfing at the Upper Canada Golf Course, four tickets to a performance at the Upper Canada Playhouse and $200 in spending money for a total value of $750.

Registration will take place at the Morrisburg Arena between 9 am and 11:30 am on Saturday, May 11. The rally will begin at 12 noon at the arena and end at the Operating Engineers Training Institute. It will be followed by a steak barbecue ($8) and a dance featuring Dayton & Eric. There is no cover charge.

The car rally is organized by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club and is sponsored by MacEwen Petroleum along with The Brister Group and Thom Realty. For information contact any Morrisburg and District Lions Club member or call Randy Veinotte at 613-543-3753 or Chuck Irvine at 613-543-2568.

News in brief

Garage Sale for CHEO

CHESTERVILLE —The Friends of the CHEO Foundation —Dundas County will hold a Gigantic Garage Sale on May 4 in the parking lot of the Bank of Nova Scotia, starting at 7 am. All proceeds will go toward the CJOH-TV Telethon for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Blood donor clinic May 8

WINCHESTER —The Canadian Red Cross Society will hold a blood donor clinic at Winchester Public School on May 8 at 2 pm to 4:30 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm. All donors will require identification.

Phone Scam Alert

DUNDAS —Dundas County and area residents are being warned of a possible phone scam, following a complaint by an Iroquois woman.

A man claiming to be a Home Care employee called the woman and asked her a variety of questions about her shopping habits and living arrangements. The woman then alerted the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU).

"No one from Home Care or the Health Unit would be making such a call, or requesting that type of information," said Patti Gauley of the EOHU's Dundas office.

"This caller evidently wanted this information for his own purposes. People should be aware of the possible risks involved in revealing any type of personal details over the phone —especially to a stranger."

Gauley said police are investigating the complaint.

Annual Giant Yard Sale

WILLIAMSBURG —The Williamsburg Community Association will hold its 5th Annual Giant Yard Sale on May 4 from 8 am to 4 pm.

More than 30 households as well as business, churches and service groups will participate in the sale featuring a breakfast from 7 am to 11 am at Captain's Cove, a cake walk at 9 am, yard and bake sales and a barbecue.

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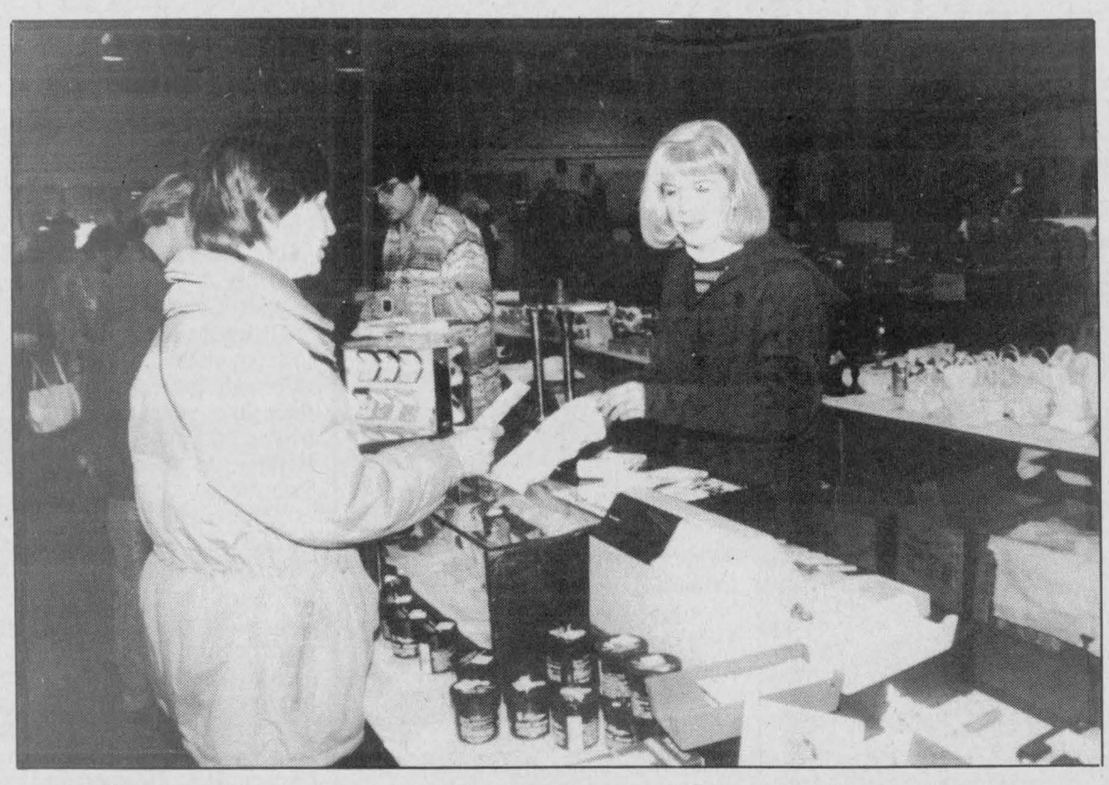





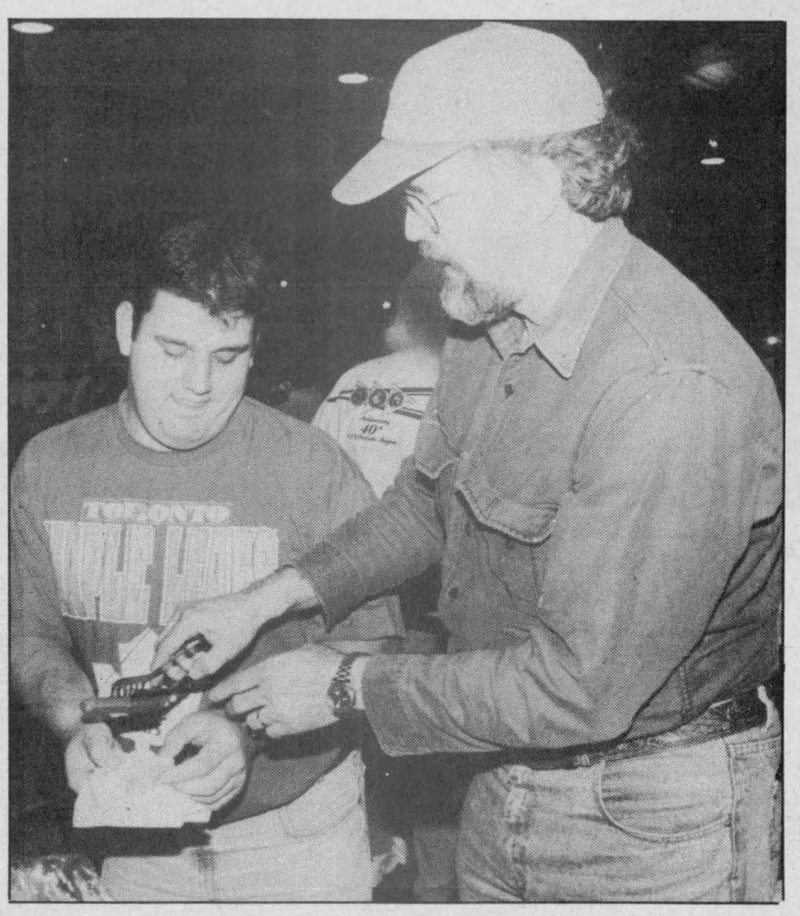

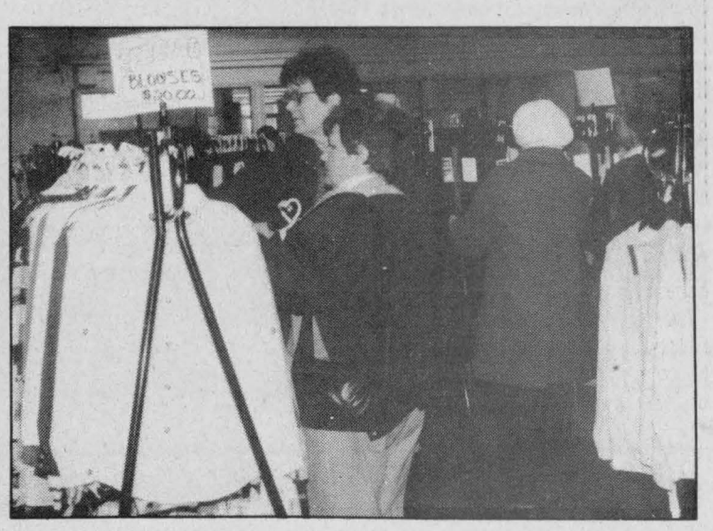

Bargain time

Winchester merchants held their annual Arena Sale at the Winchester Community Centre last Saturday with stores featuring many items on sale. From the top left corner, Susan Johnstone of Annable's Jewellery waits Sharon Smail of Winchester, Roni Sims was on hand to help customers interested in handmade goods from the Main St. Craft Gallery. Shoppers look for bargains at the CountryBoy/ CountryGirl.
Bert Hill and Steve Barkley served up hot dogs to raise money for the Community Centre-Community Heart Project. Cousins Kaysi O'Neill and Kelsey Lecours, both 12 and of Kemptville, looked over the shoe selection offered by the Country Sole.
Press Photos — Edwards

Early tours at village

MORRISBURG — Spring is in the air and Upper Canada Village is getting ready to open its gates to its first visitors.

Pre-season guided tours are back this season from Saturday, May 4 to Friday, May 17 and will have the village entrance as their starting point.

Participants are invited to join an interpretive guide in period costume (1860s) on a pleasant one and a half hour stroll and glimpse the past. There is a lot to discover as the village reawakens from hibernation. Although the site is not in full operation, visitors will see some of the homes, commercial buildings and mills during this tour.

The Village Store and Village Cafe will be open for business during the guided tours.

TOUR TIMES

Departure times for tours are as follows: May 4 to 10 — 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3:15 pm; May 11 to 17 — 10 am, 10:45 am, 11:30 am, 12:45 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:15 pm, 3 pm and 3:45 pm.

The cost is $6 for adults, $5.50 for senior citizens, $3.50 for students and youths, $3 for children 5 to 12, and there is no charge for children 4 and under.

Upper Canada Village, located 11 km east of Morrisburg on Hwy. 2, begins its regular season Saturday, May 18.

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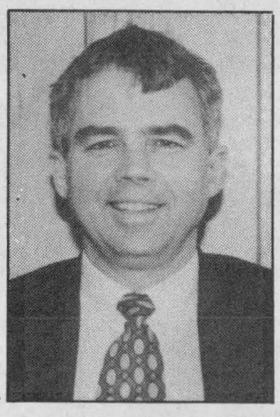
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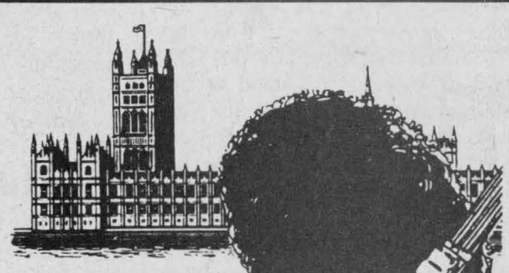
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Life savers

Members of the Mountain Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club in Mountain Township took a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course (CPR), sponsored by the club last month. Pictured, Tammy Bartholomew of Winchester learns a technique to help a choking child from instructor Dennis McMahon. The club has put 65 people through the course and Township Fire Chief Claude Brisbois noted that it was a very positive initiative. The club also offered to recertify firefighters at no charge. Press Photo — Edwards

Community Watch roars to life

Kim Robinson
Press staff

HALLVILLE — Inkerman is the next stop on the road to setting up community watch programs in Mountain Township.

The Mountain Township and District Lions Club has taken on the project, taking a step-by-step approach with the communities in the municipality. A preliminary meeting on April 17 went very well, with 75 to 80 people filling the Hallville Fire Station to learn about setting up the program. It was followed up with an organizational meeting the next week.

"It looks as if it's going ahead 100 per cent," says Lions Club member Brian Telford. "The Hallville groups are organized and we're now moving on to Inkerman."

That meeting will take place at Inkerman Public School tonight, May 1, at 7:30 pm.

Telford says he was pleasantly surprised by the turnout at the first meeting, and he adds it encouraged the club to continue with the project.

Hallville area resident Rene Dumoulin was at the initial meeting. He says he's hoping the project succeeds because it's needed, noting the high incidence of break-ins in the township.

"It can only benefit us, we are one of the most targeted areas in Dundas County."

Dumoulin adds that the project will take a strong commitment from volunteers to monitor the dispersed residences in the largely rural territory of the township.

The watch organizers will have some help in this from an experienced supporter. Tom Stowan, who was involved in establishing watch programs in the Kemptville area, spoke at the first meeting and will act as a consultant during this early stage.

After Inkerman, the Lions are anticipating similar meetings in Mountain and South Mountain.

The club has community watch signs ready for participants to put up on their roads. The signs cost $27 each, with savings from the club buying them in bulk. There are 50 made up at the moment, but Telford says the club can easily order more if they are needed.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Community Watch
a reality in
Mountain Township

Authority will plant millionth on May 6

One million trees later... the South Nation River Conservation Authority will celebrate the beginning of its 10th annual tree planting season with a special ceremony at its Berwick headquarters.

The ceremony will take place Mon., May 6 at 10 am. The one millionth planting will also kick off National Forestry Week in the South Nation watershed, which extends from just north of Brockville to the Ottawa River at Plantagenet.

Winchester area farmer Pat Coyne has been invited to attend as the one millionth tree will end up being planted on his land. The occasion will also honor Eber Dobson for his dedication in promoting windbreak planting in Eastern Ontario... at least 350 windbreaks between 1980 and 1990.

In a joint project, some 130,000 trees will be planted this year by SNRCA in its own watershed and in the neighboring Raisin Region Conservation Authority watershed. The trees are used to reforest vacant land, streambanks and form windbreaks.

The cost of the program is shared, with landowners paying the full cost for the trees (10 cents per tree) and 50 per cent of the cost for the tree planting (10 cents per tree). The program is booked for this season and any interested property owners are asked to contact the South Nation River Conservation Authority by the end of the summer to arrange to participate next spring at 613-984-2949.

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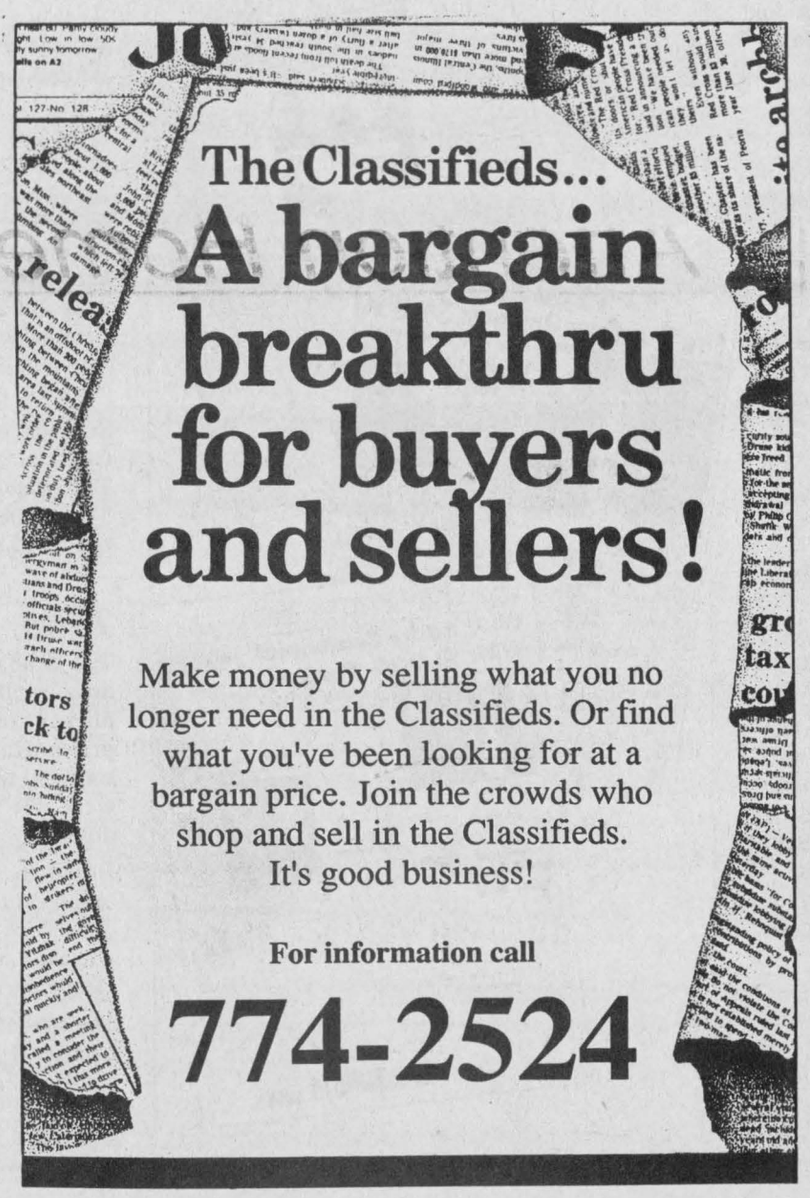

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EDITORIALS

In appreciation

This thank you is a little late in coming and the recipients aren't often appreciated enough.

But the volunteer is someone who certainly deserves any warm wishes.

Last week was National Volunteer Appreciation week where organizations and individuals all across Canada acknowledged the efforts of people who, without pay and often without recognition, give their time to helping others. The week was first proclaimed in 1943 to draw attention to the contribution to the war effort by women on the home front.

In Canada there are five million people working within voluntary organizations and approximately another two million who aren't part of any structured group, whose volunteer efforts may consist of helping a neighbor or doing some other freely performed task.

Volunteers are everywhere. They are people who coach teams, who deliver meals, who organize fairs and do countless other jobs that the government does not pay for and couldn't put a price on anyway.

Without them, there would be some very large gaps in the community. For example, facilities like Nor Dun and Park Lane seniors support centre run on the goodwill of the people who offer their time and abilities. These people are the driving force behind Meals on Wheels, transportation, social activities and numerous other programs.

Because of the volunteers doing what they can, seniors are able to live in their own homes which is not only beneficial to their well being but to the well being of the economy.

A week or an evening of recognition is inadequate to repay volunteers' contributions. But most don't expect any thanks.

Volunteers are volunteers for many reasons. Some want to help, some feel it's important, some like the social interaction and some just enjoy what they are doing.

Whatever they contribute is needed and valued.

L.E.

This week in...

1946

The Lighthouse at Osgoode-on-the-Rideau was opening for the season. There would be dances at the resort's pavilion every Saturday night and fishing, swimming and boating during the day.

The Winchester 100 Club donated $1,000 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Fund.

Nelson Whitman Morton, for 12 years manager of the Cameo Theatre in Morrisburg, died following a stroke. As noted in his obituary, Mr. Morton had some very interesting family connections. A native of Nova Scotia, he was related to former prime minister Sir Robert Borden, who predeceased him nine years earlier, and to the late American poet Walt Whitman.

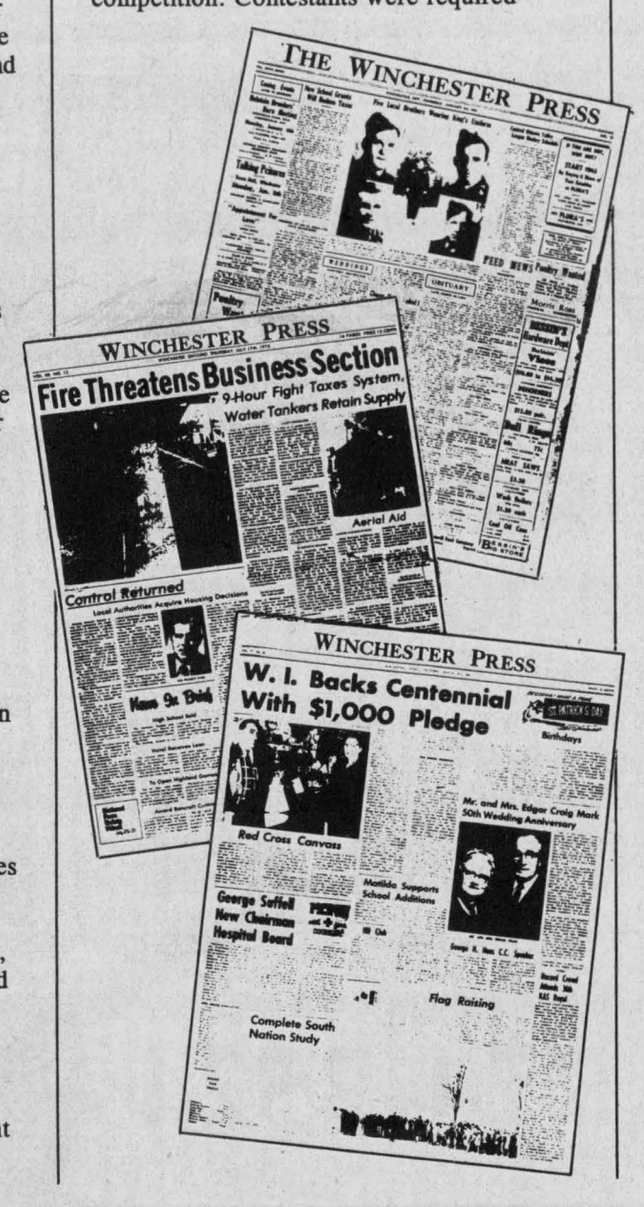
1956

Plans to officially open a second cheese curding and storage warehouse in Winchester were announced. The six-room building was scheduled to open May 9.

It was reported that the Roman Catholic Corporation had bought several lots on Main Street in Winchester over the past year. The lots, formerly belonging to Les Barnes and Alvin Deeks, were intended to be used as a site to erect a Catholic church. The property, it was discovered, was the same land the church had owned 50 years earlier before selling it.

1966

The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association, in cooperation with the Ontario Plant and Food Council, was sponsoring a 100-bushel grain corn competition. Contestants were required to enter an area of not less than five acres and keep production records. Winners were determined by official yield checks and moisture tests.



Weekly garbage pick-up in the Village of Winchester was subject to a new rule that limited loads to 50 pounds per household.

1976

A two-president system officially came into effect for the riding association of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Progressive Conservatives when Sam Ault and Bruno Massie were made co-presidents at a meeting in Finch. Both men had been acting in that capacity since the previous fall.

Secondary school teachers in the United Counties were in a position to strike. Talks between the local board and the 542 teachers had broken down despite the efforts of mediators.

1986

Tile drainage installation was expected to drop by 50 per cent that year. Installers blamed the lack of business on low grain prices. Unusually good cropping weather was also suggested as a factor, as farmers were able to utilize land that wasn't tile drained.

Hearts for Africa, a volunteer organization in Russell and Osgoode Townships founded to raise money for African famine relief, wound up its campaign with a total of $13,00.

The school committee at North Dundas District High School recommended that smoking be banned from the school building.

One more reason to enjoy hockey arenas and small town life

A two-piece suit and a smalltown hockey rink. Normally, these two are mutually exclusive.

Rarely does one find a two-piece suit at a hockey rink.

Smalltown hockey coaches, striving to emulate big city hockey coaches, sometimes wear suits behind the bench.

FAN #1: Hey, who's the guy with the suit? Behind the bench...
FAN #2: Dunno, Not from around here, I'm guessin'
FAN #1: Looks like a game show host, if ya ask me.
FAN #2: Yeah... er Canadian game show?
FAN #1: Nah, Canadian game show hosts would still be wearing a toque... that matched the suit, of course.

Last week, I bought a two-piece suit. On a hockey rink.

It was a brand new suit, too. No mustard or Pepsi stains. I checked.

To explain the yearly Winchester Arena Sale to a "not from around here" can be a challenge. First, you have to convince them that their skates are not needed, there is no ice, and the Zamboni machine cannot be used as a giant shopping cart.

Finding a suit there was a huge relief for me and rid me of a burden I must deal with every six or seven years (the approximate time it takes people to notice your old suit is your ONLY suit). Plainly put, I cannot buy clothes.

I realize most men make this claim, but I stand by it, none too proud, either.

That most of my present wardrobe consists of pieces that one might find in a Starsky and Hutch dressing room or sunken pirate ship is one reason I bought a new suit.

Rural Roots

by Denis Grignon



That Nancy "strongly encouraged" (read: INSISTED) it is another.

I was, however, extremely grateful that she was there to help me in the intricate, detailed, strict style conscious decision making process that I abide by when I do buy clothes.

ME: Hey, how 'bout this one?
HER: That's a Venetian Blind, not a two-piece suit.
ME: Oh, that would explain the lack of a zipper.
HER: Try this on, it should fit.
ME: Certainly. But remember my strict wardrobe requirements and please understand the consistency of my personal fashion image.
HER: Yes, I'll make sure you don't look like a girl in it.

It's not that I don't enjoy buying clothes. It's just that, well, geez I hate buying clothes.

And I really do think they're overrated. Thousands of years ago, cave people weren't discriminated against if their (loin cloths) didn't sport the famous red tab. And cave kids didn't swarm other cave kids for their Nikes on their way to slay the dragon or chew raw meat with other delinquent cave kids by the prehistoric video arcade.

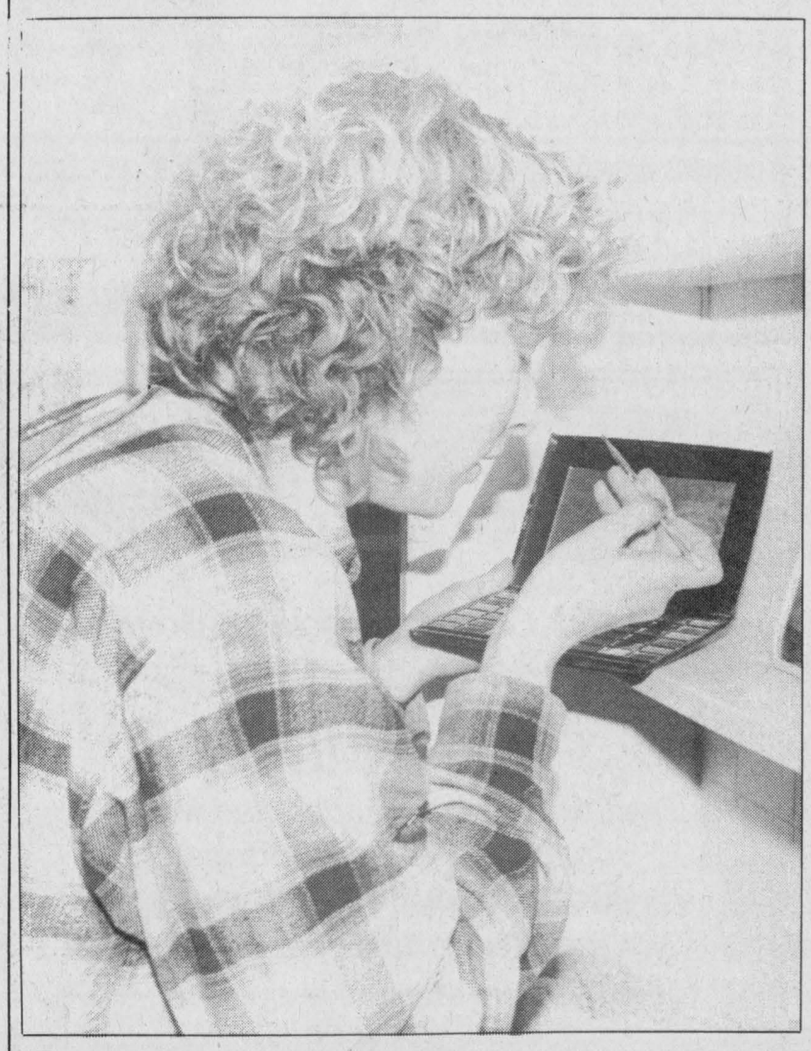
Life, indeed, would be devoid of many of the pretenses and shallow expectations we place upon ourselves if only we would dress with frugality, not fashion, in mind. Wearing so-called outdated clothes could be a thrifty and wise alternative.

Then again, all those disco shirts could result in eye injury when all those wingspan lapels vie for space on the sidewalk.

So I'm quite confident this new suit I purchased will take me through the next decade.

Provided I don't spill mustard on it.

Denis Grignon is a CBC Radio broadcaster and professional standup comic who lives in Mountain Township.



Premiere appearance

Nancy Payne makes up in preparation for her role as Cilla Fraser in the Dundas County Players' first production, *Opening Night*.

Press Photo— Robinson

Opening Night plays to appreciative crowd

Kim Robinson
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It was a premiere performance on several levels when the Dundas County Players brought Norm Foster's *Opening Night* to Henderson Hall last Thursday.

The play-within-a-play piece chosen for the theatre group's debut had much to say about the hard work that leads up to the first night of a stage production.

"This is a special night in the theatre. All the work that goes into these shows, the people involved, all coming together as one as the curtain rises and the stage explodes in a sea of lights," says Ruth Tisdale (Elizabeth Barton), an enthusiastic theatregoer in *Opening Night*.

The Thursday night audience was appreciative of this effort, responding with plenty of laughter. After the performance, actor Marc Calder said he was pleased to hear them laughing at lines that had lost some of their effect for the actors in long hours of rehearsal.

In *Opening Night*, Calder plays a director whose latest project has a disastrous beginning full of onstage mishaps. Director James Peto seemed to have no such problems with the Dundas County Players. The actors, some of them under the lights for the first time, delivered their lines smoothly. They were supported by a very capable stage crew and by more visible assets like the wonderful set created by Gail Bailey.

Unlike the opening night performance within the play, the house was packed for the first Dundas County Players show, and on Saturday night chairs had to be added to accommodate the audience.

This change added to the realistic effect in scenes where the actors were seated close to the edge of the stage, as if they too were watching a performance. Garnet Quail, who played an uncouth varnish salesman prone to sneaking snacks into the theatre, says of the people in the front row, "They were right up beside me. I could have fed them some chips right out of the bag."

Audiences can see more of the Dundas County Players this fall. Quail says the group is considering a murder mystery for its fall production. Younger theatregoers will see the players when they present a children's show during Dairyfest this summer.



Tree dedication

Jim Shaw, principal of Inkerman Public School, and Grade 6 student Amanda Woeldike, 11, plant a tree in memory of CJOH Sportscaster Brian Smith, who was killed last summer by a gunman in the television station's parking lot. A number of schools in SD&G planted trees last week to honor Smith, who was a frequent visitor to many area events.

Letters To The Editor

Hospice thanks

The Editor:

Having come to the end of another fiscal year at Dundas County Hospice, the board would like to extend thanks to the residents of Winchester and the surrounding area for your ongoing support of our agency.

Hospice works to provide support to individuals facing life-threatening illnesses, and their families. Without the dedication and commitment of the in-home volunteers, the volunteer directors and the staff, the work would not be done. Without the financial and moral support of you, the community, the volunteers and staff could not do the work.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community together.

Heather Jones
Secretary,
Dundas County Hospice Board

Loyal Royals...

The Editor:

"To praise our school we stand and sing. Let's give a cheer for ....!"

If you can fill in the blanks, then this letter will be of interest to you.

Yes, calling all former Loyal Royals (surely I'm not the only one in the area, am I?)!

John F. Ross C.V.I., Guelph, is holding a 40th anniversary celebration on May 25, 1996 with an open house from 10 am to 4 pm at (where else?) the hallowed halls themselves of 21 Meyer Drive, Guelph, N1E 4H1. There is also a cold buffet and dance planned for the same night from 8:30 pm to 1 am at the Royal Canadian Legion (191 York Road, Guelph).

Cost is $10 per person for the open house only registration or $25 per person for both events.

For information and/or registration forms call 519-837-1804 or FAX 519-763-4120, but hurry.

There are only a few weeks left but there's still time to make travel arrangements, lose 10 pounds (OK five) and finish that essay on "Shakespeare's Use of Pathetic Fallacy in *King Lear*" for Mrs. Settle (one letter grade will be deducted for each decade late).

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Lauree Laing (Hunt, class of '77)

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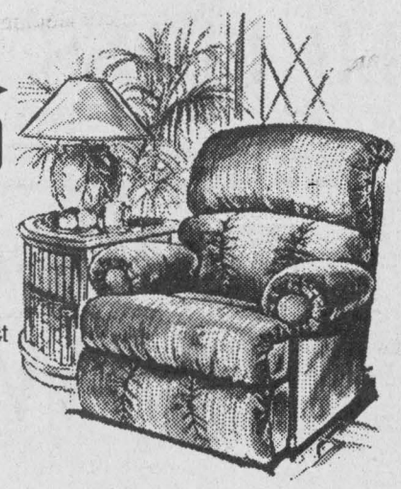

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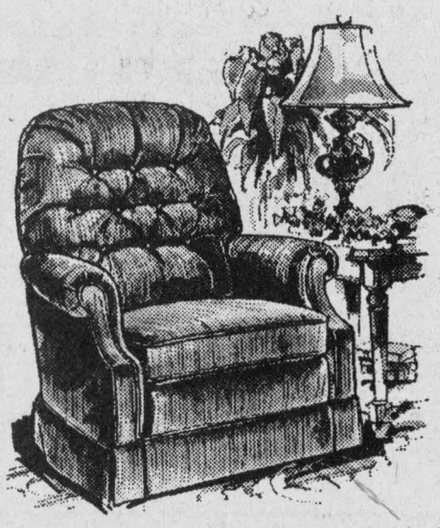

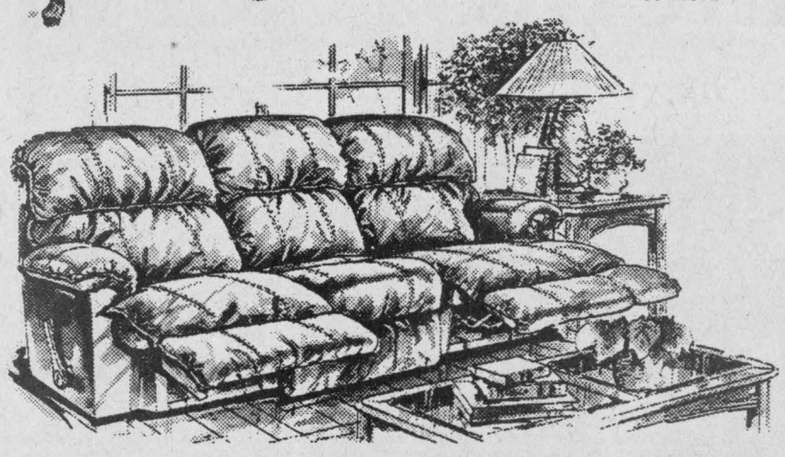

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Show of appreciation

The Park Lane Seniors Support Centre hosted a volunteer appreciation night. The centre's director Janet Levere introduced CJOH weatherman J.J. Clarke as the evening's guest speaker. In the past year, 163 volunteers gave 4,598 hours of service time to support seniors and adults with disabilities in Matilda and Williamsburg townships as well as Morrisburg and Iroquois villages. The centre held a draw for a quilt which was won by Mike Waddell.

Press Photo — Edwards



On their way

Members of Winchester's Brownie Pack advanced to the next level on Monday. These girls will soon be ready for Girl Guides. In the front row are Angela Sullivan, Rachelle Dubois and Stephanie Crump. In the back row are Holly Bouck, Katie Sommerville, Ainsley Glassford and Stephanie Polegato. Absent is Leslie Hudson.

Press Photo — Edwards

Kenmore stages 20th fashion show

by Garnet Quail
Press Staff Reporter

METCALFE – Monday evening saw a crowd of about 150 at the Metcalfe Community Centre as the Kenmore UCW presented the 20th annual edition of its popular spring fashion show.

Over the years the show has featured men's, ladies' and children's fashions from a host of suppliers and from several fashion eras. This year's show focused on ladies' styles, from casual to very formal, all from Embrun's Boutique Latremouille.

The annual show had its beginnings in 1976 to mark the 50th anniversary of Kenmore United Church and the first featured ladies modeling their own clothes. One of the first fashion show commentators was Mrs. Alice McKeown and the 90 year-old was on hand at this event to be recognized and to be presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers by her great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Ross.

The intermission featured a short parade of wedding fashions of the past 20 years and several examples of fashions from much earlier in the century and even some dating to the 1800s. The antique fashions were on loan from the Bytown Museum.

A comedy portion of the intermission entertainment brought out some innovative and downright hilarious examples of slapstick fashion modeled by both male and female congregation members.

A large number of door prizes sent a lot of audience members home happy and, of course, everyone enjoyed the wonderful array of desserts which has become the trademark of the annual event.

14 building starts in Osgoode Township

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — Osgoode Township is experiencing its first building boom in two years.

Rolly Ray, chief building official for Osgoode, has had applications for 14 building permits in April, 10 more than in the same time last year. It matches the number of applications for April 1994.

"The economy seems to be turning around and it looks like people are getting over their fears," says Ray.

The most significant part of all of this is that builders are beginning to build on speculation says Ray.

"This is something that hasn't happened in a long time," he says.

Mayor Lloyd Cranston says the increase in housing starts is sending a positive message to residents and small business owners.

"This is good for the community and it's creating jobs," says Cranston.

Cranston attributes some of the building enthusiasm to the elimination of development fees by the township.

The township cut its $2,400 development fee last September and was the third municipality to do so in the region, following Ottawa and West Carleton.

"Getting rid of the municipality's development fee completely was a big move," says Ray.

Development fees are used to pay for the municipal services new home builders use such as roads, bridges, the fire department, public parks, recreation and libraries.

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WINCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
The annual meeting of Winchester Township Agricultural Society was held in Sweet's Hall on Thursday afternoon last, there being a good attendance of members present, all manifesting a deep interest in the welfare of the society.
The minutes of the former meeting were read and adopted.
Moved by J. P. Fox, seconded by Thos. Holmes, that the secretary-treasurer's report be received and adopted. Carried.
The auditor's report was read and on motion of Mr. Thos. Irving, seconded by Samuel Quart, was adopted.
Moved by Thos. Irving, seconded by J. P. Fox, that clause 3 of Constitution be rescinded and the following inserted; That all animals worthy of 1st, 2nd or 3rd prizes may be awarded the same in all classes from "A" to "U" inclusive, and said animals may be owned by one person. Carried.
A discussion then took place respecting the membership fee. It was decided to keep it at the old figure—$1 up to 24th of July, after that date not less than $2.
Moved by Thos. Irving, seconded by A. D. Timmond, that all articles shall be moved from the grounds the day after the exhibition. Carried.
Moved by Thos. Irving, seconded by Jas. Wilson, that clause 7 of the Constitution respecting the hour that animals shall be on the grounds, be left for the Board of Directors for the coming year to consider. Carried.
Moved by U. Boyd, seconded by T. Holmes, that a move be at once made in regard to the enlargement of the grounds, &c. Carried.
Moved by W. J. Mulloy, seconded by H. Merrill, that the present grounds, leased from David Christie, be enlarged so as to meet the requirements of the society, and that the matter be left with the Board of Directors for the coming year. Carried.
The election of officers for the year 1889 then took place and resulted as follows:—
President—J. S. Ross, re elected unanimously.
Vice-President—Thos. Irving.
Secretary-Treasurer—Alex. Ross jr.
Directors—Peter Hall, T. G. Holmes, Duncan Wyker, Wm McLean, Jas. P. Fox and A. D. Timmons.
After an adjournment of the members' meeting, the directors met, when Messrs. Jas. Lalanne and A. Sweet were appointed auditors.
It was decided to hold the exhibition this year on the same days as last year, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 24th and 25th.
Hereafter all entries must be placed in the hands of the secretary not later than the Saturday previous to exhibition, the date of which will be Sept. 21st.
After attending to a few minor matters the directors adjourned to meet on Saturday, Jan. 19th.

CHESTERVILLE.
The municipal elections which were held here on the 9th inst., passed off very quietly.
Revival services are being held here by the Rev. J. Ferguson. On Sunday evening the church was crowded, there being between four or five hundred persons present.
On Thursday night, 10th inst., Rev. H. W. Knowles, of Stouffville, Ont., formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, gave a very brilliant lecture in the Town Hall on "Robert Elmers, or Faith and Fiction," under the auspices of the C.L.S.C., to a very large and intelligent audience. He held his hearers spell-bound for over two hours with his eloquence. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. James Moodie, seconded by Mr. Walter Bogart, and unanimously carried by the large and attentive audience. Rev. Mr. Knowles remained here Friday leaving on the 11.27 p. m. train for his home. He spent the day in calling upon his numerous friends. In the evening he met the C. L.S.C. class at Mr. Harrop's where they spent two or three pleasant and enjoyable hours in having a social chat. About an hour before the train was due, the rev. gentleman and the class were invited into the dining room to partake of a delicious oyster supper, which they enjoyed very much. While Mr. Knowles was delivering his farewell address to the class, it was announced that the train was near at hand, whereupon he had to bid them a hasty good-bye and upon going into the station waiting-room, found quite a number of his friends there waiting to say good-bye and give him a hearty send off. Rowan.
Chesterville, Jan. 15th, 1889.

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Alex McGregor has fitted up a palatial saloon and billiard parlors adjoining his hotel.

We understand that a petition is being circulated to present to the new council for the abolition of billiard rooms. It will not have any effect. On the other hand Mr. E. A. Bowen, manager of the Commercial, is having horses to only ask business prices for them, as monied buyers are always an object.

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Focus Week bridges the gap

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — As the group of seniors and their teenage guides walked through the halls of North Dundas, they passed a young man with spiky, brightly colored hair.

"It's a whole different world," remarked one woman.

A different world no doubt, but very friendly territory, and during the day the guests found they had a lot to share with their young hosts.

The visit, arranged between the high school and the Nor-Dun and Park Lane Seniors' Support Centres, was part of Focus Week at North Dundas. This is the first time the school has tried an inter-generational project on this scale, and guidance counselor Norma Sharkey says it was such a positive experience it will probably return next year.

The seniors sat in on classes and were treated to lunch by food preparation students. As well, they took in a few numbers by the senior music class and part of a rehearsal of the upcoming school musical *Little Shop of Horrors*.

In a Grade 9 teen issues class, student Ryan Knapp and 83-year-old Ron Trory were paired up for discussion. They were talking so much that they had barely looked at the handout aimed at helping along their conversation. Knapp said his partner had so many interesting stories to tell that they simply forgot about the questionnaire.

"He's only been asleep twice," said Trory with a twinkle in his eye.

They compared school days and found things had changed a lot since Trory last attended class in Norwich, England. He was about the age Knapp is now.

"My school was as big as this room, and there were three classes in it," he recalled.

Betty Locke, who graduated from high school more than 50 years ago, also found many changes, both good and bad.

She noted that both sexes are encouraged to participate in shop and home economics classes.

"That's a big switch, and a good one," she said.

However, she also said that while career fields are less restricted along gender lines than in her day, it's now more difficult to find a job in any occupation. While the main concern of Locke's discussion partner, Melissa De Cooman, was employment (and the attendant pressure to perform well academically to gain a job), Locke says, "When I was a teenager it was getting a date."

In the area of dating, Locke traces a change in social patterns. She says she and her friends were more interested in casual dating than having a steady boyfriend, as many young women do today. In other social interaction, she sees a huge difference in the way a classroom operates.

"When we were in school you listened. There wasn't as much of this conversation," said Locke. "But I still think we had more fun. There wasn't the pressure."

Much of the pressure, as voiced by one senior participant, seems to come from the demands of keeping up with technology. At the same time, students Kelly Fawcett and Jennifer Saxby said their guests were impressed with how much students can do with the school's computers.

Saxby said the day had offered a rare chance to meet the seniors who live in her community.



Close connections

Left to right, Betty Gendron, Sadie James and Jenn West took part in the inter-generational program at North Dundas District High School last Thursday.
Press Photo— Robinson



A switch

Seniors who participate in the Seniors Dining Club at the Oddfellows Hall in South Mountain showed volunteers their appreciation by serving them lunch Thursday as part of national volunteer week. In the middle Lila Fawcett got coffee for Lillis Patterson, left, and Shirley Sibbald, right.

Press Photo — Edwards

Ratepayers desire best of both worlds

by Derek Puddicombe

GREELY — The residents of Greely want big city services while maintaining its rural flavor.

More than 70 people attended the first meeting of a new ratepayers association April 24 at the community centre because of concerns they have about the development of Greely.

Having the largest population in the township, residents expressed an interest in having a community pool, bike paths, walking paths, development of Greely's commercial core and a community policing station.

Osgoode Councillor Doug Thompson was pleased with the turnout and said the association would be a vehicle for residents to communicate their concerns and lobby for changes they see as important to the future of Greely.

"Residents should be made aware of the activities taking place in their community," he said.

However, some residents fear that commercial development may mean some of the splendors of country life they now enjoy may have to be forfeited.

"We would like the convenience of more stores but we have to decide what we really want and what we really need," said Greely resident Sharron Vezina. "Do we want to sacrifice our rural atmosphere?"

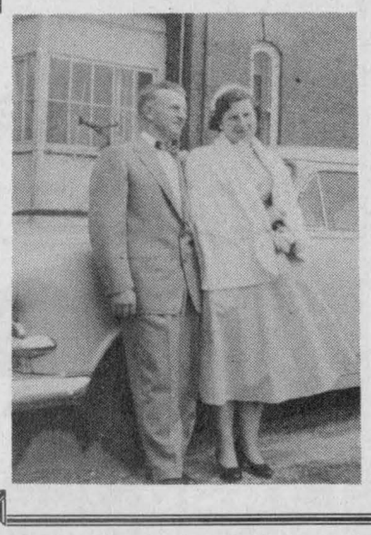
Before Greely attracts more businesses and potential home buyers it needs to expand its level of service, says resident Glenn Woods.

"I have friends who are interested in locating in Greely but they won't because of the lack of services," said Woods.

The amount of taxes residents pay compared to the level of services residents receive, the number of building developments that are not filled, and the lack of natural gas are the kind of issues that keep people from coming here, Woods added.

Peter O'Neill, one of the founders of the ratepayers association, contradicted Woods' argument, indicating the lack of commercial development is an advantage and would work in Greely's favor.

"Greely would be starting out with a clean slate," said O'Neill.



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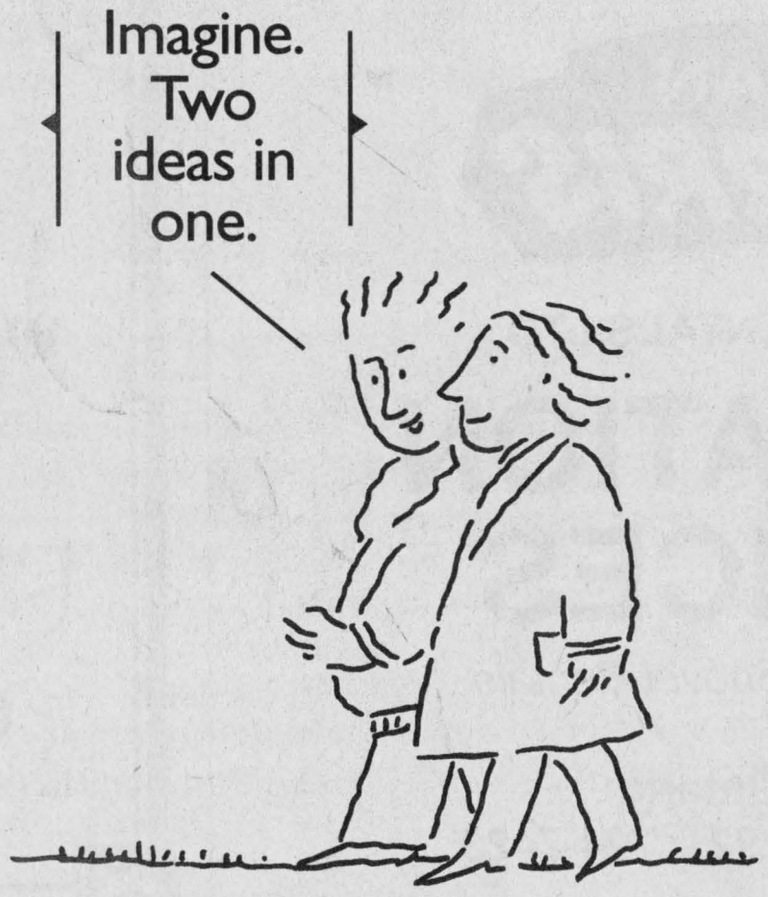

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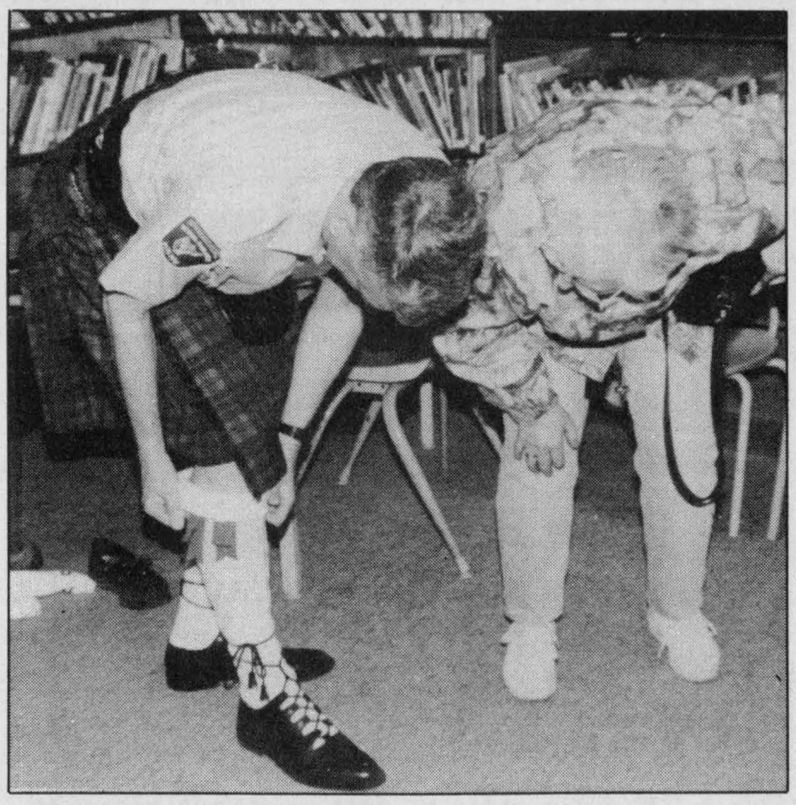

Highland music

The sounds of pipes and drums filled Winchester Public School on Saturday at the Pipers and Pipe Bands Society (Ottawa Branch) Annual Indoor Contest. There were 14 different events for musicians to show their talents. Members of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Pipe and Drums practise before an event. At left, Glen Palmer of Nepean adjusts his outfit with some help from his mother Ellie Gauthier of Nepean.
Press Photos — Edwards

Seniors going back to class

MOUNTAIN --The Mountain Township Seniors met April 24 in the Mountain Hall. O'Canada was sung followed by the Lord's Prayer. Reports were given by the treasurer and the kitchen convener.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Oscar Milne talked of the various senior games which have begun and continue until August. Four of our members begin with Euchre Olympics in early May in Cornwall.

It was moved by Ivy Coleman, seconded by Audrey Gibson, that we give $50 to the Canadian Cancer Society.

On April 25, we were invited to North Dundas District High School to pair with a student for lunch, and a tour and information. On May 2, interested people can go to Nationview Public School for "Fun with Computers".

On May 21, "Dance Like a Butterfly" comes to North Dundas District High School. Tickets are $2 each. Other trips were discussed.

Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. The next meeting is May 29 with Mountain in charge. Grace was sung before lunch and a moment of silence was observed for deceased members Cecil Canning, Pearl Thom and Dwight Baker.

The program consisted of various readings, a sing song "Men's Choir", and interesting slides of Kenya (Africa) shown by Karen Milne who spent a year there.

OBITUARIES

Danny Raymond Barbe

Danny Raymond Barbe of Rae Rd. in Winchester Township died April 23 in Winchester Township. He was 37.

A free spirit, he was born Sept. 27, 1958 in Ottawa to Margaret Alice Enright and the late Roger Rene Barbe. He is also survived by his brothers Richard Wayne, Roger Rene Jr., and David Gerald, sister Terri Elizabeth Barbe as well as his twin sister and brother Linda Christine and Lawrence Christopher.

He was a member of Harmony Church. A service was held at Daniels Funeral Home in Winchester on April 26 with Rev. Bruce North officiating. Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

Helen Elizabeth Renwick

Helen Elizabeth Renwick of RR2 Mountain died April 21 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

A farmer, she was born Dec. 26, 1921 in Vankleek Hill to the late Lewis John Renwick and Flora Maud Bradley.

She is survived by her brother Keith of Winchester as well as Lorn and Baden both of RR2 Mountain.

She was the dear aunt of Larry Renwick. Helen Renwick was a member of the Anglican Church.

A service was held at Daniels Funeral Home Inc. on April 24 with Rev. George Bruce officiating.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville.

Pallbearers included Irwin Prunner, Henry VandenBroek, Keith Smith, Gordon Fetterly, Ron Lewis and Peter Kerkoef.

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Playhouse to present Neil Simon's *Good Doctor*

MORRISBURG — They poke and prick, comfort and heal, but it will be their chance to entertain on May 25 when some multi-talented members of the Morrisburg medical community take to the stage of Upper Canada Playhouse as the stars of *The Good Doctor* Spring Gala.

Marshall Button, artistic director of the Playhouse, will be directing local doctors and a veterinarian in a performance of the Neil Simon play *The Good Doctor*. Button will also narrate the play which will feature the actors in short, vaudevillian scenes.

"The St. Lawrence Medical Clinic and the Morrisburg Animal Hospital have given the Playhouse tremendous support over the years, so we're really looking forward to doing something fun like this together."

Each spring, the theatre plans a gala evening to raise money for the upcoming year. Past fundraisers included a performance of *The Honeymooners* featuring Noble Villeneuve and Bob Kilger and a performance of *Love Letters* featuring Peter Gzowski and Jackie Burroughs.

Although these actors may not have Burroughs' credentials, Button says the doctors will surprise the audience.

"During our first read-through, I was struck by the high quality of their acting talents."

Button chose this play, which Simon based on stories by Anton Chekhov, to capitalize on the doctors flair for comedy. One of the performers warns, however, that the group may not quite live up to the spirit of *The Good Doctor*.

"We're going to try to be as funny as the characters Neil Simon created when he wrote *The Good Doctor*, but I guess the public will be the judge of our success," says Dr. Gerry Rosenquist.

Other performers include Drs. Norene Hyatt-Gervais, Andy Thomas, Henry Prins, Ann Chande, Suru Chande, Wayne Domanko, Paul Coolican, Marilyn Crabtree, Graham Houze, Geoff Peters, Wally Archibald, John Burke and Larry Schnurr as well as Sydney Schnurr.

The play will be the evening's main attraction, but guests can count on a number of unique touches to complement the doctor theme.

"This is the third time I've directed this play, and I know it's going to be the most fun so I hope everyone will come out, see the show and enjoy the entire evening," adds Button.

Tickets for *The Good Doctor* are $40 per person (including a $24 tax receipt). The ticket price includes the play, complimentary wine, champagne fountain and lots of delicious food.

Correction

In side two of the ladies bridge marathon winners were Isobel MacKenzie and Marj Phyllips.

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Teacher Greg Prest takes the senior music class through a practice.

Senior concert band tuning up for national competition

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — The North Dundas Senior Concert Band will be playing at the Kinsmen Festival in Cornwall today, warming up for the big show later this month in Toronto.

"Twelve thousand will descend upon the nationals in Toronto. That's the magnitude of the thing," says music teacher Greg Prest.

He says the Cornwall event will be excellent preparation for the high school band, and when members go to the nationals they'll continue to learn. While the band performs on Sunday, May 26, members will spend several days in Toronto, taking part in music workshops and listening to the accomplishments of their peers. Prest says the event is a great mix of learning and entertainment.

"We've been anticipating it all year," says band member Jennifer Borlee.

The cost of the trip is $275 for each of the close to 50 band members. The trip is partly paid for by the sale of oranges and chocolate bars, the band's Halloween ride fundraiser and some proceeds from the run-walk-crawl-a-thon held in late September at the school.

Local audiences can catch a performance by the band on Wednesday, May 22, the night before they leave for Toronto.

Says Prest, "It will give people an opportunity to hear how fabulous they are before they go to the nationals."

Tomorrow, the Junior Concert and Jazz Bands will be performing in the Cornwall festival at the Aultsville Theatre, the same venue that the Senior Concert and Jazz Bands are appearing in today.

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Trade and home show best ever

by Chris Bridgen

METCALFE — They came. They saw. They did business.

From the clown down to the pony rides, everyone had a successful weekend at the Osgoode Trade and Home Show last weekend, held at the Osgoode Community Centre.

An estimated 3,200 people walked through the front doors to visit the exhibits of more than 60 merchants and community groups that had set up booths inside the boards and outside the canteen.

"There were times out on the floor that you couldn't move,' said David Presley, one of the event's organizers.

"The exhibitors were very happy," he added. "They had been happy after other shows, but this one was the best they had seen. Everybody did business."

The majority of the crowds attended on Saturday, after 800 attended Friday night's opening.

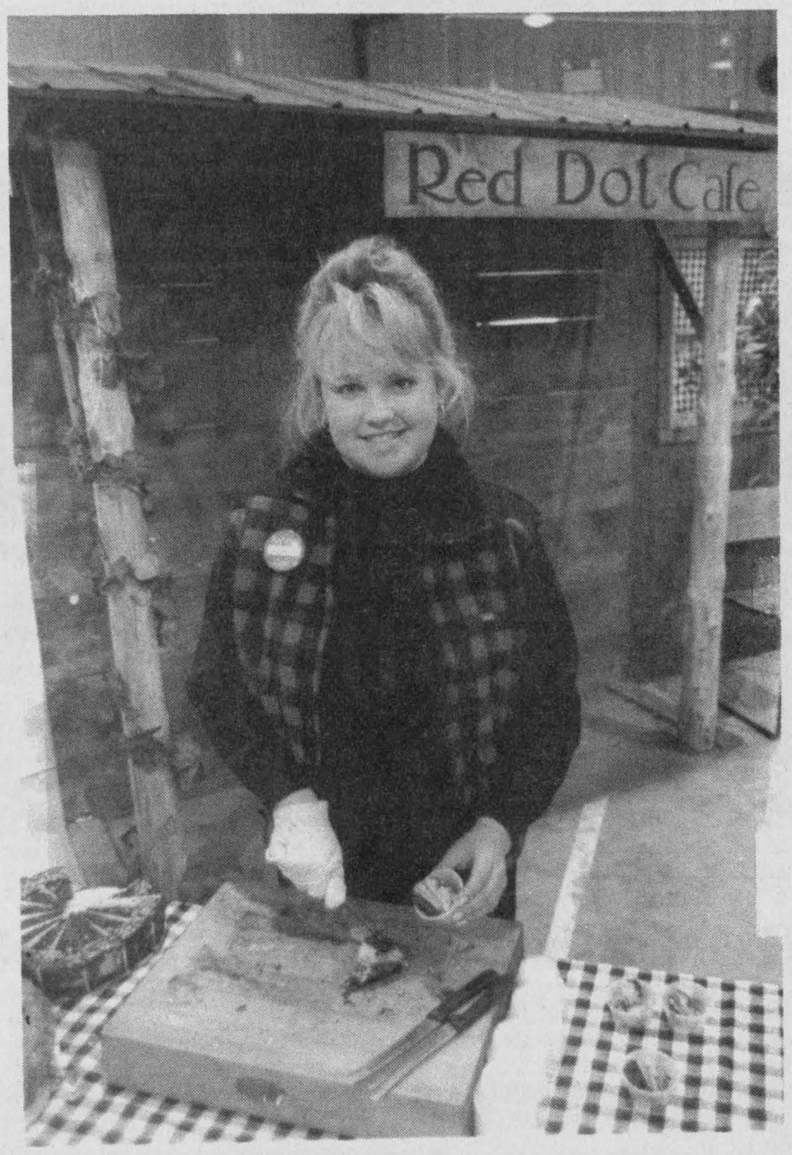
Even the pony rides were booked full, with 300 kids taking a turn. The event was extended an extra hour to handle the crowds.

WINNERS

Arlene Salmon of Osgoode can cook up a storm after winning a barbecue, the first prize offered at the door of the trade show.

Other winners included: Cheryl Watt, who won 500 litres of oil, Linda Murphy with a $150 gift certificate and Amanda Cahill who won 10 yards of topsoil.

Keith Beveridge won the 50/50 draw, while three- year-old Greg Leader won the dinosaur chair.



Big attraction

Over 3,200 attended the 1996 edition of the Osgoode Trade and Home Show over the past weekend. Kristin Janz, staffed the Red Dot Cafe booth, one of 60 exhibits put together by area merchants. Friday night's opening attracted 800 people. Press Photo — Bridgen

Morewood in line for gas

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MOREWOOD — While much of the Centra Gas activity seems to be concentrated in the Berwick, Finch and Crysler area lately, the company is closer to bringing its service to residents of Morewood.

Centra Gas representatives have been busy in the other three communities, making personal contact with potential customers and circulating questionnaires, and there should be a public information meeting for that area next week, while a Morewood meeting concerning the gas pipeline will probably take place a few weeks later.

"It might seem like those communities are ahead of Morewood but it's actually the other way around," says Bryan Funk, manager of new market development with Centra Gas.

Funk says the company was already aware of consumer interest in the Morewood area. Over the past few years, a number of residents have contacted the company to find out about the possibility of expansion into Morewood.

"We had a decent feel for that community before we even started," he says.

Funk expects the company will begin breaking ground for the $700,000 Morewood project within a few weeks.

Extensions of natural gas pipelines into Berwick, Finch and Crysler will take longer. The company still has to approach the Ontario Energy Board for that franchise, and Funk says the project, larger and more costly than the one for Morewood, will take more planning as well.

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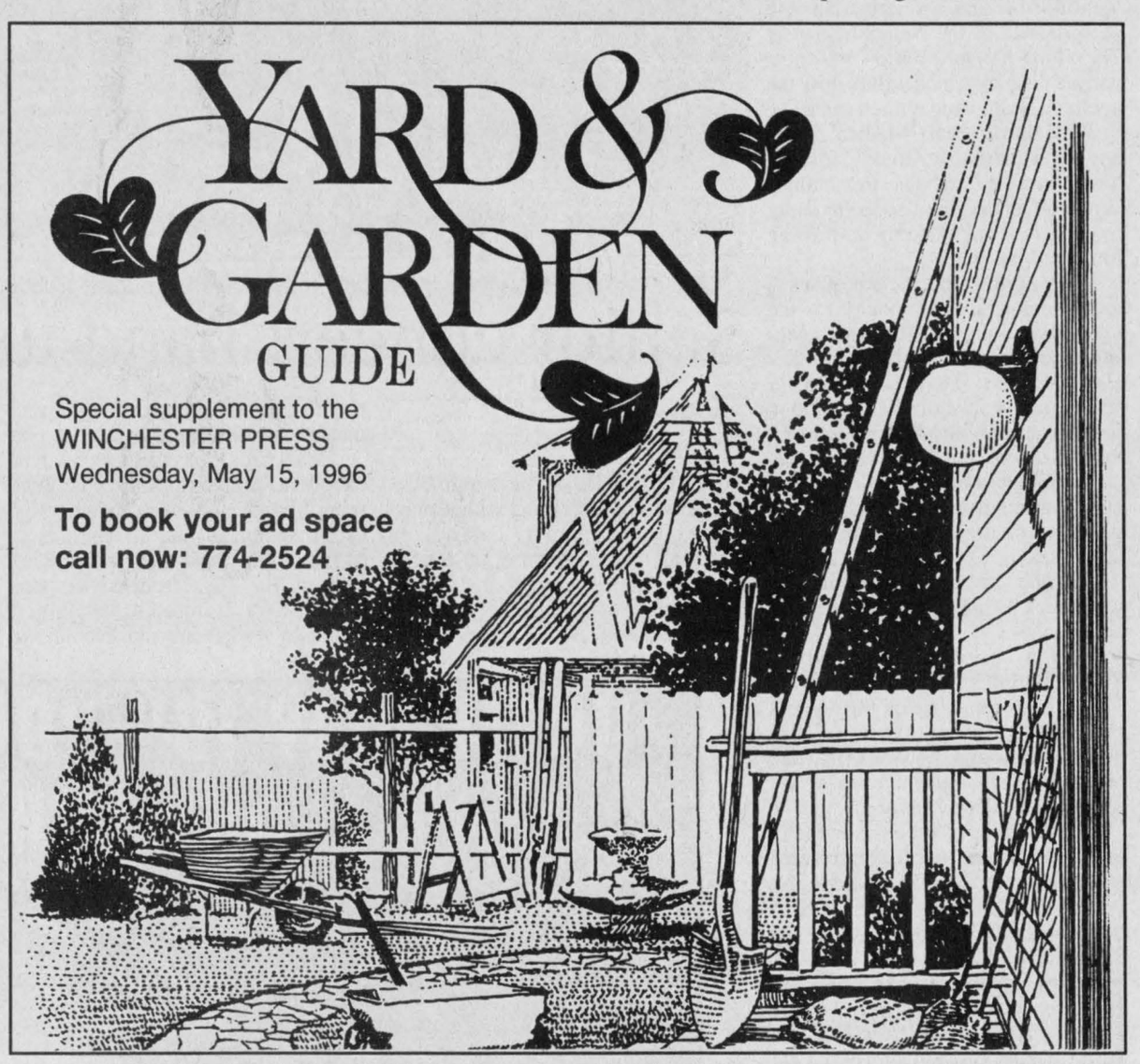

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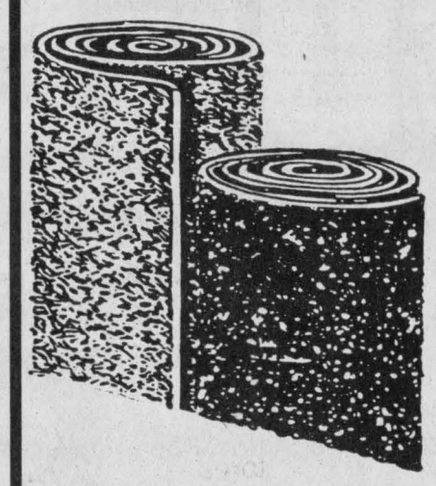

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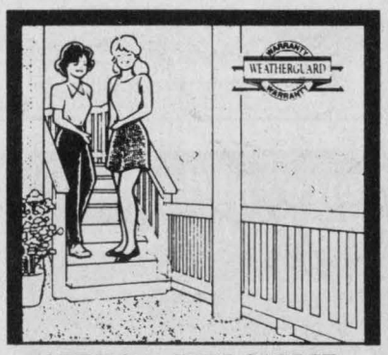

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Garlough appointed to stewardship council

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WILLIAMSBURG — Williamsburg area dairy farmer Bruce Garlough has been appointed to the nine-member SD&G Community Stewardship Council.

Garlough joined the council after the six-person founding council held a selection meeting in February. Other new members selected from the 13 applicants were Art Marvin of Ingleside and Martin Lang of Williamstown.

Garlough applied for the position after hearing that the Private Land Stewardship Program was forming a community stewardship council and was looking for members. All six founding members were from either Stormont or Glengarry counties and Garlough says he felt Dundas should have representation on the committee.

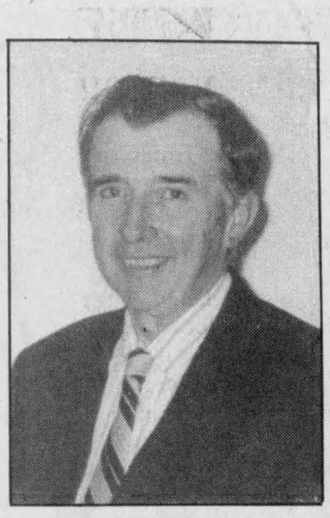
Founding council members include Ron Cleroux, Cornwall; Floyd Dingwall, Berwick; Elaine Kennedy, St. Andrews West; Mike Schuler Martintown; John VanTurnhout, Berwick and Wayne Young of Cornwall.

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Community Stewardship Council held its first full meeting April 18 in Avonmore. According to SD&G Stewardship Co-ordinator Jim Hendry, the meeting gave council members a chance to get to know one another and to identify their next step.

Hendry also provided background and updated members on the program.

Initiated by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Private Land Stewardship Program encourages responsible management of privately owned land. The program revolves around providing landowners with information and the resources they need to help them manage their land.

According to Garlough, the council will not act as an enforcement agency. It simply works with other organizations such as soil and crops and community betterment groups to promote good land use. Things like windbreaks or planting trees will help to enhance land use, he added.



Bruce Garlough



Ken Nicholson of Cedar Meadow Farm near Richmond displayed one of the family's registered Dexter cattle on display at this year's Ottawa Valley Farm Show held recently at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa.

Rare breeds create interest at Cattledome

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

OTTAWA — Some rather rare and unusual creatures attracted a great deal of attention to this year's livestock show held recently at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show.

Alan Nicholson reports a lot of interest in the Dexter cattle he and his family raise on their Cedar Meadow Farm near Richmond. The small, gentle-natured Dexter is an older, Irish breed.

Nicholson says Dexter cattle are easy to handle and ideal for the small landowner. He points out that a side of beef from one of these animals makes for a freezer order better-suited to the needs of smaller families. This meat is well- marbled and Dexter cattle also produce a lot of milk for their size.

Thanks to expanded facilities and a move to the Cattledome, the livestock portion of this year's show was bigger and better than ever.

And visitors attending the event had the opportunity to get a close look at a variety of animals as well as try meat and view products made from those animals.

Besides the traditional cattle shows, the exhibit included over 20 displays and booths featuring Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Blonde d'Aquitaine, Charolais, Simmental, Belgian Blue, Main Anjou, Belted Galloway, Scottish Highland, Murray Grey, Gelbvieh, Limousin and Dexter cattle, as well as the meat-type Katahdin sheep, Alpacas, llamas, ostriches, emus and goats.

Demonstrations of a cattle handling tub were also a popular addition to this year's livestock division, as well as talks by veterinarians on the proper method of vaccinating animals.

Changes to crop insurance plan

WINCHESTER — There have been some changes to the Crop Insurance Plan for Forage that farmers should be aware of.

First, the "A" and "B" options have been combined for the 1996 year, meaning that all forage producers will be insured on the same basis in 1996. The two options were introduced in the past to address the needs of two distinct groups of producers.

Option "A" was introduced mainly for farmers who required high quality forage. Option "B" was introduced mainly for farmers who required higher yielding but good quality forage. Farmers have stated that the differences between the two groups are no longer as great as in the past. Combining the "A" and "B" options addresses this issue.

Second, premium surcharges and discounts are capped at 50 per cent of the base premium rate. Previously they were uncapped which meant that farmers could face large premium increases/decreases from year to year. Capping the premium charged to farmers at 50 per cent of the base rate will allow for more gradual premium rate changes from year to year.

Third, the base premium rate has decreased by 11 per cent over last year. The base rate in 1996 is 3.57 per cent compared to four per cent in 1995.

Growers who would like to discuss these changes to the plan or how forage insurance will benefit their operation are encouraged to call their district co-ordinator for more information. Growers may also call their local office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, or phone the Crop Insurance Commission of Ontario at 416-326-3276.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 1996.

Farm update

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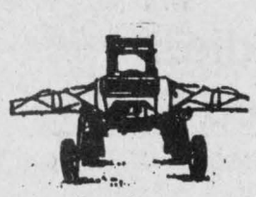

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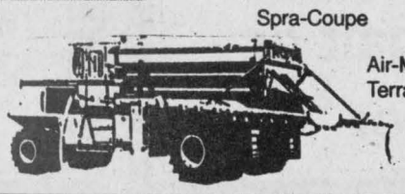

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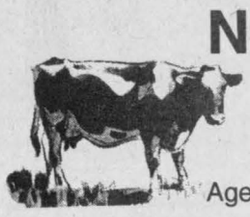

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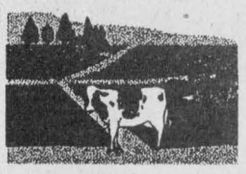

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One of the consequences of the increased demand for corn and soybeans will be a shift of crop land use from hay and pasture to annual crops. If you have livestock, what steps should you take to ensure adequate feed and pasture for your herd?

The quickest way to grow more grass in May is to broadcast some nitrogen fertilizer on your meadows.

Grenville ag report
by Stuart Leyenaar, P.Ag., Grenville County Ag Rep.

The standard recommendations still apply: spread no more than 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre at one time — split the application to provide a boost throughout the summer depending on moisture and growing conditions.

The second recommendation is to subdivide your large pastures in smaller paddocks and do rotational grazing. This is the most cost- effective way to double your pasture productivity. It's also environmentally-friendly.

Other keys to improving pasture productivity are to provide easy access to clean, fresh water for your cattle and put some salt and mineral as needed. Pasture watering systems may qualify for some Ontario Landcare Program assistance if you fence your cattle out of creeks and wetlands which provide nesting grounds for ducks. Rotational grazing can be compared to harvesting two, three or more cuts of hay — you tend to increase the total yield dramatically with improved pasture gains.

Some farmers may also be planning to grow more barley and spring wheat — depending on feed and straw requirements and crop rotation plans. These crops depend on early planting for best yields, but have lower crop input costs than corn or soybeans. Take a serious look at your costs for growing various crops, and the markets you wish to fill — your own feed bins and silos for your livestock herds, or the cash crop market place.

update

Judging Club holds first meeting

by Robert Velthuis

WINCHESTER — The first meeting of the Dundas Judging Club was held on April 25 at the Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

The meeting started at 7:30 pm with our leaders Mary Fisher and Phyllis MacMaster welcoming everyone. Then all 21 members introduced themselves.

Club members discussed things they would like to judge and our leaders went over club project ideas and youth leader expectations.

We held our election of officers and our new executive is as follows: president, Kelly Fawcett; vice-president, Don Fisher; secretary, Rhonda Carruthers; and press reporter Robert Velthuis. Dan Schuler and Robert volunteered to be youth leaders for the club.

Afterwards, members came up with main points to consider when judging posters. When all the cards were in, Phyllis gave the official placings while we enjoyed a delicious snack.

Our next meeting will be held on May 20 at 7:30 pm at the farm of Henry and Rita Velthuis. New members are welcome.



Mellow Yellows help

As part of their Fit Folks - Helping Hands 4-H project, the Ormond Mellow Yellows braved cold temperatures last Saturday to help the South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNRCA) plant trees at the Cass Bridge conservation area park. Pictured, Christopher Toonen, Anja Zollinger and Adam Sylvester spread plastic sheets around a newly planted silver maple to keep grass and weeds at bay.



Special guests

Students in Helen McDonald's Grade 2 Inkerman Public School class had some special visitors to their classroom recently. The children received six goose eggs and an incubator on March 20 from Darryl Graham of Hallville and the eggs finally hatched April 19. Pictured, left to right, holding the goslings are: Mandy Wicks, Jordan Graham, Trent Scott, Johnathan Hicks and Rebeccah Malcom.

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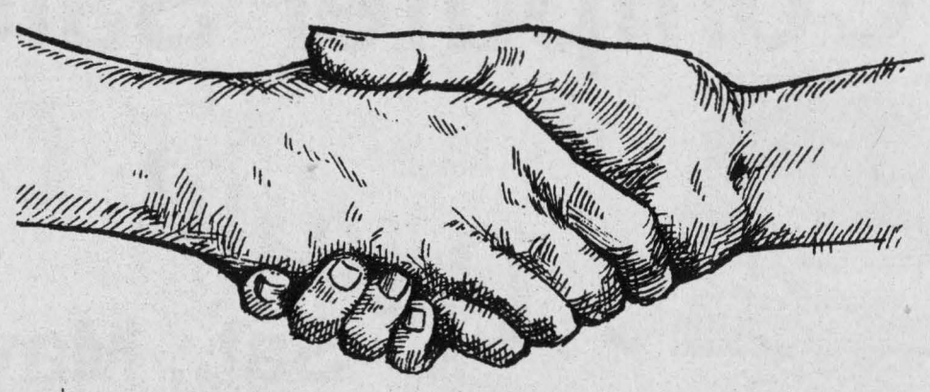

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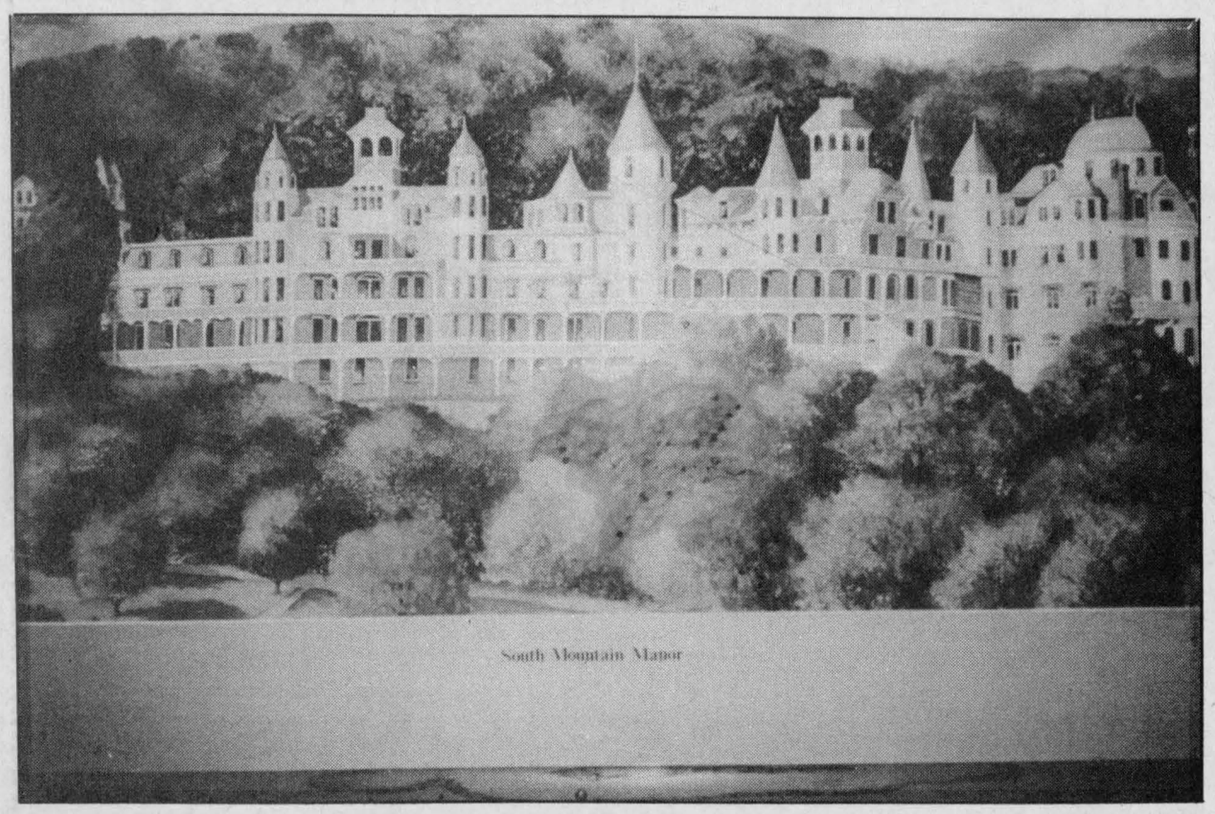

South Mountain Manor?

Local resident Doris Mills discovered this picture of the palatial South Mountain Manor during a visit to Pennsylvania last June. Intrigued, she tried to find out more about the manor but didn't have any luck until meeting a woman in Florida this winter who knew something of its history. Edith Powell of Denver, Pa. was able to tell Mills about the place. As it turns out, the manor was built by German settlers amid the Allegheny Mountains (nowhere near the Ontario village that shares its name). At one time it served as a tuberculosis sanatorium and later it became an addiction rehabilitation centre for the well-to- do. The building was destroyed by fire around 1930.

Area's alcohol stats nothing to celebrate

CORNWALL — If there's an alcohol problem in the five counties, the residents aren't owning up to it: 84 per cent of current drinkers here describe themselves as not having alcohol problems.

The statistics, revealed in the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's health status report, seem to dispute that perception.

About eight per cent of people aged 12 and over in the five counties drinks more than 15 alcoholic drinks per week.

The report, issued every five years, also reveals that binge drinking (10 drinks or more per session) and moderate risk drinking (15 drinks per week) are more common among 20 to 44 year olds, and twice as common in male as in female drinkers.

People with low incomes and education levels are less likely to be binge drinkers than those with higher incomes and secondary or post-secondary education.

Overall, 26 per cent of current drinkers (approximately 27,000 people) reported binge drinking on one or more occasions.

"These findings are disturbing, not only for the drinker, in terms of medical repercussions, but for the drinker's family and the entire community," says Dr. Robert Bourdeau.

Some drinkers are apparently heeding those comments. In the past year, 24 per cent of male drinkers and 17 per cent of female drinkers, aged 20 to 44 years tried to reduce their alcoholic consumption.

In 1993/94 the health unit's alcohol/drug referral program identified 429 people as having an alcohol/drug dependency and needing health care services. That figure was up from 365 in 1988/89.

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