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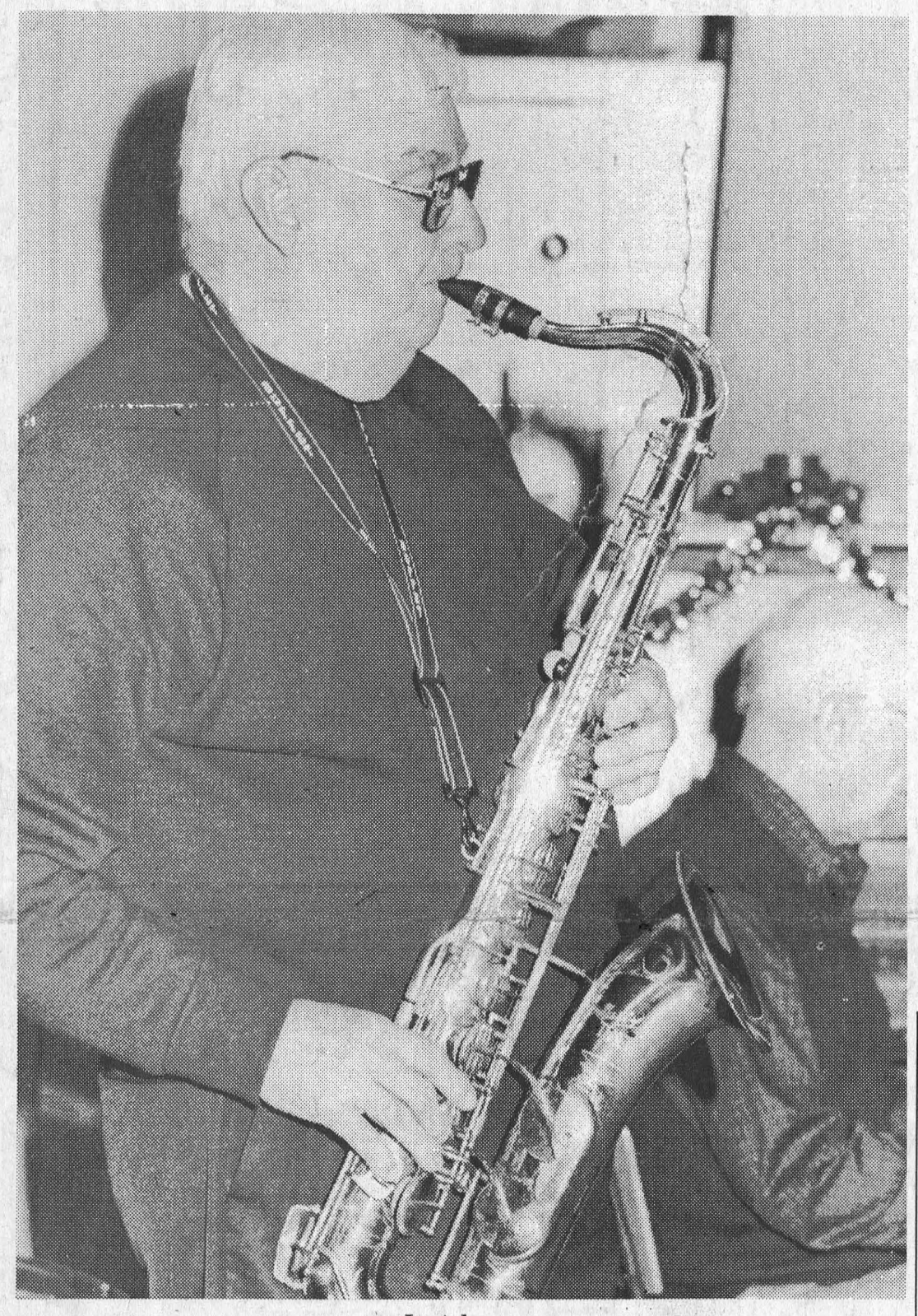

Last dance

Don Morrell and his Orchestra will play their last dance at a retirement party being held in their honor at the Morrisburg Meeting place on April 15. McNairn photo

Don Morrell Orchestra schedules last dance

by Bonnie McNairn
Leader staff

MORRISBURG—Band members and friends who are planning a last dance for Don Morrell, are making sure the popular band leader retires on a high note.

Lovers of big band music will be able to swing to the sounds of the Don Morrell Orchestra for the last time on Saturday, April 15 at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre (formerly the Operating Engineers Training Institute) on Highway 2, east of Morrisburg.

Proceeds from the dance will go the Ottawa Heart Institute, which ends an illustrious musical career in the same generous manner the Williamsburg saxophonist has exhibited over the many years he has been band leader.

"It is one of the things I think of most," says former band member Junior Cassell, who now occasionally fills in on drums. "I marvel at how he gave his time to perform at church services, for the Lions Club, in aid of Winchester Hospital, for Heart and Stroke, and a lot of other worthwhile causes."

Don's musical career began in 1942 when, at the age of 15, he became the youngest member of the band, then known as the Russ Hay Orchestra. It originated as the Russell Orchestra, which was founded by George Jones in the 1920s.

In the 40's and 50's it was the Russell Hay Band, which was taken over by Ken Miller until he retired in 1985, and Don became the band leader. In the last 15 years, the Morrell Orchestra has played at mainly special events.

Current band members, some of whom are retiring with Morrell, are pianist Keith Russell of Morrisburg who joined the band one year after Don, saxophonists Floyd Cochrane of Russell and Ian Crerar of Vernon, trumpeters Chris Hammond of Kars and Glen McDonald of Kanata, bass guitarist Ted Higginson of Ottawa and drummer Mike McCleery of Kars.

After joining the band in 1942, Don stayed with it for 10 years when he gave it up because of the too hectic schedule. He and his wife Melba also had their hands full raising a family of four boys and running a family store in Dundela. He was later employed by Fred Pinkus in Williamsburg.

During the 1940's and 50's other local members included Ford Carathers of Morewood on tenor sax, Hammy Thompson of Iroquois on trumpet and Cassell of Morrisburg on drums.

The pre-Seaway project development days were a big time for the 'Big Band' sound the orchestra offered, and no one missed the Saturday night dances in Casselman Hall, on Main Street in Morrisburg. "We played there for many years,"

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Police services in Town of Alexandria provided by OPP

CORNWALL—The Police Services Board for the United Counties for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry wishes to announce that, effective April 3, police services in the former Town of Alexandria will be provided by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Policing throughout the jurisdictional area of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry will, from such date on, be maintained and provided, on a contract basis, by the Ontario Provincial Police.

The Board is satisfied that the action taken by County Council for contract policing will render adequate and effective police services for the needs of the United Counties at an affordable cost and with considerable savings to the ratepayers of the former Town of Alexandria.

It is estimated that the cost of policing in the former town of Alexandria will, for the year 2000, be reduced by 45 per cent and by as much as 50 per cent for subsequent years as a result of the action taken. A ratepayer in the former Town of Alexandria with a residential property valued at $100,000 for purposes of property taxation will experience a property tax reduction of $215 in the year 2000 with respect to the special levy for police services.

The total cost of providing policing in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in accordance with an Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services determination was estimated at $7,535,000 for the 12 month period of the year 2000.

The estimate equates to a per capita cost of $121.30, an amount that remains below the policing costs being incurred in other jurisdictions.

Upper Canada Playhouse is pulling out of a slump

by Catherine Thompson
Leader staff

MORRISBURG—From several indicators, not just financial, it appears Upper Canada Playhouse is pulling out of the slump it experienced a few years ago.

"Revenue wise we're ahead. We still have a fair debt load, but it's been reduced by approximately $50,000," said Upper Canada Playhouse's new president Don Smith. "We came up using black ink this past year and haven't done that for a while," said Smith.

"We had a better year all round and anticipate another one next year," said Smith.

Past president Mary Ellen Viau told Sunday's annual meeting the Playhouse was fortunate to obtain grants which increased by $21,000 in 1999, that memberships went up by $4,000 and donations were up by $50,000. The theater was also successful in acquiring its application for a $116,000 grant from the Trillium Foundation to be used for building improvements and operating funds over two years. The first installment was received in January, 2000.

Viau reported the Playhouse had done extremely well last year from box office returns and reviews. "There was an enthusiastic response by patrons and critics to the music, laughter, tears and thought provoking drama that was presented on our stage over the summer months. And, if money speaks louder than words, ticket sales increased by 34,000 dollars over the previous year," she said.

Thanks to the work of volunteers, the Playhouse raised $45,000 in fund-raising events. But Viau warned the Board would "be cautiously optimistic about our financial picture."

"Heavy debt continues to be problematic and fiscal responsibility is paramount," she said. "With substantial increases in production and publicity costs over last year, new and creative approaches will have to be explored for future operations."

The theater was productive in other areas that are less measurable, Viau added. This included many areas of the physical plant which underwent upgrades or renovations. An evening held in May to thank volunteers and recruit new ones met with success, resulting in an impressive list of volunteers.

The Playhouse has also made progress in areas that are less measurable, Viau stated. The formation of new partnerships, with local businesses promoted tourism in the area, and benefitted local hotels, Bed and Breakfast establishments and restaurants.

But since heavy debt continues to be a problem, Viau stressed the necessity for fiscal responsibility if the theatre is to remain viable. This year substantial increases in production and publicity costs over 1999 will necessitate exploring new and creative approaches for the future.

Artistic producer Michael Bianchin described last year's season as a "critical success", with positive reviews from local media and the CBC. This year the Playhouse will continue to promote the theater and implement its mandate by hiring talented individuals to participate in productions.

Bianchin outlined a change in the programming mandate to include two Canadian productions out of the four produced from June to October.

Bianchin cited a steady decline in corporate sponsorship, membership and subscriptions from 1996 to 1998, and complaints of

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Donation a Breath of Fresh Air

The Morrisburg Volunteer Fire Department will be breathing a lot better thanks to a very large donation of $10,000 from the Morrisburg Branch 48 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Last Wednesday night Fire Chief Robert Hamilton (left) was on hand at the Legion to accept the cheque from Legion Secretary Nancy Nicolaassen and Legion President William van Leeuwen. "We appreciate this very much," said Hamilton as he accepted the donation. "We can't thank the Legion enough. This is a valuable donation with current budget restraints." Hamilton explained the money will be spent to purchase a minimum of three breathing apparatus and some extra air tanks. "These are one of the most important safety and fire fighting apparatus there are for a firefighter," said Hamilton. "Some of the ones we have are out-dated, and the purchase of new ones will be a big benefit to the firefighters." McNairn photo



Happy New Year

Don Morrell and his Orchestra played to a full house on New Years Eve in Iroquois.

Photo courtesy Junior Cassell

Last dance . . .

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says Keith Russell.

"It was the most important thing in town, there was nothing else," agreed Cassell. "It probably had a limit of about 250 people, but I can remember one New Year's Eve we had over 600 people."

"We always had to wait for the boys to come from the hotel," explained Norma Hutt, who is one of the retirement dance organizers. "There was no bar at the dance you see."

"I can still remember the girls standing along one wall and waiting for the guys to come ask us for a dance."

Later the venue moved to the Morrisburg arena, and the dances went every Wednesday night, while Finch arena had a dance every Friday night. "We also played in Russell and Chesterville. Sometimes it was every night of the week," says Cassell.

In 1979, Don returned to the band under Miller. When Miller retired in 1984, and he took over, it became known as the Don Morrell Orchestra.

Morrell says the recent return to vogue of big band music has come "a little late for us."

"We're retiring from music," he says. "I think it's time. We live so far apart, it's hard to get together for practices."

"It's the end of an era. They are all a good bunch of fellas."

The Morrell Orchestra ushered in the new millennium when it played to a sold out crowd in Iroquois on New Year's Eve, a tribute to the band's continuing popularity.

The Last Waltz, is being sponsored by orchestra members and friends in honor of Don. Tickets, which include a light lunch, are $25 per couple. They can be purchased by calling 543-2157 or 445-5335.

The organizers and band members are looking forward to seeing their longtime friends and followers. It won't be Casselman Hall, but it will be plenty of Glen Miller and other big band sounds, so don't forget your dancing shoes.

Upper Canada Playhouse . . .

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poor standards which impacted directly on the quality of the work.

"It was my feeling that in order to change this we should abandon the Canadian content mandate for at least two seasons. " Bianchin said this was not to suggest a relationship between poor work and Canadian content.

"It just seemed that in order to produce new work I needed a captive and supportive subscription base, membership and the support of the local tourist groups and services. I also needed to produce plays that were not technically demanding," he said.

The new executive was chosen including the new president Don Smith; first vice president Glen Swerdfeger; second vice president Brenda Loucks; Sidney Smith, secretary; Lauren Harriman, treasurer.

Directors are Elizabeth Asselin, Bill Kurschinski, Wendy Veldhoven, Denis Viau and Jean Wadds.

New directors are Lloyd McMillan, Michael Goodwin, Brad Comeau, and Geraldine Fitzsimmons.

Past president Lionel Tessier who served nine years as president is stepping down as is director Isobel Williams who served six years in her position.

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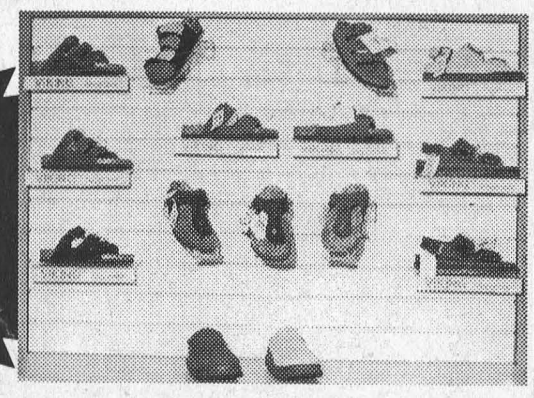
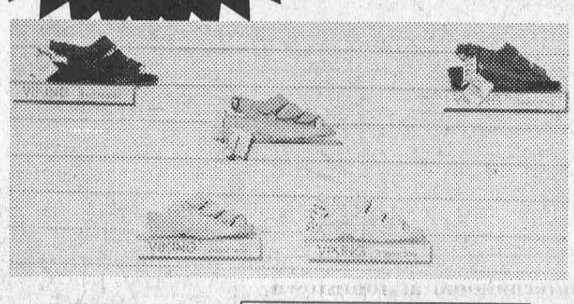
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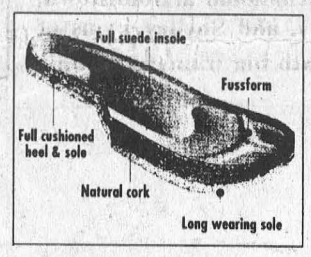

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March Meeting

Williamsburg Women's Institute

WILLIAMSBURG—The March meeting of the Williamsburg Women's Institute was held at the Park Lane Senior's Support Centre. President Isobel Williams opened the meeting with greetings to the 14 members and friends, with special greetings to our 12 guests from the Winchester Women's Institute Branch.

Following the singing of the Institute Ode and recitation of the Mary Stewart Collect, minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, and the treasurer gave her report. Motto for the evening was "Believe in Children. The sky is the Limit." and the Roll Call was "Name a Canadian Author and one of his/her books" - made us realize that we have many talented writers in our province and country.

The Dundas District W.I. are holding an Educational Workshop on Saturday, March 25, at the Park Lane Senior's Support Centre. Registration is at 9:00 a.m., and the workshops will be on "Container Gardening", "You are what you eat - What do food labels really say", Cake decorating", and Pine cone Baskets". Everyone is welcome.

Our speaker for the evening was Geraldine Fitzsimmons. She is a director on the Board of Directors of South Dundas Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Dick, moved from Metcalfe to Morrisburg seven years ago, because they really like this area. She is actively involved on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce in the Tulip Festival in Ottawa, in the proposal to make Morrisburg the "Gateway to the Capital", and to promote and encourage the planting of tulips all the way up HIghway 31 (to be known as Bank Street from Morrisburg to Ottawa). Mrs. Fitzsimmons also gave us a packet of the new map called Heritage 2000, Tour Guide Edition, which shows villages and new communities in South Dundas on the St. Lawrence River, and gives a History of the Lost Villages and Farms which disappeared as the waters rose on July 1, 1958. Lunch was served by several W.I. members

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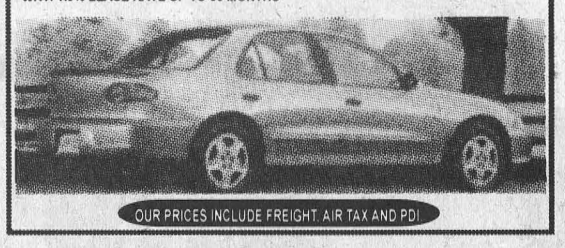
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History comes alive through unique area tour packages

BROCKVILLE—A major project aimed at capturing an even bigger piece of the lucrative tourism market was launched here yesterday.

History Alive is specifically designed to draw French-speaking tourists from Quebec and Europe, including tourists in Ontario, to the many historical sites and tourist attractions between Montreal and Kingston that retrace the steps of early New France settlers. Project sponsors expect that these tour packages will generate more tourism dollars for Eastern Ontario.

"We have seen a steady growth in tourists from France, Belgium, Switzerland and Quebec in that are over the past several years," said Linda Savard, chief executive officer of the *Chambre economique de l'Ontario*, a provincial business association., "We know that there is tremendous potential to boost tourist numbers by appealing to their love of history, nature and adventure. Eastern Ontario is full of rich history and attractions such as historical villages and forts, in addition to being a gateway to the great outdoors."

Launch timing of the new tourism project is not a coincidence. The Francophone Games will be held in Ottawa in 2001, an event that will attract thousands more tourists from around the world. This offers project sponsors a great marketing opportunity. "Many people plan major vacations more than a year in advance. We wanted to launch the tour packages now to capture people's imagination and to lay the groundwork for next year. Our goal is to get visitors to extend their stay nd to take advantage of the new Eastern Ontario tours."

History Alive highlights three distinct touring opportunities, each targeted to a different segment of the tourist market. The Historical Tour offers tourists authentic and realistic recreation of bygone days for people who like to travel as part of an organized group. This three-day coach tour begins in Montreal and brings New France alive with stops at Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, Fort Wellington, Mallorytown Landing and Fort Henry. An overnight stay in Brockville will give visitors time to take a walking tour along the Brock trail, visit the Brockville Museum or shop for local souvenirs. The tour concludes in Kingston.

The three-day *Adventure Tour* will appeal to the traveller interested in the history of a country, and looking for a more rugged experience. Starting with a coach tour from Montreal, it features a visit to the Kahnawake Reserve, and a tour of Upper Canada Village, and a stop in Morrisburg. Both overnight stays offer camping adventures, at Grenville Campground in Johnstown and on Grenadier Island, an area steeped in history. The second day offers a Voyageur Boat excursion from Johnstown to Brockville, with highlights of the Fort de Levis, the Windmill Monument and Fort Wellington. Before concluding in Kingston, this tour allows time for cycling, hiking or kayaking in Gananoque.

The *A La Carte* Tours offer five different one-day options for families and school trips. They are designed as a five-day travel package, or as single destinations on their own. The first trip tour offers a one-day visit to the Kahnawake Reserve. Historic Upper Canada Village is the destination for the second tour. A third option is to spend the day travelling from Prescott to Brockville, which includes an historical cruise on the St. Lawrence River. Travelling from Brockville to Gananoque is the focus of the fourth tour. It could include a walking tour of Brockville, or visits to the Brockville Museum or Fulford House and then travel to Gananoque along the 1000 Islands Parkway. The final tour from Gananoque to Kingston features a 1000 islands cruise and a visit to Fort Henry, in Kingston.

"The other unique aspect of this tourism project is the coming together of many partners to launch a new venture that is beneficial not to one single individual or organization, but to all who have joined in. That in itself is a major accomplishment," added Linda Savard.

History Alive is designed to showcase the tourist attractions and rich historical heritage of Eastern Ontario. It is sponsored by the Chambre economique de l'Ontario in collaboration with the municipalities of Brockville, Gananoque and Kingston as well as Parks Canada, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Industry Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism.

Established in 1990, the Chambre economique de l'Ontario includes entrepreneurs, associations, chambers of commerce and business coalitions representing more than 1,000 Ontario companies. Its terms of reference are to enhance the world of business, promote the economic interests of Franco-Ontarians and contribute to the economic development of Ontario through its special ties to the provincial, national and international French-speaking community.

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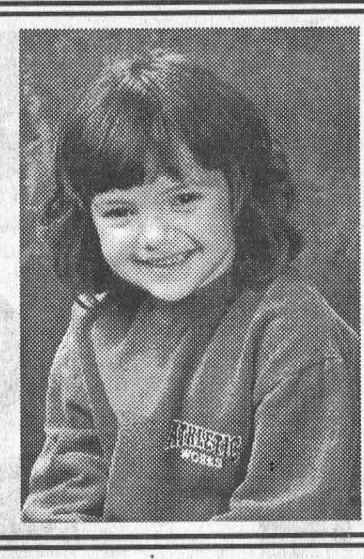

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Iroquois player is happy to yell bingo

Brian Nolan, owner of Bingo International at Johnstown, says it's nice to have local winners, and Shelley Prins of Iroquois, who becomes the hall's sixth big winner, couldn't agree more.

Wednesday night, Prins struck it big, winning the Superstar Bingo Jackpot that paid off with $12,500.

Prins, who has not been to a bingo in one year due to a serious illness, said following the win, "I feel great."

According to Nolan, Prins is now the sixth big winner since the hall opened. The last big win was in November.

"It was especially nice for her. She hasn't been in the Bingo Hall for a year, due to her illness. One of her friends picked her up Wednesday night and took her out."

"She played just one card and won," he added. "She was feeling really good."

It was also fitting that Wednesday night's Bingo was run by the Iroquois Lions Club, making it an Iroquois community night.

"We own the bingo hall, but each and every bingo is run by a charity," explained Nolan. There are 45 charities in the group and Wednesday night, just happened to be the Iroquois Lions in attendance. The various charities take turns running the bingos, and make money through their efforts.

Prins competed for the jackpot against thousands of others playing Superstar Bingo at halls across Ontario through a computer network. Approximately 2000 halls in Ontario participate in Superstar Bingo, which was first introduced in March 1997.



Peaceable Play Day

Aleah Hanes of Chesterville was among the young participants at Peaceable Play Day, held Saturday in Winchester. Initiated by the Lion and Lamb project in the United States, Peaceable Play Day aims to find alternatives to violent children's toys, games and entertainment. The day offers children an opportunity to enjoy fun, low-cost activities which increase creativity and self-esteem. In Winchester, the day featured play activities, story time, fitness break, and a child car seat clinic. There were many local participants and sponsors including Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and Family Matters.

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Protecting the Great Lakes

Last week, the International Joint Commission released a final report that provides a blueprint for protecting the waters of the world's largest freshwater ecosystem, the Great Lakes Basin, from the potential impacts of water removals and consumptive uses.

The IJC recommends that Canadian and U.S. federal, provincial and state governments should not permit the removal of water from the Great Lakes Basin unless the proponent can demonstrate that the removal will not endanger the integrity of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The proponent would also have to demonstrate that there are no practical alternatives to the removal, and sound planning has been applied. The proponent must also show cumulative impacts have been considered, conservation practices have been implemented, and sound planning practices applied, and that all waters returned meet the objectives of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Moreover, the report recommends that governments apply specific conservation measures to improve efficiencies in the use of water in the Basin, including setting water prices at a level that encourages conservation.

The report concludes that water should be managed with caution to protect the resource for the future. It also concludes that international trade law obligations, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), do not prevent Canada and the United States from taking measures to protect their water resources and preserving the integrity of the Great Lakes basin ecosystem as long as there is no discrimination against individuals from other countries in applying those measures.

The Final Report recommends that federal, provincial and state governments should move quickly to remedy deficiencies in water use data; implement long-term comprehensive monitoring programs to detect threats to ecosystem integrity, conduct extensive studies of the role of groundwater in the Great Lakes Basin; and undertake research on the individual and cumulative impacts of water withdrawals.

Federal, state and provincial governments should not authorize or permit any new removals, and should exercise caution with respect to major new or increased consumptive use, until these standards have been proclaimed or until 24 months have passed.

In view of the current low water level conditions of the Great Lakes, it is hoped the governments act on these recommendations. According to data from the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence Regulation Office in Cornwall, lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario are over 20 centimeters below their averages at this time of year. One reason for the low levels was increased evaporation caused by two of the warmest years on record, 1998 and 1999.

Chair of the World Commission on Water Ismail Serageldin said the world's looming fresh water crisis will not be solved through international trade in fresh water. Global trade is based on the assumption of storability and transportability, which is very expensive in the case of water. To help protect water supplies, the Commission also recommends full pricing to make people take conservation more seriously.

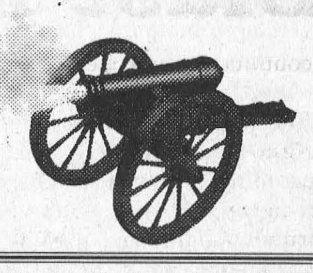
The Final Report responds to the request made by Canadian and United States governments calling for recommendations for the protection of the Great Lakes. Following an Interim Report August 18, 1999 the IJC held 12 public hearings, and consulted government officials and experts on climate change, cumulative impacts and international trade and water law.



Oil moving west
An unidentified British American Oil Co. Ltd. tanker makes it way along the canal at Morrisburg west end in 1954. Photo was taken at 81 Lakeshore Drive.

The Leader's Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files by Bonnie McNairn



1990

Headlines in the March 21, issue of The Leader read: School expansion omits grade 7 & 8. The proposed $728,624 expansion at Morrisburg Public School was to accommodate only the existing number of students which was 321 from Kindergarten to Grade 6. For two years, students in grades 7 and 8 had been bussed to Stampville.

The search was officially on to find a replacement for Clair VanAllen, the village's superintendent for 30 years. Council was conducting interviews after receiving 18 applications for the assistant superintendent position. The assistant superintendent was to start as a subordinate position, and take over when VanAllen retired, which was expected to happen within two years.

Ralph Coulthart achieved a rare feat when he managed to sell 11 vacuum cleaners in one day. Coulthart, had been with Electrolux Canada for almost 30 years.

The wedding photo of Tracey and Terry Veinotte appeared in The Leader. The candlelight service took place Feb. 10, at Lakeshore Drive United Church. The couple travelled to Los Vegas, California and Mexico for their honeymoon.

The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club was preparing for its annual ice show, this year having Musical Movies as its theme. Highlighting the evening show was to be a guest performance from former Morrisburg Skater Eric Degray, who was attending school in Toronto, and skating out of a club there.

An upgrading project at Ontario Hydro's transformer station on Flagg Road was to more than double its capacity.

The Midget B Lions were advancing to their championship series after a 3 - 1 win over South Grenville. Scoring for the Lions were Gene McInnis, Dale Serviss and Barry Barkley.

Thanks to his seatbelt, John Vaughan was not injured when he lost control of his vehicle on Highway 31, south of Vernon.

1980

Headlines in the March 20, issue read: Another New Industry Here. The village had just been named the home of an animal food processing plant, West Way Feed, and now, Millshea Developments Ltd., a manufacturer of component building homes, office buildings, motels, etc., had opened its doors in the retired Kingston Dunbrick building. According to Harry Gatward, president of the company, Millshea was employing six full-time men, and hoped to expand the operation in the immediate future.

Morrisburg village council agreed unanimously to the sale of the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic property for $20,000. The sale included the building and the parking lot. The doctors, who pressed for the sale, had carried through with 10 years of a 21 year lease of the building, their leasing agreement with the village calling for them to pay all taxes, upkeep and renovations. Facing rising costs of upkeep and producing estimates of renovations and upkeep totaling about $70,000, the group approached council about the purchase.

The Williamsburg Fire Department was heading a fund raising drive to raise $10,000 for a "Jaws of Life" unit.

The Jr. B Lions dumped Metcalfe in four straight games.

1970

Pictured on the front page of the March 20, 1970 issue of The Leader were Glen Howald, Kent Holder, Wayne Wagemans and Steven Fraser following their participation in the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club's ice show. Skating solo in the show were Morrisburg skaters, Judy Gurnhill, Bonnie MacDonald and Mary Howald.

The Morrisburg Combines defeated the Embrun Panthers 7 - 1 to wrap up their best-of-seven, quarterfinal series 4 - 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Saddlemire of Glen Becker celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

James Douglas Grenkie was called to the Bar in Toronto.

1950

The March 24 issue reported the Pembroke Little Lumber Kings trounced Morrisburg-Iroquois Juniors in a duel held at the Pembroke Arena. Pembroke rang up a count of 8 - 3 against Morrisburg to take the first game of the best-of-seven series in the finals for the Citizen Shield. Stitt had two goals for Morrisburg and Claxton added one.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Duvall of Morrisburg celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

Navigation on the Cornwall and Williamsburg Canals was to open April 22, four days earlier than the 1940 opening. Navigation had closed December 5, following a record-breaking season.

Miss Muriel Beckstead of the Ottawa Normal school was practice teaching at Morrisburg.

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Seen 'n heard Around The Town

As we were browsing through some of the old issues of The Leader last week we came across the following article we thought might be of some interest to our readers. It went as follows: Another member of the Laurin clan, slugged his way to fame, if not fortune this week, when Samuel Albert "Binky", five year old scion of this little publishing empire, met and promptly tangled with a skunk. Not having been thoroughly versed in the eccentricities of this little denizen, the Bink just rared back with his hockey stick and swung. Result - one very dead skunk.

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Isn't it great? Spring has officially arrived, April Fool's Day is just around the corner, and we'll be turning the clock' ahead in the not too distant future. Did anyone notice the moon Saturday night? It had a very wide ring around it, and running inside the ring was a rainbow.

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Coming up Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winchester Lions' Hall is a Women's Symposium. Guest Speaker is Dr. Beth Rivington of the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic whose topic is "Hot Flash On Menopause." Admission is free, and attendance must be confirmed by phoning 543-2547.

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The Friends of the Sanctuary have quite a list of events coming up starting with a Spring Chick Workshop Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. Diane Helmer will teach school aged children how to assemble and paint their own chick. The cost is $5. Call 543-2547 to register by March 31. On Sunday, April 9 beginning at 1:30 p.m. there will be a Tri-Counties Snapshot. Instructor Richard MacGillivray will offer pointers on the use of 35 mm cameras. Cost is $3. Saturday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. is Children's Wildlife Craft Day. This is geared to school age children who must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is $5 and includes crafts and lunch. Only 30 spaces are available. Phone 534-2895 to register.

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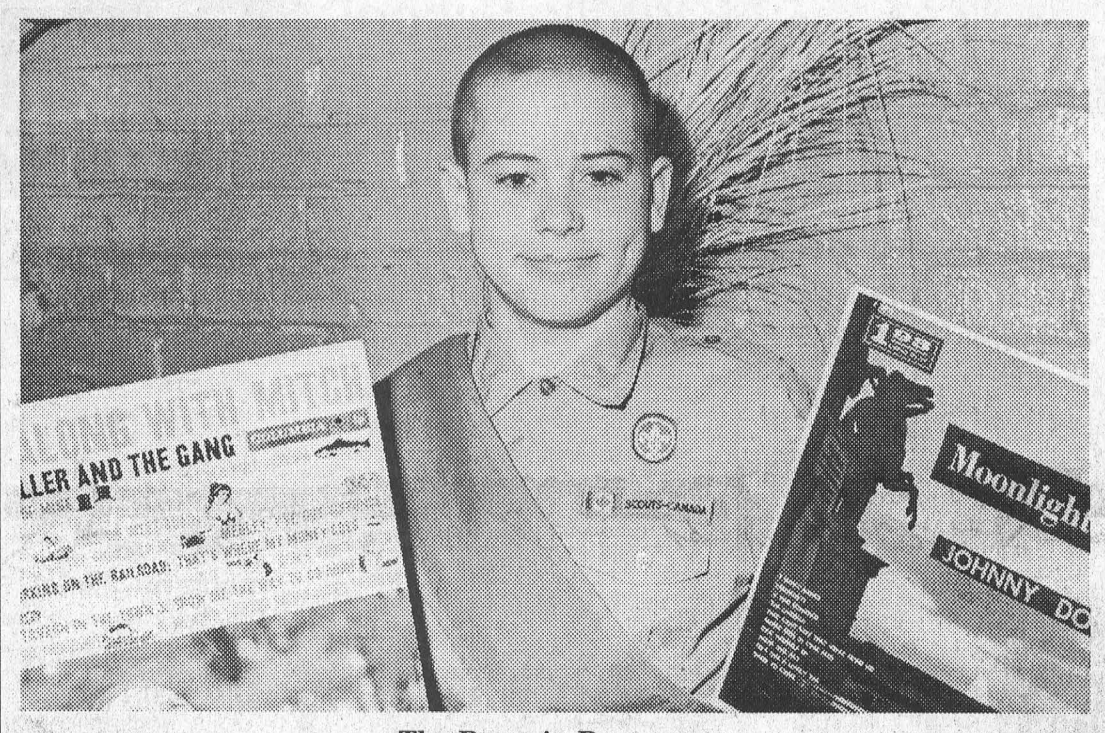
We have a very busy weekend coming up. Our local skaters have been working very hard for their annual skating show this Saturday night, starting at 7 p.m. The Arena will be rocking to the sounds of Jailhouse Rock, and some Purple People Eaters will be in attendance.



The Bargain Basement

AJ Markell was performing volunteer duty at the Scout Sale in the gym of the Morrisburg High School Saturday. AJ is 11 years old and a grade 6 student at Morrisburg Public School. He started in the Scouting program about four months ago, and is busy working on his badges. Saturday he was at the sale helping leader Bill Sheldrick. "The money we raise goes to our trips, so they don't cost as much," he said. According to Bill, last year's sales raised about $3,000 for the Scouting program and in the past they have raised up to $6,000. Once school is out Bill will have sales at the high school on a regular basis. Saturday's sale was doing a brisk business. McNairn photo

An Honest Man Speaks

From A Biblical Perspective

This past week I received an e-mail that caused me stop for a while and reflect on the number of shootings that have taken place in our country and in the United States over the past year. We all recall, I'm sure, the act of violence that took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, less than a year ago. I remember the shock that people expressed at that time. I also remember the utter dismay on the part of leaders, especially Politicians of every level of government right up to the President of the United States of America at that time. The President promised an inquiry to try and determine what was the cause of these tragedies and how to prevent them. Well, in fact a House Judiciary Sub Committee was set up and many were invited to appear before that sub committee to view what they perceived to be the problem and to offer solutions that would prevent another such tragedy.

The e-mail that I received this week talks about what one person had to say to the subcommittee. His name was Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, one of the victims in the Columbine shootings. He spoke from his heart some painful truth that I hope the sub committee will act upon. As a matter of fact, we would all do well to heed his words. He began with these words, "we all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of the heroic teacher and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for an answer." I don't have the space to write all that Mr. Scott spoke that day to the House Judiciary Sub Committee, but let me try to paraphrase briefly what the content of his address was. Mr. Scott drew the attention of his listeners to the first act of violence, it was from the account of Cain killing his brother Abel that is recorded in the book of Genesis chapter 4. Mr. Scott went on to explain that this act of violence which took his daughter was not the fault of the National Rifle Association. The gun was the not the villain, anymore than the club which Cain used to kill Abel was the villain. The true killer of Abel was Cain and the true killers of these twelve children and one teacher were the boys who used the gun.

You see people, taking all the guns or all the knives or all of anything that people use to commit crimes against another will never prevent crime from happening. What will stop the acts of violence that people commit against others is a change of heart. It's the same truth that comes out in the abortion issue. Many today want government to legislate abortion unlawful and thereby a criminal offence for anyone to commit the act. The fact of the matter is we can legislate all the laws against abortion or killing by any other means, but that will not put an end to the murder that is rampant in our society today.

In God's word, the bible, we read, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it." Jeremiah 17:9. Jesus the only saviour of mankind, the only one who has the power to change hearts, tells us in Matthew 15:19, "for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false, witness, blasphemies: these are things that defile a man."

Mr. Scott, in speaking to the sub committee said, "I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy, it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies, we have refused to honor God." We teach children to have healthy bodies and minds through exercise and study, and that's good, but we have failed to nurture their souls. God has been removed from the classroom and we are reaping the consequences. I want to say that I agree completely with Mr. Darrell Scott's honest evaluation of what caused the Columbine tragedy and all the other tragedies that are happening in the world today, I hope we will take it to heart. If anyone would like a complete transcript of Mr. Scott's address to the House Judiciary Sub Committee I would be glad to provide it for you. Remember God loves you.



Rev. Duncan Perry

This Week In
Blast from the Past

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1940

The March 22 issue reported heightening interest in the upcoming general election was giving promise of a large voter turnout. There was a total of 22,323 names on the Voter's lists for the Electoral District of Grenville-Dundas. This was an increase of 279 names as compared with the lists for 1935. The County of Dundas had 11,150 names while the County of Grenville showed 11,173. A close study of the various divisions showed a tendency to move from Rural municipalities, nearly all villages and towns having increases, while there were decreases in all townships except two.

About 75 men attended a banquet at the Regent Hotel in honour of Provincial-Constable James Francis Rose who had been transferred to Perth.

Quite a number of Eastern Ontario residents went to Ogdensburg to view the film "Canada at War", which had been banned in the province of Ontario by Premier Hepburn. It was suggested that Hepburn should also have suspended the right of the people of Ontario to leave their native province until after the election.

In the Grenville-Dundas riding, it was expected Col. A.C. Casselman, K.C., who had represented the Liberal Conservative party in the House of Commons for several years, would have no trouble putting down the challenge of fellow townsman Dr. W.J. Taugher. Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King was the odds on favorite to retain his Premiership in Canada's Federal Election, but Hon. Dr. R.J. (Fighting Bob) Manion was confident that Mr. King's political reign was at an end.

Charles M. Crober, who for a number of years had been a valued member of the Customs here, had been notified of his appointment as Collector, succeeding Mr. C.J. LaZerte, who had retired after 20 years.

1930

Headlines in the March 21 issue of The Leader read: Morrisburg Maroons win St. Lawrence and Inter-County Championship. The Maroons won the deciding victory in Cardinal 2 - 1, and then advanced to defeat Seeley's Bay 4 - 1 to win the Fulford Inter-County Championship trophy. It was the second consecutive year Morrisburg had won the Benson Cup as champions of the St. Lawrence League. Harry Wagoner had proved to be the class of the league between the pipes for Morrisburg.

V.G. Pearce of the Bank of Montreal staff at Deseronto was transferred to Aultsville.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor
Morrisburg Leader

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Morrisburg Leader and especially Catherine Thompson for the coverage your newspaper gave to the Design and Technology program at Iroquois Public School. You achieved your goal of keeping the community advised of a matter which directly affected them, and we were able to achieve our goal of saving this very worthwhile program. Mrs. Thompson's interest and concern in matters such as this help to put the media in a more favourable spotlight than it normally enjoys. She is to be commended for her hard work and dedication.

Yours truly,

ISOBEL TUTTLE, Chairperson
Iroquois Public School Council

Dear Editor
Morrisburg Leader

I would like to thank the Morrisburg Leader for the excellent article they did on my "N" Guage Model Railroad. It was much appreciated.

Many thanks,

RICHARD BAKER

Radio wake-up here

IROQUOIS—Local morning wake-up radio has come to South Dundas and east Grenville. Sunrise along the Seaway made its debut on Monday March 20th at 7 a.m.

Program host Rob Edmonds, the recently hired station manager at CISD—Storm 1077 will handle the program Monday through Friday. Sunrise along the Seaway will include local news, weather, community information and a blend of music designed to help get your day off to a good start.

CISD—Storm 1077 programming now covers a 12 hours day Monday through Friday and from noon to 6 p.m on Saturday.

The community station is still looking for volunteers for jobs both on the air and behind the scenes. If you're interested in getting involved, give the station a call at 652-1077.

Tailor Made diets

CORNWALL—All carb diets, no carb diets, grapefruit diets, diets that allow you to eat only foods with three or more syllables. Sound familiar?

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And that's where Tailor Made Just For You fits in. The program is designed to meet the individual's own needs and goals. It's offered, free of charge, by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) throughout the five counties.

Tailor Made Just for You focuses on sound nutrition, physical activity and overall healthy lifestyles. Each of these areas are discussed in a five-week program, led by a qualified dietitian. There are also free goodies such as a shopping list pad, activity log book, fat calculator and a measuring tape. To register for the free program, call your local health unit at 1-613-774-2739.

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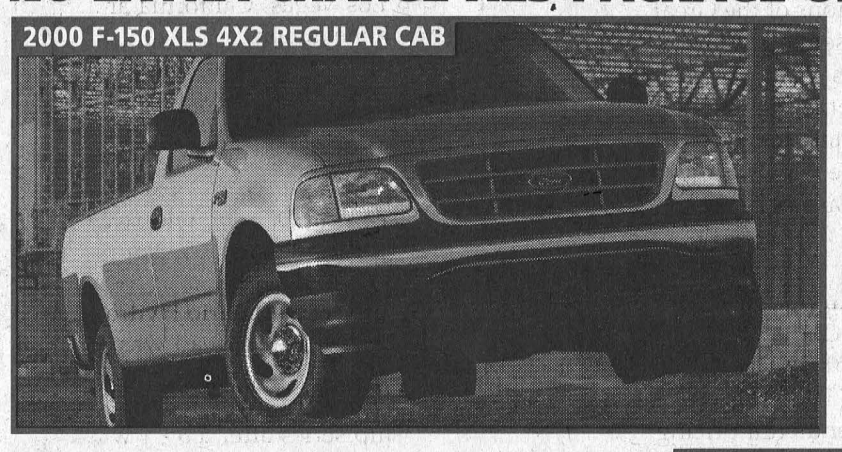

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March Break at Sanctuary



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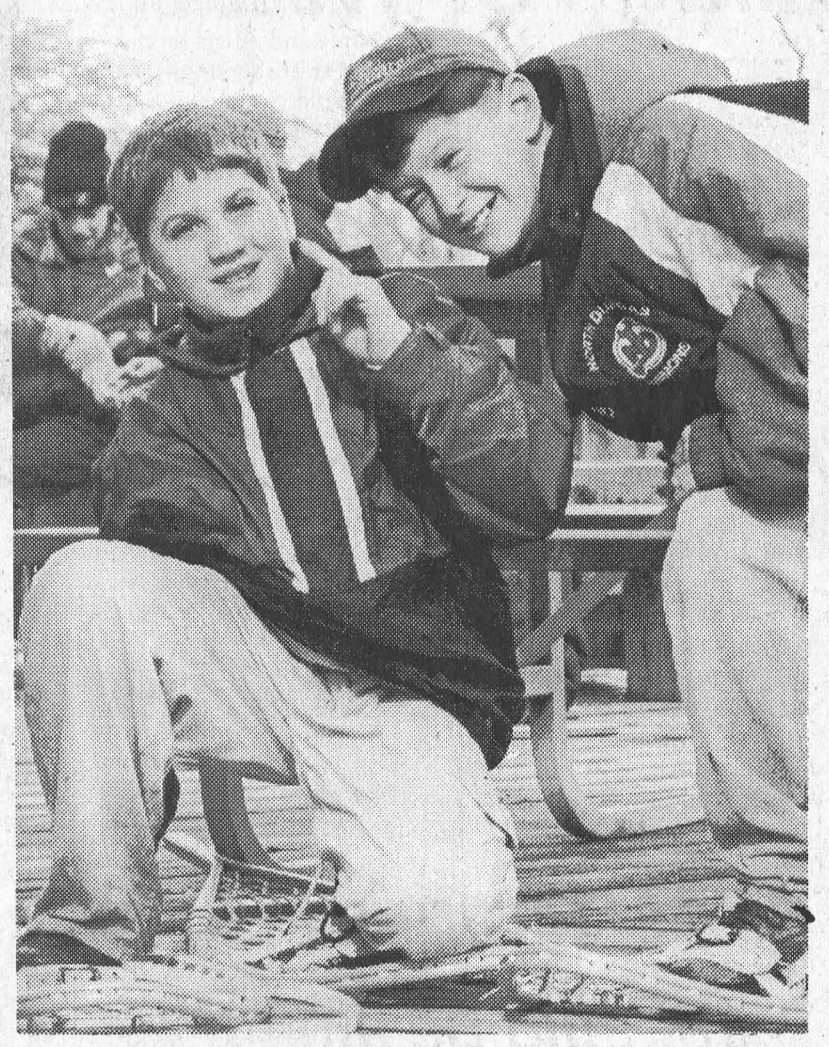

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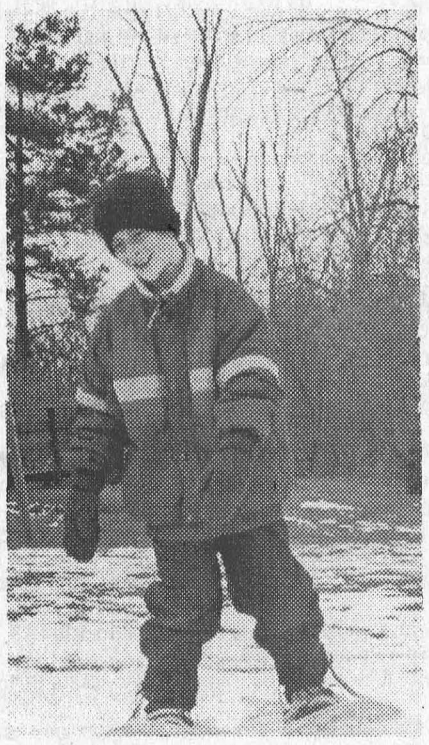

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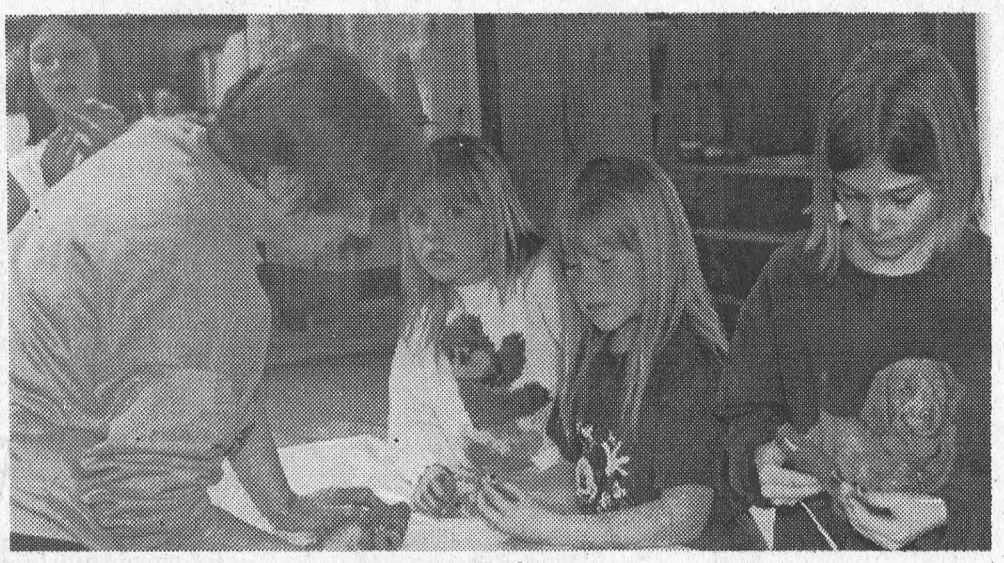

Craft time



Making peanut reindeer



There's a first time for everything

Public School consultation meetings

BROCKVILLE—Three public meetings have been scheduled to provide an opportunity for community in input on the Upper Canada School Board's budget.

The meetings will be held on a regional basis with each meeting providing for a budget presentation, a question and answer period and opportunities for the public to provide input on the use of the 1998-9 budget surplus and to recommend priorities for the 2000-2001 budget.

Those wishing to make a formal presentation should contact John Beveridge, Assistant to the Director, at 1-800-267-7131, ext. 1279. Mr. Beveridge will provide them with background information to assist them in making their presentations more accurate and concise. The package will include a funding formula outline, the 1999-2000 budget and the audited financial statement for 1998-99.

Meeting times and locations are as follows: **Central Region Education Centre**, South Grenville DHS—Library, 1000 Edward St., Prescott, March 20th, 7.30 p.m. **Western Region Education Centre**, 385 Hwy. 29, Smiths Falls, March 21st, 7.30 p.m. **Eastern Region Education Centre,** Tagwi Secondary School—Cafeteria, 16750 County Rd. 43, Avonmore, March 22nd, 7.30 p.m.

Accommodation study

At the March 8th meeting of the Upper Canada District School Board, trustees received an Accommodation Study pertaining to schools in the Cornwall and Avonmore clusters. The next step in the process is a series of consultations with the communities of the schools included in the Accommodation study. The purpose of these consultations will be to: review, the timelines and process, verify the data in the study, provide background/answer questions, solicit recommendations from the school communities.

The consultation schedule for the eastern region is as follows: Char-Lan District High School, and Martintown, S.J. McLeod, and Williamstown Public School son Monday, March 27 at 7.30 p.m. at Char-Lan High School.

The consultation date for Central Public School and Eamer's Corners, East Front, Gladstone, Memorial Park, Vincent Massey, Viscount Alexander Public Schools and Kinsmen School is Tuesday, March 28 7.30 p.m. at St. Lawrence High School.

Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School, General Vanier Secondary School, St. Lawrence High School hold consultation meetings at St. Lawrence High school at 7.30 p.m.

Longue Sault, Newington, North Stormont, Rothwell-Osnabruck Elementary, and Roxmore Public Schools a hold consultation meeting on Monday, April 3 at 7.30 p.m. at Tagwi Secondary School.

Rothwell-Osnabruck Secondary School holds a consultation meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at 7.30 p.m. at Rothwell-Osnabruck School..

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John 2:1-11
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South Glengarry	Council Hall	**March 29**
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"No Road Back" offers nostalgic glimpse of lost village of Wales

by Catherine Thompson
Leader staff

SOUTH STORMONT—There is no physical road back to the lost villages but the book "No Road Back, a Grown Boy's Stories of Wales" by Donald Stuart vividly recalls the memories they evoke.

This collection of poems and stories characterizes village life for a young person during the Depression years, the businesses in Wales, the characters and the experiences of growing up in that era.

While this book has great significance to a person from the area, many people who grew up in the 30's, 40's and 50's in a semi rural neighbourhood could relate to it.

Stuart wrote numerous poems and stories when alone during the slack time of the night shift while working at Domtar. He says it never interfered with his work, and he wrote about what ever popped into his head.

Subjects ranged from Henry Laflamme's Barber Shop, where "going for a haircut was an event", to the vivid taste of Hattie Adam's toffee forked off snow, to his job at D.H. Smith's Feed Mill.

Anyone who has cut, stacked wood and heated their homes with it, can relate to Stuart's experience with "a bottomless pit disguised as a woodbox."

Other touches strike a chord like Saturday mornings waiting for the Star Weekly and the comic section to come.

Stuart describes very localized areas, relating for example, the significance of Hoople Creek to a boy growing up in that era. He outlines in vivid detail the annual spring mud pout season, the Mocassin so central to people's lives, the general store, which carried everything you needed, and if it didn't, the merchant would order it in on the next train from Montreal.

The store was a place, where unlike the supermarket of today, you could have a seat. This was also the place where people socialized, news was exchanged, and politics discussed.

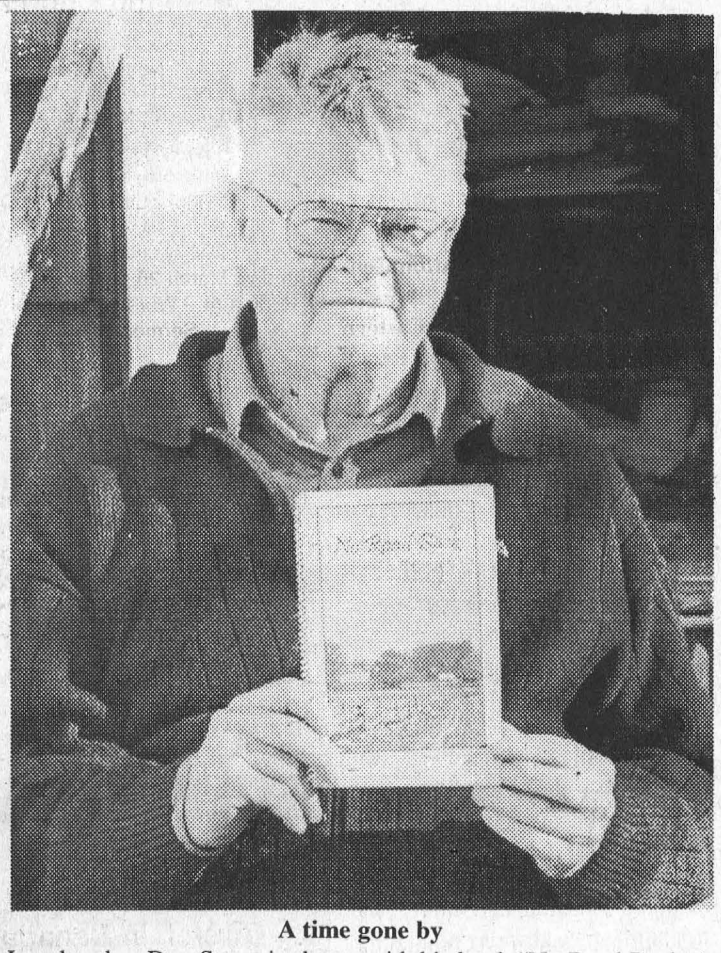
This is a well written book, a combination of poetry and prose, revealing Stuart's natural inclination towards poetry. His teacher at S.S. #5 Osnabruck Mary Snyder who instilled the love of poetry in her students once remarked, Donald didn't have to learn how to write poetry, it came naturally to him.

"I never intended to write a book or be an author," says Stuart. "I wrote just for the pleasure of it and for my wife Wilda's pleasure. If she liked it, it was a success. She sometimes said, I could make it 'better than that'.

Stuart's love for the area and his neighbours is beautifully reflected in his writing. "I always loved where I lived and everyone who was in my neighbourhood," he says. "And if I live another 100 years, I'd live right here."

Donald Stuart will be signing books and greeting friends Friday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sanctuary.

For those interested in purchasing, "No Road Back" is being sold at the Ingleside Pharmacy, the Sanctuary at 217 Pitt Street in Cornwall and at the Lost Villages Museum in Ault Park.



A time gone by
Local author Don Stuart is shown with his book "No Road Back, A Grown Boy's Stories of Wales." The collection of stories and poems vividly portrays Wales before the Seaway era. Stuart is signing books at the Sanctuary in Cornwall this Friday.

Ontario Marine Heritage Act could be amended

PORT DOVER—Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant MPP Toby Barrett is recommending changes to his private member's bill - The Ontario Marine Heritage Act, 1999. The bill passed second reading in the Ontario Legislature last fall, and was referred to the Standing Committee on General Government.

The bill has raised considerable interest in the sport diving community as demonstrated by the hundreds of phone calls, and approximately 170 written submissions received by the MPP's office.

"As a result of consultations over the past few months with various groups representing the diving and heritage community, I've come to the conclusion the proposed legislation could be enhanced by making some amendments," said Barrett.

The proposed amendments would delete sections of the bill perceived to restrict sport diving on shipwrecks, and would make it clear that divers are assured access to wreck sites.

"The legislation needs to ensure a balance between protecting and preserving our marine heritage, while at the same time encouraging tourism by providing access for responsible divers," said Barrett.

MPP Barrett invites those who have a stake in marine heritage and dive tourism to continue to provide advice to him on the legislation. He noted he will be pushing for further consultation and public hearings should the Ontario Marine Heritage Act be called before the committee when the Legislature convenes this spring.

Police File

ROLL OVER SENDS 3 TO HOSPITAL

• On March 16, in South Dundas Township a car driven by Matthew Thompson, age 17 of St. Catherines was driving west bound on highway 401 near the Upper Canada Road. The car was in the passing lane when it left the roadway onto the median. The driver attempted to bring the car back onto the roadway but then rolled several times. Injured along with driver wee Lewis Thompson age 44, and Tamara Thompson age 14. Investigation revealed that the driver had fallen asleep.

THEFT OF SNOWMOBILE

• On the evening of March 15, suspects attended the yard of Jim's Performance Plus near Morrisburg sometime during the evening hours and stole a 2000 Bombardier Mach snowmobile , black in colour, bearing valid Ontario registration 874448. The snowmobile had been brought in for repairs. Evidence at the scene indicates that the snowmobile was loaded onto a vehicle. Const. J. Hatch is investigating.

BUYER BEWARE

• On March 13, a couple received a phone call from a specialty vacations stating that they would be eligible for the following package: 5 days, 4 nights at a Holiday Inn in Orlando Florida, 5 day water pass, 4 days at Holiday Inn in Daytona, including a 4 hour boat cruise, 1 week car rental, unlimited mileage, PLUS Bonus 3 days and 2 nights anywhere. Price is for 5 persons. Package Price:$698. Just supply your credit card number immediately. This couple said NO. Do not be pressured, take your time, ask questions, compare prices with other travel agencies. A check with PHONE BUSTERS at 1-888-495-8501 revealed that quite often there are hidden expenses, port taxes, eve air fare to get to your location. If you feel that you are possibly a victim call :phone busters at 1-888-495-8501 for assistance.

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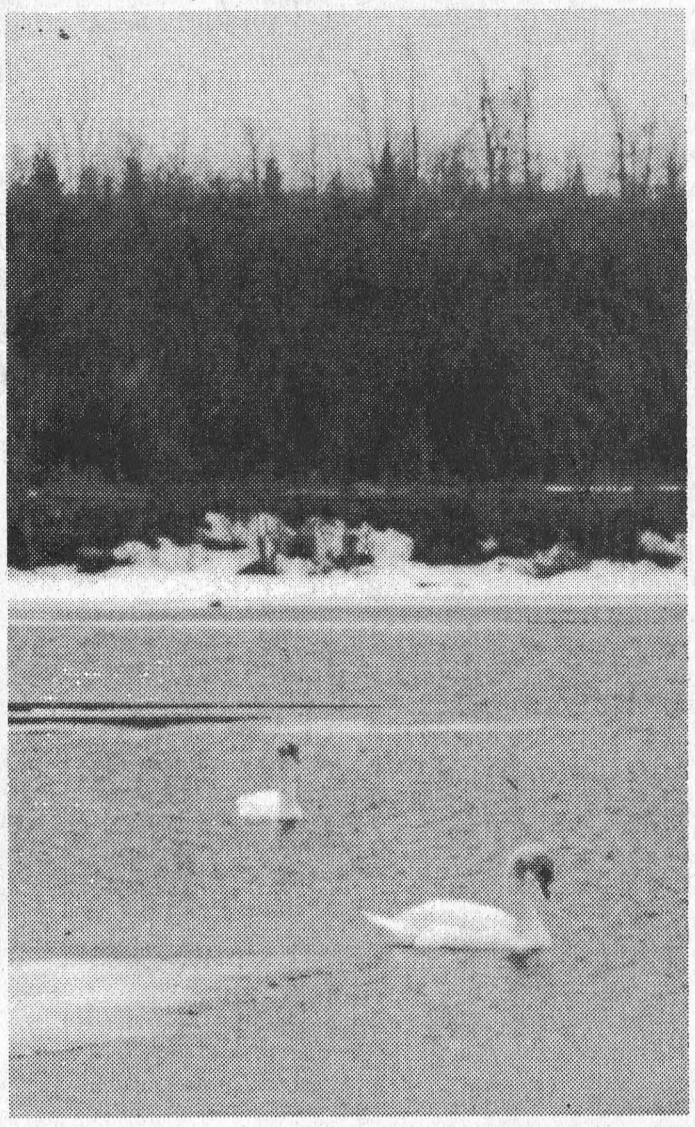

Just visiting
These swans flew in with a flock of Canada Geese near the end of February, stopping at the river in front of Louis Rooney's place west of Iroquois. Kemptville Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Shaun Thompson said as far as he can tell, they are Mute Swans, a non-native species from Europe. According to the Audubon Field Guide, the distinguishing mark is a prominent bump on the forehead, and a neck comparatively thicker than in the two native species, Trumpeter and Tundra or Whistling Swan. The native species hold their necks in a straighter position, while the Mute Swan holds its neck in a graceful curve. On the two native species, a V shape on the face and bill is predominately black with small light markings. On the Mute Swan, there is a distinction between the black forehead and a light bill. Thompson says the Mute Swan is a bird comfortable with urban areas, and with the attention garnered from people. There are some Mute Swans in Ontario, seen regularly at migratory route sites, such as Presqu'ile Provincial Park Waterfowl Festival in the Trenton area this weekend.

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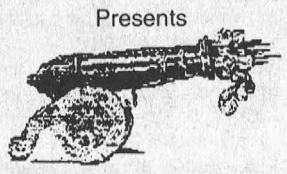
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OBITUARIES

Ruth Beckstead passes at Villa

A resident of the Woodland Villa Nursing Home, Long Sault, for the past four years, Ruth Beckstead passed away there on Saturday, March 11. She was 89 years of age.

Born August 11, 1910, at Winchester Township, she was the daughter of the late Frank Darling and the former Bessie Tweed.

On June 14, 1930, she married Burton Beckstead, at Massena, New York, who predeceased her.

Born and raised in Winchester Township, she moved to Massena where she married Burton. They remained there until 1933 when they bought the farm at R.R.#1 Chesterville, remaining there until 1967 when they moved to Morrisburg. The couple lived in Morrisburg for 18 years until moving to the Park Drive Villa in Williamsburg. Ruth remained at the Park Drive Villa until moving to the Woodland Villa in Long Sault in January of 1997, remaining there until her death.

Primarily a homemaker, she also worked for a short period of time at Willard's Restaurant at Upper Canada Village. She was a member of the Williamsburg United Church. She was a former member of the Elma-Colquhoun United Church Women, and the Elma Women's Institute.

She will be sadly missed by her sons Bert (Joan) of R.R.#1 Chesterville, Carl (Evelyn) of Finch, and Gordon (Marilyn) of Nepean, by her sisters Jean Christie of Winchester, and Marion MacDonald of Simcoe, and by her 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter Shirley Kirkwood, a sister Lillian Rice, and brothers Earl, Willis, and Ray.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Tuesday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral took place there on Wednesday, March 15, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle.

Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville.

Pallbearers were Gary Beckstead, Greg Beckstead, Neil Beckstead, Shawn Beckstead, Jeff Beckstead, and David Kirkwood.

Donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Henry Lightfoot

A resident of Winchester Springs for the last four and half years, and formerly of Ottawa, Henry Lightfoot, passed away at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Tuesday, March 14. He was 60 years of age.

Born May 1, 1939, at Montreal, he was the son of the late Henry Lightfoot and the former Dorothy Noble. He was born and raised in Montreal and moved to Ottawa when he was 18, where he remained until 1995 when he moved to Winchester Springs.

On February 12, 1973, he married Bonny Wood in Ottawa. During his lifetime he worked at various jobs, but most recently he had his own business cleaning office buildings, homes, etc. He enjoyed fishing and many other outdoor activities.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Bonny, his sons Henry of Winchester Springs, Jeff of Ottawa, and Ron Hill of Ottawa ,by his daughters Bonny Lightfoot (Dan Nisbet) of Winchester Springs, Katherine of Ottawa, and Mary-Anne of Ottawa, by his six grandchildren, by his brothers Ed (Marian) of Montreal, and David of Montreal, by his sisters Elsie (Brian) Muir of Montreal, and Tootsie (Sandy) Lamarre of Montreal, and by his dear friend Peter Lambert as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter Kimberley Hill.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral took place at the Funeral Home on Friday, March 17, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiating.

Interment of cremated remains will be at the New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Donations to the Winchester Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Charles Jackson

A lifetime resident of Matilda Township, and most recently of Dixons Corners, Charles Jackson, passed away at the Winchester Hospital on March 17. He was 76 years of age.

Born August 12, 1923, at Matilda Township, he was the son of the late John Jackson and the former Estella Cass.

On August 12, 1950, he married Evelyn Lapier, at Shanly. Charles worked as a transport driver for Russ Holmes Transport for a number of years before going to work at Caldwell Linen Mills, where he worked for many years before retiring in 1988.

He loved to fly radio-controlled model airplanes, and was a member of the Cornwall Aero-Modellers Flying Culb. He had a great love of gardening and his "Green Thumb" allowed him to grow a multitude of delicious vegetables and many beautiful flowers. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren whether it be to share a joke with them, to show them one of his special magic tricks, or to draw them a picture using his excellent artistic skills. In his earlier years, he enjoyed fishing and as he got older he enjoyed visiting with his many friends at the local coffee shop.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Evelyn, by his son Allen of Dixons Corners, by his daughters Carol (Terry) Joice of Sandy Mountain, and Vicky (Brian) LaFave of Cardinal, by his brothers Beverly (Ruth) of Lombardy, and Warren (Vivian) of Winchester, by his sisters Lula McKnight of Shawville, Mabel Crowder of Winchester, and Muriel Barkley of Winchester, as well as by nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Lucinda Thomas and Myrtle Jackson and by his brothers Tom and Minard.

A private family service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Anita Goulet officiating.

Interment followed at the Dundela Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brian LaFave, Joe Daoust, Terry Joice, Jim McGinn, Gary Shaver, and Jason Cameron.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Kathleen Godkin

A lifetime resident of Morrisburg and most recently of the Janet MacDonnell Pavilion, Cornwall for the past year and a half, Kathleen Godkin, passed away there on Saturday, March 18, after a lengthy illness. She was 85 years of age.

Born August 27, 1914, at Morrisburg, she was the daughter of the late Harry Clark and the former Catherine Strack.

On September 8, 1932, she married William E. Godkin, at Morrisburg, who survives.

Kathleen worked as a Bell telephone operator in the old village of Morrisburg before the seaway was built, and then she worked for many years as a secretary at Beavers Dental. She was a member of the Lakeshore Drive United Church, Morrisburg.

In her early years, Kathleen enjoyed curling, and before the St. Lawrence Seaway was built she had enjoyed going to picnics on Broder Island. She also enjoyed playing bridge and euchre.

She will be sadly missed by her husband William E. Godkin, by her son James (Linda) of R.R.#2 Ingleside, by her daughter Shirley (Jim) Palmer of West Jeddore, Nova Scotia, by her sisters Connie Wright of Cardinal and Marguerite Clark of Morrisburg, by her seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, as well as by nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister Gladys Millward and a brother Gilbert Clark.

There was no visitation. A memorial service will be held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois, on Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m, with Rev. Don Smith officiating.

Interment of cremated remains will be at Fairview Cemetery, Mariatown.

Donations to the C.N.I.B. or the Diabetes Society would be appreciated by the family.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Saturday, March 25th
Morrisburg Golf Club
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in honour of
Margery Adelaide McCutcheon
late of Morris Glen Court, Morrisburg, who died suddenly at the Winchester & District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, March 16, 2000. She will be sadly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Valarie & Keith Hansen of Russell and by her son Larry of Toronto, as well as her grandchildren, Chris Hansen of Ottawa and Karen & Scott McCutcheon of California and her friends in Morrisburg.
In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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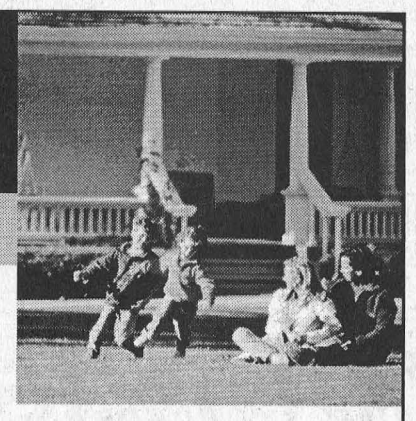
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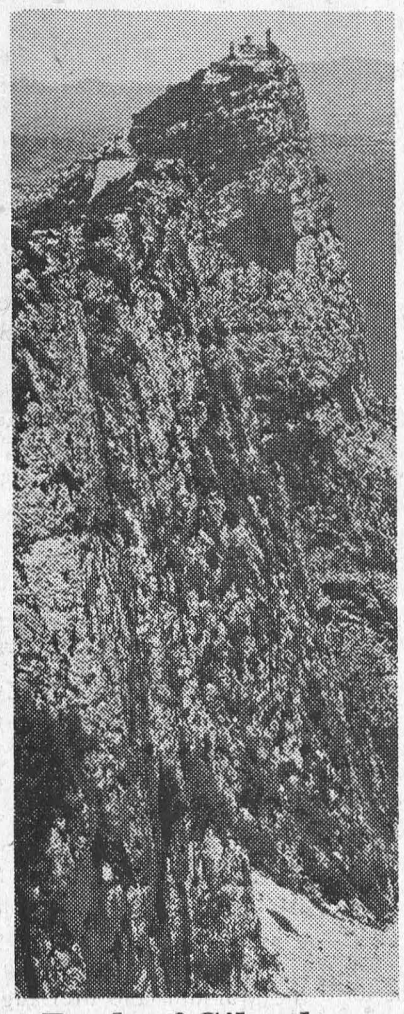


Rock of Gibraltar

MORRISBURG—Going without a cup of good coffee for three weeks, was a sacrifice Bill Tupper says was well worth making following a recent trip to Spain.

A seasoned traveller, having travelled extensively over the years with his late wife Pat, Bill says Spain will be his destination again in the not too distant future.

His three week trip with Jolly Tours of Cornwall began February 15, with a plane flight from Toronto.

"When we got there it was the start of spring," he says. "It was cool at night, but in the daytime it was in the mid-70's. The weather was absolutely beautiful." Winter in Spain, he explained, runs from November to January.

The tour accommodations were in Torremolinos on the Mediterranean Sea, which says Bill "is always a beautiful blue colour."

The Spanish language was not a big problem. "In most of the restaurants you could get by, and eventually you learn a few words. We always had a tour guide with us, and to be a tour guide they had to be able to speak three languages."

One nice aspect of the trip to Spain was that Bill's Canadian dollar, actually remained a dollar, and in fact was worth $1.10 to the Spanish Pesetas. He said restaurant prices were reasonable, a plowman's lunch at a British Style Pub going for $7 which included a large serving of vegetables, cheese, ham, bread, and a beer.

"Coffee was expensive," he says. "Everybody drank cappuccino which was $2.25 for a small cup. I never bought regular coffee. It came with our breakfast and was awful stuff."

He said there was a lot of fish and pasta on the menus and a lot of the food is cooked in olive oil.

Bill, who with wife Pat, for many years owned and operated Tupper's Bakery here in Morrisburg, says he was most interested in how they fried their eggs. "They use a frying pan to fry their eggs, not like restaurants here, that use the grills," he said. "The lady filled the pan full of olive oil and brought it to a boil. She then dropped the egg into the oil and flipped it over."

"I ate boiled eggs," he said.

According to Bill their number one industry is tourism, and the production of olive oil ranks second. Leather is also a big industry, along with the manufacture of ceramic tiles. A lot of oranges and lemons are grown.

Bill's holiday included the tour of six cities, of which he says Gibraltar was the highlight. "There are special buses to take you up the rock because it is so steep," he says. "Once up there the Straight of Gibraltar is less than two miles long and about a half mile wide, so you can see the sea on one side and the ocean on the other."

Of the cities, Bill says, "Everything is immaculate. You hear the sweepers going all night, and at every fifth store there is a big garbage container which is dumped and washed regularly."

"All of the buildings are light color, either white or salmon, to reflect the heat, and all are painted every couple of years."

Spain has a mix of mountains and hilly terrain, and says Bill, "is very scenic. They plant the olive trees on terraces on the sides of the hills."

"Every house has a courtyard in the front," he says. "Ceramic tiles take the place of grass and the courtyards are completed with walkways and benches."

Streets are very narrow, and traffic is very heavy although a lot of people ride on scooters.

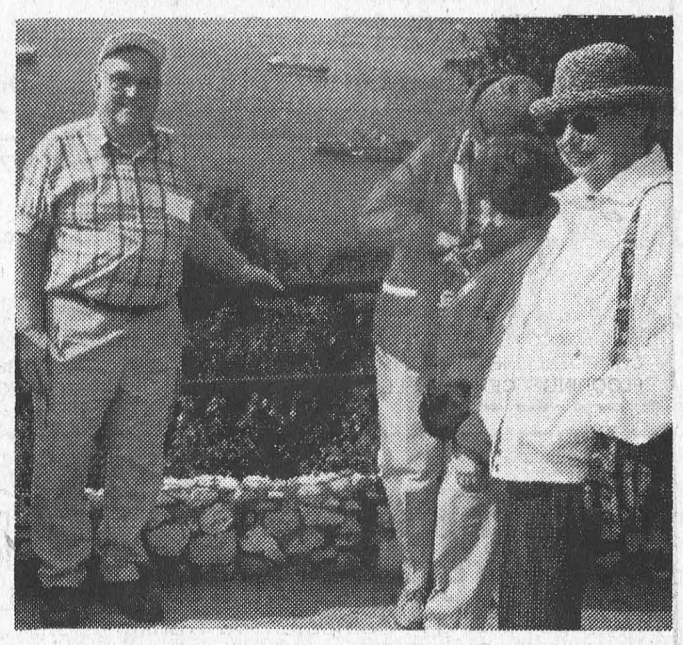
One of Bill's most memorable experiences was getting lost on the narrow winding streets. "I went out one morning for a walk, and I just kept walking and looking. The next thing I knew, the sun was on my back and it shouldn't have been. I eventually made my way to a hill from which I could see the Mediterranean and was able to head back."

The bullfights are still a popular tourist attraction, but not one that attracted Bill. He did admit, however, that the Flamingo Dancing was great.

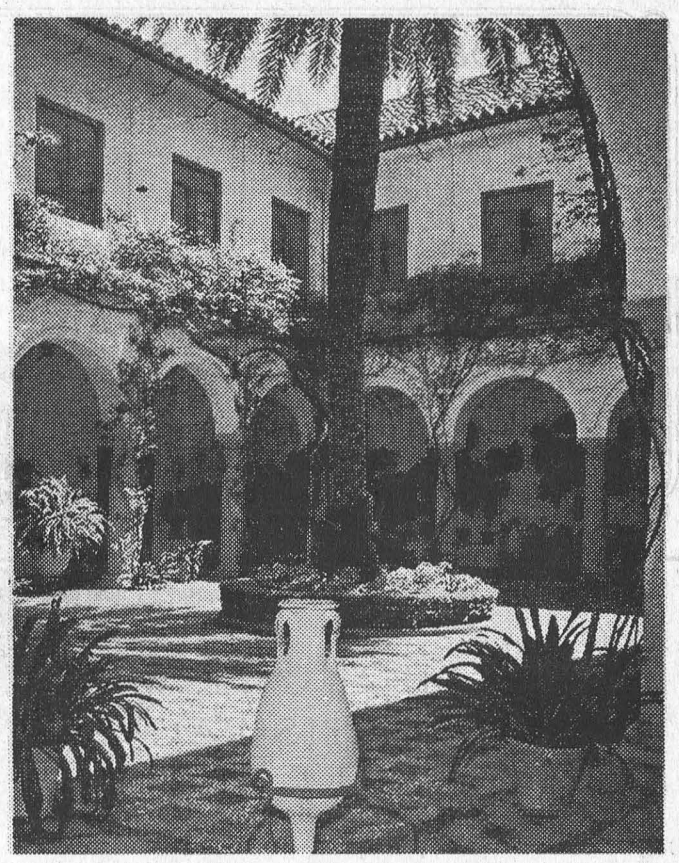
"I'll go again," he says of the trip. "It maybe won't be next year, but I'll go again."



Spanish Countryside



Bill with Mediterranean in the background



Spanish Courtyard

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Rack Em Up

Bill Dillabough's recently opened pool hall and video arcade has become an instant hit with local kids. Pictured, front l - r, are David Jones, Craig Duvall, Kassidy Morrell and Boro Omar. Standing behind are Jordan Tryon, left, and Michael Dowson.

McNairn photo

Youngsters rack em up

by Bonnie McNairn
Leader staff

MORRISBURG—Youngsters here will now have a place to hang their hats, with the opening of a new pool hall/video arcade in the East End Promenade.

Opened last week, just in time for March break by Bill and Phyllis Dillabough, the spot became an immediate hit with the kids.

"There is nothing in the village for the kids to do at night," said Bill of the new business, which he says, "I haven't named, so don't ask me."

According to Phyllis they are thinking of calling it the Sports Arcade, as they plan to hang sports pictures on the walls.

The Dillaboughs also plan to have their grandchildren behind the cash register, keeping it a family operation.

The response from the community youth last week was surprising said Bill. "Last night (Wednesday) you couldn't get in," he said. "And it's been like that every night since we opened."

"I was surprised. I didn't think they even knew we were open."

For now the operation's hours will be after school from 4 to 9 p.m., and on weekends from noon until 9. The hours could change once school is out for summer break.

"We've received a nice card from a woman thanking us for opening it," says Bill. "We are really hoping it works out."

Bill says he is impressed with how well behaved the children have been.

The arcade is targeted at the under 19 crowd. There is no smoking or drinking in the building, and there are rules of conduct.

There are currently two pool tables, and Dillabough hopes to have up to 12 video machines at all times. There is a jukebox box, and chocolate bars and drinks will be sold.

Youngsters honing their pool abilities last Thursday, included Kasidy Morrell, Craig Duvall, Jordan Tryon, Michael Dowson, David Jones and Boro Omar.

Craig and Kasidy, said neither of them had a pool table at home, but they would like to.

Although Craig won the first game, it was only after a big comeback from Kasidy which saw her drop all of her remaining balls before Craig zeroed in on the eight-ball.

Game two went to Kasidy, and for some reason Craig didn't seem interested in playing the tiebreaker.

All of the kids thought the arcade was a great idea.

It wasn't difficult for the Dillaboughs to start up the operation, as they already have the video machines and pool tables, through their long established Morrisburg Music business, which supplies other operations throughout the district.

Peewee House hunts for crown, best in the east

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Peewee House Lions are still in the playoff hunt, following the Eastern Division championship series win over North Dundas here Sunday night that kept the home town fans on the edges of their seats.

Mitch Julien counted for the Lions late in the first period with help from Matt Schwerdtfeger and Cody Cassell, and that was it for the remainder of the game, the Lions holding on for the 1 - 0 victory.

The win gave the Lions, the four point series 4 - 2, and earned them the Eastern division championship.

They now advance to the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League championship playing against the Western Division champs from Thousand Islands, New York.

The Lions opened in the four point series against North Dundas with a 5 - 1 win , but in game two the Demons came charging back to even it with a 3 - 1 victory.

That set the stage for Sunday night's exciting finale.

"We came a long way this year as a team," says coach Dale Lewis. "The boys have played good hockey, and now it has come down to the big show in a Canada versus USA final: They are a very good team, and we will have our work cut out for us."

The series opened last night, Tuesday on Thousand Islands ice, and game two is set for Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Morrisburg.

The Lions, who were in first place in the regular season all year, took a bye in the first playoff series.

They then met South Grenville in round two, giving up the first game 7 - 4.

They won game two 6 - 5, and polished it off with a 7 - 4 victory in game three.

With the Eastern Division title under his belt, Lewis thanked trainer and assistant coach David VanMoorsel, and Gord Dillabough who helped on the bench when asked. He also thanked parent rep Bonnie VanMoorsel and all the parents who helped with the clock.

He received valuable assistance from Junior B Lions players Charlie Froment and Matt Blanchard who he says, "we will miss when they are gone next year."

"On behalf of Charlie, Matt, and myself I want to thank the team members and their parents for giving us such a great year."

Skater out of medals

KELOWNA, B.C.—Morrisburg figure skater Brennan Martin, who skates out of the Minto Skating Club in Ottawa and represented Eastern Ontario at the Bank of Montreal's Tomorrow's Figure skating championship here last week, finished well out of the medal standings.

The pre-novice men's category was won by David Shepherd of Quebec, who was third after the short program and moved into first after the freeskate with a very strong performance.

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Rideau Hill ready for season

KEMPTVILLE—The Rideau Hill Camp Council which met Monday, March 6, as it has monthly throughout the year to prepare for another camping season, is pleased to welcome to the council, Piotr Strzelecki from Christian Development of the Seaway Valley Presbytery.

At the March meeting envelopes were filled with brochures to send to last year's campers. Brochures can also be found at local United Churches or through a member of the Rideau Hill Camp Council.

The camp is offering the usual programs this year, Leader in Training, Junior and Intermediate camps, Canoe camp, Peewee, Mom's and Tots and Swim Camp.

An Adult Camp scheduled for the end of the summer is new for this season. Two years ago there was an Alumni Camp to celebrate Rideau Hill Camp's 50th anniversary. This year the camp is offered to anyone over the age of 20, who is invited to come out for a holiday, and see why their children and grandchildren love to go to camp.

There is to be a good mix of returning and new staff, and application forms are now in local high schools or can be obtained by contacting a Camp Council member. The staff has as much fun as the campers, and it is a great opportunity for a summer job that pays well and offers a setting second to none in atmosphere and friendship.

The Camp Council has decided to begin a 2000 Millennium Project, now that the cabins have been replaced, and the forest is cleaned up following the ice storm.

The project agreed upon is a Pavilion, and the plan is to have a concrete slab floor with an open air, roofed building which can be used for shelter from sun or rain and for Church services or picnics.

A fund has been started to realize this goal, and quotes, plans and permits are being initiated.

Every spring the Camp Council members, their families and members of area churches meet at camp to do a spring clean up. This year the date is Saturday, April 29. Participants are asked to come early, and bring rakes, gloves, and brooms to pitch in and help clean up.

For information on the Rideau Hill Camp programs, staffing or facilities contact Ken Arsenault at 774-3722 or Bill Pollack at 774-6938.

Looking for local heroes

TORONTO—Molson scored a hat-trick for athletes and sports fans last Friday, by inviting applications for the third year of its Local Heroes program.

The program supports active lifestyles and the sporting community by funding projects that revamp, rebuild or revitalize existing sports and recreation facilities across Canada.

"Sports and recreational activity promotes health, teamwork and fosters self-esteem," explained Stephanie Petroff, Local Heroes Coordinator, Molson, Ontario Region.

Local Heroes is a community-oriented program whereby Molson provides top-up funding to individuals looking to revitalize existing recreational facilities in communities across Canada.

Since the program's inception in 1998, thousands of volunteers have joined together to work on projects such as installing bleachers at a baseball diamond, basketball nets in an abandoned parking lot, building bridges on a hiking trail and fixing rink boards at outdoor hockey facilities.

"Local Heroes is designed to encourage and support people who want to make a difference in their community," continued Petroff. "Molson is proud to play our part in encouraging sport and fitness activities in communities across Ontario."

Application forms and additional information are available by calling 1 - 800 MOLSON or online at www.molson.com. The deadline for submissions is May 5, 2000. Project funding ranges from $50 to $5,000 depending on the size and scope of the project.

A local selection committee reviews the applications, and determines which projects best fit the required criteria.

Local heroes are of legal drinking age, and are responsible for coordinating the project, supplying the people power, arranging additional funding and securing the necessary permits. Molson funding helps subsidize the cost of materials.

Projects should take place over a weekend, and must be completed in a maximum of five days. All labour must be voluntary, and completed projects should be free and accessible for everyone.

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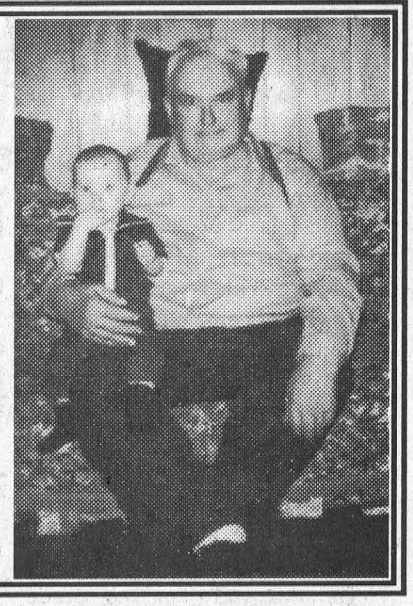

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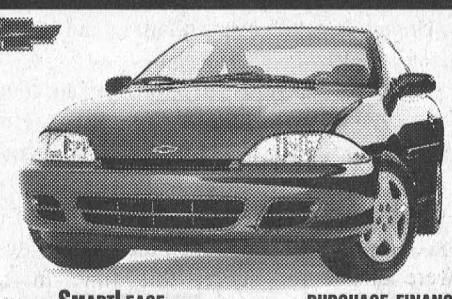

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GAS TAX	$75
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Novice House to hang up skates

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Novice House Lions will hit the ice this Thursday night at 6 p.m. to wrap up the 99/2000 season with a skills contest.

The Lions come off an excellent season with a league record of 12 wins, 7 ties and 5 losses, which gave them 31 points and a fourth place finish in their division.

Facing off against Athens in the first playoff round they competed in a very close, and very exciting, series.

They opened the four point series with a 1 - 1 tie, and won game two at home 2 - 1. They narrowly lost games three and four, both by 1 - 0 counts, to give up the series five points to three.

"It was an entertaining hard fought, one goal series that could have gone either way right up until the last whistle," says Manager John Hanson. "The boys should be happy with the way they played, win, lose or draw."

Last Tuesday the team hosted their March Break Tournament with teams from Westport, Winchester, South Grenville, Kemptville, Long Sault, Cornwall and Athens participating.

Cornwall won the A championship, and the home town Lions finished as the A finalists. The B championship went to the Athens Aeros, with the Long Sault Wildcats the B finalists.

The four teams received trophies for their efforts and all participants received a T-shirt to remember the occasion.

Hanson thanked all who helped in any way to make the tournament possible. "A special thank you goes to the guys at the rink, Donnie, Chris and Gerry for helping out, and for putting up with us, as well as keeping the ice in such great condition all year."

Hanson also thanked everyone who donated to the tournament, the team Moms who worked the tables, the Dads who manned the penalty box and the gang that ran the clock and music all day.

"I also want to thank the coaching staff, Kevin Keyes and Bill Morrow and Trainer Geoff Peters for a fantastic year, and everyone who supported the team."

Members of the Novice House Lions are goaltender Lucas Stewart, defense Drew Morrow, Spencer Peters, Matt Hanson and Matthew Jamieson, and forwards Tom Keyes, Andre Menges, Pat Chesbro, Jordan Derue, Brian Theoret, Blaine Markell, Joe Streit and Tyler Stewart.

Junior B

Final series opens

KEMPTVILLE—The Westport Rideaus and the Kemptville 73's will square off for the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division Junior B championship here tonight, Wednesday.

The 73's and Rideau's showdown comes as little surprise, the two finishing strongly in first place in their respective divisions during the regular season.

The 73's won their best-of-seven St. Lawrence Division final series 4 - 1, wrapping it up Friday night in Kemptville with a 7 - 3 win over the Char-Lan Rebels.

The 73's were up 3 - 0 early in the second on goals by Joe Martin, Craig Stanley and Greg Haggett, but the Rebels made a game of it when they bounced back late in the frame with two goals from Scott Champagne and Chris Corput.

The 73's continued to come on strong with goals from Haggett, Jason Picard and Chris Bailey to put the 73s up 6 - 2. Char-Lan got one more from Al Lapierre to end the frame in the 73's favor 6 - 3.

Kemptville's final goal, in the 7 - 3 win, came late in the third from Josh Paterson.

In the Rideau Division Championship, Westport won their third straight game last Tuesday night on home ice 4 - 2, and Wednesday night in Gananoque they swept the series with a 3 - 2 victory.

Game one of the Rideau-St. Lawrence Championship is tonight, Wednesday, in Kemptville at 8:15. Game two is set for Westport Friday night at 8:15, and game three returns to Kemptville Sunday night at 7:45 p.m.

Atom House coach suspects spring fever

MORRISBURG—Morrisburg Atom House coach Doug Cassell suspects his Lions might have had a bout of spring fever during their March break tournament at the arena here last Wednesday.

He says he is unable to come up with any other reason for their weak tournament showing against teams that gave them little trouble all year.

The Lions lost game one to the Long Sault Riverfront 4 - 1, and game two to South Stormont Amazing 5 - 1.

But while the Lions were having their difficulties, South Grenville and Cornwall were on top of their games as they squared off for the A championship.

Cornwall led 2 - 1 after the first period, but at the end of two it was squared at 3 - 3. Goals were traded in the third to force overtime.

With just a minute left in the overtime Trevor Paken found the spot giving Cornwall the championship.

The B final was won by Long Sault Amazing with a 2 - 0 win over Marks Union Tire. Both goals were scored in the last five minutes of the third period from the sticks of Daniel Sullivan and Scott Walker.

Bantam Bs out on pair of losses

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Bantam B Lions were unable to mount much of an offense against Potsdam in Upper Canada Minor Hockey League playoff action.

The Lions' season came to an end last Tuesday night when they handled their second straight loss to Potsdam by a 5 - 3 count.

The Lions claimed a 2 - 1 first period lead but were unable to keep it going, giving up two unanswered second period tallies.

Matt Bailey turned out to be a real pest to Lions' goaltender Nick Cryderman, as he led the Potsdam offense with four goals and one assist on a Zachary Reed tally.

Answering for the Lions were Scott Carswell, Nick Groves and Tyler Strader.

Potsdam opened the series on home ice, March 7 with a 9 - 1 win. Richard Banford scored the lone Lions' goal with Travis Baldwin providing the assist.

Two days later, the Lions were again, on the wrong side of a 9 - 4 score, this time in exhibition action against Brockville.

Justin Elliott had a big night, striking for a hat trick and Scott Carswell struck once. The Lions had only nine skaters to Brockville's 12.

Curling Chatter

by Steve Thompson

Our thanks to Cotnam TrueValue Hardware for donating the four transformer brushes as prizes for last Saturday's bonspiel here. They were the most popular prizes on an excellent table.

Because of a conflict in dates, the closing bonspiel planned for the Club Saturday, April 1 will be combined with the Beavers Bonspiel on March 25. Members and nonmembers are invited to see the details and sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse.

Curlers from the Morrisburg Club were busy on several fronts in the past week. Brenda Lyon, Cheryl Thompson, and Betty Locke competed in Winchester at the Grandmothers' Bonspiel Thursday, losing their first game, but defeating a Prescott team convincingly in their second to take high one-game honours. Though there were several teams from Ottawa, another group of local grandmothers, from Russell, were the overall champions.

Three local men's teams entered the City of Ottawa Bonspiel. In the tough open division, the team of Robert Houze, Ian McGillis, Craig Harriman and Graham Houze won five and lost four, losing Sunday afternoon in the semifinal for the John Shea Insurance Trophy to Gary Cook of Prescott. Larry Cooper, Chris Barkley, Mahlon Locke and Rob Delegarde finished on Saturday with three wins and three losses. The teams did well in their competition, but with nine tight games in a few days, the sweepers on the Houze rink may be a little tired this week.

In the competitive seniors' division, Don O'Brien, Wally McDonald, Karl Duncan and Bob Bedingfield won their first game, lost the second in an extra end, and lost by a point in each of the others. The horses of the Musical Ride, and a roast beef dinner at RCMP were highlights.

Two of our senior men's teams competed Friday in Cornwall for the McLelland Trophy, won on five previous occasions by Morrisburg. Howard Eamon, Arnold Centen, Dwight Gilmer and Gerry Thompson played hard but lost, while Sid Morrell, Neil Williams, John Vanderspank and Tony Toonders won one game and tied the other. It was a two-team competition, and the Prescott teams ended the day as the champions for this year.

The awards banquet at the Morrisburg club will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Sign up at the bar, and reserve your meal for $10. The annual meeting will be held then, and this will also be Gerald Adams Night, with the family invited to attend.

The Golf Tournament fund raiser will be May 13 at the Morrisburg Golf Club. Details will be announced.

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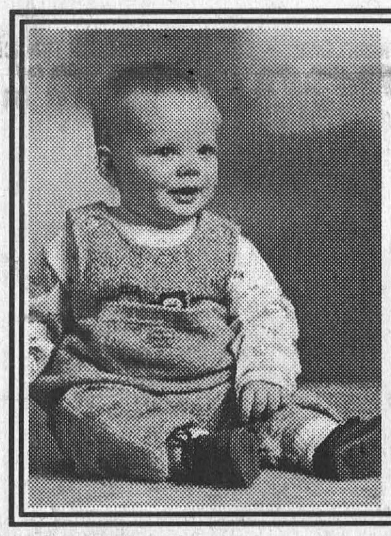

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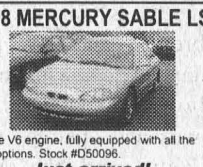
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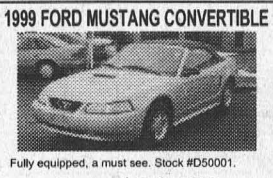
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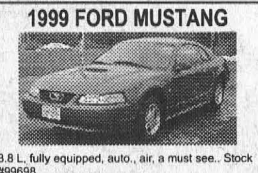
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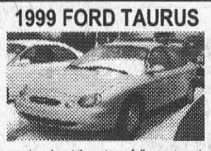
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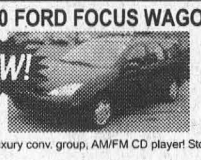
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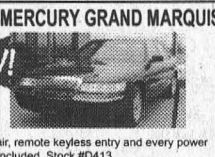
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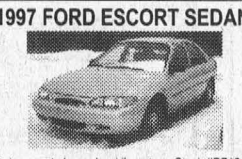
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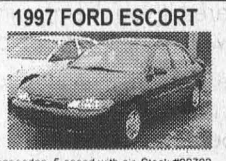
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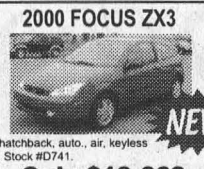
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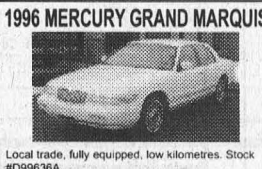
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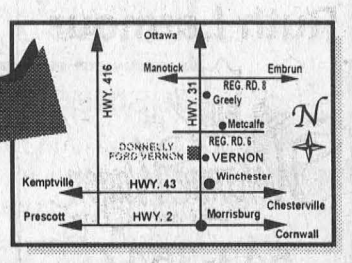

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Sex Pots - 2 wins. Outs: Dorothy Simpson, Amanda Sypes.
No-Outs - 1 win, 1 tie. Outs: Elaine Baker.
Bulls Eyes: Amanda Sypes, Susan Baker, Joy Markell.

Standings

Three Musketeers	192	Just For Fun	147
Straight Forward	168	Lucky Gals	143
Butt Kickers	154	Sex Pots	134
Weenies	154	No Outs	104

Riverside Darts

Lost 69ers - 9 wins. Outs: Lyle Beckstead 5, Ivan Shearer 3, Lisa Arthurs. H.S. Shearer 132-124-4X100.
Dart Bandits - 8 wins. Outs: Phillip Jamieson 4, Tammy Chater 3, Patty Dunn. H.S. Jamieson 140-127-2X100.
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Dartmasters - 6 wins. Outs: Frank Marriner 3, Pat Hart 2, Gus Dickson. H.S. Marriner 140-135-100, Dickson 100.
Lucky 13 - 4 wins. Outs: Alex Hart 3, Ernie Beckstead. H.S. Judy Hunter 123, Hart 100.
Strokers Ace - 6 wins. Outs: John Hitsman 3, Eric Sypes 2, Linda Birch. H.S. Birch 123-100.
The Lefties - 4 wins. Outs: Neil Loynachan 3, Maureen Loynachan. H.S. Maureen 100, Neil 100.
Millennium Crusaders - 5 wins. Outs: Keith Johnston 4, Vicki Marriner. H.S. Jeff O'Neil 2X100, Johnston 100.

Standings

Lost 69ers	171	Shooters	141
Dart Bandits	170	Odd Balls	133
Hunter & Friends	165	Dartmasters	131
Gallibles	162	Lucky 13	129
Bullets	158	Strokers Ace	128
Wannabes	157	Lefties	127
Double Trouble	152	Millennium Crusaders	123

Legion Darts

MORRISBURG—**Roadrunners 5 - 2 over No Shows.** Runners' Outs: Gerry Chater 3, Mabel Whitford 2. Shows' Outs: Rick Tyo, Gerry Sypes. H.S. Tyo 100.
3 Quarts & A Squirt 4 - 3 over Spoilers. Squirt Outs: Scott Keeler 2, Sandra Julien, Bobby Jack Hart. H.S. Hart 102-100. Spoilers' Outs: Denis Keeler 2, Elvis Tyo.
Click 5 - 2 over Double Trouble. Click Outs: Randy Whitford 4, Melba Chater. H.S. Whitford 100. Trouble Outs: Larry Elderbroom, Cecil Tyo.
Terrors 7 - 0 over Wolfpack. Terror Outs: Linda Birch 3, Sharon Lewis 2, Keven Richmire, Wendy Casselman. H.S. Birch 140-100, Lewis 123.
DTCP Shooters 5 - 2 over Mc & Triple B. Shooters' Outs: Archie Sypes 3, Peter Montroy, Doris Cairns. H.S. Montroy 127-125-121. Mc Outs: Dale Baker, Dennis Baker. H.S. Dale 116-100.
Always Late 4 - 3 over 2 Guys, 2 Gals. Late Outs: Diane Tyo 2, Kenny Baker, Darren Tyo. H.S. Darren 100. Gals' Outs: George Larone 2, Carol-Ann Donnelly.
40 Plus 5 - 2 over Outsiders. Plus Outs: Terry Baker 2, Jeff O'Neil 2, Joy Markell. H.S. Markell 105. Outsider Outs: Randy Markell and H.S. 100.
Early Birds 4 - 3 over Hot Darts. Birds' Outs: Nick Shields 3, Stacy Wilton. H.S. Shields 116-3X100. Darts' Outs Bernie Montroy 2, Brenda Sypes. H.S. Montroy 140-2X100.
Small Fries 4 - 3 over Mike's Mob. Fries' Outs: Eric Sypes 3, Doreen Montroy. H.S. Megan Whittcker 100. Mob Outs: Vera Burke 2, Frank Beaulne. H.S. Beaulne 101.
Bulls Eyes: Laura Yates 2, Keven Richmire, Wanda Keeler 4, Darren Tyo, Frank Beaulne 4, Diane Trudeau.

Standings

Roadrunners	225	Mike's Mob	166
3 Quarts & A Squirt	224	2 Guys 2 Gals	164
The Click	207	Double Trouble	163
Terrors	202	Small Fries	162
Spoilers	194	Mc & Triple B	159
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Always Late	169	Early Birds	147
Outsiders	168	No Shows	144
Hot Darts	167	Wolfpack	141

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Tournament win

Novice Bs over "big city" boys

KEMPTVILLE—The "small town" Novice B Lions had a challenge on their hands when they met the kids from the "big city" in the A championship final of an eight team tournament played here last Wednesday.

In the final, the Lions met up with the Kanata Blue Blazers, a team coached by the Ottawa Senators' own Cyril Leeder and Randy Sexton, which lost only two regular season games making it the top team in the Ottawa area.

A very hungry and determined Lions squad, however, wasn't to be intimidated, skating away with a 2 - 0 victory for the tournament championship.

The Lions hit the score sheet on a goal from Pat Bongers, with the assists going to Chris Tindal and Allan Waddell.

The frustrated Blazers could not get their game in gear as they were constantly pressured by the Lions' defense and turned away by the goaltending of Ryan Swank.

In the third, Chris Tindal added the insurance marker, with Pat Bongers and Alex Whelan providing the assist.

The Lions' player of the game was Ryan Swank.

The Lions opened in the tournament with a 2 - 0 win over the hosting Kemptville Panthers.

They started quickly, scoring two goals in the first minute of play on great efforts by Alix Tait and Pat Bongers. They added another pair in the first, by Chris Tindal and Justin Saunders, to carry a commanding 4 - 1 lead into the second.

After a scoreless second period, the Lions connected twice in the third for the 6 - 2 win. Tindal got his second of the game, and Jay Keller finished it off.

Chris Tindal and Michael Davidson were named the Lions' players of the game.

In game two, the Lions faced a large Metcalfe Jets team, in what turned out to be a 5 - 4 win.

Captain Alex Whelan put the Lions on the score sheet with two first period goals. Scott Douma and Chris Tindal, both found the net setting the stage for the winner from the stick of Jane Moss.

The Lions' player of the game was Alex Whelan.

The tournament win was a great team effort, and a good luck send-off for the team which is now preparing to travel to Montreal to compete in the "World's Largest Novice" hockey tournament.

Skater out of medals

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Second place went to Daniel Miller of Western Ontario who was first after the short, and third went to Jonathan Savaria of Quebec who was second in the short.

The short program was skated last Thursday, and the freestyle wrapped up Saturday.

This was the third year the Bank of Montreal sponsored the Tomorrow's Champions competition.

For many of the skaters it was their first national skating championship. They qualified by placing in the top four at the pre-novice level at one of the Bank of Montreal Divisional Skating Championships held across Canada in December.

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Tournament Champs

The Morrisburg Novice B Lions were the A champs of a tournament played at Kemptville last week. Team members, front l - r are Alex Whelan, Allan Waddell, Jane Moss and Scott Summers. Center, l - r, Justin Saunders, Pat Bongers, Alix Tait, Ryan Swank, Jay Keller and Scott Douma. Back, l - r are members of the coaching staff, Dan Keller, Perry Swank, Jim Whelan, Wes Douma, Tom Tindal, and Sam Moss, and players Nathan McDonell, Chris Tindal and Michael Davidson. McNairn photo



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Brister Insurance leads in high speed communications

by Catherine Thompson
Leader staff

MORRISBURG—While "high speed fibre optic" and "band width" are buzz words in many business circles, you're more likely to hear "wireless communications" at Brister Group Insurance.

The company has set up a high speed wireless communications system using microwaves to transmit information from one office to another.

"This is one of the few privately owned microwave systems in Canada," says Roy Brister, owner of Brister Insurance. There are other microwave radio systems, but most are in the public sector, owned by utilities, hospitals, boards and boards of education.

"It's a radio network," he explains. "We were operating each office as a stand alone office. Now we're connected with microwave high speed communications. Connected by radio waves, we use the air as the medium for the message."

The company has built five communications towers in areas where no available structure existed, and has set up satellite dishes in several communities to act as receivers. The system includes five stand alone communications towers 100 feet high, five municipal water towers, 20 high speed microwave hoppers or radios, 20 antenna and 3000 feet of cabling.

This arrangement allows the company to relay information quickly and efficiently among the five offices located in Prescott, Morrisburg, Winchester, Crysler and Avonmore.

The insurance broker types information into his or her work station, which sends a signal to a radio. The signal in turn is converted to a microwave radio signal which is sent up a coaxle cable and out to a satellite dish from the office roof. The satellite dish shoots the signal to the Morrisburg water tower, which relays the information through a series of towers and dishes to Winchester.

Brister says the system has been running well since the summer of 1999. "We tried to get the bugs out, because it was new. The last two months, we got happy with the performance."

Why did Roy Brister become involved in setting up his own high speed communications system?

"To me it's called business survival," says Brister. "I have an information based business with a very large data base. To manage efficiently we had the option to do nothing or to get up to snuff. In my opinion, it's not an option to ignore high speed connective ability."

The lack of high speed connections in this area provided a major incentive. "These are some hard facts about rural Canada and rural North America. We are poorly served by high speed infrastructure," he continues.

To install fibre optic would cost $8,000 a km and with over 100 km to cover, the cost is prohibitive for his company. High speed connection lines are in urban areas, and it is unlikely they will be in rural areas for some time.

"We got tired of waiting so I said I would build my own system," Brister explains.

The system allows a broker to download information up to 80 times faster than the regular dial-up line time. "If I send a signal from Morrisburg, it goes through the towers and links to Winchester in 9/1000 of a second including return time," Brister explains, adding the system has diagnostic equipment to check the times.

"I can download a file in a minute. People don't want to sit and wait. They wish to have their information right away. Thus we can offer better service, spend more quality time with the client, and less time doing clerical work."

Brister says not only is his system much faster than that offered by the phone company, it is substantially less expensive. While he has spent money on capital equipment, and this will involve maintenance costs, there are no ongoing line costs because of the use of air rather than hard land lines.

The company does pay a nominal fee per antenna site to the respective municipality for use of the space on the water tower.

"This is just a beginning," says Brister. The company is currently investigating the possibility of having a high speed fibre link through Cornwall, by building a tower and running fibre close to one of his towers.

He even admits there is a possibility the system could be upgraded to service other parts of the community, and high speed connectivity could be brought to small villages. "That's just a possibility. We're being approached all the time," he states.

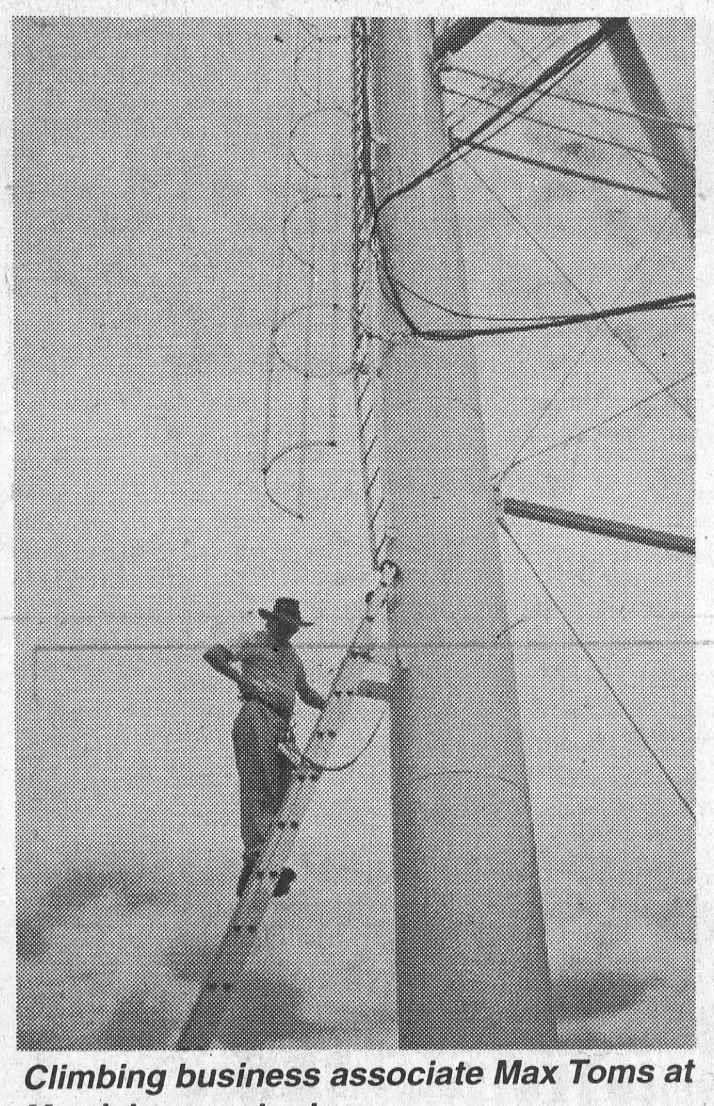
Brister says he is willing to share the information for business applications, but he is not involved in the communications selling business.

Other organizations have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on high speed communications consultants and are now asking him how he developed his system, and how it works.

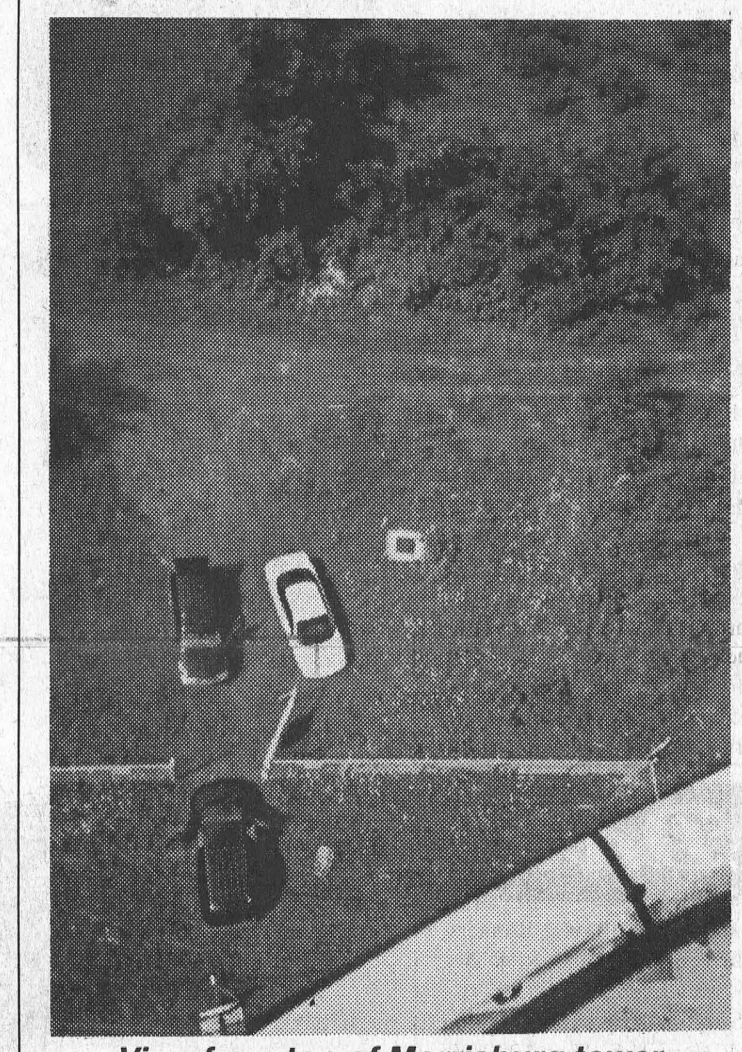
Next week, Brister is making a presentation on the subject to interested insurance brokers from across Canada at the Strategy Institute for Canadian Small Business in Toronto. "I'll tell the insurance people we had a need, we looked at a solution. We made an important step, we bought a shovel and built it," he states.



Brister replacing equipment at Morrisburg water tower



Climbing business associate Max Toms at Morrisburg water tower



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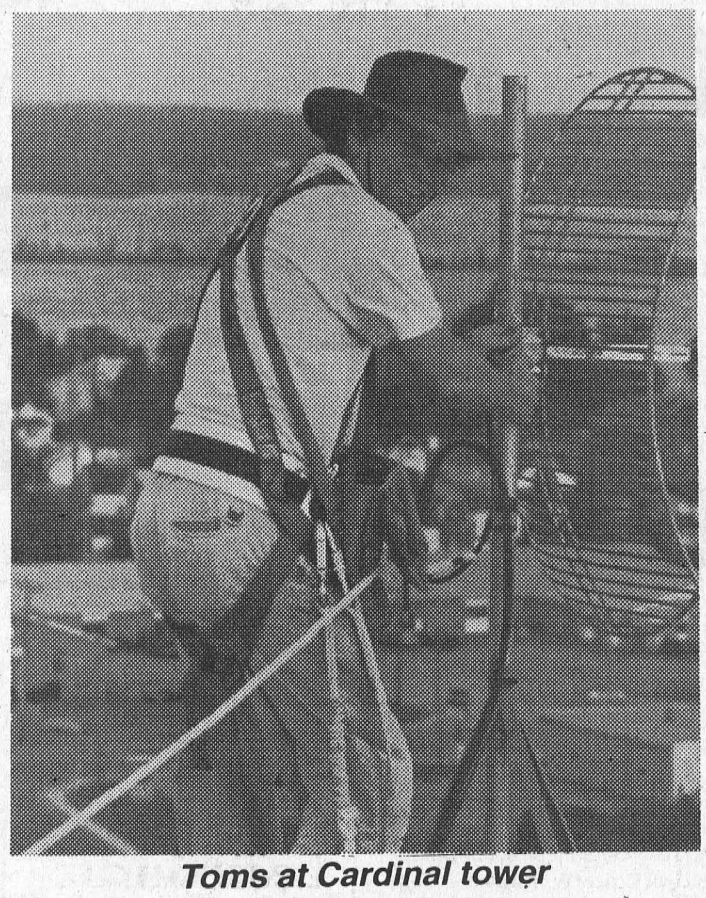

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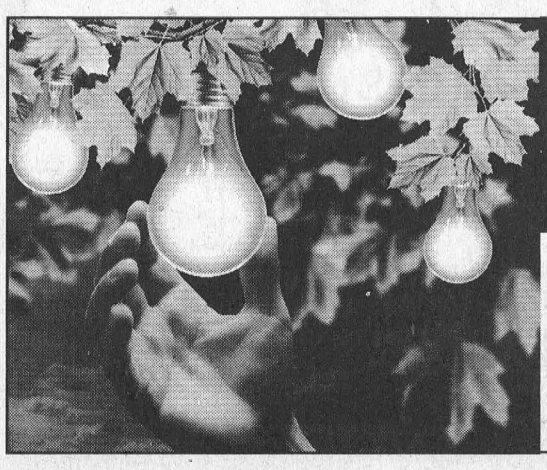

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Municipal utilities address their options

TORONTO—Over the next several months, municipal utilities and their councils throughout the province are deciding whether they should hold, sell their assets, enter into lease agreements or amalgamate with other municipal utilities.

The Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology has addressed some of the issues faced by these utilities before November 2000. The following are excerpts from a series of questions and answers addressed by the Ministry.

What role will municipal councils have in electricity restructuring?

The Energy Competition Act, 1998, clearly establishes for the first time, that the ownership of the Municipal Electric Utility rests with the municipality. It also requires that the MEUs be corporatized and that the monopoly wires business be separated from competitive businesses. The impact of these changes will mean a much greater role for municipal councils than in the past. For example, council will have to decide when to incorporate; which businesses the utility should be in; whether to collect a dividend, etc. Council may one day need to decide whether to sell the business, or attract outside investors/strategic partners.

The municipal council is clearly the shareholder of the new corporations. As such, they will have the flexibility to choose their own corporate governance structures and accountability relationships. These will vary from community to community across the province.

Why must the electric distribution utilities be set up to have powers consistent with the Ontario Business Corporation Act?

More entrepreneurial legislation will allow utilities to operate on a commercial footing and respond to opportunities in a rapidly changing market. Historically, Ontario Hydro approval was required for many operational business activities and expenditures.

In an open market, electricity companies will need commercial flexibility to compete. The current regulatory relationship with Hydro is being replaced with a more streamlined, efficient accountability mechanism, with companies responding to their own Boards of Directors who are more responsive to the needs of their "shareholders"—the customer.

Within a regulatory framework that ensures customer protection, many distribution utilities will want to have greater powers to pursue diverse commercial activities in the unregulated part of their business.

Also, this will permit shareholders and municipalities to oversee the utilities in the same manner as they would independent companies. This creates a level playing field for new investment.

Does the government intend to reduce the number of distribution utilities?

The Act provides for voluntary amalgamations on a commercial basis. Under previous legislation, municipal utilities were not free to merge with other utilities outside their municipal boundaries. The Act removes those legislative barriers to local restructuring and permits utilities to merge if that is in the customer's best interest.

Locally-driven distribution mergers or "rationalization" avoids making arbitrary decisions on the most appropriate structure (e.g. county, region, etc.) and takes advantage of the many studies already completed or in progress all across the province, as they look for best local/regional solutions.

With the loss of their exclusive sales franchises under full retail competition, they would have to compete for customers through favourable prices and services. This will drive consolidation as municipal utilities search for economies of scale and scope to find efficiencies.

Should municipalities sell their MEU's?

The Energy Competition Act 1998, envisages the possibility of some municipalities divesting themselves of their MEUs at some point in the future. However, this is clearly not a decision that should be made lightly, or in a hurry, since it could have very significant impacts on the municipality and potentially on electricity consumers. This is why the Ontario Energy Board will be required to review individual transactions of this nature, to ensure that any sales will be in the best interests of the electricity consumer.

Traditionally in reviewing utility acquisitions, the OEB generally has not passed on to ratepayers any purchase premiums above book value.

What services will be provided by the Local Distribution Company?

The OEB is currently developing guidelines to further clarify what activities are specifically distribution and transmission activities. However, under section 71 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, LDCs will not be allowed to conduct "Any business activity other than transmitting or distributing electricity". Distribution activities, listed in the draft guidelines, include meter reading services; billing and collection services; tree trimming services, repair and maintenance for the distribution lines and facilities; and construction of distribution lines and facilities.

The Act requires municipal utilities to separate their wires businesses from the energy retailing businesses. Does this mean there will be two separate offices? How will this be beneficial to ratepayers?

The legislation requires business activities to be separated to ensure a level playing field for competition, and to ensure that monopoly activities are not used to subsidize competitive businesses. Although the businesses will have to be separated, there is no requirement to have separate locations. Physical separation is defined by the OEB as meaning separate office space in a separate building or located separately through the use of appropriate security-controlled access.

The Ontario Energy Board has developed the Affiliates Relationships Code, which came into force on October 1, 1999. The Code contains standards for interactions between distribution and transmission companies and their affiliates. These standards will ensure the protection of confidential consumer information and limit the possibilities for cross-subsidization.

Rebekah Euchre

MORRISBURG—The Rebekah Lodge held a euchre on March 13, in the R. Hall at the back of the Hydro Office.

The winners were Stella Smith, first, Sharon Easter, second, and Edith Baker was third.

The door prize was won by Myrtle Wingeat and the draws were won by Myrtle Wingeat and Stella Smith.

The next euchre will be on March 27, and everyone is welcome.

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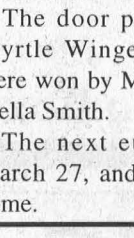

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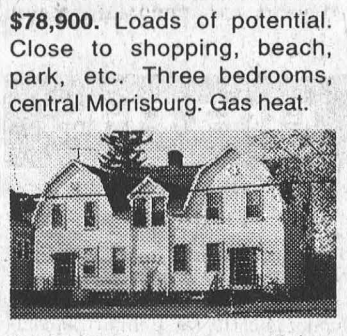

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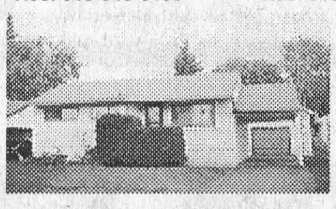

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NOTE: Candidates will be required to take a horse related/driving practical test. Candidates must pass this test to the satisfaction of the Supervisor of Farms and Domestic Interpretation in order to continue with the remainder of the interview.

In your application/résumé, please indicate specifically how your experience, skills and knowledge relate to the duties and qualifications stated above. Applications/résumés quoting file no. SLPC-UCV 2/00(4) must be received by no later than Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. OR SLPC-UCV 3/00 (4) must be received by no later than Friday, April 7, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. SEND TO: Human Resources Division, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, R.R. No. 1, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0

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