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Month by month happenings in the year 1983

January

Jennifer Sluiskes was crowned Matilda Township Winter Carnival Queen before a squeezing-room only crowd at the community hall in Dixon's Corners to kick off the most successful carnival ever in spite of unseasonable weather that aborted several events and forced the snowmobile rally to become a car rally and scavenger hunt. Yet, snow did arrive for the final two days and helped make the woodsmen's day competition a giant success. Added activities served to make it a day for the whole family as reflected by a record number of participants and spectators.

Not all was peaches and cream among township residents, however, as along and sometimes bitter wrangle began over a proposed quarry near the existing Fetterly's Quarry. Nearby residents sought council's support to fight the application by Cornwall Gravel to extract stone and many felt abandoned when council decided to remain neutral.

Meanwhile, township council increased its salaries to bring them into line with neighbouring municipalities as the reeve's wage jumped 19.2 per cent to $1,500 annually and the rest of council voted to increase their wages 17.3 per cent to $1,350.

In Iroquois, there was good and bad news. The closing of the Beamish store culminated a line of bad economic stories and left the village without a general clothing and merchandise store.

The good news was the response of the community to the Block Parent program after two months of hard work by a special committee. Forty eight homes applied and were accepted to take part in the project.

February

A proposal by the federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to place Iroquois and Matilda Township within the riding of Leeds-Grenville was greeted with general opposition and presentations were made to the commission by village reeve Frank Rooney and township resident Mike Ault along with written representation from Matilda reeve Lorne Strader and a 100-name petition from the township which served in part to sway the commission to junk the proposal later in the year.

Quick action by Greg Dejong and Eugene McInnis prevented a serious mishap when a school bus loaded with 11 separate school students went out of control on Concession 3. The two boys took over controls when driver Winnifred Patterson was thrown from her seat into the stairwell after the bus left the road and they guided the vehicle to a safe halt. The boys subsequently were nominated as Ontario Junior Citizens of The Year by Mabel Whitteker through The Chieftain and Morrisburg Leader and with support of the school board, community leaders and local organizations.

After an exhausting, three-day hearing at Brinston, J.R. Mills, chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board, reserved decision on application by township residents to quash a proposed quarry by Cornwall Gravel. Mr. Mills said he would wait until hearing an appeal by residents to have the zoning declared improper.

Township reeve Lorne Strader began a one-year term as chairman of the South Nation River Conservation Authority after sitting on the executive since 1979.

The Iroquois Legion formed an Honour Roll Committee to establish a record of all village and township World War One, World War Two and Korean Conflict veterans and to update information on those killed or who died while in the forces. The project spawned similar ones in other communities, notably Morrisburg.

Local consumers got a temporary break on gas purchases when service stations lowered the price of gas to 36 cents a litre for regular, about 10 cents less than charged today.

A violent truckers' strike in the United States brought a brief halt to shipments in that country by Rayvals Transport Ltd. but drivers voted to resume daylight driving after several days and the strike ended shortly after.

Matilda farmer Don Barkley was named the first winner of Canada Starch Co. Inc.'s trophy for supplying the best quality wet-milling corn from Eastern Ontario growers and Carroll Levere won for the second conecutive year the Cardinal Fish and Game Club's award as sportsman-of-the-year.

March

Seventeen-year-old Louise Bass was crowned Queen of the Cardinal Winterfest from a record 16 contestants during week-long celebrations highlighted by the Figure Skating Club's annual ice revue which attracted some 400 spectators to the arena. Other feature events were exhibition hockey games, outdoor activities, an ecumenical service and a tug-of-war between queen contestants and a lesser number of firefighters.

One man was killed when his eastbound Mack tractor and trailer slammed into a Ford tractor-trailer pulling onto Hwy. 401 from theCarman Road interchange. Gilles Ouimet, 32, of Lachenaie L'Assumption, Quebec died instantly in the accident.

The Iroquois Block Parents Committee reported that 60 homes were actively involved in the program.

Two Dundas farm equipment dealers were elected to the directing body of the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' Association. Bob Weagant of Weagant Farm Supplies Ltd. was elected as 1983 director and Martin Derks of Derks Equipment Ltd. was chosen as the organization's area representative.

Another local farmer, Allison Fawcett of Winchester, was elected president of the Holstein-Friesan Association of Canada at the board of directors meeting in Vancouver.

Bell Canada presented a community service award to Shirley Pettinger in recognition of her work on the Matilda Recreation Committee and several other township organizations. She was one of eight Bell Canada employees so honoured.

The month saw the return of the Iroquois Merchants Association after a two-year absence after a public meeting attended by representatives of about 20 village businesses. Following election of an executive, plans were made for a trade show and the summer festival parade.

South Mountain's Deidre Booth learned she had won a July trip to Mexico as part of the leaders in pathfinders program of the Girl Guide movement. Deidre was the first representative of the Nation Valley District to be selected since 1979.

Fire caused $3,000 damage to Brock Collison's home on the Broken Second after a chimney fire extended into the roof and upstairs walls. Firemen were at the scene for 1½ house before bringing the blaze under control.

April

For Ken Carter, April was a disappointing month as the Supreme Court of Ontario ordered removal of his Morrisburg ramp where his fabled quest to jump the St. Lawrence River never really got off the ground. Reason for the court order was that the ramp continued to crumble each year and it encroached on the United Counties highway setback regulations.

The counties budgeted $175,000 to resurface the Brinston Road between Brinston and Hulbert Valley and later in the year found money to complete the job to the road's northern limit. In addition, $450,000 was allocated over two years to replace Salter's Bridge with another after the South Nation River was re-routed about 100 yards to the north.

The Drug and Alcohol Teen Awareness program held a girls-only day at Morrisburg to help young girls learn to develop positive self-images. About 100 attended and heard CJOH newscaster Linda MacLennan talk about self-respect and confidence and psychometrist Cheryl Langford speak about dealing with peer pressure before they were treated to a fashion show.

Iroquois held the municipal share of 1983 tax bill to a 4.7 per cent increase to stay within provincial guidelines. United Counties and education taxes pushed the bill higher. Meanwhile taxes in Cardinal rose by 5.42 per cent.

The Iroquois Legion No. 5 dart team won league and play-off championship honors and received plaques and trophies for their victories in the Men's Inter-branch League. Players were Glen Adams, Reg Farmer, Rick Sayeau and Jim Logie.

Thousand Islands Secondary School students won the Championship Cup at the annual Seaway District High School relay meet under ideal weather conditions. Seaway athletes totalled 12 points to finish 13th in the 19-school competition.

Morrisburg lawyer Doug Grenkie was elected president of the federal SD & G Progressive Conservative Association and led a six-member delegation to the party's leadership convention that saw Brian Mulroney picked as party leader in June.

The province announced its intention to proceed with a resort hotel at Upper Canada Village touching off a continuing war of words with the Lake St. Lawrence Hotel-Motel Owners and Operators Association who say they will suffer by increased competition.

Attendance for the two-day Iroquois trade show topped 900 persons as the event made a return after a three-year absence. The show was sponsored by the newly formed Merchants Association and featured about 30 displays and many other businesses took part by donations of door prizes.

Catherine Whittaker advanced to district finals in Smith's Falls where she placed second in the Royal Canadian Legion's public speaking competition for her speech on Canadianism.

The Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to seven outstanding citizens of the area including Mahlon Zeron, Winnie Allison, John Corbett, Thomas and Joyce Bowen, Gordon Thom and Marion Grey.

A blood donor clinic at Seaway District High School easily surpassed the goal of 150 pints of blood. Nick Gruich, who organized the clinic with help from the school and the Lions clubs of Iroquois-Matilda and Morrisburg, said the school's first clinic netted 176 units.

The 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father Francis O'Connor was recognized at the Morrisburg Legion reception attended by parishioners and more than a dozen fellow-clergy. Mr. O'Connor was presented with a scroll and many individual gifts.

Work continued on the new home for the Dundas County Association for the Mentally Retarded in Morrisburg. Construction was scheduled for completion in the summer followed by the association's move from cramped quarters in the East End promenade.

J.R. Mills of the Ontario Municipal Board refused application by four residents of Matilda Township to rezone two parcels of land near Fetterly's Quarry in an effort to stop proposed quarries by Cornwall Gravel. Mr. Mills said the land was not of the best agricultural quality in the township and the applicants failed to prove Rural zoning was better than Special Rural No. 1. The application went against the wishes of township council and the landowner, Mr. Mills added.

The Dutch Ambassador's office in Ottawa confirmed that a representative will attend a June, 1984 memorial service planned by the Iroquois Legion's Honour Roll Committee for the unveiling of bronze plaques and the village cenotaph with inscriptions honouring World War One, World War Two and Korean Conflict veterans from Iroquois and the Township of Matilda.

The Seaway Valley Tennis Club dropped its sponsorship of the Valley Cup Tournament, a regular feature of past Summer Festivals. President Jeff Beaupre cited the club's lowest registration in ten years and a shortage of operating funds as the main factors for the decision.

Dwight (Ike) McLaughlin of Prescott was named Cardinal Police Chief to replace acting chief Ron Woods who left for Alliston, Ontario to join Wally Kolodziechuk, who himself resigned as chief in late 1982.

June

A $4.2 million lawsuit was launched against the South Nation River Conservation Authority and its consulting engineers by Auto Concrete Curb Ltd. of Ottawa for punitive and compensatory damages as a result of a dispute over terms of the 1982 contract for dredging and rechanneling a portion of the river.

The municipal share of taxes in the Township of Matilda rose five per cent in keeping with provincial restraint guidelines but increases for education and United Counties services brought the total jump to 9.5 per cent.

Seaway District High School's Robin Robertson placed eleventh at the all-Ontario track and field competition at Kitchener as she equalled her best height in the high jump at 1.60 metres.

Eleven of 15 Iroquois merchants voted against setting up a Chamber of Commerce and in favor of remaining a Merchants Association during a boisterous meeting at the golf club. At a previous meeting the merchants heard from the Morrisburg chamber about the responsibilities and advantages of their organization. In speaking against the chamber, then association secretary Lorraine Fader pointed out that few of the businessmen who proposed a chamber even bothered to show up for the information with Morrisburg representatives.

The Iroquois Fire Department retained its hold on the championship of the Eastern Ontario Firefighters Association games' competition at Carleton Place as they outdistanced second-place Edwardsburgh Township by 33 points to 25. Augusta Township came third with 24 points.

Alex Hay took over as manager of Caldwell Consumer Products after a 1½ year hiatus from Dominion Textile while he worked with Michelin Tire in France. Mr. Hay began his association with DomTex in 1968 at Drummondville and crossed paths with several of Caldwell's employees.

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Merchants draw winners

(IROQUOIS)-Doug Houghton of Matilda Township won the big $200 prize in the Merchants Association Christmas draw held Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Houghton was one of three cash prize winners. On Friday night, Marion Tousaw won $100 and on Thursday, Brockville's Aaron Coughler won $100.

Winners of merchandise drawn over the three nights include: Linda Hunter, television set; Ann Banford, S&F gorcery voucher; Thelma Robinson, Red & White grocery voucher; Marie Marcellus, Tibben Construction; Ivan Young of Prescott, Ron's Pro Hardware; Winn Johnson, Shoe Shanty; Kathleen Barkley, Great Shakes; Debbie Shaver, Fader's Floral Designs; Roy Baker, Rooney Feeds; Shirley Lapier, Beaupre Jewellers; Perry Smail, Johnny's Spot; Joan Ault, Concept Now Cosmetics; Mary Ann Petre, Johnny's Spot; Ed McCrea, Great Shakes

Other draws were held by individual businesses and they will be announced as they become available.

Notes from council's special meeting

[IROQUOIS] - A special meeting of municipal council was held Dec. 21 at which an offer from Arie Geurkink was accepted for the purchase of 1.4 acres of property north of the Iroma Apartments.

Mr. Geurkink was one of two bidders to express interest in the property but the second bidder, Dave Berry, withdrew his offer of $41,000 and a certified cheque deposit for $4,100.

Mr. Geurkink indicated he intends to begin development by next summer and plans four sets of apartment blocks with six units in each. Mr. Geurkink's offer for the land was $42,500.

Council later agreed to convert the heating system of the civic building to natural gas based partly on the recommendations of United Counties energy auditor Robert Wingert who said the conversion will result in substantial savings.

Clerk-treasurer Betty Marlin has been instructed to contact contractors about installing the new system.

List of died-in-action veterans

[IROQUOIS] - The final listing of World War One, World War Two and Korean Conflict veterans who were killed in action follows below.

The list, provided by the Royal Canadian Legion Iroquois branch 370, will appear as follows on the Iroquois cenotaph unless any ommissions, errors or changes are presented to Wytze Douma, chairman of the Honour Roll Committee, before Jan. 31, 1984.

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1914 - 1918

Aaron, John R.
Armstrong, C.
Armstrong, William
Ault, Ward
Biccum, Edward C.
Caloren, Hosea H.
Dillon, W.P.
Doran, Frank B.
Ellis, William H.
Fisher, Allen
Goudie, James A.
Grey, William
Hutchison, Carmen D.
Johnston, John H.
MacGregor, Harold PH.
Markell, John W.
McGinn, Wilfred J.
McNulty, Ernest E.
McQuaig, Bertram, A.
Merkley, Orlin
Mundy, Reginald
Osborne, Franklin G.
Quickfall, Fred
Robertson, David A.
Sipes, Lee
Thwaite, William
Tripney, Thomas
Walters, Orvel
Wells, Brock W.
Wert, Frank
Wylie, Basil

1939 - 1945

Ace, James W.
Aitken, Roland B.
Beach, Lawrence I.
Brouse, Lorne D.
Caloren, Donald R.
Carter, Frank
Cotter, David G.
Cummings, Rex A.
Garlough, Jason
Gilson, Arnold I.
Hadley, James F.
Irvine, Geoffrey E.
Johnston, John H.A.
KIrker, Harry I.
Kirker, Lorne R.
Knowles, David M.
McGinn, Wilfred L.
Prunner, Robert P.
Robertson, John R.
Rosie, Alexander R.
Scott, Allen
Shaver, Henry A.
Van Allen, Dwight E.
Vittorio, Samuel
Wallace, Arnold
Warren, Gerald D.

LEST WE FORGET



The Cardinal Fire Department responded to a structural fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lewis of James Street on Tuesday, Dec. 20. There was heavy damage done to the Lewis home and firefighters were five hours extinguishing the blaze.

Provincial police anniversary

[TORONTO] - The Ontario Provincial Police is celebrating its 75th year of law enforcement in 1984.

The provincial police force was founded in 1909. From the original 45 men, it has expanded to its present-day complement of 5,200 police officers and civilian support staff.

The OPP polices almost one million square kilometres in Ontario as it has a residual policing responsibility: that is, it polices all of those areas which do not have an established police force.

OPP Commissioner Archie Ferguson said, "The OPP has been an important element in the development of this province during the 20th century. The OPP is present in almost 200 communities and many of the anniversary activities planned wiill involve people in the communities we police."

Comm. Ferguson said that one of the first signs of the 75th anniversary will be bright colored decals displayed on OPP cruisers. The decals will also be placed on doors leading into OPP buildings.

An underlying theme of the anniversary will be the provincial police force's preparation for the years leading up to the hundredth anniversary in the year 2009.

Prominent in the 75th birthday celebrations will be the OPP Pipes and Drums Band and the Golden Helmets Motorcycle Precision Team. They will be visiting fairs and parades all over the province.

Included in the anniversary plans is publication of a book on the history of the OPP. It is expected that this book will become a valued addition to many private and public collections.

Dennis Timbrell pays tribute to 200-year-old United Counties farms

In a preview of Ontario's 200th birthday celebration, three farms in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the families who've lived on them since 1784 were honored in ceremonies by Agriculture and Food Minister Dennis Timbrell.

"These lands and the people who've lived on them and worked them are the roots of Ontario's history, the solid base on which this province was built over the last two centuries," Mr. Timbrell said.

At 9:45 a.m., Beaverview Farm, home of Archibald and Isobel MacDonnell, at R.R. 1, Williamstown, was honored by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

The MacDonnell family traces itself back to the six hundred members of the Scottish Glen Garry clan who sent sail from Scotland to New York in 1773. Royalist supporters in the American Revolution, they had their American land confiscated in 1783 when the war ended.

The forebears of the MacDonnell family were among the discharged Loyalist soldiers who took the newly-surveyed land allotted to them in Eastern Ontario in 1784.

At 10:30 a.m. a similar unveiling took place at the farm of Douglas and Andrew Cameron at R.R. 1, Lancaster. The Cameron farm also dates back to the surveying of the land by the British and the assembly at Cornwall of loyal troops displaced from the United States. They drew lots of parcels of land. One of these soldiers was Alexander Cameron of the second battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York.

At 12 noon, a third ceremony took place at the farm of Darcy and Dorothy Kyer, R.R. 1, Long Sault. The Kyers inherited the farm from Mr. Kyer's mother whose maiden name was Alguire.

Martin Alguire was a private in the King's regiment, the Royal Yorkers as they were called. Like the MacDonnell's and the Cameron's, his descendants still own and live on the land he received as a reward for his military service.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food as one of many projects to commemorate the Bicentennial is making a 30-minute film of bicentennial farms that will be ready for distribution in the spring of 1984.

Sunday School concert is enjoyed

[CARDINAL] - The St. John's United Church Sunday School held its Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Church hall.

The concert opened with word of welcome from Beryl Riddell the Sunday School superintendent. She also thanks everyone who helped the Sunday School during the year and also helped to put the concert on.

Everyone sang a few Christmas carols to open the evening.

The primary class recited a welcome and sang about the birthday cake.

The kindergarten classes did a skit, The Christmas Story.

The meaning of Christmas was done by the primary junior classes. A play, The Gift from the Child, was done by Kevin Cook, Tory Deschamps and David Grant.

Sherry Doland of Morrisburg sang Silent Night.

A birthday for Jesus was presented and everyone sang Happy Birthday Jesus.

A surprise visitor, Santa Claus, arrived much to the delight of everyone. Santa handed out the gifts.

Who says there's no Santa?

by Henrietta Lindley

[IROQUOIS] - Last Thursday afternoon most of the residents of the IROMA Senior Citizens apartments were happily settling down to watch their soaps or take an afternoon nap or wrap last-minute gifts, when they were all electrified by a deep voice booming "Ho! Ho! Ho! down the corridors and someone banging on their doors.

It was Santa. He came specially to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, giving the men a hearty handshake and the ladies a kiss and a hug.

Some were slightly suspicious of the portly figure, some were puzzled and some clearly delighted.

Anyway he left the occupants of the building wide-awake chores forgotten and afternoon naps no longer needed.

Some are still wondering who he was and how he managed to squeeze in the time from his work at the North Pole. I know. It was one of his attendants'.

Stephen Clarke is named College agricultural engineer

[KEMPTVILLE] - The Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology has appointed Stephen Clarke to the position of Agricultural Engineer.

He will provide engineering consultant services to the community, particularly farmers, contractors, suppliers and extension personnel, as well as teach technical courses to college diploma students.

In 1978, Mr. Clarke graduated from the University of Guelph with a B.Sc. in Agricultural Engineering. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Raised on a beef farm at Timmins, he worked as a research assistant and demonstrator at the University of Guelph. Jobs ranged from computer programming to experimentation with alternate energy sources for grain drying systems.

For two years, he worked as a project engineer for the firm of Stephen B. Clarke & Associates Ltd. Among other things, he designed and inspected manure handling systems and grain elevators.

Last year, Mr. Clarke went to work for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food as an Agricultural Engineer in Central Ontario. He has done considerable consulting work on renovating barns, grain drying systems and manure storage.

In his extension work, Mr. Clarke will cover the Counties of Lanark, Grenville and Dundas.

Levere Christmas party held

The twenty-second annual Christmas party of the Levere first cousins was held at the home of Clarence and Verl Levere Sunday evening, November 27.

A pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all and the evening was spent in reminiscing, discussing current events and evaluating the Grey Cup game on T.V.

Vera Folkard read a poem, composed and sent to us with greetings, from Glenna Crowder.

Cards were signed by all present and sent to Harold Levere, Janet Armstrong and Glenna Crowder who were unable to be present.

Those attending were from Prescott, Shanly, Cardinal, Inkerman, Winchester, Kemptville, Cornwall and Winchester Springs.

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Letter to the Editor



Dear Sir:

Christmas has always been that time for seeing old friends, enjoying relatives and even casual acquaintances. Children play and are more than entertaining. The food, trimmings, tree, and decorations are wonderful and everyone gets excited over the expectation of some beautiful gift or surprise. We get a special joy too when someone opens what we have given them and they are happy with it. No time of the year seems so enjoyable, yet we cannot turn away from the other side of this festive season.

Unfortunately, life is not so great for others. Many are sick in hospitals, institutions, seniors are shut in, others yet in cold prisions or those just down on their luck with no real remedy in sight. The joy, peace and merriment is not there. Many will barely have food for the family and some will be without presents or even a place to stay for the night.

Once in a while we might even run into those who seem like growly bears or scrooges, who might imagine things, get mad at us, or seem unfriendly or almost drop out of society and we wonder if they'll every survive. But we must not give up on them because they are human beings just like us and no better or worse than us.

Maybe we've said or done things over and over again that have offended others and we don't understand ourselves at times. Seemingly all we can do is pray and hope they'll forgive us and that things will finally heal and change. We then have to start over and just forgive ourselves too. But no matter how anyone seems on the outside, we all have good in us deep down inside. We all basically care about one another but maybe are too shy to really reach out to someone in need; or we feel perhaps we can't do anything.

We really can though, no matter what our life style, time schedule, or situation. Some may need more than a smile, handshake, or greeting. Often people need jobs, an invitation, a visit, more friends, or just a friendly phone call. We must stick by them though no matter what happens, until they can see their way clear again. Not everybody is able to help themselves right away and really need compassion, understanding and encouragement. Even if they don't show appreciation right away; someday, deep down inside they will be more than grateful.

Christmas truly must be carried on all year round. With that in our hearts, no one needs to be down and out or wondering if life is worth the living. We can share that wonderful spirit of Christmas, always, and never see it fade. Joy, peace, and happiness on this earth could then become a reality for all time. May all us have a joy-filled and blessed Christmas and all of the best in the new year.

Gord J.

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From the time we started The Chieftain eighteen months ago we received a great deal of cooperation not only from the general public supporting us with advertising and subscriptions, but from a number of individuals who wrote and are still writing columns for us on a weekly basis.

The Bird Notes column by Mrs. Eden Avery, the 100 Lines column by Jim Millard (a former editor of The Post), Mrs. Rita Michaelsen who wrote a Dutch column for us for a while, Catherine Whitteker who writes the school column and Cindy Ault, who did write it before leaving for College, Mrs. Claire Theijsmeijer who writes the monthly Library news, Mrs. Henrietta Lindley who wrote an amusing column for us for some time, and the host of other people who send in news on behalf of various organizations during the year.

To our staff: Nick Gardiner, editor; Jane Ewing, typesetter (Girl Friday as well), Ann Keeler, press operator and handy-girl, Joan Grant, Cardinal press reporter; Bill Ewing, who has helped with a variety of repairs throughout the year, as well as many others who on occasion we've had to call upon.

It has been a year of ups and downs but mostly ups . . . and we are truly grateful. In providing a newspaper in a small town we are handicapped in that we can't always cover all the events we would like to due to our size and primarily the size of our staff, but we are doing the best and have had great cooperation and understanding as we try to do the best job we can.

There are times when we know we could do better and will strive in the future to improve The Chieftain, both in news content and in editorial content as time and money dictate.

We have always looked on our role as newspaper publisher as being here to serve both advertisers and the public who buy our paper with equal responsibility. With your continued help we shall continue into the future doing this job on your behalf, as well as in our own interest.

Again thank you all and the Season's Best to each and every one, with the fond wish that the coming year bring you health and happiness in abundance.

Ken and Shirly Kirkby

Queen's Park report

THE HONOURABLE NORMAN STERLING, M.P.P.
CARLETON-GRENVILLE
Provincial Secretary for Justice
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Canada Health Act

The proposed Canada Health Act recently introduced by federal Health Minister Monique Begin has been the subject of much discussion across Canada. As Ontario carefully examines the legislation, it is evident that it raises several points which need clarification.

Under our provincial health care system, doctors who are not participating in OHIP can bill a patient above and beyond the fees set out by the province. Under the new act, the federal monies which would normally be paid to the province would be reduced by the amount which opted out doctors have overbilled their patients. Deductions would also be made for any user fees charged by hospitals.

For the first three years of the program, any money Ottawa withheld from its cash transfers to the provinces would be returned without interest provided the extra charges had been eliminated in the meantime. If this scheme had been in effect in fiscal 1983-84, Ontario would have been penalized $50 million.

The legislation's intention of ensuring universal access to health care is certainly reasonable. But as currently constituted, the bill leaves a number of questions unanswered.

For example, it's difficult to understand the timing of the legislation.

Five years ago, 18 per cent of Ontario doctors had opted out of OHIP and nine to ten per cent of all bills were extra billed. Now, the Health Minister says extra billing has become a serious threat to our health care system. Yet, only 14 to 15 per cent of Ontario doctors are currently opted out and only four to five per cent of bills are extra billed.

In fact, Provincial Treasurer Larry Grossman estimates that the actual number of people in Ontario who are being extra billed is three to four per cent of the population.

The treasurer points out that in the past five years the only changes to our health care system have been: (1) significantly less opting out and extra billing;

(2) a far larger and far better-funded Ontario health care system;

(3) the majority of funding has been provided by Ontario taxpayers, not Ottawa;

(4) in the past five years the federal contribution to the system has declined from 49 per cent to 41 percent support.

Another significant improvement is thata thanks to a recent provincial regulation, everyone being extra billed in Ontario must receive prior notification from the doctor. This equips people to decide whether or not they can afford to pay the extra billed amount.

It is apparent that the Ontario health care system is working well; how well a revised system would work remains to be seen. For instance, where will we find the funds to meet the costs now covered by extra billing?

The issue of transfer payments from the federal to the provincial governments has been of great concern since the time of Confederation. In order to deal successfully with this matter as it relates to health care costs, both levels of government must be flexible and approach the necessary negotiations in a spirit of good will and co-operation.

Message from Reeve Rooney

To the Residents of the Village of Iroquois

The past year has been busy for your Municipal Council, with 29 meetings held to conduct the business of the Village and hear delegations.

January started with a considerable amount of correspondence, including the Ontario Neighbourhood Program brought to our attention by the Clerk.

A grant in the amount of $2,000 was received from the Ministry of Environment and used for necessary work at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Council decided in March, upon the advice of the Village Foreman, to purchase a new mower for the parks, which was funded from our Park Reserve Fund. The Park Reserve Fund of $65,000 was donated to the Village some years ago and the interest earned is used for parks maintenance and I am confident the parks are being maintained in excellent condition.

Council also met with business people concerning the Shopping Plaza, which has proved to be rewarding in many ways.

The top floor of the Medical Building was fully carpeted in 1983 and the debenture regarding the building will be paid in full December, 1984.

A summer student was hired through the Involvement in Municipal Administration, sponsored by the Ministry of Housing, and a grant in the amount of $2,400 was received in connection therewith.

Lights were purchased to decorate the Shopping Plaza from funds accumulated by the 1982 Summer Festival Committee. I wuld like to congratulate the 1983 Summer Festival Committee on the 1983 Summer Festival, as well as the Legion for the great Ball Tournament featured in July of this year.

The municipal portion of the 1983 Budget was held at a 4.7% increase and I would thank all staff and Members of Council for co-operation in holding the rates at this level.

Some 400 maple trees were planted in 1983 under the Federal-Provincial Need Program, as well as the clearing of brush, and a grant in the amount of $17,000 was received in connection with this program.

One of the highlights of the summer was the invasion of Iroquois by the Eastern Campers and Hikers Association of Ontario. The Village almost doubled in population that weekend, and I can assure you it was excellent tourist promotion.

The late Mr. Osie Villeneuve, M.P.P. was so pleased when he telephoned me in August of this year to verify that the Village had been granted $80,000 under the Ontario Neighborhood Improvement Program. Needless to say Council was very pleased and in the next three years you will see changes in the Village, including renovations to the Civic Building and improvements to water and sewer lines. I should mention that a Public Meeting held in November to discuss projects under the said program brought forward three interested citizens.

Council pruchased a used Garbage Truck at a cost of $22,630 which was paid for out of the Special Equipment Fund, and said amount will be replaced over the next few years to alleviate borrowing funds for necessary equipment.

It was unfortunate that Council had to increase water rates. However, this was unavoidable due to increased operating costs.

Council was pleased to see the opening of the A & N general merchandise store in the shopping plaza.

The Housing Subdivision is proceeding slowly and hopefully we will see some development in 1984.

An alarm system has been purchased to prevent flooding of basements in the future.

Council is proud of the fact that there was no need to borrow money in 1983, and also that we are within our 1983 Budget. This is accomplished by the full co-operation of staff and all parties concerned.

I can assure you that the Village has a very efficient staff and can be called on at any time during business hours for busness pertaining to the Village.

I am proud to report that the Village is in a sound financial position, and I can assure you that Council and Staff will continue to keep it this way.

I would like to thank the Council and Staff for their co-operation in 1983 and I look forward to working with them in 1984.

On behalf of Council, I would like to wish everyone the best in 1984.

E. Frank Rooney



Mainstream Canada

"It's a good thing goldfish don't vote"

By W. Roger Worth

Traditionally, few people in little Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, are concerned about what the government announces in the Throne Speech. Nor are the aluminum workers in Kitimat, British Columbia, the wheat farmers outside Regina, the hard-rock miners in Timmins, Ontario, or fishermen who normally work the seascape off Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula.

And yet, and yet...there are more than one million unemployed in these and other places in Canada, with millions of other restless people staying up late to worry about their own futures and their jobs.

So the federal government was presented with one of those rare opportunities when a realistic, down-to-earth message would not only be useful, but could have been stimulating and important.

What happened? Instead of the straightforward, up-front message that would have been well understood by ordinary people, Canadians were presented with such a hodgepodge of policies, promises and ideas that it becomes apparent the writers and people who approved what could have been an important event are grasping at straws.

In a word, the speech was shameless propaganda. It was unrealistic, unhelpful, self-serving and had little focus and absolutely no direction for a troubled country. In fact, it will not be possible to pass even one-half of the government's promises and plans in the next session of Parliament.

Such an exercise in futility is not helpful in the country's present circumstances. Consider just two examples:

• Since 1971, the government has been talking about a new competition policy that would place smaller firms on a more equal footing with their big business counterparts. A few amendments were made in 1976, but there's been no action since. Now, after 12 years of dilly-dallying, we're supposedly going to get change. Don't hold your breath.

• Bankruptcy legislation which hasn't been updated in decades suddenly became a high profile issue in the Throne Speech. For years the subject has been discussed, but nothing was done, even when bankruptcies reached near record levels.

What's worse than the long list of promises that simply can't be fulfilled, though, is the damage done to what appeared to be an on-going consultation between the government and various national interest groups. For a time the politicians in Ottawa seemed to be listening.

But instead of using this as a strength, the government has acted irresponsibly by producing a document that is filled with so many promises that they couldn't all be fulfilled in three years, let alone in the year or so remaining before an election must be held.

To many, politics is a game, but there are times when a government has an opportunity to ride above the day-to-day bickering that seems to be a hallmark of the system. This was such an occasion. It's sad that it was missed.

Perhaps John Bulloch, President of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business summed it up best when he said "it's a good thing goldfish don't vote, or there would have been programs introduced for them too."

CJIB Feature Service

Letter To The Editor

[CORNWALL] - In a few days another year will begin. 1983 will hold different meanings for each of us.

Your Lung Association is in the business year round trying to achieve better health for all.

They do this through educational programs in schools, family asthma programs, environmental control and community outreach. They have been successful in the past in the fact that Tuberculosis is now so well controlled.

To those who have given to the Lung Association's Christmas Seal appeal, to those who will respond and send their support now and to those who would like to support us but can't your Lung Association extends to one and all Have A Happy Healthy New Year.

Memories...the 'old' Iroquois



INSIDE OUTSIDE

"As a man thinks in his heart so is he"

Christmas ghosts

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. It's the time for festivity, and gifts and nostalgia.

Christmas is a time of memories.

There is probably no other occasion or festival of the year when loneliness takes greater emotional toll than Christmas.

It could be the older citizen whose family have died or moved away. They have lost contact with relatives and friends and are alone.

It might be the jobless in our nation who watch others celebrate Christmas in style. And it hurts.

It could also be the child of divorce. Some can remember what Christmas was like when the family was united. Others sadly don't remember what it was like to have the parents together. The pain at Christmas is intense.

Christmas can be crisis time for couples and children of split families.

During this Christmas season think of those who are less fortunate than you. It may be the poor. Or the lonely. Or children and parents of the split family.

Christmas is caring. That was the message of Jesus. Let it be ours as well.

presented by
The Salvation Army

Learning Begins At Home

National flags

By Dr. William H. Nault, Editorial Director of The World Book Encyclopedia.

The symbols used in flags may go back thousands of years. The Shield of David, an ancient symbol of the Jews popularly known as the "Star of David," appears on the flag of Israel. The cross, a symbol of Christianity, is on the flags of many Christian nations. The crescent and star in the flags of many Muslim countries are symbols of peace and life. Generally, stars on flags stand for unity.

Most national flags use one or more of only seven basic colors: red, white, blue, green, yellow, black and orange. The colors were all used in heraldry, a system of designs that grew up during the Middle Ages. Designs on many flags follow rules of heraldry, such as a strip of white or yellow separating two colors.

In The Churches

ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH
Rev. F.M. O'Connor, Parish Priest

St. Cecilia's, Iroquois - Christmas Confessions:
Thursday Dec. 22
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass -
Saturday Dec. 24 - 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Mass -
Sunday Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m.
New Year's Day Mass
Sunday, Jan. 1 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, Morrisburg -
CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:
Friday, Dec. 23 -
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass -
Saturday Dec. 24 - Midnight
Christmas Day Mass -
Sunday, Dec. 25 - 11:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Mass -
Saturday, Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m.
New Year's Day Mass
Sunday, Jan. 1 - 11:00 a.m.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
Parish of Morrisburg - Iroquois
REV. DAVID CRAWLEY
Phone 543-2867

Anglican Parish
January 1, 1984
Holy Communion
St. James, Morisburg-9a.m.
St. John's, Iroquois-11a.m.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Williamsburg, Ontario
Minister:
Rev. Wieger DeJong
CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 25
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
2:30 p.m. - Afternoon worship service including the Children's Sunday School Christmas program.
You are invited to worship with us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.
NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
Saturday, December 31
8 p.m. - Nursery provided during all the services.

MORRISBURG PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Pastor: Robert W. Farbin
Church 543-2681 Home 543-3450
Wednesday -
7:00 p.m. Family Night
Sunday -
9:45 a.m. christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m. Worship the Word
7:00 p.m. Praise Gathering
Dial-a-Prayer 543-3456



IROQUOIS PASTORAL CHARGE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Rev. Herb Klaehn
B.A., M.Div.
Public Worship & Church School
11:00 a.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, IROQUOIS
Rev. Tijs Theijsmeijer
B.A., M. Div.
Christmas Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Family Service
Christmas Eve Carol Service - 7:00 p.m.

MATILDA PASTORAL CHARGE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Rev. Allen Tysick

Hulbert Valley-11a.m.
Brinston-9:45 a.m.

Month by month happenings in the year 1983

From page 2

In an effort to get activity underway on a proposed subdivision north of Hwy 2, Iroquois council offered Norvan Grant $2,000 apiece for ten lots. However, the offer was referred to solicitors representing both sides and never came to fruition.

Iroquois council came to agreement with the Ontario Housing Corporation to act as a go-between in the sale of 1.4 acres of land north of the Iroma Apartments. The agreement specifies the land be used for construction of apartments.

July

A super weekend of great weather, big crowds and quality events made the 1983 version of Summer Festival one to remember. Highlights included a parade featuring more than 50 entries, the Legion ball tournament, lawn bowling tournament, golf tournament, a soap box derby and bicycle decorating contest, Lions Club bingo, merchant's sales, square dance exhibition and the best turnout yet for the annual fly-in breakfast. The festival got off to a slow start with a dance and family picnic and games' day but momentum built during the week and by the final weekend the event was considered a success.

Ten Seaway District High School students were named Ontario scholars for achieving 80 per cent or better grade average. They were Cindy Alguire, Rita Byvelds, David Cherry, Katherine Crober, Raymond Geurkink, Susan Johnston, Jacqueline Moffat, Cheri Riddell, Ute Straube and Sandra Van Moorsel.

About 200 spectators turned out to the Brinston park to watch township employees and Buddy Perry's Crickets square off in a donkey baseball game which had to be decided by a race to see which team was first to coax one of the stubborn beasts from the outfield to home plate.

It was the end of an era for the infamous Mount Carter from which the Mad Canadian hoped to launch his jump to fame. By court order the eyesore was torn down by Cruickshank Construction and attracted a handful of onlookers to watch its destruction.

Lois Roberts, Gwen Parmeter and Janet Davis of the Iroquois Lawn Bowling Club brought a measure of fame to the village when they won the ladies three-some provincial finals at Ottawa and advanced to the national championships in Edmonton.

The viewing area at the Iroquois Lock was lined with well-wishers as the HMCS Ottawa passed through with native son Tony Hall aboard. The greeting impressed the ship's crew and they sent a letter of appreciation to Iroquois residents through The Chieftain.

About 600 campers descended on the village campsite for the annual Eastern Campers and Hikers of Ontario campout and despite showers for the final two days, organizers had nothing but praise for the facilities and treatment they received. One hundred and seventy nine camping units, mostly motor homes and trailers, were on site.

The Lake St. Lawrence Hotel-Motel Owners and Operators Association presented a 33-page brief at a Morrisburg meeting of the Seaway Valley Tourist council outlining their opposition to a proposed heritage inn at Upper Canada Village. Despite continuing arguments by the operators, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission has stuck to its plans.

Eldon Horner of Brinston and Mike Johnston from Maynard took part in a United Nations Pilgrimage sponsored by the International Order of Oddfellows and the Rebekah Lodges. The boys went on tour of Ottawa, New York City, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and other U.S. cities for their winning speeches in the Oddfellows public speaking competition.

August

A couple from Odessa near Kingston, Donna and Ralph Shaw, took home the giant prize of $10,000 in a draw sponsored by the Dundas County Association for the Mentally Retarded to raise funds for construction of new premises in Morrisburg. The win was the culmination of seven draws in which previous winners each received an ounce of gold.

Suzanne Rose of R.R. 2, South Mountain was crowned Dundas County Dairy Princess at a competition in Winchester before about 500 spectators. Miss Rose won over five other competitors. Meanwhile, Iroquois' Louis Arsenault, an employee of the Morrisburg Leader, won the media milking competition easily beating The Chieftain's Ken Kirkby and representatives of Chesterville and Winchester newspapers.

Township landowner Bev Hutt visited Ontario Municipal Board office in Toronto in an effort to spur Matilda council to amend the zoning bylaw prohibiting construction along the banks of the South Nation River and its tributaries. As a result, OMB officials called a hearing at Brinston and heard council representatives explain the amendment is being worked on by planner Larry Cotton, the river's conservation authority and council. A public meeting to deal with concerns over the amendment is scheduled Jan. 3, 1984 at Brinston.

The California Cuties softball team paid a visit to the Cardinal ball park and were devestated by the talent of the host Redbirds senior ball team before a large crowd who were entertained by the off-the-wall antics of the Cuties.

A simulated disaster in Cardinal involving that community's fire and police departments and assistance from neighbouring communities was pronounced a good learning experience but a number of shortcomings were observed especially relating to communications and preparation.

Near record crowds and stirling weather greeted organizers of the annual Mountain Township Agricultural Society Fair for two days of competition, exhibitions and midway displays. Marking the second year as a Class B fair, society president RichardGilmer said several new additions improved the show's quality.

The Prescott Manpower office reported that 600 student placements were made during the summer in spite of bleak forecasts at the beginning of the season. Four out of five students from southern Dundas found placement through the service, placement officer Allan Joudoin reported.

A Matilda Township housing survey of senior citizens showed that many would prefer living in or near Iroquois for the convenience of being near stores and services. The survey results weren't satisfactory for pursuing construction of senior's housing in the township.

To the delight of the young and the young-at-heart, the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club presented the Martin and Downes Big Top Circus for two shows at Iroquois featuring 90 minutes of traditional circus entertainment.

The St. Lawrence Medical Clinic expanded its services to Cardinal in renovated facilities on Bridge Street and with the hiring of a new associate, Dr. Ray Nicholson. The clinic now has four offices in municipalities along the riverfront.

Mac Day scored a remarkable second hole-in-one of his golfing career at the Iroquois Golf Club. What made the feat all the more remarkable was that it came exactly 11 years to the day later after his first ace on August 31, 1972.

September

The International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show made a return to Eastern Ontario at the farm of Garnet Ralph near Richmond and organizers reported attendance of 140,000 for the week-long event. Many local residents paid visits to the show which featured displays from several Dundas County agricultural businesses.

The provincial riding of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry lost a fine representative to Queen's Park with the death of 77-year-old Osie Villeneuve who died at a banquet for veteran members of the legislature on Sunday, Sept. 25. Mr. Villeneuve represented the riding from 1948 to 1957 and resigned to run in the federal election that year. In 1963 he returned to provincial politics and sat as SD & G representative until his death.

Local 483 of the United Food Processors Union celebrated its 40th anniversary with a banquet at Cardinal to kick-off the annual Labourfest celebrations. Featured attractions included a ball tournament, parade, dances, chicken barbecue, children's day games, a midway and a giant bingo.

Owners of the former Beamish store announced they would re-open the outlet under the A & N banner in October bringing relief to village consumers who had to leave town to purchase general items of merchandise.

A record total of donations for the Iroquois and Matilda Township cancer campaign was reported by outgoing campaign chairperson Shirley Kirkby. The year's total reached $5,277.87.

Sarsfield O'Connor, Dundas County representative for separate school supporters on the SD & G County Board of Education, was named as temporary replacement to Wes Libbey as chairman. Mr. O'Connor later was elected 1984 chairman.

Two days of activities were the feature events in a year-long observance of the 25th anniversary of the Iroquois United Church as former clergy returned to participate in a fellowship evening and special services.

A break-in at Styles and McIntosh Ltd. netted $1,500 of stolen merchandise as thieves gained entrance by smashing the front door windows.

In an effort to break his own world record, daredevil Ken Carter crashed to his death at Westgate Speedway in Peterborough when his rocket-powered Firebird flew 30 metres past the landing ramp and landed on its roof in a midnight jump attempt.

October

Two men were charged with the murder of Robert A. Campbell of Morrisburg after his body was found by a passing motorist three km west of Cardinal on Hwy 2. Prescott OPP and an inspecting detective from Toronto investigated the case and charges were subsequently laid against Gilles Adrian Goulet, 20, of Cornwall and Brian James Goulet, 20, of Toronto.

Eastern Canada and the United States were rocked by a series of minor earthquakes but unlike their city counterparts, rural dwellers didn't flock to telephone local police. No damages of injuries were reported.

Iroquois Reeve Frank Rooney was named Citizen-of-the-year as half of the 48 ballots cast chose him for his dedication to the village and interest in municipal affairs.

Iroquois firefighters responded to a fire in a workshop on Concession 6, Matilda Township at the home of Gordon Billings. The blaze caused an estimated $10,000 damage and was out of control by the time the department arrived.

Village council moved to rezone 1.4 acres of property north of the Iroma Apartments to allow residential development. The move came in spite of one objection as council indicated the need to increase residential housing stock.

The Iroquois-Matilda Township Good Companions marked their tenth year of operation with a special luncheon meeting October 11. Eighty eight people attended including special guest and speaker the Rev. Canon Rogers who helped found the organization.

The Canada Starch Co. Inc. announced it reached an agreement-in-principle with John Labatt Ltd. for the joint partnership of a wet-milling operation. The agreement is subject to approval by the board of governors of both companies and government agencies.

The St. Lawrence College board of governors presented a brief to Ontario education minister, Dr. Bette Stephenson outlining the college's views in favour of retaining regional priority for enrolling students in certain subjects, the only one of the province's community colleges to publicly oppose government policy.

Premier Bill Davis surprised SD & G voters with a byelection call for Dec. 15 to replace the late Osie Villeneuve as representative of the riding.

November

The provincial byelection for SD & G got into full swing with the selection of party candidates. Maxville real estate appraiser Noble Villeneuve won the Progressive Conservative nomination over six other candidates while Williamsburg Reeve John Whitteker was acclaimed Liberal candidate and Chesterville councillor Rudi Derstroff was chosen to represent the New Democratic Party. United Counties residents were subjected to handshakes and greetings of the candidates and party leaders Premier Bill Davis, David Peterson and Bob Rae as they sought voter support.

After years of on-again, off-again negotiations, a subdivision agreement was signed between Iroquois council and developer Norvan Grant for housing on the north side of Hwy 2. Assuming provincial bureaucrats are satisfied with the agreement, Mr. Grant said he hopes to begin development by the summer of 1984.

Village council approved installation of a monitoring system for two pumping stations after a water break caused basement flooding and upset residents approached council for a solution. An $8,200 system was installed.

Students at three Iroquois schools were warned by the OPP that dangerous drugs stolen in a break-in at Gilmer Pharmacy have been found scattered on the street and should not be ingested. The break-in, through the front door, netted $338.85 in goods.

Improving village water lines and renovations to the civic building were named as priorities for an $80,000 four-year grant under the Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program at a public meeting attended by three interested citizens.

Dr. Henry Prins was selected acting chief-of-medicine at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital at a meeting of the Board of Governors.

A popular politician, Walter Baker passed away of cancer on Nov. 13. Mr. Baker was widely admired for his candor and civility in federal parliament and tributes poured in from across the country. Mr. Baker, a native of Cardinal, was 53-years old.

Parents of grade six students at Iroquois Public School indicated a general desire for Late French Immersion in a survey conducted by the school. If interest is sustained, the program will take effect in September, 1984.

Bob Hartle was the winner of the Iroquois Legion's first car rally. Mr. Hartle was first to complete the 70-mile route out of 35 participants.

Seventeen-year-old Steven Schneckenburger of R.R. 1, Morrisburg was named top 4-H member for Dundas County at an awards banquet in Winchester. Steven received the $300 Ottawa Citizen award.

The second murder of a local man in two months had OPP shaking their heads and searching for clues after Harold Davidson, 60, of Matilda Township was found dead at home, a result of gunshot wounds.

December

Noble Villeneuve posted a surprisingly easy victory in the provincial byelection for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry as the Progressive conservative candidate outpolled his Liberal, NDP and independent opponents by a majority that even the popular Osie Villeneuve never managed to achieve. Mr. Villeneuve was introduced to the Queen's Park legislature the day after the election and received a standing ovation from fellow Conservatives. Mr. Villeneuve will be sworn-in sometime in January and will take his seat when the legislature resumes in March.

About 50 students from British Columbia spent a week-long visit to the area as part of a cultural exchange trip with Seaway District High School. The students visited local attractions and some as far as Ottawa and Montreal and also participated in the annual school's Christmas band concert. Seaway students will pay a visit of their own to B.C. in May, 1984.

The Dundas County trustee on the SD & G County Roman Catholic School Board was elected chairman at a meeting Dec. 6 Peter Van Moorsel said it gave him quite a feeling to know that 13 of his peers have that much confidence in his performance.

The Board of Industrial Leadership Development (BILD) announced an $800,000 grant to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission for improvement of exhibits, stores, food facilities and other support services.

Morrisburg Reeve Bill Dillabough was named Warden of the United Counties at a ceremony in Cornwall and said the counties' council will have to deal with plans for two homes for the aged and a regional airport early in the coming year.

A decision by village council to accept a higher tender for snow removal and water breaks left a bad taste in the mouth of businessman Frank Ault who submitted a lower bid for the work.

Municipal council agreed at a special meeting to proceed with Natural Gas conversion of the civic building's heating system.

Arie Geurkink was awarded a tender for purchase of 1.4 acres of land for residential development north of the Iroma Apartments at a special meeting of council. Mr. Geurkink offered to purchase the land for $42,500.

ROAD TO THE TOP

Sorensen "feels" the snow



Gerry Sorensen strength is her uncanny "feel" for the snow. (AIB)

By Becky Streigler

When skier Gerry Sorensen won her first World Cup downhill race on February 8, 1981, only a few heads turned. Even though it was the first Canadian downhill win since a Nancy Green victory 13 years earlier, most of the spectators at Haus, Austria that day had eyes fixed on West Germany's Irene Epple, the apparent winner.

Sorensen's surprise win, only confirmed that racing was sometimes a flukey sport. Gerry was viewed as an exception proving that European skiers rule the World Cup.

Some exception. The next season the powerfully-built Sorensen won back-to-back downhills in Switzerland; captured the downhill at the World Championships in Haus and wound up ranked the number-one downhiller in the world.

In 1978, Sorensen was a promising, if late-blooming, provincial-team skier. Then a fall at a training camp in Europe ripped apart a knee. It was two painful years of rehabilitation before Gerry was finally named, at 22, to the national team for the 1980/81 season.

"I was going to quit that year if I didn't get results," Sorensen says.

Quitting would have meant an easy return to Kimberley, BC, to holidaying at the family cottage at Wasa Lake and to living in a community that still exerts a powerful pull. "I look forward to coming home," admits Sorensen.

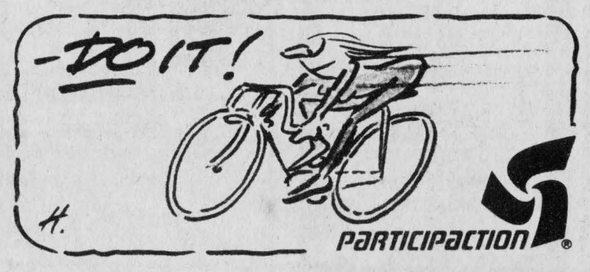
Sorensen began skiing at the age of 10. "My dad used to ski; some of my relatives ski. I liked it, and kept on going," she says matter-of-factly. At 11, Gerry joined the local North Star Racers. With them, she quickly moved through C and B-class racing making A-class by the time she was 16. A fast rise — perhaps too fast to learn a lot of technique.

"Gerry is not what you would call a strong technical skier," says coach Currie Chapman. Chapman says Sorensen's strengths are her uncanny "feel" for turning with just enough edge, her willingness to be coached, her concentration and that Canadian-style kamikaze commitment to going all-out.

Unlike the Europeans, however, the Canadians cannot take breaks between races and go home for a few days. The imposed togetherness, she says, works to their advantage. "It's almost like a sisterly type of scene. We're able to help each other out. You can pull each other through.

But home is still where the Sorensen heart is. The supportive, familiar environment of Kimberley is welcome respite from the hectic pace of the World Cup tour.

Becky Streigler writes for the Athlete Information Bureau (AIB).





WENDY HENRY ON...

New Year's Eve

Whose idea was it to put New Year's one short week after Christmas?

It seems to me each year that I hardly get a chance to sit down and rest my weary soles after all the Christmas rush and clean-up — followed by organizing the kids' holiday time — when suddenly it's December 31st!

I usually find the end of the year a fairly depressing time. For one thing, it makes you realize how quickly another year has gone by. And I always feel guilty about turning down the inevitable one or two New Year's Eve invitations that Ken and I receive.

In the old days, when we were students or just newly married, New Year's parties used to be quite a bit of fun (although I must confess, I never felt very comfortable having to kiss people I wouldn't normally kiss!) But that was before we started our family.

A few years ago, long before our third child arrived, we made an agreement between ourselves that we wouldn't go to any more New Year's parties. This was partly because it was so difficult finding baby-sitters for that night, and partly because we were finding that it took a giant effort for the two of us to stay awake until midnight, much less get all excited about the new year!

So, despite feeling guilty, and thinking we should be out "having fun", Ken and I treat New Year's Eve like any other night. And except for a quiet "Happy New Year, darling," it's lights out around 11:15.

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For those who are planning New Year's parties this year, the recipe below might come in handy.

Party Bacon Pâté

6 slices	bacon, diced	6 slices
1	large onion, chopped	1
1	garlic clove, crushed	1
1	small apple, peeled, cored and chopped	1
1 lb	chicken livers	500 g
½ tsp	salt	2 mL
¾ tsp	thyme	3 mL
¼ tsp	rosemary	1 mL
¼ cup	butter, cubed	50 mL
2 tbsp	sherry or brandy	25 mL

Sauté bacon, onion and garlic until bacon and onions are transparent. Add apple, chicken livers and seasonings. Cover pan and cook until livers lose their pinkish colour. Remove cover and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until any excess moisture has evaporated. Puree mixture along with butter and sherry in food processor or blender. Store in covered container in refrigerator. Serve with crackers or slices of French bread.

Makes 2½-3 cups (625-750 mL) pâté.

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A sincere thank you to Iroquois and Williamsburg Fire Departments and all who assisted so promptly and efficiently in coming to the aid of our barn fire Dec. 23 in saving the loss of the barn and livestock was greatly appreciated.
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The seven wonders of the ancient world

By Dr. William H. Nault, Editorial Director of The World Book Encyclopedia.

The practice of listing the wonders of the world began in ancient times, when the Greeks and Romans compiled lists of memorable things that travelers should see. According to *World Book*, the most commonly mentioned seven Ancient Wonders are:

The Pyramids of Egypt — built as tombs for Egyptian kings.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon — probably built by King Nebuchadnezzar II for one of his wives.

The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus — one of the largest Greek temples, famous for its decorations and extensive use of marble.

The statue of Zeus at Olympia, Greece — a gold and ivory figure dedicated to Zeus, the king of the gods.

The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus — King Mausolus' tomb, the size and decorations of which made it so famous that all large tombs are now called mausoleums.

The Colossus of Rhodes — a huge bronze statue that stood near the harbor of Rhodes honoring the sun god Helios.

The Lighthouse of Alexandria — the world's first important lighthouse.

Ernie Brisson will be missed

Funeral service will be held tomorrow (Thursday) in Casselman for Ernie Brisson who died suddenly on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, 1983.

Mr. Brisson was a past chairman of the South Nation River Conservation Authority and in the past year served as past chairman with the authority.

He was Reeve of the Township of Cambridge for years and built up a farm equipment dealership. Mr. Brisson also served as warden of the counties of Prescott-Russell.

He is survived by his wife and children.

Time and place of the funeral were not confirmed by press time

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What is as certain as snow next winter and rain next summer, however, is that motorists who don't wear seat belts are five times more likely to get killed than those who do. Seat belts keep drivers and passengers inside the vehicle. Most accident victims get thrown out into the path of another vehicle, into another object, or the car rolls on them — sometimes combinations of all three. When they are prevented from being ejected like a missile out of the front window, a side window or a door, the occupants have a better chance of survival. By being kept in the relatively protective cocoon of the body of the vehicle they are less likely, as well, to experience serious injuries.

Small children are particularly vulnerable to injury because parents are unable to prevent children or infants from being thrown around the inside of a car in a crash. Instead, the tiny bodies are hurled forward at the same speed as the car was travelling — through a window or into a window or door post, with devastating results. Use of an approved child restraint system is urged for proper protection.

Because accidents occur at all speeds, and frequently within a few miles from home, it pays to wear a seat belt even for short trips. Fatalities do occur at lower speeds. A cement truck, for example, can do just as much damage to you if it runs over you at 25 k.m.h. as at 100 k.m.h.

The Canada Safety Council says that crash deaths could be reduced by half if all Canadians buckled up. There is another benefit as well. Studies show that because the body receives support from a belt, driver fatigue is reduced and comfort is increased.

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The senior girls' volleyball team from Nationview Public School matched their male counterparts as they won the Dundas County championship at a tournament in Maple Ridge on Dec. 13. The Nationview team defeated Maple Ridge in the final game to win the tournament. Team members are, front from left, Tara Berry, Karen Milan, Jenny Lamb, Shelley Verhey and Kelly Billings. In back are coach John Pollock, Wendy Barkley, Cheryl Armstrong, Kelly Smail and Leslie Disheau.

Ontario farmers can continue to be among most productive commission is told

[TORONTO] - The lack of government responsiveness to the needs of Ontario farmers was the common message expressed by delegates to the 47th annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

Many of the delegates gave examples of suffering and desperation among hard-pressed producers from across the province. OFA President Ralph Barrie summed up the frustration when he said "Neither the federal or provincial governments are providing adequate or timely answers to the critical questions facing us."

Mr. Barrie added that while the general economy continues to improve, the farm economy is still stagnating. Input costs are rising and many commodity prices are dropping, leading to severe financial hardsip for many farmers.

Referring to meetings with government, Barrie said their response is "There's no free lunch".

"That's just not true. By selling livestock below the cost of production, beef and pork producers are providing thousands of free lunches every day for Canadian consumers," he said.

He called on government to provide a "ladder of opportunity" for the agricultural community to climb to more prosperous times, as well as "safety nets" for those producers who are in trouble.

The ladder of opportunity should include a well-preserved land base, a healthy farm supply sector, stable and secure pricing, a well-developed wholesale and retail sector, and government policies that provide incentives and stability to farming. Mr. Barrie also stressed the need for a well-educated society in regard to modern agricultural practices and the development of more effective farm organizations.

Delegates to the convention also approved the majority of recommendations in a report on ways to increase the effectiveness of the federation. The report dealt with structure, finances, lobbying, communications and on-going service development. A recommendation on making the basic membership unit of the OFA the farm family was sent back to county federations for further input. A decision on changes to any membership will be made at a board meeting early next year.

Other decisions made by the convention delegates include:

—— Rural landowners within 1,000 feet of a severance application be officially notified;

——Foodlands receive greater protection from quarries and other development;

——Off-shore labour quotas be increased because there are not enough qualified Canadians available for farm work;

—— Unemployment insurance regulations be changed to reduce the paperwork and administrative burden on farmers;

--Duties and sales tax be eliminated from imported agricultural products;

——The tax write off for farm losses on off-farm income be increased to reflect inflation from 1952, when the regulation was introduced;

——Beginning farmers will be allowed five years to show a profit under the federal Income Tax, the same as is allowed under the Farm Credit Corporation;

——Farmers be allowed to deduct up to $5,500 a year from their income if used to reduce mortgage payments;

--Noise levels, in line with farming practices, be part of ministry of environment guidelines;

——Professional engineering, and the subsequent costs, be recommended, but not required under the Ontario Soil Conservation and Enviornmental Protection Assistance Program;

——Retroactive payments be made to beef producers to bring stabilization payments in line with other provinces.

The OFA is the largest general farm organization in the province, representing more than 25,500 individual members and two dozen other farm organizations.

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New head for Christian Farmers Federation

[GUELPH] - Tom Oegema from Talbotville has been re-elected President of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.

It will be Mr. Oegema's second year at the head of the 600-member confessional family farm organization. Mr. Oegema is 38 and runs a large turkey farm with his two brothers in Elgin County.

Bill Jongejan, a 35-year-old hog farmer from the Goderich area in Huron County was re-elected Vice-President. It will be Mr. Jongejan's second term.

Others on the Federation's seven-member Executive Board are Past-President, John Sikma of Newcastle, and Directors Neal Buiter of Innerkip, Martin Duimering of Moorefield, Rennie Feddema of Strathroy and John Mulder of Bloomfield.

Elections for 1984 Directors will be held at the federation's provincial board meeting scheduled for January 12, 1984 in Georgetown.

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Radial tires generally last longer and save fuel. Snow tires should also be removed as soon as possible as they use up to seven per cent more fuel than summer tires.

Every car should visit the service station or dealer for an annual check-up and minor tune-ups as needed for both safety and fuel economy. Simple adjustments to the engine's timing, idle speed and air-fuel ratio can mean an average of three to four per cent in fuel savings, depending on how much the engine was out of whack.

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[KEMPTVILLE] - James Gillespie has been promoted to head of the Engineering Section at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology.

A lecturer at the College since 1976, he graduated with an M.Sc. in agricultural engineering from the University of Saskatchewan in 1972. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and both the Canadian and American Societies of Agricultural Engineers.

In his new position, Mr. Gillespie will continue to teach farm machinery and do research. However, new duties will include administering computer programs and supervising and directing the agricultural engineering staff in the Eastern Ontario region.

At the University of Saskatchewan, he developed a tractor guidance system which is being extensively researched in Scandanavian countries. The system gave one driver the ability to control two tractors at one time.

Over the last five years, he has worked on the development of a performance meter, a device which measures the power efficiency of a tractor.

The son of a machinery dealer in rural Saskatchewan, Mr. Gillespie obtained a standard A teaching certificate and taught briefly in an elementary school.

Before coming to Kemptville, he taught at four universities and colleges, including the Universities of Nigeria and Alberta where he taught farm machinery and materials handling.

IOOF social event held

The I.O.O.F. Lodge of Iroquois Riverside No. 145 during December sold draw tickets, on a large turkey and a ham.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20 a euchre party, open and free to all, was held and the draw was held after the games.

The turkey was won by Y. Pontbriand, Cardinal, and the ham by Clifford Seeley of Prescott.

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Final series on energy conservation

Editor's Note: This is the first in a final series of eight articles on energy conservation provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Insulation doesn't have to be an inside job. Re-insulating won't disrupt your family life or turn your home into a construction site, if it's done from the outside of the house.

Exterior insulation has some important advantages to consider. It's the most economical approach if you're already planning external improvements like re-siding. If your home's exterior needs major repairs, it makes sense to insulate at the same time.

You can actually get a higher level of energy efficiency than you would with interior insulation because air-vapour barriers are more easily and effectively installed on the outside and you can use larger amounts of insulation without reducing your floor space.

Keep in mind, too, that you can almost always do the work in less time and for less money than it would take to insulate from the inside.

Whether you hire a contractor or take on the job yourself, do some preparation first. Inspect the outside of the house to identify what you will need to relocate to accommodate the thicker walls; this can include electrical and plumbing outlets and dryer vents.

Moving oil pipes and the electrical masthead may require help from your utility or fuel company. Watch out, too, for protruding nails and sharp edges that can rip the all-important air-vapour barrier.

A continuous air-vapour barrier must be placed on the warm side of the insulation to work properly.

If your walls already have insulation and you want to add more, make sure that at least two-thirds of the total insulation goes on the outside of the vapour-barrier. For instance, if the level of insulation already present in your walls is RSI 1.4 (R8), you should add twice that, or RSI 2.8 (R 16), onto the outside of the vapour-barrier.

To prevent moisture damage and the leakage of air into and out of the house, the air-vapour barrier has to be both durable and flexible. The material that best meets these criteria is six mil polyethylene.

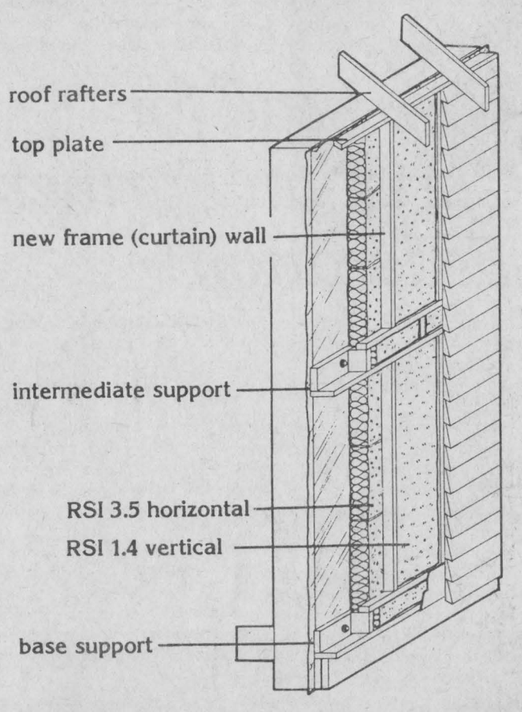
You install the air-vapour barrier by placing it vertically against the house, from the top of the wall to the footings of the foundation (or below grade if you're not insulating the basement). You should overlap the sheets of plastic by at least 150 mm (6 inches) and caulk the edges and seams with acoustical sealant. A wooden batten at the top and bottom may help by preventing the air-vapour barrier from flapping in the wind while you're working on it.

You may wonder how to deal with windows and doors when you're installing an air-vapour barrier. The usual approach is to cover the entire wall with plastic. Then, for each window and door, make two diagonal slits (an "X") from corner to corner. Fold back the plastic and seal it tightly to the frame.

You can include basement insulation in your exterior work - a particularly good strategy if your basement is damp. Excavate and replace the drain tiles and waterproof the foundation wall at the same time as you insulate. Consult the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing fact sheet on insulating basements for detailed directions.

The kind of insulation you choose will determine the method of installation. There are two common types. Rigid Foam Boards are nailed directly to the wall through the plastic vapour barrier. The advantage of this method is that it's less work and the insulation takes up less space - but it is more expensive.

Fibreglass batts allow you to insulate to a high level at relatively low cost. You'll have to construct a new frame wall to create a space for the insulation. This involves attaching a base support around the perimeter to hold the pre-built sections of framing. Set the framing as far out from the wall as the thickness of your insulation requires.



When the new frame wall is finished, you can begin to insulate. First, fit a layer of fibreglass batts horizontally between the house and the frame wall, then layer batts vertically in the stud cavities.

This technique reduces heat loss in two ways. The double layering prevents gaps in which air could circulate. Setting the new frame wall at a distance from the house, so it doesn't touch the original wall, prevents thermal bridging. This term simply means the conduction of heat through solid materials, like the wood studs.

The last major step, before you put up your new siding, is to cover the insulation with building paper.

When you're taking care of final details, pay attention to doors and windows. Make sure that water can drain off properly by sloping the sills and fitting the door and window frames tightly into the wall.

It shouldn't take long to feel more comfortable in your newly insulated house. Re-insulating the exterior walls, together with attic improvements, can mean a 50 to 60 per cent saving in energy. What you'll notice on a day-to-day basis is a quieter house, with warmer walls and fewer drafts.

If you'd like to investigate the option of exterior insulation, a good place to start is the exterior insulation fact sheet. It's included in the free Energy Conservation and Renovation Kit, available from the ministry at 777 Bay St., 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5.

Next: Renovating Do's and Don'ts.



BEHIND-THE-SCENES — The Ontario Agricultural Museum near Milton, Ont., is being promoted this winter at more than 10 travel trade shows in major centres in Ontario, Upper New York state, Pennsylvania and Michigan. The museum, owned and operated by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, re-opens next spring for a 6th season. About 45,000 people toured the site this year. (photo by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food)



Mission promotes trade

Seventy-five Ontario food company representatives met with 12 buyers from major Japanese supermarket and food distributors at a Japan food import promotion mission, co-sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Japan External Trade Organization. The buying mission gave Ontario food company representatives the chance to gain further access to the Japanese market, exhibit products and hold private consultation with Japanese food industry representatives. Shown here are, left to right, Dennis Milner, administrative manager of Interbake Foods Limited, Toronto; Tak Kokubo, director, Jasper Trading Company, Willowdale; and Michael Loh, of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food's market development branch. The buying mission also consisted of a seminar on the Japanese market and visits to Ontario food processing plants. (photo by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food)

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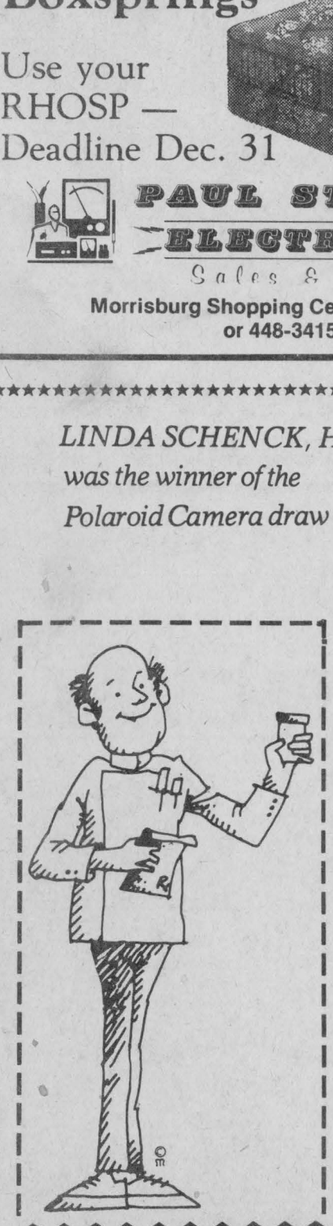

BACK TO BASICS COOKING



Creole cooking, an American original, is a distinctive combination of French, Spanish and Anglo-Saxon cuisines. Hot red pepper, onions, garlic, green pepper and tomatoes provide the piquancy of this extremely varied cuisine. Also typical of Creole cooking is okra—for flavor and for thickening. Not so typical is the addition of soy sauce. The characteristic flavor and aroma of naturally brewed Kikkoman Soy Sauce enhances and brings out all the rich taste of Louisiana Chicken Creole, without overpowering. The result of a slow, natural fermentation process, Kikkoman Soy Sauce makes a tasteful contribution to many of the world's most popular dishes. Served over a bed of fluffy rice, this spicy dish will warm the winter's chill.

LOUISIANA CHICKEN CREOLE

- **3-pound broiler-fryer chicken, cut-up**
- **3 tablespoons vegetable oil**
- **1 medium onion, coarsely chopped**
- **1 medium green pepper, chopped**
- **1 clove garlic, minced**
- **1 can (28 oz.) tomatoes, quartered**
- **⅛ cup Kikkoman Soy Sauce**
- **¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper**
- **1 package (10 oz.) frozen okra, thawed and drained**
- **Hot cooked rice**

Brown chicken pieces on all sides in hot oil in large deep skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat; remove. Add onion, green pepper and garlic to same skillet and sauté until onion is translucent. Stir in tomatoes, soy sauce and cayenne; bring to boil. Arrange chicken pieces in sauce. Cover and simmer 50 minutes, turning chicken pieces over once. Stir in okra; cover and simmer 10 minutes longer, or until okra is tender. Serve chicken and sauce over hot rice. Makes 4 to 6 servings.