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Santa and friends

Casey and Courtney McDermid brought Gramma and Grampa, Betty and Kent to the civic centre in Iroquois Saturday when the jolly fat man arrived. They were brave and told him what they hope for this Christmas. "The Clown" made balloon animals (I got One!!), faces were masterfully painted with trees, snowmen and santas and the Mini Miss Kristen Getz and Mini Gent, Daniel Glauser were helping Santa give out goodie bags. Ho,Ho,Ho! Merry Christmas.

Council works on final details before month end

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Local Council met to work on last minute details that will see the village administration cease to exist at the end of the month. Clerk/Treasurer, Lorna Seibert reported that she had met with South Dundas Township Administrator, Mike Waddell to discuss the new accounts for the new municipality. "All the money the village has in their accounts will be transferred to South Dundas, and the Iroquois accounts will be closed." A resolution was passed by members to authorize this transfer of funds from the general and reserve accounts. It was noted that the Fire Department reserve fund will be transferred but the money is earmarked for the Iroquois Department. "We have made a stipulation to the new council that the Iroquois reserves should be used to complete Iroquois water and sewer projects, but we have no power to ensure it happens...we will not even be here next month," said the Reeve."There will be one account for South Dundas, with various amounts earmarked for the former municipalities (Iroquois, Morrisburg, Matilda and Williamsburg) in the general ledger. The figures will be available as of December 31, 1997," according to Lorna.

When questions arose concerning the recommendations each municipality would have for their funds, it was made clear that as of January 1, 1998, when the new council takes over, they will look at each in turn and make their own decisions. "They are not bound in any way by what we want, afterall there will be no council here to respond to," noted Reeve Swank.

Requests came from the Fire Department, Recreation and Hydro for equipment that will be redundant when the Clerk's office closes. These will be forwarded to Mike for South Dundas to consider when they are sworn in.

Lorna was authorized to pay $10,000 to South Dundas, the second of four payments promised by the Village (all four who amalgamate do the same) for operating expenses so the new Township is ready and operational as of January 1, 1998.

Council will meet on December 29 at 9am along with the Hydro Commission for coffee and cake. The employees will be invited to attend and presentations will take place as Council will be formally dissolved as of December 31, 1997.

Community Watch Personel help foil attempted robbery

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Iroquois's Communtiy watch helped to foil the Liquor Store Desperados.

Community watch personel spotted three men attempting to knock over the Liquor Store for the second time in as many weeks and called in the cavalry Thursday night.

As a result of the assistance, Upper Canada OPP officers aprehended the trio, recovered $24,000 worth of liquor taken during the break in and retreived a van stolen from the Ottawa Carleton area.

L.C.B.O. mananger Jeff Dukelow estimated the previous robbery cost the store $10,000 in lost merchandise. He said that windows were smashed in the latest robery along with some of the liquor. he said that he was up at 5 a.m. arranging for replacement windows.

Desmond Johnston, age 37, of Ottawa, has been charged with two counts of possession of property obtained by crime and one count of break and enter, assault with a weapon, mishcief and obstructing Police, all contrary to the Criminal Code. Johnston has been held in custody and is scheduled to appear in court in Morrisburg Dec. 16.

Jason Coert, Age 26, of Kingston, has been charged with two counts of possesion of property obtained by crime, one count of break and enter, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, obstruct police, breach of probation and disqualified driving, all contrary to the Criminal Code. Mr. Coert is scheduled to appear in provincal court in Morrisburg January 6, 1998, to answer these charges.

Martyn Roach, age 25, of Carp, has been charged with two counts of possesion of property obtained by crime and one count of break and enter contrary to the Criminal Code. Mr. Roach is scheduled to appear in provincial court on January 6, 1998 to respond to these charges.

Break and Enter

Police were called to a residential break and enter in Winchester Township Dec. 8. Between the end of November and Dec. 8 a break in occurred at a Kyle Road Residence which resulted in the theft of a large quantity of antique furniture.

No items have been recovered yet.

Constable M. Francis is investigating this incident.

Police received a report Dec. 12 of a break and enter at a Matilda Township residence.

During the early hours a forced entry was made into a garage located at a Zeron Road residence resulting in the theft of a number of tools, a cutting torch and two oxy/acetylene tanks. Approximately $2000 damage was sustained to the garage during this incident. Constable D. Holmes is investigating.

A Dec. 12 report of a break and enter brought police to Mountain Township. During the late evening hours a forced entry was made into a garage at a Kerr's Ridge Road residence which resulted in the theft of tools. Const. M. Tereschuk is investigating this incident.

Charges

As a result of a traffic stop made along Highway 401, in Williamsburg Township, during the early morning hours of Dec. 9, one man is charged with two offenses contrary to the Criminal Code.

Marvin Ricardo Bryan age 19 of Brampton has been charged with Obstruct Police and Breach of Recognizance and is being held for a show cause hearing to be conducted in the City of Cornwall Dec. 15.

Stolen Vehicle

OPP investigated a theft of a motor vehicle from the village of Winchester Dec. 13.

During the afternoon, a 1996, red Plymouth voyager was taken

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Over 100 Years of History in Morrisburg has ended

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Over 100 years of history came to end last Monday evening at 8 pm. The Village of Morrisburg held its last council meeting. Come January first, Morrisburg will be amalgamated into the new Township of South Dundas along with the Village of Iroquois, the Township of Matilda and the Township of Williamsburg.

Sgt. Brent Mattice of the Upper Canada Ontario Provincial Police Detachment was in attendance and he thanked the council for the great working relationship the police and the village had maintained over the years. "On behalf of the Upper Canada Detachment I want to thank all of you," said Sgt. Mattice. "I've enjoyed the contact we've had and I hope we continue to work well with the new council."

Sgt. Mattice also praised the council for their work on the village's emergency measures plan. "It was time and money well spent. If there is anything I can do to help out, don't hesitate to call."

Reeve Gord McGregor, the last reeve the Village of Morrisburg will ever know, thanked Sgt. Mattice. "It's been a pleasure having both you and Ray (Sgt. Ray Westgarth) work with us on our emergency measures plan... It was very pleasurable and good for the community. On behalf of council I want to thank you."

Lions Club

John Van De Kamp was also in attendance at the meeting to cook up some information on the Morrisburg and District Lions Club's plans for the canteen at the arena. It had been brought to the attention of Reeve McGregor, that the Lions Club were discussing some renovations in the canteen and he asked Mr. Van De Kamp to come to the last council meeting and explain.

The Lions Club will be adding a bigger deep fryer to the canteen to accommodate larger orders and had originally anticipated the need to do some renovations. However, the local community

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Council ties up many loose ends

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Council tied up all the loose ends they could as they met formally for the last time. There will not be an Iroquois council sitting in a place of honour and authority as of the end of this month. The newly elected South Dundas council takes office on January 1, 1998.

Three By-Laws were passed: #97-16 allowed the Village to enter into an agreement with Byron Thorneloe for the leasing of space in the basement of the medical building, for his Accounting business until December 31, 1997. #97-17 provided approval for the municipality to enter into an agreement with the government under the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program. #97-18 appointed Keith Banford (as voted in by the Department) as Deputy Fire Chief effective, December 1, 1997. This happened when Perry Robertson resigned from this position.

Lastly on the agenda was the opening of tenders received for various machinery on the sale block by the municipality. First up Council accepted the tender from Gerry Dickson for the diesel engine. Then it was Iroquois Electric (Jim Pakeman Jr.) who will become the owner of the Hydro truck and lastly the Garbage truck tender was awarded to the Village of Cardinal. While Jim and Gerry can pick up their new equipment when they want, Cardinal will be asked to wait until the end of the month, with the provision that if the Village of Iroquois needs to use the truck for garbage pickup until the new Township effects same, it would be allowed to use the truck. All was "As is-where is"...and all money goes into the Truck reserve fund.

Council learned that Bell Canada is planning to take long distance charges off calls to the Brockville exchange for residents in the 652 exchange. This will take effect two years down the road.

The Clerk noted that she had written to Bell when she received this directive, suggesting that calling to the Winchester/ Ottawa exchanges would be where the charges should be dropped. "Bell said that the 652 exchange does not call these exchanges often enough to warrant this. They need a 60% of the population calling a destination to drop the long distance charge, we only have 37% presently. To attain this requirement, everyone would need to call the Ottawa/Winchester exchange twice a year from Iroquois and then Bell would consider dropping the long distance fee." An aside to this is that when the long distance costs are dropped, the general rates go up...this is to take place in 2 years time.

Council was to hold back the Public School tax portion until Monday, December 15 so that an Assessment appeal could be settled.

The meeting adjourned.

Update on Santa Claus straight from N.P.H.Q.

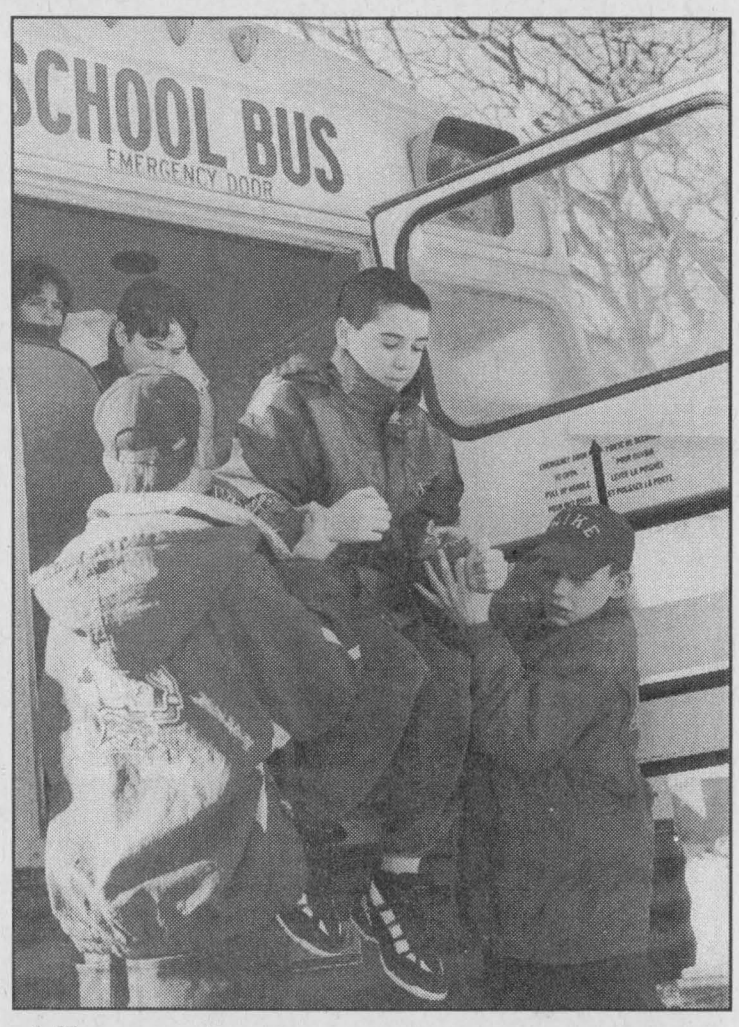
This just in from the North Pole: The fourth annual Christmas Tag Draw will happen Friday at 11 a.m. in the Iroquois Mall and Santa will be there. Press spokespeople at N.P.H.Q. (North Pole Head Quarters) confirmed reports that people should get their tags into area stores before the draw.

It will be a whirlwind, pre-Christmas tour of South Dundas for the jolly old elf who is slated to appear in The Williamsburg Santa Parade the next day, Saturday, Dec.20 at 1 p.m. He will also be at the Williamsburg Fire Hall afterward to visit with his fans. There will be free hot dogs and hot chocolate available at the Fire Hall to help everyone recharge their batteries.

In other news the Iroquois Legion is holding its Turkey Dinner at 11:30 Friday. Takeout and delivery are available. N.P.H.Q. staff would neither confirm nor deny rumours that extra turkey's have been flown in to feed Santa.

St. Nick may need the extra roughage with all the running around he will be doing. Santa will be at the McHaffie Flea Market, north of Morrisburg, 11 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Dec. 21.

Finally, the elves at the Chieftain will be working twice as hard to bring you the news this holiday season and so next week we will publish and distribute the paper along with our Christmas Greetings Tab Tuesday December 23.



Alleyoop!

Students at St. Cecilia's practise exiting a school bus in an emergency. In this instance they are using the rear exit. There are three exit methods aside from through emergency windows: front rear and split (in which students use both exits).

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Parading in South Mountain

Everyone likes a parade and Saturday in South Mountain there was a Christmas Parade to please all ages. Clockwise from top left we have a 4-H representative, some musical youth and an outdoor scene; the MBanx entry, the Knights of Columbus "Reason for the Season" entry and the Trail Blazers/South Nation Snowmobilers. The Jolly Gent, Santa, was at the tail end of the parade and spent time at the Fair Grounds inside the South Mountain Agricultural Hall welcoming young and old to share their Christmas wish with him. As festive music filled the crisp, cold air Christmas floats, trailers and trucks, teams of horses and theme floats meandered through town. *Chieftain photos by S.L.Johnston*



South Mountain Parade celebrates the season

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There was excitement in the air along the Nation as it winds through the village of South Mountain on Saturday. Floats and tractors, animals and children, costumes and gear were being assembled in the school yard at Nationview Public School.

Crowds began to gather along Main Street early after lunch. Anticipation was everywhere...a parade was coming to town and yes, indeed, Santa would be included in it.

Youngsters were eager to see the entries and catch a glimpse of the fat, jolly old elf as he was taken to the Agricultural building at the fair grounds, where he would welcome children of all ages to tell him exactly what they want to find under the tree Christmas morning.

One highlight among the many in this wondrous parade were the goats that Morgans brought from their Beaver Ridge Farm. A photo of Tilley, the cutest little Pygmy Goat you would ever want to see with her handler for the event, Karla, a rather shy, young lass did not turn out, but they were in the parade and certainly added a certain something special to it.

Cinderella and her coach, drawn by dashing ponies was there (Dairyfest), the Bank of Montreal had an entry, Weagants Farm Supplies had a manure spreader with a four-wheeler on it among evergreens, the 4-H Club was represented, Terry's Restoration (MADD float), The Knights of Columbus had an entry which reminded us the true meaning of Christmas (The Christ Child) and had marchers as well,Inkerman Public School was there, the Sparks, The Scouts and the Cubs and Beavers were having fun, the Fire Department was in evidence, then too, the Deesign Shop from Inkerman was there and Loughlin's Motors and the Snowmobile Club...Mountain Trailblazers. There were more entries and everyone did a fine job. The community spirit is great and with the snow covering the ground the season was evidenced throughout the parade as songs and carols floated through the air. Hearty waves and smiles, candy being tossed and the best wishes of the season gave everyone a warm fuzzy feeling. Merry Christmas South Mountain.



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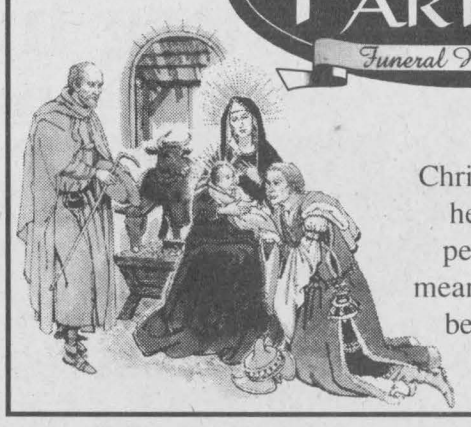

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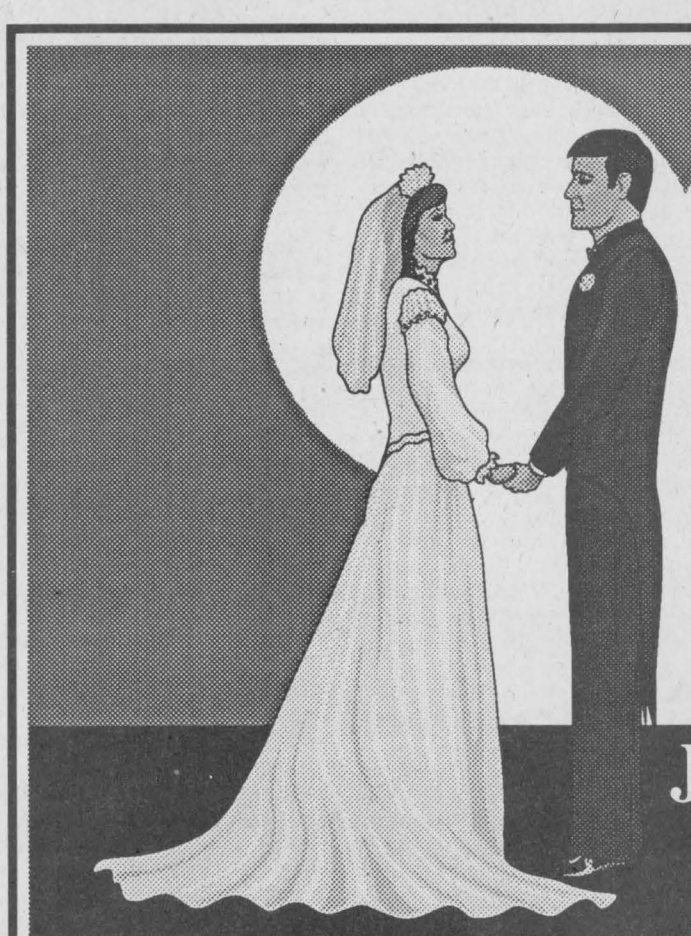

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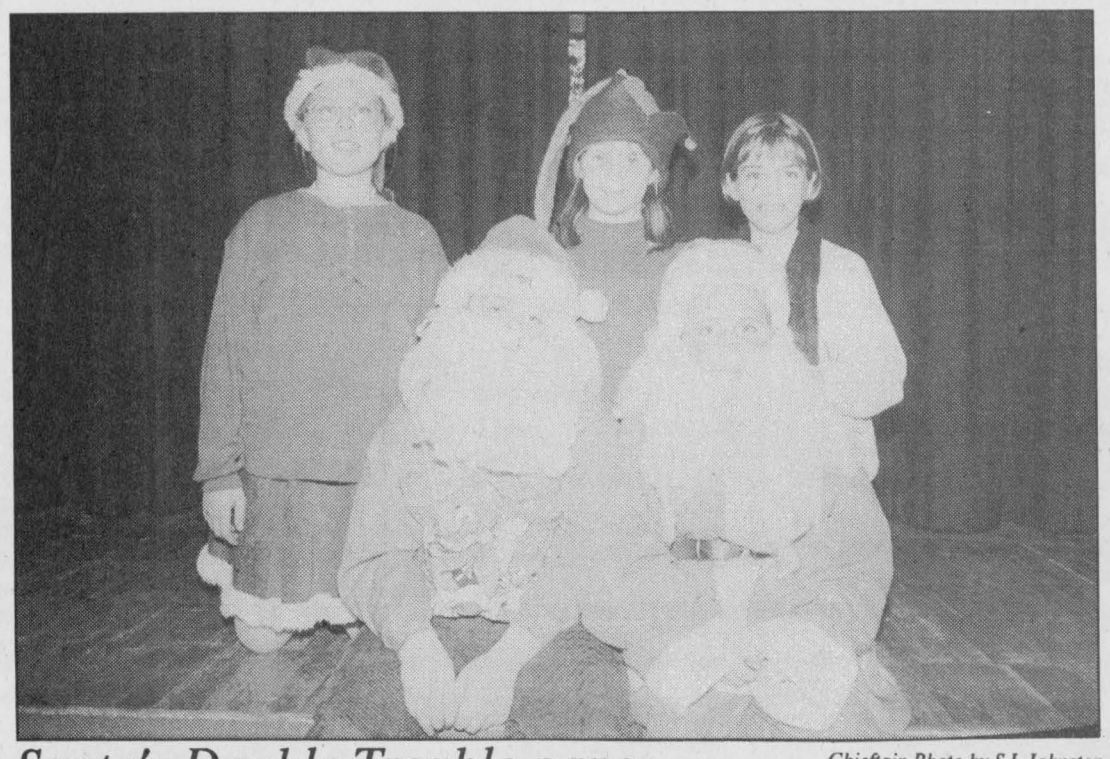

Santa's Double Trouble gang

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IPS entertained their folks and others who came to the annual Christmas Concert. Here we have Krank and Kris Kringle (aka Santa), with Elves, Martha Whittle and Katie Wilson kneel behind. Samantha Shaver is there as well. Krank was Matthew Goodmurphy's alter ego while Tracy Jones was Santa. Well done folks! The scenery was innovative and creative as well and gave things that Christmas sparkle. A great way to get into the spirit of Christmas, we enjoyed it.



A stage full of Christmas cheer

The Kindergarten classes at Iroquois Public School presented a mini-concert of songs on Thursday evening. It was fun and the youngsters did an excellent job. Their teachers deserve a thank you for their patience and work with the kids. Santa was there, and these youngsters even sang in French and did a terrific job. They were so sweet, it certainly brought back memories.

"Santa's Double Trouble"a Blizzard of a performance

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The gym at Iroquois Public School was filled to overflowing as family and friends gathered last Wednesday evening to watch the grades 1 to 6 present "Santa's Double Trouble" a story about Krank Kringle, Santa's devious relative who went about on Christmas Eve taking the presents Santa left under the trees all over the land, and wrecking them. When youngsters found broken skateboards, headless Barbies and bicycles with flat tires and no seats they were disappointed.

Matthew Goodmurphy had a marvellously devilish laugh as he struck tree after tree on Christmas Eve, and Tracey Jones was a terrific Santa, Ho,Ho,Ho!

A highlight of the show this year had to be Holly Johnston's (no relation to the reporter) splendid voice as she sang, "Santa Claus is Coming to town" and "Let it Snow"...and her stage presence is grand, a treat for all.

Amber Bygott and Martha Whittle played Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer on their recorders as their duet was extremely well done.

Everyone was involved in some manner as the entire show went without a hitch. A lot of credit is due the staff and students who worked hard in a short time to accomplish a wondrous show to celebrate the season.

During the show on stage were, Scott Spear and Shailan Delehos, while the youngsters who were doubting Santa and his work were Samantha Shaver, Katie Corden, and Cam Keicks. The elves that Santa called on to work overtime to repair the damage included, Katelyn Merkley, David Patterson, Cassie Lewis, Martha Whittle, Melissa Flinn, Courtney Swank, Kate Wilson and Kevin Phifer.

As in all happy endings, the Kringles made up and all was well in the end.

The choir did a terrific job on their numbers accompanied by Marion de Gray on the keyboard. The "Reindeer Twist" was well done and a load of fun as audience participation was involved.

What show could go on without behind the scenes help? Brandon Zewester, Chris Barton, Josh Bartholomew and Matthew Fawcett were the stage crew while Britteny Horricks and Brittany Thompson were the runners. Ushering duties were handled by Stacey Lynn Henry and Callie Dickson.

At the conclusion of the evening performance, the Principal, Dick Turner introduced School trustee Mary Anna Petre who brought greetings for the final time to IPS area parents and students from the S.D. & G. Board, as amalgamation takes place and she no longer is a member of the new Board. Then it was Mrs. de Gray who was honoured for her dedication to the school and the students. A gift was accepted and then she cut a cake for everyone to enjoy. She will retire in January. (A focus will appear in this paper shortly).

There was nothing but glowing words as everyone filed out of the school for a show well done indeed.

The next evening the Kindergarten classes joined forces to present their very own "mini concert" and those who missed this lost a marvellous opportunity...this was great!

Both Junior and Senior K classes took part and did an excellent job.

Parents and grandparents were as proud as punch and so they should have been, these wee gaffers did a great job. From the time they landed on stage to sing, they were the perfect performers, waving at mom or dad, checking out the audience carefully for a familiar face and Carly Lawlor was a marvellous tree, Kristine Swank was a perfect Rudolph, while Drew Mattice is what a snowflake should be and Paul Benoit was a glistening star for sure!

Whether they were toy soldiers, the "welcoming" gang or singing about "Santa's Pets," they were "Happy as a Christmas Tree" and warning us about "Coming Down the Chimney", "Christmas Time is Here" and everyone was utterly amazed at their prowess with the French language as they sang for Madame Shaver.

Ending by Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, they were so cute it was over all too soon!! Cameras flashed and video tapes whirled, laughter erupted when wee singers stopped singing to wave at a parents or when they were just too shy to continue. Young mister Mclaughlin in his spiffy suit, or Davon Ritchie,(lads this old reporter knows), the girls in their pretty dresses, Mister Saunders as the jolly elf himself and the rhythm band brought back fond memories...everyone wanted to play the drum. Regan Hall is a drummer there is no doubt. When Jasmine Comfort 's stuffed bovine fell and was recovered for her by a classmate, the true meaning of the season shone through.

Someone during the shows expressed a sentiment that stood out in minds of those present..."Maybe believing is the very best thing about Christmas..."

Christmas is about youngsters and these two shows demonstrated the theme in perfect manner.

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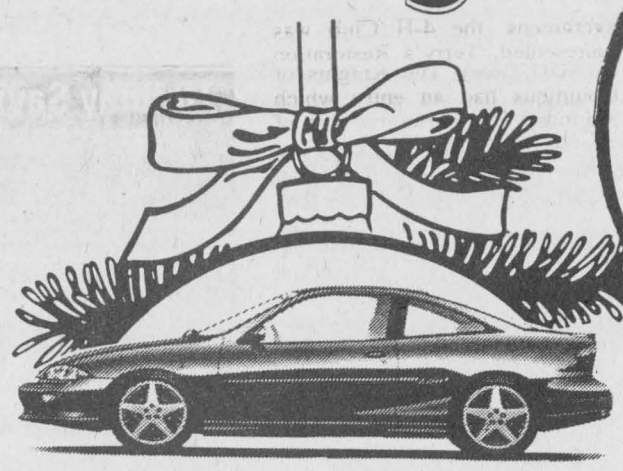



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Women at risk

Eight years ago fourteen women died for no other reason than they were women.

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There was no reason, other than they were women.

That day was December 6, 1989 and questions remain even today about the abuse of women in our society.

The number of females who each year lose their lives to spousal violence is outrageous.

The survivors of domestic abuse are counted among those who deserve to be remembered more than once a year, but at this time thoughts are focused on this violence and disgrace.

It is indeed time for change.

Candle light marches and vigils were staged throughout the country as the students were remembered as were those who live with abuse and violence and cannot find the courage or a way out that will guarantee their safety and sanity.

Women's shelters in this province will fall under the funding of the province as of January 1, 1998. Up to now the municipality was responsible for 20% of the funding while the government of Ontario took care of the rest. As demands on services offered by these shelters (Naomi House in Winchester for example) increase and are strained to the limits, there is no more funding forthcoming for staff or funds. Even though the safe haven is available to women who are free to drop in seven days a week, 24-hours a day. A call ahead is wise,but if circumstances dictate otherwise, there is no problem.

We are fortunate to have a shelter as close as this. Others exist in Cornwall and Ottawa, and just knowing there is a place to go away from what is happening can be a life saver.

While violence is taken for granted as the TV ads and movies entertain with it, showing man to be all powerful, and to get what he wants through violent behaviour, we must educate the public and especially our young men who need a change in role models or at least to understand that women are not to be abused. What happened to the age of chivalry?

Thankfully, I was raised in a family of men, four brothers,a father, uncles and grandfathers who loved me for what I was, who treated me with love and respect, who saw me as an equal on a level playing field, who provided for me the same opportunities that my male counterparts experienced. I do not know first hand about abuse or violence in the home. I am bringing up two young sons who hopefully share their father's concern and respect for women in the world and will behave accordingly. I am glad I have no abuse in my history. I take time to remember those less fortunate than myself, especially at this time each year.

We all need to do our part, whatever it may be to educate, to stand up for and with those abused and support them and the shelters that provide them with a safe haven, a home away from violence and abuse. No one deserves less.

S.L.J.

Freedom is not free

What penalties are there for violating someone's freedom of speech? Supposedly we have that freedom in this country.

Supposedly.

The Ontario Government would not let the opposition wear green ribbons in support of teachers.

The Federal Government made sure Justice Horace Kreever could not name certain government officials in his report.

The Prime Minister's Office held discussions with the RCMP prior to the APEC summit. In turn the RCMP violently quashed protests. They arrested and held without charges a student who put signs on the front lawn of his dormitory for the leaders of south East Asian countries to see. The RCMP smashed down the signs which ironically read "Democracy" and "Freedom of Speech."

Pierre Trudeau invoked the War Measures Act.

A police officer punched Citizen reporter Shelley Paige when she tried to get into an elevator with him.

Judicial gag orders.

Law suit settlements routinely call for signatories to shut up.

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters wants to kick Howard Stern off the radio.

We can not report the names of young offenders.

No one may ridicule the justice system of Canada or they may be found in contempt of court and sent to jail without a trial.

Why should we protect tyrants such as the Chinese Government? What are we afraid of? There was a time when our leaders would have been proud of offending communist leaders with blatant displays of free speech.

I thank God that people fought and died so I could write this editorial. But how long will I be able to?

S.W.R.M.

Stamp collecting is not a dry subject for Fred Langlotz

focus

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There may be plenty of licking involved, but for some people stamps are a dry subject.

That is not the case for Fred Langlotz.

For Langlotz, or "Boomer" as he is affectionately known by friends, stamps are an opportunity to relax and, in a sense, see the world.

"I sit down with my stamps and the hours just fly by," says Langlotz.

At his work table he has bins that most people use to store electronics components or nuts and bolts, screws or nails. Langlotz's shelves are full of stamps. Stamps from Ireland, stamps from Australia, the Czec Republic, Slovenia, Kenya. Stamps from the world over.

He explains that these are ones he has not sorted, some he may never sort. Many are doubles.

"There are too many. How do you count all these?" Langlotz asks as he opens a shoe box full of extras. Great stacks of stamps held together with rubber bands occupy the box. Langlotz says he wants to find people to trade with. He nods when the similarities between stamp collecting and sports card collecting are brought up.

"Oh I've done that too," he says and points to a set of binders piled inconspicuously next to yearbooks full of stamps.

But why does somebody collect stamps in the first place?

For Langlotz it is almost like he is collecting art. He used to buy a lot of stamps, but now he just buys what he likes, he says.

"I don't like just ones of people, you know historical figures. I try to keep a minimum of that stuff," he says.

If there are some things he tries to minimize there are other stamps he stays right away from. For instance when there was an anniversary for Winnie the Pooh a number of countries that have nothing to do with the bear issued stamps commemorating him.

"It's just a way for them to make money, because some people will look at it and say hey I got a stamp from Namibia or whatever," says Langlotz.

He did buy a number of the stamps depicting Canadian comic book characters. Captain Canuck, Fleur de Lis and others were in the set and Langlotz says they took him back to his childhood.

But what he enjoys most are scenes of battleships. A military brat, Langlotz has always had a soft spot for anything on stamps relating to the armed forces.

His favorite stamp is a one dollar 1942 issue stamp depicting a Canadian destroyer. Langlotz says he fell in love with ships while he was serving in the navy reserves.

He remembers starting out in 1967 and "just fooling around." He says it was not until he came to Morrisburg that he really became serious.

"There I was in Morrisburg with nothing better to do other than watch T.V. I mean what is there to do in Morrisburg?"

It was his eldest sister, Darlene, who first became interested in the hobby. Then she tired of it and passed it down to their sister Dian who it turn passed the collection to Fred.

That first stamp album was an old leather bound tome cataloguing stamps of the world. That was before Langlotz had met Ernie Merrican.

"He taught me a lot of stuff. There's a lot to learn. He taught me how to soak stamps properly so that if it was on a yellow or manilla envelope you would not get that color to come off on the stamps," says Langlotz.

He says that Merrican taught him to pay attention to such small details as perforation size, whether a first day sheet is intact or if the margins have been torn off.

No one who buys stamps for actual use thinks to buy two stamps from a coil to prove they were on a coil, but that's exactly the sort of nitpicky little detail that collectors seem to love.

Even Langlotz doesn't class himself in the realm of hard-core stamp collectors.

"I don't go to any conventions or belong to any clubs. I went to one of the collectors meetings at the R.A. in Ottawa once, but they would talk about all these little things that I didn't know about. Rare perforations sizes and so on," says Langlotz.

Instead Langlotz has a network of stamp collectors of his own. He says he's made friends with some of the postal workers in Morrisburg who also collect stamps and they trade back and forth. They also let him know about any new stamps he might have missed in the *Canadian Stamp News* (a newspaper for stamp collectors) or are still available at face value rather than having to buy from collectors.

Langlotz laughs when asked about whether he ever sold any of his stamps. He says that one set of stamps had actually depreciated from its face value when he looked it up in a catalogue.

It's not about investing for him. It's about collecting.

He satisfies himself with trying to consolidate and catalogue his own collection- - just so he knows what he has. He uses a stamp collecting program on his computer that can actually show him a picture of the stamp and gives a run down

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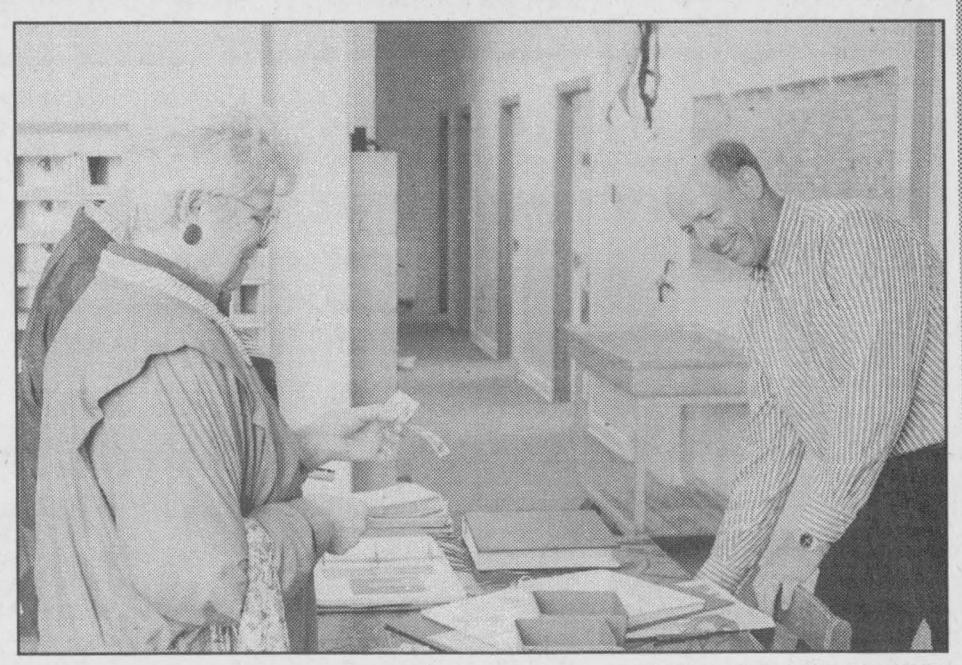

Fred Langlotz displays his stamps

Swampview feels deep freeze

Just plain livin'

with Sandra Lee



The dip in the thermometer was felt early on Sunday morning as the wind howled and the snow swirled and drifted. It was certainly a typical Canadian winter day. The air was cold and crisp, even the birds seemed to want scarves to pull tighter about their wee necks. The second son had the Yamaha snowmobile out making tracks on the lawn, in the afternoon, despite the frigid cold, and he was not alone as numerous of the vehicle of choice these days were seen bombing around.

The week just over brought the spirit of the season closer to this old writer as several Christmas concerts were taken in at the local public school. Both shows were just marvellous, and all the more because the entire process was accomplished in a short period of time. Hats off to the students and staff for a job well done indeed in an incredible time frame. Rumour has it that the Kindergarten classes which attend school on alternate days did not even get together to rehearse and just went on stage live for their audience on performance day. They were so sweet and innocent. Waving to mom and dad, smiling shyly and then almost yelling the words to the song they were singing had more than one proud parents breaking up with laughter. Pictures were snapped and movies taken so the time could be saved for their viewing when they grow up. They were just precious, and we were all proud as punch as they belted out a couple of French songs for good measure, and did a terrific job too.

A Christmas parade in South Mountain was taken in on Saturday, it was fun...especially the friendly folk involved, it was worth the effort. Those pygmy goats were pretty cute!! A community coming together was evident for sure.

Coming home on Saturday, I came upon an accident which had just happened. A local lady was still in her car and the OPP had been called. Using my first aid training and my trusty Scout emergency kit (One in each of our vehicles, thanks to son number two) I was able to ensure she was okay, and enable her to stay warm...those wonderful Scout blankets do a marvellous job. The wind was chilly and I had been outside snapping photos of the parade, after giving her my coat to cover her legs, I was certainly happy that I had on my homeknit sweater. "Yes, I can knit when time allows, one of the few domestic things I am capable of accomplishing!

The sons took their girlfriends and another young lady shopping on Saturday. The big guy also got in a little spending while the old mother worked. We are behind schedule at the ranch since the tree is not yet in evidence an the inside decorations are sitting in the boxes yet. This week will have them up it is hoped.

The staff party to celebrate the season was a hoot. Some had a better time than others, but that is always the case. The waitress was extremely obliging and seemed to get right into the swing of things. The food was delicious and there was so much to enjoy. This writer kept losing her coffee, but finally she was able to snag the cup and enjoy the caffeine, no thanks to...Dave, Gord, Wendy, Gail or Roger! The complimentary wine from the management at The Chieftain/Advance was a nice touch and the DJs (Son number two and gal pal) did a fine job considering they were hauled into service just as we were leaving Swampview...all in all it was a good party. If anyone did not enjoy, then it is no ones' fault but their own.

Attending an Ecumenical Advent church service in Brinston on Sunday evening was fun. Taking an Anglican Communion in a United Church was a unique experience, having been a member of both the United Church and then the Anglican after marriage, (I figure the guy up there does not differentiate between names and buildings anyway) it was something not done before. The feeling of the season and of community was strong and then afterwards it was nice to stop in at some friends along the road and enjoy some visiting. Life grows far too hectic, what with family and all the things that need to be accomplished each day, we need to set aside time to see friends...a wonderful New Years' resolution, eh? They have a family of snowmen on the lawn, one representing each member of the family..cool.

The skating show in Cardinal was pretty special. The arena was certainly decorated beautifully, and the young skaters did an excellent job...and you know, you meet some of the nicest people at these things. Santa was there and the carollers (Bev and friends) added a nice touch to the festive event.

An interview late last week was a special time for this old reporter. The story will be featured in a later issue, but the time spent with the lady in question was a nice break from the routine.

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the bottom line

THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS...THOSE ADVENT CALENDARS are getting a work out these days. Those who have left their shopping to this late date (Seven shopping days left!) will have to settle for what is left on the shelves and hangers in the stores. It seems that most folks have got their gifts purchased and sitting under the tree. Some of us have been left out and best get scratching or there will be nothing to open on Thursday morning next week. Ah...a week from tomorrow!! Shop locally, that way we all benefit...P.S. I need a new pair of gloves. (mcb)

THANK YOU TO IROQUOIS AND SURROUNDING AREA...FOR THE PAST NUMBER of years, we at The Chieftain along with the staff at the Bank of Montreal have organized an Angel Tree. All of the gifts go to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange, where they are in turn, handed to less fortunate children, so they can smile on the special day. However, the tree would not be successful without the kindness you and your families have shown once again. Thank You very much. (mcb)

SATURDAY EVENING SAW THE CHIEFTAIN GANG GATHER WITH THEIR SISTER paper's workers and enjoy some great food, good company, tunes and dancing to celebrate the season. The Little girl in the front office did the leg work and we all appreciate her efforts on our behalf, it was a fun way to say Merry Christmas to those we work alongside all year. Thanks to the Bridgeview...Vern and Debbie, you were terrific girls!! Mike and Wanda unfortunately missed the fun due to a previous commitment and studying for political science..Fascism...an extremely perplexing, disturbing and ultimately dangerous ideology. (slj)

WHILE THIS TIME OF YEAR CAN BE A SPECIAL ONE FOR PEOPLE WITH families there are those who do not have any place to go on Christmas Day. This year, all of that changes..thanks to some very special volunteers right here in our area, people looking for some companionship Christmas Day can spend the afternoon at the Legion Hall in Morrisburg, sharing time and a hearty meal with others, perhaps the best gift you can give this year. Rumour has it that Santa will drop by for the young and young at heart. (Call 543-3904 to reserve your seat.) (mcb)

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Just Livin'

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Stopping for lunch at the Tea Room in Williamsburg was a delight for the old Editor. A focus story will appear next week on this notable place in our midst. Thanks fellows, it was great!

The first son got the stitches out of his hand and wrist. Things seem to be healing nicely, being young helps a lot. The cut goes from his palm down into the wrist, but the doctor who fixed it did a fine job and he should be left with a very minimal scar. He is starting to use it again now, but the idea of a job over Christmas is not even a thought now, so he is being kept busy with other things, for his folks and all. Today was spent designing a gingerbread house for a lady and there are those infamous CJ tapes to be completed as well...

The moon the other evening had a stormy ring of fog around it giving an eerie shadowy effect to the landscape. Looking at it the idea of snow, sleet or whatever came to mind, but in a matter of a half hour, the sky had cleared and the man in the moon was as bright and clear as could be. The fact that it was a full moon added to the strangeness of the entire escapade as we stood looking skyward. The dusting of snow made things slippery and more than one driver ended up nose first in a ditch on the weekend. Care and attention are necessary, since when the pavement gets a bit of snow on it and then drivers pack it, it becomes extremely easy to slide around.

Speaking of slip sliding away, the other day this old writer went to get out of the pickup and slipped on a patch of ice beside the truck. Grabbing the door jam, I was able to stop my feet from flying completely out from under me, but the poor old hand was sore as the lock mechanism ripped along the side of it. Then, at home the chill just would not depart from the old bones and since the slippers are mostly the worse for wear, I grabbed those of the first son. Yes they are a tad big on me, but they are warm. No problem so far until I decide to scale the staircase...and as some will guess, I stumbled "up" the stairs. There is no fat or muscle on these old shins...ouch!!

As this was being typed at the ranch, a ship was headed westward through the Locks. Decorated for the season, it displayed colourful lights strung along the deck and at the aft deck was a tree made from light strands ... pretty cool indeed.

As we head into the homestretch for Christmas, it is important that we remember why we have this season of joy, attend a Christmas Eve service at a church of your choice and share the glad tidings with others. Stay safe and happy. Til next time...the wisdom comes from Helen Keller who said, "I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do."

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of its vital stats, such as perforations, denomination, price depending on condition and whether it is used or not.

He still is not done cataloguing his stamps and if he keeps buying he never will be done, but maybe he doesn't want to be.



And the winner is...

Duane Kirker has an extra, crisp $1000.00 bill to spend this Christmas. He was the winner of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion's draw. Picking the winner, is Darlene Riddell and Bunny McGimpsey. Congrats Mr. Kirker, I had hoped...oh well.

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LETTERS

Writer does not agree...

Dear Editor,

People should not rob banks because when they do they scare the tellers and upset the police. When I make this statement, am I not stating the obvious and doing nothing to correct the problem? I feel this is exactly what your most recent editorial on drinking and driving accomplished. In this time of political correctness, it seems drinking and driving has become the poster child for newspaper editorials and time and time again; the only solution I ever see is more and more jail time for offenders. You state that drunk drivers who do jail time on weekends learn nothing from it. I wonder what basis do you state this as fact? Did you have a personal experience, or do any research of facts at all? I guess I shouldn't expect a newspaper to do any research before they make such a broad statement.

When we talk about drunk drivers, I think it is important to remember they are not only the people who get caught and have their names splashed across the newspaper. Impaired driving is considered someone who drives with a .08 or higher blood alcohol content. For the average person, studies say this is equal to 2 or 3 beers or liquor drinks in an hour long basis. I would dare say on a daily basis, there are a great many more people who meet this quota leaving our bars, sporting events and parties who don't get caught than do.

I am endlessly bewildered at those holier- than-thou editorials on drinking and driving because they always seem to make the impaired driver seem like some stranger that most good folk wouldn't know. An impaired driver can be a policeman leaving the golf course, a doctor leaving the curling club, a lawyer leaving a hockey game or a nurse leaving a cocktail party...could they? I always wonder what makes people who have been caught for drinking and driving...yet still do; think they somehow are more moral then those who do get caught.

I have been found guilty of impaired driving and I am ashamed of my stupidity at doing it. I will not, however apologize for the human being that makes me. I think in the overall picture, I am a pretty damn decent person and believe that most of the people who are drinking and driving (Whether caught or not) are too. So, my question is: "If most drinkers and drivers are such good people, what do we do to stop the problem?" Your statement, "That with Operation Red nose, people did not need to be drinking and driving," baffled me. As Operation Red Nose is only a 5-week program over the Christmas Season in Ottawa, you would have to fill me in as to how that is relevant to somebody in Iroquois trying to get home to Morrisburg, safe and sound??

Abstinence is the key, I am sure the non-drinkers will scream. I feel non-drinkers hold the key to solving the drinking and driving problem about as much as nuns know how to stop teenage pregnancy among girls and non-smokers can tell chain smokers how to stop!

There are many things others do and enjoy, but I do not understand. I don't like smoking, hunting, drugs or shopping all day long. I however, try not to belittle others that do because I do not understand. I think many others would be well served to follow this code of conduct.

When I think of ways to cut down on drinking and driving, I get confused by the actions of our government. Two way I think might help are: 1) close bars earlier to get people off the roads earlier. 2) Only open liquor stores 3 or 4 days a week so that 7-day a week cravings are not so easily met.

But, obviously, I must be wrong, because a government that is so upset with impaired drivers would not extend bar hours and open liquor stores 7 days a week, unless this was in society's best interests, would they?

In conclusion, if our fearless editor and her ilk are so terrified by the danger that impaired drivers put her and hers in, then try to do something about the problem on a local basis. The answer is not, as many do under the cloak of anonymity, to point fingers at your friends and neighbours. Instead of calling the police on a guy down the street with two beautiful children and a wife who has only been touched by his kindness, not his fists...offer him a ride home. I think human kindness could be a big factor in solving the impaired driving problem in our society. Sadly though, in Iroquois, just like other places in our society, there does not seem to be much of it left anymore.

Thank You.

Name withheld
at writer's request.

Thanks to the Chieftain for coverage

Dear Sandra and Chieftain Staff

Many thanks for your years of coverage of our library and its various events. Your support and attendance at our various presentations, poetry readings, children's shows and open houses allowed your readers to know what our library was doing. You have helped us create a positive image in the community and the entire Library Board and staff send their thanks. Best wishes for the holiday season to you all...Sandra, Wendy, Sharron, Sean and new staff member, Wanda.

Sincerely yours,
Eleanor Pietersma

So long its been good

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council for the trust they have shown in me these past 21 months as Clerk for the Village of Iroquois and I appreciate all that you have tried to do for your administrative staff.

I was fortunate to have worked with many wonderful people who made the Clerk's office run smoothly and made me look good.

"Nancy, Ruth," we made a great team!! I will miss you both and wish for you only the very best that the future can offer.

Last but not least, I wish to thank the residents and business people of our municipality for their kindness and support for the 18 years that I have worked for the Village of Iroquois.

I will be working for the Township of South Dundas come 1998 and hope to be able to continue to be available to you should you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas season and my very best for the New Year,

I remain,
Yours very truly,
Lorna D. Seibert.

Bird Notes

by
E.G. AVERY



There have been drastic changes since we last wrote: the landscape has gone from gorgeous red and gold to a network of varied branches of Maples, Willows and other trees, with evergreens mixed among them.

The ground at present has a blanket of white and the kids in the neighbourhood are getting out their sleighs. The great mitten and toque hunt is on!

The birds we see here are still Gulls and many Crows. While visiting family on the weekend, we watched a Dove, a beautiful Cardinal and a White-Breasted Nuthatch as they shared the goodies at the large feeder. Sparrows were chirping in nearby trees and hedges, providing the "dinner music."

New from Iroquois tells of Evening Grosbeaks, White-Breasted Nuthatches and Juncos (all signs of snow!). When a seed-ball was put out, the Chickadees soon found it. Downy and hairy Woodpeckers, a Cardinal and HouseFinches have also checked in.

Some of our bird-watching is done by television, as we have access to two new channels..."Life" and "Discovery", both of which show excellent nature programs, featuring Canadian subjects.

Our resident Squirrel, (Who we call Blackie) was tip-toeing through the snow on the neighbouring lawns, searching for something or perhaps just getting his exercise the other day.

It is time to put out feeders and to keep the field guide handy. happy watching! See you next month.

NB: This column from Eden was written and sent in late November, due to the mail strike , The Chieftain just received it.

BABIES OF 97

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Fun on Ice

Every once in a while the docs trade scalpules for sticks and bat a puck around.The local doctors from the Medical Clinic play a little hockey to stay limber. On Sunday afternoon they played a pickup game with a team made up of hospital personnel. It was just for fun, but the attendance of onlookers was great and the enthusiasm evident...next year it could well blossom into a fundraiser for Winchester and District Hospital. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Novice B squad wins "B" Championship in Prescott

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Novice "B" team played three hard fought games on Sunday as they took part in a Novice Tourney hosted in Prescott.

In the first game against the Kemptville Panthers, the lads did everything but score. This game ended in a tie, which led to a shoot-out. Coming up on the losing end of the 3-2 score, Todd Irven won the "Hustler" award for his efforts. Scoring in the game for the Lions were David Jones and Andrew Adlington.

The second game saw the Lions face off against the host, South Grenville Rangers in what was a see-saw battle for victory.

Counters for the Lions came from Todd Irven and Connor O'Brien, each with two, while Jordon Tryon and Andrew Adlington each found space in the opposite net once. Assists went to O'Brien, Sheldon Beckstead, Brandon Elliot and Tryon.

The winner came off the stick of O'Brien with only 31 seconds left in the game. He picked up the "Hustler" trophy for his initiative during this tight match.

The third game the Lions played was with a team from South Stormont. The Morrisburg squad came up with the win to put them in the "B" side final.

This was a hard won match for the locals, as at the end of regulation time the score board read a tie 2-2. Off into overtime, both teams played tough...at the end of 4 minutes, with four players a side, things remained tied. It was then down to three players and three minutes of play. Todd Irven decided he had had enough, grabbed the puck and skated with determination from coast to coast to net the winner, unassisted for Morrisburg. Irven had assists on both the goals scored to this point as Connor O'Brien and he teamed for the two goals that tied the game.

The "Hustler" award went to Morrisburg netminder, Graham Peters, who played a terrific game. This game win gave the Lions the "B" Championship.

Novice B drop one on Saturday

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Saturday afternoon the Novice B squad hosted North Dundas Devils and were stymied for the first two periods.

The Devils found the Morrisburg net twice in the first as Upper Canada Minor Hockey League play continues in arenas around the area.

North Dundas came into the second period full of confidence and again nailed two past Graham Peters in the Morrisburg net.

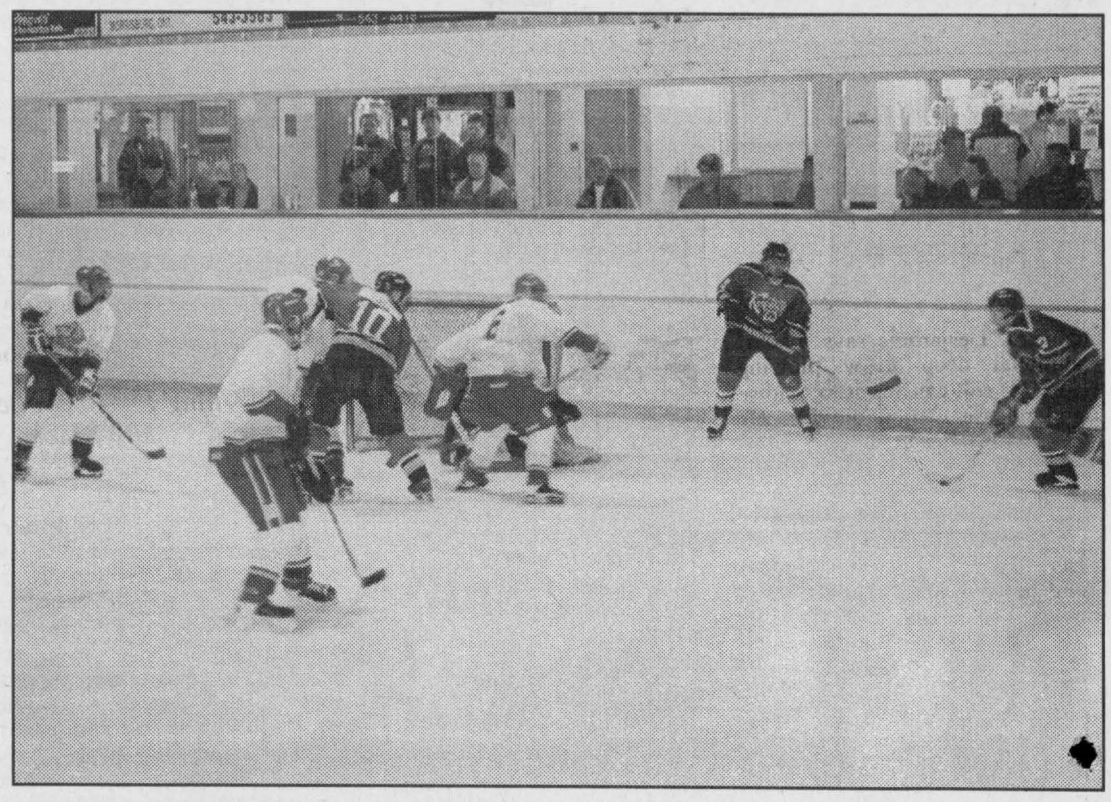
The score read 4 zip... The third began with the Devils scoring yet another. Then at 4:20, it was Connor O'Brien who took the pass from Brandon Elliot and found his target. It was too little too late as Elliot and Todd Irven went down ice to score at 1:20 of the third, as the Lions were not able to snag another and the game ended 5-2 for the North Dundas squad. Morrisburg took no penalties in this game while the opponents had two.

Blues lose tight one

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Pee Wee Blues travelled to Winchester for a rematch against the Kemptville III team.

Kemptville opened the scoring with 2 goals from Todd Templeton. The Blues fought back to come within one with Jamie Byvelds setting up Josh McElheran who fired it past the Kemptville goalie. Kemptville's final goal came off the stick of Shane Barnes to clinch the win. Once again Dan Adams and Andrew Chung split duties in the net for Morrisburg.



Lions roar quietly

The Junior "B" squad of Lions in Morrisburg is not doing as well on the ice as they would like to. They played Kemptville on Friday night at home and went down to defeat. They are in a rebuilding mode and need time and experience to get on track. A young team has a tough row to hoe as they struggle to gain momentum. They need support from their local fans and they will rebound as they gain experience. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Symphony on Ice in Cardinal

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Stunning, beautiful, marvellous transformation, as the arena in Cardinal resembled a skating wonderland. Those responsible deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

As the lights dimmed and the spots came up excitement behind the scenes grew steadily. Skate protectors came off, warm ups were accomplished to get tense muscles ready for action and last minute instructions flew...it was show time.

The Intermediate line took the ice first as they skated to "Its Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas." Megan Clifford, Natasha Hanes, Kaitlin Marriner, Kim Murdock, JoAnn Perry, Kortney Smail, and Courtney Sullivan got things off to a great start.

Tyler Colligan skated to Feziz Navidad and looked pretty impressive as he spun and jumped. he was followed by the Senior Line who chose Silver Bells for their theme song. Julie Bridger, Melissa and Sarah Byers, Erin Durant, Jennifer and Kim Howitt, Marcy MacDonald, Carey-Ellen Matthews, Jo-Ann Perry, Sara Rust, Danielle and Kortney Smail, and Courtney Sullivan were graceful as they executed their routine. There are some mighty fine skaters here.

The "pond scene" gave everyone a chance to take to the ice, as skaters, past; present and future skated arm in arm or hand in hand. There were some slips, but everyone seemed to be having a great time. Small skaters picked themselves up and skated on. It was just like days gone by on the pond in the farm field as folks gathered to enjoy the winter.

Melissa Maggio has a bright skating future ahead of her. She was lovely to watch as she would glide across the surface...

Megan Baker, Connor Elliott, Veronica Gibson, Shelby Geurkink and Lucy Jodoin were cute Frosty the Snowmen as they skated to the song by the same name.

Erin Durant, Kim Howitt, Danielle, Ashley VanCamp, Jennifer Howitt, Sara Rust, Danielle Smail and Heng Chay Chao all skated solos and entertained the full house in style.

The Chipmunks, Alvin, Simon and Theodore were there (aka: Amanda Riddell, Jennifer Schrader and Joel Smylie), Kim Murdock and Kaitlin Marriner skated to Hark the Herald Angels Sing and those wings must have been tough to twirl in...the gals did an excellent job and looked super on the ice.

Vanessa Elliott, Nathan Last, Lacey Mallett, Justin Rust, Krista Schrader and Carley Sullivan skated as a group to Christmas in Killarney. Another group on the ice later in the show were the "Little Saint Nick" group; James Colligan, McKenzie Gill, Brodie Geurkink, Reagan Hall,Beau Jodoin, Sierra McGuin, Shane Riddell, Curtis Tousignant and Ryan Van Strallen.

A Holly Jolly Christmas was wished for all as the Prescott Precision Line took to the ice. Kaleigh Byrd, Jennifer Baguff, Jenna Colautti, Kelly Cole, Tiffany Henderson, Becky Langstaff, Victoria Lawson, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Kayla Malanka, Rachel Reindorf, Kailee Travis and Janna Whalen.

The Choir who greeted everyone as they arrived at the arena got the audience into the mood as they had everyone singing Jingle Bells, Deck the Halls and Silent Night.

The Dalmatians were so sweet, people wanted to take them home!! Jarred Gibson, McKenzie Gill, Sierra Mcguin, Reagan Hall, Beau Jodoin, Shane Riddell and Curtis Tousignant were pretty good as they skated to Jingle Bells.

Megan Clifford and JoAnn Perry were the daintiest Elves ever as they skated a duet to Santa Claus is Coming to Town. Amanda and Lacey Riddell, Jennifer Schrader, Jenna Shay and Joel Smylie were wishing as they skated to "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

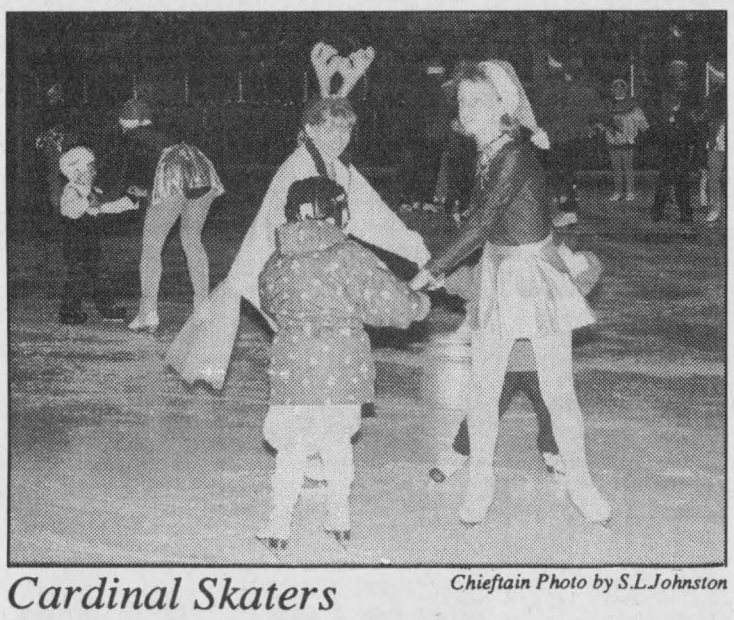
A Hawaiian Christmas was unique in this country and a most enjoyable interlude, as Vanessa Elliott, Nathan Last, Lacey Mallett and Lacey Riddell, Justin Rust, Krista Schrader, Jenna Shay and Carley Sullivan took us away from Cardinal for a few minutes.

Past, present and future skaters joined each other on the ice twice more, as they told the story of The Night Before Christmas and had us all, Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree.

The finale saw the Senior Line skate to "Its the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", featuring Tyler Colligan once more and then everyone joined in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!!!

Things ran like clockwork and when the white balloons began to pour upon the audience there arose such a clatter....

The Club thanked those who made the show successful, the skaters; teachers; parents; Prescott Finishing Inc.; the Choir; Bruce Wylie the MC; Strader Motor Sales, Morrisburg; Prescott Journal, Burchell's Rona Hardware; Shanly Pro Hardware; Findlayson Family Trees, Iroquois; Johnstown United Church; Prescott Figure Skating Club and Ted Hoy for his support and time.



Cardinal Skaters *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

The Annual Cardinal Skating show was a wonderful experience on ice. Here a group of skaters join hands to circle...it was an awesome show !! The decorations were outta sight and the talent which took to the ice surface was terrific.

Snowsuit Drive'97 in Morrisburg

This years snowsuit drive was held at the Morrisburg Public School gym Saturday, November 29.

We would like to thank all of the people who sent in winter items to be recycled. We had a great response from those who dropped these items off at our local schools.

We know the people who came out on Saturday were very appreciative of the items they were able to take home.

We would like to thank Brooke Leightizer, Principal of Morrisburg Public School for allowing us to use the school again this year for the Drive and also for allowing us to set up a rack in the front hall of the school to display more snowsuits and boots for those who were unable to make it to the Drive. There are still items there if anyone is in need of a snowsuit.

The remainder of the items from the Drive have been taken to Lazarus house in South Mountain.

We would very much like to thank all the doctors and staff at the Morrisburg Medical Clinic for their support this year. Also, Hartley Hodgson from Hartley's Sport Shop and Orville Delage from Delages' House of Gifts. Because of these people, we were able to do a little more for the community this year.

Lions play for interim coach

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg Lions Junior "B" team coaches, Rick Lalonde and Greg Polland both stepped down from their coaching positions after action on the ice ground to a halt on Sunday, December 7.

No new coaches have been named, but in order to keep the team on the ice and playing hockey in the league, as playoff action looms on the horizon, Dale Lewis has taken over the reins behind the bench.

Dale was behind the players as they hosted the Kemptville squad in a losing battle on the ice. Trouncing the Lions 9 to 1, Dale must have assuredly wondered if he was doing the right thing.

On Sunday the Morrisburg team travelled to Alexandria to face the Glens and again came up short. The final read 6-2.

We must remember that this is a rebuilding year for the Lions as they have a slate of young, new players who need time and experience as a team at this level to be competitive. Their stats are not too impressive, with 6 wins, 19 losses and 2 ties to their credit, but they are learning...and it is an invaluable lesson for all...watch the Lions roar on Friday night at the Den at 8:30 as they host South Ottawa. Sunday they travel to Metcalfe for a 2:15 start.

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

A public service provided by the businesses listed here in co-operation with this paper.

Mark Your Calendar for December 19, 1997. Turkey Dinner at the Iroquois Legion starting at 11:30 am. $6 per person *Everyone Welcome.Take out and delivery available.* It runs until food is gone.

Community of Songs of Christmas come and join us, the Community for the "Reason for the Season" ion song at **Matilda Hall on Fri. Dec. 19, 1997 at 7:30 pm.** Sing-a-long at 7:15. Bring a friend! Free will offering for House of Lazarus.

Knox Presbyterian Church will hold its Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 9 p.m. Dec. 24.

The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights will be holding their **Christmas services at the following times:** ***Dec. 24th, 7:30 pm St. John's, Iroquois, Family Eucharist; Dec. 24th 9:30 pm, St. James', Morrisburg, Choral Eucharist; Dec. 25th, 10 am, Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights, Holy Eucharist.***

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Future outlook bright for exports in agriculture

FARMING 2000

by Alvin Runnals and Sean McKibbon
Special to the Chieftain

The future looks good for Canadian farm exports, say agriculture experts at the Outlook Agrifood '98 conference at Kemptville College.

A low Canadian dollar, a possible jump in U.S. interest rates and a demand for corn the Americans cannot meet will all help to boost Canadian ag exports, said Tim O'Neil, Chief Economic Forecaster at the Bank of Montreal. O'Neil was the opening speaker at the Dec. 16 conference, which was sponsored by his bank and an agricultural thinktank.

While giving a general economic overview O'Neil said that the booming U.S. economy will probably prompt the Federal Bank to boost interest rates in 1998 to slow down the economy and fight inflation.

O'Neil said that U.S. workers were demanding better wages and benefits. Meanwhile he thought Canada would with its stagnant labor market would be somewhat insulated from the interest hike.

He said that some experts think the Canadian dollar is very undervalued at 73 cents U.S. and should be up as high as 76 or even 85 cents. The low Canadian dollar makes Canadian exports more attractive to American importers.

He said that the threat of Quebec separation was also helping to keep the dollar down.

On the corn front demand is tight, according to Brian Doidge, of the Ontario Corn Board. Speaking at the conference, Doidge told the audience that in order to satisfy its domestic demand the U.S. needs to plant 3 million more acres and yield 130 acres per bushel. Unable to plant that much more corn the U.S will have to turn to foreigners.

Adding to the demand is that historically, U.S. yields fall 22-per-cent in years with an El Nino weather pattern.

On the topic of beans the conference heard that demand for soy meal was also increasing, particularly in China where livestock production is expanding.

This demand was said to offset somewhat news that Brazil has plans for a gigantic soy bean crop.

Agrifood Outlook '98 is the brainchild of the George Morris Centre, an agricultural thinktank loosely associated with the University of Guelph.

This is the first year the conference has been held in Kemptville.

Farm Brief

Farmers lower CO_2

OTTAWA--An Agriculture and Agrifood Canada researcher says that no-till farming is reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Since 1990 Dr. Ray Desjardins, a micro-meteorologist, calculates that 17 per cent of cultivated lands have increasing carbon content. Desjardins says that traditional deep-furrow plowing stirs the soil causing it to oxidise and release carbon dioxide. He says with reduced summer fallowing and more effective fertilizer use the carbon is left in the soil. He projects that in two years 55 per cent of cultivated land will have increasing carbon content and in 30 years Canada's Agricultural soils could gain 400 million tonnes of Carbon dioxide.

Inkerman bridge officially opened by ribbon cutting ceremony

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

People driving from South Mountain to Winchester no longer have to use the Development Road detour.

The Inkerman bridge opened with a ribbon snipping by members of the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Roads Committee and representatives from the companies that worked on the bridge.

"Hopefully I won't be around when the bridge needs repairs next," said Steve Taylor an Engineer with Totten, Simms, Hubicki Associates, the engineering firm that has worked for the past four months on repairing the bridge with contractor Mike Bray.

"What happened was that there were a number of pre-cast box girders in the bridge that were moving from the centre out," Taylor explained.

He said that to remedy the problem originally the Counties had installed a steel plate on top of the girders, but this too had been beginning to wear.

The solution was to give the bridge a concrete top with steel doweling put into the girders to hold them in place, said Taylor.

He added that the abutments on the sides of the bridge were also re-enforced.

The entire job was accomplished for close to $235,000, said Taylor. Most of the funding for the project came through a Federal and Provincial infrastructure grant totalling $215,000.

A plaque detailing the involvement of the three levels of government will be installed later in the spring of 1998.

Landscaping restoration work will be ongoing.



Bridging the gap

Representatives from the S.D.&G. Roads Committee, engineering firm Totten, Sims, Hubicki and Louis W. Bray Construction gathered to open the Inkerman bridge. Above in random are John Hope (Deputy Reeve of Alexandria), Jim McGillivray (Deputy Reeve of Cornwall), George Currier (Reeve, Village of Maxville), Lyle Van Allen (Deputy Reeve of Williamsburg), Jim Bancroft (Reeve of Osnabruck Township), Don McDonald (S.D.&G. Roads Dept.), Steve Taylor (Totten, Sims, Hubicki), Claude Cousineau (Reeve, Township of Winchester), Mike Bray (Louis W. Bray Construction) Carl VerVoort (Totten, Sims, Hubicki), David Lloyd (Lewis W. Bray Construction), Murray MacMillan (Lewis W. Bray Construction) and Ronald Graham (Totten Sims Hubicki). *Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*

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BANFORD: The family of the late Clair Banford extend thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Winchester and Ottawa Civic Hospitals and the caregivers at the Hartford Manor in Morrisburg. Many thanks for the charitable donations, floral tributes and cards of sympathy. A sincere thanks to Rev. Doug Carnegie, the pallbearers and Danny of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home. Special thanks to family, neighbours and friends for your support & help in various ways. Also thanks to the Legion ladies who helped serve refreshments. All acts of kindness to Clair will always be remembered.
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Card of Thanks

McQUAIG: Thanks to all who helped at the Civic Centre, December 11th, 1997 for getting the ambulance. Thanks also to the ambulance crew, Lera Ellis and Lorne Strader for coming to hospital. Thanks for the phone calls, cards and visits since my coming home. Thanks to the doctors and nurses at the hospital. Thanks to Lorne Strader for bringing me home. Your kindness will long be remembered. I am not sending Christmas cards this year. Best wishes to all, with peace and joy, through the holiday season and always.
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Seasons Greetings

To all my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and neighbours,
I thank you for all the love and support that I received during the past year from all of you.
A Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the Lord's love.
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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE

The next regular meeting of the Council will be **December 18, 1997** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Community Hall at Dixon's Corners.**

W.E Horner
Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Matilda
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NOTICE BOARD

Applications are now being accepted for a ***MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN*** to be chosen on **January 10, 1998** at the Matilda Community Hall. **All applications must be submitted by December 31, 1997 to the Clerk's Office 652-4403 or Nancy Blokland 652-2096.** Must be between the ages of 15 (before Dec.31/97) and 18, and a resident of Matilda Township. Prize donations accepted and sponsorship of contestants are accepted.



Deer paraders

These youngsters were decked out with antlers as they rode on a float during the South Mountain Christmas parade on Saturday. Everyone had a blast and most were so co-operative, community spirit lives on! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Upper Canada Detachment of O.P.P. has new Commander

The Upper Canada Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has a new commander.

Inspector Michael Hopkins takes over the reins from now retired and past Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant John Mesich. Hopkins was on hand Dec. 11 in Long Sault to meet members of the press.

Promoted to his present rank in July 1997, Hopkins oversees 65 uniform and 10 civilian members at Upper Canada. The detachment polices Stormont and Dundas Counties. As part of the OPP reorganization, the former Long Sault, Winchester and Morrisburg Detachments clustered and became the Upper Canada Detachment of the OPP. The three offices remained with Long Sault as the administrative centre.

Hopkins began his career in the OPP in November 1972 when he joined as a radio dispatcher in Sudbury. He joined as a uniform member in May 1974 and was posted to Longlac Detachment. He transferred to Midland Detachment in June 1979.

He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in January 1984 and assigned to Blind River Detachment where he served for two years. Hopkins then transferred to Casselman Detachment.

In April 1989 he was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and assigned as detachment commander at the Cochrane Detachment until October 1995 when he transferred to Kanata Detachment in the same capacity.

Inspector Hopkins in married to wife Jessie and has two children, Kris (20) and Karen (18).

Inspector Hopkins has already entered into his new challenge in developing strong community ties and is a supporter of community policing, which the OPP has adopted as the method of the future.

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Roger Davidson
Director of Education
Directeur général

AVIS

Nous vous prions de noter que le siège social du Conseil des écoles catholiques de S. D. et G. sera fermé pour affaires durant les vacances de Noël à compter du mercredi 24 décembre 1997 à 12 heures au vendredi 2 janvier 1998 inclusivement.

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Williamsburg Township:

Garbage: Tuesday, Dec. 23 & 30, Jan. 6, 13, etc.
Final Friday pick-up - Dec. 26
Recycling: Dec. 26, Jan. 6, Jan. 20, etc.

****Effective Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Tuesday & recycling every other Tuesday.**

Morrisburg:

Garbage: Final Monday pick-up - Dec. 29
Final Friday pickup - Jan. 2
Recycling: Final Thursday pick-up - Dec. 18

****Effective Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Wednesday & recycling every other Wednesday.**

Matilda Township:

Recycling: Final Monday pickup - Dec. 22

****Effective Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Thursday & recycling every other Thursday**

Iroquois:

Garbage: Final Monday pick-up - Dec. 29
Recycling: Final Monday pick-up - Dec. 22

****Effective Friday, Jan. 2, 1998, all garbage will be picked up every Friday & recycling every other Friday beginning Jan. 9.**

Every resident or business must have a Disposal Site Permit in order to be permitted access to the Dump Sites. These permits are available at the office.

For further information please call our office at 535-2673 or 1-800-265-0619.

Please note: Disposal Sites in Matilda & Williamsburg will be closed Jan. 1 & 2 and re-open on January 3rd - Williamsburg 9 a.m. - 12 noon & Matilda 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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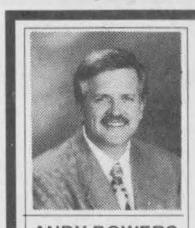


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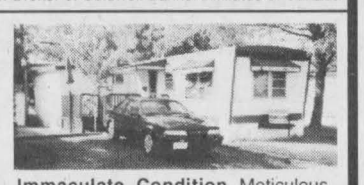

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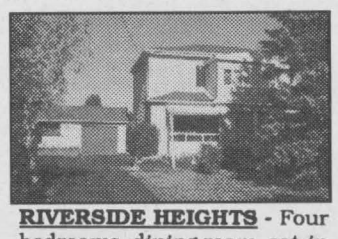

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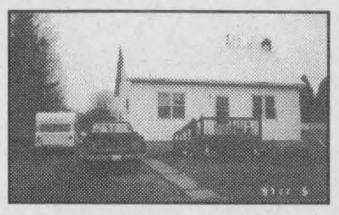

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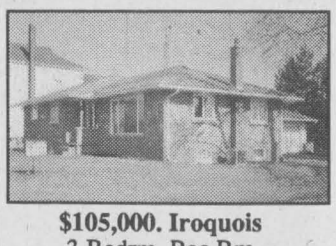

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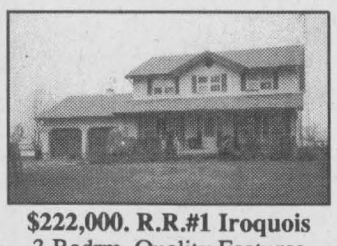

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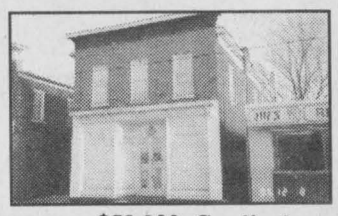

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Dixon's donates to exchange

Students at Dixon's donated 273 food items to the South Dundas Christmas exchange. They held a competition between the primary grades and the junior grades. The primaries' 133 food items were only beaten by seven. At 133 to 140 the competition was deemed to be so close that everyone enjoyed a treat at lunch. Above Dixon's Corners students offer their donations to Jean and Charles Marsden. *Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*

Seaway Valley Singers sing seasonal songs

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Yuletide spirit filled the air last Sunday as the Seaway Valley Singers presented their annual Christmas Concert. Lakeshore United Church was bathed in sunshine and as the stained glass windows provided a colourful showcase for the musical program the pews filled quickly.

Under the musical direction of Michael Goodwin, along with accompanist, Margaret Brown, the music soared through the church spreading Christmas cheer.

The program began with excerpts from the Messiah, directed by Steven Kenward Jr.

Wonderfully talented; the choir, soloists and the Renaissance Voyces brought the joy of the season to the hearts of all in attendance. An interactive afternoon, the audience was invited to participate in three Christmas Carols before the close of the concert.

Formed as a community choir for those in Morrisburg and surrounding area in 1993, the Seaway valley Singers have performed at events in Williamsburg, Chesterville, Finch, Winchester and Morrisburg.

The choir includes: Soprano: Agnes Campbell, Vi Casselman, Lori-Anne Cochrane, Betty Cole, Josie Farrar, Pauline Haliburton, Susan Hanson, June Herriman, Margaret Lee, June Perry, Pat Remillard, Caroline Roberts, Jo Saunders, Sydney Smith, Lois Stewart, Judy Veinotte, Susan Wells, mary Ann Whittaker and Diane Wilson.

Tenors: Jim Banford, Stephen Kenward Jr., Bill Kurschinski, Bob Ruddock, Manfred Staebler and Phillip Tinker.

Alto: Marie Barkley, Nancy Bresnahan, Georgia Copland, marilyn De Zeeuw, Jill Dumaresq, Robin Lane, Ruth Merkley, Ruth Shearing and Carol Wicke.

Bass members are; Bob Burgess, Geoff Clark, George Davies, Steve Kenward and Bill Shearing.

Any singers wishing information on joining the choir may call Michael Goodwin at 535-2780.



Seaway Valley Christmas

The sun shone through the windows and voices were raised in song as Christmas drew nigh at Lakeshore Drive United Church. Christmas music and carols were the order of the afternnon as a full house enjoyed the atmosphere. Songs from the Messiah are so very perfect and these singers do justice to them.

Chieftain Photo by M.C. Bailey

COMING EVENTS

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Annual Community Songs of Christmas to be held at Matilda Hall Friday December 19

The Annual Community Songs of Christmas will be held in Matilda Hall on Friday evening, December 19. At 7:15pm, there will be a sing-a-long followed by musical entertainment provided by Dixon's Corners Public School, Brinston United Church Choir, Timothy Christian School Choir, the Community Christian Reform Church Choir as well as numerous vocal solos, groups and instrumental numbers. A "free will offering" will be taken to help the House of Lazarus provide help to the needy at this time of year. Please come and bring a friend.

Morrisburg/Iroquois Catholic Women's League held annual Christmas dinner December 1st

The Morrisburg/Iroquois Catholic Women's League held its' annual Christmas dinner and auction at the Morrisburg Legion on December 1st.

The food was excellent, the entertainment hilarious and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the auction. Money raised form the Auction will be used for flowers for Christmas and Easter at both churches.

The next meeting of the CWL will be held in Iroquois on January 19th. The program is "Prescription Drug Awareness" with speaker, Gord Lane.

The CWL would like to thank The Chieftain staff for all their help this year and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

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Graduation



Dale & Jane Boyd are very proud to announce the Graduation with distinction of Kathryn (Kathy) from the University of Toronto, Honors B.A. programme. Kathy is presently pursuing her Masters Degree in Drama Therapy at Concordia University in Montreal, and has recently returned from a conference in New York City

Bridge Winners

The winners of the December 10th bridge party were first Fred Langlotz, second, Doug Archibald and third went to Dick Gaiser.

Join us each and every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Iroquois Civic Centre. We hope to see you all there!

Winchester Hospital Auxiliary meeting

The latest meeting of the Winchester Hospital Auxiliary was held Dec. 11. A. Dixon, Hospital Dietician, and her staff presented a delicious Christmas dinner to about 62 members which included many former and long-time members. Sue Casselman's decorations gave the room a warm and festive air.

Rev. Brown led us in giving thanks for our blessings and following the meal shared with us many of his favourite Christmas songs. Included among the songs was the answer to the question what ever happened to all the items that were received from a *Partridge in a Pear Tree*!

Joan Farlinger thanked Diane Lapier for her continued support for all she does to help the Auxiliary, as well as Roy Glassford and Jos for attending the dinner. A short business meeting followed. Jos, our CEO, gave an update of the Restructuring Committee. They should be ready by February/March to present their findings. She also mentioned that the hospital would like to welcome hospital, Auxiliary and Pastoral Care members to participate in a little Christmas cheer of thanks Dec 18 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Graham Barkley reported on the events of the Sunshine Group. they have had a busy month being entertained by the Osgoode Township Choir, a Christmas party with a visit from the jolly old man himself, the Svenson Family and the Osgoode Men's Choir, were (are) activities on the December calendar. You are invited especially family members to join any of these programmes.

Marion Carkner representing the Winchester Unit presented our President with a cheque for $4,000; this money included profits from the euchre parties and Summer Bingo at the Lions' Hall, as well as a $1,400 donation from the Hundred Club from their Thrift Store in Winchester.

Current planning arrangements are under way in preparation for the Spring Conference of Region Nine Hospital Auxiliaries. The Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario (Seafarers) in Morrisburg has been chosen as the conference site. A programme for the day is being drawn up.

The next scheduled meeting will be Feb. 8 at 1:30 in the Hospital board room.

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Singing the word

Those who were not lucky enough to hear the South Mountain Gospel Singers at the Celebration of Hope Christmas Concert at Nationview Public School Dec. 14 can catch their music on their new audio cassette: *The Lighthouse*. Pictured above in random order are Doug Boyd, Dale Williams, Wayne Pitt, Bill Williams and Harry Castle. The cassettes are available from any of the singers as well as from Peggy Lewin, Jane Boyd and Rick's Gas Bar.

Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon

South Mountain Gospel Singers release new cassette just in time for Christmas

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They never meant to record a gospel album, but thanks to popular demand the South Mountain Gospel Singers have a cassette out and ready for Christmas.

"We just started out singing in the (South Mountain United) Church. People kept asking us about whether or not we had a tape and we kept having to say no, but after a while we got to thinking maybe we should record something," says Gospel Singer Wayne Pitt. So, he and his fellow band-mates Doug Boyd, Dale Williams, Bill Williams and Harry Castle as well as organist Jane Boyd went to Bob Belanger for help recording.

Belanger recorded the group of amateur singers "on location" in the South Mountain United Church. Using the latest in digital recorders and mixer Belanger captured the essence of the group.

The result is a deep, rich-sounding album called *The Lighthouse*. Filled with old favorites and some of the groups most popular pieces, the album at times reminds one of the African harmonies featured on Paul Simon's *Graceland* album.

"We try really hard to get good harmonies," says Pitt.

At an initial run of only 500, the cassettes are bound to go fast. Particularly when all of the proceeds from the tapes (available on a free-will donation basis) go to local charities.

"We thought about doing CDs but our biggest audience is probably going to be seniors and most of them don't have CDs," says Pitt.

The South Mountain Gospel Singers started singing together a long time ago, says Pitt, but only seriously for the last six or seven years.

"A bunch of us were in the choir and then someone said one choir practice, 'Why don't the men sing?' So we got together and that's how it started," remembers Pitt.

Tapes are available from band members and from Peggy Lewin the band's manager.

OBITUARIES

William Alan Strader

Peacefully on Saturday, December 13, 1997, at his home in Oxford Station in his 79th year, William Alan Strader.

William (Bill) was born on January 22, 1918 in Irena (Near Iroquois) to Charles Strader and Maude Hodge.

Bill was a well known sports figure in his youth throughout the area. This included a hockey scholarship in Potsdam, New York.

He served with distinction overseas during the War as a Flight Officer with the RCAF. Bill married Wanda (Poaps) on March 14, 1947 in Morrisburg, Ontario. He retired from Bell Canada in 1975.

Bill is survives by his beloved wife, Wanda; daughter, Nancy of Ottawa and sons, James (Vienna) and Peter of Oxford Station and Steven (Christine) of Prescott.

Devoted grandfather of Sharon, Sarena, Donald, Greg and Michael, he was predeceased by his brother, Raymond (Doris) and his son, Arnold (Heather).

At the request of the family, there was no visitation. A private service was held at the Grant Brown Funeral Home, Rolston Chapel, Kemptville on Tuesday, December 16, 1997. Interment followed at Sprucehaven Cemetery in Brinston. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family.

Is Jack Frost biting at your nose?

It may make for warm and fuzzy Christmas Carol themes, but there's little comforting about Jack Frost biting at your nose...or toes.

Frostbite or skin that's inflamed due to exposure to excessive cold, can be a serious threat.

"Winter and the cold is nothing new to anyone in Eastern Ontario. Yet we sometimes forget just how easily and quickly we can fall victim to it. And once an area has been frostbitten, it's likely that it will freeze again, " says Martha Lemieux of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Wearing layers of warm, dry clothes, and ensuring little or no skin is exposed can help fend off frostbite, she says.

Children eager to embrace the joys of winter, may be particularly at risk of frostbite. " They can't always judge time so they could be exposed to the elements for an hour and because they're busy playing, it may seem like just a few minutes. They may also not fully appreciate the need for proper winter dressing. Frostbite can sneak up on them," says Lemieux.

Even infants, snugly bundled, must be closely monitored. "Babies and young children don't move around as much as older children, so they're prime candidates for frostbite, particularly their ears, nose, cheeks toes and fingers." Babies carried in back packs should be repeatedly checked to ensure their legs are warm and that no skin is exposed.

Lemieux offers the following tips for dealing with frostbite:

* If possible, get indoors.
* If you can't get out of the cold, place and hold your own warm hand on the frostbitten area. Don't rub the area . Don't apply heat, water or snow.
* Place your frostbitten fingers in your armpits or between your thighs. Indoors, remove clothing from the frostbitten area and soak in lukewarm NOT HOT water, and pat dry.
* Stop warming when the skin becomes pink. Frostbitten parts may become painful as they begin to warm.
* Drink warm beverages.

Weathering the winter travel woes

Ideally, the best place to be during foul winter weather is indoors. But in this part of the country, that could mean spending the bulk of the winter inside.

"Sometimes you simply must be on the road, even when the weather's less than perfect," says Janet Allingham of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. "In those cases, you can help ensure a safe trip by being prepared."

Allingham suggests preparing and maintaining a survival kit for the car, including:

* a blanket or sleeping bag
* extra socks, hats, mitts, boots and raincoat
* battery-operated radio with extra batteries
* a shovel and small bag of sand
* facial tissues
* high-calorie, non-perishable food such as dried fruit
* first aid kit
* candles and matches

If you do become stranded, Allingham suggests the following:

* Stay in your car.
* Open a window to allow fresh air into your car.
* Run the motor sparingly, ensuring the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow.
* Set out warning lights or flares.
* Exercise your legs, feet and hands.
* Keep moving and don't fall asleep.
* Post a Call Police sign in the rear window.



Silent Night

The South Mountain United Church Choir sings Silent Night at the Celebration of Hope Christmas Concert at Nationview Public School Nov. 14. The concert also featured such singers as the Gal Pals, the Messengers and South Mountain United Church Lay Minister Marion Milnes.

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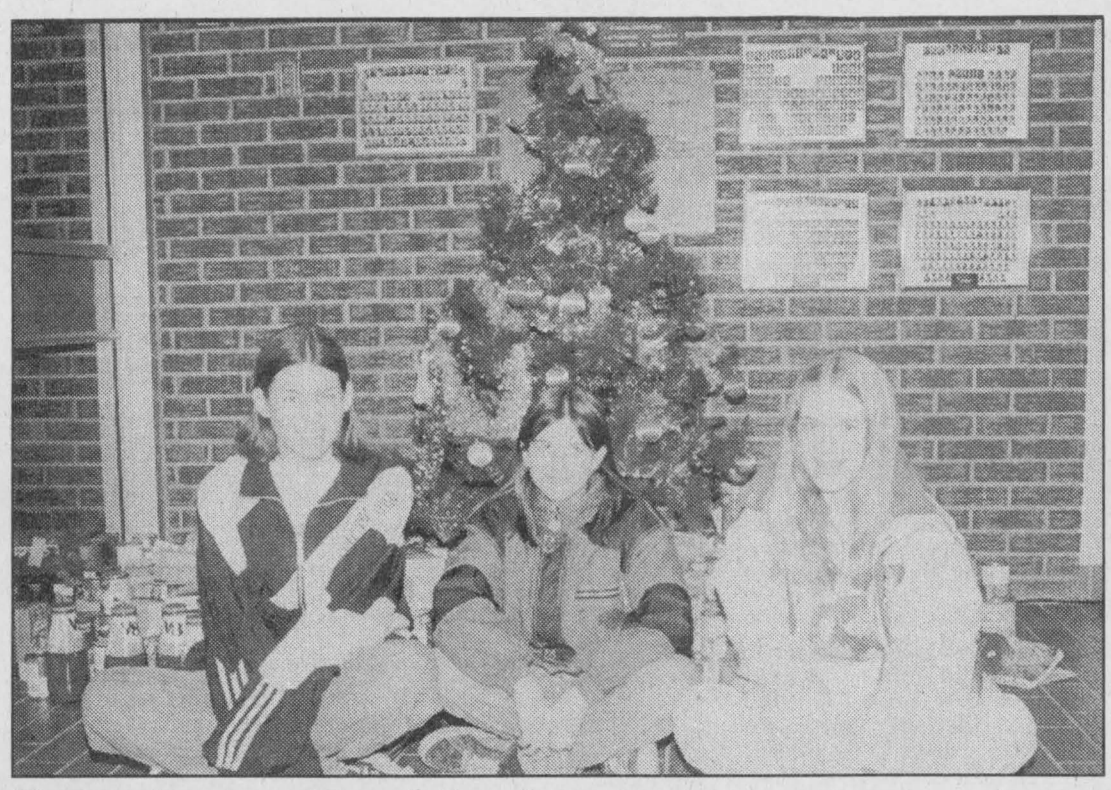

Donations to Food Bank

Nationview Public School students have donated to help those less fortunate. The goodies piled behind Amanda Hutt, Samantha Robert and Diane Wicks will go to the Food Bank to stock shelves and ensure that when destitute folks need food it is available for them. A great idea for young people to lend a hand at this time of the year as well as other times too. We are all in need of a hand at times.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Counties looking at changing intersection due to accidents

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Counties are looking at changing the intersection of what will become County Road 2 (formerly Highway 2) and Brinston Road.

The intersection east of Iroquois has for years been the scene of traffic collisions.

"We have a survey crew of two looking at the intersection," says Donald McDonald the County Engineer for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

] McDonald says the Counties were finally able to send the crew out Nov. 17 after working on a huge backlog of jobs throughout the three united counties.

The Counties are responding to a request from Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank and Matilda Reeve Charles Barkley to review the intersection.

"We've received a number of suggestions from people about how to improve the intersection," says McDonald.

"Some people have suggested putting in a turning lane, some people have said we should put in a passing lane. We've also had the suggestion that we should alter the slope of the road approaching the intersection so that visibility is improved."

McDonald says there has been no decision on which modification will be chosen.

"That's why we are sending out the surveyors to look at it," he says.

says McDonald says that now that responsibility for Highway 2 is being shifted to the counties, there may be an opportunity to cut through some of the red tape that would have surrounded modifying the road.

In addition to Highway 2, Highways 31, 43 and 34 will all become the responsibility of SD&G. The resultant increase will turn the 750 km of roads that the municipal staff currently take of to 975 km.

Parker Funeral Home Ltd.-new name!

After several months in business, the funeral home called Fairbairn Funeral Home and B.J. Parker Holdings Ltd. has undergone a name change to **Parker Funeral Home Ltd.**

"People were perhaps somewhat confused at seeing both Fairbarin Funeral Home and B.J. Parker Holdings Ltd. With the name change it will be less ambiguous. Mr. Fairbairn has not been associated with the business since the purchase by Parker on April 10. "We are currently beginning our ninth month in business; with the name change, it is like a new birth," says Parker.

Parker notes how she came to the area as a stranger and has found the community most supportive. "I look at the townspeople as my friends."

Raised on a farm near Teeswater in southwestern Ontario, she says she has always had a heart for rural and community living.

Being a Funeral Director in Lambeth, near London, I have enjoyed the many aspects of my career, believing strongly in small business, the move to Morrisburg has been a "dream come true" for me," says Ms. Parker.

"While so many people are dissatisfied with their jobs, my team members and I look forward to each day as it brings exciting challenges to help and care for people. People in the funeral service are at their happiest when they believe they are making an important difference in the lives of others," continues Parker.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Watch

from the downtown area of the village. This vehicle has not yet been recovered. Constable J Hatch is investigating this incident.

Community Patrols

Community patrols have been part of our communities for a number of years now. The villages of Iroquois, Winchester, Morrisburg and Chesterville all have groups of volunteers active. The volunteers give of their own time to patrol in the villages as part of an "eyes and ears" type program to assist the residents of the communities and the Police. Over the Past week assistance of members of the Iroquois patrol was vital in police apprehending three persons responsible for a break and enter at the L.C.B.O. in the village and the recovery of approximately $24,000 in stolen property, and the recovery of a stolen vehicle from the Ottawa Carleton Area. While many hours are donated by the members of our various patrols on nights that seem very uneventful, the contribution of these various units on an ongoing basis, working towards a safer community, should be gratefully acknowledged by all residents.

Thefts from vehicles

On the evening of Dec. 12 four vehicles were broken into while they were parked at a local establishment in the village of St. Andrews. Entry was gained by breaking a side window of the vehicle and in one case, the locking mechanism on the door was punched. The following items were then taken from inside: IBM computer system, various clothing items, jewellery, groceries, christmas gifts, sealed liquor and beer, a purse with personal items inside and power tools.

The value of items stolen is unknown at this time.

Drug Charges

As a result of investigation by members of the Upper Canada OPP on Dec. 14 one Matilda Township man is charged with a drug related offence. Darrin Randy Heutsis, Age 30, of R.R. 2 Iroquois has been charged with possession for the purposes of trafficking, contrary to the controlled drug and substances act. Mr. Heutsis is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on January 6, 1998 to respond to this charge.

Recovered and Stolen Property.

Upper Canada Police recovered a number of items Dec. 14 Police attended the village of Mountain and located a Ford van which had been reported stolen from the North Gower area on Dec. 10. Police found stolen property inside the vehicle, including furniture and home entertainment items taken in break and entries at residences in Oxford on Rideau Township and veterinary supplies from a theft in the Richmond area. The value of the property recovered is estimated to be $5,000.

No charges have been laid in relation to this incident.

R.I.D.E. Update

During the past week 8 R.I.D.E. check programs were conducted in Dundas County. Five-hundred-and-two vehicles passed through the spot checks which resulted in the laying of 4 Criminal Code Drinking and Driving charge, Two 90 day administrative driver's licence suspensions, 2 Criminal Code charges not related to drinking and driving and 5 charges and 9 warnings under the Highway Traffic Act.

Holiday reminder

With many scurrying to get last-minute Christmas shopping done, the upper Canada Detachment wish to remind everyone to keep purchased gifts secured in the trunk of vehicles or kept out of sight in trucks. Items left in plain view are an invitation to thieves to gain access and spoil this festive time of year. So please use common sense and remember... outta sight, outta mind. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Morrisburg

service group decided to go with an electric fryer that will fit within the original structure of their service area.

"As a Lions Club we thought we should upgrade the fryer and we looked at several feasibility things," said Mr. Van De Kamp. "Two involved structural changes but we felt that wasn't the way to go." Finishing up, he explained that the Lions Club had not come to council before, because they had been waiting to tender out the job. "We didn't want to come and not have anything to show you."

"Having spent the last year travelling to arena's from Belleville to Akwesasne, I've found most (canteens) are run for profit," interjected Councillor Larry Schnurr, chair of the recreation committee. "I can tell you, it's nice to see the money that is spent at the arena coming back into the community. I didn't realize how lucky we were to have a group that is willing to do this."

Emergency measures

Next on the agenda, council heard from Emergency Measures Planner.

Bill Shearing began working for the village three years ago, putting together an emergency measures plan of action and has volunteered his services to the new township of South Dundas. "What you have done on emergency preparedness will not be wasted," said Mr. Shearing. "In fact, I hope to modify your plan for the new township."

At the end of the evening, the reeve took the opportunity to thank his fellow municipal advisors. "The past six years have been a pleasure working with each and everyone of you," Reeve Gord McGregor said to the seven people in attendance, four councillors, two reporters and the municipal Emergency Measures co-ordinator. "I believe the committee system we used worked well... Everyone had a job to do and they did it... It was quite democratic.... It was a good council to work with."

Finishing up, the reeve gave a huge thank you to village clerk Cheryl Tynski. "We couldn't have done it without you," said McGregor.

"It's quite a little bit of history.... Morrisburg is done," the reeve wondered out loud. "After 100 and some years.... That's it!"

Seaway This Week

with Alexis McQuigge

This week was an exciting week for sports fans at Seaway. The Junior Boys Basketball team was successful in a showdown against Grenville Christian College on Tuesday. Phil Pollock was top scorer for the Spartans, while great performances came from Derek Swank and Mike McCann as well.

Seaway's Senior Boys played the team from Grenville in a nail-biter at Seaway on Tuesday. With a score of 44-43 for the Grenville squad, Jason Byvelds was fouled just as the buzzer sounded. Jason sank both foul shots to end the game 45-44 for Seaway! Travis Thompson was top scorer for the host team with 14 points and five assists. The Senior Boys team played Char-lan on Wednesday and easily came away with a final score of 94-40. Great play by Derek Casselman who put 40 points on the board for Seaway had 14 rebounds and 5 assists. Seaway students were allowed out of class to see the games providing they brought two non-perishable food items for the food bank.

Seaway's Junior and Senior bands as well as the choir will be putting on a Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening, December 17 in the School gym. Merry Melodies will start at 7:30 and donations will be accepted at the door.

Friday the 12th wrapped up both our milk campaign and chocolate bar drive. Both were successful, even though we fell short by some $437.00 on our chocolate bar goal of $11,000.00.

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