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Parks decision waits on funding cuts

Liz Edwards
Press staff

MORRISBURG — Park officials aren't closing the gates on Fort Henry just yet.

It's certain that something will happen to the attractions belonging to the Parks of the St. Lawrence. But until they hear about budget cutbacks from the province, board members for the parks can't announce exactly what or where the changes will be in the commission, says Diane Rennie, manager of marketing and communications for the Parks Commission. She says they may have the figures in late February.

Last week John Ryce, president of the local for the fort's union, alerted media last week, after reading in a local paper that the fort, located in Kingston, could close.

"I felt better to fight the battle now than after the fact," he says.

Ryce says the fort is in jeopardy because it loses money. Last year the fort cost $2.7 million to run but only generated $1.2 million in revenue from its approximately 125,000 visitors. The Parks Commission may lose as much as $3 million out of its $13 million budget in the next two years due to provincial cutbacks and Ryce says Fort Henry will be low on the list of priorities.

Fort Henry was originally built in 1812 as protection against an American invasion. It was replaced in 1832 and opened as a tourist attraction in 1938 to depict the lives of soldiers in the late 1860s.

"If they get rid of Fort Henry that's a big chunk (from the budget cuts) right there," says Ryce.

However it isn't the only attraction that loses money. By the end of December, Upper Canada Village, a living history park which depicts life in the 1860s, spent almost $3.9 million as part of this year's budget and generated about $2.6 million.

In fact Upper Canada Golf Course and Crysler Marina near Morrisburg are the only two of the 20 attractions and services of the Parks Commission that make more than they spend. By December 1995, the golf course generated $700,000 in this year's budget and spent $400,000. The marina took in $193,000 — $34,000 more than it spent. About 60 per cent of the commission's budget goes to the Morrisburg area attractions.

Managers are currently reviewing a five-year plan for the commission which breaks the facilities down into four marketing destination areas — Fort Henry, 1000 Island Parkway, the Long Sault Parkway and Crysler Park which includes all the St. Lawrence Parks attractions in the Morrisburg area.

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They came, they saw

Marlene McLelland and Lise Johnson were two of the participants in the log sawing competition at the Morewood Winter Carnival last Sunday. The annual carnival wrapped up last weekend.

Transportation takes brunt of Osgoode cuts

by Chris Bridgen

OSGOODE — Although Osgoode Township's 1996 budget has passed, transportation spending remains a hot topic.

With more than half of its road construction budget slashed this year, there are concerns roads in Osgoode could suffer in three or four years.

Councillor Dwayne Acres, chair of the township roads committee, said the roads department suffered the biggest financial hit during the recent budget exercise.

The effect on roads might not be felt immediately, he said, but eventually the wear and tear of traffic will take its toll.

"My long-term concern is that we can't go forever without upgrading our roads," said Acres.

Past programs such as upgrading gravel roads to hardtop will be likely put on hold.

One project planned for 1996 was finishing the upgrade of Ninth Line Road, but Acres said he's doubtful that project will be completed.

Works superintendent Arie Bakker said he hopes he doesn't have to cut back on services that residents are accustomed to receiving, but he might.

Possible ways to save money include reducing the amount of calcium spread on dirt roads, using less gravel and mowing roadside ditches just once a year, instead of twice.

Contractors who deal with the township can expect to feel the pinch, as deals between the roads departments and private industry for road ditching and brush cutting dry up.

"A lot depends on winter maintenance," said Bakker. "We didn't reduce money from that budget too much. But if we have a heavy winter, we will have to use that money."

About $200,000 has been taken from the maintenance budget, and more from the construction funds.

Bakker said he would prefer to see most of the money stay on the maintenance side.

"Any roads department, provincial or regional, would rather put the money into maintenance," he explained.

"There is no sense building roads if you don't then have the money to maintain them."

When Acres and Bakker attend the Good Roads convention later this month, both expect to come home with new ideas about working smarter with less money.

"I learn a lot there every year, and I don't feel so alone," said Bakker.

Nestle drops pudding line

CHESTERVILLE — There will be fewer jobs at Nestle Canada Inc. in Chesterville before the end of March.

The local plant of the company, which produces such products as coffee and chocolate drink powder, will eliminate 20 part-time positions in its pudding line because the product has become unprofitable. Management informed employees about the decision Jan. 30. Chesterville's plant now employs more than 200 people.

But the change might not necessarily mean 20 less employees. Those whose jobs are terminated will have the choice of accepting a buy-out package, taking early retirement or going into the general labor pool where they will be reassigned to other parts of the plant.

However, it has been a slow year in production and there have been numerous temporary layoffs during low production times in the past year, says Johnny Vanderveen, vice-president of the plant's union.

In fact, he says the employees have heard the plant may also lose its chocolate drink powder line and may one day produce only coffee.

Carnival spells fun

WINCHESTER — A dictionary might not seem to be a necessary item for a winter carnival.

But when a spelling bee is one of its first events, it's a different story. Winchester's annual winter carnival begins tomorrow with a competition at Winchester Public School. The top spellers from classroom competitions will compete in various grade levels Thursday.

Parents are welcome to view the bee which begins in the morning around 11 am, says principal George Hollingdrake.

Snow sculptures crafted by students' hands were to be that day as well but the lack of enough snow will likely cancel the event, says Hollingdrake.

The traditional Figure Skating Review will be held at the arena Thursday night, starting at 6:30 pm. Eight former skaters from the Winchester club will put on a salute to Frank Morgan, the community centre's former recreation director. The Ladies Hockey Tournament and skills competition will follow at 7:30 pm. Upstairs in the community hall, the Lions will host a carnival bingo.

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July tee-off

Kim Robinson
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Just north of Winchester on Hwy. 31, the sculpted expanse of the Cloverdale Links lies under a blanket of snow like a work of art in progress.

When that covering melts away, developer Gib Patterson will be preparing for the July 1 opening of the golf course's first nine holes.

He describes the Cloverdale Links, designed by golf course architect Graham Cooke, as an open course that is both challenging (four of the first nine holes edge on water) and user-friendly at the same time. It is relatively treeless at the moment, making it more like traditional links in Scotland.

Patterson plans to add trees after the first year and may even ask golfers to get in on the creative process by giving their suggestions about where the trees should be placed.

The million-dollar project has been in the works for three years. In 1994, equipment was brought in to begin carving the links out of two former farm properties. After a slow start in the wet summer of 1994, the past summer was a busy construction season at the course.

The original buildings are still on the site and will most likely be incorporated in the design. One of the houses, just off Cloverdale Road, will be used as a clubhouse.

Further development will involve completion of all 18 holes and there is the possibility of housing as well, with 50 to 60 lots at hand.

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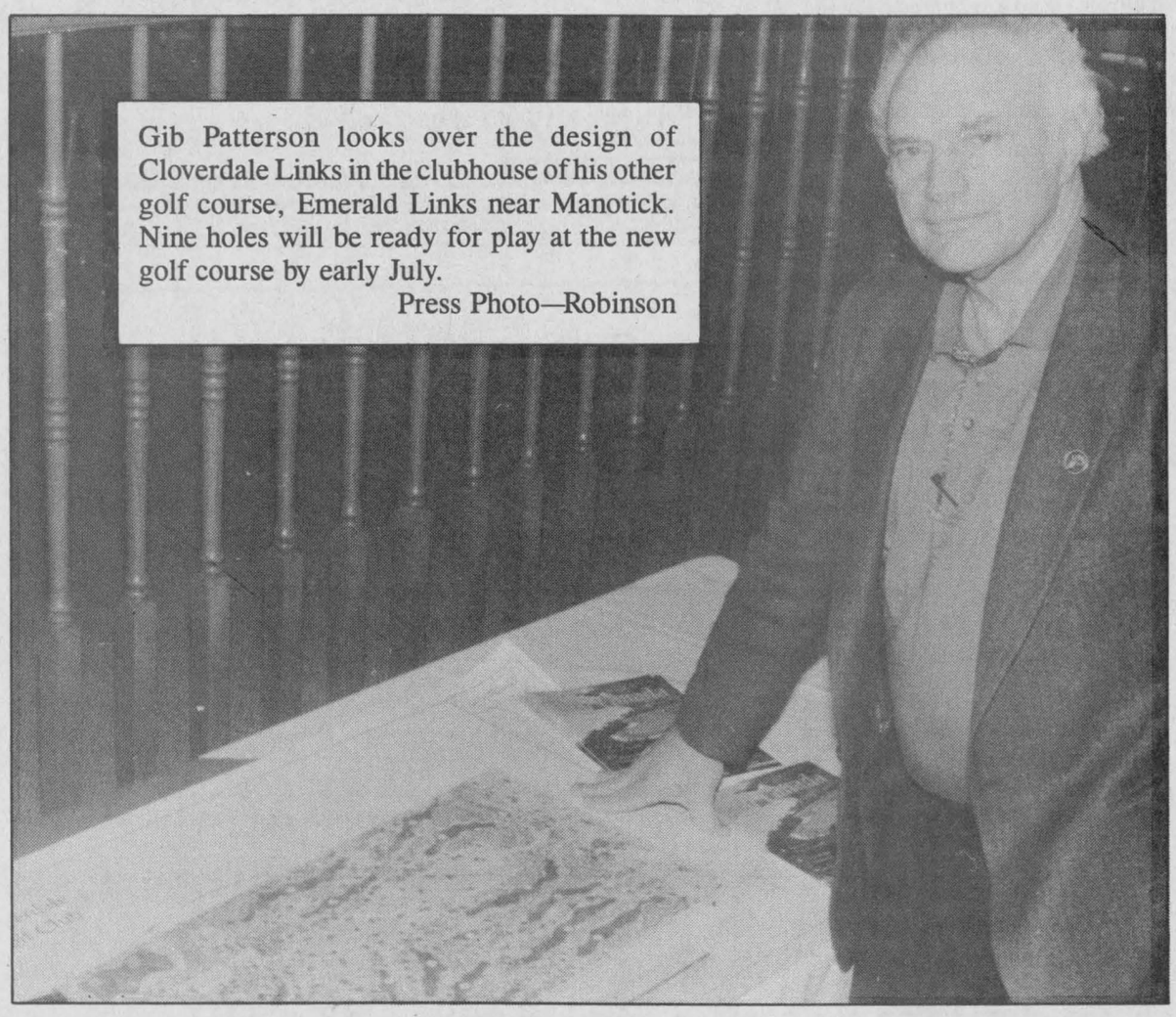

Gib Patterson looks over the design of Cloverdale Links in the clubhouse of his other golf course, Emerald Links near Manotick. Nine holes will be ready for play at the new golf course by early July.

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Parks

There will be cuts and restructuring. Managers are looking into possible partnerships with private industries, municipalities and other government agencies to help keep the attractions running, according to Rennie.

The commission can't cut any more employees and still provide the same level of service, says Randy Parker, president of the union's local for commission employees in the Morrisburg area.

He says he believes the commission will do everything possible to keep parks open as they do help the local economy.

"When we start losing attractions, we start taking money out of our pockets," says Parker.

Carnival

Other traditional events such as the carnvial take-out supper on Friday are back again with the advance-only tickets available at Clara's Dressmaking, Winchester Video or from any community centre fundraising committee member.

The puck shoot for kids, a popular event from past years, will take place during the Hawks vs. Alexandria hockey game which starts at 8:15 pm. on Friday. There will be a dance in the Winchester Curling Club lounge from 9 pm to 1am with a disc jockey both Friday and Saturday nights. As well a bonspiel runs at the building during Feb. 9, 10, and 11.

New events such as the spelling bee and Freestyle Snowboard Competition on Sunday, sponsored by Sports Unlimited, are very welcome additions to the line-up, according to Lynne McClegnahan.

On Saturday the fun begins at 11 pm at Winchester Public School with Circus Delights, family entertainers who perform with Canada's largest magic bunny, a 10-foot unicycle and more. It will be followed by a hot dog lunch put on by the local cub scouts.

Sporting events will not be left out. Organizers have included a 21 basketball competition from 1 pm to 4 pm and a skills competition in the arena. A Bantam B tournament will also run throughout the day at the arena.

There will be fun for kids in the evening too. The first preteen dance since the summer starts at 6:30 pm for children aged eight years and under and 8:30 pm for those aged nine to 14. Public skating will be held from 8 to 9:30 pm.

The last day of the carnival starts with a carnival brunch and children's entertainment at 11 am and remote control car racing at 2 pm in the upstairs hall of the community centre.

Outside, the freestyle snowboard competition and the homemade toboggan contest start at 1 pm behind the centre. Those children wanting quieter outdoor activities can participate in games such as snow sculpting and tot tobogganing on the community centre grounds.

Links

Golfers who are interested in the new Cloverdale Links or Patterson's similar development near Manotick, the Emerald Links Golf & Country Club, can get more information at The Ottawa Golf and Travel Show. The show will be held in the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa on March 8, 9 and 10.



Boucks Hill branch donates

The Boucks Hill Legion Branch 538 has given $650 to the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department for a chop saw. From left, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Barkley and Fire Chief Doug Disheau accept the cheque from Boucks Hill Legion President Don Thompson.

Single access number simplifies seniors' care

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Care for the elderly will be better co-ordinated with recent health care reforms, agree local health officials.

Recent changes to the health care system by the provincial Conservative government will convert 74 provincial programs that help the elderly into 43 community care access centres across Ontario. People seeking long-term care for themselves or a family member will be able to contact one number to find what services are available.

"I think it will have a very positive effect and it will streamline access to health care much more than now," says Donnalynne Clement, branch manager for the Para-Med Health Services office in Winchester. Para-Med is a private agency staffed by registered nurses, registered practical nurses, therapists and home support workers. It provides a variety of health services such as physiotherapy, speech therapy and visiting nurses.

"We will only have one (telephone) number. Clients usually have to make several calls to find what they need," she says, adding the centre will also give out information that individual health agencies may not know.

However it will mean non-profit organizations like the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and the Red Cross will have to compete with the leaner private agencies as the access centres will get to decide who provides services. But the changes may reduce the costs of health care, says Clement.

The non-profit agencies did have some advantages with the previous government and their employee benefit packages are part of the reason their expenses are greater, says Jean Courville, executive director of the Victorian Order of Nurses for the Eastern County.

In a lot of cases, non-profit agencies had exclusive contracts to provide nursing services, but the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) used both private and non-profit agencies regularly, says Dr. Robert Bourdeau, the EOHU's chief medical officer.

Courville says the VON and other non-profit organizations will have to restructure to compete and she hopes changes will not affect the quality of health care.

"We don't know what is down the road but it is certainly a concern," she says, although she agrees the one contact point is a good idea.

As a result of changes, the placement co- ordination service that VON has administered for six years will be incorporated with the home care program offered by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

The boards for the community care access centres are not yet set up but Courville predicts the centres will be running by 1997.

Library's budget totals $98,000

OSGOODE — Osgoode council has decided to give the township's library board an extra $10,000, money the board originally didn't want.

The extra funds are for maintenance, which is now the responsibility of the board.

During budget deliberations in mid-January, board members Brian Fawcett and chair Donna Bekkers-Boyd both addressed council and asked that the township keep handling maintenance costs.

An additional request for $25,000 in extra funding for Osgoode's four libraries was denied by council. The entire budget for the libraries now totals $98,000.

"We also encouraged the board to work in a more comprehensive fashion with the libraries and the assistants," said councillor Doug Thompson, who also sits on the board.

Council also encouraged the library board not to hire a co-ordinator, to not close any branches and to use community volunteers and resources more fully.

Although the board is autonomous from council, Thompson said his interpretation of the province's Library Act allows elected officials to give direction to the board's appointed members.

The next library board meeting is Feb. 21. Thompson said it's likely the board would set its final budget at that meeting.

The controversy about hiring a full-time head librarian, or co-ordinator, hasn't ended despite the fact the current co-ordinator's contract has run out and has yet to be renewed.

"Hopefully the next meeting will put an end to all the discomfort about what's going on in the library system," said Thompson.

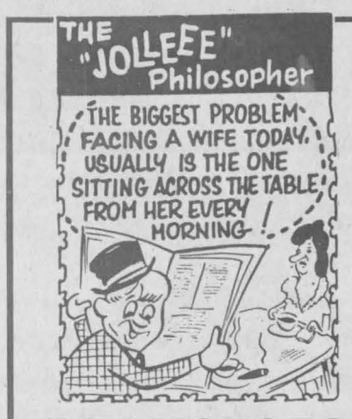
Help sought in Morewood theft

WINCHESTER TWP. — Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a daytime break-in at a Morewood area residence on Jan. 29.

Entry was gained by forcing the west side door of the home. Once inside, thieves took antique jewellery, a microwave, a 24" X 24" grey safe containing an old money collection and a .38- calibre revolver.

The residence is located on County Road 13.

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



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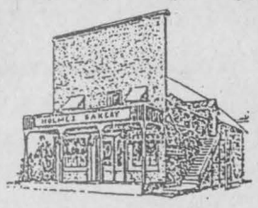
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Corner collision

MOUNTAIN TWP. — Two vehicles were slightly damaged following a crash at Hwy. 43 and Hyndman Road at 12:30 pm on Feb. 1. Frank Boucher, 77, of Mountain had been entering Hwy. 43 from the Hyndman Road in a 1987 Ford pick-up when he collided with a 1986 Pontiac driven by Pearl Book of Kemptville. Boucher has been charged with failing to yield to traffic.

Cadillac joyride

MOREWOOD — A 1985 Cadillac turned up on the shoulder of Hwy. 43 near Maple Ridge Public School on Sunday, a day after being reported stolen from a Morewood apartment building parking lot. The vehicle's locks and ignition had been damaged.

Pedestrians injured

METCALFE — A 10-year-old girl was taken to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario with minor injuries on Feb. 2 when she was struck by a pick- up truck on Victoria Street in Metcalfe. The accident occurred just after 5 pm. The girl stepped from behind a parked car onto the roadway and into the path of a GMC pick-up truck driven by Kyle Adams, 25, of Greely. No charges were laid. Earlier in the week, Reeta Praamsma, 63, of Morrisburg suffered major injuries when she was struck by a vehicle while walking along Lakeshore Drive around 4:30 pm on Jan. 28. A westbound 1991 Chevrolet driven by Gerben Engwerda, 79, of Morrisburg ran into Praamsma when it crossed the road. Engwerda has been charged with careless driving in connection with the accident.

Stolen vehicles

OSGOODE TWP. — Two snowmobiles, a 1990 black Arctic Cat (VIN 9025353) and a black Yamaha (VIN 8AY 002484), were stolen from Osgoode township properties during the evening of Feb. 2. A few days earlier, some time between 6:15 pm and 8 pm on Jan. 30, a 1990 Pontiac was stolen from the Village Square parking lot in Osgoode. Elsewhere in the township, a 1991 GMC pick-up truck was recovered on Greys Creek Road on Jan. 31 after it had been reported stolen from Ottawa earlier in the day. The vehicle had been set on fire.



Ready for the big day

Left, Pamela Roberts and Brooke Sharkey, both 4, consult with each other before they march down the aisle during a fashion show at the Morrisburg Bridal Preview last Sunday. Right, Cathy Rutters and Anthony Mann wait for their turn on the runway. Numerous local businesses participated in the Preview. Bridals by Al-Mor, The Brookslyn, Marion's Flowers and The Village Green contributed outfits and trimmings to the fashion show.

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Mountain rec reconfigures

MOUNTAIN — The Mountain Township Recreation Association began the year with a new constitution and new executive at its annual meeting last week.

The association accepted without amendment a constitution which sets out specific rules of procedure, including how executive members are chosen.

Linda Loughlin stepped down as president and former vice-president Richard Christie accepted his nomination to fill that position. Dermid O'Farrell is the new vice-president.

Deputy Reeve Don Johnston, who sits on the association, says he looks forward to working with the new president, but he adds that Loughlin's input will be missed.

"As president, Linda gave up a lot of her personal time and put in a lot of effort, and that was really appreciated by the association and council."

In another change, the work of long-time secretary Huguette Shaver will now be done by Susan Sloane. Reeve Estella Rose thanked Shaver for her many years of service to the association.

Aside from the new configuration of the group and the constitution, which will now be officially accepted by the township council, most of the discussion centred on maintaining recreation programs with less funding due to budget cuts.



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Judging will take place at the hill behind the arena on **Sunday, Feb. 11**. Don't miss out on the fun! There will be lots of other great activities throughout the weekend.
Thanks to Geggie's for organizing and sponsoring this event.

Thursday, February 8

Daytime **Spelling Bee Finals,** Winchester Public School. Prizes by: Corner Books and Crafts
Snow Sculpture Judging, Winchester Public School
6:30-7:30 pm **Figure Skating Review** - Arena. 8 former WFSC members will skate a salute to Frank Morgan
7:00 pm **Lions Carnival Bingo** - upstairs hall
7:30-9:30 pm **Ladies Hockey Tournament and Skills Competition**

Friday, February 9

4:30 pm-6:30 pm **Carnival Supper, Ham and Beans, etc., includes dessert** - Take out or delivery only, Nor-Dun Seniors Centre; $6 adult, $3 child. Tickets available in advance at Clara's Dressmaking and Winchester Video or from a committee member. For delivery call Clara at 774-3252. Hosted by the Community Centre Fundraising Committee
8:15 pm **Hawks vs. Alexandria,** Arena
Puck Shoot for kids. Enter at the door. Prizes by Boyd Chrysler Jeep Eagle
9:00 pm-1:00 am **Music by DJ** in the Curling Club Lounge

Curling Funspiel Feb. 9, 10 & 11 at the Curling Club. For more information contact Robert St. Pierre at 774-5892.

Saturday, February 10

All Day **Carnival Funspiel** - Curling Club
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1:00 pm **Euchre Tournament** - Winchester Lions Hall
12 noon-2:00 pm **Hot Dog Lunch** by the Winchester Cubs, Winchester Public School
1:00-4:00 pm **21 Basketball Tournament** (registration at 12:30 pm), 50¢ registration fee, register at Winchester Public School
6:00-8:00 pm **Skills Competition** - Arena
6:30-8:00 pm **Pre-teen Dance** (8 years and under)
8:00-10:30 pm **Pre-teen Dance** (9-14 years) Arena Upstairs Hall. Admission $3, refreshments available, adult supervision, J&S Disco. Sponsored by the Winchester Figure Skating Club
8:00-9:30 pm **Public Skating**
9:00 pm-1:00 am **Music by DJ** in the Curling Club Lounge

Sunday, February 11

All Day **Carnival Funspiel** - Curling Club
11:00 am-2:00 pm **Carnival Brunch and Children's Entertainment.** Sponsored by the Recreation Committee and Village Council - Upstairs Hall. Adults $4, children $2. Donations by Ault Foods, Tony Wouters, Winchester Cheese, Kraft/General Foods, Andy's Food Town, Sweet Sisters Bakery, Nestle and Holmes Bakery
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The 1st Winchester Brownies got their feet wet in fundraising on Saturday, earning about $400 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in a Swim for Heart event. Press Photo—Robinson

Seniors plan Feb. 14 euchre

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — Winners at the Williamsburg Township Seniors euchre on Wed., Jan. 31 were as follows: ladies: Evelyn Swerdfeger, Norma Crites, Mabel Prieur; gents: Enid Dalrymple, Orval Christie, Dwain Hess; door prize: Sharon Munro, Enid Dalrymple; draw: Helen Gillespie, Keith Casselman, Bertha Christie (2), Sharon Munro.

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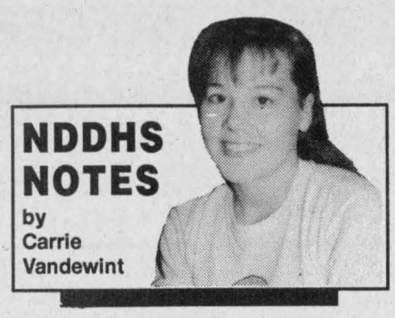
Times change as does education

MAPLE RIDGE —Recently, many OACs at North Dundas have had the tantalizing and memorable experience of spending countless hours in OAC English. One of the segments of this unforgettable journey consisted of studying pieces of writing by the famous novelist George Orwell. Both of the novels read dealt with how present conditions — no matter how horrible they may seem — can be accepted if only they fail to be compared with any better time; in other words, if no one remembers the past, the present seems a whole lot easier to live with.

This is an astute observation that may indeed apply to our society right now, maybe even to the changes in the education system within our schools. Even though our society is remarkably different from that of the totalitarian society that was portrayed in the novels, it is fascinating to note that there are some interesting, perhaps concerning parallels. Before this gets anywhere close to being political, allow me the chance to explain.



With this year's crop of soon-to-be-stressed-out Grade 8s entering our school, the OAC year will come to an end; these new inductees into high school will be the last to be fully enthralled by five years at North Dundas. Those followings will have to cope — like the students in other provinces — with only four years to prepare for the "real world".

In all this haze of restructuring and cut-off dates, one thing is for sure: no big fuss will be raised over the whole transition. Those having five years in high school will probably benefit from it by maturing and by having a whole lot of fun. And sadly, those only having four years to walk the hallowed halls of North Dundas will not know what they have missed. Life will go on and the change will come and the government will save billions of dollars.

Yes, in this society that has mostly been formed by our parents and grandparents, money shouts, and the whispers of those deemed not yet old enough, fall upon deaf and forgetting ears.

Gas bar hold-up

OSGOODE TWP. — Around 9 pm on Jan. 30, three males armed with a handgun approached a clerk at the Express 31 Gas Bar on Hwy. 31 and demanded money. The employee, who was alone at the time, complied and the culprits left with cash as well as a quantity of cigarettes. No shots were fired and the clerk was not harmed.

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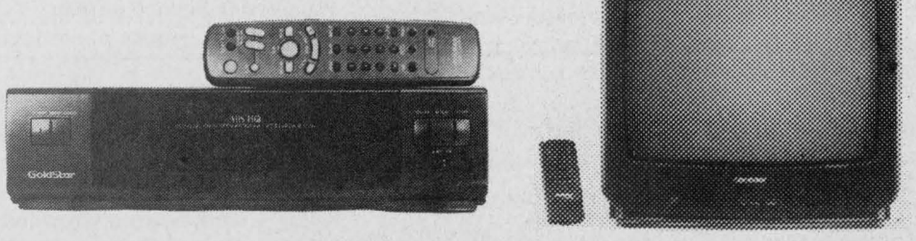

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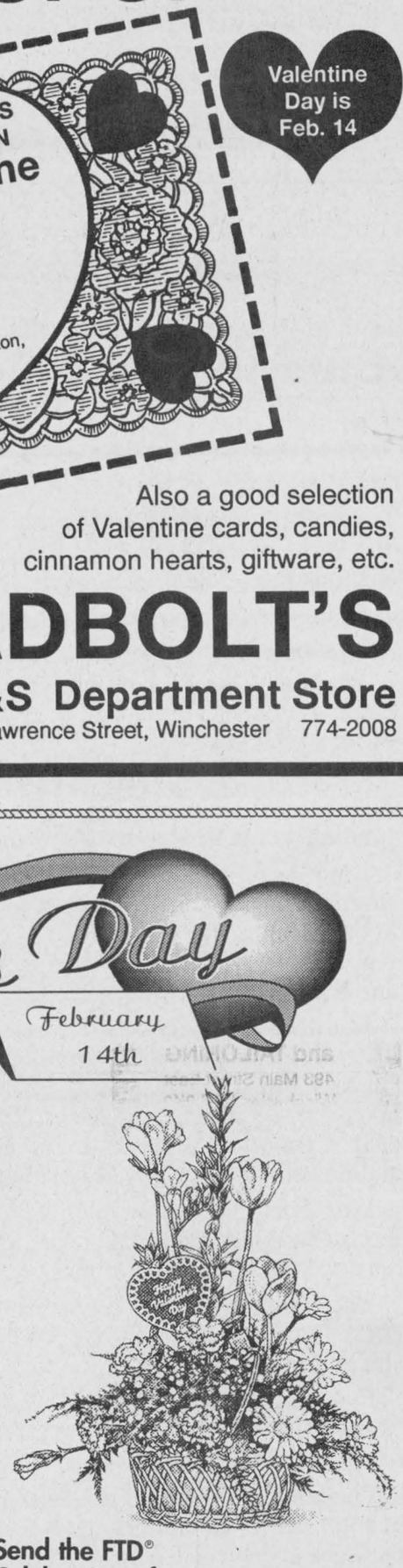

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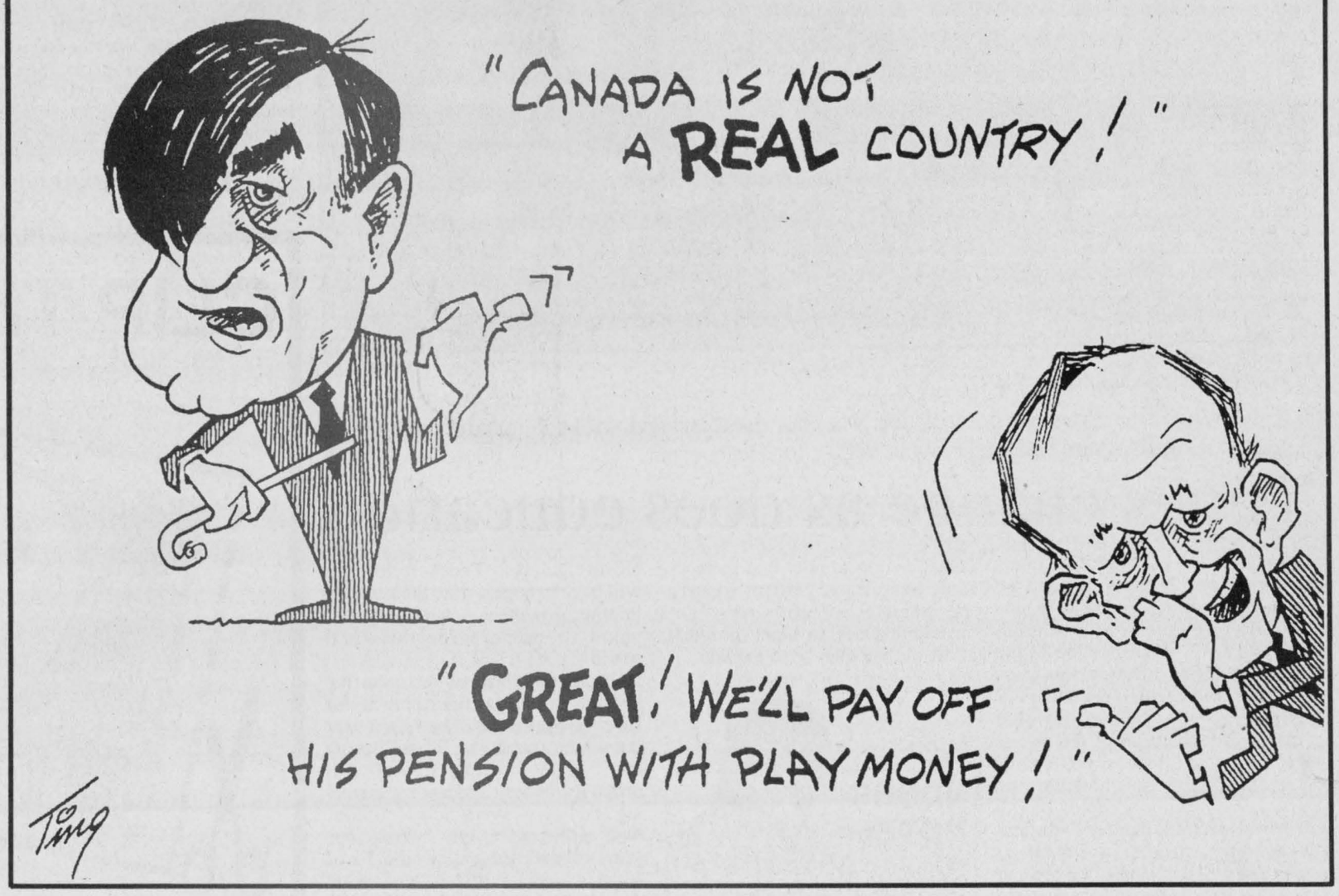

EDITORIAL

Cuts too deep

One of the things a visitor to Upper Canada Village learns about pioneer life is it was often a struggle to keep going.

Ironically the situation for the Village and the rest of the Parks of the St. Lawrence organization is currently demonstrating the same lesson.

In the 1990s life has become no less a struggle, only the elements are different.

Right now the St. Lawrence Parks Commission is dealing with provincial cutbacks that could close some of its attractions.

Like everyone else, the commission must face harsh realities, but losing any of its parks to insufficient funding would be too harsh a reality.

They're sources of pride to the communities that surround them. A small village like Morrisburg is known around the world because of attractions such as Upper Canada Village. The same goes for Fort Henry and Kingston.

But it's not only civic pride and a sense of history that will be bruised if the Commission has to close gates. While the parks, for the most part, swallow up more money than they make at the gate and the gift shop, they bring dollars to local restaurants, motels and dozens of other businesses that serve tourists.

Fort Henry according to at least one economic impact study attracts as much as $14.9 million in tourist dollars to the surrounding community.

The commission, like everyone else, will have to cut back. But if the cuts go too deep, they may mar the spit and polish of what they offer.

Eventually this works its way back to the tourists who want something significant in return for their admissions.

The commissioners of the St. Lawrence Parks are hopeful that local entrepreneurs know the value the facilities and service bring and are willing and inventive enough to invest their efforts and money into keeping the organization running.

But it's not likely industry and business can do it alone, especially when they are facing economic restraint as well. Perhaps with some encouragement from the people it serves, the government could find some money within other departments.

L.E.

This week in...

1946

The local public health nurse, Miss Norma Tomkin, was hospitalized when fumes from her apartment's gas stove exploded, setting fire to her clothing. Miss Tomkin had the presence of mind to smother the flames by wrapping a floor mat around her body. She was treated by Dr. H.S. Gross and then taken to the Cornwall General Hospital, accompanied by Miss Forbes, the public health nurse from Morrisburg.

Both steam boilers at the Winchester Public School had to be replaced after they ran dry of water and cracked in several places. The school board was hoping to install a more efficient boiler heating system, having paid between $1,000 and $1,200 to heat the school over winter.

1956

After Winchester residents voted down a proposal for both a water and a sewage system in the village, council was planning to mount another plebiscite, this time on the installation of a water system only.

As a result of dropping attendance at Sunday evening worship, three Winchester churches decided to combine their services. The Baptist, Presbyterian and United congregations would come together for the late services, with each church taking a turn as host.

Fate dealt another cruel blow to Weldon Beckstead of Williamsburg when his hands were crushed in a logging accident. Mr. Beckstead had recently lost his wife and two of his children in a house fire.



1966

A Friday evening car accident left a trail of seven damaged vehicles stretching from the corner of St. Lawrence and Main Streets down to the lawn of the Winchester United Church. Over $4,000 in damage was caused when a Kemptville area 19-year- old, Steven Forsythe, drove into a line of parked cars. The car he was driving, which had only 2,700 miles on the odometer and was owned by his uncle Martin Forsythe, struck five cars, causing one of them to smash into a sixth, before clipping a no parking sign and careening across St. Lawrence Street. A large crowd witnessed the accident as it occurred on a night of the village's winter carnival.

1976

Fire destroyed the Winchester Springs General Store, including the post office and the home of the Roughton family who owned the store. Strong winds hampered the firefighting efforts of departments from Williamsburg, Morrisburg and Winchester. An overheated stove was believed to have been the source of the blaze.

With the Ministry of Environment slating the introduction of a new well for Winchester's water system for late summer, Reeve Walter Shadbolt complained it was not soon enough as the village was already at a crisis stage. Expansion at Ault Foods Ltd. and the addition of three new sub- divisions would place further demands on the system.

1986

Ault Foods Ltd. was planning to embark on a $750,000 project to upgrade its waste water treatment system. It was hoped that the system would eliminate odor problems and reduce phosphate emissions from the waste.

Camera equipment was installed at the Winchester licence bureau as Ontario's new driver's licence photo legislation took effect.

Nine girls were to compete to become the Winchester Winter Carnival Queen. They included Rhonda Baldwin, Chantelle Brown, Tracey Lynn Byers, Kathy Como, Sharon Crowder, Tracey Crowder, Sonya Helmer, Rhonda St. Pierre and Kim Skuce.

The good, the bad and the Toronto

I just got back from Toronto, and boy, is their arrogance tired. Seriously though, folks, I don't wanna say Toronto radiates that big city smug "We're the centre of the universe" aura, but even the dogs there gave me attitude.

ME: Oh, what a cute doggie! What's his name?
DOG: Ludlow... the third! And you'll kindly remove your hands from my coat... I just had it dry cleaned.
ME: Gee, a talkin' dog! Ain't seen that back home in Winchester.
DOG: How quaint... a, ahem, village or borough named after a rifle. Not the place for pedigree, I'm certain.

I've never really liked Toronto. If I were married to it, it'd be a short relationship ending in constant bickering over who gets the CN Tower for the weekend. (Hey, it'd make a great TV antenna for my present home here in the country).

But my work inevitably draws me there, as it did a few days ago, pulling at me like a magnet to a hex nut or a polyester suit to a brush salesman.

Many of my industry colleagues (fancy way of saying "other comics and radio people, eh") can't understand why I have no aspirations of moving to the showbiz mecca of Toronto.

Sometimes I tell them it's because I decided long ago to forego potential stardom in lieu of a simple, humble country life.

Most times, though, I just stare at them blankly: "I hear tell the big city's kinda scary and everyone mugs ya as a part-time job and ya kin catch cholera jus' by leanin' against a hot dog cart!"

Such a statement usually changes the subject abruptly, before pausing momentarily to dwell on the correct spelling of cholera. (Some) Torontonians are like that.

Rural Roots

by Denis Grignon



In Toronto last week, the whole city was abuzz about the current cold snap. True, it was colder than usual in the City That Green Forgot. But, compared to where I live now, in the Land That Greenhouse Forgot, it was hard for me to sympathize with those Torontonians who griped when the mercury dipped below, ohmygosh, minus 10.

TORONTONIAN: Brr... brr... puhlease make the cold go away. My cafe latte mocha espresso can barely keep my fingers warm...

ME: Hey, great weather, eh! Back home it's so cold my dog got stuck to the fire hydrant, heh, heh... little joke there... my well doesn't even have a hydrant.

TORONTONIAN: Well in this city, we're not deserving of such evil cold... This is TO-RON-TO! Someone is clearly looking at a tax revolt, or at least a very nasty fax!

True, Toronto does have many of the amenities not found here in Mountain Township. Then again, I'm not sure I'd be a huge customer of a Winchester to Hallville subway system anyway.

Conversely, Torontonians cannot indulge in the luxury I enjoyed the day I returned home.

The 10-acre field behind my house had flooded and frozen, creating a hockey rink larger than Honest Ed's bank account. I immediately phoned friends in Toronto to brag about it.

ME: It was great! Acres and acres of ice! You shoulda seen me stickhandling my puck past my dog all day! I call that real fun.

T.O. FRIEND: How pleasant. In Toronto, we call that performance art!

ME: No kidding!

T.O. FRIEND: Indeed. In fact, you'd also be eligible for a Government Arts Grant.

I'm home, where, yes, it's cold. I'm 14 kilometres from a fresh jug of milk, my driveway's full of ice and my car's windows are iced over.

It could be much worse, though. It could be Toronto.

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Denis Grignon is a radio broadcaster and professional stand-up comic who recently moved to Mountain Township.

Students given another alternative

Liz Edwards
Press staff



The Winchester campus of the T.R. Leger School, Alternative Studies officially opened its expanded facilities last week. Ribbon cutters included Basil Dawley (representing MPP Noble Villeneuve), student Dawn Lecoupe, SD&G Public School Board Trustee Maria Thompson, student Frank Scheepers and MP Bob Kilger. Press Photo —Edwards

WINCHESTER — It's hard to hold classes if the students can't make them.

Or so teachers at the T.R. Leger School, Alternative Studies discovered when they offered computer studies classes. Often they would have to cancel because there weren't enough students to fill the class. Inconvenient class times were part of the problem.

So the school is giving students a choice of when they want to learn by offering a program called Technology Ticket. For $50 they get 10 hours of independent computer study time to learn any of 12 software packages used for spreadsheets, word processing or desktop publishing.

Students learn mostly on their own, using manuals and computer tutorials but an instructor is available for help. In Winchester, they can use any of the school's 27 computers during any weekdays as well as Monday and Wednesday nights.

Last week the Winchester campus officially opened its expanded facilities which now include the front offices of its building on St. Lawrence St. The ceremony also included the launch of the local Technology Ticket program. But student Jean Haworth of Iroquois started the program a little early and has already completed 33 hours and learned three different programs.

When she moved from Montreal six years ago to care for her father, her employer allowed her to keep her job and work out of her home. She was laid off a year ago but the company was able to hire her back as long as she could upgrade her computer skills.

With her responsibilities at home, she says she needed a program where she could learn when she could.

"It was excellent. I just could go at my own pace as long as I could account for my hours. The books are written so they're easy to understand," says Haworth, adding some of the programs took less than 10 hours to learn.

The program is ideal for people who need to upgrade their skills for their job or to find a job, says T.R. Leger Principal Brian Gilmour.

It is also a handy program for people who are thinking of buying a home computer, according to Gilmour.

"They might want to come in and see what kind of programs would be better for them," he says.

Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 10

MATILDA —The 7th annual Sweetheart Dance for the Children's Hospital Foundation will be held Sat., Feb. 10 at Matilda Township Hall in Dixons Corners from 8 pm to 1 am. Entertainment is by Jim Wicks, Westburg Union and Running on Empty. Tickets are $7 and includes a buffet lunch. All proceeds will be presented on the CJOH-TV Telethon for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario on June 1 and 2. Tickets are available at Stedman's Department Store in Winchester or by calling Steven Barkley at 774- 3563.

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The Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) to which Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre and Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre belong, has joined forces with Reynolds to help serve 5,000 hot meals this winter to seniors and people with disabilities throughout Ontario while giving shoppers a chance to win free groceries.

Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre and Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre are participating with OCSA and Reynolds in this campaign and we urge everyone to shop at participating IGA, Food City, Price Chopper and Food Town Stores in Ontario during the month of March and to purchase participating Reynolds products. For each sale, Reynolds will donate ten cents to our program.

For the past nine months the Meals On Wheels programs in this area has delivered to over 115 seniors and people with disabilities 6,240 wholesome and nutritiously balanced meals. This could not be done without the generous support of those who contribute time, money, and resources to our program. Our volunteers donate their time to drive their cars and deliver meals to the elderly in our community.

We applaud the commitment of Reynolds and our dedicated volunteers and contributors without whom our program could not exist. If *Winchester Press* readers are interested in learning more about how they can truly make a difference in the life of a senior or person with disabilities in our community, they can call Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre at 535-2924 and Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre at 774-6109.

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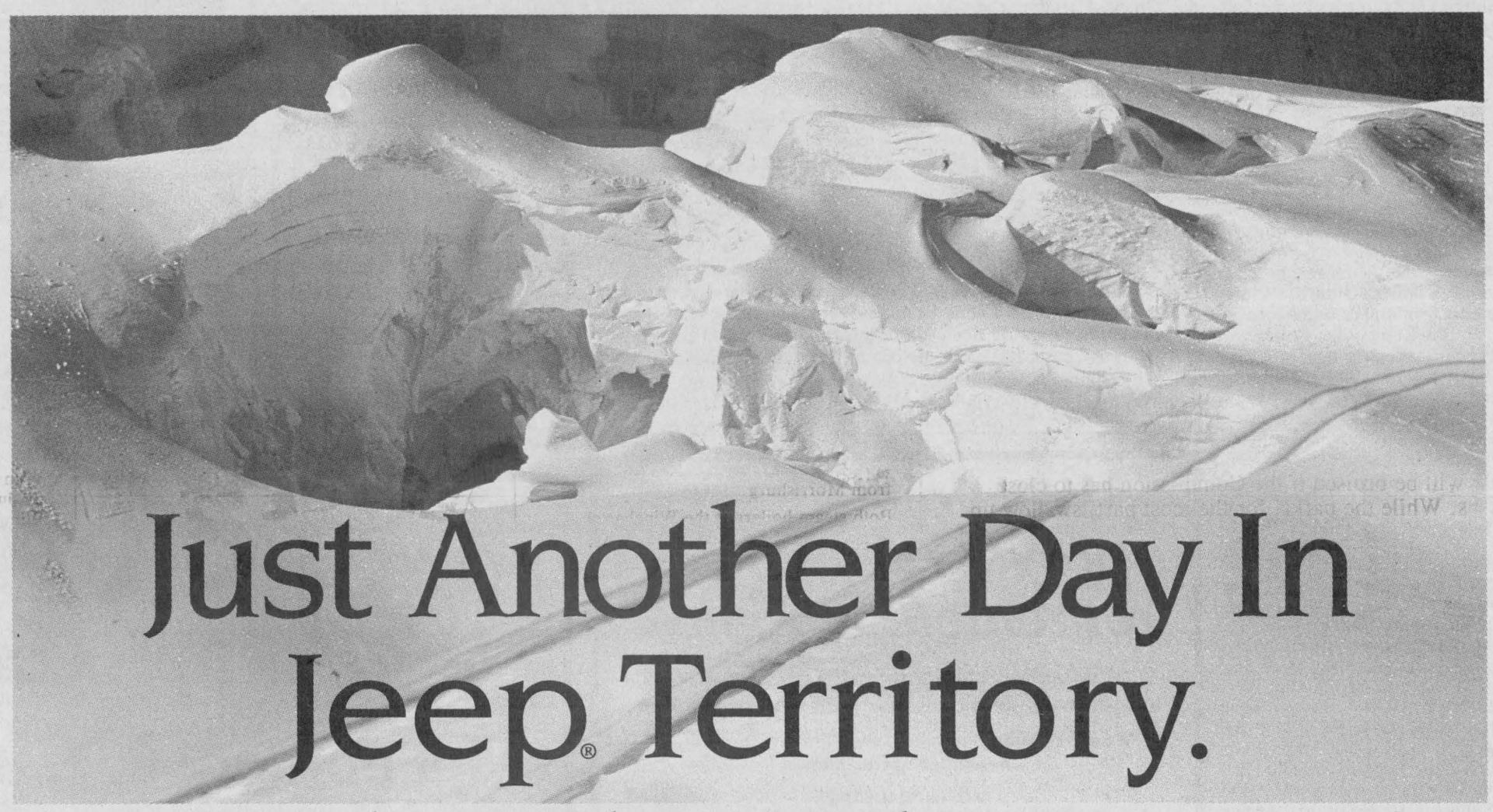

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Newman spices ag lessons with fun

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

KEMPTVILLE — The key to educating children about agriculture is to make the learning fun, says an expert in the field.

"Children are very impressionable... there are lots of little things you can do to make (learning) interesting," said Marion Newman, speaking to a group attending a WSA-Winchester seminar in Kemptville last week.

An agriculture in the classroom contact person with the Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc., Newman says visual aids, print materials, posters and kits developed by agricultural commodity groups all help generate interest in the classroom.

Farm update

Newman is a volunteer with OAFEI who visits schools, speaks to community groups and organizes farm tours. She says bringing along a variety of small agricultural implements and tools to her talks, aids her listeners in identifying with the industry.

Everything from milk bottles for feeding calves and rain gauges, to switches for electric fencing and plastic veterinary gloves, all give children a *hands- on* look at agriculture.

A kit, developed by the corn producers association contains a large selection of items used in corn production. Seeds, a draw pin, rubber gloves, acoustic ear muffs, and a rain gauge are just a few of the items contained in the kit. The small scale tractors, combines, corn planters and sprayers also help the children associate with crop production.

Books, displays, posters or even colorful pictures clipped from calendars or magazines prompt discussion in the classroom, Newman says.

Games or small booklets containing puzzles, wordsearch or coloring activities also making learning enjoyable, she adds.

Newman also discussed a number of easy-to-make games which she says children really enjoy.

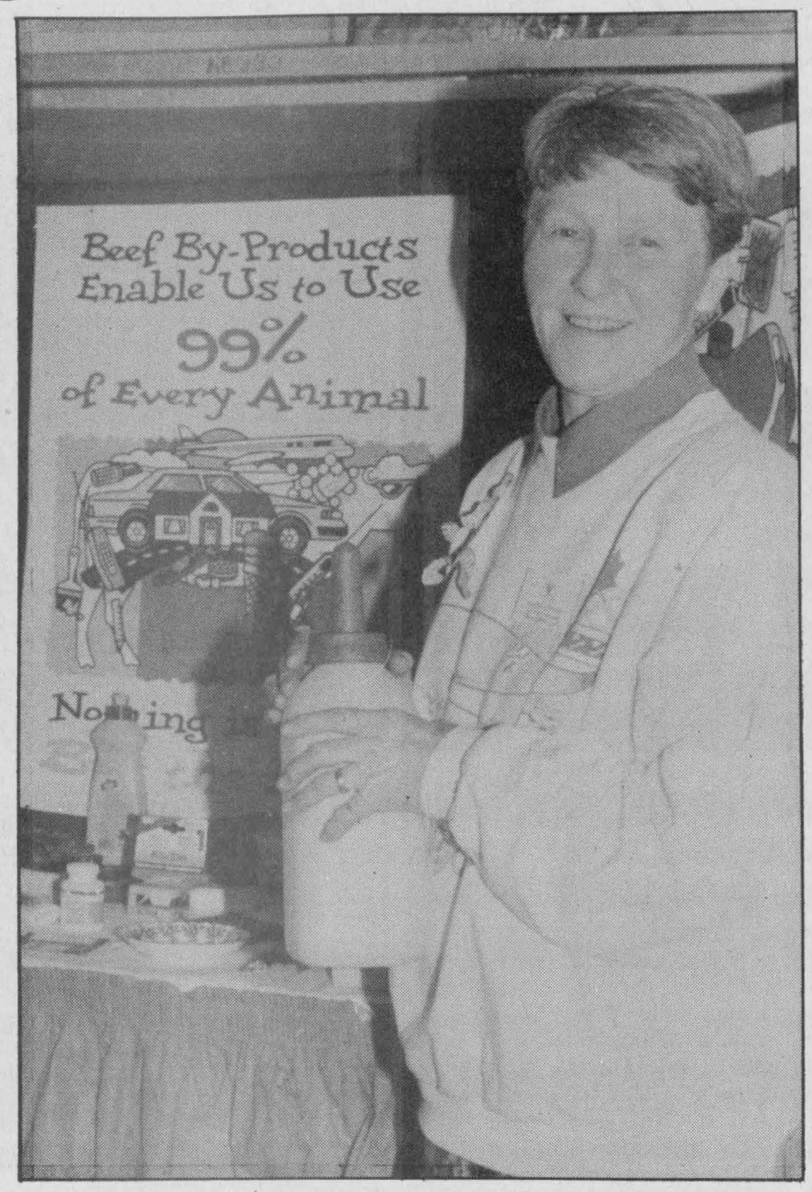
A simple game includes placing small objects (i.e. seeds or toy machinery) into old mismatched socks. Children reach into the socks to see if they can identify the objects inside, using only their sense of touch.

It's quite surprising how perceptive children can be, she added.

The Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. is a non- profit organization consisting of individuals and groups committed to the future of the agri-food industry through a greater awareness in the classroom.

It provides teacher consultants to work with educational facilities; supports volunteers working with educators in their local communities; develops and distributes Agriculture in the Classroom material; and co-ordinates educational workshops.

Newman also promotes beef for the Ottawa-Carleton Cattlemen's Association by setting up information booths and displays at fairs, farmers' markets, farm shows and other community events.



Marion Newman, representing Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc., took part in the recent WSA-Winchester seminar in Kemptville. Newman reported the key to educating children about agriculture is to make learning fun. Press Photo — Fetterly

Tree-mendous wood seminar

KEMPTVILLE — *Harvesting Unconventional Products from the Woodlot* is the theme for the ninth annual Eastern Ontario Winter Woodlot Conference slated for Feb. 15 at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology.

Landowners can learn how to benefit from their trees and woodlands while helping ensure that a healthy woodlot resource remains for future generations.

The morning program includes an update on a variety of woodlot related policies and programs of interest to farmers and other rural landowners. Ministry of Natural Resources staff will discuss the status of publicly funded tree nurseries in southern Ontario as well as the Private Land Stewardship initiative.

A Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs representative will discuss progress under the Agroforestry Program. Harry Barr, chair of the Ontario Woodlot and Sawmill Operators' Association will discuss standards of practice for private woodlot management and small sawmill operation as well as a proposed program to certify woods operators.

Private Land Stewardship Co-ordinator Jamie Fortune will address the topic of sound financial management applied to private woodlands.

During the afternoon session, speakers will focus on the day's theme, addressing potential opportunities to harvest unconventional products from woodlands.

Cost of registration at the door is $15 (including lunch) and $10 without lunch.

Target, support prices hold

OTTAWA — The Canadian Dairy Commission recently announced that there will be no change to the target price for industrial milk.

For Feb. 1, the target return for producers will be maintained at $53.23 per hectolitre of milk containing 3.6 kg of butterfat. An amount of 12 cents per hectolitre is added to the target return to cover costs associated with the normal stocks of butter held by the commission to ensure domestic demand is met, and to cover administrative costs related to the commission's domestic marketing

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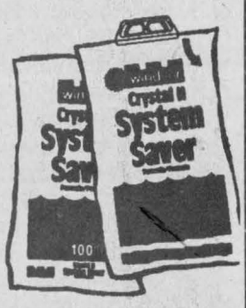

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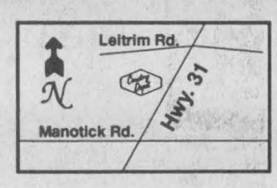

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Morewood Carnival a sure-fire kid pleaser

Liz Edwards
Press staff

MOREWOOD — There are a lot of kids in Morewood.



Magician Roy Campbell gives Brandon Wagner- LaeMesse the ride of his life at the Morewood carnival Sunday.
Press Photo —Edwards

So Carol Cracknell, an organizer of the annual winter carnival noticed. About 148 of them entered the coloring contest, 140 participated in the co- operative games Friday night and the preteen dance Jan. 26 attracted 110.

The only slow event was the outdoor games on Saturday where less than a dozen children braved low minus 20 Celsius temperatures to play in the snow. The cold affected attendance a bit says Cracknell, and sleigh rides were canceled due to icy and frigid conditions.

But the new mixed broomball exhibition game for children was a hit, whatever the weather. Two teams played for an hour on the rink.

"The kids had a blast outside," says Cracknell,

The new dart tournament was popular and she says it will be one of the events that will return next year.

"We'll expand on them a bit next year and try to keep it exciting," says Cracknell.

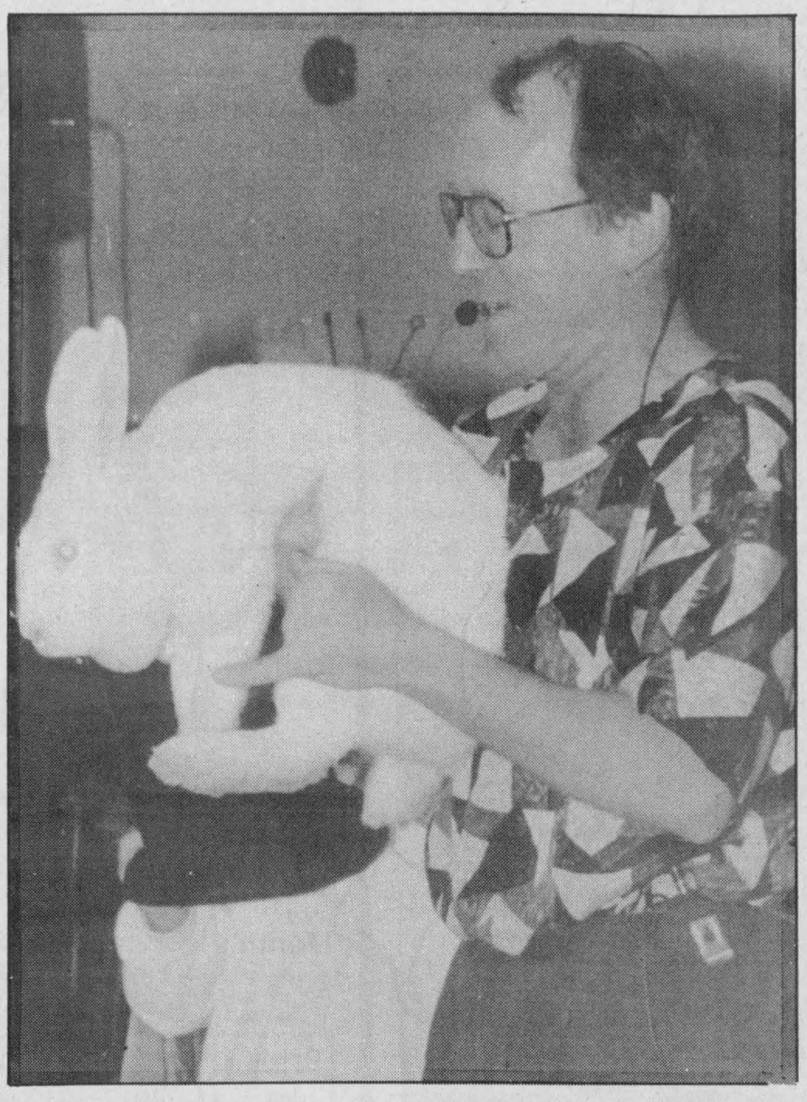
The Sunday Brunch of ham and eggs cooked by the Morewood volunteer firefighters drew in crowds. Tom MacGregor, an organizer, estimated there were about 180 people, down a little from last year but he was still kept busy.

"I was in charge of buttering the toast, that's a pretty steady job," he says.

There were nearly 210 people at the Morewood Recreation Association's pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday. Evening activities included a pot luck supper, a euchre party and a carnival dance that drew about 90 people.

"That's pretty good. There were a lot of dances going on," says MacGregor.

Winners of the carnival draws included Noreen Carisse of Ottawa (three-seasons coat from Carolyn Dey Designs), John Krisjanis ($100 gift certificate from 50s Family Restaurant), Frank Merkley of Morewood (color analysis consultation), Mark Larose of Chesterville (basic car care clean from Akcent Motors and a reversible tea cosy) and Vern Williamson (basic car care clean and cooler bag).



A bunny belonging to magician Roy Campbell makes its appearance at the Morewood Carnival.

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Volunteers are needed to join the Friends of the Sanctuary to serve refreshments or referee outside at one of the activity stations. Visitors to the Sanctuary can also watch dog sled demonstrations, ski the 10 kilometres of groomed trails (weather permitting) and enjoy a fun-filled Sunday afternoon.

Pre-registration for teams wishing to participate in the Winter Challenge takes place until Feb. 14. Admission is $2.50 per person. Children under 13 years of age are admitted free of charge. Snowshoes are $5 per team. Bring your own toboggan. Registration takes place from 1 pm to 1:30 pm at the Visitors Interpretive Centre. For more information call (613) 543-3704 or 1-800-437- 2233.

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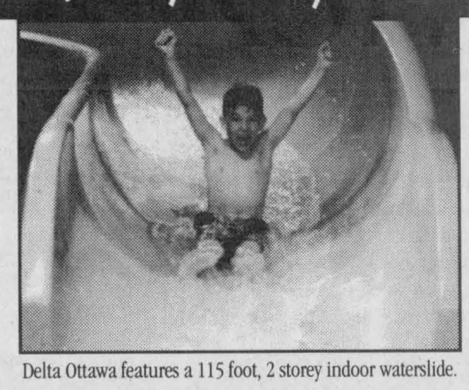

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New pastor to be inducted Sunday

Kim Robinson
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Pastor Andre Lauzon says he couldn't feel more welcome than he does in Winchester.

After he visited the community to lead a few services for the Discovery Bible Fellowship last fall, members of the congregation made a unanimous decision to have him as their first pastor.

Lauzon and his wife Ivory had been living in Cornwall where he was associate pastor at the Fellowship Baptist Church. Now, at 26, he is honored to enter this charge with the Associated Gospel Churches.

"That's young to have your own charge and we're thrilled with the opportunity," he says.

While they are a young couple, the Lauzons are not unlike many in the church. They find its friendly, informal approach is appealing to young adults, who make up about half of the congregation.

Ivory points out that teenagers are drawn to the fellowship's style of ministry as well. Weekly youth meetings, which had been held on Thursday nights at Winchester Baptist Church, have been moved to larger facilities at the Winchester Public School on Wednesday evenings to accommodate between 40 and 50 teens.

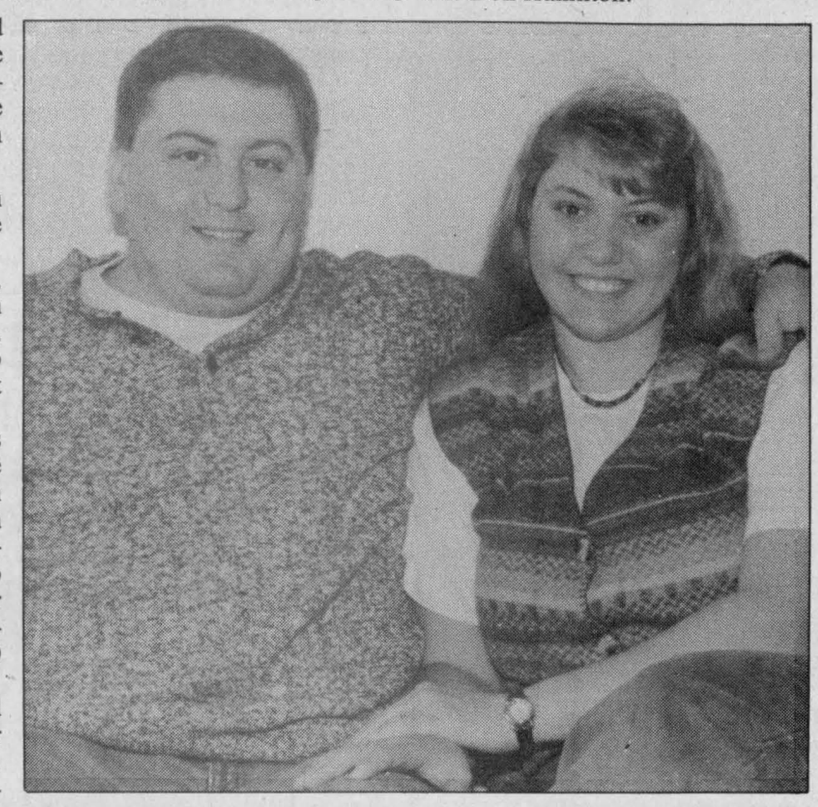
"That time between childhood and adulthood is shrinking in our society," observes the pastor. "Hopefully we can make the transition a little smoother."

The Discovery Bible Fellowship is young in more ways than one. Services started up at the Winchester Public School about a year and a half ago when a number of local families saw a need for the ministry here. It began with about 40 people and that number has grown to more than 100.

Lauzon chooses "grassroots" as the best word to describe the church, and the congregation's activities reflect this. The hour-long Sunday services, which begin at 9:30, are followed by a half-hour social time aimed at strengthening bonds between members. Lauzon sees the church growing through personal links like these, with members introducing others to the Bible through community involvement.

"We want to get out into the community and see where we can get plugged in and help," he says.

Lauzon will have his official start in this role on Sunday with a special induction service at the Winchester Public School at 7 pm led by Rev. Dr. Don Hamilton.



Pastor Andre Lauzon and his wife Ivory are new to Winchester and the Discovery Bible Fellowship. Lauzon's induction service will be held this Sunday evening. Press Photo—Robinson



Barkley — Garrah

Robert and Beverly Barkley of Winchester Springs are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Kathryn Jean to Steven James Garrah, son of Jim and Linda Garrah of Gananoque, Ont. The wedding will take place in Gananoque on March 16, 1996. Photo — S. Tunnicliffe

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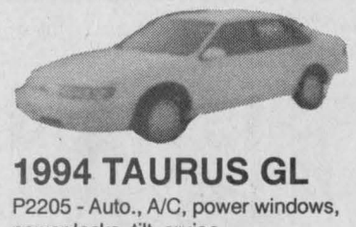

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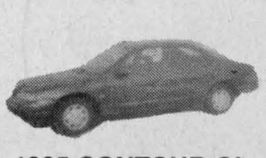

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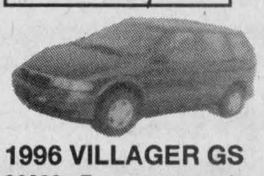

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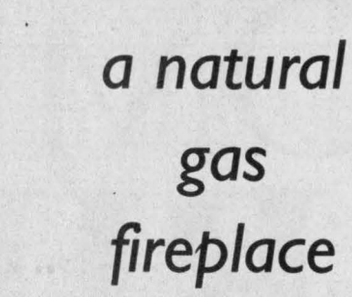

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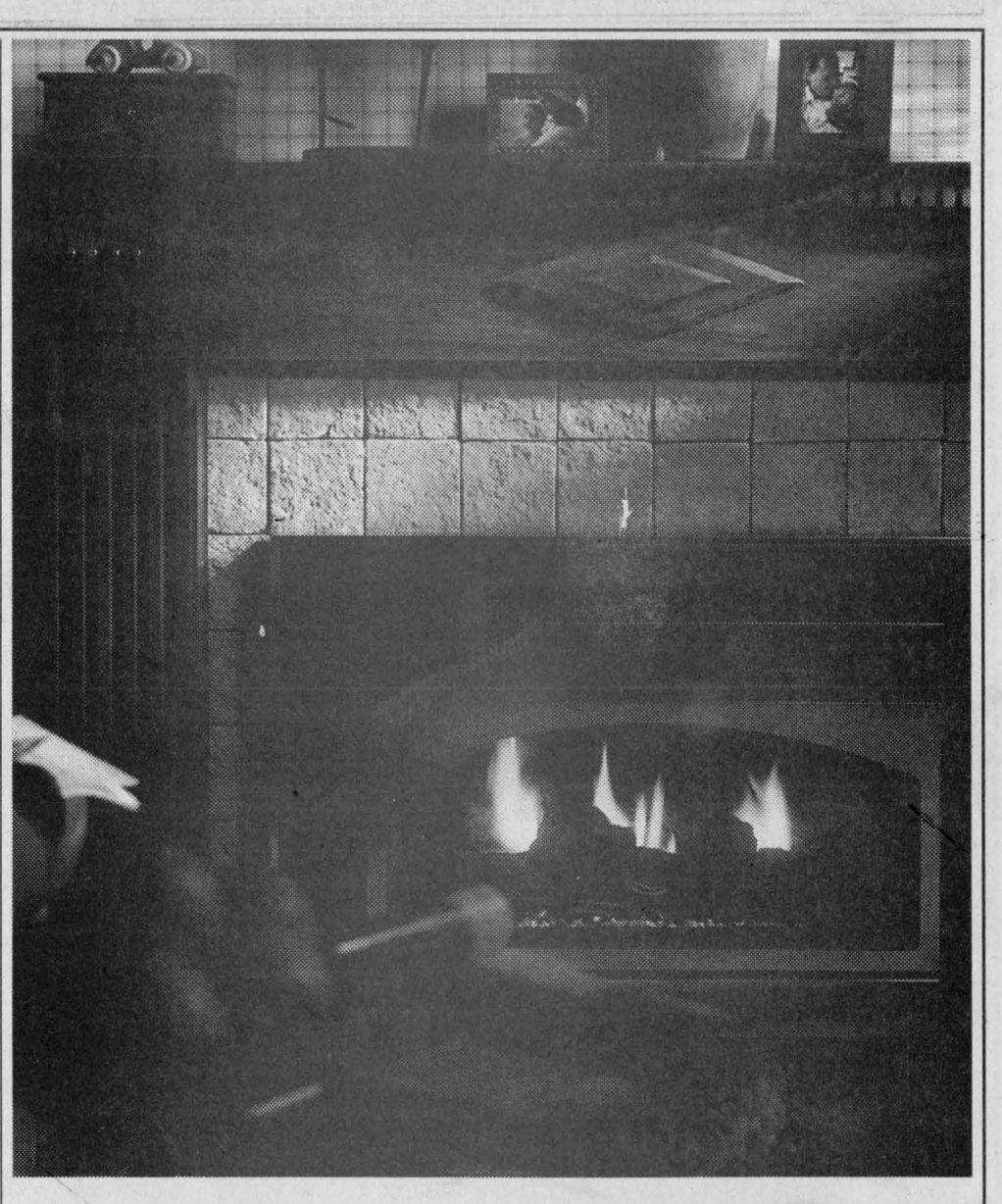

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